



This is the second of six PowerPoints covering material in the 2026 Conference Agenda Report (or CAR for short).



1. Introduction to CAR
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5. Literature, Service Material, and Issue Discussion Topics survey
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2026 CAR PowerPoints

This PowerPoint covers the five motions being offered in the CAR—3 World Board motions and 2 regional motions

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World Board Motions

**Motion 1—approve the revision of
IP #21, *Staying Clean in Isolation***

**Motion 2—adopt the collaboratively
created 2026–2029 NAWS Strategic Plan**

**Motion 3—approve changes to the
World Convention of NA guidelines.**

First we will cover the World Board Motions, which are:

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Motion 3—approve changes to the World Convention of NA guidelines.

IP #21 Revision Background

November 2019—literature survey went out in the CAR

March 2020—global shutdown

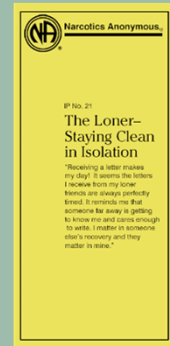
WSC 2020 — first all virtual World Service Conference

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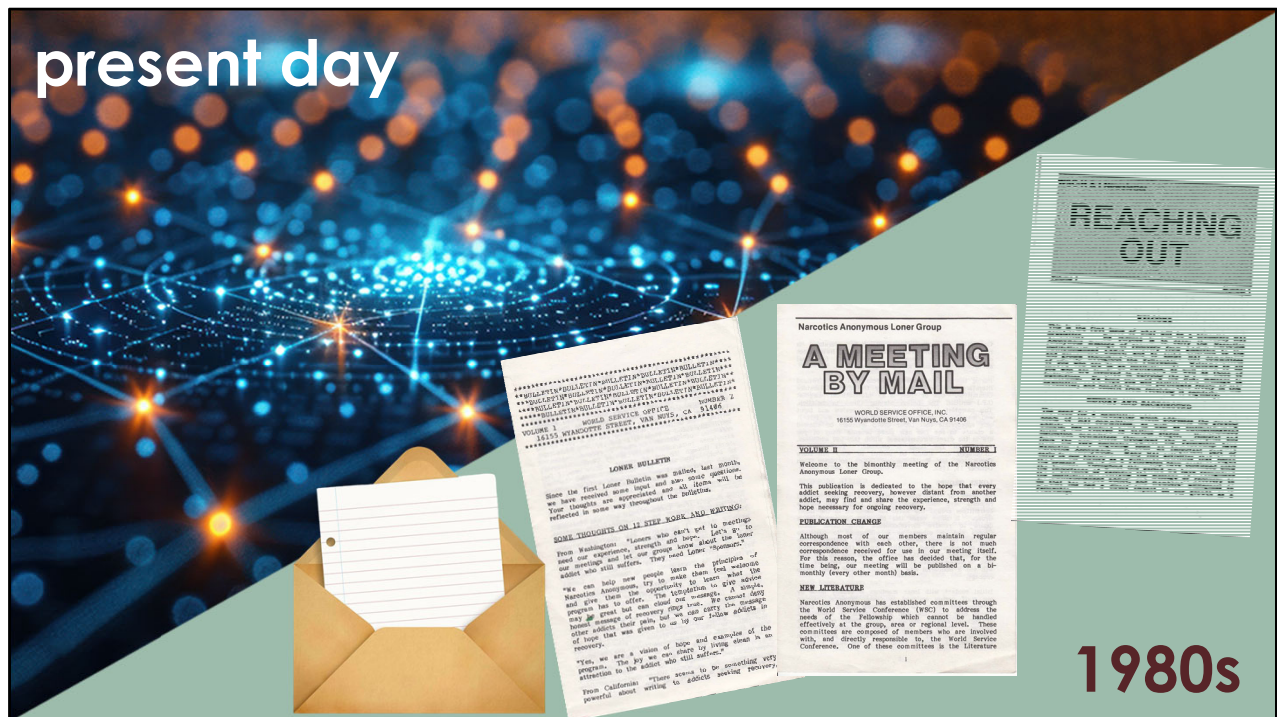


In November 2019, the literature survey went out in the CAR.

In March 2020, the global shutdown began.

WSC 2020 was the first all virtual World Service Conference. Through the CAR survey members expressed interest in revising IP #21, The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation. The conference agreed with prioritizing this work for the 2020–2023 cycle. The first survey on the subject went out and input was collected from members who were staying clean in isolation for the first time. However, the nature of the emergency led to the project being shelved.

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Had we tried to work on the revision any earlier it would have been outdated before it was printed. The delay meant we could draw on resources and experiences that simply had not existed prior. Between 2020 and today, virtual meetings have become commonplace in our Fellowship and our lives together have in some ways become more interconnected than ever. There are resources available for isolated members today that could not have been imagined when this IP was first drafted in the early 1980s.

