

WORLD SERVICES

NAWS UPDATE

The latest from NA World Services with updates on projects and WCNA 38 and much more!

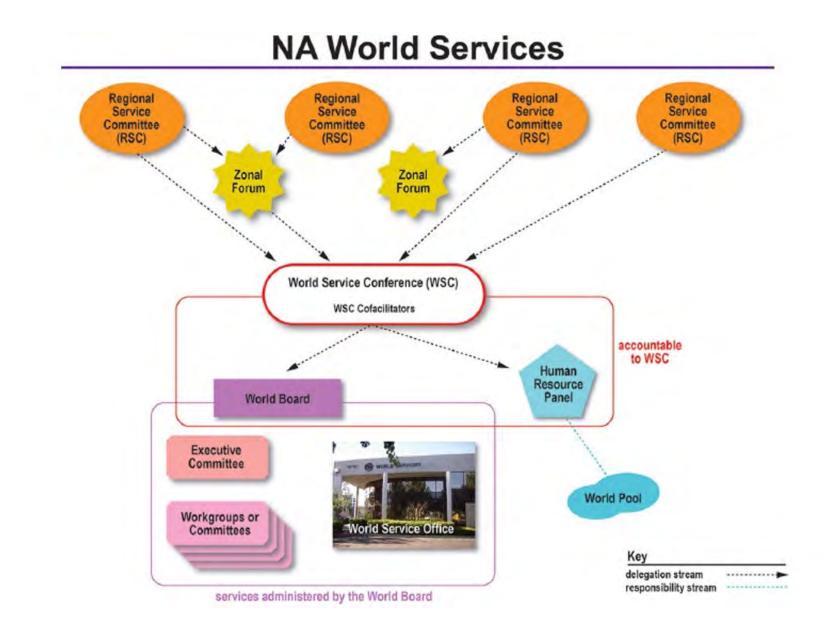
WSC 2023 Ø **Resources / Invest in Our Vision** Dutline Literature / Carrying the Message **Services & Communication Questions and Answers**

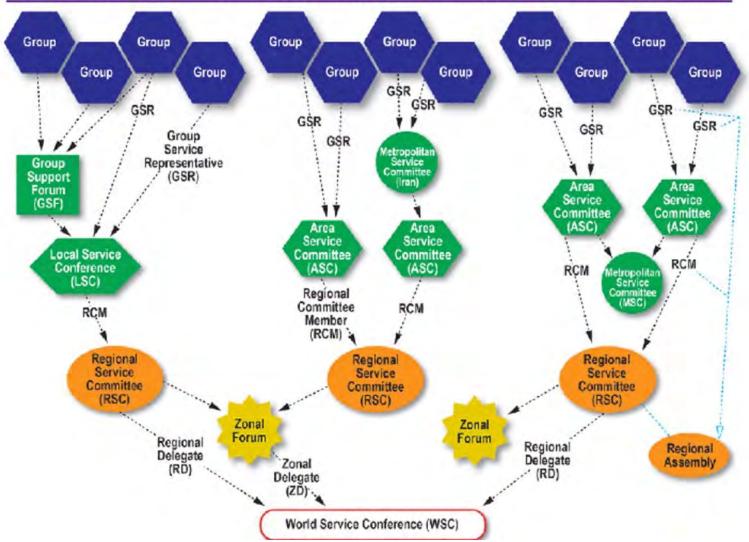
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Introduction



What is NAWS? AKA Narcotics Anonymous World Services





NA Service Structure with possible options that can be combined

The basic purposes of our World Services are...

communication, coordination, information, and guidance.

We provide these services so that our groups and members can more successfully carry the message of recovery and so that our program of recovery can be made more available to addicts everywhere.

A Guide to World Services in NA



Narcotics Anonymous World Service Office Chatsworth, California, USA



Two distribution centers One in Mississauga, Ontario,

Canada, and the other in Bangalore, India



NAWS has two branch offices

One in Brussels, Belgium, and the other in Tehran, Iran





Here are a few of the highlights.



There were 139 voting members participating at WSC 2023:

- 126 delegates (120 RDs, 6 ZDs)
- 13 World Board members

There were also:

- 103 alternate delegates
- 4 HRP members
- 2 cofacilitators
- 5 in-person translators
- additional virtual translations

There were 179 men and 63 women among delegates, alternates, and WB.



First truly hybrid WSC!



The virtual participants who joined the conference were: • 11 RDs • 2 ZDs

- 1 World Board member
- 25 alternates

The Serenity Prayer being read in 28 languages from the 2023 World Service Conference



Conference participants were from 45 countries, and spoke 28 languages.

