

Home Group Name _____

December Nominations

Ballot Form

Area Vice Chair yes _____ no _____ abstain _____

Literature Chair yes _____ no _____ abstain _____

December Motion

12A yes _____ no _____ abstain _____

HOME GROUP

LASCNA ORDER FORM: UPDATED JANUARY 2014

Column1 Column2

Description Column3 Column4 Column5 Column6
Item # Quantity Price Total

Books

| Description | Item # | Quantity | Price | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Basic Text (Hard Cover) 6th Edition | 1101 | | \$11.55 | |
| Basic Text (Soft Cover) 6th Edition | 1102 | | \$11.55 | |
| Basic Text (Mini) 6th Edition | 1106 | | \$11.55 | |
| It Works: How & Why (Hard Cover) | 1140 | | \$9.00 | |
| It Works: How & Why (Soft Cover) | 1143 | | \$9.00 | |
| It Works: How & Why (Mini) | 1144 | | \$9.00 | |
| JFT Meditation | 1112 | | \$9.00 | |
| JFT Meditation (Mini) | 1113 | | \$9.30 | |
| An Introductory Guide to NA | 1200 | | \$2.00 | |
| Step Working Guide | 1400 | | \$8.50 | |
| Sponsorship Book | 1130 | | \$8.25 | |
| Living Clean: (Hard Cover) | 1150 | | \$9.75 | |
| Living Clean: (Soft Cover) | 1151 | | \$9.75 | |

Booklets

| Description | Item # | Quantity | Price | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| Twelve Concepts | 1164 | | \$2.05 | |
| NA White Booklet | 1500 | | \$0.75 | |
| In Times of Illness | 1603 | | \$3.20 | |
| The Group Booklet | 1600 | | \$0.95 | |
| Behind the Walls | 1601 | | \$0.95 | |
| Fourth Step Guide | 3110 | | \$0.77 | |
| NA: A Resource in Your Community | 1604 | | \$0.40 | |

Small Booklets

| Description | Item # | Quantity | Price | Total |
|--|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| IP #2 The Group | 3102 | | \$0.31 | |
| IP #17 For Those in Treatment | 3117 | | \$0.31 | |
| IP #21 The Loner | 3121 | | \$0.31 | |
| IP #24 Money Matters: Self-Support in NA | 3124 | | \$0.53 | |

Pamphlets

| Description | Item # | Quantity | Price | Total |
|--|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| IP #1 Who, What, How, & Why | 3101 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #5 Another Look | 3105 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #6 Recovery & Relapse | 3106 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #7 Am I an Addict | 3107 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #8 Just for Today | 3108 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #9 Living the Program | 3109 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #11 Sponsorship | 3111 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #12 Triangle | 3112 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #13 By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts | 3113 | | \$0.31 | |
| IP #14 One Addict's Experience | 3114 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #15 PI & the NA Member | 3115 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #16 For the Newcomer | 3116 | | \$0.24 | |
| IP #19 Self-Acceptance | 3119 | | \$0.24 | |

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| IP #20 H&I and the NA Member | 3120 | \$0.24 |
| IP #22 Welcome to NA | 3122 | \$0.24 |
| IP #23 Staying Clean on the Outside | 3123 | \$0.24 |
| IP #26 Accessibility | 3126 | \$0.24 |
| IP # 27 For the Parents/Guardians of Young People | 3127 | \$0.31 |
| IP #28 Funding NA Services | 3128 | \$0.35 |

