

This issue of *NAWS News* is bursting with information and celebration. Our struggles to rebuild, revitalize, and fund services after the losses we experienced in the pandemic are far from over, but we are grateful for the sunshine we see in so many areas now. We can't wait to share it all with you.

WORLD CONVENTION OF NA (WCNA)

www.na.org/wcna

Are you registered yet? It's going to be an unforgettable experience, and it's unlikely that there will be another World Convention in the United States before 2030—so don't miss this! There is a benefit to registering sooner rather than later: Pre-registration merchandise is only available until 30 April, and seating at main meetings and ticketed events is determined by when you register.

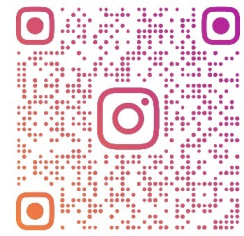
There is a lot to see in DC, and we've contracted with a tour company to give WCNA registrants a discount. We've lined up more free (with registration) musical events. There are still plenty of hotel rooms. The celebration keeps growing. Check it all out at www.na.org/wcna.

After considering a variety of options for Saturday night, we decided that we wanted a PARTY for all of us. DC's own Go-Go band Proper Utensils will be throwing down in the main space for a dance party. Go-Go is to DC as Zydeco is to New Orleans—a local invention that changed music everywhere. But if it's not your thing, The Classic Rock Experience will be covering hits from Led Zeppelin, Queen, Pink Floyd, and more in the coffeehouse to spread the joy. Both these events are included in the WCNA registration price, rather than requiring an extra ticket. We want to add value where we can for conventiongoers, and add unity where we can, in celebration. We are so grateful to be clean and free, to be alive and together again, and to be back in DC after 39 years—let's dance!

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS/ PUBLIC RELATIONS (H&I/PR)

We have big, good news. The Federal Bureau of Prisons has asked us to make a presentation to the wardens of all 122 federal institutions in the US. This is unexpected and is happening soon. Following this presentation we hope that many prisons that have not previously had NA meetings will be interested. If there is a federal prison in your service area, get ready! We want to ensure that we can maximize our reach while this window is open.

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NARCOTICSANONYMOUS

Reaching Out (www.na.org/reachingout), the publication for members who are incarcerated and those who care about them, is back in print and picking up steam. The Ohio corrections department has requested 20 copies for every institution in Ohio—500 total—every quarter. We are so glad that they see the benefit for their incarcerated addicts, and so grateful our members inside are getting another chance to hear the message of Narcotics Anonymous.

The *Revitalizing H&I Service* webinar on 23 March was a great success, as well. Members shared inspiring and useful experience bringing H&I service back up and carrying the message in some challenging circumstances—including members in Ukraine who are still getting it done. The meeting was simultaneously interpreted into Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. Audio and reports from the latest webinar are always posted at www.na.org/webinar and there's a great archive here: www.na.org/webarchive.

The H&I Basics survey that had been posted since August 2023 came down at the end of March. Participation was strong and amazingly diverse. We are a worldwide fellowship. Creativity and technology increasingly allow us to collaborate worldwide on projects that matter to our members. We received responses from 1,297 members in 43 countries. The survey was posted in twelve languages! Work will start on revising *H&I Basics* soon, and your input will guide that project as it goes forward.

WEBINAR FOR SERVICE DAY

Our next open webinar will be an early celebration of Service Day, which is every year on 1 May. Tune in on 27 April, 11:00 am–12:30 pm PDT, to hear experience and share your ideas

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about virtual services—both delivering services virtually and in a hybrid format, and how virtual groups are connecting to the service system. We're taking a hybrid approach to this webinar—in concert with the Northeastern States Service Symposium (NESSNA). There will be small-group discussions both online and in the room at NESSNA. This is new for us, and this topic seems to be the perfect opportunity to try something different. Participants in person and online will have an opportunity to learn, share, and contribute to the virtual service tools we continue to create.



