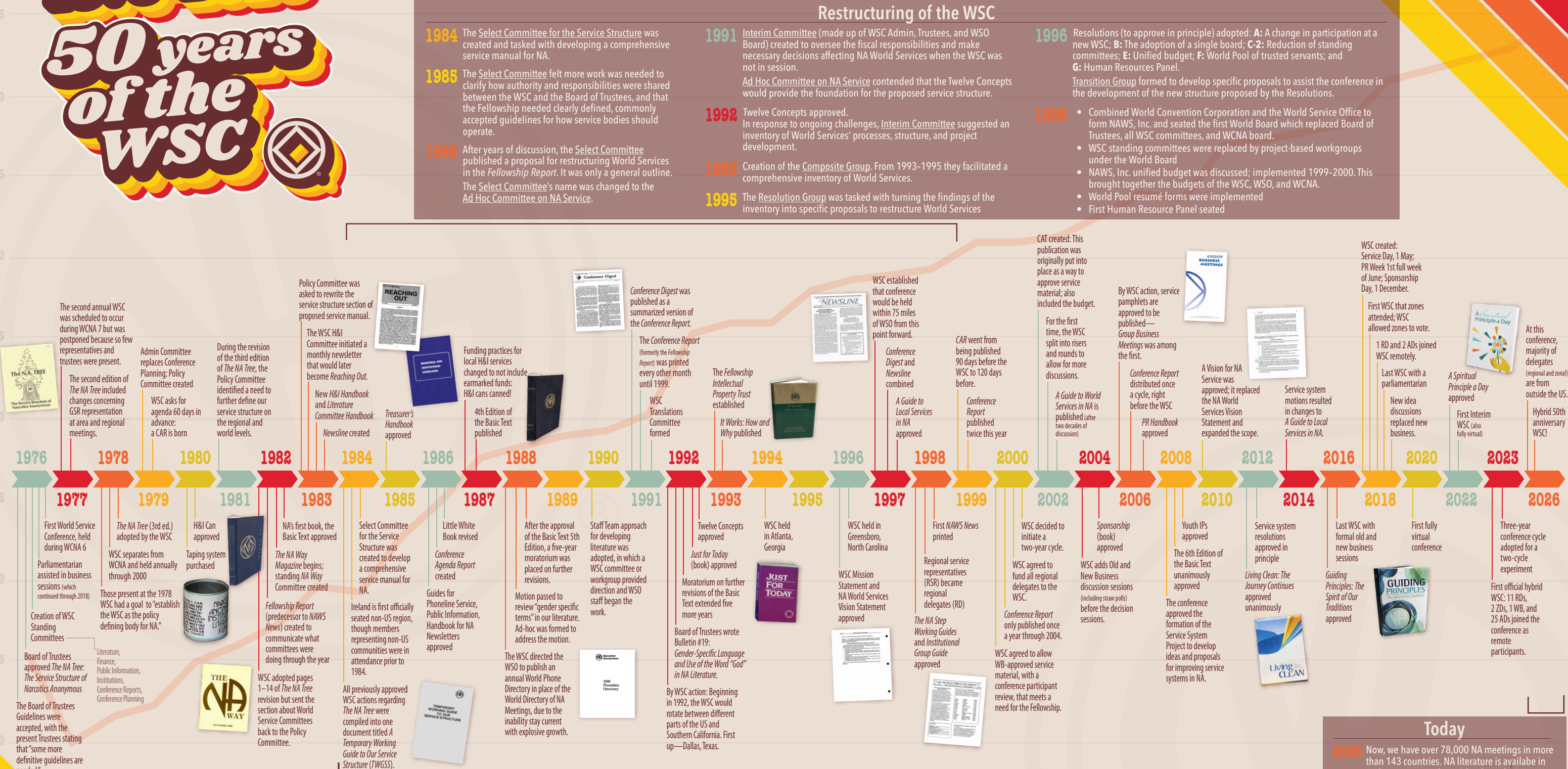


1976-2026

50 years of the WSC



Number of representatives



Restructuring of the WSC

- 1984** The Select Committee for the Service Structure was created and tasked with developing a comprehensive service manual for NA.
- 1985** The Select Committee felt more work was needed to clarify how authority and responsibilities were shared between the WSC and the Board of Trustees, and that the Fellowship needed clearly defined, commonly accepted guidelines for how service bodies should operate.
- 1988** After years of discussion, the Select Committee published a proposal for restructuring World Services in the *Fellowship Report*. It was only a general outline. The Select Committee's name was changed to the Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service.
- 1991** Interim Committee (made up of WSC Admin, Trustees, and WSO Board) created to oversee the fiscal responsibilities and make necessary decisions affecting NA World Services when the WSC was not in session. Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service contended that the Twelve Concepts would provide the foundation for the proposed service structure.
- 1992** Twelve Concepts approved. In response to ongoing challenges, Interim Committee suggested an inventory of World Services' processes, structure, and project development.
- 1993** Creation of the Composite Group. From 1993-1995 they facilitated a comprehensive inventory of World Services.
- 1995** The Resolution Group was tasked with turning the findings of the inventory into specific proposals to restructure World Services.
- 1996** Resolutions (to approve in principle) adopted: **A:** A change in participation at a new WSC; **B:** The adoption of a single board; **C-2:** Reduction of standing committees; **E:** Unified budget; **F:** World Pool of trusted servants; and **G:** Human Resources Panel. Transition Group formed to develop specific proposals to assist the conference in the development of the new structure proposed by the Resolutions.
- 1998**
 - Combined World Convention Corporation and the World Service Office to form NAWS, Inc. and seated the first World Board which replaced Board of Trustees, all WSC committees, and WCNA board.
 - WSC standing committees were replaced by project-based workgroups under the World Board
 - NAWS, Inc. unified budget was discussed; implemented 1999-2000. This brought together the budgets of the WSC, WSO, and WCNA.
 - World Pool resumé forms were implemented
 - First Human Resource Panel seated

First WSC

1976 The first World Service Conference took place after years of planning. At that time, there were very few pieces of NA literature and fewer than 250 worldwide meetings listed in the 1976 Worldwide Directory.

From the agenda document:
"The purpose of this Conference is to set in motion the wheels which will make it possible to have future Conferences which are truly representative of the fellowship...."

International FD & the WSC

- 1984** The standing committee International Affairs was created to provide outreach services to the Fellowship outside the continental US.
- 1985** It was renamed the International Committee.
- 1991** The International Development Forum began meeting on the Saturday before the start of the, then annual, WSC. It was a gathering focused on supporting and strengthening NA communities around the world. During the conference, its name was changed to the Multinational Development Forum.
- 1992** The name changed to the WSC Development Forum. Eleven representatives from communities outside the US were funded to attend the WSC.
- 1993** Four more were funded to attend the 1993 Conference.
- 2000** A motion was passed to fund all regional delegates to the WSC as part of the move to a two-year cycle.
- 2018** Zonal delegates from zones with more than two unseated regions recognized as conference participants. Conference first! Decision to allow remote participation.
- 2023** A motion was passed to make funding available upon request rather than automatic. A three-year conference cycle was adopted for a two-cycle experiment.
- 2026** Today, there are more delegates (regional and zonal) that come from outside the United States than from within.

Today

2026 Now, we have over 78,000 NA meetings in more than 143 countries. NA literature is available in 61 languages. We have 9 books and 25 IPs. We have PR pamphlets, service-related materials, and online resources available to anyone seeking information about how to recover and how to develop NA from starting a group to serving a zone.

We do this so that no addict seeking recovery need ever die from the horrors of addiction without knowing that there is a better way of life.

