

**EUROPEAN DELEGATES MEETING
WINTER 2006
VILINUS, LITHUANIA**

Thursday, 02 February 2006

Present

Steering Committee

Peter (EDM Chair)

Bernardo (EDM Treasurer)

FD Committee

Paul (FD Chair)

Miko (FD Vice-Chair)

Delegates

Robertas (RD Lithuania)

Tomas (Lithuania, Translator)

Ahmed (RD Egypt)

Nektaris (RD Greece)

Pavlos (Alt RD Greece)

Svietlatia (RD Western Russia)

Natalia (Alt RD Western Russia)

Aleksandr (RD Ukraine)

Gabi (RD Hungary)

Estiz (ARD Hungary)

Ewa (RD Poland)

Peter (RD Sweden)

Sisko (AltRD Sweden)

Monika (RD Norway)

Stian (Alt RD Norway)

Jose (RD Portugal)

Joau (Alt RD Portugal)

JD (RD Fr. Speaking Swiss)

Christian (RD Germany)

Stephanie (RD France)

Conor (RD Ireland)

Irene (Alt RD Ireland)

Toby (RD Spain)

Inigo (ARD Spain)

Dave (RD UK)

Nina (ARD UK)

Inbal (RD Israel)

Yuval (ARD Israel)

NAWS

Tom (World Board)

Becky (WSO)

Jayne (WSO)

Apologies

Jean Pierre (Vice- Chairperson EDM) sent his apologies, saying that he has had some health problems since the last meeting, and was advised by a specialist one week before the meeting not to travel at this moment in time. He hoped that the body had a good meeting, and hoped to be with us at the next meeting

Orientation Session

The Chair welcomed the new delegates and Alternates to the meeting, and presented the orientation session, and consensus decision making process

Natalia Alt RD Western Russia shared her experience on attending the EDM and being a translator at the EDM

Monaca shared her experience on attending the EDM for the first time

Meeting Opened

The Chair went through the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus

Minutes from the Ireland meeting were approved by consensus

Help was asked for to take the minutes during the meeting as there was no secretary

Steering Committee Report

Written report included in the meeting booklet

The Chair outlined the report

Thanks was given to Paulo R for the time he served as the secretary on the steering committee

- **Legal Association**

The legal association was officially operating from September 2005 after the byelaws were published in Brussels. The Chair and treasurer travelled to WSO-e in October to open the new bank account. The new account is open with on-line banking that requires to members of the steering committee to authorize a transaction. All donations from communities are now to be sent to the new account (Details in meeting Booklet) as the Lisbon account will be closed after the meeting.

- **Decisions taken in the Interim Period**

The steering committee approved extra funding costs in the interim period for the FD Chair & Vice-Chair the NAWS workshop after this meeting. A decision was also taken to fund the requests received for a representative from Hungary, Egypt, and the Ukraine to attend the meeting.

There has been communication since the meeting in Ireland between the APF steering committee and the EDM. We have exchanged guidelines, and minutes, and will continue to communicate, as the APF are tackling very similar issues to the EDM.

- **Changes to Orientation Pack**

Changes to the EDM guidelines that were presented to the body in the steering committee report, to incorporate policies to do with the Legal association. These were approved by consensus

Questions

Q: Why is Latvia are not here?

(A): Their representative sent the steering committee a report saying that their fellowship do not feel they are developed enough yet as a fellowship to continue attend the EDM at this

moment in time, or that they have enough members in their fellowship to organise and receive an FD trip at this moment in time. They will continue to send the body reports on how things are in Latvia

Q: Any news from Italy?

A: Currently, they do not have an RD their fellowship will holding elections to elect someone at their next service meeting.

Treasury Report

Report Included in meeting booklet.

In brief, since last EDM there has been a Steering Committee travel expense, a donation to NAWS, a refund to ECCNA22, FD attendance, and monies for those funded to attend. Actual balance: 8,586.00 Euros.

Please keep ALL of your receipts if you are funded by EDM. We will only be working with the Brussels account from now on.

Q: What is Prudent Reserve?

A: Supposed to be 13,000.00 Euros - as travel expenses as well as 2,000 euros for legal expenses, and 1,000 euros for emergency travel.

Q: Expenses for Jean-Pierre to be returned?

A: Yes, or may be used for him to attend next meeting.

Suggestion: To include monies for FD attendance in Prudent Reserve.

Community Reports

Western Russia (written Report in mailing # 2)

There are 209 meetings in Western Russia, 8 areas, and a FD subcommittee. At the meeting in September we approved 4 FD trips, three have been done done. The next one will be during the Regional Convention 4-5 March 2006. Siberia and Far East Russia may unite with Western Russia we anticipate logistical problems, due to long distances. In April every year we meet in Moscow and in September in alternative cities. We anticipate funding problems for travel, which may leave FD trips short. No areas in Eastern Russia only isolated groups. Communication is difficult. This was discussed at the WSO workshops that just took place in the Ukraine.

Q: Are you requesting funding for attendance at EDM Porto?

A: Yes, we will put figures together.

Ukraine (written Report in mailing # 2)

FD workshop with WSO has just finished. It was wonderful. We would like to have more of these events. Convention in Odessa in 27-28 May 06. We don't have literature at the moment due to translation difficulties. Have problems communicating within our region. We believe it will be resolved in time. We request funding for next EDM in Porto, 1,600 euros for two people.

Q: What was WSO workshop?

A: It was on Service - 76 people from Russian region attended as well as Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia and Slovenia as well as Ukraine. The same workshops will be held here in Lithuania this week.

WSO: Best part was neighbours meetings, supporting each other.

Poland (Report handed out)

There are 68 groups, 77 meetings, and 4 areas. We are working on communication; we have a website and mailing list now. We have established guidelines for regional service. We are struggling with service commitments. Literature, we need help as we still have difficulties with

translation, no progress made with committee. We have decided to hire a professional translator for Basic Text. IP 1, IP 7, IP 22 and key tags have been translated and approved by WSO. Convention Cracov 28 April – 1 May. We need help in managing finance, also due to lack of commitment in service. Have website established: www.anonimowinarkomani.org.pl. We would like to request funds for travel to next EDM in Porto, we will check this with our region.

Q: (Chair) would you like discussion on finance on Sunday?

A: Yes.

Egypt (written Report in mailing # 2)

Convention in December was very successful, 1,600 euro profit. Working with WSO in translating literature, have a committee. We have finished IP 22. We are working on service guidelines. We are working on registering fellowship as legal entity. More awareness in groups on service structures, and have begun to made donations to WSO and EDM Problems: many recovery houses, meetings too large, many newcomers, not enough sponsors. GSR's do not understand the guidelines, and the concepts. We are revising these guidelines with Ad hoc sub committee. 7th tradition is weak. One of oldest groups split from area, says there is no atmosphere of recovery.

Q: Are you asking for partial funding for Porto, how much?

A: Area will pay ticket, we need funding for hotel.

Q: What are difficulties with opening new meetings?

A: Laws do not allow more than three people to meet with out police permission. 95% are taking place in treatment centres, or foreigner's social clubs. Once we are registered, this should help. And we are looking with WSOs help, to open meetings in churches.

Q: Why has oldest group split, are they still calling themselves NA?

A: They don't like speakers from treatment centres, don't want new members from treatment centres. We have been told to deal with this with love, and from time to time to invite them back to area.

Q: Where are conventions held?

A: In main conference centre in Cairo, it is run by the government, and treatment centre recommends us otherwise we couldn't use it.

Hungary (written Report in mailing # 2)

Thank you for support. Slow growth, 70 meetings, and 4 areas. Three events this year: Regional Convention August, Area 6th Anniversary in April, 10th Regional Anniversary in October. WSO service workshop had good results, service committees set up. Need to improve PI and relationship with professionals, request help. IP 1, key tags translated, others are translated but not yet approved. Problems with treasury.

Q: What exactly is your question on treasury?

A: How to manage our money.

Chair: We will have slot at the end on this subject.

Suggestion - Irish RD: We have fundraisers, meals, parties. Good for fellowship.

Q: Why are you removing word God from key tags, literature?

A: Group feels it would scare off newcomer.

Suggestion – Egypt RD: As 95% our fellowship enters by treatment centres, we ask someone in treatment to act as alt. secretary at the meetings, so when they get out they have this experience.

