

What's happening in NA World Services that you may want to know...

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- ✦ **Living Clean: The Journey Continues**, our new Fellowship-approved book is available in hard and soft cover. Both are selling for \$8.75. The limited numbered commemorative edition is still available and priced at \$30. The commemorative edition of *Just for Today* is also still available at \$30.
- ✦ We have electronic versions of the Basic Text, *Sponsorship*, and *It Works: How and Why* available. These are available on Amazon and the iTunes store with links on our website.
- ✦ **WCNA 35**: As we celebrate 60 years of recovery (our diamond anniversary) at this world convention in Philadelphia, we will certainly be living the theme, "The Journey Continues". Pre-registration is now available at \$89; onsite will be \$99. We need your help to effectively plan for this event so please pre-register. If you need flyers or postcards for your meeting, please just ask and they will be sent to you free of charge, or you can download a one-page flier from www.na.org/wcna. Hotel rooms have been moving quickly but continue to be added to our block and are still available. Visit www.na.org/wcna for updates.
- ✦ **Service System**: We are continuing to field test GSUs and LSUs. If you are trying any aspect of the proposals such as GSUs, CBDM, etc. please share your experience with us at servicesystem@na.org. The more help we can have translating the ideas in the proposals to actual practice on a local level, the easier it will be for us to frame a transition plan to present at WSC 2014. Updates about the project will be posted online as they are available: www.na.org/servicesystem.
- ✦ **World Service Conference**: We are discussing alternate delegate attendance at WSC. We have not made any recommendations. We want to encourage you to read the report on page 5 of this *NAWS News* and to forward your thoughts to us at worldboard@na.org.
- ✦ **Traditions Book Project**: We have been receiving input from those who have held fellowship workshops using the session profile that can be found at www.na.org/traditions. The ideas and materials you have been sending will help make this book a valuable resource for the fellowship. We are in the process of finalizing ideas for the discussion board. Please continue to submit input through the project webpage at www.na.org/traditions.
- ✦ **Online Webinars—sharing experience**: Participation in our online webinars has increased, and we would like to encourage more area and regional chairpersons to participate. The areas of service we would like to bring together are conventions, H&I, and PR. If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions with others who are serving in these areas, please send your name, email address, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions; HandI@na.org for H&I servants; and PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants.
- ✦ **RD Webinar**: We will be offering a RD webinar with a structured agenda soon. Please watch for an email alert to sign-up for this webinar.
- ✦ **Financials**: We are committed to providing services worldwide; all of us love NA and are proud that the Fellowship is in 129 countries. Let's reflect that love and pride in our actions and contribute financially through our portal at www.na.org/contribute.

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INSPIRED BY OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

THIS CONFERENCE CYCLE CONTINUES TO EVOLVE

This issue of *NAWS News*, as well as our 2012 *Annual Report*, has taken some time to get to you. We have been very busy here at NA World Services and it is times like these that show the effects of our reductions in staffing levels. Our apologies and thank you for your patience. If you did not receive a *NAWS Annual Report* in the mail it is posted online at www.na.org/?ID=ArArchive.

Our board meeting 3-6 April 2013 was held in San Diego, CA. As some of you may recall, we had potential attrition from our hotel contracts for WCNA 34 in San Diego. We negotiated an offset of holding board meeting(s) at one of the hotels in lieu of paying an attrition penalty. We started our board meeting on Wednesday with Strategic Planning; we were able to ratify our Key Result Areas, perform an analysis of what we perceive as our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) and develop our primary objectives for the plan.

Thursday was spent in a facilitated discussion focused on the state/nation/province component of the Service System Project. We considered local service coordination and how it may look operationally. We looked at approaches under the categories of communications, human resources, structure, and finances. We also continued to explore the role of the Alternate Delegate at the WSC and the roles of zones as part of the Service System.

Friday was spent discussing the status of the current field testing of GSUs and LSUs and our perspective of where this project is currently and what we see as possibilities for the immediate future. Our experience shows that although what we have been most focused on and debating is structure, what is bringing about the most benefit is new processes and ways to approach our service efforts. We do much of what we do in NA because that is how it has been done before rather than anything that is written in our service material.