This is based on Serenity Prayer languages at the close of the First Things First session.

The 2023 WSC Serenity Prayer can be heard on the NAWS Instagram page @narcoticsanonymous, posted on 12 May 2023.

WSC 2023 made the decision to seat five regions:

- Brazil Central
- Iran Region #1
- Nordeste Brazil
- Rio Grande do Sul
- Thailand



For the first time in NA history, the majority of delegates to the World Service Conference are from outside the USA!
133 regions and zones are now seated at the WSC.
66 of them are from the US, and 67 of them are from other places around the world.

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:



Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in their own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;



Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;



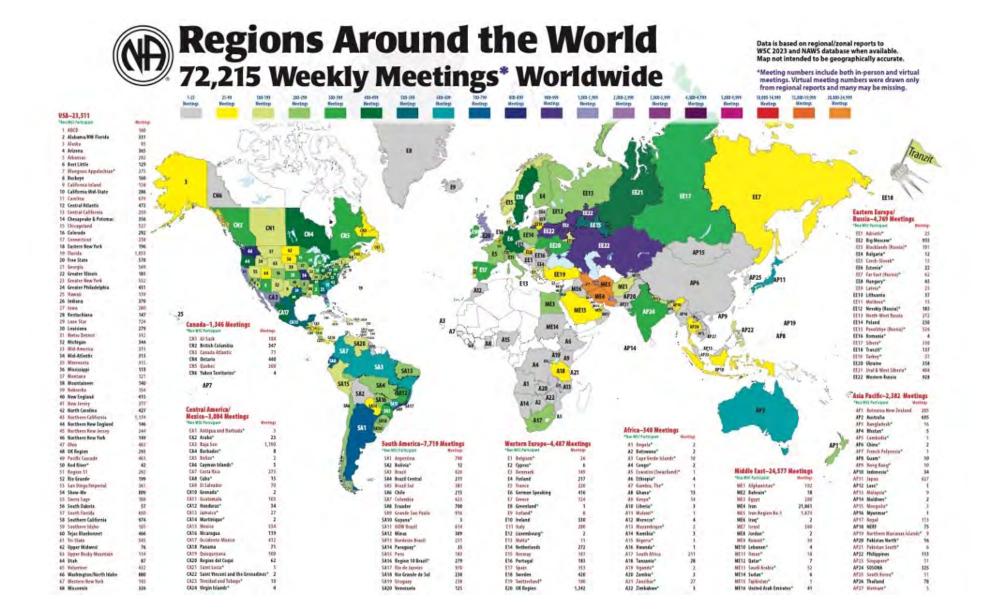
NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;



Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

CREATING OUR FUTURE



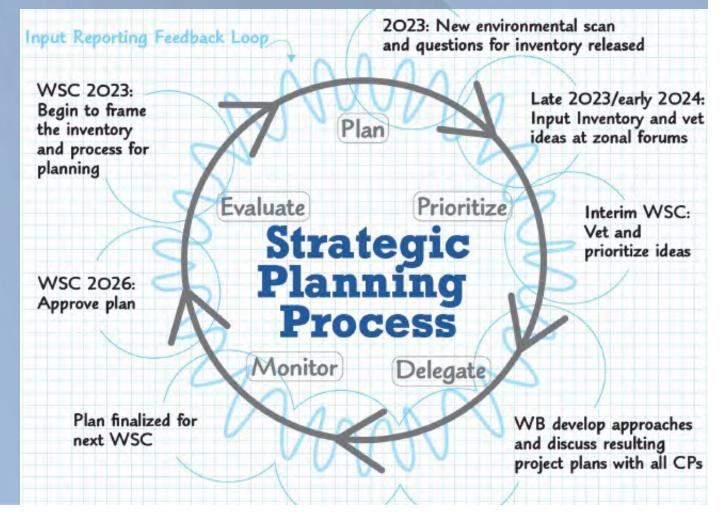
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Western Europe –	2,557	2,664	2,820	3,038	3,282	3,591	3,918	4,487	8%	6%
		4%	6%	8%	8%	9%	9%	15%		
Iran —	11,256	16,793	18,195	18,200	20,598	21,974	26.075	23,734	12%	33%
		49%	8%	0%	13%	7%	19%	-9%		
Middle-East	399	435	448	411	510	606	672	843	12%	1%
		9%	3%	-8%	24%	19%	11%	25%		
Africa –	228	240	249	335	384	405	499	340	8%	0.5%
		5%	4%	35%	15%	5%	23%	-32%		
USA –	25,613	26,881	27,804	27,317	27,375	27,677	27,005	23,511	-1%	33%
		5%	3%	-2%	0%	1%	-2%	-13%		
Canada —	1,166	1,243	1,369	1,360	1,263	1,323	1,369	1,346	2%	2%
		7%	10%	-1%	-7%	5%	3%	-2%		
Central America —	3,299	3,903	3,312	3,379	3,167	3,097	3,326	3,084	- 0%	4%
		18%	-15%	2%	-6%	-2%	7%	-7%		
South America —	1,272	1,251	1,524	2,250	1,932	2,189	2,857	2,924	14%	4%
		-2%	22%	48%	-14%	13%	31%	2%		
Brazil –	1,998	1,995	3,153	3,581	4,427	4,374	4,633	4,795	- 15%	7%
		0%	58%	14%	24%	-1%	6%	3%		
Eastern Europe –	256	308	345	440	564	646	734	865		1%
		20%	12%	28%	28%	15%	14%	18%		
Russia —	340	523	909	1,042	1,657	2,072	2,726	3,904	43%	5%
		54%	74%	15%	59%	25%	32%	43%		
Asia Pacific —	1,458	1,533	1,639	1,649	1,747	2,061	2,261	2,382	- 7%	3%
		5%	7%	1%	6%	18%	10%	5%		
Total Meetings –	49,842	57,769	61,767	63,002	66,906	70,015	76,075	72,215		
		16%	7%	2%	6%	5%	9%	-5%	6%	

