

**WNYRSCNA
RD Report**

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Since the last meeting of this body, this RD has not had any formal service commitments as detailed in the Regional Service Committee Bylaws. The following is an overview of previously presented items that are worthy of repeating and being reported back by the RCMS to the Areas they serve:

1. Service System: The Service System “agreement in principle” motions were passed by a 2/3 majority. Look for these to be included in *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous (GTLs)* as an option for communities who wish to move to group support forums, a local service conference, and a local service board. It should be noted that the project plan was also passed allowing for resource and tool development. As always updates will be posted on line at www.na.org/servicesystem.
2. PR News: Results of the *Membership Survey* will be released this month. This cycle 16,750 surveys were submitted. For those interested in participating in Webinars, they are held every 3-4 months for PR, H&I, and Inmate Step Writing. Those who wish to participate can write PR@na.org or Handl@na.org.
3. Based upon results of CBDM the WSO will be conducting virtual workgroups and project related webinars for those interested in the future of the WSC, Service System, and/or decision making at the WSC. Inform the WSO of your interest in participating by going to worldboard@na.org
4. Financial Related Items: Long term financial viability is the priority with focus on NAWS sustainability. Also covered here were issues related to FIPT of our Basic Text. It was requested that we as trusted servants communicate the importance of asking our members to assist in curtailing the distribution of illicit literature. Protection of our copy righted material is a responsibility of all members.
5. Planning Our Future: 5 sessions were devoted to this work as a global community/body. What direction is the fellowship moving? Additional efforts at keeping the fellowship moving in the same direction – forward – will take place with delegates at zonal workshops; thus making zonal participation critically important.

It is with the preceding in mind that the following updates from the WSO are being presented for your review and report to your ASCs.

- **Traditions Project:** Introduction and Tradition One of the book has been posted for review and input.

Opportunities for Involvement by the Fellowship

Currently the Fellowship has several avenues for participation in the project. In addition to commenting on these drafts in this process, members can help by submitting ideas and concepts using the following methods:

- Workshop materials and links to online input forms: www.na.org/traditions
- Project discussion board: <http://disc.na.org/trads>
- Members can also send input to: worldboard@na.org or to our regular postal address:
World Board; Attention: Traditions; 19737 Nordhoff Place; Chatsworth, CA USA 91311.

The Drafts

In this packet are drafts of the chapters Introduction and Tradition One. The R&I packets for Traditions Two through Seven will be released in February 2015, and Traditions Eight through Twelve will follow in May 2015. The approval form of the book will be released in November 2015 according to Conference policy.

The deadline for input on these chapters is 31 January 2015.

Again further information concerning the project will be posted in NAWS News and can be accessed by going to na.org/traditions. Assistance putting on Traditions Book Project workshops can be made of this RD by calling 716-834-9522.

In addition to the Traditions Project the following should be communicated to the area homegroups and committees regarding NA literature and upcoming events:

1. Electronic Publication: e-version of the 6th Edition of the Basic Text, Living Clean: The Journey Continues, It Works: How and Why, and Sponsorship are available for sale at 20% less than paper versions
 - a. Available via:
 - i. Amazon for Kindle go to <http://tinyurl.com/ka8wz4g>
 - ii. iBooks store for Apple devices
 2. NAWS Electronic Subscriptions available
 - a. NAWS Update
 - b. WCNA Update
 - c. Just For Today Daily Emails
 - d. NAWS News E-Subscription
 3. Reaching Out
 - a. Cost; \$32.60 a year for 20 copies
 - b. Emailed January, April, July, and October
 - c. Recommended for H&I efforts with jail system and interaction with professionals working with inmates.
 4. The NA Way Magazine (1/4ly journal for recovery, unity, service, entertainment, and information about NA World Services)
 - a. E-subscribe
 - b. Paper subscriptions still available for individuals without Internet Access
 - c. Multiple copy subscriptions also available for NA groups, service committees, and professionals/facilities that serve addicts
 5. Now available:
 - a. IP #29 *An Introduction to NA Meetings*
 - b. Spanish version of Living Clean: The Journey Continues (Vivir limpios: El viaje continua). Cost: \$9.75
 6. WCNA 36: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 11- 14 June 2015. Start making plans. To receive updates subscribe to: www.na.org/wcna.
- **Zones:** World Services is continuing to discuss ideas about how to better communicate and collaborate with delegates in planning our future. Currently one contact per zone will receive conference participant mailings. In an effort to better communicate and collaborate with zones the conference participant mailing list distribution will be extended to any elected member of zonal leadership. Members can choose whether they would like to be on the conference participant mailing list. Focus here will not just be on dissemination of information. Based on WSC 2014 the WSO is working on gathering more complete information about how each zone functions, their structure, membership, and so on.