At that time, in response to the growing number of letters that were pouring into the World Service Office from addicts around the world, the World Service Office created the Loner Group to put isolated members in touch with one another as pen pals. It was during this time that two publications were created: Reaching Out, for those incarcerated, and Meeting by Mail, for those isolated by distance, physical and mental health challenges, and other reasons, such as caregiving or military service, that kept people from being able to attend meetings in person.

Shaped by Fellowship Input

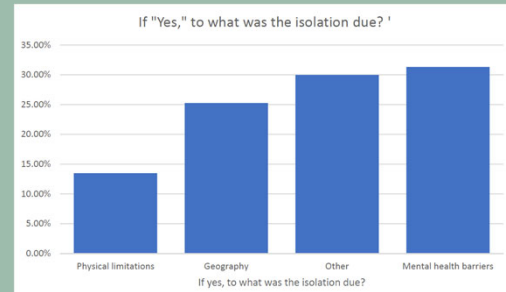
February to August 2022—survey was posted

2023–2026 cycle—posted a volunteer form for members interested in project work and focus groups

Two focus groups were formed, participants were asked to share their experience:

- what had led to their isolation
- what made the experience of isolation difficult
- what about the experience was transformative
- what tools or resources had helped them

from 2023 Conference Report



We could not have known the many ways in which circumstances would drive innovation in our Fellowship, the expanding pool of experience in isolation or the increasing importance of this subject for so many of our members. From February to August 2022, a survey was posted. More than 500 responses from 33 countries and 45 US states showed some surprising results: Less than 25% of those reporting isolation in recovery were experiencing it as a result of geographic isolation, and technology was rapidly shifting the landscape. (The 2023 Conference Report includes a summary of the survey data.)

The project was reprioritized at the 2023 WSC, and in the 2023–2026 cycle, World Services posted a volunteer form for members interested in project work and focus groups. From the members who had expressed interest and had experience with isolation two focus groups were formed. In these virtual conversations, participants were asked to share their experience: what had led to their isolation, what made the experience of isolation difficult, what about the experience was transformative, and what tools or resources had helped them. Their input was beautiful, brilliant, and highly emotional.

One message that was heard resoundingly in both the survey and focus groups was that there are many reasons beyond geographic location that someone might find themselves in isolation, and whatever the reason, they don't much appreciate being called "loners." Hence dropping that from the title.

Motion 1: Approve the revised IP #21, *Staying Clean in Isolation*, contained in Addendum A, as Fellowship-approved recovery literature to replace the current IP #21 *The Loner—Staying Clean in Isolation*.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To update this IP originally approved in 1986 with current Fellowship experience.

Financial Impact: None at this time.

Policy Affected: None

Pause for
discussion

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from 2016 Conference
Approval Track

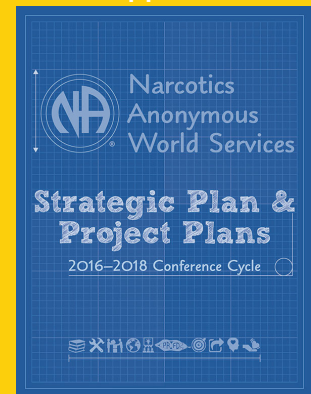
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What is new is that you are being asked to adopt the plan.

The plan is revised and renewed and in the past included in the Conference Approval Track material.

This is the first time it has been included in the CAR

Also the first time it has been created by the conference as a whole.



**current plan is in
Addendum B in
the CAR**

The NAWS Strategic Plan isn't new. NA World Services has operated with a strategic plan for over 20 years. What is new is that you are being asked to adopt the plan.

For every conference, the plan is revised and renewed, and the priorities in the plan help shape the work for the cycle ahead. In the past, the NAWS Strategic Plan was included in the Conference Approval Track material. This is the first time it has been included in the CAR and it's the first time it has been created by the conference as a whole. All conference participants have been involved in every stage of co-creating the plan which is Addendum B in the CAR.

Creating and adopting the strategic plan collectively and collaboratively is part of a larger shift from a motion-driven service culture to one characterized by discussion and consensus-building.

What is a Strategic Plan?

- Live in the present while we prepare for what is to come
- Proceed step by step, and check our direction and our progress
- Guides change related to factors within and outside NA that World Services needs to do a better job addressing

These objectives and solutions are about new initiatives and ideas that would be implemented in addition to the ongoing work at World Services.

The plan is for the cycle ahead which is 2026-2029, and it only represents the pieces that can be focused on right now, not all the possibilities.

