



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

ISSUE 8, 2014

**Conference Call Schedule as of 1/11/14**

<b>Technology Subcommittee</b>	<b>Public Information Subcommittee</b>	<b>Budget &amp; Finance Subcommittee</b>
Phone # 559-726-1300 Access Code 877259#	Phone # 559-726-1300 Access code 586963#	Phone # 530-881-1400 Access Code 868308#
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month
10:00 PM Eastern	9:00 PM Eastern	9:30 AM Eastern
9:00 PM Central	8:00 PM Central	8:30 AM Central
8:00 PM Mountain	7:00 PM Mountain	7:30 AM Mountain
7:00 PM Pacific	6:00 PM Pacific	6:30 AM Pacific
<b>Administrative Committee</b>	<b>Guardian Committee</b>	<b>Outreach Subcommittee</b>
Phone # 209-647-1600 Access Code 968584#	Phone # 209-647-1600 Access Code 879096#	Phone # 559-726-1300 Access Code 268565#
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Quarterly beginning Jan. 1, 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month
9:30 PM Eastern	12:00 PM Eastern	9:30 Eastern
8:30 PM Central	11:00 AM Central	8:30 Central
7:30 PM Mountain	10:00 AM Mountain	7:30 Mountain
6:30 PM Pacific	9:00 AM Pacific	6:30 Pacific
<b>Additional Needs Subcommittee</b>	<b>H &amp; I Subcommittee</b>	<b>Conference Planning Subcommittee</b>
Phone # 805-399-1200 Access Code 108418#	Phone # 209-647-1600 Access Code 44229#	Phone #: 559-726-1300 Access Code: 907861
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month
2:00 PM Eastern	9:00 PM Eastern	8:00 PM Eastern
1:00 PM Central	8:00 PM Central	7:00 PM Central
12:00 PM Mountain	7:00 PM Mountain	6:00 PM Mountain
11:00 AM Pacific	6:00 PM Pacific	5:00 PM Pacific
<b>Service Material Development &amp; Distribution Subcommittee</b>	<b>United States National Service Board</b>	
Phone #: 209-647-1600 Access Code: 537933	Phone # 209-647-1600 Access code 968584#	
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Quarterly Beginning Feb. 2, 2014	
9:30 PM Eastern	1:00 PM Eastern	
8:30 PM Central	12:00 PM Central	
7:30 PM Mountain	11:00 AM Mountain	
6:30 PM Pacific	10:00 AM Pacific	

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## Subcommittee News

### Public Information

We generally have 5-6 participants on the call: Chair, Secretary, two Guardians and 1 – 2 other members. At the last Conference we reported on and were asked by conference participants to develop some simple tools that anyone could use to share with others the basics of the USSC in a simple, informal way. We developed two tools towards that end:

1. A tri-fold brochure that looks like an IP called “**What is the USSC – the Basics**”
2. An 8-1/2 x 11 Handout: Side One has quotes about National Assemblies out of the Guide to Local Services in NA and a quote from the NAWS ‘Vision for NA Service’. Side two is an excerpt from one of our newsletters with a strong testimonial and expression of gratitude from a trusted servant from Mass. who was led to the USSC-Outreach Subcommittee in his search for guidance and experience on setting up an Outreach Subcommittee in his Area.

The Guardians, and the Guardian Chair in particular, were very helpful to us in finalizing the Brochure, and making sure it was grammatically and factually correct. **These two informational pieces are posted on the Conference and Services sections of the website.**

Going forward, we have started on an informational piece or bulletin on PI vs. PR, and we’ve done some work somewhat in conjunction with Outreach, on a power point called ‘Newcomer Orientation’ based upon the work by the same name created by the USSC-Outreach Subcommittee. More will be revealed on that.

ILS,  
Chair, USSC-PI

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### Conference Planning

Greetings from the Conference Planning Committee. Hope everyone had a Happy New Year and enjoy the blessings that 2014 has to offer. The CPC (Conference Planning Committee) has been currently focused on the USSC III Conference to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina October 3-4, 2014.

We are asking, and trying to see what the conscience of all the registered groups is on what you visualize the conference to be. Remember, this is your fellowship, and in keeping with the vision and purpose of the USSC, we encourage you to send any ideas, concerns or questions regarding the Conference to the Conference Planning Committee [cpc@usscna.org](mailto:cpc@usscna.org). We will do our best to respond to all feedback. We look forward to serving you and hope to see you at the Conference in October.

