



European Delegates Meeting Winter EDM Porto / Portugal, 20.-23. February 2014

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Thursday 20th

09.00 – 09.30 Opening of meeting

Welcome and orientation session for new Delegates & Alternate Delegates (hosted by SC Chair & FDC Chair)

09.30 – 10.30 Opening of meeting

We approved to delete from Section E, Steering Committees Guidelines in our Orientation Pack: *Roles and Responsibilities of the chair*: "Duties and responsibilities are: to be the main point of contact for members and with other service bodies: World Services, Zonal Forums and other service bodies outside the EDM."

11.30 – 12.30 Communities Dialogue

MEETING/GROUP (FAQ)

Skype meetings: How to handle the issue of privacy? How to managing/having some control of the Skype meeting?

- Announce the skype meeting in meetings, have a secretary. About the anonymity; the members are recommended by other members.
- Handle it like a regular meeting. Anonymity – the same as other meetings.
- To avoid crosstalk, say thank you loudly after each chair. About 7. Tradition you could have an open account for this.

What experience do you have with people sharing spiritual experiences when sharing at meetings, like extreme meditation and how do you approach reprimands or guidance about the subject to the members in question?

- Talk to people after the meeting.
- We had a member who opened the meeting with ten min of meditation. People would go there and close the meeting.
- Show people what tradition they are violating.
- If there is a problem, take it up in a business meeting, if the group do not think they have a problem, other members can come tho the group and share experience.
- We have many religious people in my region. If someone starts with that, the share remind that it is a spirutal program, not religious.

What do we need to do when people coming from different fellowships invite newcomers or any members to their meetings?

- Keep chair and talk about it. Members from other fellowships coming to our meetings now call them selfs addicts.
- The chair may emphasis that this is an NA meeting and we suggest you talk about addiction not specific drugs. One disease, one program.
- We started discussion group, talking about NA steps and traditions. We asked only NA sponsors to raise their hand at meeting. We ask people to respect the NA way and try to show love and understanding. Be roll models.

What is the reason NA meeting disappear and how often does it happen, is there any statistic of such?

- If it is not enough people, only one person do all the service.
- If the meeting is not selfsupported, or do not have a strong message. Better with fewer meeting and a strong message. People identify with the location, personalities. Sometimes there is just no need for a meeting anymore.
- So many newcomers came and started meetings and suddenly after 6 months they did not want to do the service anymore. It takes more to start a meeting. One meeting closed because the location was to far off.
- We lost meeting room, newcomers came to the meeting in the hospital but experienced members did not. It is a process.

How do we keep the NA message and NA program strong and clear in meetings who are influenced by rehab/treatment centers ? Should we open new meetings?

- Clarify the message by HI and PI at the rehab.
- To clarify; use a group kit, groups have the same sign, colors. It is very helpful. We used to have 200 groups, now we have 138. Some groups closed because it was attached to a treatment center, one meeting was closed because of a member. We take the group out of the meetinglist and go to the group to inform them why.
- We do HI and PI. We try to keep the format of a regular meeting. In prisons we have open meetings.
- Groups have been closed due to lack of service.

If the group agrees, can we use funds from the current meetings to help NA grow and open new meetings, start up for initial rent or do we need to start from scratch?

- Groups supported the new group, not the area.
- Big groups sponsored a new group. In a remote area, FD had a budget to help member to go there and establish the meeting.
- We started an outdoor meeting, collected money and then got a meeting room inside. It is working, complete selfsupported.
- The region offers to help new groups, the area helps also with funds.

- We offer new groups starter kit, litteratur, key tags etc. We can also help with the rent the first month.
- Yes you can.

AREA (FAQ)

How many European Areas or Regions are using the Service System Propolsals?

- We use parts of it; consensus based, Group Support, Local Service, Small units, redefine geographic bondries.
- Group support forum before areameeting. We use it to inform and educate the new GSR's.
- We had groupsupport forum on two topics: translating and regional assembly. We asked for feedback on email from the participants. Timelimits made them look for solutions. It helped establish an unity.
HI has workgroup related tot he city. It fits the SSP.
- In Moscow the area started to use the SSP. They have used it for more than a year. Feel free to ask.