Suggestion – UK RD – PI in UK have been doing presentations to professional for quite a while, if you contact they can help. Will give you the email. We have a good five year plan. We have a fundraising and entertainments committee.

Suggestion – Portuguese ARD – we have a lot of PI experience, we can help. People from treatment often think NA is a continuation, i.e. calling their sponsor their counsellor. We ask the addicts in treatment just to listen, too early to do service.

Q: who is approving your literature, and has IP 1 been approved by WSO without use of word God?

A: It is only key tags that we have removed word God.

Hungarian RD Question: Does declining outside contributions apply to fundraisers? Irish RD: Events are open to friends and families of addicts, they also pay for event. Portuguese RD: Anyone who comes to event pays, except conventions where only NA members pay, visitors can buy merchandise.

Irish RD: At previous discussion, we looked that World Convention of NA, everyone pays, members or not.

Sweden RD: T-shirts haven't worked for raising cash, dances have.

Lithuania (Report handed out)

Since last EDM, not many changes. We renewed our website, and planning to have it in three languages, English, Russian, and Lithuanian. White book translation approved. Basic Text and Step Working Guide are in the process of being translated. The three Baltic States conference took place in August. Well attended. We find a lot of similarities with Egypt region, as regarding our relationship with treatment centres. One treatment centre has its own meeting that has nothing to do with NA outside. Another difficulty, we have a very young fellowship, and many relapsed in the last year. EDM being here is good for us and our growth.

Q: I seek clarity on the treatment centre issue.

A: The owners of this centre wear the NA shirts, announce that they are leaders in NA, and use different 12 steps. Now they are starting little by little to use the proper translation of the steps, but do not participate with other groups. We went to talk to them, and showed them IPs.

Portuguese RD: We have this issue in Portugal; all we can do is go talk with them. One of the treatment centres is using our symbol and slogans. We hope to continue these discussions and eventually clear this up.

Chair: Why not write a letter to this centre to address these issues?

RD Lithuania: Ok. We will do this.

Sweden RD: Do a PI at the treatment centre, and offer support to centre. They want what we have.

Greece (written Report in mailing # 2)

There is a lack of trusted servants at the Region, (i.e. no secretary). H&I – prisoners in Athens have started their own meetings up. We are seeking some guidance. Requesting the FD trip later on this year most of our activities operate out of Athens, though we have a Northern area.

Q: Explain Phone line?

A: In Athens too many meetings to put on answering machine, people can just leave messages.

Irish ARD: Experience of meetings in prison.

Sweden (written Report in mailing # 2)

In November we had a successful service conference, great interaction and support. Two areas have closed down, lack of servants. One that closed a few years ago is restarting. All is going well

Norway (written Report in mailing # 2)

We decided to close down HI and PI coordinators, and changed it too FD committee at Regional level, at area level there are still HI and PI committees. The new Western area just started H&I meetings in the central jail, now half of long term prisoners in Norway have access to meeting. Legal association, we are now registered. Have queries regarding banking. We have question for WSO. IP “A Resource in your Committee”, we have made a survey in Norway, can we use it?

WSO: Yes.

Norway RD: Do you have a script for going on radio?

WSO: on the website we have public service announcements which can be used for this.

Chair: If we can help you with legal association, please ask.

Portugal (written Report in mailing # 2)

Some groups are closing due to lack of servitors. We are putting forward Portuguese members for EDM vice-treasurer and web servant. At Region, we plan to spend more time discussion issues that affect the membership as a whole, much time is wasted discussing money – we put together a two year budget, so the discussions can take less time. The WSO workshops were great, thank you. We are currently putting a history together. A court decided to fine a guy and give the money to NA. After much discussion we took it, haven't decided what to do with it. We are looking for a new office away from a using area; we have been robbed and assaulted in the past. We are currently reviewing Portuguese literature, old translations with many mistakes. We are working toward 24-hour phone line eventually.

Q: What if court wants to give you more money in future?

A: This is not the first time this happened we realised, before they gave money to treatment centre, asked the judge to give the money directly to centre in future. Next step we are sending letter to judge our position, legal complications.

French RD: Our office costs 450 euros a month, but it is good and we can have it where we want.

WB: This court issue is a good PI opportunity. Maybe giving money to treatment centre is endorsing them. Why not tear up check?

French Speaking Switzerland (written Report in mailing # 2)

We held a PI workshop in Paris with France and Belgium. We never refer to God in French speaking regions, this is a cultural thing. When we go to professional the literature which was written in the 1930s, it creates a shock. We are trying to produce documents that are relevant to our culture. We are looking to make a film for a Swiss prison through membership contribution. Many people want to be involved. They want faces on the film, other wise looks like secrete society. We are requesting suggestions for experience on phone lines.

Norway Alt RD: Our helpline in Norway is mobile, relevant members are contacted to respond to the requests.

Egypt RD: Phone line manned by PI, it says on the answering machine that three hours a day it is mobile and answered by a member of PI, and each member takes it for a week.

Portugal RD: We had this problem with film, to be represented as an NA member, our solution is to have an actor who is not a member, but can explain the program.

German Speaking Region (written Report in mailing # 2)

There are 240 meetings per week. We lack of trusted servants. We are planning a Regional Assembly next June. We have an alternate delegate, but could not fund him to this meeting. We also have a nomination for the EDM secretary. Regional Convention will be June 2-4 in Hamburg. We have had discussion on question can people on medication do H&I service.

Q: what was the outcome of your discussions.

A: We didn't find an answer to this discussion, these people are on anti depressants. Discussion on going.

France (written Report in mailing # 2)

We have a service problem for the last year, we would like one of the servitors to step down, having difficulties addressing this. In France H&I has no meetings in prisons, but we are sending literature to the libraries. We have money for the first time in a long time, making a small donation.

Alt RD Ireland: Feedback on Irish experience with giving donation, keep a prudent reserve and any monies over pass on. Group conscious should be always adhered to regarding service positions.

Swiss RD: Problems in service should be confronted in a healthy way.

RD UK: Have had vote of no confidence in a whole committee. Have faith around money, pass it on.

Ireland

ECCNA22 gave a large blast of energy. Growth remains stable. Our largest area which contains 80% of Irish members, they wanted two votes. This was refused. They may become two areas. Irish nomination for webmaster has been withdrawn. We have put together Regional Convention experience document for reference. We are currently working on the History of NA in Ireland. Our Regional office is doing very well, currently looking for new premises. We did the PI and Infrastructure workshops in three areas, one left to do along with CAR workshop in Eastern area. Hoping they become a regular feature. Looking to create an FD committee and amalgamate PI and HI positions.

ARD Russia: We decided that areas would have three votes and groups would have one vote.

RD Ireland: We defined "group conscious" as everyone is equal. It was put that its not democratic, which it isn't, but its group conscious not the amount of bodies that count.

Spain (written Report in mailing # 2)

There are 8 Areas, one is new. There are 11 new groups and 20 new meetings since last EDM. FD has been happening in Northern Spain. All main services covered except Translation committee which is not working right now, are in touch with Latin Forum. We have website, and on line meetings three times a week. We created a sub committee to prepare for World Convention in 2009. We are excited about this. Regional Convention: 26-28 May. We are looking for suggestions on creating a regional service office.

RD Switzerland: Interested to know more about FD work in Northern Spain, can you give us a report for next EDM.

Chair: Please give feedback re: office afterwards.

UK (written Report in mailing # 2)

We continue to grow. We have one more area since last EDM. PI has a five year plan, are doing many presentations to professionals, we have bought good equipment. With emphasis on training days. There is a parent and carers committee creating meetings with crèches, they are self supporting though fundraisers. Helpline has become 24-hours. Number: 0845 FREEDOM. We are listed in yellow pages the business phone directory. Website has taken off, we have a weekly on line meeting, forums, and discussion boards. We will not be giving a donation this time. The London convention is back on details on UK site. The UK convention will be held in Birmingham on July 6-9. Committee is up and running for European Convention 2007.

Question: If a meeting is not an NA meeting, but an H&I meeting can they have a GSR and be part of an area? Welcome to Nina our new AltRD, and thanks to Nick for his service.

FD Chair: These H&I meeting are interim, and eventually become NA meetings. Refer to Institutional Group Guide.

Israel (written Report in mailing # 2)

Welcome Yuval, new ARD, and thank Miko for his service. Our H&I had a problem. Professional bodies, not NA, have adopted parts of our literature and are delivering workshops in institutions. Does anyone have experience with this? Treasury wants to keep money in the bank rather than passing it on. We have started to write Regional Guidelines. It is very expensive for delegates to travel, Region always questions what is the value of this. We would like some feedback.

