



*United States Service Committee
Of Narcotics Anonymous (USSC)
Newsletter*

ISSUE 3, 2013

THE LATEST UPDATED CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE: As of 6/12/2013

Technology Subcommittee	Public Information Subcommittee	Budget & Finance Subcommittee
Phone # 559-726-1300 Access Code 877259#	Phone # 559-726-1300 Access code 586963#	Phone # 530-881-1400 Access Code 868308#
1 st Monday of the Month	1 st Sunday of the Month	2 nd Saturday of the Month
10:00 PM Eastern	9:30 PM Eastern	9:30 AM Eastern
9:00 PM Central	8:30 PM Central	8:30 AM Central
8:00 PM Mountain	7:30 PM Mountain	7:30 AM Mountain
7:00 PM Pacific	6:30 PM Pacific	6:30 AM Pacific
Administrative Committee	Guardian Committee	Outreach Subcommittee
Phone # 209-647-1600 Access Code 968584#	Dates & Times to be announced	Phone # 559-726-1300 Access Code 268565#
1 st Tuesday of the Month		1 st Wednesday of the Month
9:30 PM Eastern		9:30 Eastern
8:30 PM Central		8:30 Central
7:30 PM Mountain		7:30 Mountain
6:30 PM Pacific		6:30 Pacific
Additional Needs Subcommittee	H & I Subcommittee	Conference Planning Subcommittee
Phone # 805-399-1200 Access Code 108418#	Phone # 209-647-1600 Access Code 44229#	Phone #: 559-726-1300 Access Code: 907861
1 st Saturday of the Month	Every Tuesday <u>except</u> the 1 st Tuesday of the Month	4 th Wednesday of the Month
12:00 PM Eastern	9:00 PM Eastern	10:00 PM Eastern
11:00 AM Central	8:00 PM Central	9:00 PM Central
10:00 AM Mountain	7:00 PM Mountain	8:00 PM Mountain
9:00 AM Pacific	6:00 PM Pacific	7:00 PM Pacific
Service Material Development & Distribution Ad-hoc Subcommittee		
Phone #: 209-647-1600 Access Code: 537933		
2 nd & 4 th Thursday of the Month		
9:30 PM Eastern		
8:30 PM Central		
7:30 PM Mountain		
6:30 PM Pacific		

MOVING RIGHT ALONG: The USSCNA held a working meeting in Atlantic City, NJ; on May 10-12, 2013. We cannot realistically print everything from the meeting; we can however, briefly share with you some of the things that occurred during the weekend meeting. For a complete run down of the weekend meeting, please go to www.usscna.org, click on the "Forum" tab, then on "USSC Administrative Committee". The first topic contains the minutes from the meeting.

The USSC Administrative Committee has created an Ad hoc subcommittee called the "USSC Service Material Development & Distribution Ad hoc Subcommittee". Here is what they will be doing for the fellowship:

There have been Handbooks/Guides updated from when the standing Committees at the WSC were still in existence; such as the H&I Handbook, the Guide to Public Information, the Outreach Handbook, the Institutional Group Guide, and the Additional Needs Resource Guide.

The updated versions will have links in each USSC Subcommittee PowerPoint Presentation that will link you to a specific chapter in the handbooks to help with presentations and workshops you may want to have in the future. The body of these books will not be changed unless there are some small mistakes in the wording or formatting that we missed. There have been many man-hours, numerous conference calls, along with the willingness and devotion from the subcommittee members to produce these books for you. All of these books have been reviewed by the USSC Guardian Committee and have been approved as not having any Tradition Violations within the books. These handbooks will be voted on at the USSCNA in October, 2013.

This Ad-hoc Committee is in the process of investigating how to proceed with the available distribution of any Service Material in the future to the US Fellowship. We are not prepared at this time to discuss any possible distribution of Service Material. We can only provide this material through the www.usscna.org website.

Thanks for letting us serve, USSC Service Material Development & Distribution Ad hoc Subcommittee.

The USSC has begun making donations to NA World Services (NAWS).

The next USSCNA conference has been established. Check out the flier at the end of this Newsletter. We have expanded outreach to the fellowship by having the next conference posted on the [NAWS Events Calendar](#). It can be found in the United States events for October 2013. We are excited that NAWS is assisting in the publication of all US events.

The USSC has come up with voting procedures for the conference in October, 2013. Voting will start 30 days prior to the conference. The results of voting will be announced on Sunday at the conference. Once you have registered your group(s), just follow these steps to have your groups conscience heard.

