

STATEN ISLAND AREA SERVICE MEETING

July 13, 2021

*7:00 PM: Opened with a moment of silence, The Serenity Prayer, Purpose of Area Statement, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

*7:06 PM: Roll call for sub-committee attendance taken.

Sub-Committee Attendance:

Chairperson: Thomas

Vice Chair: Jimmy

Secretary: Julia

Treasurer: Dana

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Ray

Public Relations (PR) Chair: Walter

Technology Chair: Jesse C

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Chair: Jessica

Events & Activities (E&A) Chair: Troy

Homebound Chair: Vacant

Policy Chair: Vacant

Literature Management: Vacant

Speaker Exchange: Vacant

*7:07 PM: First roll call for Group Service Representative's taken, 8 GSR's present.

*7:10 PM: Read May 2021 minutes. No corrections. Step Up to the Deck motioned to accept the minutes, Men Working it Out seconded. Motion passed.

*7:15 PM: **Sub-committee reports**

Reports Received (attached):

- Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Report given (attachment 1)

No questions asked. Step Up to the Deck made a motion to accept, Saturday Morning Wakeup seconded. Accepted.

- Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report given (attachment 2)

Q: Vice-Chair mentioned that groups having the ability to apply to be on our insurance on the RSO website is probably not that safe and secure. He added that our area policy requires people to show up to Area to be accepted as a group before they even go on the meeting list/website, and that's when Area can get them on the insurance.

A: RCM replied that that's just the way it's set up.

A: Chairperson added that once we finalize the new meeting list, the next project we can do is cross-check it to the groups for which we currently have insurance certificates.

Q: Vice-Chair of Technology asked RCM if he was interested in any of the open positions at Region and if he'd like us to nominate him for anything.

A: RCM respectfully declined.

Step Up to the Deck made a motion to accept, Alive @ 6 in St. George seconded. Accepted.



Reports Not Received:

- Technology Report given

A: PR Chair suggested that the groups on here today to say if it's okay to remove the address if they're temporarily closed and only meeting virtually...and if they're not here then they should just come to Area if they have a problem with it.

A: Vice Chair of Technology replied that the groups need to approve it first before any change is made.

A: Technology Chair added that we discussed in Steering Committee that we will be forming an ad-hoc committee to go to the groups and address if they have to update their info.

Q: Not Just For Women Only asked if we're able to bring this information back to our respective groups and come back to area next month with our decisions.

A: Vice Chair of Technology replied yes, but they can also just let Jayne, Julia or Jesse know.

A: Website Coordinator added that we can also be contacted via the message icon on the Area website as well.

Step Up to the Deck made a motion to accept. Not Just for Women Only seconded. Accepted.

- Treasurer Report given

Q: Step Up to the Deck asked if there is any other way besides Venmo that groups can make literature orders and donations.

A: Treasurer replied no.

A: Chairperson replied that they can meet Walter (who does Literature Management) and get literature with money orders, which he will give to the Treasurer. They can also make arrangements to meet the Steering Committee members with money orders who will forward them to the Treasurer.

Clean Times made a motion to accept, Not Just For Women Only seconded. Accepted.

- Public Relations (PR) Report given

A: Time to Live & Give mentioned that Tuesday afternoon might be available at the True Vine Fellowship location on the North Shore if someone wanted to open up a live meeting.

A: Technology Chair added that we should compile a list of physical locations that are allowing meetings to go live and put it on the website.

Q: Richie asked if he heard the PR Chair correctly that he is inviting the NYPD to our events.

A: PR Chair replied that he gave a PR presentation at the 123 precinct community monthly meeting and they told him if they have another event they will invite NA. PR Chair replied if we have a PR event we will invite them.

Q: Richie asked what's the purpose of the NYPD being there.

A: PR Chair replied that NA has done PR presentations at events where everyone is there...the District Attorney's Office, police department, all the schools, Camelot... pretty much anyone that deals with addiction can show up. NA doesn't have any control over the events, but we would like to invite the NYPD because they deal with a lot of narcotic-related crime. He added it would be good to have a good relationship with them.



A: Not Just For Women Only stated that she doesn't think that would be a good idea.
A: PR Chair told her to come to the PR info meeting. He also said he's invited the NYPD for the past 4 years he's being doing his commitment. He added that when we have a PR event we invite everyone...the high schools, the DA's office, etc. anyone that deals with addiction.

