



## European Delegates Meeting

Summer EDM Helsinki, Finland 24.-27. July 2008

### Attending:

EDM Chair  
 EDM Vice-Chair  
 EDM Secretary  
 EDM Treasurer  
 FD Committee Chair  
 FD Committee Vice-Chair

Toby G.  
 Sisko H.  
 Sigrid B.  
 Jim D.  
 Miko  
 Joao

Croatia  
 Egypt RD  
 Egypt RD alt  
 Finland RD  
 Finland RD alt  
 France RD  
 Frenchspeaking Swiss RD  
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 Poland RD alt  
 Portugal RD alt  
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 Sweden RD  
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 UK RD  
 UK RD alt  
 Western Russia RD  
 Western Russia RD alt

Sanda  
 Mohamed  
 Karim  
 Jussi  
 Janne  
 Ana-Luisa  
 J.D.  
 Sophie  
 Andreas  
 Martina  
 Pavlos  
 Konstantine  
 Eszti  
 Feri  
 Niall  
 Michael  
 Yuval  
 Oded  
 Ilona  
 Simon  
 Christin  
 Per Einar  
 Aga  
 Sergio  
 Teresa  
 Miguel  
 Veronica  
 Kenneth  
 Nina  
 Liz  
 Natalia  
 Andrey

NAWS  
 NAWS  
 World Board  
 WSO-Europe  
 WSO-Iran

Becky  
 Travis  
 Tom  
 Paul  
 Siamak

Several international guests and members from the local fellowship

<b>Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup></b>
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### **9.30 – 10.45 Orientation session and Opening of the meeting**

The meeting starts with a round of introductions of everyone present at the meeting and the reading of “Just for Today”. Two members share about their experience about being at their first EDM (Jussi, Finland) and being at EDM with English not as their first language (Sanda, Croatia).

Toby (chair) – please be considerate to people who’s first language is not English. Speak slow, clear and translatable

Sisko (vice-chair) – gives an explanation of the consensus decision-making process (see Orientation Pack page 5).

Open Steering Committee positions: Secretary, Chair, Webmaster.  
Deadline for resumes for the open Steering Committee positions is after the session this morning.

Meeting booklet given out.  
Approval of the agenda  
Approval of the minutes

### **Steering Committee Report**

Page 3 of meeting booklet. Report is read by Toby.

Zonal nominations and EDM elections guidelines procedure will be presented later.  
There is also a proposal from the treasurer to change the system of accounting.

There has been a lot of correspondence with members and communities, within and outside the EDM.

We received a request from South Africa for a Fellowship Development activity.  
The EDM mission statement says that any community is welcome to participate at the EDM meetings and benefit from experiences and communications within EDM. As Steering Committee, we feel that Fellowship Development is a different issue, participation does not automatically mean we will also be able to go there for an FD activity. It would be for the EDM body to decide if we want to do this.

We had a few requests for attendance to this EDM (Lithuania, Hungary) which were all approved and a request for an FD activity in Lithuania which was also approved and has taken place.  
Requests for attendance to the next winter EDM (Egypt, Hungary) and the FD request to South Africa have not been decided yet.

#### Questions and remarks:

Email communication: The [edm\\_na@yahoo.com](mailto:edm_na@yahoo.com) is the point of contact for any communications with EDM and also about the website. If you receive no reply to an email sent to the EDM account, please send it again. We usually reply!

Natalia (Western Russia) – Ukraine is now an area of Western Russia. Contact via the Western Russia Region. Their website is not working and should be changed on the website.

Website: Portugal and Finland sent the webpage translation, France is ready and will be sent soon.

Sigrid (Secretary) – please send any suggestions for changes to the website by email, so it can be forwarded to the webmaster.

### **Short break**

### **11.00 – 12.25 Treasury Report:** (Report in the booklet page 6)

Jim (Treasurer) –  
Some housekeeping announcements on treasury:  
There will be a collection for the coffee and tea during the breaks.

All funded participants are asked to hand in all receipts for flights, transport, hotel rooms as soon as possible during EDM. It is easier for the treasurer to transfer money through the bank to the funded participants in advance and you hand it back to the treasurer after the meeting.

There was a remaining amount of around 9,- Euro from Budapest cash from the tea and coffee donations. I suggest to donate this to the Hungarian fellowship.

Page 6 shows the actual movements and budgets relevant for this EDM in Helsinki. Figures in the report in the booklet have slightly changed.