Service Products

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| H&I Handbook with Audio CD | 2101 | \$9.65 |
| H&I Basics | 2101G | \$0.60 |
| Public Relations Handbook (3 hole) | 2102 | \$9.85 |
| Public Relations Handbook (4 hole) | 2102A | \$9.85 |
| PR Basics | 2102B | \$1.75 |
| A Guide to World Services in NA | 2104 | \$4.30 |
| Literature Committee Handbook | 2105 | \$2.50 |
| Handbook for NA Newsletters | 2106 | \$1.90 |
| A Guide to Phoneline Service | 2107 | \$3.60 |
| Treasurer's Handbook | 2109 | \$2.10 |
| Group Treasurer's Workbook | 2110 | \$2.10 |
| A Guide to Local Services in NA | 2111 | \$7.05 |
| Outreach Resource Information | 2113 | \$2.75 |
| Additional Needs Resource Infor. | 2114 | \$2.75 |
| Institutional Group Guide | 2115 | \$4.30 |
| Planning Basics | 2116 | \$2.05 |
| Group Treasurer's Record Pad | 9001 | \$0.68 |
| An Introduction to NA meetings | 2201 | \$0.24 |
| Group Business Meeting | 2202 | \$0.24 |
| Group Trusted Servants: Roles & | 2203 | \$0.24 |
| Disruptive & Violent Behavior | 2204 | \$0.24 |
| NA Groups & Medication | 2205 | \$0.31 |
| Principles & Leadership in NA Ser. | 2206 | \$0.31 |
| Social Media & Our Guiding Prin. | 2207 | \$0.31 |

Keytags

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| Welcome (White) | 4100 | 0.53 |
| 30 Days (Orange) | 4101 | 0.53 |
| 60 Days (Green) | 4102 | 0.53 |
| 90 Days (Red) | 4103 | 0.53 |
| 6 Months (Blue) | 4104 | 0.53 |
| 9 Months (Yellow) | 4105 | 0.53 |
| 1 Yr. (Moonglow) | 4106 | 0.53 |
| 18 Months (Grey) | 4107 | 0.53 |
| Multiple Yrs (Black) | 4108 | 0.53 |

Bronze Medallions

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|-----------|------|--------|
| 18 Months | 43 | \$3.20 |
| 1 Yr. | 4301 | \$3.20 |
| 2 Yr. | 4302 | \$3.20 |
| 3 Yr. | 4303 | \$3.20 |
| 4 Yr. | 4304 | \$3.20 |

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| 5 Yr. | | | |
| 6 Yr. | 4305 | | \$3.20 |
| 7 Yr. | 4306 | | \$3.20 |
| 8 Yr. | 4307 | | \$3.20 |
| 9 Yr. | 4308 | | \$3.20 |
| 10 Yr. | 4309 | | \$3.20 |
| | 4310 | | \$3.20 |

Bronze Medallions - Write In Any Other Years Needed

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| ___ Yr. | | | \$3.20 |
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| ___ Yr. | | | \$3.20 |
| ___ Yr. | | | \$3.20 |

Specialty Items

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|--------------------------|------|--------|
| Group Starter Kit | 9020 | \$6.10 |
| Group Reading (Set of 7) | 9130 | \$4.60 |

Sub-Total: _____

Add 8%: _____

Total: _____

The Louisville Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Nomination Submission Form

" To be turned in at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting in
duplicate: 1 copy to Area Chair/ ASC Executive Subcommittee and 1 copy to
Policy's & Procedures Subcommittee "

Date: _____

Position individual is Nominated for: _____

Submitted By: _____ Homegroup / Subcommittee

Nomination: _____

Have you consulted with the individual being nominated
 YES NO

Does this person meet the position guidelines?
 YES NO

Has this person completed a service resume?
 YES NO

To be turned in 15 min. before meeting in duplicate: 1 copy to Area Chair and 1 copy to the P&P chair.

Motion Number: _____ (to be filled out by Secretary)

Date: _____

Submitted by: _____ Your Name Please Select One

Policy Change?

Please Select One

Have you consulted with committee(s) that this policy will affect?

Please Select One

Is this motion

Please Select One

Where will it be inserted into our P&P Manual?

What is the current language? (if applicable)

What is the proposed language? (or your motion, if not a policy change)

Intent of/or Reason for change:

The Louisville Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Funds Request Form

Sub-Committee _____ Date _____

Sub-Committee Member Making Request

Requested Budget Amount \$ _____

Money is to be Used for (Please Itemize if Necessary)

Current Budget for Year \$ _____

Funds Used thus far \$ _____

Monthly Budget Allotment \$ _____

Remaining Funds for Year After Request \$ _____

Funds allocated by: _____

What experiences (i.e.: School, Work, Volunteer, etc.) have you had that you believe will help you serve in the position to which you are nominated?