- **World Board:** Issue of sustainability is a major topic of discussion. The Board is working on ways to accomplish more between face-to-face meetings. They have moved from 4 board meetings to 3 annually. Approximate cost savings realized is \$50K.
- **WSC Process Workgroups:** The first virtual workgroup is being enacted. Focus of the workgroup is “Planning Our Future and Delegate Sharing.” Review of the virtual meeting in lieu of the face-to-face meetings is underway and reports are forth coming. Any proposals for consideration will be forwarded at WSC 2016. These discussions must be framed early enough to allow discussion prior to the CAR and CAT. Given the importance of this work, the workgroup has been authorized to meet face-to-face. Since the workgroups were approved at WSC 2014 there was no time for budgetary considerations; therefore, the cost of meeting face-to-face was not a part of the budget approved at the WSC 2014.
- **IDTs:** 4 Issue Discussion Topics this cycle – mini workshops for Traditions Projects, which are online at www.na.org/traditions and 3 others being finalized: Group Support, Planning, and Welcoming New Members. Be on the lookout for e-blasts on each of the topics in the near future. Session outlines and PowerPoints will be on line soon at www.na.org/idt.
- **Service System:** 2 main focuses this conference cycle – information sharing and creation of revision tools. Look for specific details to come via NAWS News.

Soon to come, service system webinars. The first will be with the EDM delegates to help them gain a practical understanding of the service system. Followed by webinars in rural communities and others will be basic reviews of the service system, as well as, how to best communicate and share experiences. Second, the WSO is putting together a series of three “Basic” tools for service system: Service System Basics, Group Support Basics, and Local Service Basics.

- **Human Resource Panel:** Currently in the beginning stages of nomination process for WSC 2016. There will be two attachments online for those interested. Attachment #1: Human Resource Panel Announcement and Position description. Attachment #2: Potential Candidate Submission Form and RBZ Rationale Questionnaire. Each can be completed and submitted online. Any questions go to hrp@na.org or call (818) 773-9999x156.
- Request valid postal mail address for the following ASCs: Buffalo ASC and Niagara-Orleans ASC. Go to <http://www.na.org/?ID=area-reg-form>. This will allow each ASC to receive postal mail from the WSO, including NAWS News and 12-copy free subscription to *Reaching Out Newsletter* for use in H&I efforts.
- **NEZF:** The next meeting of the NEZF will be hosted by Connecticut and it will be held in October 2015. Planning is underway and is being carried out via virtual meetings. The first meeting was in October outlining potential agenda/topic /workshops. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for December 2014.

Once again, this RD would like to thank the trusted servants and the fellowship of WNY for remaining open-minded and willing as we work collaboratively and actively participate in shaping the new reality that lies before NA. Let us continue to keep in mind, the theme of the WSC, *The Ties That Bind Us Together*.

In closing, thank you for letting me be of service.

Yours in service,
Jim L. RD

11/17/2014

Request for Dispersement

Note: The request is for the upcoming service commitment at MARLCNA.

MARLCNA XXX

When: February 6 - 8, 2015 RD/RD Alt

Where: Lancaster Host

2300 Lincoln Hwy

Lancaster, PA 17602

Item	Projected Expenses
Hotel	\$200.00 (+ taxes)
2 Registration Packets	\$98.00
Food Stipend	\$360.00 (RD/RD Alt)
Mileage	\$425.00
Tolls	\$15.00
Incidentals	\$24.00 (tax/WIFI)
Total	\$1122.00

REQUEST for DISPERSMENT is being made for the purpose of budgetary considerations. It should also be noted that funds for MARLCNA 2015 are being requested at this meeting of Region so that reservations and registration can be made in a timely fashion.

**Yours in Service,
Jim L**

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