#### Ring-fenced monies (money set aside)

Legal entity	2.000,00 €
Prudent reserve	4.000,00 €
SC travel (next EDM)	4.000,00 €
FD travel	2.000,00 €
Emergency travel	1.000,00 €
Budget set aside for winter	1.000,00 €
Budget set aside for summer 2009	6.010,48 €

<b>Total</b>	<b>20.010,48 €</b>
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<b>Amount in bank after transfers</b>	<b>39.298,77 €</b>
<b>Ring-fenced money</b>	<b>20.010,48 €</b>

<b>Amount accessible</b>	<b>19.288,29 €</b>
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#### 386.86 euros & £317.48 extra in treasurer's accounts

There have been several donations, some quite substantial. So there is quite a lot of money available to the EDM at the moment.

Budget set aside for winter: We decided in Budapest to set aside 1.000,- Euro for every winter EDM, as usually there are costs for the conference facilities. The room for the next winter EDM in France will not cost extra this time. So the budget set aside this time will just remain for the next winter EDM.

There are different accounts listed in the booklet:

The first account (ING Bank) is the main EDM account at ING Bank in Brussels. It shows all incoming donations and payments done for budgets. This account needs two signatures for any transaction (Paul WSO-E and one of the legal directors of the EDM legal association)

For the EDM meetings, cash needs to be withdrawn in Euro, and for the last EDM in Budapest also in local currency. Because the treasurer is from the UK which is not in the Euro Zone, he cannot withdraw money in Euro. It is also necessary to withdraw cash from cash machines with a card, so that the treasurer does not need to carry a lot of cash.

This is why the treasurer opened two different accounts in his name, to withdraw cash – one in Euro and one in Pound Sterling, giving local currency. These are the tables in the booklet on page 8/9, showing first the movements of cash taken from these two accounts (first two tables) and secondly the bank movements. As this system is very complicated, Paul from WSO-E has come up with a proposal for an easier solution.

#### **Bank account proposal** (Paul, WSO-E)

Now the treasurer has set up personal accounts in his own name, so that he can withdraw cash. To avoid this, two new accounts could be opened, to replace the current system.

One would be a current (day to day) account, the other one a deposit (savings) account which gives interests on the money deposited there. The new current account would have a card for cash withdrawals and would be accessed by both the treasurer and Paul. It would have only limited funds on it. The majority of funds would be kept on the deposit account and we would receive interest for it.

Signatories to the accounts could be as follows: The current account can be accessed by one signatory alone, by card or by one signature for bank transfers. This could be the treasurer and Paul WSO-E.

Paul WSO-E or two directors of the legal association could be signatories to the deposit account. Paul would also be able to sign alone.

#### Questions

Q – Would it be possible to have accounts that require two signatories, as it is done at the moment?

Becky (NAWS) – It is not customary any more to use bank accounts that require two signatories. NAWS would guarantee for this, as Paul is employee of NAWS.

Jim (Treasurer) – up to now, the treasurer suggests the amounts to be transferred to the Steering Committee members. Two people have to countersign (or “ok”) this transaction, so that it can be done. When the accounts are changed as suggested, it would be like this: The treasurer asks to have the certain amounts transferred from the deposit account to the current account, so that the transfers can be done. The Steering Committee members “Ok”s these amounts, and Paul will then transfer the amounts to the current account. Then Jim will do the transfers. There will never be a significant amount of money on the current account.

Q – is there a limit to cash withdrawals and the moneys that can be moved?

Paul (WSO-E) – there is no limit to transfers. Cash withdrawals can be around 1000 Euro per week. We can put a limit ourselves to the amounts we decide to move.

#### Discussion about the signatories.

It puts a lot of responsibility one person, to be the sole signatory.

We decided in Budapest that Paul would be a signatory to the bank account in Brussels. Technically, he can now be a sole signatory. Practically, we still do two signatories for each transfer. But it is not necessary from the side of the bank.

It is very complicated to change the signatories in the current system. There have been problems every time, it was not easy to install the program, codes did not work, during transition periods there was no access to the account, transfers could not be done.

Feelings expressed from the body is that it would feel more secure to have more than one signatory for the accounts. UK hands in a proposal. More discussion around this.

Toby (Chair) – there seem to be two conflicting areas in this proposal. There is the question about the signatories. But also it is a question of what is practical. We will ask Paul and Jim to present a clearer proposal and discuss it later during the weekend. Meanwhile everyone can ask more information from Jim and Paul and discuss it among delegates.

### **12.20 – 12.30 ECCNA 25 Helsinki opening report**

There are around 10.000 Euro in the accounts. The budgets seems balanced and we have no big worries.