Lined writing area for the first question.

Please list any other information that you consider relevant

Lined writing area for the second question.

Conventions

Louisville Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous

The Moment of Clarity UKCNA XXVI
January - 1-3, 2016
Crown Plaza Louisville
830 Phillips Lane
<http://www.nalouisville.org>

Kentuckiana Regional Convention 30

March 26 & 27, 2016
Crown Plaza Louisville Airport
830 Phillips Lane
<http://www.ktscna.org>

Detroit Area's Convention 24 (DACNA)

March 24-27, 2016

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Drive, Detroit MI
<http://www.mhdtgdn-na.org>

Palm Coast Area Spiritual Retreat

Jan 14-17, 2016
Gold Coast Camp
7495 Park Lane Road
Lake Worth FL
<http://www.palmcoastna.org>

Columbia Feb 19-21, 2016
First Caragena Area Convention
Hotel Dorado, Caragena, Columbia,
www.nacolumbia.org/web

Additional info on NA conventions:
<http://www.na.org/events>

DRIED CRANBERRY CHUTNEY APPETIZERS

Ready in minutes using just four ingredients, this chutney is delicious as an appetizer. Also serve it on grilled chicken and in sandwiches.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger
- 3/4 cup mango chutney
- Soft cheese or cream cheese
- Apple slices, diced

Mix in bowl all ingredients, refrigerate one hour.

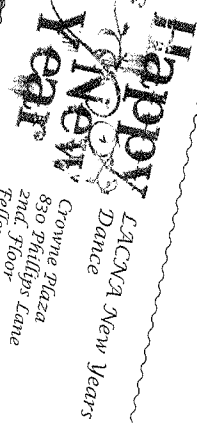
Serve on warm toasted baguette slices or crackers

SERVINGS: 21

1 tablespoon

YIELD: 1 1/2 cups chutney

PREP TIME: 20 mins



Crown Plaza
830 Phillips Lane
2nd Floor
Fellowship starts @ 6pm

WORD SEARCH 8th STEP

A A E S S D F G I H G S F W O
 O E Q P X A P K V N Y L O J B
 Z H V O A S T A T I A R X G I
 Q W P N A G M I W T Q P R Z R
 D I T S Z W A H I R S O K G F
 C I O I L E M O R S O Q K G F
 E V L L B H S N M G T G F O Y Z
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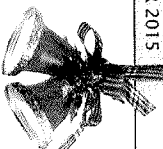
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CONFLICT & ANGER THE FIRE THAT CAN BURN YOUR HOUSE DOWN



At work, at home, on the bus, anywhere, there is conflict and your anger can burn your house down.

Someone hurts us in some way and we want revenge. Going after them is like chasing the person who set your house on fire... better to stay and put out the fire.

We have anger, it is a mental formation inside us a lot like the physical formations such as our stomach or kidneys. Our anger lives in our basement. When provoked it storms up the stairs into the living room wanting to take over. Left unchecked it can take over our whole house causing great damage to us, to others, to our house, to everything we hold dear.

We cannot get rid of our anger just like we cannot get rid of our stomach. It's a part of us. We can however take care of it just like a mother tending her crying baby.

slow, not fast, just letting the breath go back out to join the air.

As I bring my thought back to the next breath and the next I create a sense of being right here, right now. Not thinking of the past, making plans for the future, or scheming for revenge. I just continue thinking of my breath while walking.

It is in this extended PAUSE that the great healing energy of my Higher Power enters and helps me with my anger. More steps, more breathing, more calmness, more NA PAUSE.

Sometimes my anger needs continuing care. I recognize this and continue the practice of thinking of my breath. As other thoughts occur to me I bring my mind back to my breath. This prevents the damage my anger would otherwise do.

It is the energy of my anger that has caused much of the pain in my life. I do the NA PAUSE, the mindful breathing and walking. I take care of my anger, my crying baby. So far my house has not burned down.