In order to keep us focused on process and improvements, we are recommending that we provide questions or motions for decisions about GSUs and LSUs in the 2014 *Conference Agenda Report*. More than that seems like it cannot be rationally processed at one time. We, as well as the majority of WSC 2012, remain committed to new visions for State-Nation-Provinces (SNPs) and the role of zones, but we also believe more discussions on these are needed. Since these are potential system-wide changes, we believe moving forward in stages is more practical and realistic.

On Saturday we focused our attention toward CDBM and the conference, Issue Discussion Topics, our Third Tradition session profile, literature distribution, WCNA 35, and the Conference Participant Bulletin Board. WCNA 35 planning continues. We encourage members to register at the \$89 rate before it expires 31 July 2013. The program group is working on speaker selections and has used *Living Clean: the Journey Continues* chapter headings as the themes for workshops.

We will continue our practice of minimizing what is captured in our legal corporate record because a longer record seems to only lead to misunderstandings. Our minutes represent only a snapshot in time of ongoing discussions, and are simply a legal document that we are required to keep. We will report what is legally required: those present, topics discussed and decisions made. *NAWS News* will be our reporting vehicle as it captures the essence of board meetings and is translated into a variety of languages.

FISCAL UPDATE

We discussed what we can say and how we can say it differently to help each and everyone one of us to understand that contributions fall far short of covering expenses for services that our members request. Our real concern when looking at the future is how NA as a whole funds itself. For the most part, that seems to be through conventions, fundraisers, literature, and merchandise. NA does not seem to have a culture of supporting itself by member contributions although this is the ideal we say we subscribe to. We believe that carrying our message of recovery is a “we” action, yet so much of what is needed to carry our message is contingent upon money.

Quite frankly, we are unclear as to why members are not contributing to services they have requested. We questioned whether it was an attitude of withholding, denial about our plight, apathy, selfishness, or lack of gratitude for the gift of recovery. And, we realize that our speculation may be inaccurate. The truth is we do not know.

We believe that we all want NA services to be funded through member and group contributions. Each of us needs to look deep in our hearts and determine whether we can give just a little more. Each step forward creates a ripple effect like a stone in a pond. Positive forward steps usually beget positive results.

Contributions to NAWS have increased slightly yet are still below budget amounts. So we will continue to ask for your financial help. Please contribute through our portal at www.na.org/contribute. Some members have let us know they would like to be able to set up a recurring monthly contribution, and at their request we offer this feature as well.



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SERVICE SYSTEM

FIELD TESTING UPDATE

We have been conducting field testing of the ideas in the Service System Proposals since November 2012. We have had communications with more than 70 communities worldwide about some form of field testing. Some have contacted us merely to get more information while others have shared with us their experiences trying some of the project's ideas such as establishing GSUs, implementing a planning cycle, utilizing consensus-based decision making, or talking about regional reunification to form statewide bodies or sharing services among regions within a state. Some of the communities have let us know about how they've adapted the ideas in the proposals for local use. For instance, some communities are devoting every other area service meeting exclusively to a discussion of group needs or have set aside time before each ASC for that discussion. Others have dissolved their standing subcommittees or some of their subcommittees in favor of workgroups.

Along with the communities informally testing the ideas, or some variation of them, we are working closely with nine "core communities" in the US and Canada that have agreed to test what we have been calling GSUs, or GSUs and LSUs exactly as described in the proposals. One-third of those communities are testing GSUs and two-thirds are testing GSUs and LSUs. Some of these communities had already begun holding GSU or LSU meetings of some kind and others had not begun implementation of any kind. We have traveled to most of the communities to help them launch their field tests, and we have made a commitment to keep in contact with each community at least monthly.

TOOLS

As we've been working with the field testers, we've been working to move the ideas in the proposals off the drawing board and into practice. Part of how we've been helping to do that is by developing service tools to support the GSUs and LSUs. Among the tools we've drafted are:

- GSU and LSU agendas,
- reporting templates,
- a facilitation guide,
- a survey form to help gather community input before a planning assembly,
- a tool to help develop project plans,
- documents that briefly explain the "basics" of the GSU and LSU, and
- CBDM basics.

We know there are many more tools that would help field testers such as budgeting tools, more tools to support the LSB, and additional reporting templates, to name just a few. We also already have ideas about how to revise and improve

the tools we have. All of the tools are posted to www.na.org/servicesystem, and we will continue to post new tools and revisions as we are able.

