

European Delegates Meeting

Summer EDM Llandudno, Wales, August 2.-5., 2007

Attending:

EDM Chairperson	Conor H.
EDM Treasurer	Nadi G.
EDM Secretary	Sigrid B.
FD Committee Chair	Paul
FD Committee Vice-Chair	Miko
EDM Webservant	Roland
ECCNA 24	Mick
Egypt RD	Mohamed
Finland RD	Jussi
Finland RD alt	Janne
France RD alt	Ana
French Speaking Swiss AD	Jean-Dominique
Germanspeaking Region RD	Christian
Germanspeaking Region RD alt	Andreas
Greece RD alt	Pavlos
Greece RD alt 2	Konstantine
Hungary RD	Gabi
Hungary RD alt	Eszti
Ireland RD	Irene
Ireland RD alt	Niall
Lithuania RD	Thomas
Malta RD	Simon
Malta RD alt	Ian
Poland RD	Karolina
Portugal RD	Joao
Portugal RD alt	Tomas
Spain RD	Inigo
Spain RD alt	Teresa
Sweden RD	Sisko
Sweden RD alt	Veronica
UK RD	Dave
UK RD alt	Nina
Western Russia RD	Svetlana
Wester Russia translator	Andrey
NAWS	Nick E.
World Board	Mary B.

Guests from Malta, Germany, Russia, Denmark, France, Holland, United Kingdom and other parts of the World

Thursday August 2nd

9.30 – 10.45 Orientation session and Opening of the meeting

The meeting starts with the reading of "Just for Today", followed by a round of introductions of everyone present at the meeting.

Two members share about their experience about being at their first EDM (Veronica, Sweden) and being at EDM with English not as their first language (Christian, Germanspeaking Region)

Paul (FD-chair) – gives an explanation of the consensus decision-making process.

Conor (EDM chair) – Toby, our vice-chair can't be with us, his wife is having a baby.
several communities cannot be present (Israel, Turkey)
We welcome a delegate from Malta for the first time

Meeting booklet given out.

Approval of the minutes

Adjustment to the agenda: the second NAWS workshop is "Who is missing from our Meetings", not PR

Approval of the agenda

Open Steering Committee positions: alt. Treasurer, alt Secretary, FD chair and alt FD chair.

Deadline for resumes for the open Steering Committee positions is after the session this morning.

Steering Committee Report: (Report in the Booklet)

Conor (Chairperson) – Steering Committee met online 8 times since the last meeting in Geneva.

There was a lot of FD activity, especially in cooperation with Sweden and other regions.

We welcome our Webmaster Roland, who has put up the website for the EDM at edmna.org

Two members of the Steering Committee met with Paul at WSO-Europe to prepare the financial report to authorities in Belgium.

At the last World Service Conference the proposition came up to have Zonal nominations for World Board service positions. We will discuss this later on the agenda.

At EDM in Vinius there was a decision that the Steering Committee would deal with requests between EDM meetings and decide about them rather than discussing them all during the next meeting. The Steering Committee report contains a list of all the requests and decisions dealt with since the last EDM.

Thanks to the Geneva host committee for the hosting of the last EDM in Geneva.

There was a considerable amount of activities around travel arrangements, visa invitation letters, providing room mates for delegates. We ask delegates who need assistance for cooperation and to please mind the deadlines given in the mailings.

Short break

Treasury Report: (Report in the Booklet)

Some small changes to the report in the booklet

Opening Balance **19.272,50 Euro**

Outgoing / approved

EDM Expenses	5748,27 Euro
Budget for 2009	1576,00 Euro
Earmarked money for next EDM	<u>13000,00 Euro</u>
Expenses total	20.324,27 Euro

Incoming / expected

Irish donation	4000 Euro
Spanish donation	1250,00 Euro
Turkish donation	200,00 Euro
Greek donation	200,00 Euro

ECCNA seed money return from Wales	5000,00 Euro
ECCNA seed money outgoing for Helsinki	5000,00 Euro
Expected profit from ECCNA	5000,00 Euro
- 10 % for WSO	- 500,00 Euro

Sum-up

Opening Balance	19.272,50 Euro
Expenses total	20.324,27 Euro
Income donations	5650,00 Euro
Income ECCNA	<u>4500,00 Euro</u>
Total projected balance before EDM	9018,33 Euro

EDM expenses include the budgets for Steering Committee and the funded delegates, administration expenses during EDM.

11.45 – 12.15 Community reports

Communities are asked to present the essential points from their reports. Reports were sent out in mailing #3 or handed out before the meeting. Many reports have a number of questions, asking for experiences from other communities. Please decide which questions should be discussed by the EDM body and which can be discussed with individual members, EDM SC/FD or World Services.

Ireland (Irene) – report given out

H+I works well in Ireland at area level. New office address.

Region is working towards forming a “non-profit limited company”, which is the Irish equivalent of a Legal Association.

Convention was held in Belfast.

A one-day workshop on area inventory was held in the Southern area. Questions were sent out to the groups before the workshop. There was a 40 % response from the groups. The workshop followed the guidelines of the area planning tool.

- Need experience on how to use the area planning tool and build a strategic plan for the region?

Dave (UK) – we have a 5 year plan only for the PI-committee. Quebec fellowship does this. We state all the different goals and budgets. It helps to have a plan to follow.

Joao (Portugal) – the area planning tool is new, we don't have experience on this yet. We are starting to use it now.

Sisko (Sweden) – we have some experience on strategic planning in our report.

Nick (NAWS) – when we gather information for our inventory, we try also to look at outside influences. We also ask members of the WSO staff, Board members etc. on their perception.

Sweden (Sisko) – report in mailing #3

We use strategic planning. At the regional convention, we have a group assembly and a visionary session for the groups with brainstorming what members would like to have from regional services. This assembly is the whole Saturday morning with no parallel session. We had about 350 participants at this year's event.

At the next Regional service conference, we use this to set up a plan, work out a budget, calculate costs etc. We have a lot of communication between the meetings. At the following meeting, we will have an inventory.

Delegates are planning a workshop about the role of the Regional Committee Members

Sweden was very privileged to participate in FD activities in Denmark and northern Sweden. This boosted a lot of service interest.

- How do you support Regional Committee Members (or Area Service Representatives) in their role?

Joao (Portugal) – we used to say: if you want to know something, ask us. But people don't know what to ask for. Now we change this to a more active role of passing on information. Planning more workshops. Offer information actively.

Jussi (Finland) – don't wait for newer people to ask, take the responsibility to approach the newer people and inform them about service.

Konstantine (Greece) – in Greece problem of experience of older members getting lost when they finish their service. How can this experience be passed on?

Sisko (Sweden) – different ways. We have a service office. We plan to hire a part time office assistant. We have a lot of paper material available at the office. Website has all kinds of information. We are working on a history project to document the development and experience. We try to follow up workshops on regional level, so that the Regional Committee members can go home and hold these workshops also in the areas. Make people aware on the service structure on all different levels.

Niall (Ireland) – we have hand-over period in each service position, so that each trusted servant has one month of handing over the service to the next trusted servant

Irene (Ireland) – have workshops on Service at the convention and don't have a competing meeting on relationships at the same time....

12.15 – 12.30 ECCNA 24 Wales opening report

Mick (ECCNA committee chair) – The local fellowship in Wales is small. Members from other areas will arrive in the afternoon. We feel everything is going well. It will be a great convention. We will have a reception office open in the entrance of the venue.