A: Not Just For Women Only said that the PR Chair said "event", not "presentation". If he said "presentation" from the start she wouldn't have had anything to say.

A: Clean Times clarified that the PR Chair means a "presentation" for Public Relations, not an "event" like the BBQ.

A: Shanda added that when the police are invited to an event, it can deter addicts from showing up and speaking up.

A: PR Chair replied that he's referring to events for the public, not for addicts. It's an event for the schools, lawyers, methadone clinics, hospitals, the police department... anyone in the community that deals with addiction. He said that if the community has an event like this we all get invited, so if NA hosts an event like this we will invite everyone too.

A: Chairperson said that we have to move on, so if you want to know more about how PR operates you can attend a PR meeting.

Technology Chair made a motion to accept, Clean Times seconded. Accepted.

- Events & Activities (E&A) Report given

Q: Vice Chair asked if the E&A sub-committee meeting this Sunday will be on the Area Zoom ID.

A: E&A Chair replied yes.

Q: Technology Chair asked what he needs helps for....the picnic?

A: E&A Chair replied yes, especially on the day of the event. But also to just join the E&A Committee in general!

Q: Vice-Chair of Technology asked if the Sunday meeting should go on the website calendar.

A: E&A Chair replied yes.

Vice-Chair of Technology made a motion to accept, Technology Chair seconded. Accepted.

- Merchandise Report given

No questions asked. Vice-Chair of Technology made a motion to accept, Technology Chair seconded. Accepted.

*7:40 PM: 2nd roll call for Group Service Representative's taken, 13 GSR's present.

*8:26 PM: **New business, nominations/elections, open forum:**

Open positions:

Treasurer

Speaker Exchange

H&I Chair

PR Chair

Homebound



Literature Management
Merchandise

Quorum is 9.33 based on the average of the GSR attendance from the previous 3 months.
March 5 GSR's, April 13 GSR's, May 11 GSR's.

Chairperson position nominee, Jimmy Tugboat. Voting commenced. 9 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstain.
Jimmy becomes the new Chairperson!

Vice-Chair nominee, Richie. Voting commenced. 8 yay, 2 nay, 3 abstain. Richie becomes the
new Vice-Chair!

Policy Chair nominee, Thomas. Voting commenced. 10 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstain. Thomas
becomes the new Policy Chair!

Step Up to the Deck nominated Shanda for the Treasurer. Time to Live & Give seconded.
Shanda politely declined.

No other nominations made.

Treasurer, H&I Chair, PR Chair, Literature Management, Merchandise Chair, Homebound Chair
& Speaker Exchange are still vacant Area positions that need to be filled.
Chair added to spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!

Get Real on the Terrace desperately needs support and is looking for a physical location if
anyone knows of anything. They also have trusted servants positions vacant that need to be
filled immediately. Saturday Morning Wakeup needs support. Y We Recover needs support.
Saturday Surrender needs support. Not Just for Women Only needs support. The Treasurer
and GSR positions are vacant and need to be filled.

Staten Island Area E&A presents the 1st Post Pandemic Dinner & Dance "Night of Elegance"
July 16th 8pm-12am. Contact Troy or Jimmy Tugboat to purchase advance tickets...there are
limited seats available! More info on the top banner of the area homepage: www.na-si.org

Staten Island Area E&A presents the annual picnic on August 21st. Save the date! E&A
meeting this Sunday, July 18th at 7pm on the Area Zoom ID.

As of July 21st Wednesday, Step Up to the Deck; Thursday the 22nd, Crystal Clean on
Victory; and Friday the 23rd, Message is Hope meetings are all only in-person.



Q: Step Up to the Deck asked if the Area can give an explanation for being closed in June.

A: Chairperson replied that it was due to technical difficulties.

Q: Shanda asked if she wants to go for an open commitment on the E&A Committee, should she go to the E&A meeting?

A: E&A Chair replied yes.

Q: E&A Chair mentioned that we can use the PO Box for donations.

Q: Secretary asked if anyone is interested in making an NA softball team through Funleagues.

A: Chairperson answered that the Secretary should talk to the E&A Chair about how we can set that up and promote it, while staying within our traditions.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked if technical difficulties was the reason Area was closed both times.

A: Chairperson replied that the first time it was because of technical difficulties, and the second time it was because we didn't think we could get the word out fast enough to GSR's.

