

GEORGIA REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Minutes- June 2016

GRSCNA

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Next RSC will be September 10-11, 2016

Central Georgia Convention Complex,
400 Holiday Circle – Forsyth, GA. 31029

*See last page of Minutes for that upcoming agenda

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AGENDA- JUNE 2016

Saturday, June 11th		
9:00am	CPP	TBA
9:00am -12:00 pm	Public Relations	Degas
9:00am -12:00 pm	Hospitals & Institutions	Renoir
11:00- 12:00 pm	GRSC Admin Meeting	Monet
1:00pm	GRC Inc.	DiVinci
1:30pm -2:30 pm	Post Conference Report & Facilitation Workshop	Monet
4:00- 5:00 pm	RSC Meeting	Monet
Sunday, June 12th		
9:00am	RSC Meeting	Monet

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June RD Highlights- from World
2015-2016 Budget vs. Actual
Bank Reconciliation Mar, Apr, May 2016
Income and Expenses Mar, Apr, May 2016

GRSCNA RSC MEETING- SATURDAY 11, 2016

Region convened at 4:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer by Frank S.

The 12 Traditions were read by Tate H.

The 12 Concepts were read by Greg S.

The Region's purpose was read by Jeremy L.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLL CALL

P: Present A: Absent L: Late

Facilitator	Frank S.	P	Co-Facilitator	Tate H.	P
Treasurer*	A.J. C.	P	Treasurer Alt.	Karen M.	P
Secretary	Karen J.	P	Secretary Alt.	Melissa N.	P
RD	Greg S.	P	RDA	Jeremy L.	P
Insurance Liaison	David C.	P	Policy/Archivist	Lynda B.	P
CPP Chair	George A.	P	GRC, Inc.	Jim S.	P
PR Chair	Mary Ellen W.	P	CPP Treasurer	Diane H.	P
H & I Chair	Jason W.	P	Task Panel/ History Book	Mark B.	P

AREA ROLL CALL

CFRA RCM	VACANT	/	CFRA RCMA	Bobby B.	P
CSRA RCM	James M.	P	CSRA RCMA	VACANT	/
Coastal RCM	Rasul	P	Coastal RCMA	Carlton B.	A
East End RCM	Fred C.	P	East End RCMA	Mike	P
Extreme North RCM	Jim L.	A	Extreme North RCMA	Ronnie S.	A
Marietta RCM	Bob D.	P	Marietta RCMA	VACANT	/
Midtown RCM	Dwindyln B.	P	Midtown RCMA	Clarence	P
North Atlanta RCM	Hugh R.	A	North Atlanta RCMA	VACANT	/
Northeast GA RCM	Amanda G.	P	Northeast GA RCMA	VACANT	A
Piedmont RCM	VACANT	/	Piedmont RCMA	Jeff J.	P
Savannah Low Country RCM	Vicki L.	P	Savannah Low Country RCMA	Linda M.	P
South Atlanta RCM	Ray L.	P	South Atlanta RCMA	VACANT	/
South Central GA RCM	Kevin P.	P	South Central GA RCMA	VACANT	/
South GA RCM	Arnold G.	P	South GA RCMA	VACANT	/
West End RCM	Dianna B.	P	West End RCMA	Yvette B.	P

* no report received

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I Report- Jason W

Hello GA Region,

I attended our regional H&I learning day on May 14th in Savannah Low Country Area. The workshop was well attended and quite the success. The ASC H&I committee filled up a whole volunteer form with potential panel members. PR had a great presentation also that was very well received. We had a workshop to renovate the Regional H&I policy and agenda. The trip was 680 miles round trip.

Today we started discussion at 9:15 am with the state of our committee, challenges with Area chairs attending, continuity of service, digital absentee reporting, consistent reporting, the addition of a calendar to our policy and the need of a timely orderly meeting.

We had 6 of 13 Area's represented today. Our secretary resigned before the opening prayer so the vice chair took minutes during our meeting. We expect to have minutes this quarter.

We workshopped our policy and agenda as a group and approved it as policy and Greg B as our Vice Chairperson too.

The remaining Basic Text books from the East Coast Convention were passed out today to the chairpersons that attended our subcommittee meeting.

Please ask your Area H&I chairperson to attend our committee meeting. We miss them when they don't show. If they can't make it, they can participate by emailing in an absentee report. The report is found in the report section of our Regional website.

The GA Region Bridge Program helped 5 inmates last quarter. We've now assisted 113 inmates since February of 2012. Please continue to ask members of your group, ASC and subcommittees to sign up to be a temporary contract on the GRSCNA website.

As you know we've been asking for a Bridge Coordinator nomination to no avail. You may not know but our current coordinator, Sherry H, had a triple bypass last month. She is recovering and would appreciate your prayers and support.

In loving service,
Jason W.

PR Report- Mary Ellen W.

June 11, 2016

Dear PR Family,

During the last quarter, PR participated in two GA Council on Substance Abuse in Lawrenceville and Milledgeville. We also did a PR presentation for the public in Savannah Low Country.

PR attended three South East Zonal Forum (SEZF) IT teleconferences. The purpose of the teleconferences is to begin to share technology and services. SEZF provided information on implementing Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) with contact information for a SEZF member who can provide any necessary help when we begin implementing BMLT. SEZF is beginning a googledoc on Best Practices re: Website, BMLT, and Phonenumber. Adobe Connect is also available to us at this time to do webinars at the regional and area level. PR chair and/or Web Facilitator will continue to attend the SEZF IT teleconferences.

Website analysis: Users – 10,775 New Visitors – 52.2% Returning – 47.8% Avg Session – 1.51 minutes

Upcoming Events include GA School of Addiction Studies on August 29-September 2 in Savannah Low Country and Gwinette County Fair September 17-September 27 in East End. If you are available to help please see these area PR chairs.

Four members have volunteered to complete the regional website in Word Press by September region. In September, PR chairs will determine what providers we will use for VoIP and the server.

PR chairs will be holding nominations in September for Vice-Chair, Secretary and Web Facilitator. New PR chair as of June 12th regional New Business.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as PR chair these past four years.

In Loving Service,

Mary Ellen W.

→**Additional verbal notes taken per Secretary helper:** GA School of Addiction studies see Vicki and Linda to help out, Gwinnett Co fair see Fred- hard copy

Task Panel Report/History Book- Dana

Georgia History Book AdHoc Committee Report

June 11, 2016

The main thing we accomplished today and over the past 3 months is a mission statement.

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Narcotics Anonymous in the State of Georgia for the use, education and enjoyment of present and future generations. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving higher power. This is our story...

Current Members of the Ad Hoc Committee (14):

Dana G	Khalil J
Regina G	Laverne J
Mark B	Kim N
Debbie B	Sabrina M
Greg S	Michele C
Robert O	Romer J
Tersa A	Jimmy G

You can contact any of these individual on the website by using first name, last initial
Example... danaggahistorybook@gmail.com

Our Facebook page is... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/837649893015211/>

We have come a long ways in the year since this committee was born, only because there was so much already done in the previous years. This book was just waiting for the right time to be written. We have so many interviews and have our first full transcription. We are brainstorming

GRSCNA RSC MEETING- SUNDAY 12, 2016

Region re-convened at TIME with Serenity Prayer by Frank S.

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GRSC ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Facilitator Report

Hello Family,

As this is my final report, I wanted to say thank you for allowing me to serve. My time as facilitator and co facilitator the last 4 years has been very rewarding. I've made friends all over the state of Georgia because of it, and NA as a whole. I was very fortunate to see the history book come into fruition and GRCNA, Inc. become more financially stable.

I've learned from previous facilitators and they've given me direction, support and called me out when needed. I'm proud of the fact that I've been self supporting in my travel expenses to and from Region and in my service commitments.

I've been very fortunate in the admin committee that I've served with. They were very dedicated. I've seen the region continue to grow and improve in serving the addict who still suffers.

Yours in Grateful Service,

Frank S.



Co Facilitator Report

I attended a learning day in Statesboro with Greg this quarter and presented an updated GSR workshop presentation. The presentation took ideas from a presentation that was created a few years back by Tony and Kasey. It was fun to make the road trip and have the opportunity to present and I felt like it was some useful content for those that attended. I also aided Greg in his presentation of the CAR for those who attended. Aside from that I am still participating as a member of the general admin as much as necessary at the regional meeting and working on getting to know how to be an effective facilitator.

This Regional meeting will be my last region having a dynamic voice on the floor during business portions of the RSC and having the ability to submit topics so I am choosing my talking points carefully. My key points throughout my term as co-facilitator have been to work toward better understanding and implementing our CBDM model of business. With the new topic form and consistent admin panel discussions I feel that I have taken away enough to take on the facilitator position with continuity. It has been brought to my attention that I do come across as a bit rigid on procedural technicalities to the point where I am hard to work with. This will likely be something I will have to take a look at moving forward and it isn't the first time it has been brought to my attention. Thanks for your honesty and input and I do pay attention to it.

Being on the admin panel this term has been educational. We have sought to attend to the general business of coordinating the regional service conference while also attempting to tackle some difficult talking points and implement changes. It hasn't been easy on the RSC floor or away from the RSC floor. At first it all seemed dysfunctional and a waste of time. In hindsight the dysfunction seems clearer and I truly believe our efforts are

worthwhile. Thanks to the admin for bringing your energy and spirit to the table and following through these past two years. You have each helped me a lot.

Additional Notes in Regards to 2016-2018 Agenda:

This quarter I have been familiarizing myself with the policy and the general upcoming calendar for GRSCNA. This calendar will outline the regional agenda that is already agreed on and in policy and help everyone start this new two year cycle in agreement that we are all on the same page. The dates on this calendar are the regional meetings that I am planning to facilitate and set the agenda for. The regional agenda will be molded around these annual events. In other words any additional regional functions like workshops, inventories, presentations, policy revisions etc. will need to be scheduled around these functions for best results. As you review the calendar I would like to ask that you take note of the progression of the next 8 regions and consider what will be happening on those dates.