RD Spain: We don't just donate money, but resources, human resources. We discuss the spirituality of money in NA, it is up to us to explain its not just about money.

RD Ireland: We give back here, not just receive.

RD Norway: We have a responsibility to participate, not just in our Region.

Turkey (written Report in mailing # 2)

RD not present. Chair outlined the report sent in. Making progress with translation of material for the fellowship. Regional Convention this year. Request that RD be funded for summer EDM.

Request to NAWS

Chair: We have some common problems amongst some of our communities from their reports. A request was made to NAWS to help us with Public Relations with treatment centres discussion at the summer meeting to help communities.

Friday, 03 February 2006

Chair: Has anyone community brought a bid for winter EDM 2007

No bids were being presented.

Delegates were asked to go back their communities and bring any bids for the winter 2007 to the next meeting.

FD Committee Report and Discussion

Report included in mailing # 2

Paul (Chair FD): Any questions or comments on report. Talk about what to do next.

We have tried to go slow. We have reviewed what's been done so far. The recourse pool looks good, many members. Needs update with more specific information. This is a first priority. I held a meeting with WS how to cooperate in FD efforts. We can not do the same as WS, we have different resources. The whole body of EDM needs to plan what to do. Not only respond to requests, but plan ahead together. The raising of public awareness about NA in Europe. Greece have requested FD trip. Trip to Turkey, was successful, good feed back.

Chair and vice chair work well together! Intimate friends! Talk weekly for free over the internet. Skype.

We spent no money so no budget in this report. This will change, hopefully! Travel costs to this EDM. Future EDM meetings will be a standing budget.

Questions:

Toby: Can we know some more about the conversations with Anthony and Becky at WS?

Becky NAWS: No conclusion, an evaluation of what seems to work. We need to communicate in order so cooperate. It was a beginning, not a conclusion.

Paul (Chair FD): what we have done well is that we have followed up, and that is also what we have not done well! We need to continue to build on the relations we create with the communities we do FD trips to. This is why we need a long term plan. "Planning to fail is failing to plan."

Another thing we did after talking to WS is we went back to see what we have in terms of FD. Request to regions in EDM about what they have and what they need in terms of FD. The information we got has been analyzed. We will talk about this later. Communities say they are committed to FD! What does this mean? What do we want? What can we do? Let's discuss this later. We want to serve you and do this with you!

Trip to Greece:

We have met with the Greek RDs. Planned a work shop. Request is for work shops in two places far apart. Northern Greece and Athens. A seven day trip, two day work shop in both places Athens, and Thessaloniki. Probably in the first part of June, no exact date. Conor will lead the trip, and Miko will be trainee member, reserves Monica, experienced and Joao as trainee. The people we chose are appropriate, specially Miko since he is vice chair and has never been on a FD trip. Maximum budget 2300 euro, it will probably be less we have calculated on highest prices so we can bring money back!

Miko (Vice Chair FD): strange not to be a delegate any more. WSC name is it is all about carrying the message, I think it is all about FD. FD is not only “commando trips” it is also what we do here! We bring back information and experience to our fellowships from here, it is pure FD!

Greek request: How do we attract members to service, atmosphere of recovery and how do we reach in to prisons. We will hold small group discussions on these issues and talk about service on different levels. This is in order to attract, and engage people in service. In Israel this has been amazing! We will also talk about infrastructure, about leadership. The PowerPoint presentation we have used in Israel is possible to translate to different languages. It has a large part on EDM and is a good way to tell the local member about why EDM is and how we work. Good PR for EDM. Conor and I will plan with the Greek RD and fellowship about the details of the work shops. We will have entertainment to attract the dancers!

(Chair FD): the budget request will be presented tomorrow at the budget report. I expected a lot more questions

Let’s move on to the next thing. We asked for feed back from the RDs. What do we bring to the EDM and what to we need from the EDM. FD trips are useful, good feedback, every time at an EDM meeting we have lots of needs and lots of resources. We need to make use of it more efficiently. Nearly all are registered with the resource pool. Let’s talk about what we want to do now. One trip or two a year is a small amount of FD, we can do a lot more.

Poland: Request for EDM to come to the Central and Eastern European Convention in April 28-30. Could you participate?

Chair FD: I don’t know! The procedure we have now is quite long and complicated. I’m not sure how this works. We need to talk about what you need. A request should come in the EDM before the event. We can discuss this in the brake.

Poland: the idea came after Dublin.

Sweden: Thank you for your report! When do we start to make long time planning? Now? If we start to do things in a new way, then I propose that we do it now. If I can take home specific requests to my community they will respond differently;

Vice Chair FD: We will try to build a profile about what we think about FD and the slowly build a plan.

Chair FD: we have started this by collecting the information from the regions. The input is gathered on a separate paper. See separate attachment.

Spain: We have English speaking people with lot’s of service experience and a lot of people with little experience and little knowledge of English. Right now there is silence in the room because there is a lot of information and it takes time to digest it. We need to slow down the rhythm!

Discussion on FD

Chair FD: there is a page missing, Portugal and Sweden are missing! We did use that information in our analysis. This is to give you an idea of what we asked for and what the response was. This is a pilot study of sorts. First thing that came out was that the people that answered were people with language skills or good translation help. More than half of the communities didn’t respond. The communities that responded to listed needs and resources. Only one of them has been funded to the EDM. An analysis like this is about matching needs

with resources. And that is what we want to do now. To see what we have in order to plan on what we do and set a long term plan.

Let's go around each community, and hear what you have to say: what are your needs in terms of FD, what resources can you as a community bring to the EDM, what does FD mean to your community?

Portugal: Just for my own clarification. We have spent a long time talking about FD. Lot's of things have happened. What you are proposing is a new fresh start. Are we figuring out a new way of doing things? I like the way you present what you want to do! I want to know if we should forget about the way we have done FD so far.

(Chair FD): we don't want to lose anything good we have done. We want to have a clear idea of what works and what does not. I don't think the FD committee should be the ones doing the FD work. We should facilitate. We should step back and let you do it. Your views will start the new path. We should do FD right here together. It does mean maybe to change the protocol and decision making process. The request from Poland we can not do because of the protocol we are stuck in. We might need to change how we do things in order to be able to do more.

All communities participated in the discussion on questions about FD. The committee will analyse the discussion and will present recommendations from the information for discussion at the summer meeting. (Discussion notes will be included in mailing # 1 after this meeting)

Chair FD: I'm really excited, really great stuff about FD. I think we can work out a way to fit resources with needs within this community. If you have been inspired by anything you have heard today write down your ideas. Don't lose anything! We could use some of the EDM to present solutions from some regions asked for by other regions. This can be a way of being quicker and more effective to carry our experience, strength and hope! Miko and I will use all this material to present a way to go forward. Thank you for all the input!

ECCNA 23

Josef Portugal: We have had some difficulties with the hosting committee. We now have an appropriate committee. The main thing is that everything is almost ready to receive you in Porto. The only thing we are missing is the fundraising subcommittee. We are in the process of inviting speakers. Spaces, rooms, translations, everything is ready. We have a few pre-registrations, please ask people to pre-register. We had some different opinions and conflicts about the registration fees, some people wanted it to be a free convention. But now the registrations will pay for the convention and hopefully generate some profit to the EDM. We will try to reserve rooms for the EDM members at the hotel Ipanima.

Ahmed: will you help with visas for those who need?

Jose: We will look into this in our country

Dave: are there camp sites if people want to do it real cheap?

Jose: We will find out and mail you the info.

Western Russia: If members want to come to ECCNA how will they get invitations to get visas?

Jose: can that be addressed to the EDM?

Chair: The EDM only makes a requests for visas for delegates attending the EDM

Joao: We have a hospitality committee can you please contact them for this type of information.

Peter: Can I ask the Portuguese region to discuss this at your next meeting to make sure you know what is required in being a guarantee for a visa.

Jose: do you think it would help if I go to the Russian embassy?

Western Russia: I think I should go to the Portuguese embassy and ask what they require.

Dave: you say you do not pay for speakers expenses?

Josef: yes, we ask people to speak that we know will be at the convention.

