

## The Rundown

### important dates and announcements

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#### WCNA 37 30 August–2 September 2018

Celebrate Recovery in Orlando, Florida!  
Learn more, register, and book your hotel:  
[www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna).

#### WCNA 38—2021 Melbourne, Australia!

#### Membership Survey

1 September 2018—Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey. Spread the word to local communities, create a link to the survey on your websites, and mention at your meetings. Go to [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey).



#### WSC of the Future

We are still planning our first meeting and appreciate that most zones have selected a representative. We look forward to working together toward our common goal of an effective and sustainable World Service Conference.

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

#### Projects

**Literature Projects:** Info and updates are available on a mental health/illness IP ([www.na.org/mhmi](http://www.na.org/mhmi)) and a meditation book ([www.na.org/meditationbook](http://www.na.org/meditationbook)). We continue to welcome your ideas on either project: [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

#### Training and Tools Project:

**Conventions and Events Toolbox:** [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions)

- Money Management—draft available soon
- The Program Committee & Development of the Program—final version ready to use
- Sign up for next web meeting and project news: [conventions@na.org](mailto:conventions@na.org)



**Local Service Toolbox:** [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)

- Serving in Rural and Isolated Communities—draft available before the end of the year
- CBDM Basics—final version ready to use
- Sign up for web meetings and project news: [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org)



#### Upcoming web meetings

##### Conference Participants:

- 6 October, 11:00 am PDT
- 8 December, 11:00 am PST
- 9 February 2019, 11:00 am PST

**H&I:** 4 October, 4:00 pm PDT

**Inmate Step Writing:** 10 October, 3:30 pm PDT

**Phonelines:** 18 September, 4:00 pm PDT

**Public Relations:** 18 October, 4:00 pm PDT

**Zonal FD/PR:** 6 October, 9:00 am PDT

Visit [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar) for more information.

#### Issue Discussion Topics

This cycle's topics are **Attracting Members to Service, Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive**, and **Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA**. Workshop resources will be at [www.na.org/idt](http://www.na.org/idt) soon and we will send an email when they are posted. If you hold a workshop, please send your results to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org)!



## UPON THIS COMMON GROUND WE STAND COMMITTED

### THIS CYCLE HAS BEGUN

*When we look for common ground, common guidance, and common purpose with others, our relationship with the world can shift dramatically.*

*Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions,  
Tradition Two*

The World Board held its first meeting of this cycle in Orlando, Florida, 27–30 June 2018, and our first Conference participant webinar on 21 July. This report identifies areas that we addressed in our meeting and the activity since. Our work plan for the cycle is ambitious with four face-to-face workgroups and seven virtual workgroups/web meetings. Along with our workgroups, we are planning bimonthly Conference participant web meetings, and WCNA37 is just around the corner. At this meeting we welcomed and officially seated the newly elected World Board members—Hammed A, Lib E, and Yoel G—and welcomed back our second term members—Irene C, Paul F, and Tana A. We also held elections for the Executive Committee: the World Board chairperson for this cycle is Tana A, the vice-chair is Tali Mc, the secretary is Tim S, and the treasurer is Irene C. The Board spent a day of our first meeting to focus on what we call a “Board reboot day,” during which we focused on our responsibilities and goals as a board. We will be orienting the new members in several web meetings, although they seemed already up to speed. Our experience has shown that providing orientation in several pieces is more effective than trying to do it all at once. We are looking forward to a fruitful cycle.

### SERVICE OF THE BOARD

In essence, the focus of our Board reboot day was service of the board. We used this as a time for us to step back, refocus on our responsibility, and agree on how to carry the work of the cycle forward. During our initial warm-up small group exercise, we embraced the idea that effective leaders are inspirational and are inspired, which helps ignite and fuel the passion for service. One of our aims this cycle is to further develop the relationship with the WSC through zonal forums, regions, and communities. We discussed the fact that a lack of timely information may feed a feeling of disconnection, and we identified that frequent releases of information and regular web meetings are ways to build and maintain relationships with delegates. We also discussed ideas about how to increase Conference participant involvement. Naturally, we considered the use of technology and offering smaller, manageable opportunities for

engagement. This could include topics for discussion in our web meetings to garner different perspectives.

