

Going Places...

Fellowship requests for world services participation are considered on a quarterly basis. Some of the factors considered in making such travel decisions include potential benefits to the communities, and the availability of resources. It is also important to keep in mind that, in many cases, such trips require adequate follow-up in order to be truly effective. Each world services visit seems to generate further interest and requests for participation. In recent years the level of requests has continued to rise, and we have made a concerted effort to satisfy those requests. In some cases, contributions are made to help offset the costs of participations, but for some communities that is simply not possible. In the face of fluctuating economic realities, we will continue reevaluating our level of activity and prioritize travel so as to make the best possible use of NA resources.

July 2007

Western States Zonal Forum – Ontario, California

Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum – Grand Junction, Colorado

August 2007

European Delegates Meeting and ECCNA 24 – Llandudno, Wales

El Salvador Regional Convention 4 – San Salvador, El Salvador

WCNA 32 – San Antonio, Texas

September 2007

Sinaloa Area 11th Anniversary – Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico

Fellowship Development and Workshops –
Kolkata and Delhi, India

Portland ASC Metro Ad-Hoc Workshop – Portland, Oregon

Spanish-Speaking Area Convention 2 – Van Nuys, California

Recovery Month – Washington, DC

Puyallup Fair – Washington-Northern Idaho Region

Cape Cod Symposium – New England Region

California Probation/Parole & Correctional Association –
Sierra Sage Region

Wisconsin Correctional Association – Wisconsin Region

October 2007

Quebec Regional Convention 20 – St-Hyacinthe, Quebec

Western Service Learning Days 21 – Ogden, Utah

Guatemala Regional Convention 4 – Guatemala City, Guatemala

Al-Sask Regional Convention 17 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Latin American Zonal Forum & CLANA – São João da Barra,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil





November 2007

Washington-Northern Idaho Regional Learning Day – Walla Walla, Washington
 Canadian Assembly & Convention – Victoria, British Columbia
 NAWs Literature Distribution and Convention Workshops – Woodland Hills, California
 Meeting with Tehran Office Manager – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 WCNA 33 Site Visit – Barcelona, Spain
 Multi-Regional Learning Event 10 – Biddeford, Maine

December 2007

Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum – Helena, Montana

January 2008

Plains State Zonal Forum – McPherson, Kansas
 South East Zonal Forum – Macon, Georgia
 Sydney Worldwide Workshop – Sydney, Australia
 Production Visit – Shenzhen, China
 Southern Zonal Forum – Rockport, Texas
 Northeast Zonal Forum – Williamsville, New York
 Autonomy Zonal Forum – Fredericksburg, Virginia
 Southern California Regional Assembly – Ontario, California

February 2008

MARLCNA 24 – Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 Sierra Sage Regional Service Workshop – Carson City, Nevada
 Danish Workshop – Copenhagen, Denmark
 European Delegates Meeting and FD Workshop – Budapest, Hungary
 Honduras NAWs Workshop – San Pedro Sula, Honduras
 Fellowship Development and Workshops – Bangalore, Delhi, and Chennai, India

March 2008

Our Primary Purpose Learning Day – Dayton, Ohio
 Arizona Regional Assembly – Mesa, Arizona
 Central California Regional Assembly – Arroyo Grande, California
 Asia Pacific Forum and Malaysia Convention – Kuala Lumpur
 Indonesian Region Service Workshop – Jakarta, Indonesia
 Spanish Regional Meeting – Valencia and Barcelona, Spain

April 2008

Baja Cachanilla Area Convention 5 – Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico
 World Service Conference – Woodland Hills, California

May 2008

Pacific Cascade Regional Convention – Bend, Oregon
 Chinook Area Convention 22 – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

June 2008

California Mid-State Regional Convention – Visalia, California
 Southeast Zonal Forum – Pensacola, Florida
 Oregon State Penitentiary 20th Anniversary Hole in the Wall Group – Salem, Oregon
 Honduras FD Workshops with Pool Members – Tegucigalpa, Honduras
 WCNA 33 Support Committee Meeting – Malaga, Spain



NAWS Professional and Cooperative Public Relations Events

The events listed below are national and international professional conferences attended by NAWS staff with the support of local trusted servants on-site during the events. The conferences identified with italics involved cooperative efforts by NAWS with local service bodies. Most often with cooperative events, NAWS offers support by providing literature or event registration and by being an available coordinating resource for the trusted servants who are participating in the event; attendance at the event is a service provided by local trusted servants.