In Service,  
CPC of USSC

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## **Additional Needs**

Hello all. Several members have brought a situation to my attention and I would like to share this with you.

Do you have older members in your group? Members with injuries or become ill? If not at the moment, you will in the future. Accidents can happen, illness and longer lives due to living life clean. So the question to ask your group is: "what shall we do when one of our members cannot access our meeting".

Planning ahead to find a meeting place that has accessibility is great. But, not every group has that opportunity and must make do with what building they have. So, then the next step is to make plans on how to get the member either to the meeting...or bring a meeting to them.

We have several members about to face these challenges. Some of them are about to have hip replacement surgery. This will mean that they may not be able to walk, climb stairs or go a far distance without assistance or wheelchair. They are concerned on how they will be able to attend their home group. How will they get to the meeting, can they get into the meeting room and even what if they need to use the bathroom? Will your group be prepared and be ready to continue to carry the message to this member?

Additionally, for those of you who are homebound, for whatever reason, here are 2 links that can get you to a NA phone meeting. These are actual NA groups, to include trusted servants and the majority of which are registered with NAWS. Do remember, like any other meeting, some phone meetings are better than others.

<http://naphonemeetings.blogspot.com/p/contact-us.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/NAphonemeetings>

Our next Additional Needs meeting is Sat, Mar 1st at 2 pm EST. Conference Call Phone: 805-399-1200 Access code: 108418. All are welcome and we do need support.

Thank you for allowing us to serve,  
Additional Needs Subcommittee

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## **Technology**

We now have 123 groups currently registered. The map has been updated. There was a discussion of transitioning to a more articles based Newsletter. All fellowship questions will continue to be forwarded to the appropriate subcommittees.

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## USSCNA Presentations to Home Groups: The Edge of a New Frontier

The harsh fact is that we stand at the edge of a new frontier, at a turning point in our subcommittee services, our current service structure and the impact of our group's conscience. *It wasn't until I started attending the USSC Conferences that I realized how important presentations are to groups because it's the voice of the groups that is the driving force behind the USSCNA. After all, it's the active participation and the voice of the groups that we seek as a national service committee.* Last January, we put out hundreds of conference announcement flyers. At the Atlantic City Conference in May, we asked if we could create a presentation workshop committee to respond to requests for information.

Our approach to these requests initially was to present in pairs with 10-20 minutes set aside at a group business meeting, with one or two additional committee members observing. We came prepared to respond to questions with a series of handouts which documented the need, (1987 WSC Fellowship Report) illustrated the principles applied to expanding services, (Guide to Local Service – Our National Community Grows) and traced the history of our development (Motion 6 from the 2002 CAR) and any other relevant material. *Most recently, the tri-fold brochure, "What is the USSCNA? The Basics" formulated by the USSC-PI Subcommittee has been extremely effective in condensing the previous handouts into an at-a-glance format.*

Using the handouts as a guide for our first series of presentations, we started off with the first presenter discussing the need, the principles and the history and then the second presenter talking about how the USSCNA appealed specifically to their home group. It was helpful to

have at least one of the presenters come from outside the area so that personalities were less likely to be attached to the information. When presenters from different areas come to discuss their home group's experiences with the USSCNA, this has proven even more effective in dispelling misinformation. In fact, groups are shocked and delighted when they hear what the USSCNA actually is. During the presentation, it has been useful to bring along a laptop and an internet hot spot so that members can scroll through the website and see the mechanics of how to register on the spot.

Since August 2013, our committee has presented to more than ten groups in three areas and at least eight have registered to date as a result. The presentation process has been mostly trial and error with conference calls being added as the number of presenters has grown. The committee operates in a mostly informal, as needed way, without preparing or submitting minutes, usually conducting a conference call in the days before a presentation to discuss what worked and didn't work in the previous presentations. In the effort to improve, we also looked toward the PI Handbook and modified sample presentation formats and an evaluation form that we distributed and used to get feedback from groups allotting us 40 minutes for their presentation.