Most of the field testing communities held their first LSU or GSU meetings in January. In order to have results of the field test in time to consider them when drafting the *Conference Agenda Report* and Conference Approval Track material and preparing for the conference, the formal field test is scheduled to end in July. We are, therefore, more than half way through the formal field test. Most communities testing LSUs have had two LSU meetings and are beginning to implement projects.

The test is already helping us refine the ideas in the proposals in countless ways. For instance, we drafted an agenda and tools to help communities prepare for and conduct a planning assembly. Then after assisting with several assemblies, we came to realize a few things. For instance, in gathering information for the scanning part of the planning process, communities were having a hard time considering external trends or issues in addition to the trends or issues within NA in their communities. One of the ways we may be able to help with that is by suggesting that those involved with PR and H&I within the service body be given a special role in gathering that information prior to the planning assembly.

Another discovery we had is that LSBs have had a hard time converting the prioritized goals into project plans. We realized that we could build in more time at the end of the planning assemblies for LSUs to collectively develop some approaches to the goals they've prioritized. They may also want to assign particular people to draft project plans to bring to the next LSB meeting. If, say, the project was about training and mentoring of GSRs, the LSU might assign a couple of the most experienced GSRs to draft a project plan for the LSB to review and refine at their next meeting.

On the GSU level we are discovering quite a lot as well. The proposals suggest that one way that GSUs could meet is to be hosted by a different group within the GSU each month. What we've found, however, is that rotating GSUs don't seem to work as well as GSUs that meet at a consistent time and place each month. In most cases it seems too difficult for members to keep track of a changing location and meeting time. Another discovery is that rural GSUs need extra attention. There are usually fewer groups and those groups have farther to travel so extra efforts have to be taken to make rural GSUs successful in some communities.

These are the sorts of things we are learning from the field test. There are too many to list here but this report should give you examples of the kinds of insight we're gaining from field testing. It's one thing to read about driving a car; it's another thing to actually do it. The testing communities really are teaching us how to practically implement and operate

LSUs, LSBs, and GSUs. The field test is helping us go from blueprint to frame to home.

Perhaps the most significant thing we are seeing is that transforming an ASC to an LSU/LSB and GSUs is a lot of change for one community to undertake all at once. In addition, in most of the field testing communities the majority of the burden is being shouldered by a very small number of people and many of those people are feeling pressure or burn out. Testing in many communities seems to be winning over some of the skeptics; that is, some folks who were suspicious of the proposals now see the benefits and potential benefits and have become supporters. But the communities that are feeling the least amount of stress or overwhelm seem to be those that started a gradual process of change prior to formally becoming a core community in the field test.

Two things seem key to a successful transition on a local level: the community must make efforts to develop a broad base of support and change must be gradual and in stages—an evolution not a revolution. This latter consideration has been critical in guiding our thinking about a transition plan.

TRANSITION PLANNING/WHERE WE ARE NOW

At this board meeting we began talking about what we could expect to put in the *Conference Agenda Report* and Conference Approval Track material. Given the results of the field test to date, it should come as little surprise that we are again talking about more of an evolution of the material and ideas, than a revolution or abrupt upheaval.

What field testing is teaching us is that communities need time to phase in the elements of local service delivery rather than trying to implement everything all at once. And before that process even begins they need time to educate and inform the community and build support for the transition. Given that, rather than trying to implement the entire system following the next conference, we are beginning to think that it may make sense to focus on taking at least a cycle or two to implement local services first—what we have been calling GSUs and LSUs—in stages. Then we would focus on field testing SNPs and then we could offer an implementation plan that covered the SNP part of the system at a later conference.

Of course, the Service System Proposals do describe a system and so none of the parts make complete sense if they are operating outside of that system. But the reality is that the transition ahead of us will have to be taken in stages to be successful. This more gradual, staged approach would allow communities to take a reasonable more gradual approach to transitioning from ASCs to LSUs and GSUs (see the text box for our thoughts on new language for these service bodies). At the same time, regions that are part of multi-region states can continue talking about (and performing) shared services. In some cases, we know regions have begun talking about consolidating, as well. These sorts of joint efforts and conversations can help lay the ground-

work for SNP field testing in the future and implementation efforts that follow.

As we said, these are just our preliminary thoughts about what might be included in the *CAR* and discussed at the conference.