NA Meeting Counts

Revised Planning for NA World Services

Inventory at zones/regions

✓ Gather information
 ✓ Solicit input
 ✓ Notice trends
 ✓ Assess impact
 ✓ Find opportunities
 ✓ Identify issues





The World Board hopes to have an outline of proposed plan in the Interim *CAR*/CAT so that we can discuss next steps at the Interim WSC.

Some of the motions adopted at WSC 2023

- Changed the *FIPT* to recognize seated zonal delegates and clarify the definition of recovery literature
- Recognized virtual meetings as groups
- Added the ability for local stories to be added to translated Basic Texts with certain conditions
- Approved a 3-year conference cycle as a trial for two cycles
- And much more...

for a full report read the NAWS News June 2023 na.org/nawsnews

Work for the 2023-2026 Conference Cycle

Issue Discussion Topics

na.org/idt

- Dealing with disruptive and predatory behavior
- Gender-neutral and inclusive language in NA literature
- Reimagining and revitalizing service committees
- Welcoming members on DRT/MAT

Service Material

Virtual Service Basics

(including virtual service meetings, virtual meetings and areas participating in the service system, virtual workshops and trainings, etc.)

PR video

(explaining what NA is, how it works, and how to contact us)

Revise and update H&I Basics

Revise and update the service pamphlet Group Business Meetings

(with a section on using a CBDM process and the concept of delegation)

Recovery Literature

Revise IP #21, The Loner

- Survey the Fellowship about the Step Working Guide to address the following from the *CAR* survey:
 - Step working guide aimed at members not new to working the Steps
 - Step working booklet focused mainly on Steps 1–3, aimed primarily at new members and those in treatment and drug courts
 - Revise and simplify the Step Working Guides

www.na.org/survey



www.na.org/contribute



2023 Annual Report

na.org/ar

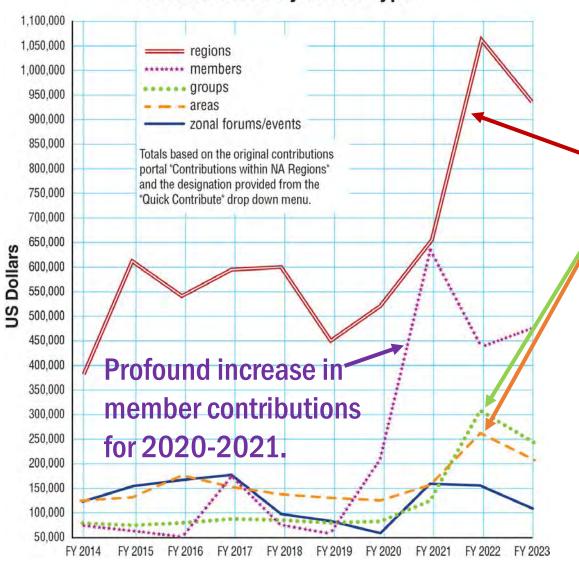


Financial Impact of the Pandemic

- NAWS income 90% from literature sales pre-pandemic
- March 2020—literature income decreased approx. 85%
- Expenses cut: staff, periodicals, travel....