12.30 – 13 Community reports

France (Ana) – report given out

Workshops with NAWS held in Paris, very helpful experience. More people got interested in Service.

NA outside Paris is growing. There is a very small meeting in Tahiti.

We are considering to bid for ECCNA in France.

Bilingual convention planned in Paris in November 2007, flyer online soon.

Two donations to EDM of 655 Euros plus 525 Euro; the last donation was from the auction sale at the end of the workshop in Paris.

We have no treasurer at the moment. Treasury has over 40.000 Euros. We have asked for the help of an external accountant.

A workgroup is working on a PI flyer for professionals.

NA announcements are publicised on illuminated advertising signs in Paris.

Idea of older groups sponsoring new groups – “twinning”: members from this group visit the new group, give experience on service, are available for questions

We try not to be so rigid in service, try to bring more love, caring and acceptance into our service bodies.

- Dealing with Media (TV) who want to film members or meetings?

Conor (EDM Chair) – after an Irish convention there was a very good article about NA in the newspaper. After that a TV company asked to make interviews about addiction and recovery. We asked them not to film faces but the back of the head and to not make the interviewed person look like a criminal (blurred, in shadow). The TV company agreed, then showed darkened pictures, which was not good. If possible view material first. Would not do it again.

Konstantine (Greece) – same experience. An interview for a newspaper was given. We didn't have the amount of control over the media as we would like to have. Usually newspapers don't give the opportunity to review or edit the article.

Irene (Ireland) – radio is the best possibility. It is hard to have a TV image respecting anonymity that doesn't look like you have something to hide (negatively). The only way to have control is to give a press statement with a fixed text. Interviews will always be interpreted by the media as they wish.

Gabi (Hungary) – we asked the newspaper to respect anonymity but then they showed names and faces. We learned some very simple guidelines how to deal with media from the EDM FD workshop. For example to film the NA-logo, not persons.

JD (Frenchspeaking Switzerland) – our experience was media respected our suggestions quite well. Voice can be also recognized on the radio. Why does the tradition of anonymity still need to be so rigidly followed today? Are there any other experiences? (we will return to this topic in the NAWS Report)

Joao (Portugal) – having the press at a convention and people from NA on TV are different issues. We had a bad experience with press at a convention, because they interview newcomers and/or write whatever they like and reflect no good image of NA. We learned from that. We contact the press well before the event, give information, answer questions. We have a contact person for people from the media who accompany them throughout the event and see what the film, who they talk to. If it is for TV spots, we ask them to explain why the faces are not shown so that it doesn't seem like criminals. That works well.

Questions around the large amount of treasury.

Lunch break

14.30 – 16 Community reports

Denmark (Iver, Regional Committee chair) – gives an unofficial report; written report in mailing #3

Denmark has not elected a delegate yet. There were internal difficulties in Denmark for a long time. For two years now things are beginning to resolve. We have asked Sweden to be our “sponsor”. We are reorganizing our service structure and the guidelines. Translations committee and Public Relations committee are working on regional level. Trust into the service structure still needs to grow.

Germanspeaking Region (Christian) – report in mailing #3

The Region is still struggling. We are not growing, not much willingness to do service, lack of money. Money is there only for the basic services, not for new projects like workshops.

There is an ongoing controversy about money: some people say we need to rely on donations alone while others believe we can make profit from conventions and literature sales.

Lots of conventions in different towns coming up. The next regional convention will be in Nurnberg. The region has developed a new Convention guideline.

Hungary (Gabi) – report emailed

NA is stable. New groups started in the north-east of Hungary, others have closed.

FD workshops took place at the anniversary convention in Pecs in May. It was a very successful event. It gave a wonderful insight into how our service structure works and what the problems are.

Services are mostly carried out and financed by groups. H+I takes place in prisons and in treatment centres.

Discussion about groups signing attendance sheets for people who are court ordered to attend NA.

Translation is very slow, we are still working on IP No. 1

Pecs area donates 280 Euro to EDM, which were raised in an auction as fundraising for EDM.

Members from Hungary participated in the Trogir convention from the Slovenian and Croatian fellowship which was a thrilling experience of unity.

Request partial funding for one delegate to the next winter EDM

Presenting a bid for winter EDM 2008

- When there is no money to cover travel expenses, should we rather not do service, or pay for it ourselves? Shared expenses? What is your experience?

Karolina (Poland) – Sometimes we don't have money or enough people, and sometimes we have enough. If we have no money we can't go. We accept the level where our area is.

Dave (UK) – our experience is, it is not a good idea if members pay for the service they do. It can have a personal agenda if someone pays for their own service. Committees should not consist of one person and money should come from more persons. Better to give information about what money is needed for, fundraising, invite people to do service, create information flyers about fundflow and service structure.

Finland (Jussi) – report in mailing #3

Some questions about planning a regional budget. No regional budget this year, this caused problems.

- We have a registered association in Finland which is required by the law. The association has a treasurer but the region does not. Do other regions use two treasurers, one selected by the region and one by the codes of the legal association?

Irene (Ireland) – we have two treasurers for literature and for the region. We don't have another treasurer for the legal association.

Sigrid (Germanspeaking Region) – we have separate treasurer. One for the region, who is responsible for the region's finances and one treasurer for the legal association, who checks the treasury report and fills in the forms for tax. This works well.

- Do other areas in other regions have united money traffic practise or does each area have it's own?

Nina (UK) – some areas make monthly donations, some every three months and some sit on the money. There is no unified policy. We try to encourage groups and areas to find some mode to automatically pass on their excess funds.

Greece (Pavlos) – report given out

Literature Committee is very slow, big projects and not much service enthusiasm.

One problem is that we have no office space where committees can meet.

Phoneline in Athens is working 1,5 h every day. A Phoneline Guide is being prepared.

A radio spot will be broadcast by radio stations in Athens and Patras.

A Basic Text workshop was held in Athens: the stories were translated to Greek, distributed to groups and feedback asked from members. Not much attendance, but very interesting input was sent to WSO.

Regional Convention held in Athens and a very successful 3 day service workshop held in Chalkidiki.

Portugal (Joao) – report emailed

Several meetings closing down in the last two years. In 2007, 30 meetings closed and only 3 new.

New TV spot which shows the Basic Text and the phone line number

Translations are facing a challenge. The Step Working Guide was approved and now most of the older literature translations need to be reviewed to check consistency of the wording.

Poland (Karolina) – report in mailing #3

H+I is on area level. PI is only an ad hoc committee, it has problems to go through follow up on PI activities.

Reports from RSC are available as download from the website.

The Swedish Region did some workshops at the Polish Regional Convention.

There are many groups that are not united to the region or to an area. We are planning a group assembly.

Request for funding of the delegate and alternate delegate at the winter EDM?

Request for PI Workshops. Can EDM help to organize a workshop “How to make a PI meeting?”. We have so far experiences how to do the PI presentation, but we can't train the people. Can EDM fund someone to the Regional Convention in 2008?

- We would like to ask you for the information on organising a Group Assembly and how to manage the financial responsibility there.

Sisko (Sweden) – we have a Group or Regional Assembly once a year. The Regional Delegates facilitate the event. Invitations are sent to all groups. Groups participate by sending their GSR (Group Service Representative) and paying for their expenses.

