

CRSC Regional Delegate Team (RDT) Report August 23, 2020

RDT Elections

It is my understanding that my extended term as RD came to an end at the conclusion of this year's WSC: August 10, 2020. Therefore, this will be my final RSC meeting in this position. Elections for the RD Team should be held as soon as possible.

For more than four years I have been extremely honored to serve as Regional Delegate Alternate, and then, since May of 2018, Regional Delegate for the Chicagoland Region. I would like to thank all the members of this region for their consistent support and respect as I did my very best to serve our Fellowship – local and worldwide. No other service position in my 31 years of NA recovery has been more rewarding than being a part of the RD Team. This service has broadened my base and helped my personal recovery to grow. As always, I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve Narcotics Anonymous.

ASC Visits

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, scheduling of in-person ASC visits has been put on indefinite hold. Virtual visits may be requested by Area Service Committees.

World Service Conference (WSC)

The virtual WSC concluded earlier this month with six two-hour sessions over the course of three days: August 7, 8, and 9, 2020. It has been determined that no additional sessions for WSC 2020 would be held. The RD Team was present during all sessions to represent the Chicagoland Region.

A summary of all decisions made during the virtual 2020 WSC are available at <https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2020virt> .

During the last session of the WSC, reports were given by the NAWS executive director. As of August 9th:

- 1) There has not been substantial change in the operational status of the WSO over the past several months. There are 19 employees working at the Chatsworth, CA location (about 50% of normal staffing); 1 at the European office and none at the Iran facility.
- 2) NAWS has been dealing with three legal challenges within the last year:
 - a) There was a claim in Russia that “NA is anti-Russian.” This claim was successfully defended.
 - b) Use of the name (Narcotics Anonymous) is being challenged in the Philippines.
 - c) A group of addicts in the US has filed a legal petition to prevent NAWS from performing its duty as trustor (custodian) of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT). Additional information is expected by the end of August.
- 3) **NA Unity Day** is set for Saturday, September 5th beginning at Noon Central Time. A flyer is attached and available on the NAWS event page.
- 4) A decision regarding WCNA 38 (Australia in 2021) is expected by the end of this year.
- 5) In response to the financial crisis at the WSO during the pandemic, individual members have increased recurring donations over the months between March and the end of July.

This support from NA members has been critical to the survival of the World Service Office. During that period, individual donations totaled \$146,000, and recurring donors increased from 50 in February to 400 currently! The goal is now set at 1,000 recurring donors by year's end. Please consider this option to support the worldwide efforts of Narcotics Anonymous.

Contact a member of the RD Team with questions or to request additional information.

We hope you all stay well.

Respectfully submitted,

RD Team

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