



## March 18, 2017 Report of the Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate

### NAWS

**Environmental Scan Survey.** On the Agenda for completion is the NAWS Environmental Scan Survey – our responses are due by April 30, 2017. The Survey was retransmitted to all the RCMs on February 27, 2017 with a request that it be completed for today's RSC meeting so we can finalize a collective RSC response.

**Literature Projects.** As some, if not all, of you may already be aware, the results of two Surveys included in the 2016 Conference Agenda Report were in favor of a new Informational Pamphlet on "Mental Health" and a new Daily Meditation Book.

- ❖ **Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project.** At the 2016 WSC, Participants agreed to prioritize this topic and collect input from the Fellowship over the course of this cycle about the focus and content of the IP. Much like the IP "*By Young Addicts, for Young Addicts*", this IP would be geared specifically for NA Members who have a mental illness in addition to the Disease of Addiction. (*See Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project Questionnaire attached – Exhibit 1*). Those of us who are not navigating mental illness can contribute greatly to this Project by simply taking some time with Fellowship members in need of assistance – those who have experienced or are experiencing mental illness - with framing, documenting and submitting their responses to the Questionnaire.
- ❖ **The Daily Meditation Book of Spiritual Principles Project.** There were two different options for this piece of literature that were highly rated: (1) a daily meditation book featuring a spiritual principal a day; and (2) a daily meditation book based on "*Living Clean*". (*See Daily Meditation Book Project Questionnaire attached – Exhibit 1*).

NAWS is seeking input by way of the attached Questionnaires to shape the project plans which will be included in the 2018 Conference Approval Track materials and voted on at the 2018 WSC. The deadline to submit input is June 1, 2017.

**Contribution Portal.** NAWS has launched a new contribution portal. The new portal will allow contributors to see their past contributions dating back to June 2015, and keep track of any new ones going forward. For questions, please email [contributionquestions@na.org](mailto:contributionquestions@na.org). For access to the new portal go to: <http://www.na.org/contribute>.

**NAWS Conference Participant Virtual Meeting.** LisaMarie and I elected not to participate the second NAWS Conference Participant virtual meeting that took place today. The webinar will be a workshop on the Future of the WSC. We both already participated in this workshop during MARLCNA.

## **Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference (MARLCNA)**

As previously reported, LisaMarie and I attended MARLCNA on February 10 - 12, 2017 and participated in every workshop. The Workshops including topics on: (1) NAWS Update; (2) Future of the World Service Conference; (3) Guiding Principles – Putting our New Traditions Workbook to Work; (4) a Panel Discussion on the latest Technology available; and (5) a “Survey” Discussion on proposed format ideas for the new Daily Meditation Book. The following discussion/workshop materials are enclosed in individual plastic sleeves attached to this Report (*See Discussion/Workshop Materials – Exhibit 2*):

- ❖ Future of the WSC – February 2017 Update (*Discussion*)
- ❖ Guiding Principles – Putting our New Traditions Workbook to Work (*Workshop*);
- ❖ Atmosphere of Recovery in Service (*Workshop*);
- ❖ Social Media and Technology – Applying our Principles (*Workshop*)

The last three workshops are the 2016 - 2018 Issue Discussion Topics which the Fellowship around World are focused on in discussions and workshops during this conference cycle. The purpose of these discussions/workshops is to encourage us to think more deeply and help build unity within our groups and service bodies. We are also encouraged to send the results of our discussions/workshops to NAWS in an effort to help shape Fellowship-wide resources and services.

## **Northeast Zonal Forum**

**NEZF Virtual Meeting.** The Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF) conducted a virtual meeting on February 19, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. with eight Regions being represented. On the agenda for this meeting was: (1) the April 2017 NEZF Conference; (2) NEZF Website suggestions for display/storage of shared recourses; and (3) status of the review on the NEZF Guidelines. (*See NEZF Virtual Meeting Agenda attached – Exhibit 3*).

- ❖ **April 2017 NEZF Conference.** The next NEZF Conference will be held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. On Saturday, April 29, 2017, the NEZF will conduct three Workshops. The topics for these Workshops will be:
  - (1) Fellowship Development (*10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*);
  - (2) Prompting Unity (*1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.*); and
  - (3) Apply our Principles to Technology and Social Media (*3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*).

The NEZF Chair reported that they were unable to secure a World Board (WB) member to assist with facilitating a workshop but that a WB member may be attending the Conference. Others suggested contacting WB members they knew to see if they might be interested in attending. I reiterated that the Connecticut Region’s interest was to have a WB member assist with facilitate a workshop – not to just be in attendance.

A flyer outlining the details of the Conference is attached. (*See NEZF Conference Flyer attached - Exhibit 3*).

A summary of the full discussions during the virtual meeting is contained in the copy of the NEZF Minutes attached. *(See NEZF Virtual Meeting Minutes attached – Exhibit 3).*

**Follow-Up on NEZF Illicit Literature Workshop.** As previously discussed, there were some concerns about events that took place during the Workshop on Illicit Literature at the October 2016 NEZF Conference. The discussion on the concerns was added to the agenda for the NEZF December 2016 virtual meeting by the Greater New York Region. The discussion was initiated but resulted in a request that the specific concerns be written out and provided to all Regional Delegates in advance of the April 2017 NEZF Conference. Attached is a copy of the written concerns submitted by the Greater New York Region. These concerns will be discussed at the April Conference during the NEZF Business Session. *(See GNY Region’s Concerns on Illicit Literature Workshop attached – Exhibit 4).*

### **Multi Regional Learning Event (MRLE)**

The RD from the Northern New England Region (NNER) sent an update informing the NEZF that NNER is considering the weekend of December 15 – 17, 2017 to host the Multi Regional Learning Event (MRLE). NNER is negotiating with the Courtyard Marriott in Manchester, New Hampshire as the location for MRLE.

### **Connecticut Regional Service Committee**

As you know, during the February 2017 RSC Meeting, the RCMs authorized the purchase of a projector and screen to be used for RSC Workshops. The purchase has been made and I am in possession of the items. Thanks Allyse (TVA RCM) for your assistance with making the purchase.

**Privileged to Serve**

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