Miko (Israel) – we are planning a Group Assembly. The biggest challenge is to interest the groups. The event is planned for a weekend and will involve fun activities. We expect about 50 from 150 groups. We decided to fund transport costs for GSRs from isolated groups. We suggest that groups start planning the funding by putting away a certain amount of funds towards the travel costs of their GSR every week, so that they can contribute from the group's funds.

UK (Dave) – report in mailing #3

There are 150 children welcome meeting and 16 crèche meetings in the UK.

3 weekly online meetings. Website is much frequented. There has been controversy about the benefit of message boards: are they useful or are they too public and create a negative image of NA?

Members from London participated in a workshop in Zagreb after contact from Croatia.

- PI wants different meeting directories for H+I and PI (with or without phone numbers). Problems around updating, abuse and anonymity were discussed. Separate meeting lists are used locally and on area level. Is there any EDM experience on this?

Pavlos (Greece) – we used to have two different lists. The list for PI has no phone numbers, the lists for newcomers had some phone numbers on them. Today we have only the phone line number on all lists. Contact is made through the phoneline.

Paul (UK) – in the US, list usually don't have any phone numbers. Outside US, you often find lists with phone numbers. It depends on where you go.

- Message Boards: after abusive episodes we had discussion about the usefulness of these boards. Any EDM experience on this?

Sigrid (Germanspeaking Region) – we had problems with our message board and how the tone of the postings looks outside of NA. We closed the majority of the board to the public – you have to register to read and to post. Only a small general section is visible on the starting page of the forum. We have a moderating committee and we can decide to remove objectionable posts, warn off people and expel them from the forum.

Egypt (Mohamed) – report in mailing #3

We are revising our guidelines and preparing to register a legal association, with the help of NAWs.

NAWS funded a member to participate in the Middle East workshop in Bahrein.

Website is being built. The region is not a registered legal association yet. Is this relevant to what we can put on our website?

Request for funding of the delegate to winter EDM.

- is the web servant a member in the ASC officers or he should be a subcommittee?

Pavlos (Greece) – the webservant was a member of the PI subcommittee and now it is a separate committee.

Nina (UK) – the webservant is part of a web committee and they are accountable to the region

- our ASC is in Cairo, Is it possible to have another H&I subcommittee in another city (220 kms from Cairo) to serve this city as our H&I is in Cairo and cant go to do their work there regularly?

Jussi (Finland) – please do!

- How to increase the 7th traditions in the groups?

Sisko (Sweden) – the groups can read the pamphlet “Hey what’s the basket for?”, discuss the subject of 7th tradition in the meetings to help raise awareness with members

Janne (Finland) – in my homegroup we read the 7th tradition after the break in the meeting. We had speaker meetings about the topic.

Spain (Inigo) – report in mailing #3

The region is growing, but still huge geographic areas have no meetings at all.

No translations committee, we benefit from the South American translations activities.

PI and H+I is on area level. FD subcommittee does outreach to isolated area and offer sponsorship for them. A workshop on the area planning tool was held at the RSC. We try to give information on service to area and group levels.

Treasury works with budgets; we spend only 90 % and donate 10 % to EDM and NAWs. We pass on and circulate funds on all levels of service.

Our fundraising suggestion for EDM in 2009 is to donate 10 % of our regional convention profits to the EDM.

We also organize a raffle with first prize a trip to the World Convention in Barcelona.

Frenchspeaking Switzerland (JD) – report in mailing #3

We have repeatedly tried to implement workshops at our area meetings. We see the need to communicate what we are doing. There are many misunderstandings. We need a culture of openly discussing things.

Interest and pleasure are now growing.

Many oldtimers are not involved in area service any more.

PI pamphlet for professionals is being created. We are also trying to create more awareness among members that how and what we share with newcomers and outside the meetings does also contribute to how NA is seen outside of NA.

Malta (Simon) – report in mailing #3

NA started about 12 years ago, then vanished again, reappeared 5 years ago.

For 5th anniversary we planned a convention as open group meeting with PI presentation. It was a great success. A member from Germany (Wolfgang) participated, his encouragement and feedback was a turning point for us. We formed a service structure as Region. We meet once a month.

NA in Malta is growing. Malta is a tiny country with many addicts. We have 30 hard core members, two groups with four meetings. Fortnightly H+I groups in 3 institutions. 6 members from Malta are present at ECCNA. Donation of 100 Euros to EDM.

Request for an FD visit, experience and support from EDM

Presenting a bid for Winter EDM 2008.

Western Russia (Sevtlana and translator Andrey) – report given out

FD and PI are very active committees.

PR workshop was held together with NAWs in Moscow in June.

FD committee made trips and held workshops in three different cities.

No regional convention this year

- Our request for a FD activity to Tumen in Siberia was refused “because the region is not sufficiently developed” – what are the criteria?

Conor (EDM chair) – other reasons where that EDM has very limited funds. Tumen is a very expensive place to go and we were not clear about their needs and the benefit of such a trip.

Lithuania (Thomas) – report in mailing #3

We have committees for Literature, Translations, PI and H+I. We have a website ad hoc committee.

Translations: 11 IPs are approved, a lot more literature is existing in draft. We want to use a professional translator to complete some items. Personal Stories from regional members are being collected for inclusion in the little White Booklet.

Baltic States Convention is in September. Request for one or two members from EDM to participate with workshop on Sponsorship.

- Can EDM members share their experience or EDM or WSO help with registration of NA as legal association?

No feedback at this point; might be a topic at the NAWS workshop tomorrow

Friday August 3rd

Meeting starts with reading of Just for Today

9 – 10.30 Fellowship Development report – given out as a separate booklet

Paul (FD chair) and Miko (FD vicechair)

The booklet contains all the reports from Fellowship Development activities in the last 6 months.

There have been lots of initiatives from different communities in sponsoring other communities as inspiration from EDM. We have more requests than we can fund. Sponsoring communities, using their own resources is a good option.

There was also a partnership between NAWS and EDM to carry out an FD activity for the first time. NAWS provided funding for a follow-up to Turkey and to participate in a conference. NAWS has more resources to do that.

The resource pool form has been updated. Please everybody fill in the form. Many countries don't have members in the resource pool now. Variety of all kinds of experience is important.

Communication within the FD committee is via internet and by Skype and caused no expenses.

Workshops during EDM:

After the workshops from last EDM a lot of ideas came up about FD planning organized by the body rather than by the FD committee. The workshop tomorrow morning will be about planning FD activities and the tools we have got to do that.

The second workshop at ECCNA is about how we can apply the principles of FD activities in our groups and areas as a link between FD and outreach in our communities.

Reports from the Fellowship Development activities

FD trip to Hungary (Sisko and Joao)

Sisko (Sweden) – it was my first FD trip, it was a wonderful experience. The details of the report are in the booklet. The outcome of the trip was most importantly the need for follow-up, the need to continue communications with the Hungarian fellowship. We also need to continue thinking about the ways we do FD at the EDM.

Joao (Portugal) – thanks for the great opportunity. The Hungarian fellowship has an amazing willingness to grow and develop. They were surprised about the simple things they weren't aware of. It is important to think of what comes now, the follow-up.

Gaby (Hungary) – it is only two months since the workshop, so not much has happened since then. I experienced great fellowship, great service and recovery at the workshop. We had lots of “aha-moments” from what Sisko and Joao told us. We need that so much. The first mini-workshop we had was from NAWS a couple of years ago. We were very fixed on NAWS. After this workshop we have hopes that we can also find members from neighbouring communities like Poland to help. We haven't written a report but yet but we promise to do so, so that the experience will not get lost.