I let my anger go back down the stairs and live peacefully in the basement.

submitted by Anonymous

HOLIDAY MARATHON MEETINGS

Dec 25 2pm - 10pm
 Dec 31 4pm - 1am
 1722 Baldstown Rd.

Food, Fun, Fellowship, Recovery (bring a dish if you like)

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Stop

We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Submitted by Anonymous

The previous steps have left us with a need to look closer at the wreckage of our past and become willing to change and amend our behaviors. This is not a to do list this step is about taking responsibility for the harm we've done to others and ourselves. I think it's natural to have some doubts and fears in writing these steps however our sponsor, our higher power, and the fellowship will guide us thru. Our experience tells us that we must become will-

ing before this step will have any effect." (Basic text page 36)

"We cut away our justifications and our ideas of being a victim". (Basic text page 37)

We don't change if we fail to see what we need to change. This is the process in writing, living and working the steps. It takes time as my sponsor and others have pointed out.

"Some of our willingness will come about simply by writing our amends list."

The Second Concept states that "The final responsibility and authority for NA service rests with the NA groups." It goes on to explain that "because the groups have created the service structure, they have the final authority over all its affairs" (elections, motions, policy and procedures, etc.). "By the same token, the groups also have the responsibility for the support of all its activities."

So what does it take to fulfill this responsibility and authority? To fulfill our role in authority we as individual members can join a Home Group and participate in business meetings and group conscience to guide the service structures in carrying out their duties and functions. Every participating Home Group elects a GSR who delivers their Home Group's conscience to the Area and delivers the singular vote on each issue from their respective Home Group. Regardless of the size of each Home Group or the amount of 7th Tradition money collected at the Home Group each month, every Home Group with voting status has 1 vote at Area.

So what are the resources our groups bring to fulfill our responsibility?

THE VOICE OF THE GROUPS

Conscience, Ideas and Direction (the most important resource and is almost exclusively spiritual)

Those who give their time to serve and the people who provide regular support and guidance to their trusted servants.

THE MONEY

This is required to fulfill NA services. Phone lines, meeting schedules, printing and distributing literature, flyers etc. taking meetings and literature into Hospitals and Institutions, paying the rent for the room where Area Service meets, the Storage Unit for our archives, printing and mailing the minutes, the webpage, the mail box, Activities, the Conventions, and sending money on to the Region and World so that the NA message can be carried around the world, etc.

"Since the groups have created the service structure to perform certain tasks, the groups are also responsible to provide the necessary funds." (p.5) (Twelve Concepts for NA Service)

Some groups are small and do not collect a lot of 7th tradition money, but to be a part of the collective WE it is beneficial to contribute even a few dollars each month to the Area. While it is true that we need a certain amount of money to operate as an Area, it is also true that giving something is not only financially good for the Area, but it is also good for the Home Group, because to give something is more rewarding to the spirit than to give nothing.

At this time and for years, more than half of the Home Groups do not donate to Area on a monthly basis. And some Home Groups do not contribute at all ever.

This means that around 40% of the Home Groups carry the financial weight of paying for all of the services from which all of the Home Groups take benefit.

My hope is that all Home Groups contribute to the collective financial support of our Area (and therefore our Region and the World), in order to be a part of the collective WE. A very small contribution is a very large part of being responsible and being a part of self-supporting through our own contributions.

submitted by Stephanie A.

Bottom line here folks...get your home group active in giving to area...editor

AREA POSITIONS OPEN

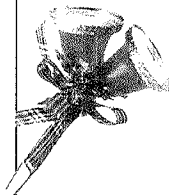
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H & I, Vice Chair,
Literature, LACNA
2016, PR, Newsletter,
Activities



Get Involved!

