

# How Do Virtual Meetings Connect to the Service System?



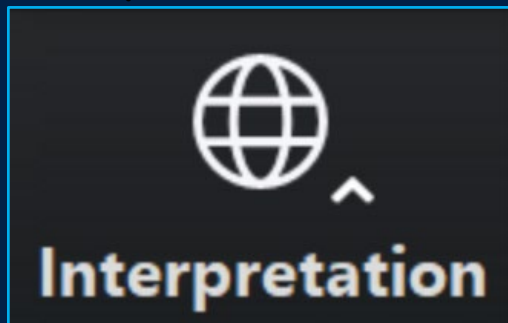
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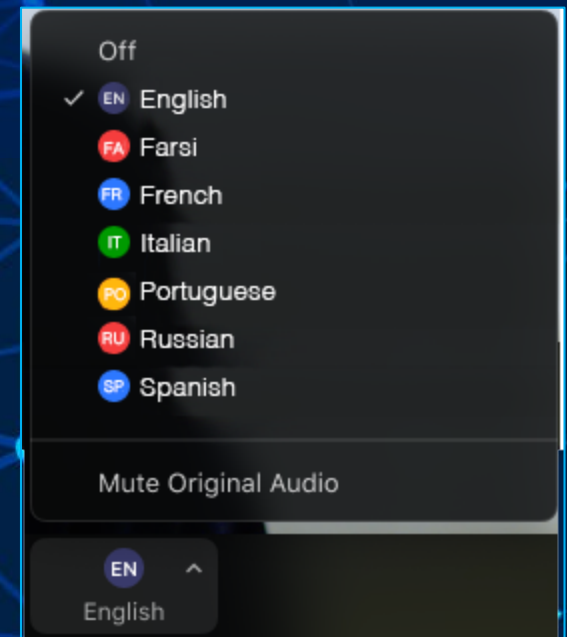
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## **March 13**      **That one special person**

**“A sponsor is not necessarily a friend, but may be someone in whom we confide. We can share things with our sponsor that we might not be comfortable sharing in a meeting.”** IP No. 11, *Sponsorship*, Revised

**We’ve asked someone to sponsor us, and the reasons we have for asking that particular person are as many as the grains of sand on a beach. Perhaps we heard them share at a speaker meeting and thought they were funny or inspiring. Perhaps we thought they had a great car and we would get one by working the same program they work. Or maybe we live in a small town and they were the only person who had the time available to help.**

**Whatever our initial reasons for getting the sponsor we have, we’re sure to find that our reasons for keeping them are quite different. Suddenly they’ll amaze us with some stunning insight, making us wonder whether they’ve been sneaking peeks at our Fourth Step. Or maybe we’re going through some sort of life crisis, and their experience with the same problem helps us in ways we never dreamed possible. We call them in pain, and they come up with a special combination of caring words that provide genuine comfort.**

**None of these remarkable feats on the part of our sponsor are mere coincidence. They’ve simply walked the same path before us. A Higher Power has placed that one special person in our lives, and we are grateful for their presence.**