A: Time to Live & Give wanted it noted that before they were just informed that Area was closed due to technical difficulties and thought it was because people just weren't able to attend, they didn't understand the reason why it was shut down. The Area isn't supposed to tell the groups what to do, the groups are supposed to tell the Area what to do.

A: Chairperson replied that it was strictly due to technical difficulties. We also put it on the website that we were closed due to technical difficulties.

*8:47 PM: Clean Machine motioned to close, Step Up to the Deck seconded.
Chair closed the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer.

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Alive @ 6 in St George	Jose	-----
Back to Basics	Absent	Absent
By the Book	Absent	Absent
Carrying the Message	Absent	Absent
Clean Machine	Absent	Kerry
Clean on the Bay	Absent	Absent
Clean Times	Jacqueline	-----
Crystal Clean on Victory	Absent	Absent
Easy as 1, 2, 3	Absent	Absent



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Eltingville at 8	Absent	Absent
Freedom on Friday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Get Real on the Terrace	Absent	Absent
Listen to Learn	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Men Working it Out	Absent	Greg
Not Just for Women Only	Tish	-----
Principles on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Port of Recovery	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Recovery by the Water	Absent	Absent
Recovery on the Boulevard	Absent	Absent
Recovery Room	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Saturday Morning Wakeup	Tommy	-----
Saturday Surrender	Absent	Absent
Spiritual Kindergarten	Don	-----
Steps to Freedom	Absent	John
Step Up to Learn	Henry	-----
Step Up to the Deck	George P	-----
Sunday at 2:30	Absent	Absent
The Journey	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
The Message is Hope	Absent	Absent
The Real Deal	Absent	Pat
Time to Live and Give	Absent	Ellen
Together on Sunday	Ayman	-----
Who, What, Why	Absent	Absent
Y We Recover	Absent	Absent



July 2021 Announcements

- *-Get Real on the Terrace desperately needs support and is looking for a physical location if anyone knows of anything. They also have trusted servants positions vacant that need to be filled immediately.
- *-Saturday Morning Wakeup needs support.
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- *-Y We Recover needs support.
- *-Not Just For Women Only needs support. The Treasurer and GSR positions are vacant and need to be filled.
- *-Treasurer, H&I Chair, PR Chair, Literature Management, Merchandise Chair, Homebound Chair & Speaker Exchange are still vacant Area positions that need to be filled.
- *-Spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!
- *-Merchandise is for sale! T-shirts, mugs, tank tops and more! Contact Jimmy Tugboat for more details: 347.996.2441
- *-Staten Island Area E&A presents the annual picnic on August 21st. Save the date!

Anniversaries:

- *-July 17, 2021
St. Claire 28 years, Alicia 29 years @ Carrying the Message
- *-July 19, 2021
George P 11 years @ Time to Live & Give
- *-July 20, 2021
Mike Loud 4 years, Arianna 4 years @ Clean Times
- *-July 23, 2021
Anna M 12 years @ The Real Deal
- *-July 23, 2021
Erica 3 years @ Clean Machine
- *-July 26, 2021
Derek R 18 years @ Time to Live & Give
- *-July 30, 2021
Jimmy S 1 year @ Steps to Freedom
- *-July 31, 2021
Kathy P 28 years @ Carrying the Message
- *-August 20, 2021
Cristal H 2 years @ The Real Deal
- *-August 22, 2021
John S 19 years @ Alive @ 6 in St. George
- *-August 27, 2021
Shanda 24 years @ The Real Deal
- *-August 27, 2021
John P 3 years, James Pepe 10 years @ Steps to Freedom

For more anniversaries keep coming!



H&I Subcommittee Report

- We are currently doing 5/9of our presentations LIVE!!! And 4/9of our presentations via Zoom.
- H&I Vice Chair is open.
- Our learning day is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at Wolfe's Pond Park from 6:30-8:30. We will be having the learning day in place of our regularly scheduled sub-committee meeting. The flyer is available on the website.
- We are continuing the dialogue with the facilities about bringing our commitments back in person. And it's working!!
- We will continue to inform the facilities and patients/residents that our meeting list is available on our website and is regularly updated.
- Panel leaders that are still doing virtual presentations are continuing to reach out to facilities to make sure they have literature available.