Eszti (Hungary) – we wanted answers for PI and relationship with the media. We did get these answers and we are putting them into practice. We hope the energy will not be lost but we do hope for some follow-up.

FD activity in Pitea (Monica)

Monica (Norway) – I was awed by the enthusiasm in the northern part of Sweden, their willingness to help. Members from Murmansk went to meetings in northern Sweden and asked for help. But there are language and cultural barriers and they didn't know how to proceed. Communication is slow, members don't have computers. This is why I was asked to do the trip there. I was asked to contact NAWS and ask for literature to be distributed. I was very impressed by their eagerness.

FD activity in Copenhagen (Monica and Veronica)

Monica (Norway) – Veronica and I participated in the Danish convention and held workshops. There weren't many participants but there is new willingness in Denmark now. There is interest in participating in the EDM. But there is also still mistrust and disunity in the fellowship. Maybe some other measures from EDM might be important first to help the fellowship. One suggestion is to have a service conference in winter and maybe have an EDM workshop there to get some information about EDM.

FD activity in Malta (Wofgang)

Paul (FD chair) – the Malta fellowship had asked for an EDM member to participate in the convention. We could not fund anyone to be a convention speaker but we recommended a couple of members who might travel there. The Maltese fellowship then decided to fund the speaker themselves and invited Wolfgang.

Wolfgang (Germany) – I was in Porto last year and participated in the FD workshop there. I was asked to lead a small group during the workshop and half the people at the table were from Malta. This was the first contact. Then they planned the convention and I received the invitation. The fellowship is so small and can't receive a lot of help by NAWS or EDM. I was a little worried to do this activity on my own. Shortly before the convention I participated in the winter EDM in Geneva and this helped me a lot to connect to EDM. The Maltese fellowship had organized the convention to be an open meeting, a PI presentation, a convention all in one. Everything was so well organized, there was a lot of energy and power. It was completely different from all other events I have participated in. But it worked. There was not a lot of experience, but a lot of trust. We had a discussion workshop and they had all the answers. To build up a service structure. The service structure is very new, they are not even eligible for funding. But now their delegates are here, they are presenting a bid for winter EDM. By coincidence, Irene was in Malta shortly after that and did a small follow-up.

Simon (Malta) – Wolfgang's coaching gave us the courage to do the further steps, which was very important for our fellowship. We are very isolated. We do need people with experience. The authorities now look at us with trust, the rehab centres refer their patients to us. The assistant commissioner of the police was present at the convention. We have a lot of good feedback. We look forward to any follow-up.

FD Workshop and ECAD in Istanbul (Paul)

Paul (FD chair) – This was a combined effort from NAWS and EDM, funded by NAWS. The Turkish fellowship had frequently contacted EDM and also asked for a follow-up for last year's FD visit. At the same time, NAWS had decided to send members from Iran to the ECAD conference in Istanbul in May.

Focus of the workshops was to develop a long-term planning for PI in Turkey, to help the fellowship to grow. Iran as a fellowship has experienced a fantastic growth and does lots of PI work. They have great experience with this.

One challenge was that we needed translation in three different languages, Turkish, Iranian, English. This made it necessary to keep everything really simple.

Another challenge was literature: at the ECAD conference, we were targeting the professionals in Turkey. There was not so much literature in Turkish. NAWS had sent a lot of literature to Turkey but the customs didn't let the literature pass the customs. So we had to be creative.

The feedback is that the Turkish fellowship has now set up a regional PI committee who have started implementing the plan that was developed during the workshop.

It was great to see a fellowship that has been struggling for a long time meet up with some neighbours that have a lot of experience. This effort only worked with the help and the funding by NAWS. I hope we can do more activities like this, cooperating with NA as a whole on different levels.

Workshop at the Convention in Poland (three Swedish members)

Karolina (Poland) – after last EDM we were inspired to ask the Swedish fellowship to participate in some workshops at our Polish convention. We want our regional services to work better, but we did not have a clear idea about what the workshops should be about. The Swedish western area financed the travel costs and we paid for the rooms and meals. The focus of the workshops was then decided to be about “What can we do to have strong groups and to attract more addicts”. The Swedish members shared about the service structure, area service and more. There were about 120 people at the workshops. Language was difficult because not many members speak English. Everything had to be translated. We had lots of questions also about sponsorship, literature, relapse and recovery, not only about service. The workshops were a big success. We need more experience from other members. Follow-up is important. We learned that the group is the most important thing, not the region.

Workshop in Zagreb (report by email from a member from UK)

Paul (FD chair) – This Convention and workshop was held by members coming from Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Hungary and other countries. Members from UK had been contacted and participated in the event. About 50 participants. Zagreb fellowship has 5 meetings with 20+ members. It was a follow-up to the convention in Trogir (Croatia). Small activities can have a much bigger impact than large activities.

Gaby (Hungary) – there was a separate event in Trogir (Croatia) with participation of NAWS and other members in May. We also had an event for professionals but it is very hard to reach them. Question to Malta: how do you manage to reach so many professionals?

Simon (Malta) – we are a very small island. We contacted all the professionals and invited them. Immediately after the convention, we sent follow-up letters to all the professionals, especially to those that didn't participate.

Miko (FD vicechair) – The work of the fellowship receiving the FD activity is very important too. You do the preparations, the translation and lots more. The positive outcome of an FD activity depends very much on your participation.

Irene (Ireland) – all the work was done by very trusted servants. The reports were very detailed, concise and clear. We received them well in advance and had the chance to read them. Thank you, well done!

Mary B. (World Board) – please send copies of all reports about any FD activities to NAWS and the World Board. We keep archives and review all material to be used in the addendum of the PR handbook and other resources.

Paul (FD chair) – at the end of the booklet, you see a long list of FD activities that have taken place since 1997. These are all activities that need to be followed up, so that we don't lose the experience.

Short break**10.45 – 11.45 Fundraising suggestions**

Conor (EDM chair) – at our last EDM we suggested the need to talk about ways of fundraising, as we will not have an ECCNA in 2009, because of the World Convention in Barcelona. We asked communities to discuss this in their regions and send feedback before the meeting. The feedback collected so far is in the meeting booklet on page 13.

Fundraising is not only for summer EDM in 2009, but also for EDM in general. We haven't decided if there should be bids for summer EDM, but in Geneva there was a strong feeling that we should have one that year.

Summary of fundraising suggestions:

- organise a raffle. Prize will be a visit to Barcelona to attend the World Convention for two persons.
- Donation of 10% of the profits from the Regional Convention
- make an “audio-visual aid” as information about EDM and FD, to help raise awareness
- Pamphlets on “Donations to NAWS and EDM” and “Service” from UK region (available on EDM Website)
- Hosting region raises funds
- Auctioning personal services /jobs
- Art auction (NA theme)
- Automatically donate a certain percentage of Regional surplus
- Increase amount of contributions from the regions

Conor (EDM chair) – we always need more funds for FD. This time we need even more funds, just to continue operating. Think about taking home some of these suggestions and put them into practice. If we have more suggestions, we can have further discussions during the weekend.