The future looks bright.

Our reserve funds helped us keep going
The crisis helped us move toward being self supporting through member contributions
For the 2021 and 2022 fiscal year, Fellowship contributions were 24% of our income



Contributions by Donor Type

The reopening of meetings and the increased involvement of service bodies marks the growth for 2021-2022.

For 2023, as in-person groups reopened and local service bodies ramped up activities, more resources are going toward local service delivery and group expenses.

Our commitment to self-support doesn't mean we go it alone—it means we do it together. **Guiding Principles, Tradition Seven**

U Literature / Carrying the Message

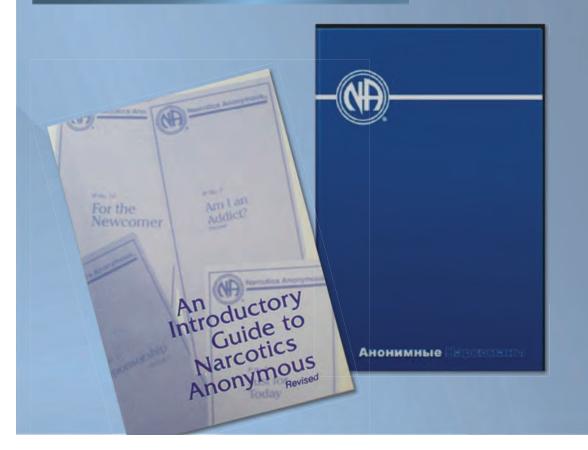
Production, translation, distribution...



Cost to NAWS for Free & Subsidized Literature, 2007–2023



Free Literature Online



Pamphlets and booklets are posted in 57 languages. The Introductory Guide, which was developed specifically for the newcomer, is also online for free: na.org/literature



Recovery Resources 🝷

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NA World Services
 Online Store

Recovery Literature Audio

Audio of the Basic Text

na.org/audio

Narcotics Successions

Home > Recovery Literature > Basic Text Audio

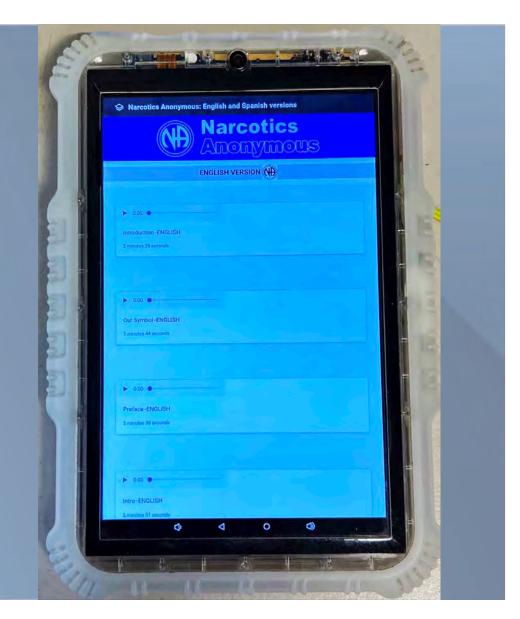
Below are audio versions of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*, in streaming and downloadable formats. We are making these audio versions of the text available here at no cost on an experimental basis. We post audio versions of the text in each language as those versions are finalized. For some languages, we post the Fifth Edition audio until the Sixth Edition is available. We are excited about this opportunity to move toward our vision that "every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in their own language and culture."

Stream



Inmate Tablets

- Some facilities offer tablets to inmates
- •NAWS clears the way to share NA literature
 - •Audio BT
 - Pamphlets
 - Booklets
 - Intro Guide



Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

The purpose of the Trust is:

"to hold and administer all recovery literature and other intellectual properties of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in a manner that will help addicts find recovery from the disease of addiction and carry that message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, in keeping with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA."