Planning allows us to live in the present while we prepare for what is to come. Planning allows us to proceed step by step, and to check our direction and our progress. The strategic plan guides change related to factors within and outside NA that may affect our ability to carry the message. The plan's objectives and solutions are about new initiatives and ideas that would be implemented in addition to the ongoing work at World Services.

The plan is for the cycle ahead which is 2026-2029, and it only represents the pieces that can be focused on right now, not all the possibilities. Some goals are large; the solutions in the plan simply represent the incremental progress that can be made before the next WSC, based on what is prioritized. Sometimes pieces are carried forward from cycle to cycle, perhaps with slight revisions.

What's in the Plan?

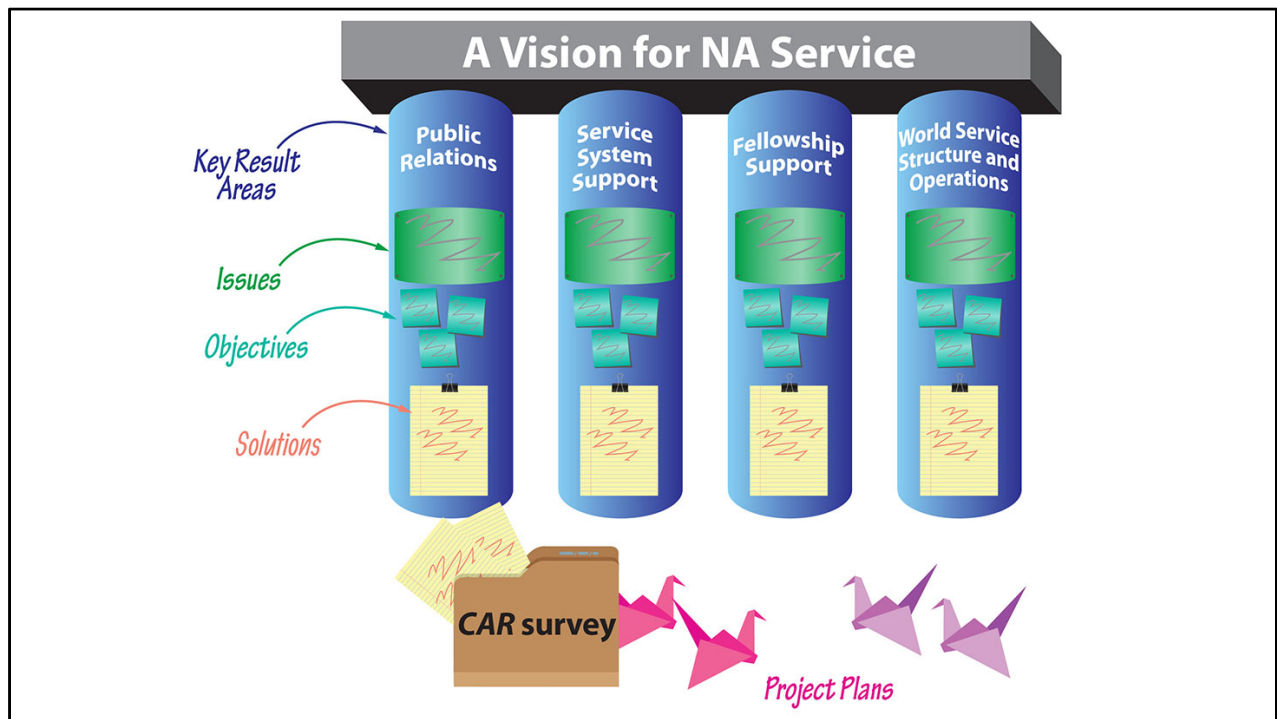
The 2026–2029 plan gives a window into some of the ways NA is evolving.



- **online and hybrid environment**
 - carrying the message
 - collecting funds
 - doing service
- **using technology to improve communication and connections**
- **making sure addicts find a safe space to recover in NA**
- **continuing to explore how to make our language inclusive so that every addict can find a home in NA**

Reading through the 2026–2029 plan gives a window into some of the ways NA is evolving. There's much in the plan about carrying the message, collecting funds, and doing service in an online and hybrid environment; using technology to improve communication and connections; making sure addicts find a safe space to recover in NA regardless of treatment modalities that may be mandated or prescribed for them outside NA; and continuing to explore how to make our language inclusive so that every addict can find a home in NA.

There is always more included in the plan than can be done in a given cycle. The work starts with what has been prioritized first, and it is communicated with conference participants throughout the cycle.



Understanding the strategic plan means becoming familiar with the vocabulary. These are the components of the plan:

Key Results Areas are the major areas in which the service efforts are focused in order to realize A Vision for NA Service. These are the four pillars of the plan that are built together. They will change very little, if at all, from cycle to cycle.

