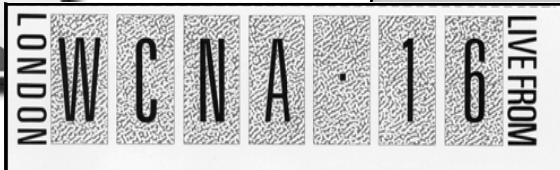
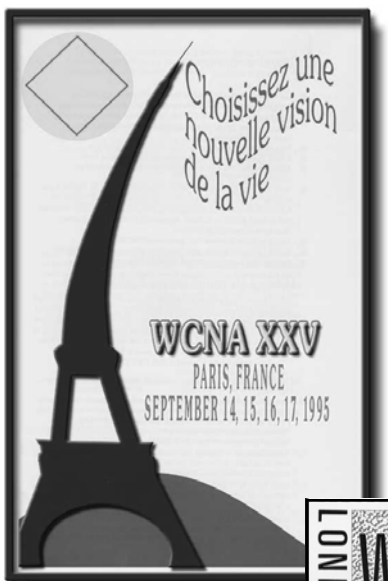
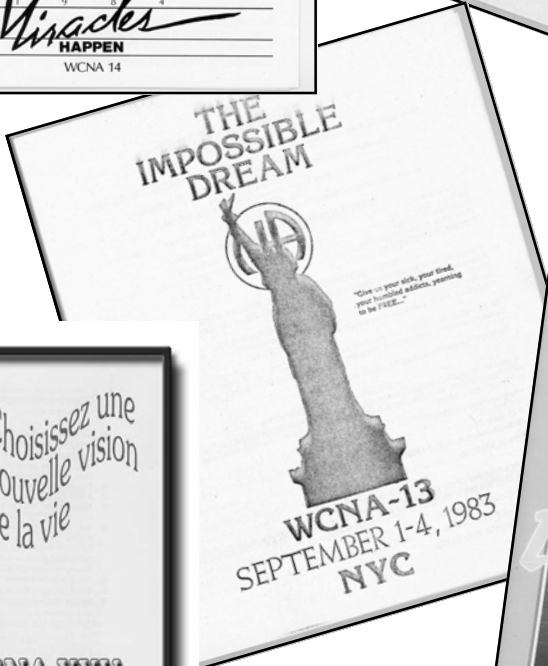
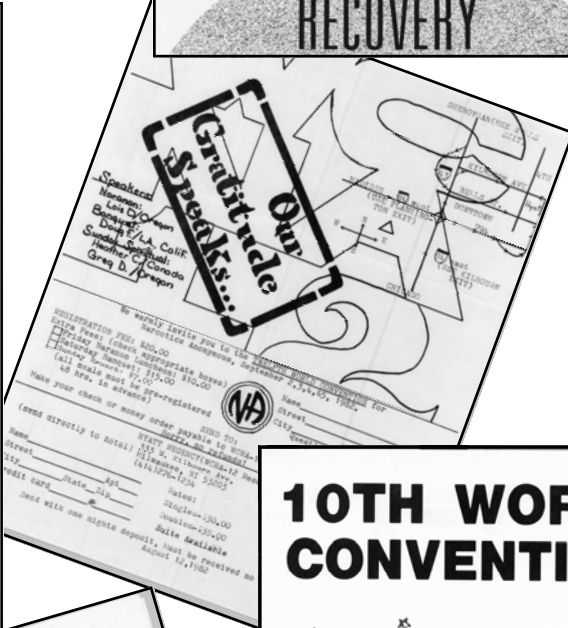
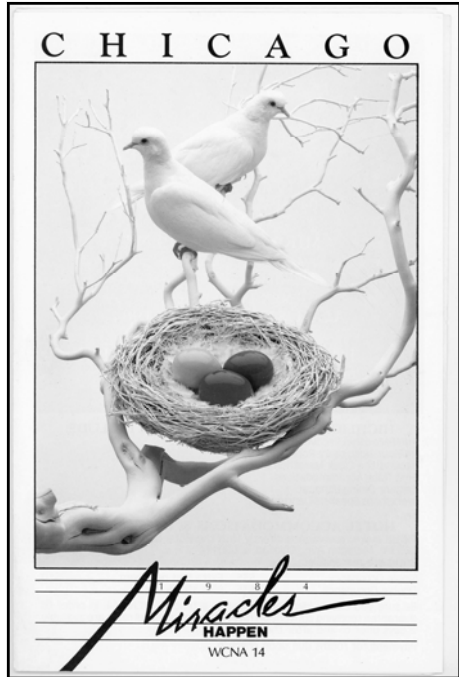


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Conventions and events management at NAWS encompass a number of different annual and biennial projects, which all require simultaneous attention in the various stages of planning. The World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous and the logistical planning for the World Service Conference are certainly the two major productions that required much of our time this past year. However, we also participate and provide advice on worldwide workshop planning and are responsible for the overall travel and housing relationships for World Board meetings and project support workgroups. A growing part of our work has been the provision of services to regional and area convention and event committees in NA around the world on everything from contracts to committee and legal structures.