Afrikaans oooo American Sign Lang. (ASL) . Amharic O Anglicized English •• Arabic 0000 Armenian • Assamese • Azerbaijani •• Bengalicoe Bengali (Bangladesh) •• Bosnian O. Braille •• Brazilian Sign Lang. (Libras) • Bulgarian 0000 CHamoru O Catalan • Cherokee o Chinese 0000 Chinese Traditional O Cree • Croatian 0000 Czech 000 Danish 0000 Dari • Darija • Dzongkha • English Estonian 000 Farsi 0000 Filipino 0000 Finnish 0000 French 0000 Georgian 0000 German 0000 Greekoooo Gujrati • Hawaiian O Hebrew 0000 Hindi 0000 Hungarian 0000 Icelandic 0000 Indonesian 0000 Innu-aimun • Inuktitut/Inuit • Irish (Gaelic) O IsiXhosa • IsiZulu (Zulu) 000 Italian 0000 Japanese 0000 Kannada 0000

Carrying the H Message in 100 languages

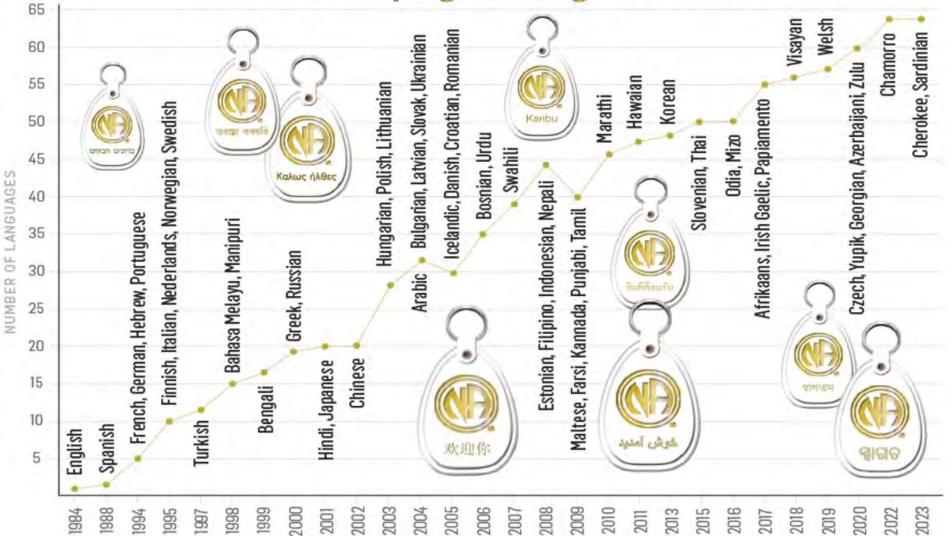
Members are welcomed to NA with keytags in 64 languages. IP #1, Who What, How, and Why provides essential NA information in 57 languages. The Basic Text in 39 languages offers addicts the opportunity for a new way of life.



- Basic Text is published in this language
- Recovery meeting, PSA, website, helpline, or local outreach occurs in this language

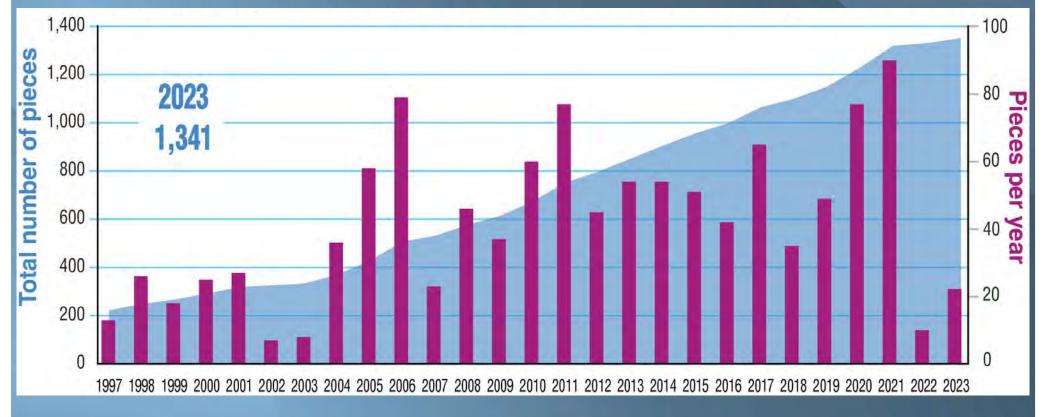
This color indicates the countries where there are no NA meetings. **Translations play a huge role in growing NA.** NA literature is translated by local translation committees, or LTCs, made up of committed members who are native speakers. NA World Services supports the LTC, coordinates professional services, and publishes translated materials. Kazakh • Khmer• Korean 000 Latvian 0000 Lithuanian oose Malavalam • Malay/Bahasa Melayu 0000 Maltese 000 Manipuriooe Maori • Marathioe Mizoo Mongolian • Nederlands/Dutch 0000 Nepalioo Norwegian 0000 Odia 000 Papiamento 0. Pashto • Polish 0000 Portuguese ••• Portuguese (Brazilian) 0000 Punjabi 000 Romanian O. Russian 0000 Rwandan/Kinyarwanda • Sardinian O Sateré-Maué • Serbian O. Sesotho • Setswana • Shona • Sinhala • Slovakooe Slovenian 000 Spanish 0000 Swahili 0000 Swedish 0000 Tagalog • Tamil 0000 Teluau • Thaioose Turkish 0000 Ukrainian 000 Urduooe Uzbek • Vietnamese • Visayan/Bisaya •• Welsh o Sep 2024 Yup'iko

