

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

This is the second *NAWS News* this year. This has been a busy year, and we apologize for the long gap between issues. We have generally published *NAWS News* more often, and we intend to get back to more frequent issues going forward. Most of you receive our regular eblasts, which are all posted at na.org/naws-update, and we also regularly revise the *NAWS Update PowerPoint* (posted on the same webpage). In this issue of *NAWS News*, you will find an almost-year-in-review in addition to information about the upcoming World Service Conference, big doings in the webstore, and more. Read on. . .

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

The *CAR* is [now posted](#) in English, Farsi (some essays with more to be posted) French, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Ukrainian. There are relatively few motions but a lot of material intended for discussion. If workshopping the *CAR* is your jam, you'll want to read through the whole thing. Make time!

CAR Workshop materials, including PowerPoints and videos, have also been posted. We have also posted a list of upcoming workshops at which members of the World Board will be participating. Many are hybrid and have links available. We will include regional and zonal workshops at delegates' requests. You'll find all this and more at na.org/conference.

Always included with the *CAR* is the [CAR Survey](#), which you can answer individually, as a group, or in a workshop.

The *CAR* Survey asks about literature, Issue Discussion Topic (IDT), and service material priorities for the coming cycle. Conference participants consider the survey responses together with discussions at the WSC to set priorities for the cycle ahead. Please let the WSC know what is important to you on our survey page (na.org/surveys). The deadline to participate is 1 April.

Input forms for all four of this cycle's IDTs will remain available until the end of the year. After that, we ask that you submit your input to wb@na.org. There are additional, shorter surveys in the *Current Surveys* pulldown at na.org/surveys with the *CAR* discussion questions on Gender-Neutral Language and on Taking Root. These will be up until 1 April. They ask different questions, building on the material in the *CAR* about these two IDTs.

The Conference Approval Track (CAT) material will be posted by 3 February. (See na.org/dates for all the WSC-related dates and deadlines.) The CAT contains service-related materials intended for committees and boards (rather than issues that might directly impact groups), as well as the *NAWS* budget, and materials related to WSC seating and processes. The CAT is posted online for any interested member, and each region and zone determines locally how to review the material and direct their delegate. In previous cycles, the strategic plan was developed by the World Board and included in the CAT. Now, for the first time, the draft strategic plan is in the *CAR* for the Fellowship as a whole to consider.

The strategic plan has been developed over the course of this conference cycle through collaboration between the World Board and the other conference participants. This is a more inclusive and collaborative process than we could have imagined before the shutdowns taught us to work together virtually. Today, we can see planning and decision-making as a process, rather than an event: Through the collaborative planning process we can be more inclusive, more democratic, nimbler, and more effective at hearing new ideas and bringing them into being.

We hope to see this process improve and develop in coming years so that we plan and execute collaboratively from cycle to cycle. If you haven't been reading the reports at na.org/planning, you can get caught up by reading the essay in the *CAR*. Go check it out.

PRICE INCREASE

As we have reported, beginning 1 January 2026, most materials in our inventory will increase in price by 15%. Several items will remain at their current price, and a few items will increase only slightly. We have posted an [updated 2026 price list](#) in USD and EUR and, as of this writing, we



are working on revised versions to make it easier for service bodies to download and adapt for local use.

This wasn't an easy decision, but a necessary one. Tariffs and production costs have risen dramatically, and we believe this adjustment is the most prudent way forward, especially as demand grows for the many resources we provide at no cost. Please know that we've done our best to keep this adjustment as modest as possible. Without adjusting prices, we would be forced to further reduce the services we provide and limit the ways in which we make the message available to still-suffering addicts.

Unfortunately, the circumstances requiring this change are out of our control. Our goal is to balance fiscal responsibility with the needs of the Fellowship. As always, we are committed to sustainable and responsible stewardship of our resources to meet the needs of our growing Fellowship in a changing world. There is a [memo](#) posted on our webstore front page (na.org/webstore) that explains this decision in more detail. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve.

On a brighter note, we have [gift bundles](#) available, many at reduced prices! We also just published *A Spiritual Principle a Day* in electronic format: na.org/elit.



