

Conventions and Events

Our conventions are a unique opportunity to help send the message that there is plenty of fun to be enjoyed in recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. Workshops, speaker meetings, comedy, dances, and so much more, demonstrate the wide range of joys we experience. The planning process for each world convention spans as many as seven years. Shortly after the end of fiscal year 2006-2007, the Thirty-Second World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous took place in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

WCNA-32 San Antonio, Texas, USA

The total attendance at WCNA-32 was lower than expected, with less than 10,000 members registered. Of the 1,975 newcomer registrations we prepared to distribute for this event, only 500 packets were given out. The smaller turnout, combined with the extensive program of workshops, speaker meetings, events, and dances, made for a full weekend without the chaos that comes with overcrowding.

In preparation for San Antonio, we made an extra effort to be better prepared for the number of members who actually attended. We encouraged members to pre-register by maintaining the same price throughout the pre-registration period. We set the on-site registration price significantly higher than the pre-registration price in order to encourage pre-registration and to offset the costs of last-minute efforts to adjust our operations to accommodate the actual numbers of members in attendance. This approach seems to have worked fairly well, and we will continue to modify our preparations in the future to allow for the smoothest events possible.

The purpose of the world convention is to give members from around the world a chance to celebrate recovery with one another. This event is not meant to generate revenue; on the contrary, the budget for the world convention is set to break even. The convention is an incredibly expensive endeavor. When those who participate pay their own way



