

So this happened.....

The Show Me Region made a motion in the CAR asking for detailed accountability from NAWS for the income and expenses of the World Conventions.

This is the motion, and what follows is the text of the World Board speaking against that motion. The meme sums it all up.

By the way, the motion failed. Can you believe that our RD's voted AGAINST financial accountability???

Motion: That all the financial reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed format not in a summary way. Intent: We should demand the same type of financial accountability from every level of service. If the World Convention can lose hundreds of thousands of dollars they should tell us exactly how they did it.



This is what the World Board printed in the CAR, speaking against financial accountability....

*Note that nobody asked them for invoices.... just a detailed line item breakdown.

*Also note how they changed the INTENT when they published it in the CAR...

*Also note that they added FINANCIAL IMPACT to it...



Motion 5: That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be posted on na.org and be downloadable.

Intent: Financial Transparency

Maker: Show Me Region

Financial Impact: The projected expense is difficult to forecast without a clear idea of what is being requested. To put together a line-by-line report that provides meaningful information would require a great deal of staff time.

Rationale by Region: None

World Board: We report all NA World Services income and expenses against the budget adopted at the World Service Conference; World Convention income and expense is no different. If this motion is supported, the WSC would need to provide us with clearer parameters of what sort of reporting is desired. We were unable to get clarity from the motion maker about what type of information is being sought, other than "a detailed line item format." The World Convention is a relatively small part of World Services' budget. For this budget cycle, 2014–2016, the World Convention is budgeted at income and expense of less than a million dollars in a budget with an operating income of over \$16 million. Listing all of the detail for a World Convention would not provide particularly useful information. As an example, the audiovisual costs for the event are usually paid in several large payments. Listing the payments would not tell you whether the cost was for meetings, special events, translations, NAWS onsite, or any of the other places we might use AV in a convention. To annotate and explain the hundreds and hundreds of invoices so that they are understandable does not seem to be a particularly prudent use of finite staff resources. We do believe we need to discuss the future of the World Convention, but do not see this as a beneficial way to focus that conversation.