Chair: this a policy that the body agreed on for ECCNA

Chair: Can we ask you to talk to the hotel, and ask them for a block booking for a certain time so we can inform everybody in the next mailing? Answer Yes

Toby: will you have enough translation booths?

Jose: Yes, just make sure you have someone that will translate to your language.

Chair: Can I suggest that we all let the host committee know if your community will need translation at ECCNA 23. Also those communities that might need visas for the convention should contact the host committee.

JD: About the general procedure the EDM is responsible for the ECCNA is that correct? How do we know what we are responsible is for budget and so on, if there is no written budget and this is the last EDM meeting before ECCNA.

Chair: We will receive a budget as soon as it is ready this si a new committee that started there work about a month ago. All other decisions will be answered for by the SC in the Interim period with the host committee.

Jose: Additional info to JD. The treasurer has the budget for the ECCNA here if you wish to look at it. He has participated in the past two meetings with the new host committee.

JD: I am very comfortable with this. It's just that because of the circumstances we have delegated to the SC what we normally decide in the EDM.

Ahmed: will all delegates stay in the same place?

Jose: Yes, we will try to arrange that.

Workshops at ECCNA

Chair: we have normally decided to have HI, PI and translations workshops at the ECCNA. Do we want to change or develop this to something else?

Nina: Would it not be a good idea to bring some of what we have talked about regarding FD?

Irene: atmosphere of recovery and attraction to service.

Toby: I think one of the work shops should be monitored by the WS.

Conor: clarify and bring out the concept of FD in the larger community of Europe.

Dave: I like the idea of the local community that put on the ECCNA get to choose one of the topics because they don't get to have their annual regional convention that year. Even if it is a European convention most people will be Portuguese.

JD: my community really enjoys workshops on what happens in NA as a whole, for NAWS to give a presentation.

Conor: to introduce and talk about the concept of public relations.

Joao: we are confused about what you are talking about. We need to know how many workshops you want to have during the EDM. We need not only topics but also number of workshops and who will hold them.

Peter: the number is set, it is always three. We want to find ideas on how to do it this time.

Irene: maybe do HI and PI together.

Chair Proposal: **How about that we have a fellowship development workshop, a topic from the local fellowship, and ask NAWS to hold a workshop, at this ECCNA, and see how it goes. This was agreed by consensus**

FD Funding Discussion

Information handed out to the body

The EDM chair outlined the information for the discussion that was going to take place

The body has in the past found it difficult to tackle the issue of funding communities, and fellowship development trips. We find it difficult to make decisions on who should be funded when there are not enough funds to meet all the requests received, and the body finds it difficult to make decisions when the new communities are attending the meeting who have made the requests.

We all believe in FD as the main purpose of the EDM, we have many different views on how we use these funds to do this, as you can see in the information from the small group discussion in Valencia on which meeting the EDM should make funding available.

During this slot on the agenda we are going to discuss the first three questions to help the body and the FD committee.

1. **What message is the EDM sending out to new communities on what it can offer**
2. **What are the EDM's objectives in offering funding to a new community from the first request it receives**
3. **What are the EDM's objectives in continuing to offer funding to a new community**

We are then going to discuss the other questions that were handed out to try and reach consensus on this topic. On what is going to most beneficial way over the next few years to support new communities that are here now and will be here in the future.

We have come along way as a body, your communities input, donations, and experience has helped this body to grow. We now need to have a process that is clear for when we have to take difficult decisions regarding requests, so we do not keep coming to the same point every time difficult decisions need to be taken.

Treasurer: handed out the financial breakdown of EDM costs over the last few years_

I did this study based on records from 2002-2005. The first two years were not clear, with gaps in the records, 2004 and 2005 are the clearest.

Incomes: Donations and ECCNA profits.

Expenses: Steering committee, FD committee, FD Trips, Delegates funding, NAWS donation, EDM admin expenses, and Bank expenses.

Conclusions I arrived at are: That donations have increased by 30%, from 16 in 2004 to 36 in 2005. The ECCNA profits increased by 35%, this was largely due to the financial success of ECCNA22 in Dublin 2005. To hold the two EDM meetings per year is 60% of our expenses to bring the Steering Committee, FD Committee, and Administration costs for each meeting, Venues, and keeping a prudent reserve FD Trips and Delegate Funding represents 30% of our expenditure. This has increased 325% from 2004 to 2005. We are spending more money on funding delegates to come here than we are on FD trips.

Are we doing the best we can with this money should we balance the use of these funds and spend as much money on FD trips as delegate funding.

Chair: What I would like everyone to think about the message we are sending out to new communities. We need to define what we can realistically achieve as a body. How can we help the newer communities when the WSO do a workshop, how can we follow that up?

We will go around here from each community on the subject

(Funding discussion notes will be included in Mailing # 1 after this meeting)

Portugal Proposal: If we want practical solutions. Let's make a budget for one year, and if we run out of money we run out of money. Then we decide what the best way to do fellowship development is.

Norway: Are we able to make an annual budget, don't we depend on donations?

Swiss: Clarification. A Budget is difficult as we cannot predict what money we will have. How would we work this?

UK: Agrees with proposal. We need a short term plan. We can form a committee and look at long term proposals.

Spain: Agrees with proposal. In our region we do a projected budget every year and spend 90% of it. We have allocated money for EDM and WSO and if there is extra we donate that as well.

France: Why do we need to do this? And in France we give a percentage of our profits, we have no way of knowing what this is.

Sweden: We like the proposal. This is a good way to plan as a body. We can be more effective.

Treasurer: It's not difficult to make a yearly budget we just base it on last year. But the data varies from year to year, depending where we hold EDMs and Conventions.

We are looking for a solution to a problem we don't have.

Ireland: This would help us in Ireland to get used to giving this donation and plan.

Swiss: There is a high level of uncertainty with a budget.

Ireland: To look at aspects of FD that don't cost any money, like on going support, a starter pack, electronic communication. A one year budget means new communities coming on board might have to wait a year to get to feel involved.

Consensus could not be reached on the Portuguese delegate's proposal

Chair: We are back in the same place we keep going. We don't have enough money to do everything. On Sunday we are going to struggling to make decisions. We have to set aside a certain amount a set budget at each meeting for FD activities. I Suggest we let the FD committee look at the in put you've given them today and come up with recommendations at the next meeting

Sweden: It's been an interesting day. What are the actual decisions we need to take.

Chair: how we are going to make decisions on requests we receive from this meeting

Swiss: The basic issue is that we don't have a policy. My concern is that our decisions not be arbitrary.

Ireland: Clarification. We are looking to put money aside, and looking to give that money to FD committee to spend it?

Chair: We are trying to look at better way the body takes it decisions that help newer communities. I think its time for the body to put a certain percentage of our budget for FD activities aside each meeting, and to allow the six members of the SC, and FD committee to discuss the requests, and make a decision about what would be most effective way to spend that money.

Sweden: We've just been through this process in Sweden. I would like to remind us about having faith, if we do the right thing the money will come. We are in favour of Portuguese proposal.

France: In France we make a predicted budget for every year, but it is only after the convention that we know exactly what we have. I heard Irene's ideas, and Sponsorship idea at last EDM, solutions and hope we don't just forget these.

UK: I'm changing my mind about 1 year proposal, Bernardo says there is a certain amount, maybe we should just give a percentage to WSO, and give the rest to FD. If there were guidelines or criteria, it would be more helpful, getting that process going.

Treasurer: We are just trying to find enough money where we never have to say "No." The problem is we have no long term plan.

UK: Surely we have to let the FD committee go away and make a plan, and deal with what's on the table.

FD Vice Chair: Regarding a plan, we thought we would analyse everything that was said this morning, bring it back to next EDM, and formulate a plan with you.

Chair: The question we need to discuss is not so much the budget it's more about how are we going to make the decisions, and who are we going to allow to make these decisions, as the body has difficulty taking decisions when funds are not available for all requests that are made.

Proposal from the Chair: That from the summer meeting in Porto a budget will be approved on the Sunday by the body for fellowship development. The FD committee and the steering committee will look at the requests received at each meeting, and recommend which requests should be considered for the next meeting, and the Steering committee will approve the funds for the FD activities. This proposal was approved by Consensus of the body

Portugal Regions proposal was withdrawn

The FD committee will present some proposals from today's discussions on FD for the body to discuss at the next meeting half a day will be set aside on the agenda for this.

