Virtual WSC 2020

Invest in Our Vision
A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

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

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.
1. To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

2. The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

3. The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.

4. Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.

5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.

6. Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.

7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communication.

9. All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.

10. Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.

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Narcotics Anonymous funds should always be used to further our primary purpose. Money is used to pay the expenses involved in running NA recovery meetings, to inform the public about NA, and to reach addicts who can’t get to meetings. It is used to develop, produce, translate, and distribute our message in written form, and to bring our members together in a service community committed to the vision of spreading our message around the world to those in need. All of this is done in support of NA’s spiritual aim: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
We keep what we have only with vigilance, and just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps, so freedom for the group springs from our Traditions. As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
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Technology, communication, and the world at large have changed dramatically since the Eleventh Tradition first took shape. Our relationship to technology is much more intimate than it once was. It can be hard to tell the difference between our public and private lives. A great deal of our online activity is public, and we don’t always have control over the flow of information. As members of NA, applying Tradition Eleven means we have a responsibility to think about how we maintain our anonymity online. As a Fellowship, we must consider the challenges presented to anonymity, and as members, we must find practices of anonymity that honor the needs of NA. Understanding spiritual principles allows us to make wise decisions. We don’t all agree on which types of online interactions require anonymity and which don’t, but it merits serious consideration from each of us.

Our service pamphlet Social Media and Our Guiding Principles is a resource for practicing Tradition Eleven. We see from a new perspective when we consider the effects of our actions. For some of us, participating in social media is an important part of our lives; others don’t make use of these sites at all. Our ability to control our social media presence is limited in part by the actions and awareness—or lack of awareness—of those around us. Our anonymity is more often compromised through thoughtlessness than malice. Addressing these mishaps can be an opportunity to build understanding, or it can leave us feeling alone and attacked. Raising our concerns, and responding to the concerns of others in a spirit of love and unity, allows us to come to an understanding we can live with. Over and over, Tradition Eleven teaches us about the practical application of humility and goodwill.
Today's Agenda: Decisions & More Decisions

- Service Material Project Plan
- IP Revision Plan
- Future business
  - Prioritizing project plans
  - *CAR & CAT* business when we reconvene?
- Polling about next steps, ideas for forging a plan and process together
- *FIPT* moratorium question if needed
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The kind of authority that our groups have delegated to our boards and committees is the authority to serve, not to govern. Each element of our service structure, from the group to the world, has its own role to play; all, however, serve together as a team, striving toward a common goal, “that no addict seeking recovery need die without having the chance to find a new way of life.” It is our sometimes hard-won experience that quality service, just like quality recovery, can only be accomplished in an atmosphere of mutual respect, mutual support, and mutual trust. Together, we recover, and together, we serve—this is the spiritual core of our program, the foundation of our fellowship. A structure based on that foundation could only be one of service, never of government.
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We come together in unity not in spite of our differences, but with great pleasure in them. We have such a wide variety of experience and perspective to share with each other and to help us carry our message. Service in NA is anonymity in action. We act in a spirit of equality and goodwill, setting none of us above others. We celebrate each other’s successes, even when we have disagreed profoundly. We serve not for recognition or approval but to help carry our message to the addict who suffers. When we serve in a spirit of anonymity we remember that our unity must come first, and that the powerful relationship between the First Tradition and the Twelfth holds us together, even when we feel like we will surely come apart.

The power of Tradition Twelve in our service allows us to bear witness to greatness, to find joy and comfort in work, and to participate in making Narcotics Anonymous. A just for today program is always beginning anew. Each of us is founding NA, today, right where we are. Each of us is building hope for ourselves and for the addict yet to come. We know that the work we do in service has effects far past our ability to see or imagine. Allowing ourselves to be part of this work is a gift to ourselves even more than to those we serve.
In one word, what do you hope to bring to the WSC this week?