Issues are the factors that conference participants collectively decided are most important to address this cycle.

Objectives are goals to aim for. They express what we want to achieve by the end of the planning cycle, as opposed to how we want to achieve it.

Solutions are paths to achieving our objectives. They are the work we want World Services to undertake on behalf of NA as a whole. Solutions don't have to include everything that might make progress on an objective, just the steps

we want to take in the cycle ahead, if the project is prioritized.

The Planning Process

na.org/planning

WSC 2023 Conference participants (CPs) began an inventory

After WSC 2023 CPs prioritized those factors via survey

February through May 2024 Every zone in the world met and discussed the challenges raised by the factors and possible solutions

June 2024 WB drafted objectives based on all those discussion notes

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July 2025 WB revised objectives and drafted solutions

August CP web meeting CPs discussed solutions

September 2025 WB revised solutions and finalized draft of plan

The extra time in the experimental three-year cycle allowed the conference to create this plan together. The planning section of the conference webpage contains reports on the progress from throughout the cycle: na.org/planning.

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June 2024 World Board drafted objectives based on all those discussion notes and also drafted World Services Structure and Operations objectives.

Interim WSC Conference participants discussed issues and objectives.

July 2025 World Board revised objectives based on CP discussions at the Interim WSC. World Board drafted solutions.

August CP web meeting Conference participants discussed solutions.

September 2025 World Board revised solutions and finalized draft of plan based on CP discussions.

Implementing the Plan

The Conference Approval Track material contains the project plans that grow out of the NAWS Strategic Plan.

Since 2016, the results from the CAR Survey have guided conference participants to help select focuses for some projects.



Evaluating and improving the planning process is one of the many things that will be discussed at WSC 2026.

Most projects begin with a Fellowship survey. Focus groups help get the work done. Zones and regions will be crucial in the cycle ahead. It is the hope that the NAWS Strategic Plan inspires local projects.

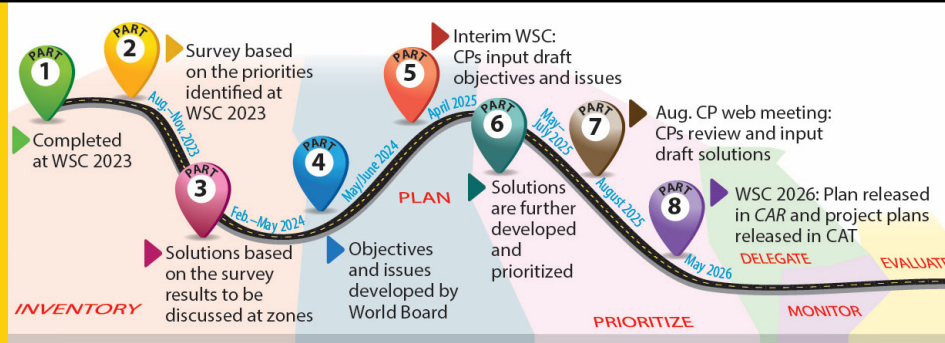
The specifics of how to implement solutions are spelled out in project plans. The Conference Approval Track material contains the project plans that grow out of the NAWS Strategic Plan. Within the project plans in the Conference Approval Track material are “blank” plans for recovery literature, service material, and Issue Discussion Topics. Since 2016, the results from the CAR Survey have guided conference participants to help select focuses for these projects.

The conference is new to collaborative planning, and it will continue to refine the process. Evaluating and improving the planning process is one of the many things that will be discussed at WSC 2026.

Most projects for service material or recovery literature begin with some sort of Fellowship-wide survey to determine what members would like to see included or considered in the project. Then virtual focus groups are used to get the work done. Focus groups as opposed to standing workgroups are cheaper, more flexible and allow greater diversity. However, with the projects

suggested in the cycle ahead, NAWS will also be asking zonal and regional bodies to work on the projects by holding workshops, collecting best practices, and reviewing drafts. Making progress on most of the solutions in the plan depends upon collaboration from zones and regions.

In fact, it is the hope that the NAWS Strategic Plan inspires local projects. There may be solutions that fit inside these objectives that can be addressed at local levels, and perhaps the plan will encourage more local service bodies to engage in their own planning.



At the 2026 World Service Conference, delegates will be asked to start that work on the next strategic plan.

What issues, challenges, and needs do we need to address to be ready to serve the addict here today and who will be here in the future?