RCM REPORT TO AREA JULY 13, 2021

REGIONAL ELECTIONS: Randolph T voted in as Outreach Committee Chair, Arya B Appointed as Web Coordinator, Peter H voted in as Archivist, Maurice S appointed RDA.

VACANT POSITIONS AS REGION: I realize we are only half way through the year, but it's time to ask the RCMs to seek nominations for the following positions so that the nominations can go out to the Areas for consideration between September and November: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Asst Treasurer, Secretary, Asst Secretary, Policy Chair, Web Coordinator, H&I Chair, PR Chair, Helpline Chair and E&A Chair. Nominees submitted will stand for election at the November RSC.

ASSISTANT TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HELPLINE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR

RSO REPORT:

GNYSO Store now open. Schedule can be found on GYNRSO Site.

If you need an Insurance Certificate for your Group go to GNYRSO site, Click [Resources](#), then Click [Greater NY Region Umbrella Insurance Policy](#), then fill out request and submit it.

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS:

- I Got Clean During the Pandemic (August 7, 2021 at 3:00 pm EST)
- SJ Speaker Jam in the Park (August 21, 2021 from 12 - 7 pm EST)
- NYCA 68th Birthday Bash (August 28, 2021 from 12 - 6 pm EST)
- World Unity Day (September 4, 2021 at 10 am PDT)

REGIONAL CONCERNS:

NEXT REGIONAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT:

WSC 2022. NAWS is still uncertain what is possible and practical for WSC 2022, whether an in-person or virtual Conference or some combination. The world board does not have a shared vision and does not know what other participants believe is possible or what they would prefer. Several straw polls of conference participants were taken to gauge interest on how to conduct WSC 2022. Another web meeting is scheduled during July to further discuss this topic. • NAWS Financial Update. A financial update of NAWS was provided that shows that NA World Services are just meeting current expenses and projects a net income of \$26,294 for the year. Getting to this point is tremendous progress and reflects both prudent decisions to curtail expense and generous support through contributions from NA members. • Virtual Meeting Survey. 4,230 members responded to the virtual meeting survey. 82% of those responding answered yes to the question: Do you believe that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA Groups, as listed in the Group Booklet.

NAWS:

Originally published in 1961, the White Booklet or the Little White Book (LWB), as it has come to be known, celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. This booklet is currently published in 30 languages.

Thirteen of the translated versions include local personal stories. To celebrate this milestone, we propose publishing a special edition LWB that includes the English LWB with eight personal stories, as well as all 85 stories from the 13 language versions spanning five continents. We would add a brief description before the title page explaining what this special edition contains and would like to publish this anniversary edition in English by the end of 2021.

NAWS NEWS attached

TREASURERS REPORT: Not received

MEETING LISTS: Areas are asked to review their unpublished meetings and republish those meetings that are temporarily closed to the TC format code.

HELPLINE:

Many of our calls are asking for the status of In Person meetings. We now have a search bar option "Venue Types" which allows us to filter the in person and virtual meetings. We need all areas to keep their virtual meeting ID's up to date on their BMLT. Our volunteers cannot assist a caller when the virtual details are incorrect. Monthly Phone/Call Statistics 2021 YTD 1568 Jan 183 Apr 287 Feb 220 May 271 Mar 267 June 340

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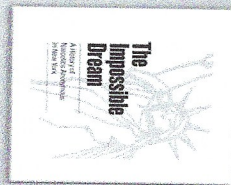
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Greeting Cards

HOW DID WE MAKE IT THROUGH???

YOUR RSO

During this past year with the Covid-19 raising it ugly head we at the GNYRSO, Inc. almost came to a complete stand still. Many people have asked, "how are you guys doing and how did you make it through?"