Can the Chair person of the Steering Committee also be an GSR and therefore have a vote in the decision making process?

- No, SC should have no vote. The GSR i spart of the decision making body.
- Chair person cannot be a part of the decision making. The rush to fill service positions spoile the structure.
- If we do not have enough RCM's present we invite a member oft he SC to vote.
- Normally the answer is no, but when you are small so maybe.
- Until recently the SC had a vote due to lack of GSR's, but they only had one vote. We just find solutions that works for us.
- There is no standard in NA, every possible way to make a conscience. We so often focus on the vote - the consciene slip. –the Board used to vote on everything. It change the participants but not the result.

Region (FAQ)

What is the sturcture in your region? Advantages/disadvantages of this form?

- We are not a region. We have one area and 7 GSR seating-committee. We have 21 meetings. We have only GSR's from the groups. Area committee is also the region.
- From 1982-2011 we had one area, then 24 groups splits until two areas and tomorrow we will have 3 areas. We have made an adhoc commttee who is working on the structure.
- We have 30 delegates on the regional conference. We have now 6 areas.
- One soulution is to go tot he new SSP. Maybe most work decisions can be made in the areaas so that you wont need so many in the region.

Any experience with handling the increasing money flow? Does a region or a trusted servant have any exprience or practical tips to share on how to manage all the payment receipts : how to establish a system so that people will deliver all the receipts and payment document on time to the region treasurer? We have an association that is legally responsible to have accurate bookkeeping and to balance the budget.

- we can get mony in advance and if I do not have them I must pay back
- Sometimes people loose their receipt, then they can make their own.

We would like to have a sponsor region. How does this work, do we actively approach other Regions, or is there a region present at EDM that is willing to sponsor us?

- Sweden are a sponsor region, and where approached and asked directly from Denmark, who is sponsoring Iceland.

We have had difficulties with the translations procedures. A lot of members didn't agree with the translation on IP1. How has your region arranged the LTC procedures?

- We are lucky we are small, not many to fight. We have a glossary, sticking to the basic word, but we are flexible. We basically agree when we change.
- Our new translation committee have worked for 2 years and have made changes. If someone ask, they are welcome to join the committee.
- When we started, we got stuck on the word addict. It split the fellowship, many went to AA. Our translation committee is part of the region, and if you want to join you go to the region. If you want to translate you need to take part in the committee.
- We also have had trouble with the glossary. German language is changing. We just revised the basic text. A lot of oldtimers think that it is worse than the old one. We will send draft out so that the fellowship can make input.
- We use people who do not speak English in our translating committee. Approval draft get out to the fellowship, and they start using it, then they say if something needs to be changed.
- We have an arab speaking translation committee they send it to the fellowship and they get it back for correction.
- When you have an old draft for a long time, many people will cling to it. So it will be hard to change.
- Does a fellowship have to wait 10 years., and then still argue about wording. Something about this feels ridiculous. Can't we pay for a proof reader to make the first translation?

We would like support in setting up Regional guidelines.

What is your experience with donations from "not listed" groups?

- Clearly goes against our tradition.
- If they want to donate money, they can go to an NA meeting and give.

Who votes in the region? Only the RCMs or...

- Only RCM
- RCM's, but about the schedule everybody vote.
- We all vote. The Committees, RCMs, delegate
- We have a few committee leaders that is always there, all votes.
- regional meeting we have 13 groups, the SC also votes.
- concerning the finances the rcm votes, otherwise all votes
- all votes.

EDM / NAWS (FAQ)

Can a region/an area join two zonal forums? For example EDM and Russian Zonal Forum?

- yes, because zones are not a part of the structure.
- Spain have good relations with the latin american forum.
- In brasil, used to be one region, now it is 8-9 region. Brasil is now on zonal forum, some of the region is part of both zonal forum. Brasil and south pacific(latin american)

How do you deliver the information of the World Service Conference to the fellowship and get a group conscience to vote in the World Service Conference?