NEWLY POSTED RESOURCES

An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous was designed to be a low-cost, easily accessible tool to introduce the basics of the NA program and some of our essential literature to those new to recovery. We have posted **audio versions of the Intro Guide** in English and Spanish at na.org/audio. These resources are also now available for inclusion on inmate tablets. (On the [PR page](#) there is a PowerPoint with instructions for local communities trying to get NA literature onto inmate tablets.)

While you're on the PR Page (na.org/pr), you might want to check out the **public relations IPs** which have been updated with data from the 2024 membership survey, which received the highest member participation to date! Refreshed versions of IP #1604, *NA: A Resource In Your Community*; IP #2302, *Information About NA*, and the 2024 *Membership Survey* pamphlet are all posted in English and Spanish, with other translations to follow. There is also a **European version** of the *Membership Survey* pamphlet (in English) with data specific to NA in Europe. You can purchase copies for your PR efforts at our [webstore](#). Those of you doing PR work may be interested in the posted **PowerPoints** that include more comprehensive survey results.

We have also posted audio **Lithuanian, Nepali, and Hindi Basic Texts** for [streaming or download](#). These languages join Arabic, English, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Thai! Member contributions help make this free service possible. If you're a member, consider setting up a recurring contribution at na.org/contribute.

It seems like so long ago, but the 2024 **Annual Report** was published in June and tells the story of our efforts in numbers (and pictures!). The 2025 Contribution Report was recently posted on the Annual Report page as well (na.org/ar).

We are posting more and more IPs, booklets, and reading cards in **phone-friendly formats**. This is a time-intensive process full of unexpected challenges, so if your favorite IP or booklet in the language of your choice isn't in this format at na.org/lit yet, keep checking back!

ASL videos of WCNA 38 shares join all the resources for the Deaf and hard of hearing posted at na.org/asl, including links to virtual meetings in ASL, speaker recordings from WCNA 37, and some NA literature.

We have published three issues of **Reaching Out** since the last NAWS News, and we expect to publish the January 2026 issue soon.

You're in Luck! When you go to na.org today, you may notice a new button on the lower right-hand corner of the screen. The Resource of the Month page is where we are collecting the videos from our socials featuring some of the gold posted on our website. Are you following us on social media? We're on Facebook [@narcoticsanonymousworldservices](#) and on Instagram [@narcoticsanonymous](#). There's so much content going up! Now we've added "You're in Luck!"—an expanding archive of requested information already available on the website. The first entry includes information about where your contributions go—including links to the NAWS brochure and an array of videos which are also interesting, entertaining, and useful for workshops or other NA events.

Our social media footprint continues to grow: On Instagram we have 35,000+ followers; our newer Facebook page has more than 10,000 followers. Spread the word!

I wish...
there was some
information we could
hand out at a
professional event

You're
in luck!

Here are some resources:

World Regional Map—shows how many NA meetings are around the world
na.org/maps

Membership Survey pamphlet—provides information about NA with membership demographics

Information about NA pamphlet—includes the history of NA, organizational philosophy, and membership demographics

NA: A Resource in Your Community pamphlet—provides information about what NA meetings are like, how NA works, and what local NA services may be available
na.org/pr



TRANSLATIONS

Local translations committees around the world are beautifully hard at work! With the launch of **IP#1** in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Romanian, and Sinhala, our language count now stands at 61 and growing. Since our last update in March, at least 40 IPs translated into 15 different languages have been published. Several communities have brought book-length translations projects to completion (a huge feat!): **Just for Today** in Latvian and Turkish; **It Works** in Latvian; **Living Clean** in Danish, Japanese, and Lithuanian; **Sponsorship** in Polish; and **Guiding Principles** in Danish and Russian. We've also published the elit version of *It Works* in Spanish, and the Swedish NA Survival Kit will be in stock and ready to ship in January! It's a huge milestone when communities complete a translation of the **Basic Text**, and we are looking forward to Ukrainian, Slovenian, and Azerbaijani Basic Texts in early 2026.



IN DEVELOPMENT

The **Group Business Meetings** service pamphlet revision, with new sections on decision-making and delegation, is available online for review and input (R&I) until 8 January. Your ideas matter as we strive to make this the best service pamphlet it can be.

H&I Basics is being updated in a three-part revision; the third part, Committees, should be up for R&I soon. The first two parts, Corrections and Treatment, have been reviewed and are undergoing final revisions.