July 2007

*International Addictions Congress –
Columbia Region*

*Virginia Summer Institute of Addiction Studies –
Central Atlantic Region*

August 2007

Institute for Integral Development –
Colorado Springs, Colorado

September 2007

ACA – America Correctional Association –
Tampa, Florida

*Florida Alcohol/Drug Addiction Association –
Florida Region*

October 2007

Psychiatric Nurses Association –
Orlando, Florida

International Society of Addiction Medicine –
Cairo, Egypt

Employees Assistance Professional
Association – San Diego, California

*Illinois Alcohol &
Drug Dependency Association –
Chicagoland Region*

*Association of Programs for Female Offenders –
Free State Region*

November 2007

Southeast Conference on Alcohol and Drugs –
Georgia Region

January 2008

Training Institute on Behavioral Health
& Addictive Disorders – Clearwater, Florida

Recovery Month – Washington, DC

National Catholic Council on Alcoholism
and Addictions – Louisiana Region

Winter Symposium on Addictive Disorders &
Behavioral Health – Colorado Region

February 2008

Office of Drug Control Policy Committee
Meeting – Vancouver, British Columbia

Twelve-Step Advisory Meeting –
Sacramento, California

Day of Twelve-Step Fellowships –
New York, New York

March 2008

Recovery Month – Washington, DC

Therapeutic & Alcohol/Drug Interventionists
Conference – Las Vegas, Nevada

April 2008

American Society of Addiction Medicine –
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

*Ohio Community Corrections Association –
Ohio Region*

*California Association of Drug Court
Professionals – Southern California Region*

*Employee Assistance Society of North America –
BC Region*

May 2008

National Association of Drug Court
Professionals – St. Louis, Missouri

*American Justice Association –
Northern California Region*

*Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug
Dependency – Southern Idaho Region*

HIV/STD Professional Conference – Lone Star Region

June 2008

Twelve-Step Advisory – Sacramento, California
Annual Conference on Drug Dependence
Problems – San Juan, Puerto Rico

*National Rural Institute on Alcohol/Drug Abuse –
Wisconsin Region*

Probation & Parole Conference – Ohio Region

*Mid-South Summer School Arkansas –
Arkansas Region*

Treatment Solutions – Sierra Sage Region

Our vision is that one day:

Every addict in the
world has the chance to
experience our message
in his or her own language
and culture and find
the opportunity for a
new way of life...

Our Freedom, Our Responsibility

Workshops around the World

NAWS workshops are a great opportunity for members of the World Board and NAWS staff to meet and interact with local members whom we might otherwise never meet. Increasing and improving communication has been a cornerstone of the NAWS strategic plan since its inception. What we call worldwide workshops are planned weekend discussions hosted by NAWS and planned with the local community. We try to hold these workshops in Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia Pacific each conference cycle as well as two in the US. Many other workshops are planned throughout the world that have grown to resemble worldwide workshops in all but name. Worldwide workshops are a great opportunity to sit down and talk face-to-face and have always been given a high priority by conference participants.



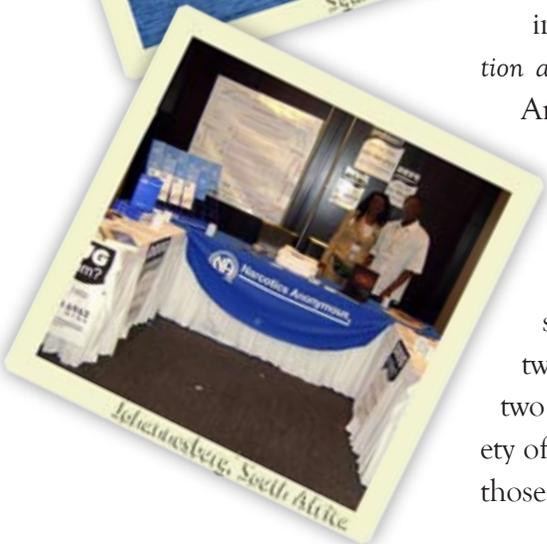
Jakarta, Indonesia



Sydney, Australia

Worldwide Workshop – Sydney, Australia

Our only full-scale titled Worldwide Workshop this year saw NAWS return to Australia for the first time since 1991 for the Sydney event in January 2008. The workshop started Friday afternoon and wrapped up Sunday afternoon. Sessions included a NAWS update, *Building Strong Home Groups*, *Medication and Recovery*, *Leadership*, *The Critical Links: GSR & RCM*, the Area Planning Tool, and a final wrap-up session. Turnout for the workshop was high, with numbers approaching 280 on Friday evening and as many as 400 for the Saturday evening recovery meeting. Members from both Australia and New Zealand were in attendance. The Australia Region supported ASC trusted servant travel to the event, funding two members from each area, with some areas funding an extra two travelers. This allowed for enthusiastic participation, a variety of perspectives, and a unique learning opportunity for many of those involved. Additionally, a number of longtime members were



Johannesburg, South Africa



present for portions of the workshop, offering their experience and points of view. Members of the travel team attended the Australian RSC and the regional CAR workshop, and participated in a PR opportunity on local radio.