- I tried to inform my region. Send group stuff to group, international stuff for the delegate.
- we have trouble to make car workshop. We train the RCMs but it get lost on the way. We go out to the areas and have car workshops. We made powerpoints, workshops, told them it was mandatory to attend. Asked them to take it back to the group—and back with votes to the group assembly.

Do any other Delegates whos Regions are seated at WSC struggle to workshop both the CAR and the CAT within the time before the WSC ?

- No, car is for the groups. Cat is for the business.

CONVENTIONS / EVENTS (FAQ)

What are the ways to raise money for organizing a Convention?

- Small regions – ask the meetings to donate.
- We started out 3 persons. We negotiated to a sheep room. We thought about how to set the registration fee, we used our connection in and out of the country.
- We printed some t-shirts, we sold them. We also used our connection. They were also sold in the US. The money was sent back and we made our first convention.
- Maybe you do not need a convention if you are only 3 group. FB is free and it is easy to promote there. T-shirt is a good way. It might be better to start, not only do your personal convention, but maybe do something with your neighbors.
- We are small, but few guests. We often have convention out of thin air. I also go to companies and get housing and free food without telling we are NA.
- Pre-reg. We also have t-shirts printed 6-8 months in advance. Some hotels donate rooms and we raffle that room, 100 tickets at 5£ each. We sometimes have fun day in the park with music and food, 10£ per ticket. Kids are free.
- Some areas have unity days. NO overnights, make food self. Do not require hotel.

Can we use at sole discretion the NA logo for printing on souvenir items, produced for the Convention?

- Yes.
- We have a deadline. We ask members to participate. And we get together and see the designs and decide.
- We have quite some discussion about logos. Most important is not to combine with other trademarks.

Do the addicts need to pay entrance fee in conventions for their children? And if so from what age?

- We do not charge non addicts.
- In Italy the convention is closed, one open meeting, non addicts not pay.
- We charge everybody, it is not an recovery meeting.
- Every nonaddicts should pay, not children, no age limitation.

Is it against the tradition to have officials speaking at the convention?

- We need backing from the outside world. We talked to NAWS before we did it.
- When you start to grow, you get other challenges. Convention is an event. And we had the mayor speak before we pray.

Regarding the last ecn, it was pointed out to me that it was actually videofoto on the main news. You could clearly see people on the first 10-15 roads. It was also a video on youtube/FB? Did people know that they were filming?

- No. They took it off the news website after the committee asked them.

H&I / PI (FAQ)

Any experience with having NA-meetings in a detox facility/prison? We are looking for experience on how to best run NA meetings in detox or rehab facilities or prisons especially on these topics: What should the group format be like? How to decide who can share? What to do if a lot of people show up that are not yet clean? How to best avoid disruptive behavior? We are aware of the Institutional Group Guide and have thought about panel meetings or closed meetings, but would like to hear experience from other regions.

- We try to make it similar to other meetings. We just try make it simple. We try to deal with whatever comes up. We go at least two.
- We try to keep it simple. It is not a close meeting in prison. We do speaker meeting. Best way is not to make a quarrel and a to keep the recovering meeting spiritual.

- We also use the panel of three. We invite inmate to help create meeting. We have one meeting that allows outsiders in.
- We adapted from New York and enriched it.

H&I Committee asking, how to do better service in minors prison, what is important , how to share NA message, if they are aggressive or don't want to listen . Maybe any delegate can talk about similar problems, and how they do this service in different countries.

- We had to stop one meeting because we cannot do good when it is no recovery there.
- what working best for us, was that the institution did not make the meetings mandatory so that young people came voluntary.

What is your experience with financing meetings in prisons? In the Netherlands there is an issue because prisoners don't have money for the 7th tradition.

- Areas funds HI PI every month.
- Our east coast convention sells books you can sign and give to the inmates.