11.45 – 12.45 Discussion about Zonal nominations for World Board Service positions

Conor (EDM chair) – at the World Service conference, elections take place for positions at World service level such as: Member of the World Board, Member of the Human Resource Panel, Conference Co-Facilitator. Usually candidates can be nominated by the HRP and regions. This has been amended, so that now the World Board and zonal forums can also nominate candidates for World Service positions. Nomination means we support the application of someone who wishes to apply for a World service position.

At EDM in Vilnius in 2006 this was briefly discussed and didn't seem to raise interest at that point. Recently the Human Resource Panel contacted EDM and suggested we discuss this again. There is usually a huge amount of resumes for World service positions. Obviously a recommendation from a Zonal Forum would help the WSC delegates a lot when deciding who to vote for.

We can now discuss if we want to do Zonal nominations and if yes, then we can look at how we can do that.

Discussion

Mary B. (World Board) – The Human Resource Panel creates a list of people they recommend. We are now changing the procedure of how to come up with candidates. Everyone who has filled out the form for the Human Resource pool is self-nominating. This procedure gives the possibility for zones to give recommendations. There are a great many potential leaders in the Zonal Forums that we never get in contact with. We only get to know people who participate in the World Services workgroups or in the conference. Zonal nominations give especially the zones the opportunity to participate more in the world services process.

Dave (UK) – it is easy to elect someone you personally know. But if you see only the paper, this is more difficult to give equal chance to the candidates. I prefer to have people have a regional nomination for EDM positions and I would also be in favour of giving a zonal nomination to a candidate who comes from the EDM zone.

Jim (UK, as a former SC member) – regional and zonal nominations are a different thing. There are people with different skills in the EDM, who would not be nominated by their regions. In particular the people from the EDM Steering Committee. We here at EDM know how they work and can better support their nomination.

Irene (Ireland) – I think it's a good thing that we can do that, but we don't have to. At our convention we ask people to speak because we know them. We change that now, we ask for nominations for speakers and to give reasons for the recommendations. For World Board, someone has to give you a recommendation, so that you can be elected.

Mary B. (World Board) – the resume must be sent to the office by the 31st of August. The Human Resource Panel will then review all the information given according to a score system. There are about 700 people in the Pool. All members are contacted who wish to be candidate for World service positions. This might be some 150 people. The further review is done in a blind system, without knowing the names of candidates. References given by the candidates are contacted and checked. At this point Zones and Regions can put in names for nominations. Regions often don't have a strong understanding about the role of the World Board member. At EDM there is more experience with that. So a zonal nomination has more strength. Nominations have to be given before end of October 2007.

Conor (EDM chair) – we will have a three minute interval. After that I will ask – **do we as EDM body wish give or support nominations for World Service positions (World Board, Human Resource Panel, Conference Co-facilitator)?** **Consensus**

Conor (EDM chair) – We have now decided to give and support nominations for the World Board. We can now discuss HOW we can do that. We can have a working group. This working group can look at different ways how to do nominations and present some options at the next EDM. Volunteers for the work group – Nina, Irene, Veronica, Sisko.

Another suggestion is: there is one person who has asked about Zonal Nomination. If this person steps forward, do we wish to proceed with an informal nomination process this afternoon?
 Three minute period for discussion. Do we have consensus about this? no

More information needed about the role of the World Board and Human Resource Panel members.
 Can we discuss the procedure for zonal nominations again this afternoon. Then, if other people want to step forward, can we decide to deal with this last thing on Sunday? No objections.

Lunch break

Session starts with some announcements.

Conor (EDM chair) – We have received a late resumee for the position of alt. Treasurer. The deadline was yesterday. Would we agree to accept this resumee for the election? No voices against it. Consensus to accept the resumee. Resumes will be passed out at the end of the afternoon. They contain confidential information, please hand them back to us after the election.

14.45 – 15.30 NAWS report

Mary B. (World Board) – information from the **World Service Office**. Mike Polin at the office has been diagnosed with serious cancer. He is celebrating 21 years clean today. Another member from WSO, Jeff, is also gravely ill. That's why Becky chose to not come to EDM this time.

One focus of our work was on rebuilding relationships internally and externally by Public Information and building a Public Relations office within the WSO. This was very successful. We have increasing requests. We don't have the resources to fill all these requests. We have partnered with local resources, delegates and committees to fill requests. We need a lot of support from the fellowship.

The World Service Office has 60 staff members, there are 15 World Board members

Business plan workgroup are producing a plan focussed on educating members about funds and resources needed to carry out these services. We also need personal contributions, not only as donations.

Basic Text Project went out for review and input. We sent out about 7000 texts and got about 700 pieces of input back. The input was various, some liked certain stories and hated others, and the other way round. Some stories were found to be missing. The approval draft will look different. 10 stories were added and 10 stories were cut. The approval draft will be available end of August, from na.org as download. Paper copies will cost 8 \$.

The stories now represent a large variety of language and culture. Language groups can still decide to include their own specific stories in their translated versions.

PR Handbook Addendum contains a collection of various different materials collected from the fellowship. This can be downloaded from na.org or as paper copy for 3,50 \$. Additional resources are constantly added over the website. A copy of the PR Handbook is handed to every region at the table. The PR handbook and the area planning tool are also used and constantly reviewed by PR focus groups. If you do workshops on these materials, please send feedback to NAWS.

“Board approved service materials” is material which does not go through conference approval process but is reviewed and worked on by the World Board. Three draft of this new material are passed around for information: IP “Group Business Meetings”, IP “Group Trusted Servants – Roles and Responsibilities” and “An Introduction to NA meetings”.

Targeted literature – the youth IP went out for review and input. It was intensely workshopped especially by young people. It appears to be too long and a little heavy. The workgroup is reworking it. There is also a piece to parents and care-givers. This will go out for approval in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR).

Discussion topics – information about them in the NAWS News January 2007 issue. Our workshop tomorrow on “Atmosphere in recovery” will focus on the atmosphere in service meetings. The other topic is “Who is missing from our meetings and why”. Please send us any reports and experiences with these workshops.

Dave (UK) – we found these worksheets very complicated. I can't see people engaging in such a complex workshop. Could there be a more basic and simple worksheets?

Nick (NAWS) – if you feel the need to simplify the session, please do it, as works best in your community.

Service events and World Wide workshops took place in Nebraska, Paris, Egypt, the middle East. We work with communities to help them get their legal registration as non-governmental organizations (NGO)

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) will be sent out in English around end of November, the translated versions by end of December 2007.

Finances at WSO are stable. Our goal is to have one year's operating expenses. Currently the prudent reserve is 70 days.

Website – Online Literature: Basic Text is now available online, also all IPs. Communities can upload and share their service materials and guidelines in the FTP-download area. There is a new Bulletin Board for conference participants. Please use this resource. World Pool information form has been simplified, a new 2-page form, as download from the website.

Advocates for NA – doctors, lawyers, professionals who have experienced recovering addicts and can speak on behalf of NA in public. We encourage these relationships and are starting to make use of them. If you know of anyone like this in your community, please let us know about them

Seating at World Service Conference – at the last conference three American regions were not seated. There are more applications for seating this year (Egypt, Poland, a new Brasil region). After this year, the World Board will suggest a moratorium on seating regions which were created as a split from existing regions. Priority should be for regions that up to now had no voice at the conference.

JD (Frenchspeaking Switzerland) – how do we deal with anonymity in PR activities in the media? Is it ok for members to appear on TV, voices that can be recognized.