We will send out the environmental scan prior to the next regular Board meeting, which is scheduled to take place 6–9 February 2019. Our aim is to simplify the scan. We truly appreciated the participation from regions last cycle; the information provided back to us was informative and mirrored much of what we saw in our own environmental scan. Our hope is that our communication with delegates prior to the scan will help delegate teams in their preparation. Our desire is for everyone to be successful in their service efforts.

We ended our day affirming that our focus is the strategic plan and the objectives and goals contained within it. We need to focus on the goals and objectives to help us further realize our aspirational goals expressed in A Vision for NA Service.

### WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PROJECTS AND WORKGROUPS 2018–2020

We focused a lot of time reviewing the charges for the workgroups this cycle, and selecting members for each group. We left discussion about the composition of the Business Plan Group, Audit Committee, and *Reaching Out, NA Way*, and WSC Seating Workgroups to a future meeting.

Technology has improved our ability to reach members, so we received an unprecedented number of names for these projects as a result of eblast requests going out over many months. There are never enough positions open for everyone who is interested. We want to thank all of you who submitted your name or recommended someone else. We are committed to finding ways to increase involvement in these projects beyond the few that we can select for workgroup involvement. Please stay tuned!

### WSC of the Future Project

A primary aim for the WSC of the Future Workgroup is developing a shared understanding of what is meant by WSC sustainability and effectiveness. Secondary aims, and equally important, include sharing and collecting best practices for zonal forums as well as gathering ideas for improving collaboration and communication between zones, and between NA World Services and zones. While we expect there will still be some discussion about WSC seating, this focus has been shifted due to recent decisions to seat zonal delegates from zones with two or more unseated communities. We expect the workgroup to have some of these discussions, but we also think the Conference needs some time to experience this change. As the cycle continues forward, this workgroup most likely will address areas of effectiveness of the WSC meeting and discuss ideas to improve our use of time between WSC meetings. This workgroup may not be able to accomplish everything this cycle. It is an 18-member workgroup, which includes a participant from each of the 15 zonal forums, one from Iran (which is an idea the WSC supported), and two Board members. We will announce the names of participants the zones selected once that process is completed. The workgroup will also have staff support. This is the largest workgroup we have had. As you may recall,

zones have until 31 July 2018 to forward their names for workgroup participants. There certainly will be more information following their initial meeting and throughout the cycle. For more information, visit [www.na.org/future](http://www.na.org/future).

### **Mental Health/Mental Illness Informational Pamphlet Project**

The Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Workgroup must meet sooner than any of the other workgroups because it is a one-cycle project with a lot to do. To fit the Conference cycle timeline, the project must release a review and input draft to the Fellowship by February 2019. Fortunately, we have received 794 pieces of input from 26 countries for this project. This wealth of input will help the workgroup gain a sense of what is desired in the IP, and there will also be a World Board Forum at WCNA 37 to garner some additional input and involvement. We will post updates to the project page as we progress at [www.na.org/mhmi](http://www.na.org/mhmi). The workgroup will have web meetings, and we will also utilize focus groups to gather input directly from members with experience on this topic. The workgroup members are: April H, Northern California Region; Erich C, Tri-State Region; George S, Ohio Region; Jessie N, Minnesota Region; Udo B, Germanspeaking Region; and Roger S, Aotearoa New Zealand Region. Paul F will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **Daily Meditation Book Project**