Let's celebrate **27 April**
11 am–12:30 pm PDT
(18:00–19:30 GMT)

with a webinar about
Service on the Screen:
Getting Connected and
Staying Clean

After some members present successes, small group discussions will help guide future service material on virtual services.

Webinar ID: 860 5057 8648 Passcode: 1953
 Spanish and Portuguese translation provided.
 Contact wb@na.org if you require other interpretation.

CONTRIBUTE

www.na.org/give

If you're reading *NAWS News*, we can guess a few things about you: You're an interested member who cares about Narcotics Anonymous. You have a commitment to seeing that the message is carried to addicts who suffer, in your community and beyond. The importance of direct contributions has been understood since World Services' inception, and the pandemic underscored the vital importance of funding our services by consistent contributions, rather than literature sales. Growing direct contributions has been a focus for the World Board for many years, and we hope you will consider joining us in this effort if you haven't already. After all, established members with cleantime and some security probably have all the books already. Of course you're coming to the convention—smiles. Making regular contributions is one way to participate in our self-support, ensuring that those of us who are most able carry more of the weight of service provision. Direct contributions help create a more stable, consistent, and predictable fund flow so services don't have to be interrupted or curtailed when hard times come.

Most of our recurrent contributions go through Donorbox, which now allows members to contribute in 48 different types of currency. We have also added Venmo as an option for one-time contributions.

Please go to www.na.org/give for more information on how to participate in this effort. We are grateful for your interest.

FINDING IN-PERSON AND ONLINE MEETINGS

www.na.org/meetingsearch

Getting an addict to a meeting might be the most important service work we do. But in some ways, it can be the most challenging. Many of our efforts locally and globally share this simple goal—whether members are working with their local PR committee helping to raise awareness, carry meetings into institutions, or keep their local meeting list current, we know this work saves lives.

With more than 72,000 meetings worldwide, keeping the database at NAWS up to date had been a losing battle. The last thing anyone wants is for an addict to get to a place and find no meeting there. So we changed our approach: Instead of trying to list every group and track every change in location or time, we now link to local meeting lists, phonelines, and websites. In this way we can ensure the most current information and the greatest likelihood of helping an addict find a meeting.

If you're looking for an in-person meeting, you can enter a location in the textbox or click on your current location; pins on the map will connect you to the nearest service body with a meeting list or phonenumber; there's also a list of websites available to connect to a meeting list. It's a couple more steps for those of you used to using the old NAWS meeting finder, but *much* more accurate—and that's a worthwhile trade-off.

If you're looking for a meeting online, www.virtualna.org now goes to our virtual meeting search. Here you will find meetings listed by time and date—converted automatically to the time zone from which you're searching.

The launch has had a few hiccups as the technology went live. One of the most disturbing was that in our efforts to make the information more accessible to members, we also made it more accessible to Zoom bombers. We have modified the page to make it more difficult for them to mass copy the data. If you're looking for a meeting, just select a language from the dropdown menu to see your options.

Thanks for working with us through this launch. We hope you'll report any issues or inaccuracies you find to nadata@na.org—and that you get to a meeting!

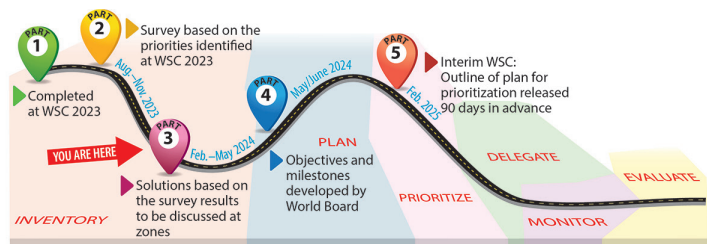
ISSUE DISCUSSION TOPICS (IDTs)

www.na.org/idt

Workshop materials and surveys for all four Issue Discussion Topics are now posted: Reimagining and Revitalizing Service Committees is the newest in the collection. This workshop helps members, groups, and service bodies think about how to carry the message more effectively, how to adapt to changes wrought by the pandemic, and how to do more with less.

