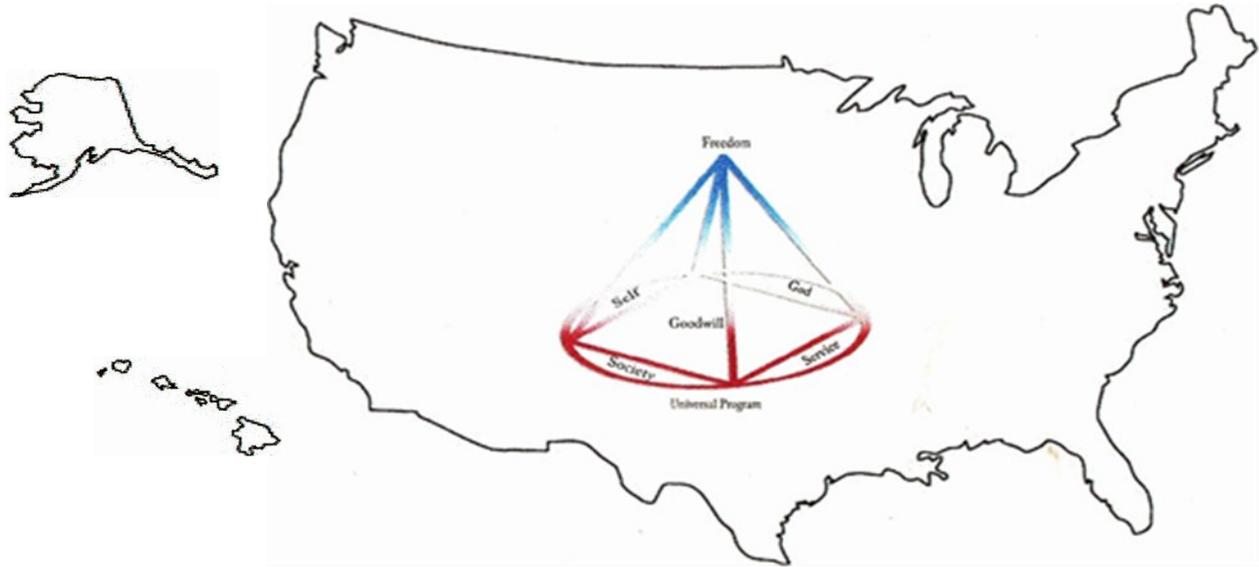




United States Service Conference
of Narcotics Anonymous (USSCNA)
 May 10 – 12, 2013



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MOVING RIGHT ALONG: We have completed work on a new process to register your group (s) with the USSCNA. **Please read these instructions carefully.**



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Registration Procedures

1. On a computer, go to: www.usscna.org
2. This will open the home page of the USSCNA web site.
3. Click on the “Register” tab at the top of the page. The USSC Registration page will open.
4. Fill in all boxes on this page; then press “Register.”
5. A notification will appear confirming registration. The Group Representative Identification Number (GRIN) will appear. Save and safeguard this number. This is the ID number used to gain access to the USSCNA ballot page. When finished, press “Continue.”
6. A Group Registration Form will appear. Register a group by completely entering all requested information. If a group is not an active Area/Region participant, enter the Area and Region that is geographically closest to the registering group. When finished, press “Continue.”
7. A notification will appear confirming a group’s registration. If registering additional groups, press “Continue.” When all groups have been registered, press “Exit.”
8. If you are already registered as a Group Representative, enter your **Group Representative Identification Number** (GRIN) that was assigned to you at the bottom of the “Contact Information” section of the Registration Form, then click “Log In”.
9. Register group (s). Press “Continue” until all groups are registered. Each group must be registered on separate registration forms.
10. When finished, press “Exit.”

IF CHANGING REPRESENTATIVES, GO THROUGH STEPS 1 THRU 4 ON THIS PAGE, THEN GO TO THE “CONTACT US” PAGE. PRESS THE “ENTER A CATEGORY” BUTTON; SELECT “I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE OUR GROUP REPRESENTATIVE.” ENTER THE NEW REPRESENTATIVES NAME & VALID EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE MESSAGE BOX. SEND MESSAGE.

Go to: www.usscna.org ; to view Registration PowerPoint Presentation and Presenter Notes.

ASK THE COMMITTEE: Here are some questions received from members of the fellowship recently.

An email was received March 1, 2013 with the following questions:

“How exactly would our common welfare of NA as a whole benefit by supporting this conference?”

As members of Narcotics Anonymous, it has been proven throughout time that “our common welfare” and “unity” cannot exist without each other. Today, the NA fellowship in the United States is undoubtedly the largest and most mature in the world. Our ability to effectively communicate has been stifled by this growth. We have seen neighboring regions not communicating with each other. Compounding this issue is NA World Services (NAWS) shifting their focus to a global vision. In the past, the World Service Conference (WSC) was the forum in which the U.S. fellowship could address national issues. This forum is no longer available to the U.S. fellowship. The primary intent of the USSCNA is to provide a conference in which the U.S. fellowship can once again address national issues specific to the United States. We are currently developing subcommittees such as H & I, PI, Outreach and Additional Needs at the national level who will serve as well springs of experience for the Fellowship of the United States to draw from. By doing this, we will strengthen unity, which in turn fosters our common welfare.