As a result, groups have designated one member to be the USSCNA Representative, register their group, and bring back information from the website to their business meetings. Instead of focusing on giving presentations to areas and regions, we found that the challenge of doing workshops one home group at a time has been steadily and positively increasing our membership

# Help Wanted

## Administrative Committee

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
9:30 am EST  
Phone: 209-647-1600  
Access Code: 968584#  
**Need Alt Secretary and Alt Treasurer**

## Budget and Finance

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
9:30 pm EST  
Phone: 530-881-1400  
Access Code: 868308#  
**Need members**

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## Additional Needs

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
2:00 pm EST  
Phone: 805-399-1200  
Access Code: 108418#  
**Need Chair, Secretary, members**

## Conference Planning

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
8:00 pm EST  
Phone: 559-726-1300  
Access Code: 907861#  
**Need Secretary and members**

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## Hospitals and Institutions

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
9:00 pm EST  
Phone: 209-647-1600  
Access Code: 442279#  
**Need members**

## Outreach

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
9:30 pm EST  
Phone: 559-726-1300  
Access Code: 268565#  
**Need Vice- Chair and members**

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## Public Information

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
9:00 pm EST  
Phone: 559-726-1300  
Access Code: 586963#  
**Need Vice chair and members**

## Service Material Development and Distribution

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
9:30 pm EST  
Phone: 209-647-1600  
Access Code 537933#  
**Need members**

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## Technology

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
10:00 pm EST  
Phone: 559-726-1300  
Access Code: 877259#  
**Need Vice chair, Secretary, members**

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Positions are also open in the **Guardian Committee**. Resume and Nomination forms can be found on the website at the bottom of every page. Send all forms to:

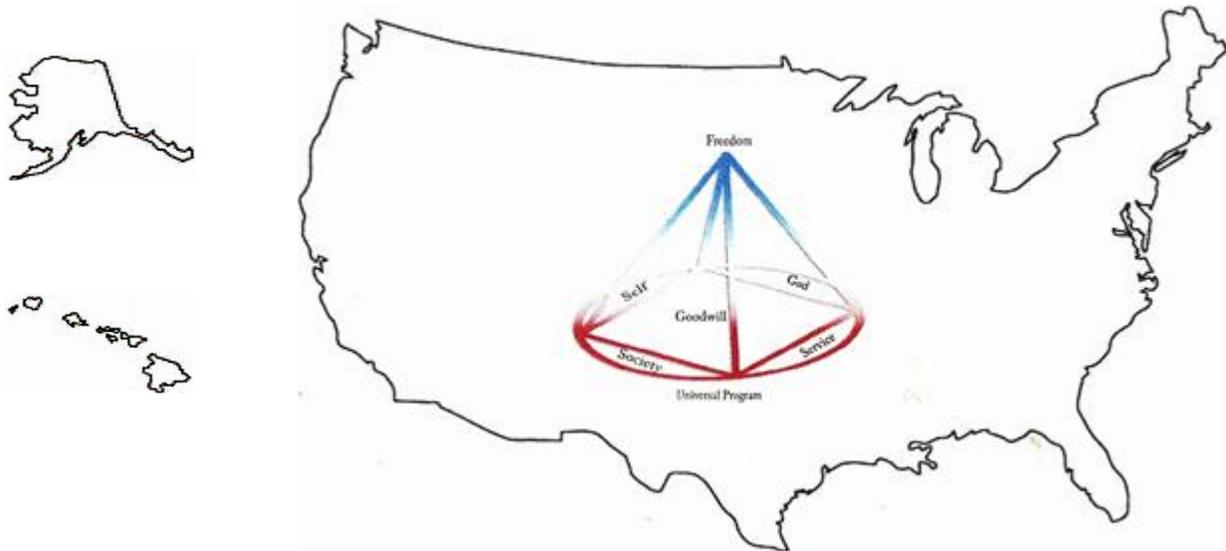
USSCNA  
PO Box 8378  
Rockford, IL 61126

or email them to: [secretary@usscna.org](mailto:secretary@usscna.org)



# United States Service Conference Of Narcotics Anonymous III (USSCNA)

October 3 – 4, 2014



*Let every group's conscience be heard*

*Clarion Hotel Greensboro*

*415 South Swing Road, Greensboro, NC 27409*

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: (336) 315-1544 (Mention USSCNA to receive the special rate)**