We will, of course, report more as our ideas develop.

NO MORE “UNITS”

Many of you have let us know you're not fond of the “unit” part of the GSU and LSU name. We are talking about changing the names to something like “Group Forum” or “Group Support Forum” and “Local Service Conference.”

ROLE OF ZONES

Before we started our board discussion about the role of zones we identified possible barriers which include resistance as some zones like how they function and may not be open to change. We also recognized that some members do not think zones should become a new level of service or part of the delegation stream while others zones may want to continue without a defined purpose.

Following the identification of possible barriers, we began our discussion with the premise that zones need to add value in the revitalized service system and incorporate the principles of the service system. We then took a look at probable needs that a zone can fill. In this discussion, we identified basic core functions for all zones. Leadership Development is a key area as a zone could share responsibility for workshops with regions, assist with training and mentoring by utilizing experienced trusted servants such as former RDs, and be a communication link with world services. We looked at Planning as a key function primarily in the role of teaching those in the zone how to plan and scan. With planning as a function, we recognized that a skilled facilitator is necessary to the success of planning. Another key function we identified was community development which is analogous to Fellowship Development which may encompass a resource/training pool, a source for best practices exchange, trusted servant recruitment for services like H&I, PI and may host planning assemblies.

We recognized that zones serve as a communication/unity link and a point of connection amongst trusted servants in a geographic area. This may lend itself to increasing communication and sharing of best practices amongst the SNPs in attendance.

The one area that was difficult to assess was zones being a part of the fund flow system. On one hand, zones with an activity associated with a zonal meeting such as the Canadian Assembly of NA may be part of the fund flow system while other zones may not be a part of the fund flow system. Additionally we will be looking at cost factors for zones in light of travel and lodging costs and costs associated with service provision by a zone.

We wanted to share with you our beginning discussion yet we have not reached any recommendations. We will be continuing our discussion at future board meetings and most likely at the conference.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE CONSENSUS-BASED DECISION MAKING (CDBM) AND WSC RULES OF ORDER

We had our initial discussion in an effort to establish a direction for inclusion in the Conference Approval Track material. As we stated at WSC 2012, we would come back with ideas for change because we recognize that we are straddling two worlds which tend to collide in the business sessions. This seemed to happen in old business at the last conference and new business at the WSC 2010 conference. Hence, we need a holistic approach for both business sessions.

Our overarching question is how do we hear from a range of voices and hear all perspectives when a few tend to dominate the conference? We looked at the concept of limits on a number of times a RD could speak yet realized that may not be practical. We considered inviting the quiet RDs into the discussion and considered a rotation whereby a delegate who speaks to a motion and/or amendment before the line is closed would automatically be moved to the back of the line with the next motion or amendment. Implementation for the latter two ideas still needs to be considered. Basically, we want to hear from several voices without getting bogged down with repetitive points.

Additionally, we are considering a large digital clock with red numbers and a second hand that counts down with a time limit for each motion/amendment. We are looking at 20 to 30 minutes per motion. The conference may become more aware of where they are and would be informed of length of time to complete discussion on a motion/amendment. This may help us all become more responsible with time management.

Currently, we have a dilemma and are leaning toward rotation and a large digital clock to help us. Yet, we are very much open to your suggestions. We believe we want the same outcome – an international discussion with many voices and perspectives and a decrease in the domination of the body by a few. Please forward your ideas to us at worldboard@na.org. We are a “we” fellowship and would like all conference participants to share a productive and exhilarating conference experience.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND WSC ATTENDANCE

We continued to explore and refine ideas on eliminating alternate delegate attendance at the conference and ensuring value to both the conference and the region. Initially, we looked at how an alternate may receive training in lieu of conference attendance. We considered regions utilizing their alternates in an active role in the SNP planning cycle, expanding their regional role to include attendance and participation at zonal forums, and asking a team of former RDs within the region to offer mentoring. Additionally, we thought the alternate may facilitate CAR workshops to gain

an understanding of the motions and be informed about strategic planning as outlined in the CAT.

If alternates did not attend the conference, what may help with those who are attending a conference for a first time? We considered a broader, more in-depth orientation at the WSC which seems more possible with 125 people. We also discussed creating videos of the WSC to use in AD training in the region and a video of RDs who share their experiences and skills that are needed at the conference.