“Is this conference affiliated with WSC?”

The USSCNA is a service body of Narcotics Anonymous. The WSC, USSCNA, Zonal Forums, Regions, Areas and most importantly, the Groups, are affiliated through the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. Each of these service bodies has “but one primary purpose, to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.”

“Why does this country need this service body if we have regional and world service bodies already?”

The answer to this question is contained within the answer to the first question. In addition, since the inception of NA, the rest of the world has looked to the United States fellowship as an exemplary example in how the program and fellowship of Narcotic Anonymous has saved countless lives. I believe we can and will continue being the shining example that Narcotics Anonymous works, especially through selfless service.

On March 6, 2013, a member wrote:

“I would like know how we can support this effort financially.”

Thank you for your interest in the USSCNA. It is a privilege to be of service to the Contra Costa Area, as well as the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in the United States as a whole.

We currently have multiple vehicles in place in which the fellowship may donate funds.

Funds can be donated by mailing a check or money order to:

USSC
PO Box 8378
Rockford, IL. 61126-8378

A second means in which donations can be made is to go to our website at:

www.usscna.org/conference.

On the right side of that page access to our PayPal account. Click on the “donate” button and follow the directions.

“What is the mechanism for making donations?”

At the present time the USSC is utilizing current electronic technologies to communicate with the United States fellowship. By doing this we can disseminate a larger amount of information to the fellowship in a shorter amount of time.

“Do you have costs beyond administrative costs at this point?”

Our greatest expense to date has been in holding USSCNA conferences. We strongly encourage group registration through the sign-up page on our website. This assures access to the USSC Forum page. There you will find the progress of all the subcommittees including the USSC financial status. We do this to maintain transparency in all matters involving the USSC. Again, thank you for your questions and interest in the USSC.

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE CORRECTION: “This assures access to the USSC Forum page” is incorrect. Anyone can gain access to the USSC Forum. We apologize for the error.

On March 22, 2013, a recovering addict asked:

“How was this formed?”

The way the USSCNA was formed is no different from the way that groups, areas and regions have formed throughout time in Narcotics Anonymous. I invite you visit our website at www.usscna.org. There you will find the complete history of how the USSCNA was formed, however, briefly, the USSCNA started as an idea for a national service entity. This was discussed by a group of addicts in Marion, North Carolina; January 2011.

“Are you affiliated with NA and in what capacity?”

“NA is a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem.” One of the ties that bind us together is Tradition Five: “Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.” This is done not only in NA meetings, but also in service. Every member of Narcotics Anonymous is “affiliated” through unity and our primary purpose. We believe it more important to focus on what we are doing to help addicts as opposed to who we are. The USSC is a recognized service body of Narcotics Anonymous. We follow the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous. Thank you for your questions.

Also received March 22, 2013:

“Standing committees you mentioned already exist at the Area, Regional and World level. What will the USSC do that our other service bodies don’t already do? In other words, is there duplication of services?”

In answering this question, I would first like to share some NA history. In 1998, as part of the reorganization of World Services, the standing committees at the world level were disbanded. Today, questions received at NAWS regarding guidance for Area and Regional subcommittees are answered by special workers. The USSCNA will give the United States fellowship a valuable resource; “One addict helping another is without parallel” because “One addict can best understand and help another addict”. Personal experience far exceeds reading just from our literature alone. Through accurate and effective communications, we will provide a priceless resource to Groups, Areas and Regions. If our current service structure can begin communicating more effectively, there should not be any duplication of services.

“Is the USSC going to be funded? Will they escalate a portion of their funds to the world?”

We are currently receiving donations from groups throughout the United States. As group membership and donations increase, we will forward funds to NAWS. We may be able to accomplish this within the next 30-90 days.

“Did you ask the WSO to hear your grievances/disappointment with the WSO’s response to the AREA’s and how you thought the WSO could make it better? What was the WSO’s response to your ideas?”

The USSC has no grievances or disappointment towards NAWS. Actually, it’s just the opposite. I have talked with Fellowship Services at the WSO. The result of that call was one of recognition and cooperation. The USSC fully supports NAWS vision. All of the USSC membership is recovering addicts who are also members of Narcotics Anonymous. As our literature states, this is just one of the ties that bind us together.

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“How will a group, area, region be better off if they join the USSC as compared to not joining?”

Our steadfast goal and desire is to bring “group conscience” again to the forefront of Narcotics Anonymous service. We believe that the “NA groups are the final authority,” thereby increasing unity and bringing our message of hope to every addict in the United States.

“Who is going to get paid?”

Our Seventh Tradition says, “We are fully self-supporting through our own contributions”. This also means people volunteering their time to support the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in the United States and around the world. At this time we do not feel it necessary to pay anyone for their service to Narcotics Anonymous. Narcotics Anonymous compensates addicts with the ability, through our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, to stay clean “Just for Today.”

The next Newsletter will be published and sent out in June. We hope to see everyone at the USSCNA, happening May 10, 11, 12 in Atlantic City, NJ.