Throughout this cycle, the planning journey has been illustrated as a road trip we have been taking together, but in reality, the planning process is cyclical. Because planning is cyclical, the next strategic plan will be created as this one is approved. At the 2026 World Service Conference, delegates will be asked to start that work, just as they started the planning process in 2023 to get here today. Having fewer motions in the CAR means more time at WSC 2026 for discussions, and some of those discussions will center around the factors in NA and the world around us that may most affect NA in the years ahead (after 2029).

The question participants will discuss at the WSC may be something like this:

What issues, challenges, and needs do we need to address to be ready to serve the addict here today and who will be here in the future?

If that question sparks ideas for you, share them with your delegate or at your area or regional CAR workshop.

[Facilitator: If there is time, you may want to pause for discussion here.]

Adopting the plan

The delegates worked together for years (literally) to make sure the plan outlines the work World Services most needs to undertake in the three years in front of us.

Every bit of the plan has been discussed by conference participants—delegates, alternates, and the board.

There have been many, many discussions to create this plan. This has truly been a consensus-based process.

We are asking the Fellowship to take ownership of something that your delegates have co-created on your behalf for our common welfare.



The NAWS Strategic Plan is large and contains many details, but you're being asked to adopt it as a whole, rather than piece by piece. The delegates worked together for years (literally) to make sure the plan outlines the work World Services most needs to undertake in the three years in front of us.

The plan absolutely reflects our collective needs and priorities. Every bit of the plan has been discussed by conference participants—delegates, alternates, and the board. There have been many, many discussions to create this plan. This has truly been a consensus-based process.

We are using the word adopt in the motion rather than approve because, while most members are seeing this for the first time, the plan has been created collectively over the course of years. We are asking the Fellowship to take ownership of something that your delegates have co-created on your behalf for our common welfare.

Motion 2: To adopt the collaboratively created 2026–2029 NA World Services Strategic Plan contained in Addendum B.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To approve the results of the collaborative planning that began at WSC 2023 and continued with zonal and conference participant involvement throughout this cycle.

Financial Impact: No direct financial impact. Any future expenses will be called out in project plans or budgets.

Policy Affected: None

Pause for
discussion

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Intent: To approve the results of the collaborative planning that began at WSC 2023 and continued with zonal and conference participant involvement throughout this cycle.

Financial Impact: No direct financial impact. Any future expenses will be called out in project plans or budgets.

Policy Affected: None

pause for discussion

WCNA History

1971–1996: annual event

Mid-90s: two-year schedule and held outside of North America every other convention

1998 to 2009: Added two extra non-North American locations in the rotation

2012: every three years, alternate between US and non-US locations beginning in 2015

For over five decades, the World Convention has been a celebration of unity and recovery for the Fellowship. From 1971 to 1996, it was an annual event. In the mid-90s, the then World Convention Corporation presented motions, which were adopted by the WSC, to create a new “zonal” rotation plan and change to a two-year schedule. The goal of this rotation plan was to increase worldwide participation by moving the convention outside of North America every other convention. The rotation plan was then slightly altered, from nine zones to six, adding in two extra North American locations during the 1998 to 2009 timeframe.

Faced with ongoing challenges related to attendance, effective planning, and the financial bottom line, the World Board proposed a new rotation plan that was adopted at WSC 2012. This revised plan would alternate between US and non-US locations, with the convention being held every three years beginning in 2015.

WCNA History

na.org/wcna

2023: suspended the WCNA rotation policy after 2024, to allow time to research and determine what is possible and practical moving forward