Please send your newsletter submissions to cleannaversaries@yahoo.com. We invite your recovery oriented articles, poetry, artwork, cartoons, home group announcements, items of interest, cleanaversary celebration date (yrs clean, home group, date celebrating, & time). Submissions are subject to editing for length, content, and grammar.
www.nalouisville.org
HELPLINE
502-569-1769
helpline@nalouisville.org

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Cleannaversaries

- Lisa R.....2yrs.....12/15/15....Agape
- Harry N...7yrs...12/26/15....Caring thru Sharing
- Arnetta...15yrs...12/15/15....Graciously Dedicated
- Steph A.....27 yrs.....1/9/16.....Just Us
- Darren L...18yrs..12/19/15.....Lose The Desire
- Thomas K....10 yrs..12/26/15....Lose The Desire
- Robert J.....21 yrs...12/23/15.Out Of Control
- Charles M.....11yrs..12/9/15..Point Of Freedom
- Nigel H....16 yrs...12/12/15....Step Up Group
- Rex M.....5yrs12/22/15.....We Too Recover
- Ron E.....9yrs.....12/8/15....We Too Recover
- Imani.....21 yrs..12/21/15....Why Are We Here

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LACNA XXVI New Years Eve Celebration Dec 31, 2015, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Ln. 2nd floor, 6pm, speaker, meal, & dance. \$15 per person.

LACNA XXVI Programming

Committee is asking for NA books for convention giveaways to newcomers

LACNA XXVI Workshop chairpersons wanted. 90 days clean time required. Contact David D. Programming chair

Serenity on Sunday has moved to 2501 West Market

Restored To Sanity has moved to 2501 West Market St. noon on Mondays

2016 CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT

With this *NAWS News*, you most likely have found your *CAR*. Yes, we are moving toward WSC 2016. In addition to World Board and regional motions, we want to make you aware of a survey that is within the *CAR*. This survey will help us plan, and we want members to participate by letting us know what recovery literature and service material they want and offering their ideas for Issue Discussion Topics for the next cycle. Additionally, we will be offering the survey online. NA is a "we" fellowship, so we would like you to participate and express your desires. We will be discussing the results from the survey and direction at the Conference. You can participate locally as well as online; the survey can be found at www.na.org/conference.

To help us all better understand the *CAR*, please mark your calendars to join the board in a Conference participant webinar to be held Saturday, 12 December at 10 am PST. To supplement this web meeting, we will be offering *CAR* videos once more and these and more can be found at www.na.org/conference.

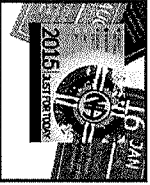
PLANNING OUR FUTURE PACKET

We are also sending a packet of information about the future of the WSC. Contents of the packet include the results from the Role of Zones workshop that many communities participated in, a snapshot of data for zones today in NA, and a narrated PowerPoint on the future of the WSC focusing on sustainability and effectiveness. These materials will also be online at www.na.org/future or by link from the conference page.

2016 CONFERENCE APPROVAL TRACK

As we stated previously, this *CAT* will contain the *NAWS Strategic Plan*, budget, and project plans. Additionally, we will offer ideas for how to handle business and discussions at the WSC, as well as WSC seating recommendations and applications.

All delegates currently have the ability to include material that they would like other Conference participants to discuss in the *Conference Report*. Now, we would like to offer this same ability earlier in the process by adding an additional component to the *CAT* mailing. What this means for all regions is that if you or your region has an issue or idea that you would like to see considered by other participants, delegates can submit their idea/issue to us by 15 December 2015. The ideas and issues received will be distributed with the *CAT* mailing under a separate cover.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

We spent a full day in our strategic planning process. We initially considered what we term "critical concepts" which include making a Vision for NA Service meaningful for members, providing tools that help those who use them, and being able to communicate in a way that reaches members. We moved to a review of identified goals from our previous session and refined a couple of them for clarity. Many of our goals for the upcoming Conference cycle are geared toward fellowship development with PR as a needed component, service tools, raising awareness and understanding of NA among the general public, and potential members, and finding ways to engage RDS in the planning process. Following the goals process, we did our first round of prioritization of goals and plan to finalize this process prior to our January meeting where we will create approaches to accomplish these goals and follow up with project plans for the Conference Approval Track.

PR PAMPHLET

As you may recall in the Strategic Plan offered at WSC 2014, we had a second priority item to create a new PR pamphlet (similar to *Information about NA*) for professionals regarding the medicalization of addiction treatment and the NA Third Tradition. At our meeting we reviewed a draft and offered our thoughts for change and additional pamphlet material. We anticipate this draft pamphlet will be ready for a 90-day conference participant review within the next couple of months. We will alert you via e-blast that the pamphlet is ready for review.