The next 4 regional meetings represent what is Georgia's "slow season" for the next two year cycle. I say that because directly after the World Service Conference there is a lull where we are not devoting as much time and energy to the WSC so we usually turn our attention back inward. Planning and scheduling to use this facility to maximize its usefulness to the region will require your input and direction. At the next RSC I will likely present something like a survey or questionnaire that will help the RSC and Admin get a sense of your ideas for 2016 and 2017. That is of course unless I am bombarded with ideas and direction for upcoming RSCs before September, in which case, that's cool to. If I left anything out let me know. --Looking forward-- Tate H.

June 11-12 2016

1. Conference report and Facilitation talk by the RD/RDA
2. Orientation and welcoming of new admin officers and RCMs
3. Budgets voted on
4. Policy updated
5. Any ideas for the September Anniversary event and adjustments to make use of the anniversary for the region.

September 10-11 2016

1. Regional Anniversary

December 10-11 2016

1. Looking forward to the GRCNA

March 11-12 2017

1. Nominations for RD and RDA positions
2. Budgets prepared and submitted for approval

June 10-11 2017

1. Election of RD and RDA
2. Vote on budgets
3. Policy updated

September 9-10 2017

1. Regional Anniversary

December 9-10 2017

1. Looking forward to the GRCNA event
2. In depth discussion of CAR and upcoming world conference

March 10-11 2018

1. Final voting for World Service Conference
2. Nominations for new Admin
3. Budgets prepared and submitted for approval

June 9-10 2018

1. Orientation and welcoming of new admin officers and RCMs
2. Policy updated

Secretary Report

Dear Family-

Since the last region, Mel and I have closely worked together to prepare her for the transition from Secretary Alt to Secretary. She prepared the minutes with minimal assistance and just needed some guidance on tying up a few loose ends. I am absolutely convinced she will do a great job as your Secretary over the next year. Please be loving, patient, and kind to her.

As many of you saw in your inbox this morning, I completed the March 2015 minutes. All of the minutes are uploaded to the website in their full version. You have to be logged in to see them. If you do not log in to the website only the redacted versions are visible. Bill D. has been working hand in hand with me to make sure that we got this done before I left this position. The redacted versions that are still not uploaded are June 2014, March 2015, and March 2016. These will be up in the near future. Each document must be redacted individually and this takes time. Also, we have uploaded all of the current and revised forms in an editable form on the website. This is to help us keep our communication streamlined and to make it as easy as possible for all of us!

One thing I noticed is that we have gotten several unable to deliver messages when we send out mass emails. Please, Please, Please make sure your email addresses are printed clear and exactly as they need to be entered on the registry when it goes around for corrections. This will ensure that you get all of the communications that are sent out from the region.

Since the last region I have been organizing the hundreds of emails that I had created folders for in the secretary's email, and organized them into google drive. I did this so that in the future, when there is a need for a resume, a form, a specific report, or a set of older minutes there is less confusion to dig through. The inbox for the secretary had close to 3500 emails in it when I opened it for the first time back in 2013! This process will make it much easier to navigate around all of the information that is sent to the secretary. I hope that this practice continues in the future so no one has to be faced with that confusion again.

Everything for the storage unit was turned over to Lynda, the Policy/Archivist Chair, at last region; and as of this weekend I relinquished all equipment and supplies to Mel, as our upcoming Secretary. The PR sub-committee has been made aware of the minutes that needed to be uploaded to the website and I have provided a copy of these for them to get that task completed. Again, I apologize for my lack of integrity in that and me allowing some folks to get under my skin to the point of shutting down. I am extremely grateful I did not use over it and for those who saw my pain and reached out in a loving way.

As many of you know, I was handed the secretary duties 100% without any training or direction. The nomination passed for me to step up as Secretary Alternate after completing a 2 year term as RCMA and RCM for Coastal Area! This was at the September 2013 region session. When I showed up at the next region, in December, I was ready to start training for the position. But that is not what happened. The Secretary, who was to be my predecessor, had resigned with a minimal (2 days) notice before the December session. They sent the stuff they had with another trusted servant to give to me. I had never been to the storage unit or anything. I had to jump right in and do everything without having any guidance. It was not easy! I do want to say a very special thank you to some folks that always reached out and held me up when it got too over-whelming, who were always willing to help however they could, or were kind and loving when they redirected me: James M, Ray L, Romer J, Bobby B, Mary Ellen W, Jason W, Carl H, Lynda B, David C, Dianna B, Mitch S, Charles K, Jimmy G, Vernon R, Joe B, Gibb D, Step K, Frank S, Jim L, Jennifer L, Jim S, Bill D, Joe B, Bill B, Diana H, Robert L, Gunn Mc, Jeremy L, Bobby W, Joe and Michelle P, Tim M, Rasul, Missy S, and Brandon V. These folks demonstrated the very principles that I want to grow into. I saw them come from a place of tolerance, brotherly love, open-mindedness (some more than others), acceptance, and a

If budget is too tight, it will make it difficult to operate.

Treasurer resolved to send out finalized- updated and proposed policy to go back to Areas ASAP.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Topics

2016-1: **TABLED** until Treasurer submits most updated budget after further review 11-1-1-0

2016-2: **CONSENSUS** 13-0-1-0

2016-3: **RESOLVED** at last Region

2016-4: **CONSENSUS** 14-0-1-0

2016-5: **CONSENSUS** at last Region 14-0-0-0

2016-6: **CONSENSUS** 13-1-0-0

2016-7: **CONSENSUS** Reached at last Region

2016-8: **CONSENSUS** 15-0-0-0

Nominations

Facilitator: Tate H. **PASSED** 15-0-0

Co-Facilitator: Paper Ballot → **Hugh R. (8)** & David C. (7)

Secretary: Mel N. **PASSED** 15-0-0

Treasurer: Karen Mc. **PASSED** 15-0-0

Archivist/Policy Liaison: Lynda B. **PASSED** 15-0-0

Insurance Liaison: Romer J. **PASSED** 15-0-0

PR Chair: Joe B. **PASSED** 15-0-0

H&I Chair: Jason W. **PASSED** 15-0-0

Alternate Treasurer & Alternate Secretary: VACANT & accepting nominations

NEW BUSINESS

New Topics:

2016-9: CONSENSUS Reached 14-1-0-0

2016-10: Submitted by RDA to move requirement for budget submission to June and vote September (policy change, goes back to groups) see topic form for details. Intent: admin believes this will allow the new admin panel to set the new budget to allow for a clean slate **BACK TO GROUPS**

2016-11: Submitted by Big Bob of Marietta and rewritten with help from Lynda B. Intent was to make more efficient use of time at Region. **BACK TO GROUPS**

2016-12: CONSENSUS Reached 10-3-1-0

2016-13: CPP Treasurer needs to be present at Saturday. George, said a representative for CPP should be able to give report without the Treasurer needing to stay. Due to policy changes and treasurer removal from roll call, must go back to groups. Please see revised forms. Effects Article 6, Section E, Item 1 (task panel, region) (6, E-1). **BACK TO GROUPS**

2016-14: Topic to accept the updated policy guidelines 2016-2017. **BACK TO GROUPS**

Topic Sheets Attached, see below:

BACK TO GROUPS

- Consensus Reached
- Consensus Not Reached
- Back to Groups

GRSCNA Topic Form

Topic # 2016-10

Date JUNE 2016

Maker of Topic	RDA	Position	RDA	Area	NA
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Topic of Discussion:

To move the requirement for budget approval ~~and~~ submission to June and approval to September

Policy Affected:

Article 13.A.5, ~~Article 16~~ change March to June, and June to Sept
Article 16 move budget submission from March to June

Financial Impact:

None

Suggested Solution and/or specific action (if any):

Admin believes that this will allow for a more accurate budget going forward as this will allow for newly elected positions to be filled and thus a clear concise and correct budget.

Modifications:

Assent _____ Assent w/Reservations _____ Stand Aside _____ Block _____

Consensus Reached

Consensus Not Reached

Back to Groups

GRSCNA Topic Form

Topic # 2016-11

Date 04.12.16

Maker of Topic <u>Bob D.</u>	Position <u>Rem</u>	Area <u>Massachusetts</u>
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Topic of Discussion: Streamlining Saturday's business to
allow more time to take care of attractions -
example: instead of Areas heading reports, can just
submit unless special needs & concerns...

Policy Affected: Article 12: section ~~B~~ B-

Financial Impact: None currently -

Suggested Solution and/or specific action (if any):
→ Areas should submit written report and
not give a verbal one unless necessary -
example: special needs, concerns that need
help from Region or other areas -
also ~~submit~~ submit

Modifications:

Assent _____ Assent w/Reservations _____ Stand Aside _____ Block _____

Consensus Reached
Consensus Not Reached
Back to Groups

GRSCNA Topic Form

Topic # 2016 - 12

Date 6/12/16

Maker of Topic <u>George A</u>	Position <u>CPP Chair</u>	Area <u>NEGNA</u>
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Topic of Discussion: CPP POLICY UPDATE

Policy Affected: Current Policy Removed

Financial Impact: None

Suggested Solution and/or specific action (if any):
Adapt Proposed Policy Submitted in
March This Proposed Policy reflects
the way we do business today.

Modifications: See March 16 Minutes

Assent 10 Assent w/Reservations 3 Stand Aside 1 Block 0

Consensus Reached
 Consensus Not Reached
 Back to Groups

GRSCNA Topic Form

Topic # 2016-13

Date _____

Maker of Topic <u>George A</u>	Position <u>CPP Chair</u>	Area <u>NEGANCL</u>
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Topic of Discussion: Remove Requirement of CPP ~~at~~ Treasurer
from being present at Region Meeting

Policy Affected: Change Policy ARTICLE 6 TASK
PANELS SEE E ITEM 1
ARTICLE 11 ROLE CALL

Financial Impact: Mileage

Suggested Solution and/or specific action (if any): GIVE TREASURER
Let CPP Representative ~~read~~ Report
UNLESS TREASURER IS ASKED SPECIFICALLY.