The Daily Meditation Book Project is a two-cycle project with a workgroup of nine members. The workgroup will create a draft of this book. We are fortunate to begin with input from 2,700 surveys from 37 countries gathered during the previous cycle. We anticipate releasing the material for Fellowship review in three or four batches, which is similar to the process by which *Just for Today* was developed. Initial input seemed to indicate a desire to have spiritual principles repeated throughout the book's entries and to format the book similar to *Just for Today*. It is early in the process still, but we will continue to provide updates and opportunities for involvement through the project page at [www.na.org/meditationbook](http://www.na.org/meditationbook). We hope to hold our first workgroup meeting in the near future, and the work will also be supported with web meetings between the face-to-face meetings of this workgroup. The workgroup members are: Abdul Hamid R, Southern California Region; Amitabh S, SOSONA-Indian Region; Bob W, Greater New York Region; Jim B, Arizona Region; Jim D, UK Region; Kathleen N, Iowa Region; Maria del Carmen P, Panama Region; Staci H, Lone Star Region; Tawni C, Colorado Region. Mary Ellen P will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **FIPT Operational Rules and Bulletins**

This will be a virtual workgroup whose focus will be to review the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* Operational Rules and Bulletins. We will report to the Fellowship throughout the cycle on any recommendations for change. This workgroup will be guided by actions and discussions from WSC 2018. As the cycle continues, the World Board will review the workgroup's recommendations and determine what will be presented in the 2020 *Conference Agenda*

*Report*. Members of this workgroup are Art A, Southern California Region; Jim B, Volunteer Region; Kelly A, Alabama Region; Mario T, Australian Region; Mitchell S, Greater New York Region; Sharon S, Lone Star Region; and Troy B, Connecticut Region. Junior B will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **Delegates Sharing Project**

WSC 2018 chose to continue the Delegates Sharing virtual workgroup on an ongoing basis. This workgroup was formed two cycles ago for planning and executing a delegate-focused Conference session as well as a workshop during Unity Day prior to the Conference. This workgroup has been a great example of what can be accomplished by a group that doesn't meet face-to-face. Workgroup members for this cycle will be confirmed at a later date. Grainne H from Ireland Region will be the point person. Jose Luis A will serve as a liaison to the workgroup from the World Board.

### **Training and Tools Project**

The Training and Tools Project is a series of virtual web meetings with a two-pronged approach: the Local Service Toolbox and Conventions and Events Toolbox. Point persons for the Local Service Toolbox are Yoel G and Jose Luis A; point persons for Conventions and Events Toolbox are Tali Mc and Irene C. We encourage any member who is interested to sign up and participate. We appreciate your experience in these areas of service. Recently, the Local Service Toolbox has been busy with rural and isolated communities; they anticipate their next focus will be GSR orientation. Conventions and Events is nearly ready to release a draft on money management, and anticipate their next work will be about hotel negotiations. If you have not already seen them, you can also view their recently developed CBDM Basics and The Program Committee & Developing the Program on the project pages ([www.na.org/projects](http://www.na.org/projects)). For members interested in local services, please sign up at [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org); and members whose interest is conventions and events, please sign up at [conventions@na.org](mailto:conventions@na.org).

### **Issue Discussion Topics**

To continue with our ongoing Issue Discussion Topics, the WSC agreed to two topics based on the *CAR* survey. The two topics that received the highest ratings in the survey were Attracting Members to Service and Carrying the Message and Making NA Attractive. We will create sessions for these topics with input from the Conference participant web meeting that was just held on 21 July. We will roll out these IDT workshops at WCNA 37. Additionally, the Board notified the WSC that most likely there would be a third IDT, and we decided at our meeting to add Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA. The aim is to gather input, raise awareness among our members, and encourage dialogue within the Fellowship about how NA members and groups respond to and welcome addicts on DRT/MAT. What we learn and the input we gather will help shape the project plan for this topic for 2020. As we progress, updated material will be posted to [www.na.org/idt](http://www.na.org/idt).

