

World Service Conference



NAWS Publications

NAWS News

NAWS *News* gives an overview of world service activity, with a particular emphasis on World Board projects. It is published following World Board meetings and the World Service Conference. NAWS *News* is currently available in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. It is distributed automatically to conference participants and registered area and regional service committees. The mailing list consists of the above groups, but individuals can also request copies of this periodical after each mailing. NAWS *News* can also be viewed or downloaded as a PDF file from our website, www.na.org.

Conference Agenda Report

The CAR is published and distributed in English a minimum of 150 days before the beginning of each World Service Conference; translated versions are released a minimum of 120 days before each WSC begins. The CAR contains information about all of the relevant WSC business, discussions, and activities that require guidance from the conscience of the entire NA Fellowship. At present, the CAR is published in English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. It is distributed automatically to conference participants and regions. Additional printed copies are available for purchase at cost from the WSO, but the CAR can be downloaded for free as a PDF file from our website at www.na.org.

Regional motions must be submitted 240 days prior to the WSC and should include a written intent. Regions can include 150-word rationales to describe the meaning behind their motion. The WB includes a recommendation about each regional motion so that the fellowship is provided with as much information as possible in order to engage in discussions when reviewing the motion.

Conference Report

The Conference Report, a comprehensive and detailed report of world service activity, is published when the reporting needs of world services require it. This report contains information regarding the status of major world services projects, suggestions for new work, and difficulties that have been encountered. It also includes reports from the World Board, the Human Resources Panel, and any region or zonal forum that wishes to submit material. The frequency of publication may change from year to year, and conference participants are provided with the schedule for each year ahead of time. *The Conference Report* can also be accessed online as a PDF file at our website, www.na.org.

NAWS Annual Report

The NAWS *Annual Report* covers each fiscal year of NA World Services activities. The fiscal year ends 30 June, and the annual report is produced in late September. It is distributed automatically to conference participants and regions. Additional copies are available for purchase from the WSO at cost. The report can also be downloaded free as a PDF file from our website at www.na.org.

Worldwide Workshops

One of the main objectives for the worldwide workshops is to make a connection between world services and members in local NA communities. Since the first-ever Worldwide Workshop was held in Burnaby, just outside of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in June 2001, we have stayed very busy with "making the connection." The workshops continue to evolve and adapt to the needs and capacities of each venue we visit.



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Worldwide workshops were held in Birmingham, England from 30 August-1 September 2002; in Austin, Texas, USA on 10-12 January 2003; and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA from 14-16 March 2003. At each of the workshops members were able to exchange valuable information about recovery and service. Maybe even more exciting was the fact that they experienced different processes for the exchange of that information, including the small-group discussion format that we have used at previous worldwide workshops, at WSC 2002, and at WCNA. Equally important was the improvement in communications between local members and NA World Services. It is invaluable when members have the opportunity to learn about NAWS and get to know the World Board members and WSO staff.

The schedule of worldwide workshops for the remainder of this conference cycle is: Lima, Peru, on 12-14 September 2003; and Bangalore, India, on 17-19 February 2004. Further information is available on the Internet at www.na.org, where you will find the latest developing news and flyers for these special events.

Worldwide Workshop Trips

Location: Birmingham, England, UK

Dates: 30 August—1 September 2002

Travel Team: David J, Tony W, World Board; Michael McD, World Pool; Becky Meyer, Stephan Lantos, Steve Rusch, Elaine Adams, NAWS staff

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Dates: 14—16 March 2003

Travelers: David J, Ron H, Craig R, Jane N, World Board; Anthony Edmondson, Becky Meyer, Steve Rusch, Elaine Adams, Carrie Brockstein, NAWS staff



Location: Austin, Texas, USA

Dates: 10—12 January 2003

Travel Team: David J, Ron H, Bob J, Jim B, World Board; Becky Meyer, Steve Rusch, Elaine Adams, Carrie Brockstein, Shane Colter, NAWS staff



New Projects Update

Approval Form of the Sponsorship Book Completed

We are excited to announce the completion of our work on the approval form of the sponsorship book. We knew that we had to finalize the text during either our May or August 2003 meeting in order to have it ready in time for the CAR, and we are happy to report we were able to do so in May. The book was released in July 2003 for your consideration and possible approval at WSC 2004. The approval draft of the book was sent to all conference participants and will be available to everyone through NAWS at a cost of \$5.00 plus regular shipping and handling charges. The approval draft of the book will also be included in the *Conference Agenda Report* for the 2004 World Service Conference.

We have also completed our revision of IP #11, *Sponsorship*. If adopted, this revised IP will replace the current IP #11. It was included in the July 2003 mailing, and will be contained in the CAR for your consideration and possible approval at WSC 2004.

We want to point out that this endeavor was a great example of the workgroup-style project that we hope to use more in the future. This workgroup of seven pool members and two board members worked diligently on this project to complete it on schedule. They were able to maintain their focus on their work without distraction. We give a big "thank you" to our workgroup members: Bella B and Jim B, from the board, and World Pool members Billy R, Chuck G, Gwen M, Janet C, Lasse W*, Louis H, and Ron M.

We also want to thank all of the members who participated in this project. As we have reported before, we received a great deal of input from throughout the fellowship since we began asking in 2000. Your efforts ensured that this book is a true reflection of the entire fellowship. Thank you!

Considering Changes to the Basic Text

We have finished compiling the data from the survey, as well as the evaluation of that data. There were 4,651 members from 45 countries and all 50 states, who responded to the survey. We would like to thank all the participants for taking the time to respond. As we have reported, we plan to present our recommendations regarding changes to the Basic Text in the 2004 CAR.

** At the time of writing this report, we are sad to report that Lars W (Lasse), who was a member of the workgroup died on 16 September 2003. Lasse was not only an enthusiastic and knowledgeable contributor to the sponsorship workgroup but was also an invaluable and cherished member of the Swedish fellowship. His gentle spirit will be missed by all.*