In our discussion, we came to realize that the alternate delegate attending a conference is an institutionalized aspect of our functioning. In other words, this is the way we have always done things. We researched the last four conferences to ascertain how many ADs actually transitioned to the RD trusted servant role. The data illustrated an average of 41% were elected to the RD position and returned to the WSC the following conference in that capacity. WSC 2012 even showed a lower percentage—37% of delegates had been alternates at the previous conference—yet that was one of the conferences averaged into the four-year history.

We believe that the fact that almost twice as many US regions are able to send alternates as those from other countries leads to the sense of US dominance at the WSC. It certainly skews all discussions where everyone participates to being US centric.

We are not making a firm recommendation at this time; we will continue our discussion. Again, we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas. We have read a few comments on the Conference Participant Bulletin Board and we would like to hear more. If you choose not to share your thoughts on the board, please feel free to write us at worldboard@na.org.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT BULLETIN BOARD

Speaking of that board, we are unclear as to why many choose not to participate. We have heard that some folks are reposting comments on Facebook or other social media sites and we have heard that what is reposted is cherry-picked. In other words, we heard that posts on the CP board may have been taken out of context. Additionally, we have heard that some participants are bullied by members for what they post.

Our question is how can this board be safe and productive for all conference participants? We hope the actions by a few do not curtail participation. We recognize that 50% of the conference participants have not even signed up and we can only guess as to why. This is our board and we want the board to be a useful tool for communication. We need your help to achieve a productive board where we share ideas and concerns. We may not agree on all points yet we can offer each other a dialogue and respect one another by no reposting.

We are mentioning the lack of participation and concerns now as we would like to maintain this board. In the year

that this has been a communication forum for conference participants, we are not seeing this as a valuable tool and yet we think it can be beneficial. Let us all work together to strengthen the bulletin board and help with cessation of reposting.

TRADITIONS BOOK PROJECT

We are still receiving ideas and input from throughout the fellowship—thank you for participating! We are in the process of finalizing ideas for the project discussion board, and so you should be able to go online very soon to start engaging in active discussions about topics related to practicing the traditions. We are still considering possibilities for an additional workshop profile that will help gather more specific input later in the conference cycle.

Please note, we currently have not set any deadline for input during this conference cycle. Because no drafting will take place until the 2014–2016 cycle, any input submitted prior to WSC 2014 will be saved of course and useful in helping to begin the drafting in the next cycle. As always, for the latest information on the project, visit the Traditions Book Project webpage at www.na.org/traditions.

WEBINARS

We are moving forward. Webinars offer the opportunity for information exchange and discussing solutions for common issues. As we reported, we held a Public Relations web meeting 22 February and a second on 30 May. The Hospital & Institutions Webinar was held 27 March with a second scheduled for June. The Inmate Step Writing and RSO web forums continue on a quarterly basis.

We are encouraged by the members who have signed up to participate, yet we believe there are trusted servants who are not aware yet of this opportunity. We welcome their experience and hope, so that together we can find solutions to common issues with PR, H&I, and Convention service.

Please send us your name, contact information (email address), trusted servant position, and your region, as well as ideas about what you would like to see discussed, to:

- Events@na.org for conventions,
- HandI@na.org for Hospitals and Institutions, and
- PR@na.org for Public Relations/Public Information.

We realize that we have not held the Convention webinar yet we are still planning to hold one. We appreciate the patience and understanding of those who have already signed up.

We are excited about the prospect of an upcoming RD webinar. We have identified Saturday as the optimal day for participation. We explored possible topics yet have not finalized the agenda. We will communicate how to register via an email.

STRATEGIC PLAN

We started our Strategic Planning day with a review of our process to date. We are using a Critical Thinking process which began with our consideration of data from the

environmental scan. The data provided us with probable implications for NA and our future. The implications led us to identify issues and identify the Key Result Areas (KRAs) in our renewed Strategic Plan. We reviewed our new KRAs to ensure they accurately reflected broad areas for NAWS today and over the next five conference cycles. Our KRAs in the revitalized plan are: Service System, Public Relations, Communications & Technology, Trusted Servant Development, System-wide Funding, and Member Support.

With our frame completed, we used a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis for shifts in our environment and related trends for each KRA. For example, our scan indicated that growing populations of those using drugs were young people yet we do not seem to be attracting young persons. On one hand that may be considered a weakness yet it is also an opportunity for us.