CALENDAR

- Travel requests** (considered by quarter)
Please send in your requests as early as possible:
- 15 February** for April–June
- 15 May** for July–September
- 15 August** for October–December
- Conference Participant Web Meeting**
12 December 2015—10 am PST
- Material to be included in the CAT mailing**
15 December 2015
- Translated Conference Agenda Report** available
24 December 2015
- Conference Approval Track** material available
25 January 2016
- Regional report deadline** 15 February 2016
- Material to be included in the Conference Report**
15 February 2016
- World Service Conference**—Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill
24–30 April 2016

NEWS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NA WORLD SERVICES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...

- We hope you will continue to forward this page by email, or copy it for interested members, your ASCs, and your R3Cs. We continue to encourage people to obtain e-sub to *The NA Way* and *NAWS News*. This helps us to communicate more effectively and control distribution costs.
- World Convention: A preliminary report for WCNA 36 is included with this issue of *NAWS News*. Greater than budgeted expenses and a lower than predicted attendance led to an overall financial loss for the event. On the positive side, we are already seeing Fellowship growth and PR opportunities in Brazil as a result of the event. We want to again thank the members of the support workgroup and the other local volunteers for their unprecedented efforts to make WCNA 36 a reality.
- The 2016 *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* is available at www.na.org/conference, or from the WSO at \$15.00, including tax and shipping. Videos that summarize the contents will again be offered for this *CAR*. Conference participants are invited to join the World Board for a webinar on December 12 at 10 am PST.
- Traditions Project: The approval form of the Traditions workbook, "Guiding Principles—The Spirit of Our Traditions," is available as part of the *CAR* on the Conference webpage. We are thankful to all the members who participated in the process.
- Surveys in the *CAR* will be used to gather information from the Fellowship on what recovery literature and service material they want and their ideas for Issue Discussion Topics for the next cycle. Additionally, we will be offering the survey online on the Conference webpage.
- Planning Our Future packet: This will include the results from the Role of Zones workshops, a snapshot of data for zones today in NA, and a narrated PowerPoint on the future of the WSC. These materials will be available online at www.na.org/future or by a link on the Conference webpage.
- 2016 Conference Approval Track (CAT): The *CAT* material will contain the *NAWS Strategic Plan*, budget, project plans, and WSC seating recommendations and applications. It will be available online on the Conference webpage or from the WSO at \$11.00, including tax and shipping.
- Decision Making at the WSC: Also included in the 2016 *CAT* material will be proposed tools and resources to assist the WSC cofacilitators, along with proposals for better discussing ideas at the WSC and for forwarding input to the *NAWS Strategic Plan*. Delegates will also have the opportunity to include ideas and issues for Fellowship discussion in the *CAT* in addition to the opportunity they already have in the *Conference Report*. The deadline for inclusion in the *CAT* is 15 December 2015. We will also be experimenting with electronic voting at this WSC.
- PR Pamphlet: We anticipate that a draft of this resource focused on providing information for professionals regarding the medicalization of addiction treatment and the NA Third Tradition will be available in the next couple of months for a 90-day review by Conference participants. An e-blast will be sent when the pamphlet is ready.
- Web Meetings: If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions in service efforts, please send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions, Handi@na.org for H&I and Innate Step Writing committees, PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants, and servicesystem@na.org for Service System.
- Financials: Fellowship contributions exceeded \$1 million in the fiscal year ending 30 June 2015 for the first time in our history. We continue to encourage members to participate in the work of NA World Services to make recovery available to addicts globally and our Vision a reality by contributing financially through our portal at www.na.org/contribute.

Go to *NAWS News* at www.na.org/newsnews



THE TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER

We do not usually send out a *NAWS* News at the same time as the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* so we are trying to keep this short. We had additional information that we wanted to get to you before February that did not seem to belong in the *CAR*. We have had some remarkable fellowship development activities lately, but they will have to wait to share.