Modifications:

Assent _____ Assent w/Reservations _____ Stand Aside _____ Block _____

GOES BACK TO GROUPS

Vacant Admin Positions:

- Alternate Secretary
- Alternate Treasurer

For Further Review:

- Budget 2016-2017
- Updated Policy 2016-2017

Topics:

- 10, 11, 13, 14

PLANS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

September 10 &11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can purchase registration online at grcna.org

Will need speakers- will be taking tapes

Zonal will be end of July in Miami

Regional Anniversary at 5pm on Friday night, Sept 9th

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF AREA EVENTS

Region - Facilitation Workshop, **Next Region Saturday** at 1:30-2:30pm

42nd year of NA in GA, High Falls State Park, September 9-11,2016

GRCNA 36- March 23-26, 2017

CFRA -

CSRA – Peace in Recovery Convention XXVII, June 2017

Coastal – Serenity in the Woods, September 2-5, 2016

East End -

Extreme Northern –

Marietta Area –

Midtown Area –

North Atlanta Area -

N. E. Georgia Area – Getting Off Group Unity Day & Speaker Jam, July 16, 2016

Piedmont Area -

Savannah Low Country – SLCANA “Serenity in the South” Oct 28th-30th, 2016 Ramada Inn
Hotel 301 Governor Treutlen Dr., Pooler 31322

South Atlanta Area-

South Central Georgia –

South Georgia Area –

West End Area –

**HELP SUPPORT GRCNA 36 AND
CELEBRATE THE 42nd YEAR OF NA in
Georgia**

**COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FULL OF
FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

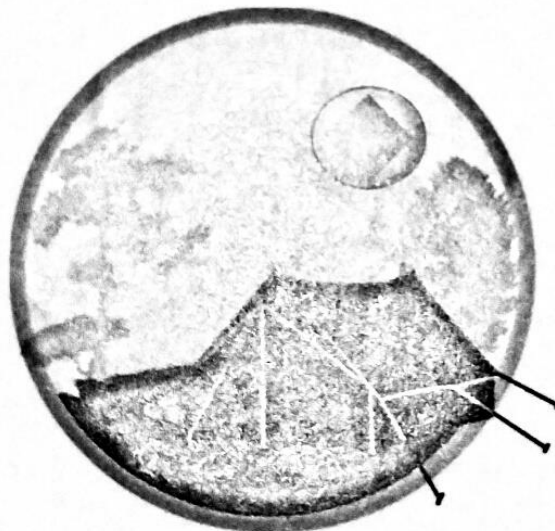
September 9 – 11, 2016

*Campout begins Friday the 9th @ 5 pm
It will be located in the Pioneer Area
Campout registration includes dinner on
Saturday & Breakfast on Sunday.*

The Anniversary Celebration begins
@ 2pm on Saturday

Look for the NA Signs to Picnic Shelter 005

**\$20 Onsite Registration for Campout/\$10 Day Pass
Be Mindful of State Park Entrance Fee**



**High Falls State Park
76 High Falls Park Dr.
Jackson GA 30233**

GRCNA 36 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

RIDING THE RIVER OF CHANGE in BEAUTIFUL COLUMBUS GA

March 23 – 26, 2017

Convention Chair: George A. 678-682-0387 @ George.argo@grcna.org Convention Vice Chair: Tony O. 706-969-0525 @ tony.owens@grcna.org
 ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE @ www.grcna.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) - _____ Clean Date ____ / ____ / ____

Area/Region _____

Email Address: _____

All Access (Registration, Banquet, Entertainment, Dances) (On Site Price \$90)

(Until 09-11-16) \$80.00 x _____

(09-12-16 to 03-01-17) \$85.00 x _____

Registration (OnSite Price \$35)

(Until 09-11-16) \$25.00 x _____

(09-12-16 to 03-01-17) \$30.00 x _____

Banquet Dinner (Meat) \$45.00 x _____

Banquet Dinner (Vegetarian) \$45.00 x _____

Entertainment \$20.00 x _____

Convention T-shirt (Limited Edition) \$20.00 x _____

(Circle size: S M L XL XXL)

Newcomer Donation _____

All Sales Final, No Refunds, No Checks (Credit Card and USPS Money Order Only)

Total \$ _____

Why do we register?

Money collected by registration is used to pay for all convention related expenses. Funds collected make this event possible & the planning of present and future conventions.

Your donation helps make the convention a success.

WILLING TO HELP? Circle Areas You Are Willing To Help

Activities Hospitality Marathon Registration Merchandise Workshops Additional Events: Nar-Anon

Make money orders to: GRCNA 36, 250 John W Morrow Pkwy. #121 Gainesville GA 30501

Please note: All attendees are expected to register with GRCNA for their own safety and protection and for the protection of GRCNA as a whole. Guests with registration badges will be given priority seating at all main events. Serenity Keepers will do their best to seat guests without registration badges beginning at 10 minutes prior to the start of these events.

Admin Only : Circle One Cash/MO/Paypal # _____ Order # _____ Sold by _____



PEACE IN RECOVERY CONVENTION XXVII

PRE-REGISTRATION 2017

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 - Speak (5)
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 - Additional consideration (email comments) (7)
- please describe handicapped facilities or aids needed

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Georgia Region of NA History Book Project
Interview Referral Form
(form should be given to RCM)

Today's Date: _____

MEMBER BEING REFERRED FOR AN INTERVIEW:

Name: _____ Clean Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Your Area: _____

REFERRING MEMBER:

Name: _____ Clean Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Your Area: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Georgia Region of NA History Book Project Volunteer Form (form should be given to RCM)

Thank you for your interest in participating in Georgia Region History Book Project. Please provide us with the following information. If at some point you are considered for service, you may be asked for additional information.

Is this your: First Submission or Update

Contact Information

Name: _____ Clean Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Your Area: _____

Relevant Education, Occupation, and Life Experiences - Please provide information regarding any relevant educational background, occupational skills, or life experiences.

Education: _____

Occupation: _____

Life Experience: _____

General Service Interest - Please make selection based on 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference: Mark your preference based on your interest, skills, and/or background. You may choose as many service options as you like, but we will make selections based on area of need.

Service Positions	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
• Professional Writers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Interviewer (travels to various addicts and conduct audio and visual recordings of their stories).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Transcriber (listens to taped interviews and put them into written format).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Secretary (attend committee meetings and take minutes for publishing).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Fundraiser (attend Area functions to solicit donations).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Editor (proof reading, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Volunteer availability (Circle all applicable):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday No Preference

Note:

Please be advised that the committee will contact you on an as need bases.

NA HISTORY PROJECT

Group History

The Archives Committee has begun an exciting new project. We are gathering the history of the NA groups in the Georgia Area. This will give us a permanent record of the beginnings and growth of NA in our area. It has been 30 years since we produced a history of groups in GA Region. Whether your group is young or old, we would like your participation. We have obtained much interesting material for our area and we are excited about this phase of our work. Please help us by completing the form below and submitting it to the GA Region @ P.O. Box _____. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call any of the following members of the Achieves committee: _____ or at the GA Region.

Prepared By: _____

Group History

Name of Group: _____

Previous Name: _____

Date Founded: _____

Founder/Founders: _____

Place of First Meeting: _____

Time of First Meeting: _____

Current Meeting: _____

Present Membership Number: _____

Did The Group Move? _____

Where? _____ When? _____

GROUP HISTORY (such as anniversaries, special meeting, outside speakers, notes about the founders, etc.): Please include any/all information you may be aware of, not asked for on this form, as it will result in a clearer or more factual account of your group.

AGENDA- SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday, September 10th

9:00am	CPP	TBA
9:00am -12:00 pm	Public Relations	Degas
9:00am -12:00 pm	Hospitals & Institutions	Renoir
11:00- 12:00 pm	GRSC Admin Meeting	Monet
1:00pm	GRC Inc.	DiVinci
1:30pm -2:30 pm	Facilitation Workshop	Monet
2:30- 3:30	RCM Topics/Issues	Monet
4:00- 5:00 pm	RSC Meeting	Monet

Sunday, September 11th

9:00am	RSC Meeting	Monet
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Second Quarter 2016 RD Report June RSC

2016 World Service Conference (WSC) report

- 112-seated regions had delegates attending 65 from the US, 5 from Canada, and 42 from outside the US and Canada.
- 88 Alternate Delegates attended 61 from the US, 4 from Canada, and 23 from outside of the US or Canada.
- Make-up of the conference was 148 men and 68 women, including World Board members.
- El Salvador, Greater Illinois and Iran were not able to attend
- Dominican Republic participated as a seated region for first time
- This Conference made the decision to seat three regions: Grande São Paulo Region, HOW Region, and Rio de Janeiro Region at the WSC.

Summary of Information from Regional Reports

Number of areas according to reports submitted	1,193
Number of groups according to reports submitted.....	30,081
Total Number of groups not including Iran.....	25,501
Meetings per week according to reports submitted	64,949
Number of meetings held per week not including Iran.....	44,351

Growth of NA

Regions were asked if membership seemed to be growing, shrinking, or staying the same: 59% report that they are growing, 36% report they are staying the same, and 5% report that they are shrinking.



Fellowship Development (FD) and Outreach

52 communities have a regional FD or outreach committee as part of their regional body, and 63 regions have some form of FD, even if it is not a formal committee. Also, 80 regions have had discussion about where NA does not exist in their communities.