The simple answer is teamwork and a concerted effort to continue to serve the NA Fellowship however we could throughout this time. While we had to close the office to the public for safety reasons we, the Board of Directors members, took turns coming to the office to fill WEB Orders (which showed a sharp increase and an amazing geographical spread - from Maine to Texas to California and many places in-between) and to ship the ordered materials. We were also able to service and attract some business from Areas outside of the GNYR. This was due to the fact that a number of Areas outside of the GNYR were able to hold their normal area meetings and we encouraged them to purchase their literature needs from us rather than from NAWs. We advised them that we charged the same prices for literature, offered the same discounts and reduced shipping costs on most orders. We also offered 30-day credit terms for established Areas and institutions. While there was a very big drop-off in our sales of literature and specialty items (due to most Areas not meeting in person and distributing literature) we continued to have on going expenses such as rent, telephone, electricity, etc. To meet these expenses we limited our ordering of replacement literature to absolute necessary items (For the most part Basic Texts, Step Working Guides and medallions) As we sold other items in our stock we did not replace much of it as the funds were used to pay ongoing bills. This had the effect of reducing our stock by about 50% but enabled us to make all necessary payments. Including amounts owed to NAWs, on time. Individual groups that have started to meet have also started to order literature for their groups and that has had the effect of increasing our sales and therefore profit. We are planning on having a soft opening on June 21st, Monday. Hours are posted on the WEB Site and individuals, groups and others will be able to come to the office, order materials and received them at once. Currently we have paid all bills on time, built up a bit of a reserve and are looking forward to serving the entire GNYR Fellowship as we all start to return to normal.

Brooklyn Area Events & Activities
Saturday
August 7, 2021

Speaker Jam



I Got Clean
During The
Pandemic

Meeting Starts
3:00pm

Suggested

TO WEAR WHITE TO WELCOME THE
NEWCOMER

90 Days - 19 Months Newcomer Speakers

ID: 838 5992 6499/ PW: BASCNA



SOUTH JAMAICA QUEENS AREA

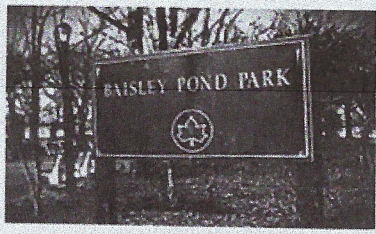
PRESENTS...



5th Annual



Speaker Jam In The Park BLUE BBQ AREA



**BAISLEY BLVD & 160TH ST
SO JAMAICA-QUEENS**



SAT., AUGUST 21, 2021 / 12 PM - 7 PM

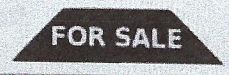
SPEAKERS: Various Topics

FROM THE 5 BOORS, WESTCHESTER, NASSAU & SUFFOLK COUNTIES



FREE

FOR FELLOWSHIP



Water/Soda/Desserts



Bring your chair and music!

**CONTACTS: Maryland 718-710-6296, Regina 917-749-5609, Greg X 917-749-4651,
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NYC AREA E&A

presents

Narcotics Anonymous'

68th

Birthday Bash

AUGUST 28

12:00 - 6:00 PM

EAST RIVER PARK

ENTER @ EAST 10TH STREET

FOOD* FUN* FELLOWSHIP*

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$5.00

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**5
SPEAKERS**

**5
BOROUGHES**

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YOUR NAME &
NUMBER OF GUESTS**

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FOR ALL!
PLEASE RSVP TO ALLOW US
TO HAVE ENOUGH FOOD**

Bring chairs & the kids!

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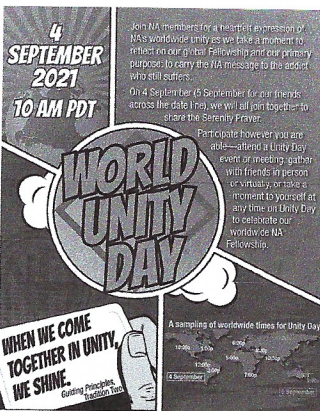
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QUICK NOTES

We are closing in on 10,000 followers for our **Instagram** account, **@narcoticsanonymous**, and that is a magic number for Instagram. At 10,000 followers, we can have live links on posts. Please follow us if you haven't already and help push us over the top.

PR week was the first full week in June, and communities around the world planned events to raise members' awareness about PR service and inform the public about NA.



4 SEPTEMBER 2021
10 AM PDT

WORLD UNITY DAY

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER IN UNITY, WE SHINE.

Getting Principle, Practicing Tradition Too

Unity Day is 4 September. Flyers have been posted to www.na.org/nawsevents. Join addicts around the world by saying the Serenity Prayer at 10am PDT.

All of the zonal forums have been meeting regularly as the **Role of Zones** Project to exchange experience, and the zones seated at the WSC had a "spin-off" meeting to share their experience with the new position of ZD.