MOVING TOWARD WSC 2016

HONESTY, TRUST, & GOODWILL

Our Board meeting was held 14-17 October 2015 in Chatsworth, California. We opened the Board meeting on Wednesday with final reports from this cycle's workgroups—Traditions Book Project ("Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions"), Decision Making at the WSC, and Delegates Sharing—and ended the day with an overview of what items will be in the *Conference Agenda Report*. The theme of the Conference and the upcoming cycle, "Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill," came from A Vision for NA Service which is the foundation for all our service efforts. On Thursday morning, we were all shocked to receive the news that one of our Board members, Bob G, had passed away during the night. Bob was a longtime NA member who loved NA and will be sorely missed. He touched many lives in his 38 years clean.

For the rest of the day we tried to turn our attention back to the business at hand, but it was difficult. We discussed preparations for WSC 2016 and concluded the day with the report from the internal board workgroup on WSC seating recommendations focused on the future of seating.

We spent the day Friday working on our Strategic Plan. Initially we finalized our goals for 2016-2018 and started prioritizing since we typically identify more ideas than can be accomplished in one cycle. In January we will finalize the specific ideas for 2016-2018 that will help us fulfill the prioritized goals.

A pamphlet for professionals regarding medicalization of addiction treatment and the NA Third Tradition was reviewed on Saturday morning. Once the draft of this pamphlet is completed, it will be sent to Conference participants for a 90-day review. We moved to our corporate fiscal responsibilities and ended the day with the report from the WSC Seating Workgroup whose recommendations will be in the *Conference Approval Track* material.

We have recently added two new staff members in Chatsworth. Please help us to welcome Pam T from Northern California as a new project coordinator and Stacy MCD from Illinois as a writer/editor.

WCNA 36

Again, we want to thank the members of the WCNA support workgroup and our other local volunteers for their tireless efforts to assist us in making this convention a reality. They did everything we asked of them and more. We also want to thank all of those members who were of service before, at, and after the convention helping members from outside of Rio to get to meetings and around Brazil. The world convention has been held in South America only once before and that was 15 years ago in Cartagena, Colombia. WCNA 36 was a remarkable example of how far recovery in NA has come in South America over the last 15 years. We saw many old friends and met many new friends from all over Brazil and the continent. It was a privilege to be a part of this event.

At this point, it should come as no surprise that the plan we had for WCNA 36 did not work the way we had intended. Our inability to contract with hotels after trying to use three different vendors, the delay in getting information to members because of that, and the economic situation in Brazil all led to a smaller turn out than expected. In spite of this, the benefits of a world convention—connection between members, a celebration of our diversity and recovery, and the local community PR opportunities—were all realized.

We always anticipate an investment of NA resources with conventions held outside North America such as in Barcelona, Spain, and Cartagena, Colombia; however, WCNA 36 cost more than predicted. We have included a brief summary below. Since this is the beginning of our new three-year world convention cycle, we will begin to have discussions about the model for WCNA in the future, the event rotation, and the fellowship development opportunities.

WCNA 36 was a bilingual convention with an unprecedented number of headsets being distributed: over 3,000. The expense was high, and there were problems with the quality of sound and the length of time it took for that many people to obtain and return headsets. Planning for bilingual events in the future will be a part of our evaluation of WCNA.

The only reason that we were able to initially enter into an agreement with the convention center in Rio was because of existing good relationships between the then government of Rio and NA and NA members. They ensured that we received a rate structure suitable for an organization like ours, which allowed us to consider this location. However, by the time WCNA 36 occurred the government had changed which contributed to our challenge. Additionally, when the contract was originally created we planned an event that would utilize offsite facilities; each evening as we expected to have space in hotels. As we went from one destination management vendor to another we were forced to consolidate all of the event activity at the convention center. This resulted in a major change to the contracted facility utilization. The original contract was based on a twelve-hour daily utilization. However, as the event plan evolved our facility use became based on 18-20 hour days, which at prevailing rates created a balloon effect with facility expenses.

