NAWS Update

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July 2018
A Vision for NA Service

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Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.
The basic purposes of our world services are...

communication, coordination, information, and guidance.
We provide these services so that our groups and members can more successfully carry the message of recovery and so that our program of recovery can be made more available to addicts everywhere.
NA Service Structure with possible options that can be combined

Group Support Forum (GSF) → Local Service Conference (LSC) → Regional Service Committee (RSC) → Zonal Forum → World Service Conference (WSC)

Group Support Representative (GSR) → Metropolitan Service Committee (MSC) → Area Service Committee (ASC) → Regional Assembly

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Some Highlights of the 2018 World Service Conference

- Adopted seating for zonal delegates and alternates for zones with 2 or more unseated communities
- Seated the Netherlands, Ukraine, and Occidente-Mexico
- Had the first virtual Conference participation and formalized this ability for the future for those with visa issues
- Stopped using parliamentary procedures and took the next step with consensus-based decision making
- Adopted an NA service prayer, a week focused on public relations each year, and asked for “special” days to be assigned for acknowledging service and sponsorship
- Came to resolution about the FIPT Inspection request
Some Highlights of the 2018 World Service Conference

- Adopted four project plans
  - New Daily Meditation Book (two-cycle project)
  - New Mental Health/Mental Illness IP
  - Service Tools
  - WSC of the Future
- Adopted what are now three Issue Discussion Topics for the cycle:
  - Attracting members to service
  - Carrying the NA message and making NA attractive
  - Drug replacement therapy/medically assisted treatment as it relates to NA
Strategic Planning 2018-2020 Project Plans

- Mental Health/Mental Illness IP
- First of two cycles for New Daily Book
- Service Tools
- WSC of the Future

Learn more at http://www.na.org/projects
WSC of the Future Project

→ Continue work toward a sustainable, effective WSC

- Workgroup members selected by zonal forums and Iran
- Create common understanding of “effective” and “sustainable”
- In light of that shared vision, advance the discussion on WSC seating
- Strengthen collaboration among ZFs & between NAWS and ZFs. Collect and share ZF’s best practices.
Travis wondered if we need to keep the objectives inside slides 8-11; deleting would give us more space. If we do need to keep them, how about decreasing down to 18-20pt so facilitator can reference strat plan connection, but they don't take up so much space.
Daily Meditation Book Project

www.na.org/meditationbook

→ Produce a draft meditation book with a spiritual principle per day, for WSC 2022 consideration

▪ Fellowship engagement in drafting material

  • We’ll seek member writing on spiritual principles
  • We’ll offer a variety of ways members can participate, including online input opportunities
  • We’ll release material in batches for Fellowship review and input

▪ Project ends November 2021 when an approval draft will be published in the 2022 CAR
Mental Health / Illness IP Project

www.na.org/mhmi

Create an approval draft of a new mental health/mental illness IP for WSC 2020 consideration.

- We’ll gather additional input from members and hold focus groups of members with direct experience on this topic
- Plan to send a draft for Fellowship review and input Spring 2019
- Publish an approval draft for Conference consideration in the 2020 CAR
Service Tools

- Concise, accessible, relevant, & adaptable

  Conventions and events best practices: [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions)

  Local service toolbox: [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)

- Groundbreaking use of technology (for us)
  - Digital collaboration via web meetings, email, online surveys, and web forms
  - Pulling in as many members as possible
  - Cost effective
Training and Tools Project

www.na.org/toolbox

→ Develop tools for local services

- Just finished CBDM Basics
- Focuses this cycle:
  - Serving in rural and isolated communities
  - GSR tools
- All interested members can sign up for email list to be notified of and participate in web meetings and review and input of materials
- Approval process includes 90-day delegate review and input
Training and Tools Project

www.na.org/conventions

→ Develop tools conventions and events tools

- Just finished a tool for program
- Focuses this cycle:
  - Contract negotiation
  - Committee structure and accountability
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FY 2017 Basic Text Distributed by Language

- English: 267,860
- Farsi: 120,908
- Portuguese (Brazil): 29,749
- Others (25 languages): 10,287
Cost to NAWS for Free & Subsidized Literature, 2004-2017
Webinars & Web Meetings

- Public Relations
- Rural Service
- Conventions Events
- Hospitals & Institutions
- Inmate Step Writing
- Local Service Toolbox

Visit [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar) for more info!
PR by the numbers:

- 9 professional conferences attended (national & international)
- 14 web meetings hosted
- 15,041 Reaching Out e-subscriptions
- 2.1% non-US participants
- 70% from area service
- 3 Reaching Out paper subscriptions
- 9 movie/TV consultations
- 28,818 New PR pamphlet—NA and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment—sent out
Reported Membership Growth from Regional Reports
2008 - 2018

Growing %  Same %  Shrinking %
Available to download in full or in brief from www.na.org/ar2017
Hardcopies of the report available to purchase.
Write wb@na.org to request copies of the “AR in brief” infographic.
Income by Source
July 2016 - June 2017

- Net Literature Sales: 87%
- Contributions: 13%
Contributions by Donor Type

- regions
- areas
- zonal forums/events
- groups
- members

Indicates scale change to accommodate range of numbers
Four activity categories

Proposed expenses—percentages indicate the proportion of operational costs assigned to each area based on 2017 actuals.

See page 30 of the 2018 CAT for a snapshot of what’s included in each activity area.
Literature price increase

- Effective 1 July 2018
- 5% increase on Basic Text
- 6% increase on other literature & products
- First increase since 2014
World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
“The Magic is Still Real”

WCNA 37
30 August-2 September 2018
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
Ways to share your ideas with all Conference Participants

- Conference Report
  > Deadline: 15 February

- FTP site
What Can I Do?

• Help develop new service tools and/or review drafts:
  - Local Service Toolbox Project: [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)
  - Convention and Events Tools Project: [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions)

• Sign up for an e-sub [www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe)

• Participate in a web meeting on a topic that interests you [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar)

• Contribute: [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute)

We always appreciate your feedback and input.

Write to us at [wb@na.org](mailto:wb@na.org)
What Can I Do in the Future?

- Hold discussions about the three new Issue Discussion Topics and send us your ideas:
  - Attracting members to service
  - Carrying an NA Message and making NA attractive
  - DRT and MAT’s as they relate to NA

- Get involved in one of the two new literature projects.

Let us know wb@na.org