Welcome Keytags Through the Years



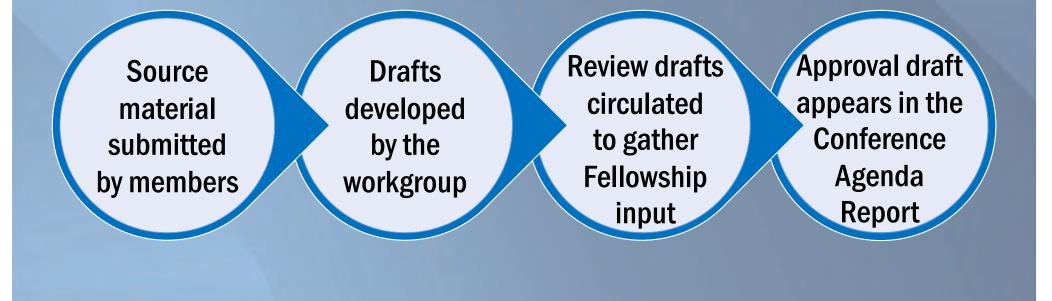


Total Published Translated Items & Pieces Per Year for Fiscal Years 1997–2023



By addicts, for addicts

(our literature development process)



Now available in the webstore

The NA

Survival Kit

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The NA Survival Kit

For each Step, there's a section from the Basic Text chapter "How It Works," the chapter from *It Works: How and Why*, and the chapter from *The NA Step Working Guides*.

The NA Survival Kit consists of five slip-cased sections: Steps 1–3, Steps 4–5, Steps 6–7, Steps 8–9, Steps 10–12.



NAWS has switched from an interface that lists meetings, to one that lists local websites and phonelines on the website and app.



Map pins show service body locations, not meeting locations More information at <u>na.org/meetingsearch</u>

NA World Services now maintains a list of virtual meetings around the world.

If you are involved with a virtual meeting or with your local meeting lists, please check to ensure that meetings are listed correctly.



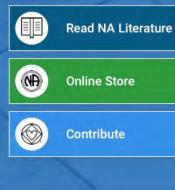
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 NA World Services
 Online Store

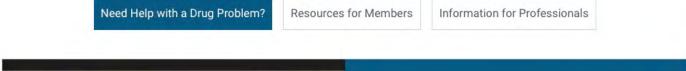
Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous

What is our message? The message is that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise is freedom.

Learn More

Find NA Near You





Virtual Meeting Resources

This page contains links and resources to help addicts meet online or by phone. To share a locally developed resource, email <u>fsmail@na.org</u>.

Virtual Meeting Starter Kit Home + Virtual Meeting Resources List or update virtual meeting information Click here to find virtual NA meetings Attendance Cards in Virtual Meetings Securing Meetings on Zoom (local resource) ✓ Virtual Meeting Basics ✓ Quick Start Guide ✓ Hybrid Meeting Resources ✓ Seventh Tradition ✓ On-screen Resources ✓ Resource Collections ✓ Miscellaneous

na.org/virtual

On-screen Resources

Literature:

- · How to access free recovery literature on na.org (local)
- Flier on available NA eLit (NAWS)

Keytags and Chips:

- · Keytags in one file (NAWS) English | Portuguese | Spanish
- · Keytags in all languages available (NAWS)
- Chips in one file (NAWS)

On-screen Meeting Formats:

- · Online Format Draft from The NorthStar Group (local)
- Virtual Meeting Slideshow Template from Toronto ASC (local)
- Arabic Virtual Meeting Format (local)
- Arabic Virtual Marathon Meeting Format (local)

Miscellaneous Slides for Meetings:

- · Service Prayer slide: English | Portuguese | Spanish
- WCNA slide
- WCNA Volunteering
- · Vision for NA Service slide
- · How to Stay Informed
- Media Page slide
- New Meeting Finder slide
- · eLit slide

World Service Contributions:

- Text to Give
- · QR code www.na.org/contribute
- · QR for Quick donation slide
- Why Contribute JPG: English | Portuguese | Spanish

VISIT na.org/virtual or na.org/toolbox to download!