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Chair: Clarification of decision made yesterday as it was a long day, and got very confusing at the end of the day. The FD committee will take information from yesterday and analyse it and present proposals for next EDM. We will then discuss those proposals and make a plan together. We will approve of a budget for each meeting and the SC and FD will together look at each request and take decisions as required.

Treasurers update:

Balance today is **9200€**

Expenses:

Russia **1200€**

Ukraine **1200€**

Turkey **1069€**

Egypt **440€**

Greece FDtrip **2390€**

Poland FDtrip **1800€**

Balance for six months **2110€**

Questions:

France:

France should give 574€ with in a few days.

Israel:

Israel has 700€ on hold. We hope it will be re-approved as soon as possible.

Lithuania:

We also plan to ask for 1300€ travel money to EDM in Porto for a translator and a representative.

Treasurer:

New balance is: **1384€**. That is if money promised will come in.

Ireland: How much of the money is for emergency travel?

Chair: 1000.00 euros

Sweden: The Swedish RSC has approved, we just have not sent the money.

Chair: **It is important that we all go back to our communities and talk about what goes on here and the importance of sending funds to support new communities through Fellowship Development activities.**

Paul FD Chair: Poland asked for a FD trip to the Central European Convention and some funding for a number of representatives from the neighbouring communities. It means a five day trip for two members from this body. Most of the members here will be at the WSC. I have asked other people. The average fare is 900€ per person on the trip. I have tried to make it the largest figure so we don't go over budget. I don't have exact names on those who will go yet.

Spain: Did you mention funding other representatives? Why can't we ask NAWS for help?

Jane NAWS: For your information Ewa from Poland asked us about the same issue. We will meet and discuss what we can do. We have just had two workshops in the Easter Europe recently. We will meet and discuss this further.

Chair: **We are not in a position to deal with requests for funding multi representatives to attend this type of event as the body is not in the position financially to do this. To make**

things clear for the future the EDM can not offer the same type of funding that NAWS has been able to the workshops that have just taken place

Nominations to WSC Service positions

From the last meeting we have the question that we would like to discuss how we nominate people to World Services: i.e. HRP, World Board Members and facilitators.

Conor, Ireland: I think we should discuss *if* we should do it.

Chair: Does the body want to discuss if we should nominate?

Portugal: I believe we should discuss if we should do it.

Norway: I think we should use the right to nominate because we have knowledge of people and their participation in service.

Tom NAWS: I want to clarify that for this cycle the deadline for nominations is past. You will be discussing the future.

Chair: I will allow twenty minutes to debate on *if* we should nominate members.

Ireland: I was at the WSC when this came up. It was a late amendment that would allow the WB and zones to nominate members. It was a last minute thing and there was a lot of discussions and very narrowly carried. Many people spoke against it. The reason is that this gathering, the EDM functions so well because it is sort of outside the service structure. It is not a stepping stone in service we don't have ambitions beyond helping each other. There are plenty of ways to get nominated for WS if you wish. I don't want us to get stuck into politics and nominations processes. We can do better work helping each other.

Portugal: I was there too. I believe that the position of the zones in the service structure is good as it is. We don't need more official recognition. I would like to keep focus on discussing what we are doing instead of bringing in another problem. We need to work on our own identity and how we do things. We don't need to discuss these issues right now.

Sweden: I also do not think that we need to discuss this issue at the moment. Let's leave it to the future.

Norway: I don't agree with you guys at all. For me it is a big opportunity. Most people that get elected to the WS are from the US. It is an opportunity to encourage people to continue on to share their experience on a different level. And when will we discuss it if we leave it for the future?

UK: The advantage of the EDM being able to nominate is that only the WSC seated regions can nominate and in the EDM we have several regions that are not seated that have a lot of experienced members that could be nominated

Conor Ireland: A response to Monica. I agree this is a fantastic forum to get to know people in service. Knowing people in this forum has helped me to vote for them at the WSC. It does not mean that the EDM has to nominate them. There are plenty of other ways to nominate people.

Becky NAWS: To play the devils advocate. No one has been elected from regional nominations. Elections have been made on HRP bias. If you can fill out a resume well in English you get nominated. The attempt with the amendment that zonal forums have the right to nominate was to get real information about people that served with the nominees. The challenge the WSC has is that there is not enough information about nominees. I understand your reluctance but specially the seated delegates will have to deal with getting real information on nominees.

Toby Spain: I agree with everything that has been said. We should not knock down a given tool. We should just leave it there for future use. Maybe a region not seated will need our endorsement and then we can use it. But we don't have to push to use it.

Chair: Some people feel we should use this tool, others feel that it would interfere with what we are doing as a body. Now we have had a discussion on if we should, do you want to discuss how to do it? Should we decide how or just play it by ear and take individual requests as they come? Who wants to discuss how? Nobody! Okay!

Chair: We don't want to discuss this now. At some point between this WSC and the next one the issue will be brought up again, is that how you wish to do it? Yes!

Website Content Committee

(Report Included in Mailing # 2 documents)

Peter Chair: Thank you Bernardo, Peter O, and Sigrid for doing this great job and good report!

Report Given by Peter O, Bernardo

The report explains the set up of the homepage. The initial page should have general information about EDM. At the second stage we could have a communication forum for the members of this body. And an archive for records and minutes for password protected down loading. The third stage would be for on line communication, to hold SC meetings and also a forum for the delegates to discuss important issues.

The ideal is to have all of this in all the languages in Europe!

Peter Sweden: I am glad to have been part of this group, I did my best to confuse everyone! I think we could also have the FD pool electronically in the future. I think we should start with the basic information page and continue working in stages. We have talked about the role of the webmasters who will actually do the work and decide the details.

Questions?

Conor Ireland: How about ex-delegates? Will there be a facility for us?

Chair: That is a valid point! We need to consider this! It helps people to "detox" from service in EDM!

Nina UK: Valid point! Not only for detoxing! These people have so much to give we can not let them escape!

Paul FD Chair: I would hope all that rotate off would put them selves up for FD service! Stay part of what we do.

Chair: Can we reach consensus that this what we will start with when we elect a person for the Webmaster position? **The body reached consensus on the recommendations made for the website content.** The new Web servant will be sent the report and recommendations and will report to the Steering Committee on the development of the site

ECCNA22 Closing Report

(See attached report for details.)

Irene, Ireland: All committees wrote their experience which could be useful to coming committees. We would like to thank the EDM for the opportunity to do this. There was a great atmosphere at the convention. There were many newcomers that are still clean. We gave out over 60 BTs. It was the first time we hosted an event of this magnitude and it was an eye-opener for many members. The report contains our good experience and challenges. What we could have improved was to announce it earlier on NA.org and send out flyers earlier. Entertainment was great! Many professional musicians played for cost. That gave a good profit. We had a lot of pre-registrations, and T-shirts were all sold! We doubled our money. We had no banquet, which cut costs. We had a lot of talent on the committee, twelve people that then formed sub-committees. We worked well together! Translations were made into five languages. We also had a meeting room for non English speaking meetings. Difficulties: pre-booking people for translations. People didn't always show up, had to solve this last minute.

Nar-anon were also allowed to use a room for their meetings, they paid us 50 euros.

Total incomes from registrations were 18390€. Registrations were 25 euros at Convention. A total profit of approximately 12,000 euros was made with 10% going to the host region. We started meeting a year before every two weeks, then weekly as we approached the event. We had a plan with monthly goals made out for the year.

Hospitality put together a great programme one thing that didn't work so well was housing at peoples homes. New concept to the Irish fellowship!

Peter Chair: Thanks were given to Conor and Irene for the work they put in around the convention and to the host committee members for a great job. We are all very grateful to the Irish fellowship for taking care of us in such a wonderful way!

Christian, German speaking: How about rent for conference space and convention site.

Irene Ireland: Negotiate prices for hotel rooms and get conference space free. And negotiate prices for tea and coffee.

Natalia Western Russia: How did you produce t-shirts? Did you hire professionals to develop logo?

Irene, Ireland: We had a designer on the committee (Ned). We used the same graphic throughout, for electronic banner, flyer and t-shirt. Ned designed this and Andy from merchandising sourced the printing of the t-shirts.

Ahmed, Egypt: How did you do the pre-registration?

Irene, Ireland: Internationally people could send pre-registrations to a post box that was checked once a week and the registry at the convention had their names at the desk. The people registered showed a receipt and got their registration.

Ahmed, Egypt: How about treatment centres and prison?