### A Guide to World Services in NA

*A Guide to World Services in NA* (GWSNA) is being sent to Conference participants with this issue of *NAWS News* for review and input for ninety days. In addition to the tracked changes in the handbook, you may note that we have added addenda to *A Guide for Local Services in NA*. The addenda material was taken in its entirety from GWSNA and focuses on the Service System Project decisions made by the Conference; the content of the material seemed to logically align with local services and is being added as a resource. We encourage anyone with comments or suggestions to send them to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

### Special Days and PR Week

At the request of the WSC, we will be having special days designated annually for Service and for Sponsorship, similar to what we do now with Unity Day. We encourage you all to consider and discuss how your community would like to celebrate and acknowledge Service Day and Sponsorship Day. Once we have identified the dates, we will announce them through our usual channels of communication. Many of us seem to live by our calendars, and we would like our first Fellowship-wide days of Service and Sponsorship to be a success for the Fellowship.

The idea for a special PR week also came from WSC 2018. This will consist of one week each year designated to focus on public relations service, beginning in 2019. The exact week has not been identified. As with Service Day and Sponsorship Day, we will notify everyone as soon as a week has been selected.

If you have any ideas for activities related to Service Day, Sponsorship Day, or PR Week, please send your comments to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

### Membership Survey

It is almost time to update an important PR resource—our membership survey. The survey will be distributed at WCNA 37 and, on 1 September 2018, we will post the survey on [na.org](http://na.org) (on the Projects and Surveys page [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey)). For our survey efforts to be successful, we need your help. Please spread word in your communities about how important this is to our ability to provide a realistic picture of who and what NA actually is to professionals and government agencies. We will translate this survey into as many languages as we can, and we are open to adding language groups who have the ability to translate this. We tend to see greater participation when local communities provide the link to our survey on their websites or email it to their distribution lists. Any comments or questions about the survey can be addressed to the World Board at [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) or the PR team at [NAWS](mailto:pr@na.org) via [pr@na.org](mailto:pr@na.org).

## WCNA 37: 30 AUGUST–2 SEPTEMBER 2018

### LET'S CELEBRATE RECOVERY IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA!

#### The Magic Is Still Real

Excitement abounds! We can feel and hear the enthusiasm that members are experiencing for WCNA 37. Currently, we have more than 14,000 members registered to attend (more pre-registrants than ever), and we hope many more mem-

bers will be joining us. Registration indicates that this World Convention will be a global experience for us: members from 47 countries have pre-registered. At the main meeting Friday night, we will have a geographic roll call where members from countries around the globe will wave their flags, stand up and cheer, and celebrate NA's worldwide presence. The World Convention will not take place in North America again for six years after WCNA 37. As we have reported previously, the Banquet and Comedy Show are both sold out; however, tickets are still available for the Blues Luncheon, the Jazz Brunch, and the Saturday Night Concert.

As always, special-event seating assignments for WCNA 37 will be determined by the date of pre-registration; this means the location of your seat for ticketed events is driven by your pre-registration date, not by the date you purchase event tickets. We are trying a new registration process at this Convention, so picking up pre-registration packets should be quick and easy. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to register online if you plan to attend.

We are offering shuttles from the hotels in the World Convention block solely for members with needs based on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Information about local transportation, scooter rentals, and other local information can be found at [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna).

We are jazzed to see and to welcome everyone in Orlando!

## WCNA 38: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

As many members may have already heard, the location for the 2021 World Convention has been decided, and we will celebrate recovery together at WCNA 38 in Melbourne, Australia. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime World Convention experience in the land down under. WCNA dates for Australia will not be established until the contracts are signed. Additionally, we would like to thank the members from the other NA communities that were considered in the World Convention selection process.

## CALENDAR

### Travel requests (considered by quarter)

Please send in your requests as early as possible.

**1 November** for January–March

**1 February** for April–June

### Web Meetings and Webinars

18 September: Phonelines Webinar, 4:00 pm PDT

4 October: H&I Webinar, 4:00 pm PDT

6 October: Conference Participant Web Meeting, 11:00 am PDT

6 October: FD/PR Zone Webinar, 9:00 am PDT

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### World Board meetings

6–9 February 2019

1–4 May 2019