- Egypt is trying to hold workshops all over the country, not just in Cairo
- Regions sponsoring neighbouring regions
- Reaching out to outlying groups to offer help and support
- Spanish groups work with Latin American Zonal Forum to help NA communities in Haiti

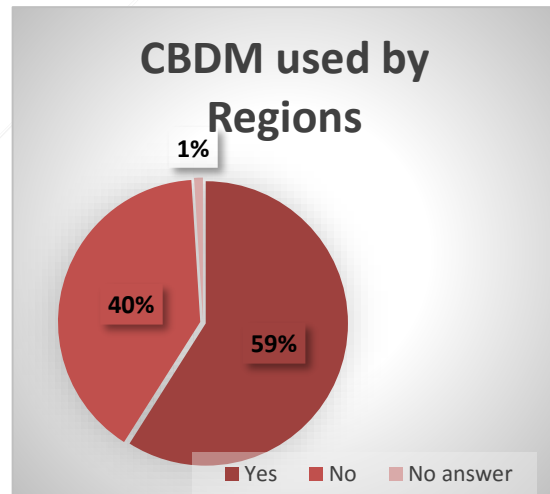
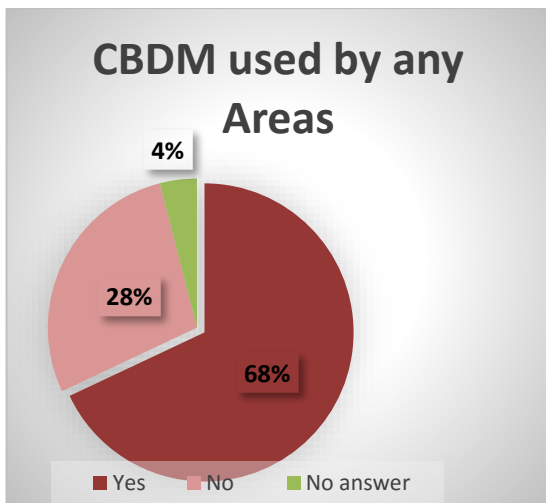
PR/PI

107 regions reported about PR efforts.

- 278 state/national conferences attended
- Efforts included: posters and signs on transit, PSAs, NA lit in libraries and institutions
- Participated in radio programs talking about NA and on the program “12 Steps”
- PI events in large cities where 100-200 professionals are invited
- Building relationships with state level contacts in Substance Abuse Departments, Drug Courts, State Police and Corrections.
- Worked to get standardized clearance through the State Department of Corrections
- Have phone number for NA in public utilities bills: water, electricity, telephones, ect

Decision Making

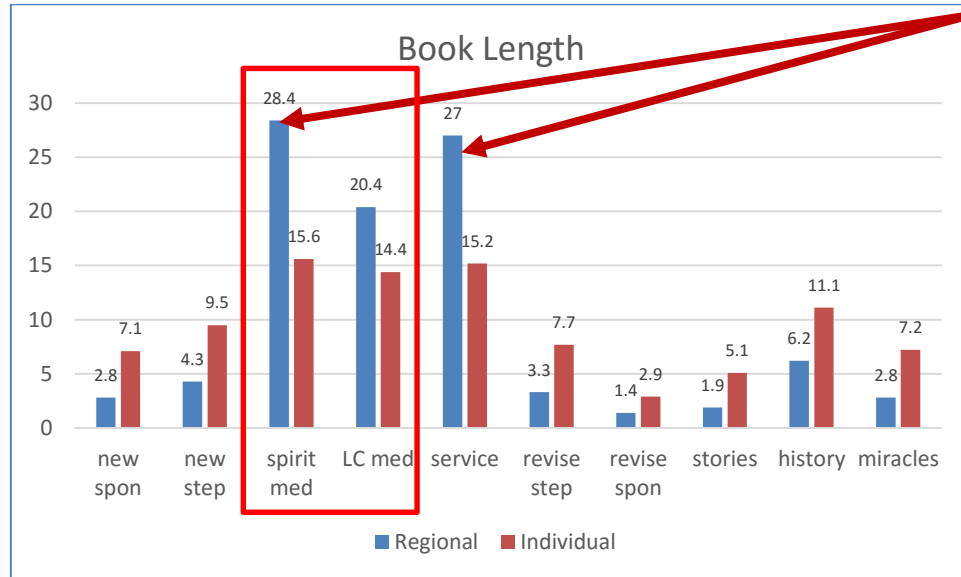
The amount of regions and areas using CBDM is rising slowly.



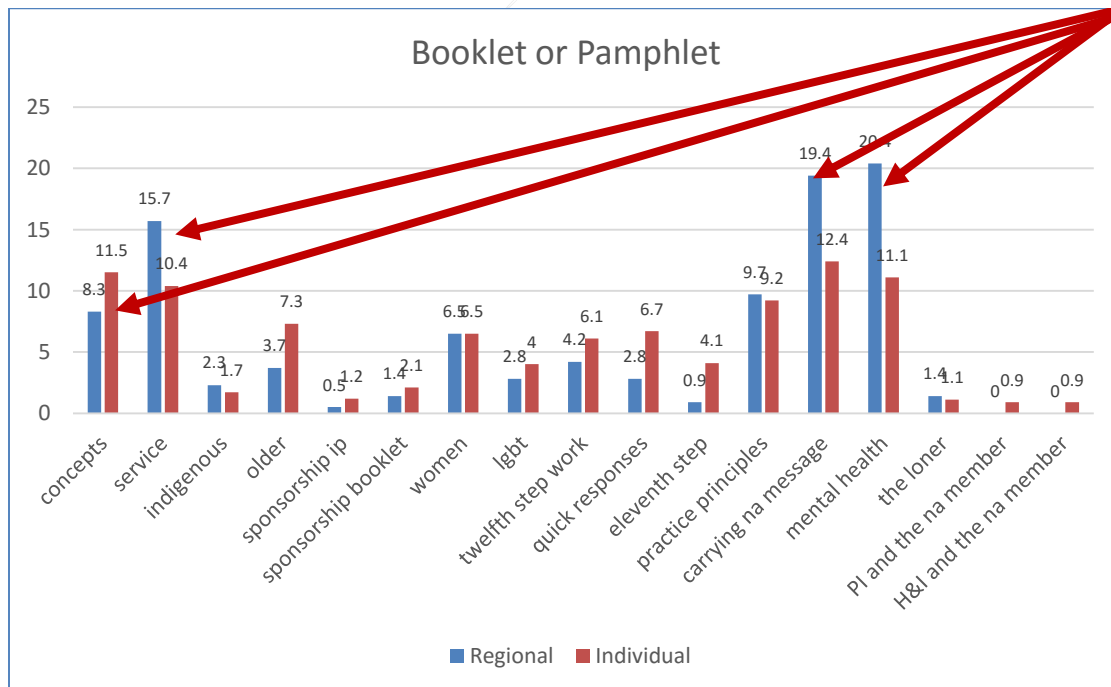
Literature Survey

The charts below represent the choices that the BC region prioritized:

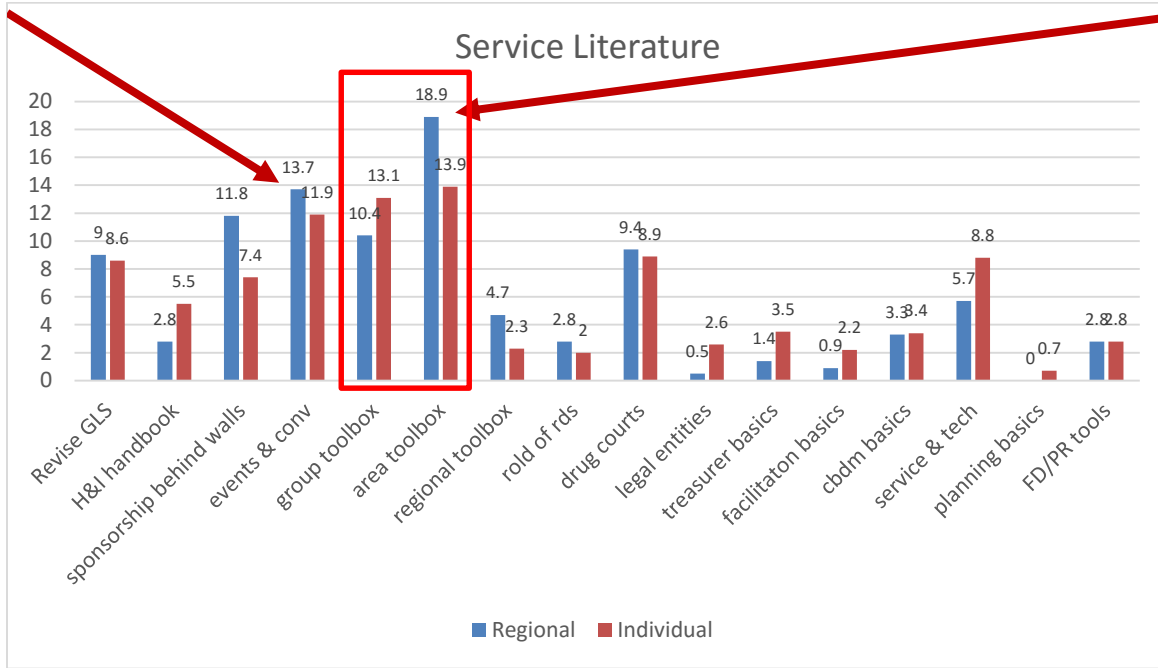
The following charts show what were prioritized by all the regions that participated, along with the responses from individuals.



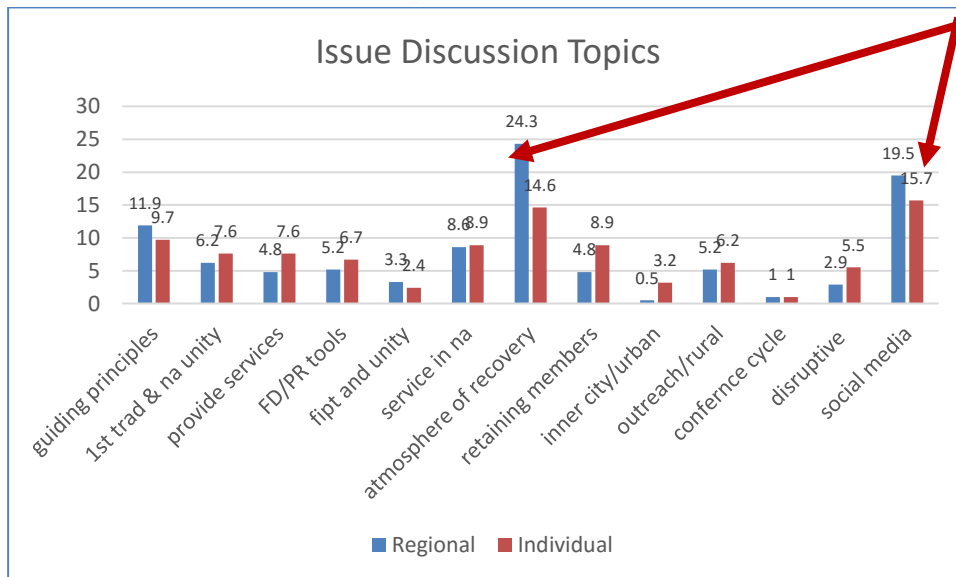
- Will publish Guiding Principles as first priority
- Project plan will be written for a new daily meditation book (Living Clean or spiritual principles)
- Consensus was that the body wanted Service in Recovery to be prioritized as well



Mental Health was the clear winner here, this was already prioritized and adopted in Motion 3. Carrying a Clear NA Message, Service and Recovery and Application of the Concepts will all be prioritized



An Events and Conventions handbook and Group/Area Toolboxes were prioritized.