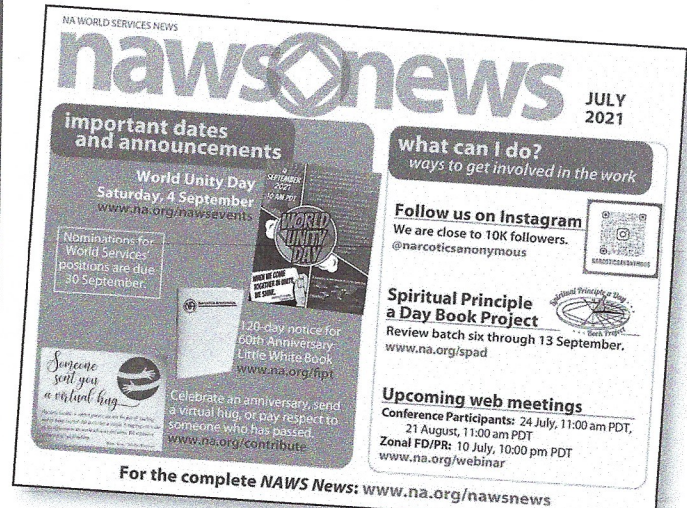
The **Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD)** Project has posted the sixth of six batches of entries for review through 13 September: www.na.org/spad. The text of the whole book will be in the 2022 *Conference Agenda Report* for approval at WSC 2022.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

More than a year into the pandemic, our most pressing news continues to be financial.

First, the good news—for the first time in decades, contributions represented 25% of our income during the last fiscal year. That's up from 10% the year before. Our gratitude is boundless. Thank you everyone who has contributed and helped us stay afloat for the past 16 months.

NA members tend to be good in a crisis, and contributions are higher than they have ever been before. However, that is only part of the story: Literature sales continue to be depressed. It is going to take us a long time to build back from the financial crisis of the past year. Until NA meetings worldwide are taking place in-person again, we do not expect literature sales to be anything near what they used to be. Without the PPP program and contributions from



NA WORLD SERVICES NEWS

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JULY 2021

important dates and announcements

World Unity Day
Saturday, 4 September
www.na.org/nawsevents

Nominations for World Services positions are due 30 September.

120-day notice for 50th Anniversary Little White Book
www.na.org/lwb

Someone sent you a virtual hug
Celebrate an anniversary, send a virtual hug, or pay respect to someone who has passed.
www.na.org/contribute

what can I do?
ways to get involved in the work

Follow us on Instagram
We are close to 10K followers.
[@narcoticsanonymous](https://www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous)

Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project
Review batch six through 13 September.
www.na.org/spad

Upcoming web meetings
Conference Participants: 24 July, 11:00 am PDT, 21 August, 11:00 am PDT
Zonal FD/PR: 10 July, 10:00 pm PDT
www.na.org/webinar

For the complete **NAWS News**: www.na.org/nawsnews

Go to www.na.org/virtual to download this slide for your meetings.

members, groups, and service bodies, we would be in dire shape. Our reserves have kept us functioning, and building them back up is part of regaining the ground we have lost.

So all of that is to say, thank you and keep it up!

We still believe the silver lining of the pandemic is that it has given us the opportunity to finally make the long-needed shift from a dependence on literature sales for income to a future where NA is self-supporting through member contributions (including contributions from service bodies, groups, and NA events). Our long-term goal is to cover at least 70% of the expense for services through contributions. And we have made significant progress: We are almost 40% of the way there. That's great, but it's important to remember that part of the reason the percentage has risen so much this past year is because we were forced to furlough or lay off so many staff and we have not been traveling to Fellowship events or having in-person Board or workgroup meetings.

The remaining staff have been working through the entire pandemic, but the World Service Office in Chatsworth remains closed to the public until we are able to raise our staff levels enough to accommodate walk-in orders or tours.

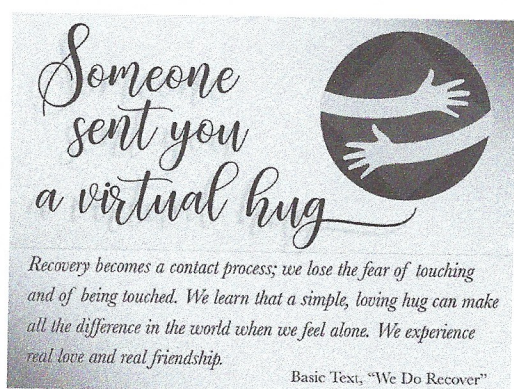
We look forward to a future when we are able to resume some of this activity and create a new normal for NA World Services.