How to motivate groups (to do more H and I or PI)?

- If I keep on doing it continuously no one else will do it. Just tell them this was not meant for us to do, it was to show you to do it.
- Hold Workshop about 7th tra. and human resources.

Do any Region have experience with phone call going down and web is taking over.

- In Sweden we have a group of people answering the emails. Have a set of replies and a learning process to be an answering person.

Other questions (FAQ)

What is your experience with trying to get members interested in education about NA, workshops and conferences?

- We expanded workshop to be for all. We combined celebration of NA 20 years in Netherlands with workshops. Feedback is that they want it again.
- We had expanded the regional convention with one day and had information meetings and workshop. Fun, music, posters. Try to show the importance of service and have fun, We paid for the first night at the hotel.

How have you strengthened the unity in your fellowship?

- The area meetings was not pleasant and we made an inventory. The feedback was good and it reflected on the others. We started looking at our selves and it reflected.

What we need to do with people who is in NA service, but they working with another fellowship program (AA or DAA).e

- We started to ask if they have NA sponsor and work NA program. We look for the best person for the position
- I receive a question from Ukraine from a guy that use AA literature. Their homegroup is NA group, and the group say no to them to be sponsor. If it is about to do HI it is important to use NA program. If it is about to make tea, we cannot decide anybody's recovering.

Members who are not addicted to drugs, but to food or other thing, who stays in the meetings and want to do service, do you have any experience?

- What is addiction (bulletin) it is also in IP. Our program says complete abstinence....

- A lady said she was addicted to her husband. People wanted me to tell her to stop coming.
- A gambler found recovery in NA. As long as people do not mention their drug and stay abstinence they can come
- In Portugal we have had the discussen for 6 years. We had a workshop with WB. It is a difficult situation, people that come are really suffering. The last two year they have created a different fellowship, so we send people there, change and grow, we call them wash and grow. We send them all this people. Young people with problem with lying etc. We need identification.

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion of motion from German speaking Region

(Nominees for EDM servicepositions need to be supported by their Region)

We decided that nominees for EDM service positions need to be supported either by their region or by someone sitting in the EDM.

17.30 – 18.00 ECCNA guidelines update: Who should pay Convention Registration fee?

We established a new workgroup: **Renewal of the ECCNA guidelines**, (Toby/PP, Stavros, Guilherme, Veronika, Paola). Input reference and proof readers: Andrey and Veronika.

20.00-21.30 Train the Trainer Workshop run by NAWS Topic: Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

You will find the workshop at www.edmna.org/download-center

Friday 6th

09.00 –11.00 FDC Report / FD-TT reports & budgets

Iceland/Belgium/Ukraine/Moldova/Greece (see the last FD Report attached)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15– 12:30 FD Workshop: Wonderful things happen when we reach out

You will find the workshop at www.edmna.org/download-center

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.45 NAWS report and updates

Webinar: We would like to expand our focus for the online webinars and we need your help. The areas of service we would like to bring together is: Conventions, H&I, and PR. If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions with others who are serving in these areas, send your name, emailadr, trusted servant position and region and/or area to: events@na.org for conventions, handi@na.org for H&I trusted servants and PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants, for RSO meeting steve@na.org, for Service System servicessystem@na.org,

(You will find the NAWS update at www.edmna.org/download-center)

15.30-15.45 Break

15.00 – 17.30 Train the Trainer Workshop run by NAWS Topic: Communication

You will find the workshop at www.edmna.org/download-center with comments and ideas for improvment.

Saturday 7th

9.00 – 9.15 Zonal Forums Communication (Vice Chair)

The Vice Chair has been in contact with:

- **Canadian Assembly:** They have the same fund flow as the EDM. They hav face to face discussions once a year and 3 telefonconferences per year.