Irene, Ireland: New comers registered for free, people from prison and treatment centre are considered new comers. They also received free tickets for entertainment; these numbers are detailed on the report.

Joao, Portugal: Thank you very much to the Ireland region and the host committee. For us it is a challenge to reach up to your level! We will be contacting you to ask for help! Where do I get minutes from you committee meetings? And please pre-register for ECCNA23 in Porto.

Update on ECCNA24 2007.

Chair: The work is progressing well. Flyers should be available soon. Information will be given as it comes in. More details will be given in Porto.

EDM report to WSC.

Chair: Is everybody happy with this report?

We will of course update with information from this meeting. Okay

Miko, FD vice chair: Could we add the names of all participants

Peter Sweden: On page 15 all regions are mentioned

Miko: I would like to have on the front page.

Monica, Norway: That is what we usually do.

Chair: We have started to use a new letter head.

Nina, UK: Maybe just highlight the regions in the body text.

Chair: We will make changes to the report outlined, and a copy of the report will be sent to you all once we send the report in.

The delegates who will be at the conference will decide amongst their selves who will present the Report

Questions from Community Reports

Peter Chair: Hungary would like some *experience on how to encourage donations?*

Gabi, Hungary: also *experience on fundraising, and attracting people to service.*

Peter, Chair: Ahmed also had some issues that we can talk about in this slot

Can we start with giving Gabi some input on fundraising?

Stephanie, France: Before conventions we used to have fundraising events. We have had some auctions. Which is weird, we are addicts, buy things we don't need and pay too much and then donate the stuff to the next auction. But it's fun. We rent a room, gather and laugh, donate things, we have a lottery where the price is always a ticket to the ECCNA.

Yuval, Israel: When we look at our yearly income we see that parties are a good source for income. We have two parties a year and sell tickets to anyone who wants to come. We have

different merchandise for sale. Once a year we have a convention, we try to rent a cheap hotel and make money on tickets.

Conor, Ireland: We have parties, dinners at people's houses, we have picnics, which is risky in Ireland since it always rains. We have been boating to an island. There is a big park in Dublin where we have a day out for the whole fellowship. The one thing that does not work is having too many sporty games like football.

Alexander Ukraine: We also asked this question at our first EDM. We tried some of the suggestions. Things like parties and discos never worked for us. Registrations on Conventions work, the groups understand the need for money for FD. T-shirts and calendars. We always talk about what the money is used for. Members start to understand that it goes to FD in Ukraine.

Dave UK: We have fundraising and entertainment committees on regional and area levels. They mean a lot. People like entertainment we had a NA pop idol contest. We have Parties, festivals, bowling, healing, speaker meetings, pick-nicks, all kinds of things. When we need money for particular reasons or to maintain vital services we set out a gratitude pot.

Miko FD vice Chair: The best thing I heard today is to set up an entertainment committee. We call our event unity events. Keep it simple. Do what your members like. We had 100€ and organized a pick-nick and raised 400€. Be creative.

Stephanie, France: We have an event committee and merchandise committee. People like to spend and love the things we have.

Natalia Western Russia: We also have a fundraising problem. We tried several times registration and merchandise. People don't like it, they want everything for free. Last year in St Petersburg at our first regional convention people were very unhappy about the costs! What works for us is a second basket at the meetings.

Gabi, Hungary: We love all you have said. But we think we need to be careful not to violate the traditions, especially sending out flyers with the NA logo. Do you have experience on that?

Peter Chair: If there are any artists in your community ask them if they can do a painting with the NA logo on that is colourful, and raffle the painting of to your members at a price that is affordable to the member. This is something that worked in my Area when we were small and trying to generate funds.

Nina, UK: We can give you the e-mail for our F&E committee and they can give you our experience.

Irene, Ireland: The people responsible for the money should always be at least two and accountable to the RSC. Get receipts for everything. Discuss the appropriateness of planned events. Also discuss who you will invite, who do you sell tickets to.

Peter, Sweden: It is easy to start thinking only on raising money, it is good to remember that we are addicts. We used to have parties at my home group. Great parties with food, and bands. Single events are the best. With a F&M committee we ended up with too much surplus merchandise.

Inbal, Israel: We did business with outside professionals chefs. Make sure to have strict rules for how to do business with outside people.

Chair: I hope this is enough information for the moment. Ahmed, can you bring your information request up now.

Ahmed, Egypt: We have a problem with treatment centres. *Is it okay to send members to talk to treatment centres to tell them about our needs? Representative for treatment centres handles money for those they bring to meetings?*

Chair: The first question we will deal with at the next EDM. Maybe we can offer some experience on the second point.

Joao, Portugal: In our region we have seen it all. We will need to talk a lot about this since many members come to NA directly from treatment centres. We never prevent people coming to meetings.

Stephanie, France: When treatment centres come to meetings or conventions and so on we accept that one person pays for them all.

Chair: In our region we accept checks from treatment centres if it is for an event like a convention, or dance. At meetings we treat people from treatment centres as new comers. We try and encourage people to come, and if they have money they can contribute, whether that is pocket money from the centre or what ever. If they do not we do not ask them for a contribution. We do not accept checks from treatment centres at the meetings.

Joao, Portugal: About donations. It depends on the policy of the treatment centre. We accept money from individuals not centres.

Ahmed, Egypt: What about conventions if members bring family?

Chair: There are very differing views around this table. Some communities accept contributions from family and relatives some don't you need to decide this in you community.

Conor Ireland information request: We have discussed the issue of *inappropriate behaviour at meetings and specifically sexual predatory*. We got a guideline from UK, discussed this at ECCNA22 and had some help from NAWS. We have a draft for something to include in the meeting format and would like input. "Our experience has shown that new members may at times be subject to sexual advances by more senior members often resulting in hurt and relapse. Such experiences in early recovery can best be avoided by exchanging phone numbers with and choosing a sponsor from those members with whom here is unlikely to be a sexual motivation." I'm asking about the philosophy about having such a preamble on a meeting format.

Dave, UK: We have had this problem and put together a pamphlet which dealt with this. Some groups say something about not tolerating violent behaviour at meetings. But no one mentions anything about sexual behaviour. I personally do not think it is a good idea. It could be bad for many people, new comers and people with this kind of problems.

Joao, Portugal: We don't have specific experience on this. We used the UK pamphlet and asked if our fellowship wanted it translated. We are now looking at it. New comers get abused if old timers don't pay attention to them, we need to take that responsibility. A specific reference to sexuality could give rise to additional problems, what about gays for example?

Becky, NAWS: Talking about sexual predatory created a bit of a witch hunt, which was not good. It got quite ugly in the states.

Tom, NAWS: When we focus on spiritual principles, if we work on an atmosphere of recovery is better than focusing on specific behaviours. I do recognize the problem but we tend to take things to the extreme. We might end up writing books of rules and regulations.

NAWS

Presented by Becky: We plan to do a brief NAWS update, answer some questions, and then speak about the WSC. You should all have received the conference mailings and information. NAWS is busy as always. There are five teams out travelling now, and we have just finished a workshop, and one that we are getting ready to do. About three years ago we spoke of how to do things differently to be more effective in FD, specifically in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and we dipped a toe in Africa. We have made a lot of changes with FD, literature and translations in South America. Some have been more successful than others. We are still learning and adapting.

Two years ago we did the first workshop in St. Petersburg and funded 87 people to that workshop from all over Russia and Eastern Workshop. The last one we just did, we funding 169 people, and for this workshop will have approximately 50 people funded by us.

Our job is Coordination, Information, Communication, and Guidance. We help people come together. We have done a lot of work in India in bringing people together and I hope we can do the same in Russia and Eastern Europe. What we really do is facilitate coming together. One year from now we will be doing a similar project in the Middle East.

WB (Tom): The Issue Discussion Topics has been great for us to get all this input, how its raised awareness in the fellowship. I'm not sure what the new topics are going to be, but we will be discussing it at the WSC. The stuff we are doing with the world wide workshops has given us a whole different perspective on what the needs of our fellowship are.

NAWS: These discussions help us find a better way to translations and literature production. We have hired three new writers and project coordinators - Tom (US) working on PR, Katherine (Australia) whose background is film and journalism, and we hope to have new videos and IPs, and Nick (U.K.) once he gets his paperwork sorted out. There are five people sitting in this room who have been working on NAWS projects. NAWS sponsored two former EDM members to the ICAA in Hungary, and it will again with delegates from Sweden that will happen here in Vilnius. Progress is slow.