USSCNA Voting 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 "Voting" tab at the top of the page.
4. Enter your USSC Group Representative Identification Number; click "submit."
5. "Select a Group" from the drop down menu; click "continue."
6. "Select a Ballot" from the drop down menu; click "continue."
7. "Choose One" of the options from the drop down menu; after choosing an option, click "Submit Your Vote"
8. After voting, either: "Select Another Ballot," or "Select Another Group"

Each group that is represented has one vote per ballot. You may vote only one time per ballot. Once you submit your vote, it cannot be changed.

To register your group(s), refer to Issue 2, 2013 of the USSC Newsletter or go to www.usscna.org, click on the "register" tab and follow the prompts.

YOUR GROUP'S VOICE WILL NOT BE HEARD UNLESS YOU REGISTER.

ASK THE COMMITTEE: We would like to share with you some emails sent by members of our fellowship recently.

On 4-17-2013 a member asked:

"Is there a contact list or a list of all trusted servants of this committee and of the Guardians? And could I get a copy?"

We believe in close adherence to the 12 Traditions of NA and feel that an individual email address can compromise not only the individual trusted servant's confidentiality, but also their anonymity. All questions addressed to the USSC through the info@usscna.org page are referred to the appropriate committee and/or subcommittee for response. You may also contact the committees/subcommittee directly. In either case, a response will be given in a prompt manner. The following is a list of all direct email addresses for the USSC.

Outreach – outreach@usscna.org
Public Information - pi@usscna.org
Hospitals and Institutions – handi@usscna.org
Technology – info@usscna.org
Additional Needs – addneed@usscna.org
Administrative Committee – admin@usscna.org
Conference Planning – cpc@usscna.org
Guardians – guardians@usscna.org

(The following email addresses were added after this response)

Service Material D & D – smdd@usscna.org
Newsletter – newsletter@usscna.org
Web-Coordinator – webservant@usscna.org

If there are any other questions, please feel free to contact us. Again, thank you for your interest in the USSC.

In Loving Service,
USSC Administrative Committee Chairperson

On 5-13-2013 we received this email:

“So I was just wondering how voting procedures take place. I read the guidelines but I am still a little confused. When it comes to motions is it one group one vote or one representative one group. For instance if my hg votes they would get one vote, but if the area, which has 30 groups in it, decided to register as a member of this body, our RCM, or someone else, would be the representative. Would they vote once or vote 30 times for a true group tally. If so, would they vote 30 times an exclusive yes or no, or would they vote according to how each group voted and not the conscience of the majority of the area. For example, 20 yes and 10 no. Also, is this policy just for motions or other things too, such as nominations? Thanks.”

Please visit our website at www.usscna.org; there you will find the answers to your questions. When you enter the website, click the “Voting” tab. A page will appear. On the right side of this page, you will see an area for access to the USSCNA Voting PowerPoint Presentation and Presenter Notes for the Presentation. The procedures for voting are clearly stated and will guide you through the voting process. However, in order to vote at the conference, you must register your group, and determine your group representative. The process to register can also be found on our website; just click the “Register” tab on the home page. You may also register to receive the USSC Newsletter by going to the “Contact Us” section and following the format on the page.

Thank you for your questions. The USSC stands ready to continue being of service to Narcotics Anonymous fellowship of the United States.

In Loving Service,
USSC Administrative Committee Chairperson
(The procedures for voting are also noted earlier in this newsletter)

On 5-24-2013 a member wrote:

“Who are you guys?”

Please refer to the “home” page on the www.usscna.org website. There you will find out about the USSC; our purpose, function and responsibilities.

“Why were you created?”

Again, please refer to the previous answer. Also, if you click on the “History” tab, documents containing references to national service bodies are discussed as early as the 1980’s.

“Are you NA approved?”

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.”

“What services do you provide that I cannot get from my area, region or from WSO?”

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. Again, thank you for your interest in the USSC.

In Loving Service,
USSC Administrative Chairperson

We recently received an email letter from a member in Canada.

Hi, I am from Canada and just recently found out about the USSC. Having read all the history regarding the formation of the USSC, I am a strong supporter of this body coming into existence. Our National body (CANA) has proven quite effective and I hope the same for the USSC. However, I have some concern regarding the decision making process you use to make decisions on gathered conscience from the groups in the US. I see in your minutes that you use Roberts Rules, and that majority vote, more specifically 50%+1, is used to reach decisions regarding very important matters.