Lastly, Atmosphere of Recovery and Social Media were the prioritized IDTs for this conference cycle.

Elections and the Nomination Process

At the last World Service Conference, there were 17 elected World Board members; one of the members passed away this past year, leaving the board with only 16 members.

This conference, there were 5 board members who have completed their terms, and 2 who were up for re-election.

We re-elected 2 members this conference, and elected 4 new members to the Board, leaving us with a 15 person World Board.

WORLD BOARD

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Jose Luis A	World Board
Jack H	World Board, Washington Northern Idaho Region
Khalil J	World Board
Tali M	World Board
MaryEllen P	World Board
Tim S	World Board

HRP

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Veronica B	Sweden Region
Jim B	World Pool

Cofacilator

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Mark B	Florida Region

Business Session Processes

The WSC has been in transition to CBDM since 2002, and we keep trying new ways to make this a reality. We find what works and what we never want to try again. We are trying to aim for more discussion, less debate, and less formal, in order to hear from more voices. As there are no current guidelines for CBDM at the WSC, we have been developing as we go.

Who votes when?

- There is only one voice per region per issue: either the RD or the alternate can speak, but not both for the same issue
- CAR motions: only RDs vote, not ADs or the World Board
- New business motions and proposals: RDs and the World Board
- Elections: RDs and the World Board
- Moving forward: RDs and the World Board

The process is this:

- Item is introduced and straw polled, the straw poll results are announced as: Unanimous support, strong support, support, lack of support, strong lack of support or no support
- Amending motions are heard, straw polled and discussed before the original motion is discussed
- If a motion/proposal has more than 80% in favor or less than 20% in support, then the motion is considered consensus support or consensus lack of support.
 - If this happens, we hear from 2 members who are not part of the consensus, then straw poll again. If consensus support or consensus not in support remains, discussion ends.
- If a motion/proposal does not have consensus, then discussion will then be had on the idea, with possibilities for amending the item; change is straw polled
- If change is supported, item is now revised
- After discussion, straw poll again (final)

If motions are changed during the straw poll and discussion process, the amended motion will be introduced in formal voting.

All motions will be introduced in formal business for formal voting:

- This is a Robert's Rules of Order process
- 3 in favor, 3 opposed
- All Regional motions need a seconder

Old Business

The process of old business motions and amending proposals started at 9am on Monday, and concluded at 6 pm on Tuesday. On Monday night, we ended at 1 am. We resumed at 9 am on Tuesday. There were 20 Old Business motions, 16 amendment proposals to those 20 motions.

During the discussion session, first the original motion was discussed, then any regional proposals which were brought forward to amend the original motion.

Vote counts are listed as <i>For/Against/Abstain/Present not voting</i>
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Below are all the Old Business motions that were approved:

World Board Motions

Started at 9 am Monday until 12:45 am, resumed Tuesday 9 am and concluded at 5:50 pm.

These are the motions that were approved:

Motion #1: It was M/C World Board

To approve the book contained in Addendum A, "Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions," as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Intent: To have an additional piece of Fellowship-approved material available about our Traditions for use by NA members, groups, and service committees.

Carried 110-1-1-0

There was a proposal to amend the book:

Proposal R Greater New York Region

To amend Motion 1 to change one word in the Introduction to Guiding Principles on page 63 of the 2016 CAR, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence. What now reads "Earlier programs for addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not practice Traditions and did not survive," would be changed to "Earlier programs for addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not have Traditions and did not survive."

Intent: To accurately reflect the history referred to in the introduction.

The initial straw poll results were **50-59-1-2**; in discussion, the following points were brought up: this literature was approved by the fellowship thru the CAR, and amending it on the floor of the conference would change the perception of this literature from "fellowship approved" to "conference approved" by many members. It was also brought up that there are many members from many regions that are very interested in our history, and this would need to be researched before being changed.

After this discussion, the vote changed drastically, to **22-87-2-1**. The amending motion failed.

Motion #2A: It was M/C World Board

To approve the following change to the World Board External Guidelines contained in A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA):

◆ *To change the size of the Board from up to 18 members to up to 15 members.*

Intent: To reduce the maximum size of the World Board for effectiveness and financial sustainability;

Carried 104-8-0-0

Motion #2b World Board

To approve the following change to the World Board External Guidelines contained in A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA):

◆ *To remove the obligation for staggered terms if more than eight (8) members are elected at one time.*

Intent: To eliminate the requirement for terms of less than six years for some members.

Carried 106-6-0-0

Motion #2c World Board

To approve the following change to the World Board External Guidelines contained in A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA):

◆ *To change the limitation from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime.*

Intent: To limit the number of terms for which any member is eligible for election to the World Board.

Carried 112-0-0-0

Regional Motions

Motion #3	Eastern New York Region / Second: Chicagoland Region
<i>That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.</i>	

Intent: To have a fellowship approved, clear Narcotics Anonymous message about the important issue of mental illness and recovery that is available in a pamphlet format.

Carried 93-17-1-0

Motion #11	Western Russia Region / Second: Finland Region
<i>To allow a delegate from any currently existing Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC 2018 as a non-voting participant for one conference only. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC.</i>	

Intent: To involve zones at the WSC.

Carried 72-29-2-4

The words in **red** are the amendments which the conference approved in the discussion portion.

All other regional motions failed

Literature

E – Literature

For those that don't know, our literature is available in Apple iTunes format and on Amazon for Kindle.

Downloads to date:

- Basic Text 14,601
- Living Clean 6,594
- It Works 7,826
- Step Working Guide 1,169
- Sponsorship 948

Translations

NA is currently in 130 countries, and we speak 76 languages. Translation contractors are very costly; the communities that are most in need of assistance are typically those that are least able to contribute.

If we are successful in sharing our message worldwide, we will always need a lot of translations done. We look at how much we can translate in any given year, for the least amount of cost.

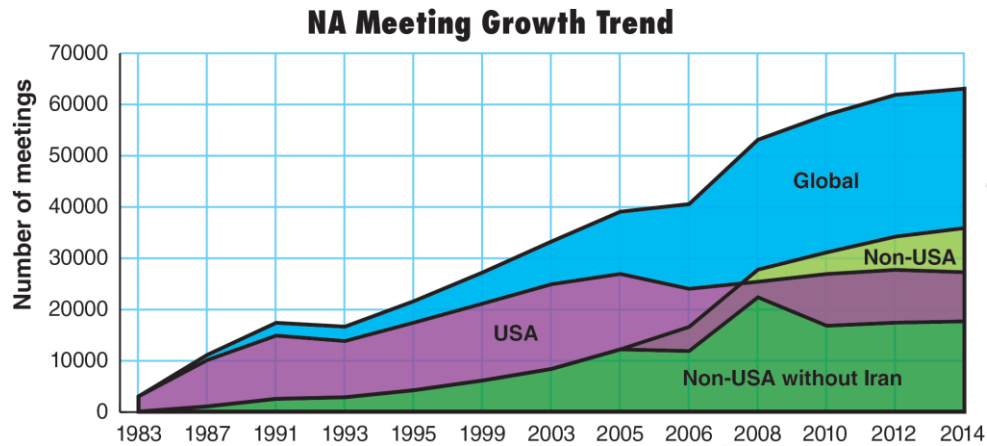
We now have IP#1 in both Zulu, Estonian, Amharic and Cree, and the Introductory Guide to NA in Chinese.

There are 80 languages spoken currently in NA, and this is what has been translated so far:

- IPs/SPs – 47 languages
- Booklets – 27 languages
- Books – 29 languages

Farsi is the only non-English communities have all literature translated; Spanish is close, with only Miracles Happen not translated.

By the Numbers



- 5,640 letters from inmates
- 33 Institutional group starter kits
- 1,279 books provided at no cost to inmates
- 412 group starter kits
- 24,357 group registrations and updates

Literature Distribution

The goal of NAWS is to ensure reliable flow of literature by navigating customs, duties and politics when necessary.

Approximately 35 % of all NA literature is distributed through regional service offices; the rest is distributed by NAWS, through local distribution centers when possible. There are three distribution centers: in Canada, Belgium, and India.

We have agreements with locations in Egypt, Russia, Argentina, and Brazil.

Tradition Nine: ***“NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve”***, still applies to regional service offices, even if they have incorporated. There is no such thing as an autonomous service corporation.

WCNA

WCNA 36:

- There were a lot of unforeseen costs that came up at the last minute
- Renegotiations were happening very close to the start date

- Three companies did not provide the services they were contracted to
- The Brazilian support committee were a very hardworking group of individuals, trying their best to make this a successful event.
- Despite disappointing financials, it could have been worse; they did the best they could.
- There was discussion about cancelling the event, but due to cancellation clauses, it would have cost as much to cancel it as it did to continue forward.
- The boon to the local fellowship and the Brazilian fellowship as a whole made the loss easier to take

WCNA future:

- 2018 – Orlando, Florida: exact dates still to be determined
- 2021: Asia-Pacific/Middle East/Africa: plan to make it accessible to the Iranian fellowship
 - It is impossible to predict the influence of political change or economic forecasting
 - Prudence says we provide a backup plan, to not put all our eggs in one basket at this time.
 - Final decision will be made in the next 12 – 18 months
- 2024: North America

Assisting other NA fellowships:

There are ongoing efforts where groups/areas/regions are sending direct assistance to some communities that struggle. There are numerous communities where the addicts in the rooms cannot afford a Basic Text, the groups cannot afford to give them away, and stable home group members cannot afford to purchase them for newcomers either.