Mary B. (World Board) – The tradition about “anonymity on the level of press, radio and film” is still important and valid. Anonymity is not about the level of people who already know us. It is towards the media that they cannot use the information about individuals and publicize it. Example if a big star exposes himself as addict and as NA member, he will be seen as representing NA by the public. If he relapses, the headline might be “NA doesn't work”. If we want that or not. So it is still important to be mindful of that. It is an ongoing discussion how this relates to the development of the internet.

15.45 – 16.15 Bids for Winter EDM 2008

Two bids are given out: Hungary and Malta.

Hungary and Malta Bids

Each bid is presented. See bid for details.

Discussion was focused on the difficulty on choosing between two attractive bids. Both locations would mean a follow up on recent fellowship development efforts. Both locations have attractive pricing and good facilities. The question of asking the bidder that does not get this winter EDM to consider hosting the 2009 winter EDM was rejected, although all should be encouraged to hand in new bids. The criteria for voting should be based on consideration of EDM resources, how easy the location is to reach by members and the ability of the local fellowship to arrange the event.

Short break

16 voting participants, one vote for each community. Simple majority is 9 votes. No abstentions possible.

Majority for Hungary.

16.45 – 17.30 matters arising for discussion

Zonal Nominations for the World Board positions elected at the World Service Conference:

World Board members – participation in the four 3-day World Board meetings a year, the 8 days World Service Conference, the World Convention (7-10 days) plus travel time, take on different service assignments and workgroups, Zonal Forums, workshops. Time commitment

Conference Co-Facilitator – facilitating the World Service Conference (two co-facilitators)

Human Resource Panel – review the resumes in the resource pool, select members for the different workgroups, verify the information on the resumees for potential candidates for World Board elections, workgroups and participation in selected World Board meetings.

Assignment for the work group: to look at different ways how to do Zonal nominations and present some options at the next EDM

Suggestion on how to make a nomination for World Board position at this EDM: The potential candidates could present themselves during the last session on Sunday. The candidates then leave the room and a simple and secret vote would take place, voting yes or no for each candidate. This would not be a competition, we can have several nominations. **Consensus**.

Funding guidelines

At EDM in Vilnius 2006 it became clear that the Steering Committee needs some guidelines on how to make their funding decisions. A suggested guideline was presented in Geneva. We have now made some amendments to these guidelines. They now seem less strict and are more in keeping with spiritual principles than the last version.

Consensus to adopt the EDM Funding guidelines and add them to the Orientation Pack.

Saturday August 4th

Meeting start with reading the Just for Today meditation.

9.15 – 9.45 Website report (Report in the booklet)

Roland (webservant) – an important feature of the website is that it must be technically as simple as possible, so that it can be accessed in every country and with less technically advanced computers. It has been tested with various different browsers to see if it works and is well visible.

The website should also be easy to look at for those with sight impairments. Its is possible to view the font larger.

The navigation of the website is presented by projector. There are different pages for “About EDM”, Fellowship Development and for ECCNA. There is also a “Service” section offering various download materials. Some contents and information have been added to each section.

Please send any suggestions and additions to the EDM email address edm_na@yahoo.com.

Please also send translations of the “about us” (what is EDM), if desired. It is helpful to send the translation with the English chapter headings, so that the different paragraphs can be identified and linked appropriately.

Questions and feedback:

Suggestion to have a page for NA events or a calendar

Suggestion to have a page on how to make donations to EDM, bank details, etc.

Don't use abbreviations. Put Fellowship Development instead of FD

Please change England to UK

Suggestion to have a closed message board. This would however have to be moderated by someone, this would not be the webservants job.

The website is open to the public, including the language pages of the “About us”

9.45 – 11.45 FD workshop

After the workshops from last EDM a lot of ideas came up about FD planning organized by the body rather than by the FD committee. This workshop is about some basic activities how to develop a plan for an FD activity. A workshop instruction sheet is given out. The workshop will be in three parts. The body splits into small groups for the first two activities. In the third part of the workshop feedback from the groups is collected.

Activity 1 – plan an FD activity

Group 1:

Discussion about Western Russia: large, distant from central Europe, travel expenses, visa problems. Lack of service and leadership resources and experience. Desire for outside help.

Solutions: organize workshops with past delegates and neighbouring communities. Topics: leadership and unity. Ask members to bring solutions back to area and group level.

Create a 3-year-plan with workshops. First year workshops from outside members, 2. year combined efforts members local and outside, last year organize workshops on own resources.

Group 2:

Fictional community “Methadonia”. Identified needs. FD trip about unity and bringing the groups together. Also need a long term plan to keep the isolated communities together. Have different work groups, eg. to prepare a pamphlet on unity. Have follow-up, contact by email, another convention.

Group 3:

The main issue chosen was sponsorship, example Polish fellowship. Workshop that should be simple, measurable, realistic, achievable speakers and question & answer session. Target is to open up the existing resources, make a list of possibilities and solutions.

Group 4:

Need is to inform about services, get people involved. Have a learning day. Invite all GSRs and members. Have food, have fun. Funding by area or region. Workshops on traditions and the concepts, recovery meeting at the end.

Group 5:

FD trips is not always the solution. Benefit from participating in EDM. Communication in the regions. EDM might provide speakers for convention about service topics. Workshop for Sponsorship as suggestion for Lithuania. Need for scheduled follow-up after the workshop. Resources are available close by.

Group 6:

Common problem: small communities, small and little attractiveness of meetings, not a lot of “we” feeling or awareness for service, need for guidance and teaching for PI and H+I

Solution: one group takes the commitment of sponsoring another. Timeline: one year, once a month. Ask for funding of travel costs from area or region. Possible activities: bring speakers, sponsor/participate in business meetings, take time after meeting to contact local members, share positively about service. Attractiveness and fun must be in the meeting itself.

Activity 2 – Review and amend the “Fellowship Development Trip Preparation” document

- don't call it Trip Preparation but “FD activity preparation”
- include NAWS as option in the questionnaire
- assessment of needs must come first, before decision is made
- select candidates from the resource pool
- the team should meet with the community during EDM before the trip
- budgets are usually made by FD committee together with community
- include follow-up in the document
- report should be made also by community who receives the trip
- doc should be a tool for both sides
- communication should be the first issue
- communicate as a team, not as one person.
- have a time frame for FD activities
- resources for the trip: literature, translations, availability
- have different levels of FD “small, medium, large”
- open the form for different possibilities, type “flow chart”, offering different options like trips, sponsoring ...

Some of the groups also looked at the “Fellowship Development Questionnaire” and gave feedback on this.

short break

12 – 12.30 Discussion about Summer EDM in 2009

Conor (EDM Chair) – at EDM in Porto 2006 we decided by consensus with one noted objection by Portugal that we would not have a European Convention in the year of the World Convention in Barcelona, 2009. We have not yet decided if we should have a summer EDM without ECCNA. There seems to be a strong feeling that we want to have summer EDM to happen. This discussion is about how this would be possible, for example at or before the World Convention, as a separate event.

Nina (UK) – would object to having EDM at the World Convention. Maybe prior to the convention.

Joao (Portugal) – have bids for it like for winter EDM. Why change the procedures?

Christian (Germanspeaking) – have EDM during a regional convention at one region, combined with FD activities

Sisko (Sweden) – the northern area in Sweden would be interested in bidding for it, during the very popular mid-summer convention.