**Rates: \$69.00**

**Reservation Deadline: September 5, 2014**

**Contact: Betsy B. 336.707.7317**

**Cobey C. 913.568.4033 or visit [usscna.org](http://usscna.org)**

**Make Checks or Money Orders Payable To: USSC**

Detach this portion of registration and mail with Check or Money Order to: USSC, PO Box 8378, Rockford, IL. 61126 (Online Registration and more information also available at [usscna.org](http://usscna.org))

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

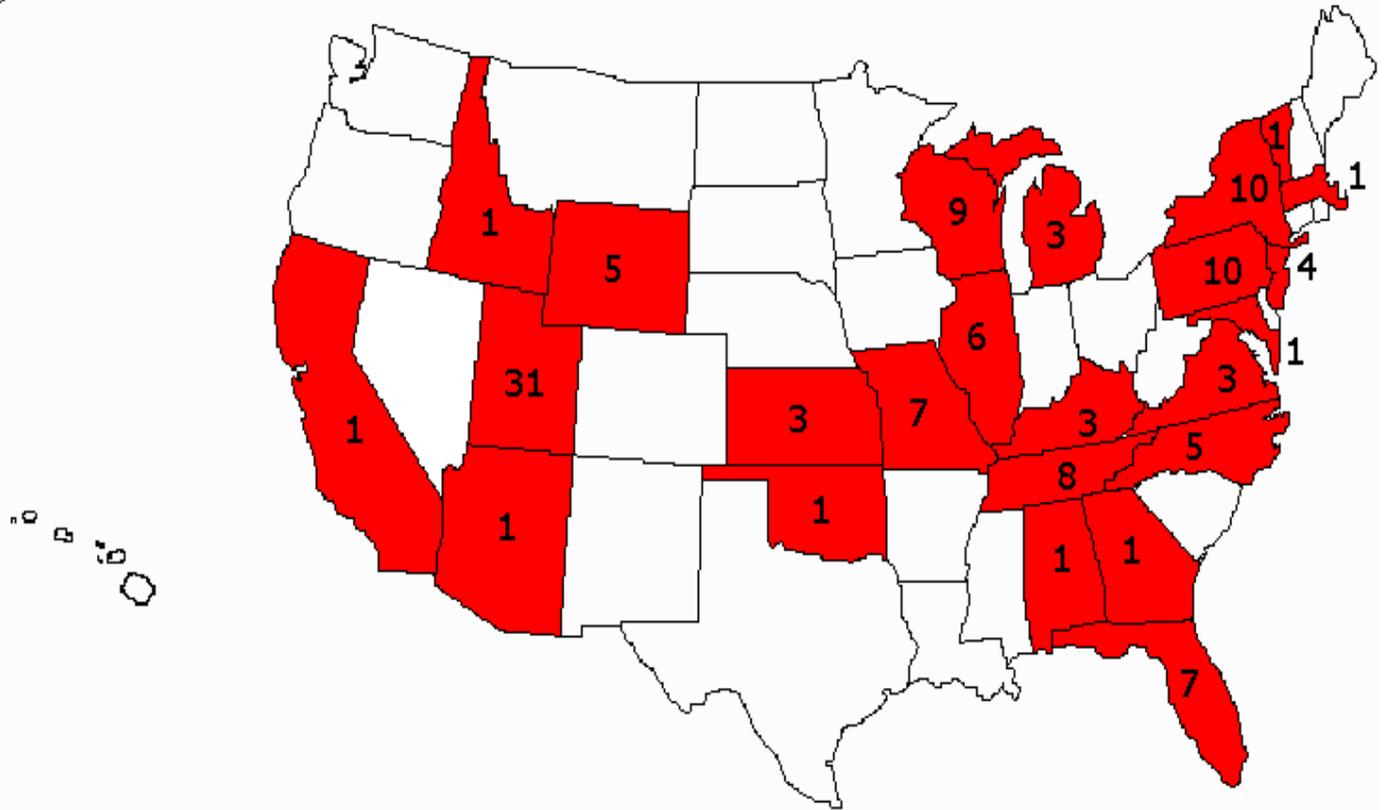
*City/State/Zip:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration:* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration is \$25.00 at the conference.*

# USSC Registered Groups



\*123 Registered Groups

\* Updated February 3, 2014