Virtual Meeting Basics

Contents

(list below is linked to appropriate page in document)

SECTION ONE - Getting Started

- Introduction
- Choosing a meeting platform
 Choosing a meeting format
- Listing meeting information
- Service positions for virtual meetings
- · Tips for attending a virtual meeting

SECTION TWO - Administering a Virtual Meeting

- · Keeping a virtual meeting secure and
- dealing with disruption
- Maintaining personal anonymity
 Practicing the Seventh Tradition
- Distributing literature and keytags
- · Signing meeting attendance cards
- Hybrid meetings
- Group business meetings

SECTION THREE - The Atmosphere of Recovery

- Meeting etiquette
- · Welcoming newcomers and helping them get connected
- Sponsorship
- · Making meetings accessible for members with additional needs

Virtual Meetings and the NA Service System—February 2022

The role of virtual meetings in the NA service system is outside the scope of this piece but is an ongoing discussion topic in the Fellowship. When asked about virtual groups in an online survey in March, 2021, 82% of the NA members that replied said that they believed that virtual meetings can meet the criteria to be NA groups.

Based on Fellowship input, the World Board plans to offer a motion to be considered at the 2023 World Service Conference. In the meantime, the board encourages local service bodies to continue to recognize and embrace virtual meetings.

Virtual groups will be a topic of discussion at the World Service Conference in 2023 and it is planned to offer a motion that formalizes their status within NA at that time.

[This information will be updated after the 2023 WSC]



Locally Developed Service Material

This is a compilation of locally developed material that NA service committees have decided to share. Although this material is not formally approved or endorsed by NA World Services or the World Service Conference unless clearly designated otherwise, it is presented as a resource so that NA service bodies might benefit from others' experience and work. Anyone is free to download, use, or adapt any of these materials as your local service committee sees fit. Please look in the subheadings for files in languages other than English.

na.org/localresources

Home > Service Material + Locally Developed Service Material

If your area or region wishes to share locally developed resources, please send them to fsmail@na.org, and we will post them on the site. NA World Services reserves the right to remove any item from this area without exception.

➤ Addressing predatory, disruptive, or violent behavior

✓ Conventions & Events

✓ CBDM

✓ Groups

✓ Financial, Legal, and RSO

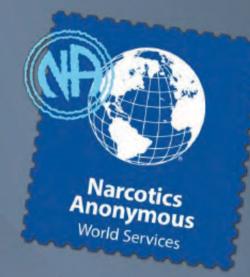
✓ Guidelines, Bylaws, etc. (ASC, RSC, & Subcommittees)

✓ Miscellaneous

✓ NA Logos (Please Read FIPT Bulletins 1 and 3 before downloading files)

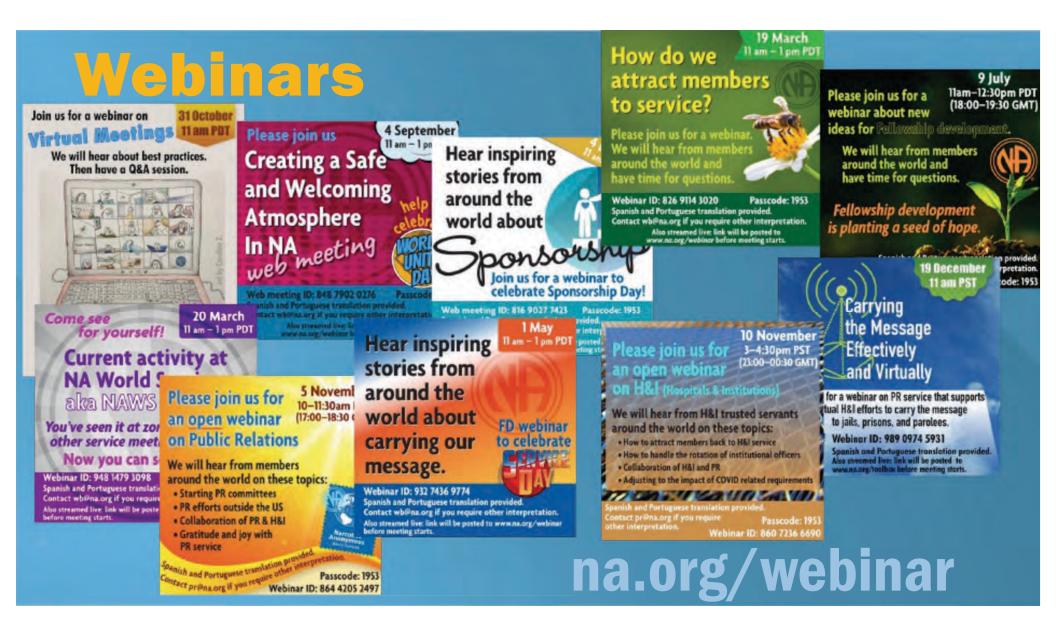
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 Public Relations (PR/PI, Phoneline, PSA, H&I, Inmate Step Writing) 	
✓ Planning	
✓ Rural Service Resources	
✓ Service System	
✓ Technology	-
 Trusted Servant Training & Elections Resources 	
✓ Workshop Resources	
 Local Service Resources in Other Languages (French, Hebrew, Portuguese, and Spanish) 	
✓ Zones	