There has been a lot of the discussion this weekend about money. NAWS also looks at donations and literature sales, rising costs and inflation. We have a business plan work group. We have tough decisions to make. But money is ONE of the resources we need to do what we need to do, and I hope we get better at talking about money.

The more literature we give away, the more we sell. We sold 715,000 dollars in literature in January. 80% of our literature sales are now off the web, mostly US based. The new branch in Iran sells as much literature as every other language combined, except English and Spanish. Our office in Iran has been operational as of the end of May, we have no legal status there, we are going soon (for the first time) in one week. The Annual Report will be ready soon. We lost our NA Way editor this year. We have had not had enough staff up until recently.

Question: Are you going to continue to develop sending updates electronically?

NAWS: There are some portions of participants, a small minority, who don't have internet access. But it will continue to grow. We will be redesigning the website. We need to develop basic service material. We want to post things, for example, the pamphlets that the UK put together, that can be accessed.

Spain: What is going on with Basic Text project?

NAWS: We received 200 stories the last week of deadline, many international. One of the challenges has been the quality of material. We have received about 600, there are more coming.

Chair: I am apart of this work group. I have read 129 stories, since December there are about 200 more for the group to read. Until we completed the review of all the material that has been sent in, we will not know how things are for new stories that may be presented to go into the new book. I will hopefully now more at the workgroups next meeting in two weeks.

Becky NAWS: Even though deadline is passed, we are still accepting stories. We have to sign off on all of them by July 2006, and any changes after May that are received would be difficult to add to the draft book.

RD UK: What about stories that are not written in English?

Chair: These stories are translated into English

RD Ireland: One of our areas has requested a pamphlet, with an addicts experience in Service.

NAWS: There will be a discussion at the WSC on what to people need as regards literature. We are trying to find a way to collect delegates experience on the web before the conference. The Regional report deadline is March 15th. That material is used to form the sessions at the conference. The form is on the web.

RD France: Why are you sending WSC material by UPS? Its expensive and I have to be home to get it.

NAWS: UPS gives a big discount, as we ship 7.5 million dollars worth of literature a year.

Delegates expressed that they have had a problem with UPS deliveries on conference material. People have to be at home UPS will not put it in the mailbox, and need a signature. Some of delegates get phone calls and say a time no delivery, others have got re-routed deliveries to there work addresses. In some countries it is more complicated than other countries.

NAWS took all points from the discussion and will to speak with UPS about deliveries in this Zone

RD Norway: Can you look into why I had to pay three times more for delivery of speaker tapes, than I paid for them.

NAWS: That is a contracted service, I will check into it. We switched from DHL to UPS, but I think it is not working so well international.

RD UK: Can you speak more about Iran.

NAWS: They cannot access the internet, for example the meeting site. We go through Pakistan embassy to get anything done. The Iranian fellowship have done great PR, like Brazil – there are the two biggest regions in the world, both split, both had big problems, both have worked them out. Iran have found a way to co-exist in the religious and political society they live in. NAWS hires lawyer and helps with legal registration world wide.

JD Swiss: I would like to hear more on this video.

NAWS: The PI video we had we don't sell anymore its very old material. We can send you a copy it is long, and cumbersome. We saw ones from Puerto Rico, with filmed mouths, there are lots of ideas.

NAWS: Material is available there for those who didn't receive it. If you are uncomfortable travelling from your country carrying NA material, e-mail Elaine at the office and we will have it waiting for you at the hotel.

The next World Convention will be in 2007 in San Antonio Texas, and then 2009 in Barcelona.

Tom NAWS: The Convention in Hawaii was Fabulous, we had a meeting with 9000 members a few yards away from where we held the first meeting in Hawaii with 9 members many years ago. The governor of Hawaii came and gave a proclamation.

NAWS: We were invited to symposium at the White House on Youth and Drugs it was a first time for us to be invited. Anthony Attended

The focus in the next two years is going to be the implementation of the PR handbook, the videos, the PSA's to put into effect the ideas in the PR handbook.

We will also be launching the Area Planning Tool, but can be used for any service body. We welcome feedback. The CAR is trying to get your ideas. We have very antiquated literature aimed at youth.

We must develop better relationships with non-addicts. We talk about talking to them, but not about listening, or them being a resource for us.

The current Convention Guidelines are old and nearly harmful, they are 20 years old and hold no accountability – we hope to get approval to develop new ones.

The WSC will prioritise the things that serve the group.

Tom: The Agenda is small we are working toward more discussion based work. This is what the idea was.

NAWS: In the conference issue discussions, the issue about basic service tool and atmosphere of recovery may be more popular. You have to use your judgment on what issues you want to put input into.

RD UK: My region was upset with fact that WB had recommend not to adopt the German speaking motion, it seemed unfair.

NAWS: The place to impact literature is earlier in the process not in the approval form, by then it is a simple yes or no. the book had been out for nine months. Maybe the issue is a better way to include members in the process.

RD Spain: My region had asked the same question. We found out that the previous Spanish delegate had approved the system of approval.

NAWS: A minimum time for recovery material to be out is five months before approve. For the Basic Text there will be 6 months review and input and book has to be out by September 2007.

RD Spain: So the RD must learn about this process. We weren't sure what we were supposed to do with the Sponsorship for example, it wasn't clear in the letter we received, we thought we were supposed to send it out, not just a piece of review material.

RD UK: What is best way for us to give you the information from the discussions from our CAR workshops.

NAWS: If you can email it to us is best, or you can bring it to the conference. I would like to hear from the German delegate, as this motion has generated real interest.

RD Ireland: Has there been progress on including Cuba?

NAWS: The last time they attended a Zonal forum they were met at the airport by their government. We have to be careful.

RD Ireland: Do you still want people to bring in literature?

NAWS: Yes, and they have contact with S.A. Zonal forum and contact with office.

RD Germany: Our motion came from the Sponsorship book, a lot of people wanted to read it and be part of the discussion but couldn't because they don't speak English. We wanted to be a part of the discussions; but we need more time, one year for an IP, one and half year for a book like this.

NAWS: The WSC will have to make a decision on this, if we want to change this time, it is minimum of 4 years for an IP to be put out. How do we want to spend our time?

WSO (Jane): The work must be considered. During the review and input if you are given more time you can see how it is developing, and changes can be made. If you try to expand the time at approval, we could be throwing away hundreds of thousands of dollars to try to change it, as it was been printed.

RD Germany: Why not take more time, eight years?

NAWS: If young people ask for an IP, eight years is an awful long time.

Tom: Daniel World board member from Germany used to say, create the best possible piece of literature you can in English, and we will do the best in translation we can. The different communities will translate it to fit their culture.

RD Spain: The great thing about his motion is its going to promote discussion, even if it doesn't go through. Now maybe we will pay more attention when asked to approve literature.

NAWS: I would encourage delegates to have this bigger discussion, and you are a large part of the non-English speaking delegation.

RD Germany: Our motion is about Unity, we want to be part of the process. But we do need time to translate a draft.

NAWS: There are 12 people from this body staying over for the workshop, which will be helpful. Anybody who is staying over for the workshop, dinner Sunday night, lunch and dinner Monday will be provided for the hotel (funded by NAWS).

RD Spain: How do you choose your topics of discussion for every conference cycle.

NAWS: The two official topics last time were Our Public Image, as a result of PR Roundtables year before. The other was Infrastructure we get hundreds of e-mails about this. We call it an Environmental Scan, which is part of the Strategic Planning process. We keep massive logs of all phone calls and emails into the office. Some of the changes are due to behavioural issues, and some of it that the service structure was created for a much different fellowship.

Atmosphere of Recovery has been a topic before, it was unfinished. Leadership came that way as well. This next cycle we look at who aren't reaching, that comes out of the Strategic Plan. The board is looking for your ideas. Infrastructure generally interests people who are in service. Atmosphere of Recovery captures everyone's attention – it's member focused. The services conference for the 10 zones around the world informs this process.

RD Sweden: Thank you for this great information, these workshops are really good, our members love it.

Chair: We would like to thank Becky, Jayne, and Tom for attending the EDM we thank you for all your input. The EDM would like to make a request that members from NAWS come to our

next during ECCNA23, in Porto, can you please take our request back to the board for there consideration.