Other International Workshops

In other fellowship development efforts in the Asia Pacific zone, we funded 100 members from across Indonesia to attend a regional service workshop in the capital city of Jakarta. Without this effort many of the Indonesian NA members would never have met each other face-to-face because of the vast size of the region. The workshop sessions focused on a NAWS update; *Building Strong Home Groups*; developing a service structure for Indonesia; sponsorship and the steps, traditions, and concepts, and how they apply to relationships with professional bodies; and a general question-and-answer session. We also worked with local members to conduct PR presentations for officials from the Indonesian National Narcotics Board.

We demonstrated our ongoing commitment to the Indian NA community by attending events and workshops in four separate Indian cities during visits in September and February. We also continued to seek a solution to the challenge of ensuring a reliable means of supplying NA literature to groups across this subcontinent. In common with most of our workshops, we covered the IDTs with a focus on basic issues such as *Building Strong Home Groups*. We also met with some of the local literature translation committees that are moving toward translations of the Basic Text into Indian languages.

In the Latin American zone, NAWS attended one meeting of the Latin American Zonal Forum in Brazil. Literature production and translations continue to be a focus of our activity with this zone and its member communities, and much of this can be moved forward by attendance at their forum. We also funded World Pool members on two trips to Honduras to hold fellowship development workshops. The first of these was held along with NAWS, while the second was attended solely by World Pool members and was the first of two events promised as a follow-up to the original workshop. The entire cost of the first event including transportation and lodging for fifty members from the city of Tegucigalpa was funded by NAWS as part of the fellowship development program for emerging communities. The workshop sessions focused on the IDTs of *Our Service System*, *Leadership*, and *Building Strong Home Groups*. We are looking at ways to increase the use of pool members in an attempt to cover more ground and reach more addicts across Latin America, much in the same way that we do with cooperative PR events.

Moving to the European continent, we conducted a service workshop in Copenhagen, Denmark, that marked our first visit there in ten years. Along with sessions on the Area Planning Tool and *Building Strong Home Groups*, we facilitated Area Planning Tool sessions to identify what was working at all levels of the service structure and to gather some ideas for where the Danish fellowship wanted to go next in their service efforts. This is an established region that is continuing to experience greater successes in carrying the message. It is exciting to see them work toward consensus so easily.



We also held a workshop in Budapest, Hungary, with the cooperation of the EDM FD subcommittee and funded participants several Central European communities. This busy workshop covered a range of core issues including leadership, disruptive behaviors, maintaining an atmosphere of recovery, and attracting those who are missing to our meetings. Other topics included what's working and what can be improved in PR, effective business meetings and the issue of voting, the lack of literature in local languages, and motivating members to serve. Many of these communities are made up of isolated groups without a service structure. The ongoing support and encouragement of their neighboring NA communities will do much to ensure that NA continues to exist in these locations. The support provided to their neighbors by communities like Poland, Sweden, and Western Russia are examples we can all learn from, and we applaud their efforts. We are also pleased that these ongoing interactions helped us to accomplish our first goals of producing Russian literature in Russia.

Overall we attended fourteen zonal forums in five countries, twelve conventions and recovery events, and twenty assorted service events around the world. On average, NAWS interacts face-to-face with local NA communities almost every week of the year.

It is clear that each year we are increasing our level of activity in support of the fellowship's development. As we grow throughout the world, the demand for fellowship development services will continue to rise dramatically. This trend is evidence that our overall effort to make our message available in more places and more languages is working. Some people have asked when this activity will slow

down. The answer is "no time soon" based upon the continuing requests we receive from the fellowship each year.

Literature Distribution and Convention Workshops

The November 2007 Literature Distribution and Convention Workshops took place in Woodland Hills, California. Attendees made connections with others in the same trusted servant roles; shared experience and best practices; and had a chance to interact with NAWS employees in customer service, shipping, production, and events. The agenda kicked off with an introductory session, after which the literature distribution group and the conventions and events group separated for their respective workshops. The literature distribution workshop included discussions on the following: a NAWS financial update, literature sales and planned price increases, the NAWS office in Iran, service pamphlets, the Sixth Edition Basic Text, and new products. The convention and events workshop began with a guest panel consisting of representatives from three major hotel chains and a conference management company. Those guests discussed topics including the initial approach to a hotel, using a national account representative, industry trends, negotiating contracts, and marketing. The workshop also included discussions about speaker selection and merchandise. Additionally, the Northern California Regional Convention Committee spoke about their long-running event, providing facts, guideline suggestions, and tips on budgeting.

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NA World Services
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spirit of unity and
cooperation to carry our
message of recovery...