Web Meetings





Public Relations Hospitals & Institutions Email pr@na.org for more info!





Fellowship Development Resources

Fellowship Development is an umbrella term for the many ways service bodies help to grow NA. From local service workshops and outreach campaigns to trips overseas to help addicts launch NA groups in their own communities, Fellowship Development ultimately aims to carry our message to more addicts.

Home * Fellowship Development Resources

How to Start an NA Meeting

Guide for addicts seeking to launch a new NA meeting.

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Service Basics

Short, digestible guides to different types of NA service.

Rural Service Resources

Tools for to carrying the message to addicts in remote areas.

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PR Resources

Guidance and tools for helping increase NA's public reputation to help more addicts hear the NA message.

Workshop and Issue Discussion

Information and materials for conducting cal workshops about Fellowship-wide iss.

Material

Fellowship Development Videos

Videos showcasing the growth and development of NA around the world

na.org/fdresources na.org/videos na.org/maps

Maps, Diagrams, and NA's Growth

Material illustrating how NA members and NAWS work together to bring the message of hope to addicts worldwide.



Recordings of addicts sharing their experiences and information about service topics.

Locally Developed Service Material

Resources shared with NAWS by local service committees to inspire and guide local service everywhere.

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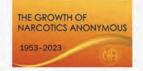
Japanese

Russian

Spanish

Home > Fellowship Development Resources > Fellowship Development Videos

na.org/videos



Video of the NA Fellowship Growth and Development from 1953-2023

- English
- Portuguese
- (Brazil)



Audio Basic Text Videos

- · Arabic Portuguese
- Brazilian French Canadian
- Greek Russian
- Hebrew Spanish
- Hungarian · Thai



than 72,000 meetings in 143 countries.

 Where your contribution goes · Where your contribution flows



- Video describing FD efforts around the world (September 2021)
- Video of Service Day Webinar on FD
- · FD trip in Saudi Arabia video
- · Thank you to NAWS from NA Indonesia video
- Sixth Edition Basic Text finally available in French!
- · The effect of having the Basic Text in Portuguese (Brazilian) video





Please take a few minutes to fill out the 24 question survey at na.org/survey

The Membership Survey allows us to learn more about who has heard our lifesaving message and where we can better focus our efforts.



Membership Survey



Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. PO Box 9999 - Van Nuys, CA 91409 USA Tel. +1/818.773.9999 Fax +1/818.700.0700 Website Proso Brussels, Below As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.

Narcotics Anonymous **Wirtual** The Loner-Staying Clean in Isolation Service Future the WS *Receiving a letter makes my day! It seems the letters I receive from my loner triends are always perfectly timed. It reminds me that someone far sway is getting to know me and cares enough to write. I matter in someone else's recovery and they matter in mine." na.org/subscribe na.org/nawsnews

New Survey about Step Working Materials www.na.org/survey

We are embarking on this survey so that we can hear from the wide world of NA about what members want, need, and don't want in new or revised Step working material.

Of course, we have Step working material already, but NA members work Steps a lot! And we take a variety of approaches.

Many members have asked for more or different material and the World Service Conference prioritized this for discussion.

For more information

- NAWS News: na.org/nawsnews
- Annual Report: na.org/ar
- About Us: na.org/aboutus
- Projects & Surveys: na.org/projects
- World Service Conference: na.org/conference
- FD Resources: na.org/fdresources

A complete list of short URLs is posted in Miscellaneous on na.org/maps

ity URL Shortcuts for na.or

Join us on Instagram @narcoticsanonymous & @naglobalevents

Send us your pictures, memes, event flyers, and ideas for posts:

- If they are your creation or in the public domain
- Don't show members' faces
- Have wide interest to NA around the world.

Share your joy socialmedia@na.org