These communities exist all over the world, in North America, Europe and everywhere else.

Sweden supported their neighboring community of Poland by sponsoring them: they attended, assisted with fundraising efforts, speaker jams, purchased the Basic Text in Polish for the members of the Poland fellowship.

If your group/area is interested in this, you can contact NAWS for a list of communities that could use assistance.

Strategic Plan and Project Plans:

This was supposed to be a separate session, but due to time constraints, it was eliminated.

A plan that is built together creates the greatest results. When the World Board and the WSC work together, it is a great partnership.

An aligned planning cycle helps with this. If a region wants to give input, scanning should be done in summer of 2017 to give input by fall 2017. Everyone needs to be dealing with the same framework in order for us to plan together, it needs to be standardized.

Public Relations

There have been some great strides made in Public Relations around the globe over the past cycle, with a lot of local efforts made, including radio and TV Public Service Announcements, bus signs, and many other types of reaching out.

If we think back to how we arrived in NA, maybe through treatment, detox, or prison, NA brought in meetings; by that sharing of information, we helped to grow NA.

Reaching Out is now 30 years old, with 13,379 e-subscriptions and 12,807 paper subscriptions. Prison staff like to give this one out, because it shows the inmates that it is possible to get and stay clean inside.

Professional Events attended:

NADC: National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference

- This is the largest growing conference, with over 5000 in participation. There are more drugs than ever throughout the US.

ASAM: American Society of Addiction Medicine:

- Last year we had 40% of the attending doctors talk to us, wanting us to change from complete abstinence
- This year we had 80% of the doctors requesting the same thing
- A number of the DRs were not nice about this request, they are pushing back
- The doctors were sending their clients to AA instead of us, but AA got fed up and complained to the doctors
- As a result, we were invited to discuss the 12 steps in a workshop at this conference

IFNGO: International Federation of Non-Government Organizations:

- This conference wasn't focused on treatment, but they are (sort of) collaborating about treatment. Treatment in Cambodia is not very established, but it is getting better in Thailand.
- There is a change in how addicts are treated now: the government is looking at them again as people who need help

Vietnam:

- NAWS met two doctors from Vietnam when they were in Tokyo; we were asked to meet with them in Hanoi
- We met at the embassy; they do not quite like us or our ideals, because they do not allow addicts to congregate at all.
- They are trying to find ways to combat their HIV epidemic, and we are one option
- NAWs is hoping to make a follow up trip in the next year

Fellowship Development

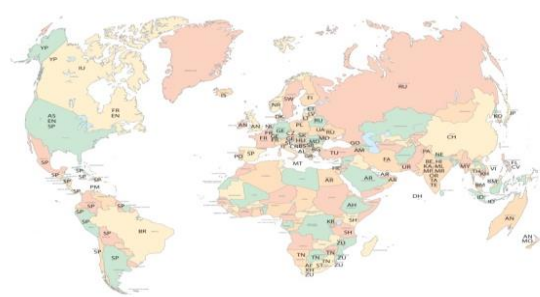
NA now speaks 80 different languages, and our literature is published in 42 languages. The needs are more than double now than they were 10-15 years ago.

Every 10 seconds someone is saying the Serenity Prayer somewhere.

NA SPEAKS 76 LANGUAGES

42 published languages in RED based on IP #1

AF Afrikaans - South Africa
 AL Albanian - Albania
 AS Assamese - India
 AU Australian - Australia
 AZ Azerbaijani - Azerbaijan
 BA Bosnian - Bosnia
 BB Bengali - India
 BC Basque - Spain
 BE Bulgarian - Bulgaria
 BG Bengali - India
 BH Burmese - Myanmar
 BI Bislama - Solomon Islands
 BR Brazilian Portuguese - Brazil
 BS Basque - Spain
 BU Burmese - Myanmar
 CA Catalan - Spain
 CH Cantonese - China
 CI Croatian - Croatia
 CZ Czech - Czech Republic
 DK Danish - Denmark
 DH Dhivehi - Maldives
 EN English - USA, Canada
 ES Spanish - Spain
 FI Finnish - Finland
 FR French - France, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Canada
 GO Georgian - Georgia
 GR German - Austria, Germany, Switzerland
 GU Guaraní - Paraguay
 HA Hawaiian - Hawaii
 HE Hebrew - Israel
 HI Hindi - India
 HU Hungarian - Hungary
 ID Indonesian - Indonesia
 IT Italian - Italy
 JP Japanese - Japan
 KA Kannada - India
 KH Khmer - Cambodia
 KO Korean - Korea

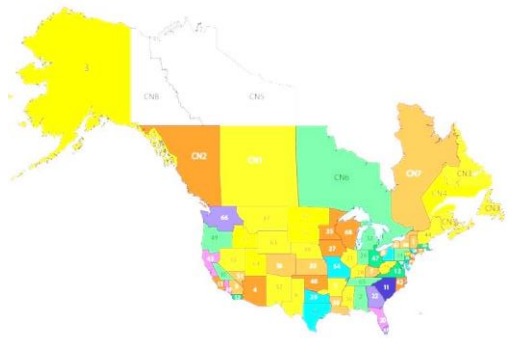


LV Latvian - Latvia
 LT Lithuanian - Lithuania
 ML Malayalam - India
 MT Maltese - Malta
 NP Nepali - Nepal
 NZ New Zealand - New Zealand
 OS Ossetian - Georgia
 PL Polish - Poland
 PT Portuguese - Portugal
 RO Romanian - Romania
 RU Russian - Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Georgia
 SK Slovak - Slovakia
 SR Serbian - Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 ST Sesotho - Lesotho, South Africa
 SW Swedish - Sweden
 TH Thai - Thailand
 TL Tagalog - Philippines
 TN Tamil - India
 TE Telugu - India
 TI Tibetan - Tibet
 TR Turkish - Turkey
 UK Ukrainian - Ukraine
 UR Urdu - Pakistan
 VI Vietnamese - Vietnam
 WY Welsh - Wales
 XH Xhosa - South Africa
 YU Yugoslav - Yugoslavia
 ZU Zulu - South Africa

We are not missionaries, some things are better handled by a neighbouring region or a zone. NAWs used to do World-wide workshops, which connected places that weren't connected at all. Now all of these places are connected by zones, and that is where the learning events happen.

- NAWs starts the process and makes the introductions, then the members take it from there.
- Russia was a prime example of this, they are now all connected thru the Russian zone.
- NAWs brought together Iran and other Arab nations, now they have Arabic literature
- They started the Middle East convention, and are talking about a Middle East zone

North America



Attendance at:

- 12 Zonal forums
- 12 Service Events
- FSS and WSLD: NAWs attends and assists because they are learning weekends, not just business sessions
- WSLD is very PR oriented, NAWs participated and assisted for the weekend and the professional day
- 1 Convention

Latin America

Attendance at:



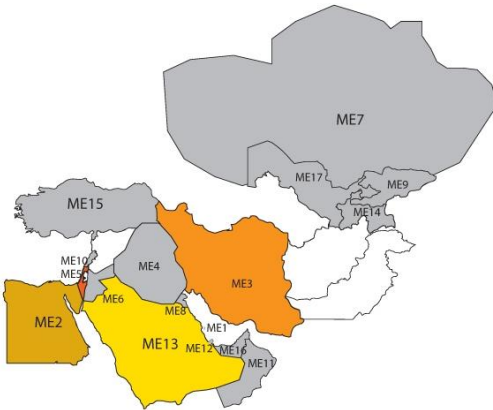
- 2 Zonal Forums (LAZF, BZF)
- 2 Service Events
- Send WB members, but also ask neighbouring communities to assist
- 5 Conventions
- 3 WCNA planning trips
- 1 World Convention
- PR meeting had 500 members attend listening to the perspective of the local professionals
- Our members were well behaved, accepted that it was the professionals' opinions, we didn't have to push ours

Asia Pacific

Attendance at:

- 2 Zonal Forums
 - 22 countries seated at the meeting in Bangkok earlier this year
 - Thai Basic Text was presented to them at this meeting; their first BT meeting had 22 people in attendance
 - There was a Chinese woman who was interviewed in 2013 who was given a LWB in jail, she was the first ever Chinese delegate to the APF meeting
- 1 Service Event
 - Nepal requested a fellowship development trip, requesting we help them to reinvigorate their community after the earthquake. We attended, and had it in a part of eastern Nepal, which borders on Bangladesh, NEFR and another country. It was thought that 60 people would attend, but over 200 people showed up.
 - There were people sitting in the window sills; did welcoming all members and collaboration; made commitments to continue with translations
- 2 Conventions
- 2 Literature distribution Centre visits
- Did a presentation at Queen's Institute Drug Institution: did a presentation to over 100 professionals a few years back, and now we have a Basic Text in Thai for them to distribute
- The first Living Clean meeting is starting up in Katmandu

Middle East



Attendance at:

- 1 NAWS event
- 1 Convention
- When attending meetings in the Middle East, it is easy for NAWS staff to see that we have no real problems. NA may be different in each culture, but we all have principles that transmit to each culture
 - Getting women into meetings has been prioritized at the Middle East workshops
 - Major strides are being made in Egypt, they are growing quickly, lots of literature projects, and women allowed in meetings
 - 99% of all women in meetings in Iran or Egypt

Eastern Europe



Attendance at:

- 2 Russian Zonal Forums
- 2 Events in Ukraine
- 2 Conventions in Kazakhstan
- 1 Convention in Moldova
- Social media is a big topic, they have a secret Facebook group that has grown to over 4000 members.
- Have a virtual service committee: it has members from all around Russia
- If you can't attend a real meeting, they have Skype virtual meetings
- Celebrated the 25th anniversary of NA in Russia!