We moved from our SWOT analysis for each result area to issue identification and objectives. For example, an issue identified under the Public Relations KRA was to ensure a clear, consistent NA message of recovery. One of our objectives is to inform and educate non-addicts and addicts about the NA program of recovery. We continued this process for all KRAs.

In our July Strategic Planning day we will review our objectives, create approaches to meet these objectives and identify desired outcomes by 2016. We hope our process is familiar to many as it tends to be analogous to the planning process being used at areas and regions.

ISSUE DISCUSSION TOPICS

We reviewed the three topics for this cycle – Group Conscience, Vision for NA Service, and Collaboration. We are aware that these sessions are being used by some delegates yet we have not received much feedback. As some of you may recall, we ask for your input and we use the information, then we report at the conference. We hope that all regions are willing to have workshops on the topics. We encourage you to send your input to worldboard@na.org.

THIRD TRADITION

We have created a Third Tradition session profile which will be placed on the conference participant page with the IDTS. This session was first used at MARCLNA and has been revised and used at the Western States Zonal Forum meeting. Our aim is to raise awareness that our message is one of love and the promise of freedom from active addiction. We need new members in our meetings.

Initially we created the profile in response to medication-assisted addicts coming into our meetings. Yet, we learned from our two sessions that judgment extends past those on medication to groups such as chronic relapsers, older members, members who used differently than we did, members who talk too much, etc. In NA we have but one requirement, *desire*, which is not a measureable commodity. No one knows when the flame of desire will be ignited and a willingness to recover will follow. Our responsibility is to create a welcoming meeting for any who attend, and to carry the

NA message of recovery.

We hope that you will use this session profile in group business meetings and at your areas and regions. We truly welcome your feedback. The input from the Third Tradition may be used as source material for the Traditions Book. Please send your input to worldboard@na.org.

WORLD CONVENTION UPDATE



WCNA 35, 29 August – 1 September 2013

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

“THE JOURNEY CONTINUES”

Registration is \$89 through July; onsite registration will be \$99. As a reminder, WCNA 35 will be a registration-required event. We hope that you will register early which allows us to plan much more realistically and practically. Members continue to book their hotel rooms and we are now looking for additional hotels yet registrations are not keeping pace with hotel rooms. We do not want to assume hotel bookings equal registrations. We hope that you will avail yourselves of the reduced registration price and register now!

In the event we book additional hotel rooms, our current options seem limited to hotels near the airport which will require members taking a train and a shuttle to the convention site. As we stated previously, we will not be offering busing of members to our meetings.

Parking will be at a premium in Philadelphia. We encourage members to visit www.na.org/wcna and sign up for parking which will guarantee you a place to park. For members who are in the NE corridor you may consider taking a train into Philadelphia, particularly if you wait until close to the convention date to decide to attend.

Since many members plan vacations around a world convention, we are offering various excursions to sites around Philadelphia such as an Amish country tour, as well as places within Philadelphia such as the Liberty Bell. Saturday evening banquet tickets are sold out. But we will all be able to register to guarantee a seat and celebrate NA's 60th anniversary as a fellowship. After all, it is our Diamond Jubilee. Yes, our journey most definitely continues!

The WCNA Program Group is diligently working on speaker selections and creating workshops for members. Since our theme is “The Journey Continues” they are using *Living Clean: The Journey Continues* as a base for workshop topics and are creating new workshop formats for members that may offer increased participation.

We received requests for a one-page flyer that could be printed and distributed to let members know about the convention. The flyer has been created and is posted on our

website www.na.org/wcna. Members who want post cards announcing the world convention for meetings, please write events@na.org and we will send you some. The more that we communicate about WCNA to members, the greater number of members will likely be celebrating NA's 60th anniversary in Philadelphia with us.

