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Subject: Webinar on Meeting Finder Changes



Hello,

We wrote a couple of weeks ago to let you know about the changes that are coming soon in how World Services helps addicts find meetings. Don't forget about this weekend's webinar on the topic:

New Meeting Finder Informational Meeting

11 November, 11am–12:30pm, Pacific Standard Time (19:00–20:30 GMT) (Note: our time recently changed from Daylight to Standard, so you may want to double check the start time if you are joining from outside the time zone.)

Meeting ID: 827 1145 8381, Passcode: 1953

Anyone is welcome, but the webinar will be particularly geared toward trusted servants who maintain local meeting information via website or phoneline. We will walk through the new approach to the meeting finder and explain what information we need from trusted servants. There will be time for questions and answers. We will record the web meeting and post the video on www.na.org/meetingsearch afterward.

You can download a flyer from www.na.org/webinar. We will have Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian interpretation at the webinar.

Background

If you didn't get a chance to read the previous NAWS Update email on this topic, here is an excerpt from that email giving a little background:

World Services is changing our meeting finder app and website. Instead of trying to maintain accurate information for the more than 72,000 meetings in over 140 countries around the world, our website and meeting finder app will refer people to

local websites and phonelines for meeting information. Local meeting information is typically more accurate and up-to-date.

In order for the new system to work, however, we need to know the town or the city at the geographical center of all local websites and phonelines (area, regional, etc.). We emailed regional delegates to ask for help geotagging websites and phonelines, but website and phoneline service work is typically done by other trusted servants. If you are a local trusted servant who helps post meeting information online or make it available to phonelines, we're asking you to help us gather the information we need. If you haven't given your delegate or RCM information to help with the geo-tagging or contacted us, please email nadata@na.org with any information you have to provide.

Addicts are dying out there, and addicts are recovering in here. We need to do all we can to help them find us.

With gratitude,

World Board

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