The ECCNA-Program is now on the website. Chairs and speakers for the meetings have been organized. Service positions are mostly filled.

There were not a lot of people at the ECCNA committee meetings, but many members have declared willingness to serve during the convention.

Entertainment starts on 9 pm on Friday and on Saturday. Tickets are 12 Euros for both nights.

Registration will open at noon for the convention.

There are rooms for spontaneous meetings available.

Translation booths will be given to communities for each meeting first come first serve basis.

### **Lunch Break**

### **14.00 – 17.30 Community Reports**

**Sweden** (Veronica and Kenneth) – report in mailing #3

NAWS News is now news translated to Swedish

A workgroup is preparing a bid for ECCNA 2011

**Israel** (Yuval and Oded) – report in mailing #3

Convention at the end of September will have a video conference of a meeting transmitted to the jail.

The Service structure started from creating a region and later the areas. Some groups don't belong to an area and come to region on their own. Each representative has one voice, whether he represents a group or an area. We want to change this very gently now.

Translations: many people don't understand English. There is a lot of material coming from NAWs and we can't translate all of it. That way we miss an important part of communication. We need help deciding priorities what we really need to translate.

**Portugal** (Sergio) – report given out

Cape Verde has contacted Portugal to be part of the Portuguese region. We try to support them.

Portuguese convention had 600 registrations.

PI of Porto area has sent posters to police stations and plans to do this in the region as well.

Phoneline is working 3 days a week from 8-10 pm and answering machine. Calling is free.

**Poland** (Aga) – report in mailing #3

11 people from Poland attended the workshops in Budapest. Sweden is our sponsor region. Polish members attended their Area and RSC meetings. We now have more service positions filled. Regional assembly is being planned. The translations committee is working well now. Poland has now been seated at the World Service Conference.

- Our region asked for experience about dividing process of an area.

Yuval (Israel) – an area is supposed to be raised by itself, from inside, not to be divided by the region.

Veronica (Sweden) – our area divided. We asked for experience and held workshops about how to do that.

Toby (Spain) – reasons to divide an area can be distance or number of people. A new area can ask to be sponsored by another area. I come from a very remote town, we tried to form our own area but it didn't work. We now participate in a distant area, it is great to feel "part of".

Miko (FD) – the region should not force it on the area. Do it together with them, hold workshops, share experience.

**Norway** (Per) – report given out

Translations and phoneline are working.

H+I and PI work on area level. Regular meetings take place in prisons. One area uses stamps for court ordered meeting attendance.

Several conventions in the region; one is a camping convention for a whole week. Norway celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September.

Norway made a large donation to EDM.

- The regional meeting rotates between the areas. This costs a lot of funds. Any experiences?

Ana (France) – funds are used to carry the message.

Tom (World Board) – an option might be to reduce the number of meetings. Rotation helps all areas to feel included.

Natalia (Western Russia) – the areas present a bid when they want to host the region meeting. Sometimes there is more than one bid. We don't really save money, no matter where the meeting is. There is always someone who has to travel. We also see it as Fellowship Development activity.

**Ireland** (Niall and Michael) – report given out

Convention will have workshops on the Issue discussion topics Communication and Leadership.

The service office is going well. It is managed by a regional ad hoc committee.

**Spain** (Teresa and Miguel) – report given out

A committee has been formed to support the World Convention next year in Barcelona. Mainly they will administer the service volunteers for the convention and help giving the convention a "European" flavor. Information will be in the next NA Way at the end of summer.

The Spanish region had planned to make a raffle to raise money for EDM 2009. But now we feel that this is not necessary and the EDM has enough funds at the moment. Our servants are very tired and very busy with World Convention. Now we would like to stop preparing this raffle.

**Croatia** (Sanda) – report in mailing #3

Croatia is very very small, no service structure. About 20 members in the country. We are very much connected with the other groups in former Yugoslavia. We discussed but decided against forming a service structure together with them. We hope each community will grow enough to form their own structure. We have a lot of activities together but we feel the service structure would be something artificial.

Members from UK are “sponsoring” us.

The last Convention in Croatia was really great, visitors from UK and about 40 members from Hungary. Translation has finished 3 IPs.

- We consider registering as NGO. Are other communities registered locally or part of an international NGO? What guidelines / bylaws do you have?

Jussi (Finland) – we have a local legal association and our guidelines comply to Finnish law.

Joao (Portugal) – the big challenge was to adapt our guidelines to our principles in service. This took time.

Ilona (Lithania) – the statutes are just to comply with the law, so we made them as it was required. Then we work as we wish to do service.