Paul (FD chair) – is this about the funding we will lose? Our primary purpose at EDM is to spend and share our resources on FD. I trust there will be enough money. I also think it is vital to have EDM twice a year.

World Convention would be a good place to have EDM because many members are there.

Mary B (World Board) – the World Convention in Barcelona is 2.-6. September 2009. NAWS would not or very limitedly be able to participate at EDM during World Convention because of the huge work load we have there.

Karolina (Poland) – we could have a shorter EDM

Conor (EDM chair) – this might not be very popular to ask our regions for funding for a short EDM at World Convention!

Consensus: to ask for bids for summer EDM 2009 as usual, but without bid for ECCNA.

Lunch Break

13 – 14.30 Participation in Workshops at ECCNA

EDM H&I Workshop or NAWS workshop “Atmosphere of Recovery” at ECCNA

15.00 – 16.00 Elections for FD Chair, FD Vice-Chair, SC Alternate Treasurer, SC Alternate Secretary

Election process: the duties and functions for each service position are read out. Each candidate needs a community who nominates and a community who seconds the nomination. In elections where all candidates are present, there is the possibility to ask each candidate some questions. All other candidates are asked to leave the room. There is also a few minutes set aside for discussion about each nomination, once the candidates have left the room. 16 voting communities are present. A simple majority is 9 votes.

FD chair:

Paul F. – nominated and seconded (Germany, Malta)

Miko N. – nominated and seconded (Finland, Portugal)

Questions to candidates. Miko is elected.

FD vicechair:

Joao P. – nominated and seconded (UK, Ireland)

Uzi L. – nominated and seconded (Sweden, Portugal)

No questions to candidates. Joao is elected.

alt treasurer:

Lucia – nominated and seconded (UK, Ireland)

Questions to Lucia. Lucia is not elected.

alt secretary:

Jim D. – nominated and seconded (UK, Greece)

Questions to Jim. Jim is elected.

16.30 – 18.00 Participation in Workshops at ECCNA

EDM Workshop “Fellowship Development” or NAWS workshop “Who is missing from our meetings and why”

Sunday August 5th

Meeting start with reading the Just for Today meditation.

9.30 – 10.15 Treasury closing report, Approval of budget

Nadi (Treasurer) –

Opening Balance	19.272,50 Euro
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EDM Expenses	-4.555,73 Euro
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Incoming

Hungary donation	265,00 Euro
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Greek donation	200,00 Euro
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Western Russia donation	100,00 Euro
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Polish Donation	100,00 Euro
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NE England Area	320,00 Euro
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Members Donation	256,00 Euro
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Malta donation	<u>100,00 Euro</u>
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ECCNA seed money return from Wales	5.000,00 Euro
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ECCNA seed money outgoing for Helsinki	5.000,00 Euro
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Expected profit from ECCNA	5.000,00 Euro
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- 10 % for WSO	- 500,00 Euro
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- 10 % for UK Region	<u>- 500,00 Euro</u>
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Total actual balance

Opening balance	19.272,50 Euro
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Expenses	-4.555,73 Euro
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Income donations	1341,00 Euro
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Income ECCNA	<u>4.000,00 Euro</u>
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Total	20.057,77 Euro
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Budget set aside for 2009	1.576,00 Euro
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Earmarked money for next EDM	<u>13.000,00 Euro</u>
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Expenses total	14.576,00 Euro
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Opening Balance	19.272,50 Euro
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Expenses total	<u>-14.576,00 Euro</u>
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Actual money available.	5.481,77 Euro
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Pending donations:

Spanish donation	1.250,00 Euro
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Irish donations	4.000,00 Euro
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Turkish donation	200,00 Euro
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Portuguese donation	<u>900,00 Euro</u>
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Projected available budget	11.731,77 Euro
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Earmarked money contains budgets for Steering Committee and FD travel to the next EDM, Legal association expenses, 1000 Euros for emergency travel. Cost for one EDM meeting is around 8.000 Euro. Usually all donations received go towards Fellowship Development activities.

Without income of ECCNA in 2009 two more EDM meeting need to be financed. This means we will need to seriously think about fundraising. Proposal to create a working group that puts into action some fundraising ideas; this was already discussed in Geneva and decided not to do that. All members of the EDM are actually this working group.

Discussion around how much to set aside for summer EDM in 2009 and the winter EDM in 2010. This decision needs to be taken in stages. We now have enough funds for next EDM and a certain amount for Fellowship Development.

Proposal is to set aside towards EDM in summer 2009 about 1.000 Euro of this budget. Consensus

10.00 – 10.30 ECCNA Wales closing report

Marie (ECCNA Treasury) – it will be a financial success.

800 dance tickets sold (7 Pounds) and 850 registered (20 Pounds). Probably around 1000 attendants. Expected profit around 7000 Pounds (around 10.000 Euro). Still money coming in. All bills have been paid for.

The convention was very successful with newcomers, people coming off the streets and local people from North Wales. Announcements had been very widely spread at doctors, pharmacies, treatment facilities etc. The mayor of Conwy county held an opening speech. This is promoting great awareness for NA with the council.

The translations equipment was not requested a lot, because most members came from local English speaking members. Most headsets given out at one time were 30.

Newcomers were not requested to pay if they couldn't. There was a Newcomer fund. Nobody was refused entrance, but people were asked to register, so that attendance could be monitored.

Participation from Families Anonymous.

Two PI presentations on Friday afternoon were attended by over 70 professionals from treatment facilities, probation, doctors. They were given feedback forms and feedback was positive. Many stayed on for the day.

10.25 – 10.45 Matters arising from meeting to be discussed

Questions from communities

- Mohamed (Egypt) – we had a situation at a fundraising activity, which took place in a hotel. There were names on the entrance tickets and members used tickets with other people's names on them. They were denied access and then tried to force entrance to the venue. This gave a very bad image of NA. How to deal with this? Is it an option to hire security service to monitor entrance?

Jussi (Finland) – We talked about possible violence in meetings and how to deal with it. We would call the police.

Joao (Portugal) – part of the problem was that there were names on the tickets and that is why the people were not allowed in. Issue tickets without a name on them, so that the holder of the ticket can get in.

Gaby (Hungary) – in NA we can use any name, that's anonymity.

Irene (Ireland) – people sometimes try to get into events without paying. But if it is a banquet, the host committee has to pay for the dinner, even if the participant didn't. We have tickets with matching numbers in a receipt book.

Nick (UK) – there is a UK pamphlet on inappropriate and disruptive behaviour in meetings and how we deal with that. The principles here would be much the same. A negative experience can also result in positive growth.

Paul (FD chair) – at this convention there was a situation with two members yelling at a worker of this venue. The person was very calm. Security people are trained to deal with situations like this. We here are not trained. But the way we react in such a situation will reflect an image of Narcotics Anonymous. We need to remember that and take responsibility for that.

- Mohamed (Egypt) – a treasurer has taken money from the treasury and is not giving it back. He says he doesn't have money.

Nadi (Treasurer) – experience in Greece with someone taking money and not giving it back. We reminded the person, we didn't just ignore it. That's our responsibility. It took a long time but after a while he gave the money back.

Joao (Portugal) – we had the same situation several times. We approached the members and encouraged them to come back. Mostly, the people came back after some time and paid the money back, or tried to pay it back partially.

Nina (UK) – I will email you a NAWA bulletin on "Theft of NA funds"

Konstantine (Greece) – if someone steals money, we need to let them know that they are always welcome in the meetings, even if they never pay back the money.