Moldova:

- Workshop was done in collaboration with the EDM.
- The most important topic was H&I: a list was made of all the institutions, and each place was visited; they talked about strengths and weaknesses

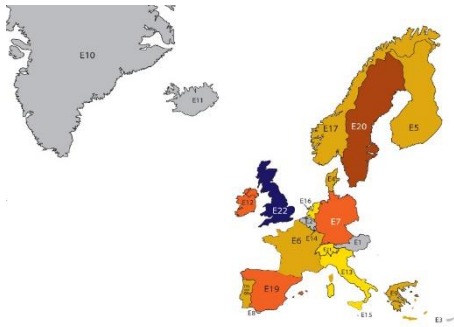
Ukraine:

- NA fellowship is about 25 years old here
- Having talks with the government about the possibility of drug courts
- NAWS provided information on how this works in the US

Kazakhstan:

- Is a very large country situated between Afghanistan and Russia, with a small fellowship
- When NAWS first travelled there, the local fellowship had no idea how to get together or how to start providing services.
- The fellowship is only 7 years old

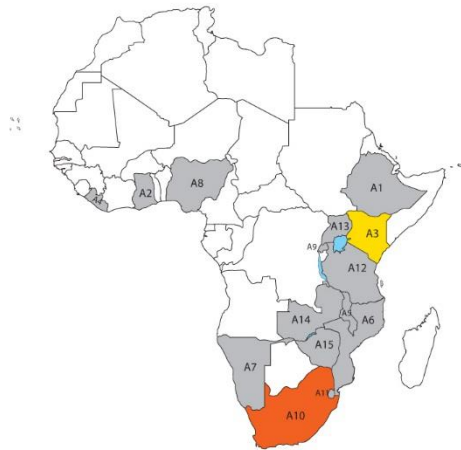
Western Europe:



Attendance at:

- 4 Zonal Forums
 - 2 Service Events
 - 4 Conventions
 - ⊙ More than half the regions in Europe are not seated
 - ⊙ They do FD very well, by talking to each other on a regular basis: connecting and collaborating
 - ⊙ They sponsor each other: regions sponsoring regions
- ⊙ The 1st European Service Learning days was held in the past year
- There was funding assistance available to anyone that was not a delegate: H&I, translations, etc, to get more people attending
 - Over 100 people from over 23 countries attended

Africa



Attendance at:

- 1 Zonal Forum
 - 2 Conventions
 - ⊙ Areas of the NA map that are white are communities which have no meetings, and there is a lot of white on The African Continent
 - ⊙ Meetings start then stop, then move then stop again; no consistency
 - ⊙ The only stable NA community is on South Africa
 - ⊙ NAWS funds zones initially until they can become self-sustaining: Africa is still fully funded by NAWS
 - ⊙ Having the NA communities meet and work together has helped them to stabilize, and has tremendously helped get translation going
- ⊙ At the African convention, members attending were asked where they were from. If there was no meeting there, the members were given a starter kit to assist. There are now 8 new meetings in Daar-Es-Salaam because of this initiative
- ⊙ The Basic Text in Swahili will be completed within the next week or so. There was a bad translation of the baby blue version brought over and flooded the continent, then a bad translation of the 2nd edition was taken. They are now getting the real version. They need to read the true NA message, and not have to deal with the North American politics

Budget

Highlights:

- Low estimate on projected sales of Guiding Principles, in order to not depend on guesstimated income; we can judge income on this better after a few years of sales
- Income from Living Clean has plateaued; despite many Living Clean meetings, the sales have dropped off
- Currently have enough funds in reserve to cover 3.8 months of costs

FIPT and NA Literature

FIPT – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust: This assembly, the WSC is the trustee of the FIPT
There are three main issues facing us today:

1. Illicit literature/grey books
2. Registering group with NAWS that use non NA approved literature
3. Area/Regional websites posting recovery literature

Illicit Literature:

- These books combine previous versions of the Basic Text. They are the 3rd edition revised with the essays on the 4th and 9th Traditions taken from the 2nd edition. This language places the NA service structure outside of NA
- This combination was never an approved version of the Basic Text
- When the fellowship approved the 6th edition, that became the only legal version for sale and distribution, and sale and distribution is strictly thru NAWS
- The production of this hybrid version conflicts with the conscience of the fellowship
- This violates the copyright
- Literature for personal use by our members is okay to modify: for example, modifying the Step Working Guide, bringing an older version of a book to a step study meeting; these are all okay
- We're not talking about personal use, but strictly about sale and distribution
- There were two bulletins created and sent out this cycle to address this issue:
 - Bulletin about NA copyrights and literature:
<http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/bulletins/NA%20Literature%20and%20Copyrights.pdf> and
 - Group Conscience and NA Literature:
http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/bulletins/Group_Conscience_and_NA_Literature.pdf
- As long as our members stay silent and allow this continue, nothing will change
- Cease and desist letters have been sent, threats of lawsuits have been made; this has done nothing to stop this behaviour; we have been told "please take us to court"
- There was a lawsuit in 1991 about the exact same issue, which did not resolve the issue; it seems unlikely that legal action would change the behaviour now
- At the 1991 WSC, there were motions brought to the floor:
 - 1. To reconsider which edition of the Basic Text should be produced; this motion failed
 - 2. To produce the edition of the text that was ratified by the WSC; this motion failed
 - 3. To obtain a group-by-group tally of all registered groups on the above motions; this motion failed
- The 6th edition is the only edition approved for NAWS production and distribution is solely through NAWS; the only exception is translated literature that has not been updated yet
- The conscience of the fellowship to date has been consistent with the FIPT

- People continue to defy the guidance of the FIPT; this is in direct conflict with the will of the fellowship, as well as the law

Grey Form and Group Registration:

- The Grey form is the original draft copy of the Basic Text, before the changes that were approved by the conference.
- This was never meant to be used in meetings, it is strictly a historical document.
- Review and input drafts are not intended for meeting use and are not fellowship approved

Group Registration:

- Groups are not required to register with NAWS, but it is encouraged, when registered they are in the online meeting search, and the meeting locator app
- Quite often the name of the group is indicative of a group not following the FIPT: *ex. The Grey Group*
- Consideration for registration (taken from the Group Booklet):
 - Group name (like First Baptist NA group)
 - Lack of NA terminology (ex. Not knowing the ASC)
 - Group location (individual's home)
 - Non-NA member registration (treatment professional, pastor)
 - Unusual access requirements (must also be a member of...)
- Where there are obvious concerns, NAWS reaches out to the group to get clarity which usually resolves most common issues
- A number of groups have not been registered recently because of the Grey Form issue; they tried to register as a "Grey form study"

ASC/RSC Posting Literature online:

- Duplication by paper or digital is not permitted by the FIPT
- The ASCs doing this have been asked numerous times to remove the posted literature
- There are currently 12-15 websites that have our book length pieces on them
- We can contact the ISP (Internet Service Provider) and send a copy of the FIPT, showing that the posted items are done illegally. The ISP will most likely shut down the site.
- The concerns raised were that if the sites are shut down then addicts won't be able to find meetings, but this is not the case if the meetings are listed on the NAWS database

The Ecuador RD shared that their region usually sells a literature through their groups and region, but due to illicit literature landing in their fellowship, they have only \$1500 in book sales in the past 6 months. They have a debt with NAWS for over \$20,000, and this is directly affecting their ability to repay that debt. *The day after sharing this information, we were informed that the information had been recorded and posted online, and the RD had received threats from people back home that were involved in the selling of the illicit literature.*

This is no longer just a US problem: this is happening in 26-27 US regions, 2 regions in the APF, 2 in the LZP, and 1 in Africa

Questions posed to the Conference:

1. Do we believe that the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT?

95% yes / 5% no

2. Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA-Fellowship approved?

26% yes / 74% no

3. Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site? (This may require ongoing action if a new site is created.)

71% yes / 29% no

Discussion was had about these issues, trying to come up with some solutions:

Discussion: Illicit texts: what more can NAWS do:

Educate And Inform:

- Educate the fellowship
- IDT about the issue
- Make workshops about gratitude and responsibility to not buy illicit literature
- Create a guide line booklet to distribute in the groups
- Create a resource for service bodies to use with institutions that are using illicit literature
- Fellowship dialogue about group conscience and “fellowship approved”

Dialogue/Mediation

- Bring parties together for mediation
- Dialogue with NAWs and those who are behind the issue

Legal Action

- Legal or other action against companies printing illicit literature
- Litigation

Registering Groups Using Illicit Literature

Educate, Clarify, Inform

- Define illicit literature and what is approved lit
- IDT about the issue
- Go to the meeting – ask to remove materials and say why
- Discuss with groups using non-NA lit: do they understand this is outside our principles
- Clear definition of NA group/meeting

Don't Register/Remove

- Not register them, give them information about FIPT
- Warn them first, remove them if they aren't willing to comply with the Group Booklet

Revise Literature/Create New Literature

- Education at the group level: update Group Booklet
- Have an IP to help educate members

Register

- Register the groups and inform them, using spiritual principles
- Send approved literature to the group when they ask for registration

ASC/RSC Websites:

Ask First, Then Take Further Action

- Notice prior to action
- RSC web servant can remove the ASC that has PDFs from the regional site
- Take action, close down the website by contacting the ISP

Educate/Inform

- Education: raise awareness about FIPT issues
- Educate the fellowship about what actions can be taken
- Generate letter from WSC not just from NAWs: simple, comprehensible
- Broad based “campaign” – videos, posters, etc to educate members on consequences with concrete examples
- Contact – please stop

Ask, But Don’t Take Action That May Remove Meeting Info

- Be very careful about removing meetings
- Continued communication but don’t affect the primary purpose of providing meeting info
- Don’t dare remove (close down) website

Work With Other Local Service Bodies

- Partner with RSCs to encourage ASCs to comply with FIPT and protect our literature
- Explore an incentive package to those ASC/RSCs that are willing to listen

Moving Forward Session, had final discussion of options:

1. Do we want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature?
61% yes / 33% no
2. Are former editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature different in your mind than the hybrid versions that have been created and never approved in that form?
79% yes / 10% no
3. Do we want an additional statement from WSC 2016?
Two straw polls were taken on this issue during the Moving Forward session.