Thank you for your help getting there.

DONORBOX ANNOUNCEMENT

As you may have read in a recent email from us, we have changed our payment provider. The new provider makes it easier for members to track their contributions and gives them more options for recurring contributions.

It also made it possible for us to introduce the option to make a contribution in honor of someone. Whether to celebrate an anniversary, send a virtual hug, or pay respect to someone who has passed, you can now send a card with a contribution and let someone know you've made a contribution to celebrate them, send some love, or acknowledge a loss. Just click the Send Some Love option on www.na.org/contribute.



WSC 2022

The World Board and Conference participants are in discussion about the 2022 World Service Conference—whether an in-person WSC will be possible or not, given the existing and potential travel restrictions, health considerations, and the continuing financial strain on World Services.

Regardless of where or how the Conference takes place, we are already looking at a full plate of work, between the projects passed at 2020 that we have been unable to work on given our funding and staffing shortages plus the CAR motions that were not addressed in 2020 that will be reintroduced in 2022. The Board is asking regions and zones to reach out with issues and concerns in the hopes that resolutions can be worked out without the recourse to a CAR motion or a new project.

WORLD CONVENTION

We are also still uncertain about **WCNA 38** in Melbourne, Australia. We currently have a contract at the convention center for November 2022, but we are not sure if travel restrictions and the global health situation will allow the convention to take place. We have until October of this year to cancel the contract without penalty if that seems like the prudent thing to do. There are some who question the decision to have a World Convention in 2022 even if conditions make it possible. We take the World Convention zones' ability to host WCNA very seriously. The World Convention zones and rotation are WSC policies called out in *A Guide to World Services in NA*. The current rotation plan would not

take us back to this part of the world for 27 years. Because of this, the Board believes that every chance should be given for WCNA 38 to happen. We do share the concern about finances, and will create a much different financial model for WCNA 38 if it proceeds.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Virtual meeting survey posted from March through the end of May 2021. A total of 4,230 responses were received from members, groups, and service bodies in 62 countries. From within the US, members in 46 states, as well as Puerto Rico and Washington DC, responded.

The survey was posted in five languages: English (1,958 responses), Farsi (872 responses), Portuguese (856 responses), Spanish (421 responses), and Polish (123 responses).

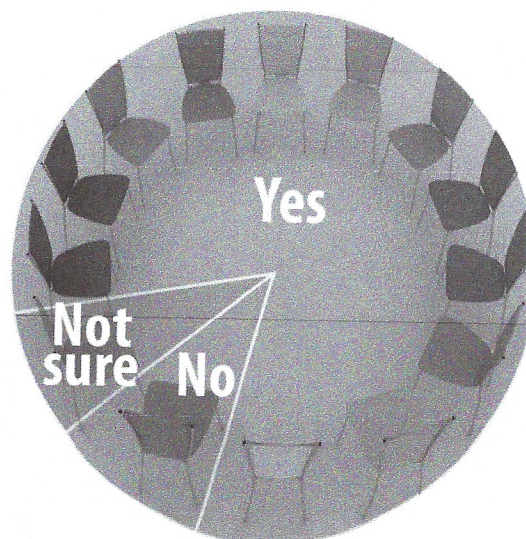
One of the questions the survey asked was,

"Do you believe that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA groups, as listed in *The Group Booklet*?"

There was a consensus among respondents that virtual meetings do meet the criteria: Yes - 3466 (82%), No - 407 (10%), and Not Sure - 357 (8%).

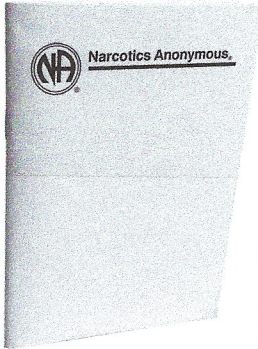
This survey was a helpful way to gather input. The Board will review the results, and if they have recommendations for Conference decisions related to virtual meetings, they will discuss those recommendations with delegates before including them in the *Conference Agenda Report*.

Just a reminder: virtual meetings are listed in the NA meeting finder (search using "web" or "phone" for country), and each service body is free to make their own decisions about member groups (or areas or regions). The question of whether to recognize virtual meetings as groups at NA World Services is a different type of decision that must be made by the NA Fellowship as given voice by the regional and zonal delegates at the World Service Conference. This does not and should not affect local decisions by service bodies to recognize these meetings as groups.



SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY LITTLE WHITE BOOK & FIPT INFORMATION

We have posted notice on www.na.org/fipt that we intend to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Little White Book (LWB) by bringing together all of the stories contained within the different language versions into one English-language commemorative edition.

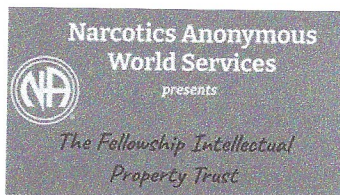


The Operational Rules of the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* allow the Board to bundle, excerpt, and repackage Fellowship-approved literature, with 120-day notice to the Fellowship. We posted the notice on 25 June and emailed our list of over 150,000 to let them know.

Since then, we have heard from a few members who wondered why we are taking on new “projects” when we have not had the resources to accomplish some of the work approved at WSC 2020. We want to clarify that the 60th anniversary LWB isn’t a project—it doesn’t require a workgroup, Fellowship review, a survey, collecting or drafting new stories. It’s simply a repackaging of already published material, using translations that were made at the time of initial publication for the Board’s review for conceptual fidelity.

In other *FIPT* news: we had posted some proposed revisions to the *FIPT* for six-month review, and received no objections. The proposed revisions are simply to update the *FIPT* to add zonal delegates as decision makers, in line with current Conference policy. We did not expect the revisions to be controversial, and we plan to offer them in the *Conference Agenda Report* for WSC decision.

The last *FIPT*-related item we want to draw your attention to is the video posted at www.na.org/fipt that explains what the *FIPT* is and why it is important to you.



TRANSLATIONS

In the six months since we last mentioned translations in *NAWS News*, we have published 38 translated pieces in 18 languages, including the Sixth Edition Basic Text in French and Georgian, Kannada, and Tamil White Booklets. We published almost twice as many translated titles compared to pre-pandemic numbers. We have been able to achieve that through using outside resources, by refocusing staff efforts on this, and because of the pause on other work such as the publication of the *NA Way* in five languages. Thank you so much to all of the members who work to make the NA message accessible to addicts in their own language and culture.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

Don’t forget that you can download and repost memes from the Social Media section of the Media Page (www.na.org/media). And that the resources posted at the Virtual Meetings Page (www.na.org/virtual) and the Local Service Resources Page (www.na.org/localresources) are updated on an ongoing basis. We just put together a hybrid meetings section on www.na.org/virtual. Send us any local resources you think others would benefit from.

Hybrid Meeting Resources

- [Hybrid meetings presentations July 2020](#) (local)
- [Hybrid Meeting Guide - Hollywood](#) (local)
- [Hybrid Meeting Equipment and Considerations](#) (local)

Seventh Tradition

- [Online Payment App Comparison](#) (local)
- [Some suggestions about the 7th Tradition from Northern New Jersey](#) (local)
- [New England Region - 7th Tradition PowerPoint](#) (local)

FELLOWSHIP WEBINARS

While you are visiting the Media Page (www.na.org/media) and the Virtual Meetings Page (www.na.org/virtual), check out the reports, videos, and other resources from the FD and virtual meetings webinars that are posted. It’s inspiring to hear about efforts to carry the message around the world.

We plan to schedule a Fellowship-focused webinar each quarter. We would love to hear your ideas for topics. What would you like to learn more about? What do you think your local groups or service bodies want or need to hear? Let us know: wb@na.org

HRP REPORT

Hello from the Human Resource Panel. We want to remind all Conference participants and eligible World Pool members who are interested in being nominated for a World Services’ position that we are asking all candidates to acquire an RBZ (Region, World Board, Zonal Forum) recommendation this cycle. Our nominations process starts soon, and while we welcome early submissions, the deadline for submitting an RBZ recommendation is **30 September 2021**. If you have any questions about the RBZ process, you may want to review our report from the December 2020 *NAWS News*. Here is that link: www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/newsnews/en/NN_Dec2020.pdf

We are also asking delegates to refrain from submitting a Nomination from a Conference Participant for WSC 2022. We believe that the WSC does not have confidence in this process since these nominees are not evaluated by the HRP, and in the past 20 years, not elected at the WSC.

We welcome your ideas and input: worldboard@na.org