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To: WSC participants

Re: WCNA Update

As you know, the 2026 Conference Agenda Report (CAR) includes a motion regarding the future of the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA). In light of that motion—and recent discussions at the European Delegates Meeting (EDM) concerning the 2028 World Convention—we want to share information about our WCNA site selection process and our plans for 2028.

By now you may have heard that WCNA 39 is planned for Dublin, Ireland, in the summer of 2028. We want to extend our sincere thanks to the EDM for their support. The decision to cancel the European Convention in 2028 so that the fellowship can gather together at WCNA 39 and celebrate NA's 75th anniversary is both meaningful and appreciated. We also want to thank the Irish Region for their enthusiastic partnership in helping make this a memorable World Convention.

Since shortly after the creation of the World Board in 1998 we have not used a bid process to select World Convention sites. Instead, we work with a professional hotel and meeting planning company. This approach has saved NA World Services both financial resources and staff effort. Their standardized Requests for Proposals (RFPs), sent to a wide range of cities, provide consistent information that allows the World Board to make responsible objective decisions.

Originally, we planned for a World Convention in 2027 and gathered information from many European cities. As post-COVID meeting challenges became clearer, we moved planning to 2028 and narrowed the list of potential sites. The 2028 date allows WCNA 39 to coincide with NA's 75th anniversary and, if our proposal is adopted, helps align convention rotation with fellowship anniversaries.

We are committed to planning a revenue-neutral event in 2028, which means we are committed to holding a world convention that does not lose money. Unfortunately, rising costs for large meetings and the uncertainty of fellowship participation make long-term projections difficult.

For nearly a year, three potential locations remained under consideration: Lisbon, Frankfurt, and Dublin. Because of the enthusiastic interest of the German-Speaking Region—largely tied to their 50th anniversary in 2028—we made an exception to our usual process and reviewed information about Frankfurt provided directly by the local fellowship rather than through our standard RFP process. In hindsight, this exception did not benefit either the region or World Services and complicated our decision-making. Ultimately, Frankfurt was the most expensive location. We held extensive discussion that included significant focus on our commitment to planning a revenue neutral event, looking at the cost and quality of the meeting facilities, and labor and audio visual costs. Also factored in was accommodation and meal costs, external and internal transport links, accessibility, the city population, attractiveness of the site, the number of

NA meetings, and support from the local fellowship. After much discussion on all of these factors, the Board selected Dublin.

We want to thank all three regions for their patience throughout this lengthy process. We hope you share our excitement as we look forward to WCNA 39 in Dublin.

The future of WCNA will continue to be an important topic for conference participants as we move forward together, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

With gratitude and in fellowship,  
**The World Board**