

WNYRSCNA RD Report

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Since the last meeting of this body, this RD has attended to the following service commitments:

- Presented Conference Cycle's WSC 2014 CAR/CAT Reports
 - Prepared and distributed reports on CAR/CAT 2014 Tally as gathered in the WNYRSCNA
- Attended meeting of Buffalo Area Service (July 2014)
 - Focus: address any questions related to the CAR and CAT Reports for WSC – note non were asked
- Presented overview of WSC 2014 @ service event in Geneva, NY
- Attended required service event: NEZF hosted by the ABCD Region June 27 -29, 2014 in Albany, NY

All of the preceding was for the purpose of sharing information and gathering input, so that the home groups and individual members of the Fellowship of the region of Western New York and its neighboring regions could review, discuss, and participate in effective communication related to the conscience of regions worldwide concerning the WSC 2014 CAR/CAT.

For those that might have missed the key information that was shared at the last meeting of Region regarding the results of the WSC 2014 the following is an overview that should be reported by the RCMS to the Areas they serve:

1. IP #29 *An Introduction to NA Meetings* was unanimously approved by WSC participants.
2. Service System: The Service System "agreement in principle" motions were passed by a 2/3 majority. Look for these to be included in *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous (GTLs)* as an option for communities who wish to move to group support forums, a local service conference, and a local service board. It should be noted that the project plan was also passed allowing for resource and tool development. As always updates will be posted on line at www.na.org/servicesystem.
3. PR News: Results of the *Membership Survey* will be released this month. This cycle 16,750 surveys were submitted. For those interested in participating in Webinars, they are held every 3-4 months for PR, H&I, and Inmate Step Writing. Those who wish to participate can write PR@na.org or Handl@na.org.
4. Based upon results of CBDM the WSO will be conducting virtual workgroups and project related webinars for those interested in the future of the WSC, Service System, and/or decision making at the WSC. Inform the WSO of your interest in participating by going to worldboard@na.org
5. Financial Related Items: Long term financial viability is the priority with focus on NAWS sustainability. Also covered here were issues related to FIPT of our Basic Text. It was requested that we as trusted servants communicate the importance of asking our members to assist in curtailing the distribution of illicit literature. Protection of our copy righted material is a responsibility of all members.
6. Planning Our Future: 5 sessions were devoted to this work as a global community/body. What direction is the fellowship moving? Additional efforts at keeping the fellowship moving in the same direction – forward – will take place with delegates at zonal workshops; thus making zonal participation critically important.

Finally, for those that wish to be part of the process:

- ❖ World Service continues to gather ideas from the Fellowship on the Traditions book through the following:
 1. Session profile and PowerPoint presentation workshops
 2. Online submission area for workshop responses
 3. Traditions Book Project discussion board

Each of the above can be accessed through the project page at www.na.org/traditions. The process being followed is similar to that of the process used to create the Living Clean: The Journey Continues. It was the input gathered from the fellowship that helped draft The Journey Continues and it will once again be the participation and input of the fellowship that will help complete the *Traditions Book Project*. With that in mind, the workgroup will be collecting two types of input. The first is “front-end” input – the gathering of material that will help shape the initial draft. The second is the input members of the fellowship will provide in response to the initial drafts. The goal here will be to revise/refine the material into an approval draft. It is with this in mind that the following are presented:

❖ **“front-end” deadlines**

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| ○ 31 July 2014 | Tradition One |
| ○ 31 November 2014 | Traditions Two through Seven |
| ○ 31 March 2015 | Traditions Eight through Twelve |

The review and input periods on draft materials will adhere to the 90 day time period and will be divided into three periods as follows:

❖ **Review and Input Periods**

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| ○ October 2014 – January 2015 | Introduction and Tradition One |
| ○ February 2015 – April 2015 | Traditions Two through Seven |
| ○ May 2015 – August 2015 | Traditions Eight through Twelve |

Again further information concerning the project will be posted in NAWS News and can be accessed by going to na.org/traditions. Once again, the first deadline for input is 31 July 2014. Assistance putting on Traditions Book Project workshops can be made of this RD by calling 716-834-9522.

In addition to the literature project the following should be communicated to the area homegroups and committees: regarding NA literature and upcoming events:

1. Electronic Publication: e-version of the 6th Edition of the Basic Text, Living Clean: The Journey Continues, It Works: How and Why, and Sponsorship are available for sale at 20% less than paper versions
 - a. Available via:
 - i. Amazon for Kindle go to <http://tinyurl.com/ka8wz4g>
 - ii. iBooks store for Apple devices
2. NAWS Electronic Subscriptions available
 - a. NAWS Update
 - b. WCNA Update
 - c. Just For Today Daily Emails
 - d. NAWS News E-Subscription

3. Reaching Out
 - a. Cost; \$32.60 a year for 20 copies
 - b. Emailed January, April, July, and October
 - c. Recommended for H&I efforts with jail system and interaction with professionals working with inmates.
4. The NA Way Magazine (1/4ly journal for recovery, unity, service, entertainment, and information about NA World Services)
 - a. E-subscribe
 - b. Paper subscriptions still available for individuals without Internet Access
 - c. Multiple copy subscriptions also available for NA groups, service committees, and professionals/facilities that serve addicts
5. Now available:
 - a. IP #29 *An Introduction to NA Meetings*
 - b. Spanish version of Living Clean: The Journey Continues (Vivir limpios: El viaje continua). Cost: \$9.75
6. NA World Unity Day: 30 August 2014 – 10 am pst*. For more information call: 818-773-9999.
7. WCNA 36: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 11- 14 June 2015. Start making plans. To receive updates subscribe to: www.na.org/wcna.

As for the next meeting of the NEZF, the hosting region will be Connecticut and it will be held in October 2015. The reason for the long period between zonal meetings is clearly reviewed in this RD's notes of the last meeting of the Zone in June 2014. In short, the reasoning behind the change in time between zones is the move toward transitioning the Zone to a body that provides services to hosting region as well as all the regions in the Zone. The first focus here will be the planning of a mini symposium.

Once again, this RD would like to thank all the trusted servants that engaged the homegroups and the fellowship of WNY that remained open-minded and willing as we worked collaboratively and actively participated in shaping the new reality that lies before the Fellowship. As was noted, the theme of the WSC, *The Ties That Bind Us Together*, reinforced the importance of Unity and that theme is no less important now. Our participation will reflect our voice. Our participation along with the participation of the worldwide fellowship will continue to affect NA as a whole (4th Tradition). If we are to continue to contribute to the shaping of our fellowship we must adhere to Concepts of NA; as well as, the Traditions.

- Tradition 1 “Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends on NA unity.”
- Concept 7 “All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body’s decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.”
- Concept 8 “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”
- Concept 9 “All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.”
- Concept 11 “NA funds are to be used to further the primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.”

In closing, I echo the following once again; “Change – If not now when? If not us who?” Thank you for letting me be of service.

Yours in service,
Jim L. RD

Addendum #1: RD Expense Report

Disbursement (6/27 – 29/14)

Expenses

NEZF (Albany)

Food Stipend (RD): \$180.00
Hotel: \$200.00
Mileage 600 x.51: \$306.00

Total: \$686.00

Actual Expense: \$159.38
Actual Expense: \$159.58 (\$5.42)
Actual Mileage: \$339.97
Tolls: \$25.70
Actual Total: \$690.05

Variance: -\$4.05

Note: At this time there is no request for disbursements. Next request is projected for upcoming service commitments MERL and/or MARLCNA.

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