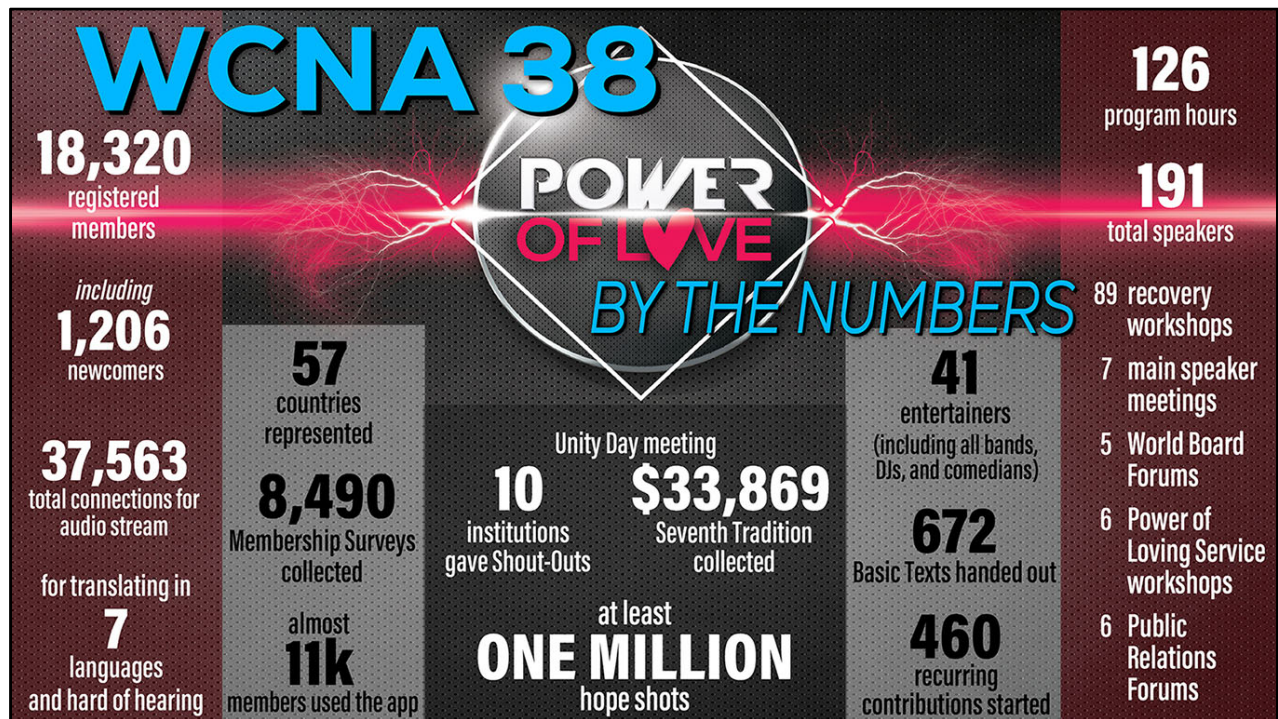
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#	Year	Location	Theme	Net	Registrations	Registration Cost
1	1971	La Mirada, California, USA	Combined WCNA and NA World Business			
2	1972	North Hollywood, California, USA	Personal Recovery Depends on NA Unity			
3	1973	San Jose, California, USA				
4	1974	Anaheim, California, USA	Just for Today			
5	1975	Santa Rosa, California, USA	We Came to Believe			
6	1976	Ventura, California, USA	Coming Together			
7	1977	San Francisco, California, USA	Now We Are Thousands			
8	1978	Houston, Texas, USA	Carry the Message			
9	1979	Atlanta, Georgia, USA	I Can't, We Can			
10	1980	Wichita, Kansas, USA	The Ties that Bind Us Together			
11	1981	Miami, Florida, USA	Together More than Ever			
12	1982	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	Our Gratitude Speaks			
13	1983	New York City, New York, USA	The Impossible Dream			
14	1984	Chicago, Illinois, USA	Miracles Happen			
15	1985	Washington, DC, USA	Unified and Staying Alive			
16	1986	London, England	Live from London			
17	1987	New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	Live Your Dreams			
18	1988	Anaheim, California, USA	Once a Dream, Now a Reality			
19	1989	Orlando, Florida, USA	The Magic is Real			
20	1990	Portland, Oregon, USA	Recovery: The Journey Continues			
21	1991	Sydney, Australia, USA	The Gift is Freedom			
22	1992	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Imagine the Freedom			
23	1993	Chicago, Illinois, USA	The Sky Is the Limit	\$186,181		
24	1994	Baltimore, Maryland, USA	The Message Is Hope	\$271,474		
25	1995	Paris, France	Choisissez Une Nouvelle Vision de la Vie	\$14,422		
26	1996	St. Louis, Missouri, USA	Show Me How to Live	\$98,489		
27	1998	San Jose, California, USA	Our Diversity Is Our Strength	\$11,040	over 15,000	
28	2000	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	Nuestra Esperanza De Vide	-\$41,095	over 1,400	
29	2002	Atlanta, Georgia, USA	Freedom to Live Our Dreams	\$420,372	over 13,500	
30	2003	San Diego, California, USA	One Addict Helping Another - 50 years	\$33,831	22,000	
31	2005	Honolulu, Hawaii, USA	One Fellowship, Many Friends	\$172,476	over 8,600	\$65
32	2007	San Antonio, Texas, USA	Our Message HOPE, Our Promise FREEDOM	-\$596,000	less than 10,000	\$65
33	2009	Barcelona, Spain	Amor sin fronteras - Love without borders	-\$212,895	5,500	€85
34	2011	San Diego, California, USA	In the Spirit of Unity	\$282,577	13,900	\$79/89
35	2013	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA	The Journey Continues - 60 years	\$209,434	19,100	\$89
36	2015	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	The Gift is Freedom	-\$384,710	less than 3,000	\$105
37	2018	Orlando, Florida, USA	The Magic is Still Real	\$1,177,456	21,000	\$110
38	2024	Washington, DC, USA	The Power of Love	-\$956,129	18,000	\$175/185
39	2028	Europe (TBD)				

With the exception of WCNA 32 in San Antonio, the trend for conventions held in North America was positive. Both WCNA 34 and 35 had good attendance and modest profits. The magic of WCNA 37 (Orlando), in 2018, was outstanding. That convention saw more than 21,000 in attendance and a substantial income of over a million dollars. This was largely due to the beneficial contract for meeting space and the level of attendance.