Sunday, 05 February 2006

Final Treasury report

Initial Balance 9,209.00 euros.(On top of this we have 13,000 euros prudent reserve and 5,000 for ECCNA)

Income expected (Euros):

Sweden	1,000.00
France	<u>574.00</u>
Total	1,574.00

Expenses: (to attend Porto)

Western Russia	1,200.00
Ukraine	1,200.00
Turkey	1,069.00
Egypt	440.00
Lithuania	1,300.00
Greece FD trip	2,390.00
Poland FD trip	<u>1,800.00</u>
Sub Total	9,399.00

Final Balance **1,384.00**

Earmarked Monies

Legal	2,000.00
EDM PR	4,000.00
SC Travel	4,000.00
FD	2,000.00
Emergency Travel	<u>1,000.00</u>
	13,000.00

Discussion on a donation to NAWS was talked about it was agreed to wait for the other possible requests that may be made, and if there are funds available the EDM SC will send a donation to NAWS in the interim period **The budget was approved by consensus**

Chair: asked delegates to go back to their communities and inform their members what the EDM is trying to achieve by doing fellowship development activities, and ask your main service body to pass on any funds that are available within that body that are not used through a donation to the EDM, so the body can carry on doing FD trips, and the funding of new delegates to its meetings.

Chair: Asked Delegates to go back to your communities and bring bids for 2008 ECCNA to Porto.

Starter Pack Committee Report

Report handed by out Conor and discussed.

This report is to be part of a starter pack, welcome to new members to EDM. Is there any input, feedback, suggestions?

RD Portugal: As it says here, the alt-secretary, and alt-treasury are in those positions to learn the job, but they do not attend the EDM. I think this is not the way to learn and we should talk about this.

Chair: We can not discuss this issue now, as this is about changing an approved policy. I hear what you are saying, but we need time to discuss this; that we don't have at this meeting. We will have to discuss this at the next meeting I will add a section to the agenda for Porto.

Elections

The fourth Concept was read out.

The chair outlined the election process that a minimum of 50+ 1 of the voting delegates need to vote for an individual from them to be elected.

RD Sweden: Seek clarity, why are we voting for one web servant?

Chair: It was decided that we have one web servant rather than two, it's a specific skill and we need just one person to build the web site for simplicity sake.

Secretary Position

There are two nominations for secretary, Sigrid (Germany), Jim (UK) can you write the name on the piece of paper who you would like to be secretary

The body elected Sigrid as the new secretary

Alternate Treasurer

There are two candidates are Ricardo (Portugal), and Nadi (Greece)

The body elected Nadi as the alt Treasurer

Web Servant

There are two candidates are Carlos (Portugal), and Franz (Netherlands)

The body elected Carlos as the web-servant

The Chair asked delegates to go back to their community's and bring candidates for the positions of: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer on the Steering Committee that will take place in Porto.

Starter Pack Discussion

RD Greece: Thank for your work on this document for starter pack.

RD Russia: A Glossary of Terms would be helpful for new delegates.

RD UK: Suggestion to put mission statement at the top.

RD Sweden: I think it should be shorter, as some of these remarks are in the orientation pack already.

RD Ireland: I agree, take that on board. Please send us words that you would like to be included in the Glossary.

RD Germany: Propose that we accept it as a working document until next EDM I would like to take it to my community and translate it to show them what EDM is.

Chair: Can we accept this as a Temporary Working Document? Then the sub committee send an amended version before next meeting?

The body reached consensus that the document will be Temporary working document

Chair: Who would like to help Conor with this document? **Miko**

The committee will send an amended version for the next meeting, any input from delegates send it to Conor or Miko in between the next meeting

Experience Discussion

Chair: Gabi would like some experience on a topic.

RD Hungary: All of my fellowships questions have been answered. It regarded *willingness for service, how to get more members involved*. If you have any experience on that, or if it is not something that has to be fixed that's fine too.

RD Switzerland: The atmosphere of service is crucial. We moved from voting process to consensus has helped us move away from arguments, people winning and losing. People must

feel respected and heard, it's more attractive. Another thing that we found useful was moments of service with moments of entertainment, having fun together.

RD Norway: I try to involve people in service through sponsorship. If they want me to sponsor them they have to do service and work the steps.

RD Russia: We have special meetings with the topic on Service, what it gives him personally for his recovery.

ARD Norway: How I conduct myself, me keeping a positive attitude is very important. How will I express my gratitude – I am grateful and I am willing to give back, and this is what matters.

FD Vice Chair: There was a discussion at the WSC in 2002 there was a big list of input that all communities did from all over the world. Maybe someone here has it? What we did in my home group, for example, after we have NA Announcements, we have a Group Announcement, and we say how the group is running, GSR, Secretary and Treasurer gives report, we give applause to who every opened room, made tea. People can see who is doing the service and it's attractive.

RD France: In meetings where we speak of service, there are a lot of servitors, and it is the biggest meeting. The servitors identify themselves.

Poland request: We would like *experience on handling money responsibly in a Region*. We are not aware of how important it is to keep records, manage finances. We didn't have a treasurer for a long time, we didn't have a convention last year or any fundraising – also we need to learn about selling literature to make a profit. It seems easier to ask for money, that to get someone to do this service, we have a lot of Paradoxes. I hand you to my college.

Polish member: A good example is selling literature. We have new literature translated, three IPs – the office is not selling it. It doesn't bring literature to conference, replenish supplies. We waste money, for example we bought a flight for alternate delegate then at last minute they don't come. People are lacking responsibility in their heart. We get pamphlets for free, maybe we should pay for them, and there would be more push to selling them. Now we wonder is it a good idea to get money from WSO to translate basic text, what is your opinion. Maybe you have experience with getting donations also to send people to members.

Alt RD Norway: When a trusted servant is elected, they must have accountability, and make sure it's a "We" thing. Also, in our Region we always read the 11th Concept at meetings around budget.

RD UK: Clean time requirements, guidelines, 7th tradition – there is a treasurers handbook recently updated from NAWS. From my personal experience, get the money out of your personal passion and into the bank ASAP, and pass it on in service as soon as possible. The treasure must be accountable to the committee he serves and the fellowship as a whole.

RD Ireland: The Irish Office at the moment is running incredibly well, and he is currently writing a report of what works and what doesn't, we can send you a copy, as we are doing to Spain.

Alt RD Portugal: Don't fill position just to fill it, make sure they are carefully elected. We look at 4th Service Concept. As to generating money, we have this problem too. Our members are tired of parties, lack innovation, but other activities are working, like adventure sports, trekking.

RD Poland: Thank you. That is helpful.

Chair: A big thank you to Irene and Sisko for helping us type the minutes this weekend.

Chair: Thank you to NAWS for their participation over this weekend

A big thank you to Robertas and Lithuania fellowship for hosting us during this meeting it was great to be in Lithuania, and the chair thanked the body for some very positive work we had done during this weekend

Sum up of decisions taken at this meeting by the Chair

- We decided on the changes to the **orientation pack** that were in the SC report, **to incorporate policies to do with the Legal association** - the body approved.
- We have made a request to NAWS to help the body at next meeting with discussion on PR around treatment centres.
- FD Committee will take the information gathered, analyze it, and come back in the summer meeting with proposals for the body to discuss.
- **We agreed by consensus to have a fellowship development workshop, a topic from the local fellowship, and ask NAWS to hold a workshop at ECCNA in Porto.**
- We have agreed that from the summer meeting in Porto **a budget will be approved on the Sunday by the body for fellowship development. The FD committee and the steering committee will look at the requests received at each meeting, and recommend which requests should be considered for the next meeting, and the Steering committee will approve the funds for the FD activities.**
- We also approve the document put forth by the Web site committee to give the person just elected as web master.
- The body was OK with the draft WSC report with the amendments per the discussion we just had.
- We approved the budget to fund Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Egypt, Lithuania to the next meeting and the two FD trips one to Greece and one to Poland
- We elected Sigrid as Secretary, Nadi as Alternate Treasurer and Carlos as Web Servant.
- The Starter Pack Document was approved as a temporary working document and Conor and Miko will go away, polish up and send report for the next meeting, you may send any input to them.
- We ask you for bids for Porto for Winter 2007 EDM.
- We are inviting bids for the 2008 ECCNA to be brought to Porto.
- **We are asking to bring candidates for the positions of: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer on the Steering Committee that will take place in Porto.**
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Close of EDM Meeting