At some level this is about planning. Planning helps us be creative. It may sound dull at first, but it's exactly the opposite: planning together helps us imagine new approaches and create the opportunities to put them into action. It strengthens our unity and makes us more effective.

The other IDTs this cycle are Dealing with Disruptive and Predatory Behavior; Gender-Neutral and Inclusive Language in NA Literature; and DRT/MAT as it Relates to NA. Each IDT has a survey form to collect results at www.na.org/survey. Whether you're doing these workshops with your home-group, area, zone, or at an event, please take the time to send us your results. These surveys help us to hear and collate your experience, your wisdom, and your concerns, and advance the discussion to lead to future discussions and tools.



PLANNING

Planning is on our minds. We're more than halfway through Part 3 of the new NAWS planning process. It's been intense! We've been running workshops with conference participants from around the world—mostly on Zoom but also in person at some events, including the Latin American Zonal Forum, European Delegates Meeting, and the Asia Pacific Forum. The workshops have gone well, and we've heard lots of great feedback from participants. Results from each workshop are being posted for conference participants as we go; the World Board will discuss the results in June and determine next steps. One thing is clear: virtual meeting technology is allowing us to be more inclusive and more collaborative with conference participants than ever before. We are grateful to everyone who is participating in this unprecedented process.

NA WORLD SERVICES TRAVEL

We have had much success participating in events and service bodies virtually over the past several years, delivering NAWS updates and facilitating workshops online. But we have also been on the road again with recent trips to the American Corrections Association in DC, the World Service Offices in Canada and Europe for the first time since pre pandemic, the European Delegates Meeting, the Asia Pacific Forum, and the Florida Service Symposium. We do our best to maximize the value of these trips. We are still trying to economize and do what we can by connecting virtually, and so we hope those requesting board participation will consider including us via virtual connection when possible.

NEW TRANSLATIONS

We now have a full complement of translations staff, and the results are reverberating around the world. There is so much work being done—in the last months we have been supporting local translation committees in more than 40 communities. The newest language we're working with is

Sinhala, spoken in Sri Lanka, where members are developing their glossary and translating IP #1.

The Translations Team is also working with the FD committees of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) and the European Delegates Meeting (EDM) to help new and existing local translation committees progress in their efforts. We're developing a new translations workshop with the EDM FD Committee that will happen virtually in May. We have held several with them and they have all been different and productive.

Some of our latest publications include: *Guiding Principles* in Italian and Brazilian Portuguese, *It Works: How and Why* in Dutch, *PR Basics* in Swedish, *The Group Booklet* in Italian, IP #21 in Tamil, IP #30 in Polish and Russian, and the *Group Trusted Servants* service pamphlet in Turkish.

Addicts can be welcomed at NA meetings with white key-tags in 65 languages: www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/media/web/KeytagLegendPoster_Mar24.pdf

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL (HRP) REPORT

Hello to all from the HRP. Here is a short update on our work and reminders of upcoming dates. We continue our work this cycle, meeting regularly via online meetings. We look forward to getting together with conference participants at the CP webinar scheduled for 11 am (PDT) 18 May 2024. You may recall that we will be talking about *leadership identification* as it applies to the RBZ Recommendation process (www.na.org/?ID=HRP-Info8). And forward from there, we will offer workshop resources to conduct your own sessions. We will begin collecting RBZ recommendations 1 October 2024, with a deadline twelve months later, on 30 September 2025. You may want to review our report from the January 2024 NAWS News for a more complete perspective on all of our activities this conference cycle.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **February–May:** Planning sessions at zones
- **27 April:** Webinar open to all—Service on the Screen: Getting Connected and Staying Clean
- **1 May:** Service Day
- **18 May:** Conference participant web meeting on leadership identification
- **First full week in June:** PR Week
- **28 November:** Interim CAR/CAT for decision in 2025
- **As soon as possible, no later than 60 days before the interim meeting:** Translated Interim CAR/CAT
- **28 February & 1 March 2025:** Interim WSC meeting
- **3–9 May 2026:** World Service Conference 2026

We welcome your ideas and input: worldboard@na.org