GENDER-NEUTRAL AND INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Since we posted the Issue Discussion Topic on gender-neutral language (na.org/idt), it has become clear that many groups are creatively addressing this challenge, while others are seeking resources to support their efforts to welcome all members “regardless of” gender. In response to member input, we have created a gender-neutral readings page (na.org/gender) with options for group readings from our literature provided by groups around the Fellowship who have chosen readings that don’t include gendered language.

The NA Fellowship has not provided NA groups the ability to unilaterally change NA recovery literature. But it is very much within the scope of group autonomy to choose which NA Fellowship-approved literature is read in a meeting: The reading cards are a convenience, not a requirement. Many groups choose readings from elsewhere in the Basic Text or other NA literature that does not use gendered language. We have built this resource page so groups can share what is working for them. If your group uses alternative, gender-neutral readings from NA texts that are **unaltered**, we’d love to know what they are. If your group makes an announcement or addresses the issue in your format, please share that language with us, as well.

UNITY DAY

On 2 September this year, we celebrated World Unity Day in unprecedented style with a 24-hour online extravaganza. If you missed it, you missed a lot. Every zone had the opportunity to share whatever they chose, and while some offered tours of their regions, histories, and information about their local communities, there were also game shows, poignant shares, and music. Some recovery shares are posted at na.org/wcna, but for many members around the world anonymity is vital. We are grateful to those who took the risk—and the time—to share with us all. It was uplifting, captivating, and exhausting. We will continue to find ways to celebrate our unity going forward—but maybe not for 24 consecutive hours.

OPEN WEBINARS

We continue to host regular open **webinars**. In July, we hosted a webinar based on the Disruptive and Predatory Behavior IDT.

In October, the quarterly webinars for trusted servants in PR and H&I were well-attended and useful. If you’re in PR or H&I service, you might want to attend the next one.

Upcoming webinars include:

- 10 January 2026 at 9am Pacific Time: an H&I webinar featuring a multi-regional presentation, and a discussion on possible future topics about H&I in treatment facilities.
- 17 January 2026 at 9am Pacific Time: best practices for PR booths, with presentations from British Columbia on a PR training video and from the Latin American Zonal Forum on their recent booth.

Keep up with upcoming presentations, or listen to past webinars, on the website at na.org/webinar.

AFRI-CAN ZONAL FORUM

In November, NAWS funded and helped organize the eighth in-person meeting of the Afri-can Zonal Forum in Accra, Ghana—the first AZF to be held in West Africa. The meeting was successful and joyful, and it seems clear that the Afri-can Zone is coming into its own. NAWS has helped the zone to purchase a domain, a Zoom account, and more so that the zone can use virtual tools to meet monthly and support one another. Meetings are growing in established communities, and new communities—most recently Sierra Leone and Seychelles—are coming into being and finding the support they need, including literature from World Services. (Since the last *NAWS News*, we have sent sizeable literature shipments to at least six sub-Saharan African NA communities.) The multinational Swahili LTC (literature translations committee) is coming back together in new ways, and we are looking forward to their success. Swahili is spoken in a number of countries; translations work for multinational language communities can be complicated and always requires cooperation in a deep spirit of trust and unity to accomplish.



THE WORLD CONVENTION

WCNA will be in Europe 2028! We are still considering information from Lisbon, Frankfurt, and Dublin, so stay tuned. WCNA 39 will mark our 75th anniversary as a Fellowship, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate! We will keep you posted as more information becomes available. The future of the World Convention after 2028 will depend on the outcomes of discussions and decisions at the 2026 World Service Conference.

STAFF UPDATES

We are so grateful, as we swing into full conference mode, for our new team members: Chelsea Christian has joined our overtaxed accounting department; Heather Sodenkamp is pulling things together as admin assistant; and Kelly Sweeten brings his unique skillset to project management. In advance of Anthony's impending retirement, Becky Meyer has stepped into the role of Executive Director. It's both a hard loss and an easy transition: We love Anthony and wish him well, and we are confident that Becky will lead us into a new era with her signature brilliance and grace.

There are still **open postings** at NAWS (na.org/jobs). If you or someone you know would be a good fit for the NA World Services team, please reach out!



We welcome your ideas and input: worldboard@na.org