Although I agree that a voting process is needed for elections, I don't believe this decision making process will serve in accurately reflecting a true conscience from the US groups, regardless of how it is collected. As referenced in Concept 6, "Our groups, service boards, and committees often use the vote as a rough tool for translating that spiritual guidance into clear, decisive terms. Sometimes, however, no vote is needed; following thoughtful, attentive discussion, it is perfectly apparent what our collective conscience would have us do in a given service situation. Just as we seek the strongest possible spiritual unity in Narcotics Anonymous, so in our decision making we seek unanimity, not merely a majority vote. The more care we take in our considerations, the more likely we are to arrive at unanimity, and no vote will be needed to help us translate our group conscience into a collective decision."

This is also reflected in Concept 9 which reads "Our decision-making process is not perfect. Many groups, service boards, and committees acknowledge this, and the value of the minority's position, with every decision they make. Whenever a motion is approved by something less than unanimous consent, these service bodies often ask those who voted against the measure to state their reasons for doing so, either out loud or in writing. If the decision needs to be revised at a later date, such minority opinions may prove invaluable in helping chart a new service course."

Furthermore "The expression of the individual conscience to the group is the foundation of group conscience. Without it, we block the guidance of a loving God, our ultimate authority. When a position supported by many of us is challenged by a few of us, our service boards and committees should always treat such input with great respect and careful consideration. The information and insights offered by the few may save us from dangerous mistakes; they may even lead us to new, previously undreamt-of horizons of service, where we might fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose more effectively than ever. For the sake of our fellowship, and for the sake of our members yet to come, our groups, service boards, and committees must always carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes." Please take my concern as high regard for what the US fellowship is doing in the creation of this service body, for I want nothing more than to see the USSC succeed. But I believe in group conscience, and my concern is solely see that the decision making process used reflects what is contained in your service guide, purpose, function, and basic responsibilities. Thank you for your time in reading my inquiry, I look forward to hearing your feedback, and also the many more successes of the USSC!

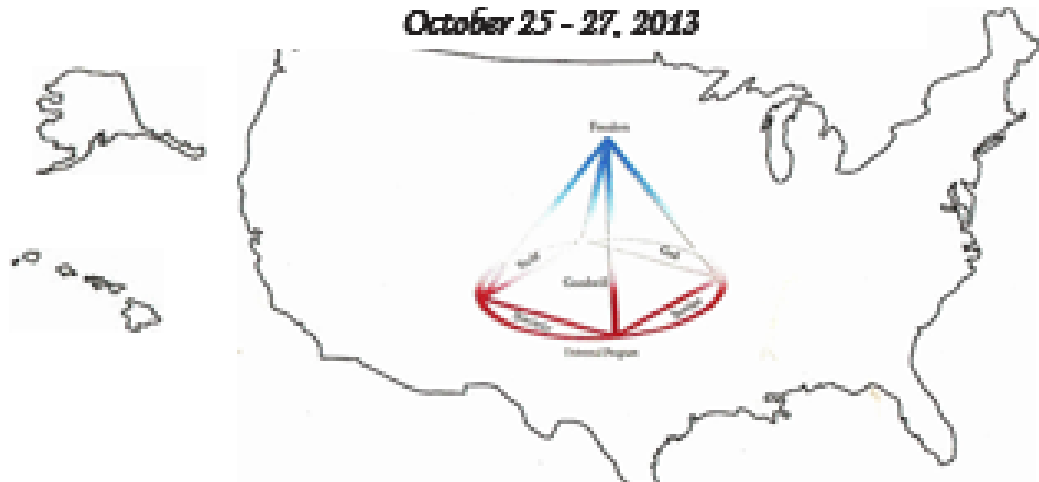
In loving service,
A member of the Faith Group, Edmonton Area, Al-Sask Region

**START PLANNING FOR THE USSCNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN KANSAS CITY, MO. REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT BY
SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION PORTION OF THE FLIER
(BOTTOM OF FLIER), OR REGISTER ONLINE BY USING THE
USSC PAYPAL ACCOUNT.**



United States Service Conference
of Narcotics Anonymous
(USSCNA)

October 25 - 27, 2013



Let every group's conscience be heard

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Rates: \$69.00

Contact: Cobey C. (816) 568-4033 - Amanda R. (816) 522-9490

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USSC

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Online Registration also available at usscna.org

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Registration is \$25.00 at the conference.

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