With the reduced attendance, we also had contracted for more space than we ultimately needed. For an event in a hotel, this is easy to change and adapt as you go. For an event in a convention center, that flexibility does not exist. We were also reminded that we have no control over global economic conditions. Brazil experienced an economic downturn similar to the US recession in 2008. When we were planning this event in 2012, the exchange rate was 1:1.7; at the time of the event it was approximately 1:3.1; and at the time of this report it is 1:4.1. This uncertainty and increased cost to attend may have hampered Brazilian members' ability to come to the Convention. While Brazilian members were challenged, the exchange rate became favorable in February for US and other non-Brazilian travelers, yet seemed to come too late for US members to adequately plan for attending WCNA 36. The result was low registration numbers—approximately 3,400.

As we got closer to the Convention, there started to be indicators that we might not get the attendance we were expecting and as a result, where possible, we did institute some cost-saving measures. We cut or changed many of our onsite costs. We dramatically reduced the amount of merchandise ordered (which also reduced the income), and we even limited our use of air conditioning on-site, as that cost was approximately \$11,000 per hour. This curtailment of expense even extended to using members to help us move chairs each night after the main meeting to make the space usable for the next event, rather than using convention center staff, and we are grateful for their willingness to help. There are members who have been to a world convention who won't recall this ever being done previously. The expenses associated with a convention center are drastically higher and very different from an event in a hotel.

| | COMBINED FISCAL YEARS | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| WCNA 36 INCOME | | | |
| REGISTRATION | \$903,731 | \$350,000 | (\$46,269) |
| NEWCOMER DONATIONS | 2,456 | 28,000 | (25,544) |
| MERCHANDISE | 130,783 | 440,000 | (309,217) |
| OTHER SALES | 1,250 | 0 | 1,250 |
| REBATES | 0 | 21,052 | (21,052) |
| Total WCNA 36 Income | \$438,220 | \$839,052 | (\$400,832) |
| WCNA-36 EXPENSE | | | |
| REGISTRATION | \$53,425 | \$96,000 | (\$42,575) |
| PROGRAM | 157,225 | 183,219 | (25,994) |
| MERCHANDISE | 104,465 | 178,000 | (73,535) |
| FACILITIES | 349,394 | 188,000 | 161,394 |
| SUPPORT COMMITTEE | 50,168 | 44,000 | 6,168 |
| ADMINISTRATION | 108,253 | 149,421 | (41,168) |
| Total WCNA 36 Expense | \$922,870 | \$838,640 | (\$15,710) |
| TOTAL NET | (\$384,710) | \$412 | (\$385,122) |

As you can see from these figures, our income was approximately half of what we expected, primarily due to the merchandise shortfall and a smaller variance from registration. On the expense side, we spent far less than originally planned on merchandise because this was something we could adjust for a smaller expected attendance. And as previously stated, our facility expenses were much more than originally planned. This is not the news we wanted to send but it is an accurate reflection of what occurred. Gratefully, the two previous conventions helped to offset this expense. The net income figures for the last four world conventions total (-105,594) made up of:

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| WCNA 33 | 2009 | Barcelona Spain | (-212,895) |
| WCNA 34 | 2011 | San Diego USA | 282,577 |
| WCNA 35 | 2013 | Philadelphia USA | 209,434 |
| WCNA 36 | 2015 | Rio de Janeiro Brazil | (-384,710) |

We spoke of the fellowship development opportunities a non-US convention might be able to afford members in the hosting locale. This appears to be accurate for Brazil. Prior to the Convention, members from throughout Brazil became involved in service through the zone, went through training, and updated their website. They developed a PR strategy for their zone and one component was enacted at the World Convention which helped, for the first time, to initiate relationships with medical school professionals. The zonal PR chairperson has been invited to participate in the Brazilian federal government's drug council, which is willing to help open federal prisons to NA and help realize an 800 number for the country. This is a direct result of attention from the World Convention. The exposure on national TV helped the credibility of NA and fostered growth through their helpline. There are many pluses for the members and potential members in Brazil from WCNA 36. For those of us who were able to be there, it was a gratifying example of recovery in action with a Brazilian and Latin American flavor. We offer a huge thank you and hugs to all who helped to make this event possible for us all.