Prior to the global pandemic in 2020, WCNA 38 was planned to be held in Melbourne, Australia. After the global shutdown, travel and health concerns from COVID, entwined with the strain on financial and human resources of NA World Services, made canceling the convention the most responsible action.

In response to unstable circumstances, the 2023 WSC approved a motion offered by the World Board to suspend the WCNA rotation policy after 2024, to allow time to research and determine what is possible and practical moving forward with the World Convention.

For more information on the history of WCNA please go to na.org/wcna.



WCNA 38 was held in 2024 in Washington, DC. One of the main things WCNA 38 taught us was just how much the landscape had changed and how uncertain convention attendance could be. Based on the trends from the past two conventions in North America, the fact that there had not been a WCNA in six years, and that Washington, DC, is located within an easy drive of many of the most densely populated NA regions, it was reasonable to think that attendance had the potential to be even higher than in Orlando, and it made logical sense to plan accordingly. In most cases, past performance can be indicative of future outcomes, but that was not the case here, as we now know.

In addition to financial strain in the current economy, other factors, such as lingering health and safety concerns, especially among our aging members, may have also contributed to the overall level of attendance in DC. WCNA 38 was planned for a projected attendance of 24,000, and just over 18,000 members registered.

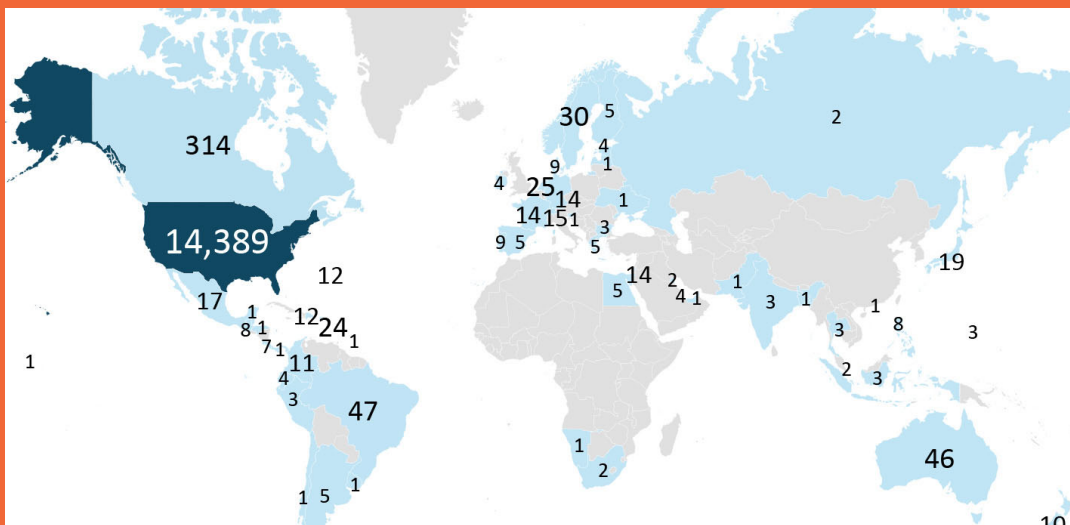
WCNA Financial Report

Final Financial Report for WCNA 38					
31-Mar-25					
EVENT SPECIFIC as of March 31, 2025					
EVENT SPECIFIC INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE%	ANNUAL
WCNA-38 INCOME					
REGISTRATION	\$ 3,031,586	\$ 4,261,000	\$ (1,229,414)	-29%	\$ 4,261,000
SPECIAL EVENTS	550,969	663,750	(112,781)	-17%	663,750
NEWCOMER DONATIONS	48,467	15,000	33,467	223%	15,000
MERCHANDISE	964,070	798,584	165,486	21%	798,584
OTHER SALES	328,764	242,765	85,999	35%	242,765
Total Event Specific Income	\$ 4,923,856	\$ 5,981,099	\$ (1,057,244)	-18%	\$ 5,981,099
EVENT SPECIFIC EXPENSE					
WCNA-38 EXPENSE					
REGISTRATION	\$ 2,381,281	\$ 2,463,000	\$ (81,719)	-3%	\$ 2,463,000
SPECIAL EVENTS	558,636	387,910	170,726	44%	387,910
PROGRAM	337,932	385,000	(47,068)	-12%	385,000
MERCHANDISE	834,506	399,292	435,214	109%	399,292
FACILITIES	1,376,584	900,000	476,584	53%	900,000
SUPPORT COMMITTEE	12,222	50,000	(37,778)	-76%	50,000
ADMINISTRATION	378,822	400,000	(21,178)	-5%	400,000
Total Event Specific Expense	\$ 5,879,984	\$ 4,985,202	\$ 894,782	18%	\$ 4,985,202
Total Event Specific Excess Revenue/Expense	\$ (956,129)	\$ 995,897	\$ (1,952,026)	-196%	\$ 995,897