WCNA 36: We have finalized our location—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 11-14 June 2015

CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014

Travel requests (considered by quarter)

15 August for October–December

15 October for January–March

Regional proposal deadline 1 August 2013 and be in CAR-ready form by 31 August 2013

Deadline for World Pool Information Form submission and updates, for consideration for WSC 2014 HRP nomination 31 August 2013

Deadline for submitting Region/Board/Zone (RBZ) recommendation for consideration for nomination is 31 October 2013

WCNA 35 29 August–1 September 2013 – Philadelphia, PA USA

World Unity Day 2013 1 September 2013

English Conference Agenda Report available 27 November 2013

Translated Conference Agenda Report available 27 December 2013

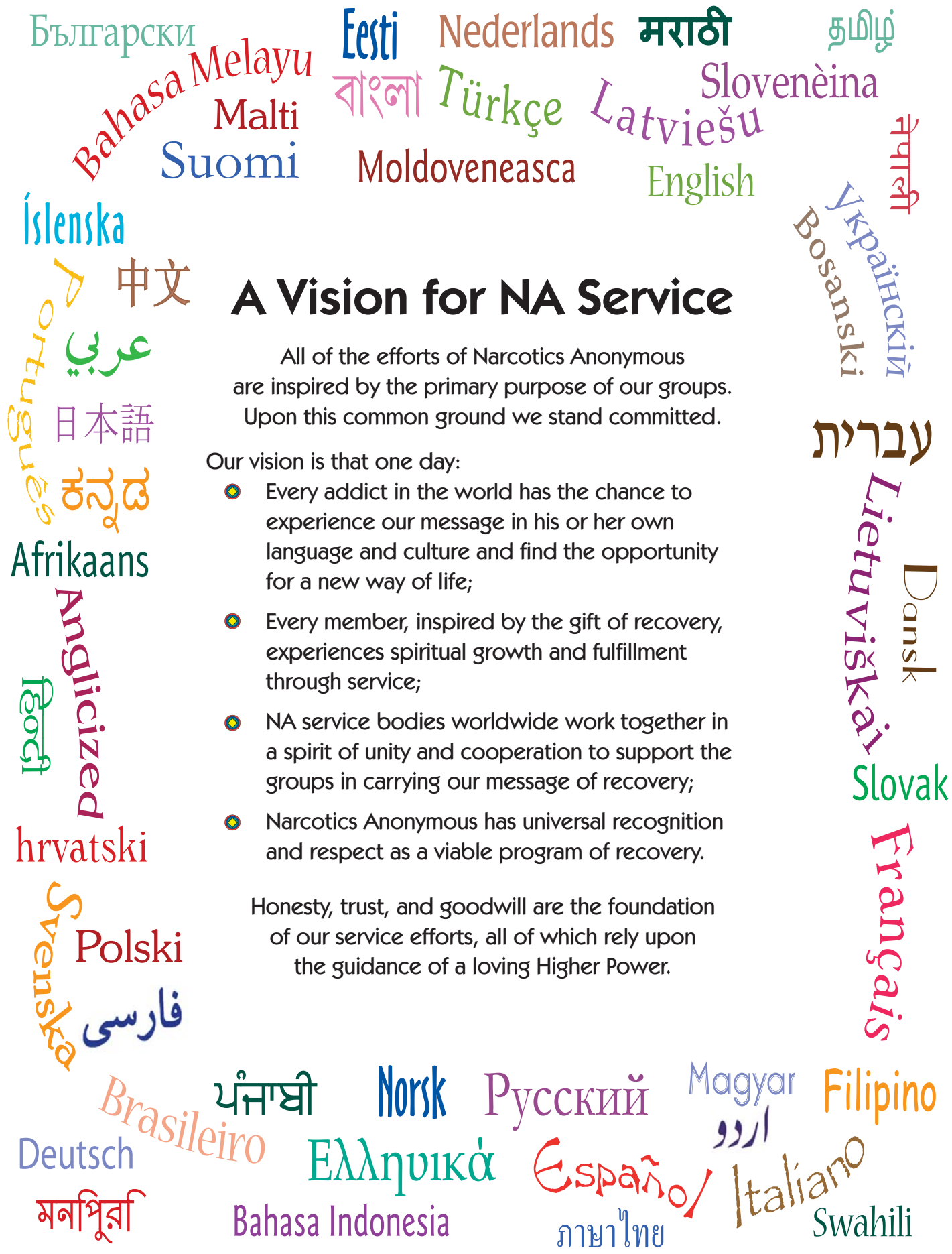
Conference Approval Track material available 27 January 2014

Regional report deadline 15 February 2014

World Service Conference 27 April–3 May 2014

WCNA 36 10-14 June 2015 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil





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.