**Just for today: I will appreciate that one special person in my life—my sponsor.**



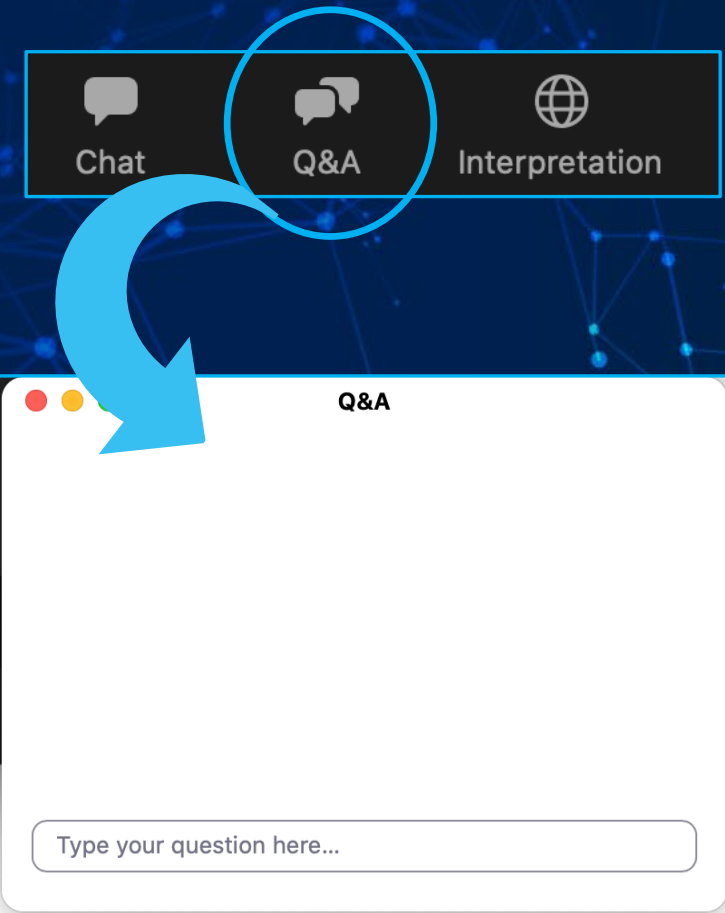
# Challenges and Opportunities

- **NA worldwide rose to the challenge**
- **New ways to provide services**
- **Challenges for some**
- **The landscape may change again**
- **There may not be answers to every question**
- **What is happening where you are?**



# Webinar format

- Great for large groups
- Streaming on YouTube: link at [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)
- Type questions in the Q&A box
- If your question doesn't get addressed please write to [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org)
- Report will contain a summary of presentations and answers to questions [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual)



# Local Service Toolbox Project

- Several tools produced in previous years:

*GSR Basics, CBDM Basics, and Serving NA in Rural and Isolated Communities*

- These are posted on the project page:

[www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)

- Now the project is focused on virtual meetings and carrying the message effectively and virtually



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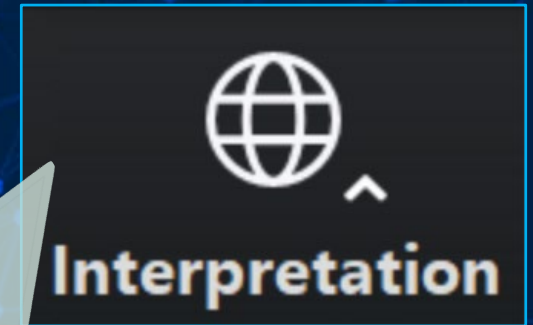
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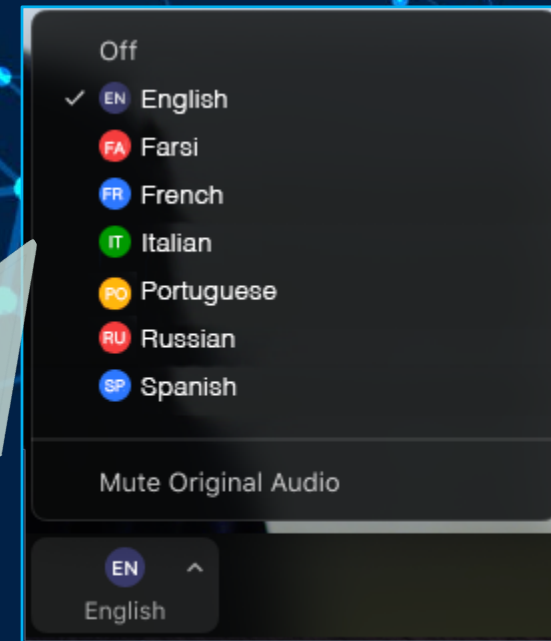
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# Not one, but two developments

- Draft outline of a virtual meetings best practices tool is posted
  - ✓ One topic concerns literature distribution.  
Reminder: *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous*



- Second survey:  
#1: How are virtual meetings connecting to the service structure and participating in the NA service system?