from 2024
Annual Report
na.org/ar

As was reported in the 2024 Annual Report, the bottom line for WCNA 38 reflects expenses over income of \$956,129. Thankfully, World Services' efforts to increase reserves helped us to be prepared for an unfavorable outcome.

The majority of the 3,616 responding ranked costs of travel and other financial factors, as well as location, as the highest influencers on their decision of whether to attend.



WCNA 38 pre-registrations by country

The 2023 motion to suspend the current rotation policy of WCNA gave World Services time to research and evaluate what would be practical moving forward. It took most of the past 18 months to gather the information needed for the discussions and to reach consensus on what changes in policy made the most sense.

A survey was conducted to see if there was a common theme of why NA members attend (or don't attend) WCNA. As expected, the majority of the 3,616 responding ranked costs of travel and other financial factors, as well as location, as the highest influencers on their decision of whether to attend. Nearly half of the responses received were from members who have never attended a WCNA. There will be more on the results from this survey reported in the Conference Report prior to WSC 2026.

Future

Many factors brought the World Board to their decision to offer Motion 3: Overall expenses, market trends, costs and complexities of international travel, global political and economic climates, etc.

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Please read the essay in the CAR for more insights.



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The proposed guidelines delegate more of the rotation and location decision-making responsibility to the World Board simply because so much is unknown—inside and outside of NA. The conference industry as a whole is changing; our members' behavior is changing; and there is no way to predict what the landscape will look like years in the future.

Please read the essay in the CAR for more insights.

Motion 3: To hold the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA) every 5 years, beginning in 2028. The location to be determined by the World Board based on fiscal and geographic considerations that lend themselves to, at minimum, a revenue neutral event. (The specific changes to the WCNA Guidelines in GWSNA are shown in Addendum C.)

Maker: World Board

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Maker: World Board

Motion 3:

Intent: To have guidelines for the World Convention (WCNA) that reflect the changing nature of large events worldwide and support the prudent use of Fellowship resources.

Financial Impact: No direct financial impact. Any future expenses will be called out in project plans or budgets.

Policy Affected: The policy offered in Addendum C will replace the current WCNA guidelines in GWSNA (pages 46–48) shown in Addendum D.

Pause for
discussion

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Regional Motions



With fewer motions for discussion and decision there will be more time during the WSC for conference participants to talk about issues that affect NA as a whole; and time to work on honing and shaping the next steps in the collaborative planning efforts.

Regional Motions

Having two motions from regions in this CAR is definitely not the norm for the WSC, but perhaps it's a sign of the shift toward a more collaborative and discussion-based conference. With fewer motions for discussion and decision there will be more time during the WSC for conference participants to talk about issues that affect NA as a whole; and time to work on honing and shaping the next steps in the collaborative planning efforts.

The Regional/Zonal Motion Process

1 July 2025: draft CAR motion deadline

3 August 2025: final draft deadline

9 draft motions submitted

Several agreements reached not requiring conference action. These are described on page 44 of the CAR.

2 ideas in draft motions were already covered by CAR Survey items.

End result is two regional motions in this CAR.

The deadline to submit a draft motion to the CAR was July 1st 2025, with the final draft by August 3rd 2025. As of July 1st, there were nine draft motions submitted. Over the course of the month, the board worked with the motion makers to help them get the motions “CAR-ready.” A Guide to World Services explains what makes a motion “CAR-ready” on pages 19–20.

The World Board often reaches solutions with motion makers that do not require conference action. Several such agreements were reached. These are described on page 44 of the CAR. These agreements are great examples of ways to collaborate with the World Board. Often ideas or concerns can be resolved without the need for a CAR motion. The World Board always encourages concerned members to reach out, via email to wb@na.org, to start a conversation.

In two other cases, the ideas contained in draft motions were already covered by items contained within the CAR Survey, The Interim WSC had passed a motion to include all ideas for new and revised recovery literature

and service material in the CAR Survey rather than as CAR motions for the 2026 conference as an experiment, so the ideas could be considered and prioritized next to each other.

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Motion 4—Rationale by Region

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