

**Tuesday, 27 April 1999**

It was M/S/F John H (RD, Carolina Region/Paul C (RD, North East Atlantic Region) Motion #2: “That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following Identity Statement as part of the Group Readings inventory item offered by the World Service Office.

**IDENTITY STATEMENT**

In Narcotics Anonymous, we are presented with a dilemma. When NA members identify themselves as “addicts and alcoholics,” “cross-addicted,” or talk about living “clean and sober,” the clarity of the NA message is blurred. To speak in this manner suggests that there are two diseases; that one drug is separate from the rest. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction between drugs. Our identification as addicts is all-inclusive, allowing us to concentrate on our similarities, not our differences.

The above statement is offered in the spirit of NA unity. Please remember this request is not made to rule, censor, or dictate behavior. We make this request in order to provide an atmosphere of recovery, where we can hear the simple, non-confusing, and life-saving message of Narcotics Anonymous.”

**MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**, after the following:

It was M/S/F Smitty (RD, Metro Detroit Region)/Wally I (RD, South Florida Region) Motion #25: “To commit CAR Motion #2 to the World Board project plan process adopted last year.”

**MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE** and then **BY STANDING VOTE: YES-44; NO-45.**