Wolfgang (Guest) – in 1995 a treasurer for the World Convention went off with a huge amount of money. The Office asked the fellowship to pray for the guy and called for a 7th tradition to collect the missing money and in the end we had collected more than was stolen. That impressed me a lot. After a relapse the guy came back. He paid a much higher price for his theft.

JD (Frenchspeaking Switzerland) – We take great care who can access the treasury. Two people need to sign to access money on a bank account.

Break

11.15 – 11.30 ECCNA 25 Finland report

report given out, including a financial overview.

Kaitsu (Finland) – budgets were made for two different possible venues. The venue that was chosen is Paasi, which is the cheaper option. Budgets are listed as budgets for the different subcommittees. Income for the subcommittees (eg. Programming or accommodation) is from different fundraising events these subcommittees put on.

6 fundraising events will take place before ECCNA in Helsinki. We have two different pre-convention T-shirts. One (100 T-shirts) is also sold out.

Merchandise will be T-shirts, underwear, candles and different things.

The venue is quite central, good transportation from airport and train station. Bus from the airport to the venue.

11.30 – 12.15 Matters arising from meeting to be discussed

Questions from communities:

- Niall (Ireland) – what can we do to encourage participation from absent communities such as Czech Republic, Italy and others? Are we doing our part?

Conor (EDM chair) – We try to stay in contact. They receive all of the mailings that go to the delegates.

Before the next EDM, we contact them and ask them for a small report. We ask neighbouring communities if they can give any information. Everyone is welcome to send any information to the EDM account.

Pavlos (Greece) – we tried to contact Cyprus, but we couldn't find a contact yet. There was one meeting but we don't know if it still exists.

- Gabi (Hungary) – We did fundraising for NA events by organizing a football cup, which charged participation fee from the teams. Some participating teams come from treatment centres, other fellowships or other outside groups. Is this in keeping with the traditions?

Dave (UK) – we often discuss in the UK if paying for events is against the traditions. I understand from World Services that an event is not a meeting. Everyone can participate in the meeting. But events cost money and it is ok to pay for that.

Nick (NAWS) – the 7th tradition says we do not take funds from outside bodies. This is a fundraiser for money we will use for NA services, so we should not accept contributions from anyone outside NA:

Conor (EDM chair) – at conventions, we don't ask people if they are a member or not. Everyone pays registration (or not). Organizing an event that asks contributions is different

- Karolina (Poland) – there are cleantime requirements for people doing service on area level. Some groups are very new. Is it ok to elect people who have less cleantime?

Jussi (Finland) – most guidelines are for older communities who have lots of members with more cleantime. We have to see how it adapts to our fellowship.

Sisko (Sweden) – guidelines should be just that: a guide, not a strict rule. We can adapt to the situation. More important is that nobody does service alone, we support each other, we take responsibility for the service as a group.

JD (Frenchspeaking Switzerland) – there is a great amount of wisdom behind guidelines. How we chose trusted servants includes more than just cleantime. Responsibility, commitment. We have become much more cautious about elections, not just elect someone because he is willing. We need to feel the responsibility of electing someone capable of fulfilling the service. We can organize mentoring for people who are new to a service.

Niall (Ireland) – electing someone for a service is a collective responsibility. Servants also represent a public image of NA.

Joao (Portugal) – different realities demand different solutions.

- Konstantine (Greece) – At a meeting place in Greece that attracts many newcomers, neighbours are complaining about noise, littering. Maybe the meeting place has to be closed and the meetings moved. Any experiences around this?

Dave (UK) – make announcements at the end of the meetings that people should not make noise and dirt.

We have meetings in such a place and we manage to keep it.

Questions from absent communities – Israel

- Please send me any materials on dealing with the media in a convention.
- Do you face professional bodies abusing our literature, re-writing the Steps Working Guide or giving 12 steps professional well paid workshops for addicts in institutions? What do you do about it? Many NA members are doing that for pay and it is hard for the listeners to know if it is NA or not.

Irene (Ireland) – I'm a member and I'm also a professional. If it is an NA message, I do it through the H+I committee. If it is not an NA message, I make it very clear. If it is a job, it can be paid. If someone does a talk about addiction in general and mentions he is an NA-member, he/she should make it clear that he is not talking for NA.

JD – the literature is copyright protected. We can approach people who use the literature. The principles however are not copyrighted, anyone can use that. The confusion if it is NA or not is the bigger problem here. Approach the facility and give them information that they should be clear in what they do.

Joao (Portugal) – the connection between treatment centres and NA is a big issue. Some treatment centres in Portugal use the literature, they also photocopy parts of it. We inform them that they should not do that.

But taking legal action is a too big step.

Conor (EDM) – if you see in your communities a clear case of copyright infringement do contact NAWS.

Jussi (Finland) – treatment centres commonly give people a basic text or question guides for the first step.

Often NA members work in the treatment facility. Any members working in institution should make clear what is the difference between the treatment and NA. We cannot control it. But it is a good opportunity to offer some PI to the facility.

Andrey (Western Russia) – this is a common problem in Russia. Sometimes treatment centres are the only way for newcomers to learn about NA. Members should learn more about the traditions.

Treasury France

Ana (France) – the French region has over 40.000 Euro in their treasury. I received the following explanation for this. We keep 10 % of the provisional budget as prudent reserve (about 7000). Next is a decision to keep 14.800 Euro to move the regional office to a different location. The facility requires 18 month of rent in advance. 21.000 Euros left. We will discuss this.

Short report from Holland members

There was a misunderstanding with our last delegate who came to EDM. After that we had a non-traveling delegate for a while. We relate to NAWS. But we are missing the contact and experience shared at EDM. We have H+I and PI workshops, but many people don't have a lot of cleantime.

12.20 – 13.00 informal Zonal nominations for World Board positions

We have decided that EDM would in principle give or support Zonal nominations for World Board positions. A workgroup will work on a possible procedure for this. As the election process for World Board positions at the next World Service conference will close in October 2007, we have decided to have an informal nomination process at this EDM and pave the way as we go. This is a very responsible decision. Three potential candidates are present. They will give a short presentations of themselves and the chance to ask questions. Then there will be a few moments to discuss the nomination, when the candidates are out of the room. Then we will have a secret ballot election for each candidate. Write the candidates name on the paper if you wish to support his nomination.

Candidates are Paul F., Peter H. and Simon J.

15 voting communities, simple majority is 8.

Decision to give a Zonal nomination for World Board position to Paul F., Peter H. and Simon J.

13.00 – 13.30 Meeting Sum up & close

Some closing announcements

Decisions taken during the weekend:

- Minutes of the last meeting approved
- Consensus that the EDM body can give or support nominations for World Service positions (World Board, Conference Co-facilitator, Human Resource Panel)
- A working group will look into different possibilities of how best to do Zonal Nominations and present the options at the winter EDM.
- Winter EDM 2008 will take place in Hungary
- Ask for bids for summer EDM 2009 as usual, but without bid for ECCNA.
- Elections: FD chair – Miko (Israel). FD vicechair – Joao (Portugal), alt. Secretary – Jim D. (UK)
- EDM Funding guidelines adopted to be added to the Orientation Pack.
- 1,000 Euros set aside towards summer EDM 2009.
- Zonal nominations for World Board positions to be elected at the next World Service Conference given to Paul F., Peter H. and Simon J.

Meeting Closed