First Poll	Second Poll
62% yes / 31% no	66% yes / 34% no

We are proposing that we poll today and craft a statement to be sent to delegates for a 90-day review and approval. Or a 60-day review and 30-day approval.

The Future of the WSC

Content provided by James (RDA)

Planning our future and the needs of NA workshop began with a review of our goals for the upcoming sessions. This was the first of 3 sessions of the future of the WSC. Providing some historical background of how we got to where we are today. In early World Service Conferences there were 45 seated regions, 6 of these non US and today 112 seated and 45 non US. We are in need of strategies to effectively meet our worldwide fellowship. The size and effectiveness of the conference is becoming more challenging and consensus is more difficult. Having small breakouts provides some opportunities. The conference costs for WSC 2014 were \$465,000 and this is only for lodging, transportation and food. It does not include room setup, AV equipment and staffing. Planning our future sessions at the 2014 WSC aimed at identifying a path forward and possibilities for a sustainable conference. No decisions were made but common ideas surfaced. An NA needs mind map was developed at the 2014 WSC examining the needs of NA. At the 2016 WSC delegates broke off in to breakout rooms to review the previous conferences work and to see if there was anything missing or new to be added. Items in red are some of the additions by this year's conference participants.

1. Spiritually Based processes.
 - Make service more attractive
2. Collaboration
 - Synchronize planning cycles
3. Inclusivity/Diversity
 - Include Rural and Isolated areas
4. Sustainability/Resources
 - 7th Tradition workshops for all levels
5. Translations
6. Communication
7. Leadership/Mentorship/Training
 - Explore ideas for Service Sponsorship
 - Make better use of available skills
 - Encourage recovery principles in service
8. Shared Global Perspective
 - Conflict resolution
 - Issues affecting NA as a whole

We also looked at the mind map of why we come together.

1. Oversight
2. Legal Responsibilities
3. Community Building.
4. Vision and Purpose.
 - Unified PR approaches
 - Conflict resolution
5. Global Coordination/Sharing Best Practices
 - Encouraging service sponsorship
 - Bringing recovery in to service
 - Making best use of existing skills and talent
 - Syncing planning cycles

A workgroup was formed to study the information from WSC 2104. There were 3 questions that came from this.

1. Do you agree with the discussion results that seemed to favour some form of zonal seating?
2. Would another form of seating be better- State/Nation/Province or something else?
3. What can we do to ensure an effective and sustainable WSC in the future?

The planning our future workshops over the week picked up from there and our further work will help to carry the conversation forward. The planning sessions helped us to provide a framework that will give us questions to propose to the fellowship. Input from the regions will be in the 2018 CAR.

A poll was done to ask which regions had the conversations within their regions and it was 82 have and 29 had not. A second poll was done to explore other options, was there anything we wanted to do?

1. No change **18%**
2. No change in representation but other changes such as delegates only at the WSC. **20%**
3. Zonal seating, whether current zones or something else. **41%**
4. Some other basis for change in representation, such as State/Nation or Province. **20%**

Together as a Conference we need to begin clarifying what each of these options mean that we had prioritized to be able to present this information to the fellowship in the 2018 CAR. Some of the questions we asked during our second breakout sessions were as follows with the top ideas prioritized.

Option 1: Zonal Seating

What specific ideas do you have for zonal seating? Existing zones? Something else? Number of delegates per zone? Ideas for/criteria for future seating of zones that request it?

7-10 Zones Geography/Language/Cultures

- Zones provide services; WSC does strategic planning
- Not necessarily zones as they currently exist, but some may remain the same
- Options for delegation:
 - Equal voting but different delegation: some zones have more delegates
 - Or equal delegations
 - or proportional delegation based on # of meetings.

5 delegates per zone

- Existing zones with exception of US
- Allows for region splits
- Purpose defined by needs
- More resources for zones, less for WSC
- WSC meets less often- 3 year cycle

Zones as they currently sit

Option 2: No change in representation, but other changes

What specific ideas do you have for other changes?

What can we do to make the WSC more effective and more able to accommodate growth? How can we sustain our current model?

More effective time management

- Vote once
- No formal business sessions
- RDs workshop all proposals in breakouts
- Take care of business first

WSC as a planning session

Create Car at the WSC for the next WSC

Old business only voted on not debated.

Option 3: Some other basis for change in representation

What other ideas do you have for representation? What are the specifics of that idea? If not regions or zones, what type of seating at the WSC would be ideal?

Continental representation

- Rep for every continent and WSC every 3 years
- Use of technology between meetings
- Off year coming together as a continent (i.e. N America, S America, Asia, Africa, Europe.)
- Scalable and allows for growth
- Change by countries

Through working together for a shared understanding of our direction of where to go from here, we began to frame questions in order to gather the fellowships input. This was a daunting task as there were many differing viewpoints and time constraints due to old business sessions taking as long as it did to complete.

Questions we asked ourselves to help us get where we need to be:

1. What would it take to get us to consensus?
2. What questions must we ask the fellowship about the future of these options?
3. How can we frame the discussion in a way that avoids the roadblocks, some of the regions encounter, when talking about trying to have this conversation with their regions?

Over the next 2 years the fellowship will be looking to expand and develop new ideas towards these and our other goals to improving the structure and the way we communicate at the World Service

Conference. The World Board has been directed by the fellowship to move forward to work toward building upon the work we have done at the 2016 WSC on planning our future. I look forward to seeing over the coming months the tools that are going to be made available to help us.

Email communication will be used as a tool to help us frame the questions moving forward

New Business

New Business is when the project plans from the Conference Approval Track (CAT) and the NAWs budget were dealt with, as well as all new regional proposals.

There were 60 items to be dealt with in total:

- 8 budget related items including the project plan approvals
- 9 Seating items
- 7 Future of the WSC items
- 8 Literature items
- 17 Process and Procedure items
- 2 Delegate Communication Items
- 2 Nomination Process Items
- 1 WSC Mission Statement Item
- 3 WCNA Items
- 1 NAWs Inventory Item

The session started at 9 am and concluded at 1 am with a motion to adjourn; there was a misunderstanding about this motion: the general thought seemed to be that if we adjourned we would pick up again the next day, but that is not the case; a motion to adjourn is to basically say that we are done business.

We did a straw poll only on the final proposals on Saturday afternoon; there was no discussion had on them, and the ones that had support were forwarded to the WB for action

CAT Motions

Motion #19: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Recovery Literature project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle

Carried 123-1-2-0

Motion #20: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Service Tools project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Carried 120-5-1-0

Motion #21: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Collaboration in Service project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Carried 120-3-3-0

Motion #22: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Future of the WSC project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Carried 119-6-1-0

Motion #23: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Fellowship Development and Public Relations project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Carried 120-3-2-1

Motion #24: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Social Media as a PR Tool project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Carried 116-6-2-2

Motion #25: It was M/C World Board

To approve the 2016–2018 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried 121-3-2-0

Seating

Proposal A: It was M/C World Board

To seat the Grande São Paulo Region at the WSC.

Carried 110-9-3-3

Proposal B: It was M/C World Board

To seat the HOW Region at the WSC.

Carried 115-6-2-3

Proposal C: It was M/C World Board

To seat the Rio de Janeiro Region at the WSC.

Carried 116-5-2-3

New Business Proposals

There were 3 proposals approved regarding changes in language in the Guide to World Services, putting into the guide the language that we approved in Old Business for how we conduct business; this was done because the process used worked.

Proposal BD: Greece Region

To ask the delegates to go back to their regions with the question/workshop below: “What is that your region thinks and feels about zonal representation?”

Intent: To bridge the gap of lacking information about what zones/WSC/seated/unseated regions are and could work better.

Approved: 79-40-2-5

There were 4 proposals all regarding eliminating the need for formal business after discussion and straw polls that were polled together. The body had strong support for these, the idea has been referred to the World Board to suggest recommendations for change to the GSW for WSC2018

These are the proposals that were straw polled on Saturday and committed to the WB:

Proposal AZ Western Russia Region

We suggest to develop a multilingual service network which would reflect our core service structure.

Intent: We feel this network would be a practical service aid that helps to improve our communications, establish better connections with remote groups and regions and make our worldwide fellowship more accessible.

67-35-5-8 support



Proposal AQ South Florida Region

To create a project plan for inclusion in the 2018 CAT to review the HRP processes and present proposals in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report for improvements to those processes.

Intent: To create a project plan for 2018 CAT.

69-40-2-4 support

Proposal AJ South Florida Region

Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) will be selected based on the following process: By August 1 following the World Service Conference (WSC), NAWS will create a section on na.org for IDT submissions. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to add an item to the poll. Beginning February 1 in the year before the WSC the process of voting on the poll will start. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to vote on the choices in the poll. The poll will close on the final day as set by the Guide to World Services (GTWS) for regional motion submissions. The top six Issue Discussion Topics in the poll will be placed in the Conference Agenda Report and voted on in old business at the World Service Conference with the top three being the Issue Discussion Topics for that next conference cycle.

Intent: To have more direct and specifically defined fellowship involvement in the creation and selection of Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics.

59-51-4-3 support

Proposal L German Speaking Region

To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to study sustainability of WCNA in the future.

Intent: To increase sustainability of WCNA.

59-55-1-2 support

Proposal BN Wisconsin Region

To create a workgroup who shall develop a methodology to assess the progress of NAWS since the creation of a single unified board as a result of the World Services Inventory conducted in the mid to late 1990's.

Intent: As a worldwide fellowship, we need to occasionally examine the performance of NAWS in order for the relationship of the worldwide fellowship and NAWS to remain focused and on course. This performance appraisal to be made by the worldwide fellowship appears to be overdue. This project will undoubtedly honor the theme of the 2016 WSC; Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill, thereby fostering unity and our common welfare which is in keeping with values and ideals alluded to in the First Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous.

56-55-3-2 support

All of the remaining proposals were defeated. For a complete listing of all motions and proposals, you can request a copy of the WSC 2016 Draft Summary of Decisions.

WSC 2016