Everything can  
be found on the  
project page:  
[www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)



- **Second survey:  
#2: Do you believe virtual meetings should be recognized as NA groups?**

### *What is an NA group?*

When two or more addicts come together to help each other stay clean, they may form a Narcotics Anonymous group. Here are six points based on our Traditions which describe an NA group:

1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
2. As a group, they are self-supporting.
3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.



# There is a new virtual meeting form!

## Is your information current?

The link is on top of the virtual materials page: [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual)

Turn your paper forms in to smart forms for mobile and web [Learn more](#)  Submit

**VIRTUAL MEETING FORM**  
For hybrid meetings, please use new group/update form at <https://www.na.org/?ID=updateforms-newregfm>.

Name of Meeting \*

This meeting started (month/year)  This is an update? \* Yes/No

If this meeting is affiliated with an ASC/RSC which one?

Is this a replacement to an in-person meeting: Yes/No

**Contact Information**  
*The following information is necessary for any communications with the meeting.*

Contact Person \*

Address

City  State/Province

Postal/Zip  Country

Phone

Email \*

**Meeting Information**

URL /Meeting ID or Phone number (if phone meeting): \*

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AA app.goformz.com

Submit

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URL /Meeting ID or Phone number (if phone meeting): \*

Please indicate if for each of the closed next to meeting days below:

Meeting Days	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Meeting Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Meeting format and other information... please pick any combination that describes the format of your meeting

Days of the week:  Please check up to five options from the list of days below, one per column.

Each meeting day:

Day	Hybrid	In-person	Virtual	Phone	Other
Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Check above top name of our followers!



# Presenters

- Resources posted: [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual)
- Type questions into Q&A box
  - ✓ Only able to respond to questions typed in English
  - ✓ Keep your questions brief
  - ✓ Email questions or experiences: [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org)
- Brian: The No Matter What Group
- Dan: Virtual Support Forum
- Kim and Stuart: Saturday Night Virtual Speaker Meeting, Washington State
- Soliman and Mohamed, Egypt
- Anna: Quarantined NA San Diego group
- Rusty: Stay at Home Group, Alabama
- Beverly: Internationally Known Recovery group

# Virtual Support Forum

January 24, 2021

February 28, 2021

March 28, 2021

April 25, 2021

May 23, 2021

June 27, 2021

Zoom ID 479-545-4110

Password: qna

12pm PST, 1pm MST, 2pmCST, 3pm EST

A place where virtual NA meetings, groups,  
and areas can share ideas, views, and  
experiences!!



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# Background and Creation of the VSF

- A couple of years ago discussions started between various virtual groups. Questions arose as to how virtual meetings fit in our fellowship. Some virtual groups and areas are a part of existing areas or regions. Other virtual groups are neither connected nor want to be connected to the existing service structure. Many of these groups are questioning their role in the NA fellowship.
- Over the past year there have been several ad-hoc workshops and learning days sponsored by NAWs, Zones, Regions, and Virtual Groups that presented an opportunity for virtual entities to meet and learn from one another. But there has never been a consistent forum where we could meet on a regular basis, like an area service committee, to support one another, share ideas, and look towards the future. For these reasons, the VSF was created.

# WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL SERVICE FORUM AND WHAT IS OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE TODAY?

Welcome to the Virtual Support Forum. The VSF was created by a group of NA members to bring together virtual communities to listen, and to learn about other virtual communities and find the best way that we can support one another in our primary purpose to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. This is YOUR forum. We are here to facilitate YOUR communications. We invite each of you to use this forum to start your own grass-roots movement. To where? That's for you to decide.

# WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE VIRTUAL SUPPORT FORUM?

Let's come together today to share our individual virtual experiences and to generate new creative and inspiring strategic thinking in the support, development, and growth of virtual communities. The goal of the VSF is to learn what is functioning best in the virtual NA world, visualize the direction that we are heading, in hopes that collectively, we can find a form that follows function, and satisfy the needs of virtual communities.



# VSF 1 – Think Tanks

- Held four Think Tank meetings prior to VSF 1.
- Determined VSF purpose & goal.
- Decided VSF would be a facilitator not an overseer.
- Wanted groups to decide what form would follow function.

## VSF 1 - January 24, 2021.

- Attended by approximately 65 groups.
- Had 5 pre-selected presenters from established virtual groups.
- Broke up group into two sessions to allow all participants time to share.
- Gathered at the end for Q&A and to summarize the discussions.



# VSF 2 – Think Tanks

- Held three Think Tank meetings prior to VSF 2.
- Reviewed discussions from VSF 1
- Decided to create a Poll based on input received from VSF 1.

## VSF 2 - February 28, 2021.

- Attended by approximately 60 groups.
- Poll determined what breakout rooms to facilitate discussions.
- Attendees could jump in and out of breakout rooms
- Gathered at the end for Q&A and to summarize the discussions.

Future VSF's - Zoom: 479-545-4110 pwd: qna



4th Sunday 3pm EST

- VSF 3 - Sunday March 28th
- VSF 4 – Sunday April 25th
- VSF 5 – Sunday May 23rd
- VSF 6 – Sunday June 27th

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# Next Saturday!

**Venha  
conferir!**

**20 de março**  
das 15 às 17 horas  
de Brasília

**As atividades atuais  
dos Serviços Mundiais**  
também chamado de **NAWS Update**

**Como é feito em reuniões zonais e  
outras reuniões ou eventos de serviço.**  
**Agora, você pode assistir AO VIVO!**

**ID do Webinar: 948 1479 3098**

Haverá tradução para espanhol e português.

Faça contato com [wb@na.org](mailto:wb@na.org) caso precise de intérprete para outro idioma.

Também será transmitido ao vivo: o link será postado em [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox) antes do início da reunião.

**Come see  
for yourself!**

**20 March**  
11 am – 1 pm PDT

**Current activity at  
NA World Services  
aka NAWS Update**

**You've seen it at zonal meetings or  
other service meetings or events.**

**Now you can see it LIVE!!**

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Spanish and Portuguese translation provided.

Contact [wb@na.org](mailto:wb@na.org) if you require other interpretation.

Also streamed live: link will be posted to [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox) before meeting starts.

**[www.na.org/  
webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar)**

**Ven a verlo  
Tu mismo**

**Marzo 20**  
11 am – 1 pm PDT

**Actividad actual en los  
Servicios Mundiales de NA**  
**Actualización SMNA**

**Tu lo has visto en reuniones Zonales o  
en otros eventos o reuniones de servicio**

**Ahora puedes verlo en VIVO !!**

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# 1 May

NAWS will be hosting  
a webinar devoted  
to the gifts of  
NA service

11:00am-1:pm PDT

More information:  
[www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar)



*Together, we  
recover, and  
together, we  
serve—this is the  
spiritual core of  
our program,  
the foundation  
of our fellowship.*

*Twelve Concepts for NA Service,  
Concept Twelve*

How will your  
NA community  
celebrate the  
Third Annual  
Service Day?

- Host a service-related speaker jam?
- Hold a virtual workshop?
- Organize a Service Learning Day?

NAWS will be hosting a webinar on Fellowship Development, 1 May, 11:00am-1:pm PDT. More information will be posted at [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar).

Please send your ideas and comments to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

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**SATURDAY** 

**1 MAY 2021**

**Thank you**

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**Merci**

**Grazie**

**Obrigado**

**Спасибо**

**Gracias**