- **Asia Pacific Forum:** They are impressed by our consensus voting and are becoming a part of the fund flow. They will be discussing SSOP and our points this February. They would like to know how we are progressing since our decisions in Zagreb last year.
- **Plains States Zone:** A report was promised, but are yet to come.
- **Latin American Zonal Forum:** All debate about the roles of zones is on pause. They have approved everything, regards service system for the past 4 years.
- **Afri-can Zone:** Contacted them to say hi and thank them for coming to Marbella. Received a nice email back thanking us for our help. We will keep in touch.
- **Southern Zonal Forum:** Apologised for not answering my last email. Will try to answer in next few days but will also pass on my emails to the RDs.
- **Western States Zone:** They were contacted but no answer.
- **Houman – RD Iran:** They would like to keep in touch with the EDM.

9.15-10.00 ECCNA 30 Athens-Planning Meeting Report (Vice-Chair)

We decided to increase the seed money from 5000€ to 10.000€. It is strongly suggested that we use the Amarilia hotel for accommodation. For more info see the Vice chair report attached to mailing 2 for Porto.

10.00 – 10.45 Post ECCNA Final Report – What to do with it and the suggestions therein?

This was passed on to the Workgroup Renewal of the ECCNA Guidelines.

10.45-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Work Group Reports

Workgroup: European Service Symposium:

We approved the temporary guidelines for the European Service Learning Days. The workgroup is now transformed into a committee. Udo and Veronika were elected by consensus as the two ELD coordinators. A bid was presented and we approved European Learning days to be held in Berlin 2015. 9000€ was approved as ringfenced money and 1000€ for starting up.

Workgroup: Visual Presentation for WSC:

A visual presentation was presented. The workgroup will finish the work.

Workgroup: FDC Guidelines:

We approved the revised FDC Guidelines. According to that we will have an election for the 3th member in the FDC in Athens. The 3th person will be attending the EDM for the next 2 years. After that we will evaluate and decide if we shall continue with this funding. It is noted that the vote was not unanimously, two regions were against (Portugal and Norway).

Workgroup: The Webmaster job description:

We approved the new job description for the Webmaster, and to move from **EDM webmaster** to **EDM Media Coordinator**. The workgroup will present a better wording for the guidelines in Athens.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.45

Workgroup: Visionary work about future of EDM – how to move towards a logical representation at the WSC

The workgroup continues. We decided to move on the 2 first phases: **Plan for more events and outreach (2014)** and **Increase Events and Outreach (2015)**

15.45 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 17.00 SC Workshop with the local community

Sunday 8th

9.00 – 9.45 Closing treasury report

Approval of budget and general money talk. Approval of budget for new FDTTs

We decided to increase the seed money with 5 000€, from 5 000€ to 10 000€ for the ECCNA 30 committee. This is only a one time exception.

We approved, by consensus, to send a contribution to NAWS of 10 000€.

We approved, by consensus, to increase the FDC budget for this cycle to 10 000€, in view of the big number of TT's.

We approved 9 000€ as ringfenced money, and 1 000€ for starting up for the European Learning Days.

9.45 – 10.30 ECCNA Spain 2013 report**10.30 – 11.00 Bids for Winter EDM 2015**

Poland presented their bid and it was decided that Winter EDM 2015 will be held in beautiful Warsaw, from 26th February to 1st March .

11.00 – 11.15 Break**11.15 – 12.00 Feedback on the Website**

It was agreed that the download-center should be password protected and that videos and pictures where people could be recognized should be protected and for members only. The new Website was otherwise well received.

12.00-12.30 Election of EDM Legal Association Board of Directors

Jim, Toby, Yoel and Udo was elected for 6 years.

12.30-13.30 Any matters arising from the meeting and meeting sum up

ECCNA 31 committee is formed. Some positions is still vacant. The committee ask how the delegates if it is ok if they change the venue and move from Birmingham to Brighton. And if so they will bring a new bid to Athens. The body responded that if it is ok for the local fellowship, the body have no problem with it.

Leaving Delegates: Hava (France), Goran (Adriatic Region), Halil (Turkey), Per-Einar (Norway), Wijntje (Netherlands).

The Winter EDM in Porto ends with the serenity prayer.