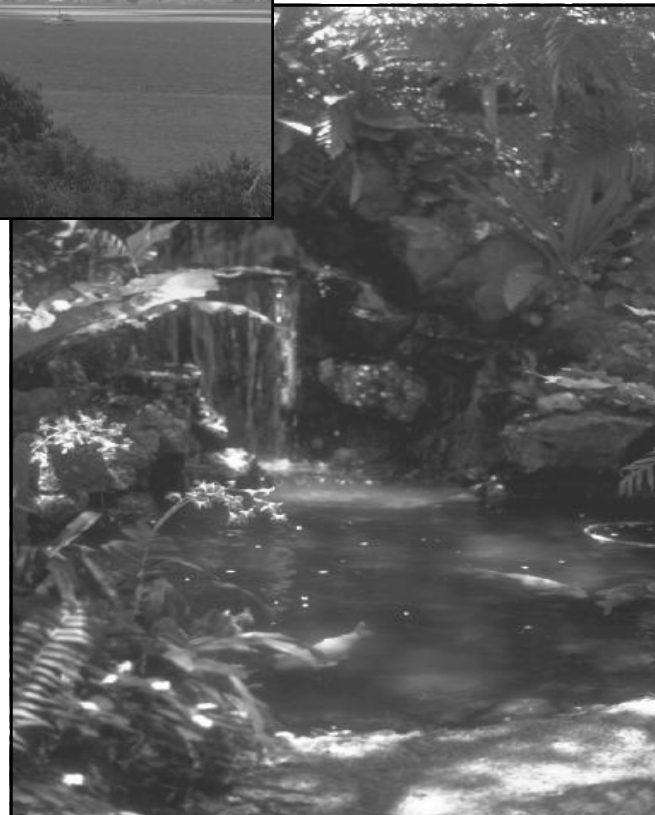
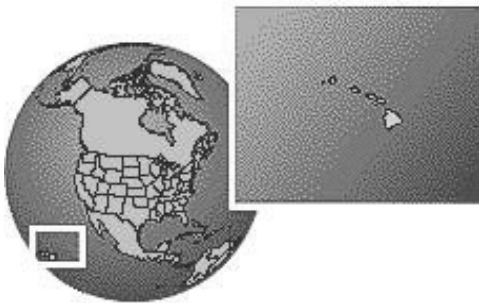
To give you indications of our typical workload consider this: planning a world convention takes seven years. At any time, we are simultaneously in some stage of planning and/or implementing four to five world conventions and usually one World Service Conference.

Here are just some of the projects we are working on:

- ◆ Conducting start-up activity for a support committee and completing registration package recommendations for WCNA-31 (Hawaii, USA 2005).
- ◆ Finishing facility contracts for WCNA-32 (San Antonio, USA 2007).
- ◆ Completing final negotiations for WCNA-33 (Europe 2009).
- ◆ Negotiating initial bid proposals for WCNA-34 (Western North America 2011).
- ◆ Responding to initial bid inquiries from cities for WCNA-35 (Eastern North America 2013).
- ◆ Reviewing final invoices and conducting post-conference interviews with the hotel and vendors for WSC 2004 (Woodland Hills, California, USA).

As the programmatic goals of each WSC become more complex, we continue to seek new and innovative ways to execute the logistics of the conference. Much of this work involves the maximizing and constantly evaluating our use of technology. Additionally, as the workload for delegates also get more complex we continually look for new ways to be able to create an environment that nurtures discussion, consensus building, and a plan-driven focus for conference sessions. We were pleased that several new elements we tried at WSC 2004 toward this end and that the feedback from conference participant evaluations was overwhelmingly positive.

Finally, we are ramping up for WCNA-31 to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii 1-4 September 2005. The convention theme is "One Fellowship, Many Friends." Registration flyers are in production and members will be able to register and reserve hotel rooms beginning on 1 December 2004 at 9am Pacific Time. Room rates will range from \$99-\$189 US for up to two people (additional charges are applied for triple or quad occupancy). There is a lot of enthusiasm in the fellowship about this convention and with good reason. We expect that the paradise atmosphere and aloha spirit of Hawaii will create a perfect environment for an intimate and unique world convention. For more information, please visit the convention page on our website www.na.org.



WCNA-31 will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA from 1-4 September 2005. For complete details about our recovery celebration, please visit us at:

<http://www.na.org/WCNA31/index.htm>.