Natalia (Western Russia) – every area has it's own legal association. Some are registered as a charity, some as non-profit association. We don't include the 12 traditions in the bylaws.

Aga (Poland) – we started to organize this but we did not pursue it. People needed who are willing to take long-term responsibility.

**Malta** (Simon) – report in mailing #3

Second Malta Convention took place and was very successful.

A new meeting has started, now we have 4 meetings. Newcomers arrive.

Malta donates 100 Euros to the EDM.

We have formed a local translation committee with five members, creating the glossary.

We are again bidding to hold the EDM, this time for Summer 2009.

### Short break

**France** (Ana) – report given out

The French region has 4 Areas: 2 in Paris, 1 in Marseille (south) and 1 in Nantes (west) with a total of 83 meetings in all France: 46 in Paris and around Paris, 3 in the north, 2 in the east (Montbeliard), 17 in the south area, 16 in the west of France 1 in Tahiti and 1 in Guadeloupe.

Regional meetings take place 6 times a year. Our office is outside of the center of Paris and we are trying to move to the center of Paris. Because the office is far, we don't meet often there. We agreed that that is important to have an easy location for us to meet.

Elections for the regional services took place in March 08. We have a new chair and a new treasurer. We have a lack of servants at a regional level.

PI: The minister of Justice and the minister of health will refer NA to judges, doctors and prisons. This is a very big step for NA France. We will be recognized in France as a serious organization that saves lives.

PI did a survey at the last regional convention and we come to the conclusion that most part of newcomers come from the only 12 step treatment center in France which is located near Paris.

- PI would like help how to contact ministries and how the fellowship can receive people from institutions. Please ask your PI committees to contact the French delegates.
- What function do the directors of the legal association have within other regions?

Sergio (Portugal) – the legal association is a sub-committee of the region. The coordinator of this committee reports to RSC.

Yuval (Israel) – the legal association is there only because of the law. The Steering Committee will choose people and it will be outside of the service structure.

- Do you have reports on your websites?

Joao (Portugal) – we had a link on our website and only members of the region can receive that link.

Everyone can access and read the reports. The reports don't have names and addresses in them.

Natalia (Western Russia) – chapter 10 of the PR handbook suggests to not post reports, especially with financial information. So we have taken them off.

Toby (chair) – we have the EDM minutes on the EDM website.

**Hungary** (Eszti) – in mailing #3

Since EDM in Budapest, the fellowship greatly benefits from EDM, there is more support.

We have formed a new area and committees for H+I and PI.

Translations: we are in the approval process of some literature. We decided to finish this first before starting new translations.

**Greece** (Pavlos and Konstantine) – report given out

Meetings in Athens have closed because of lack of service. New meetings being opened in Korinth and Korfu.

New layout of the website, which brings more visits and more email contacts.

We are good at conventions! We used to have all kind of other activities at conventions, but as they are not NA-related, we are not including them in the program any more.

**Egypt** (Mohamed and Karim) – report in mailing #3

There are 22 groups now. Two phone hotlines are working in 16 hour shifts.

There has been a lot of PI efforts. We did phone interviews for television.

Egypt did a membership survey. Membership has increased very much.

Egypt is planning to bid for winter EDM 2010. Prices are really cheap.

- Some questions which we need experiences about registration process
  1. How did they choose and elect the members of the legal association?
  2. How does the region or the area contact the legal association?
  3. How does the legal association report to the area or region
  4. How long do the members of the legal association stay?
  5. What are the names of the legal association?

Portugal, France and French-speaking Switzerland region have similar laws. Please contact them directly.

Also NAWS has very much information from many different communities.

**Finland** (Jussi) – report given out

Translations committee has been revived and has almost finished “it works how and why”.

We have been contacted by a TV channel asking to present NA.

We would like some workshop material from NAWS.

**Lithuania** (Ilona) – report in mailing #3

Service positions have been filled again. Some new meetings in prison.

We made stickers and a phone line and members got really inspired for PI work.

We did a PI presentation at police stations together with members from AA.

We now have our first edition Basic Text.

Translations committee is working, but we are concerned about the quality.

We had the FD trip at our convention. Dave from UK participated and it was a great unifying experience.

Baltic Convention takes place regularly together with Estonia and Latvia; but we would like more and better communication with the neighbour regions.

- We ask for experience in Literature Translation Committee work on editing (quite some people translate but they leave quite a lot of mistakes, and only one or two are editing)

Pavlos (Greece) – editing takes most time and is really difficult.

Aga (Poland) – people editing do not necessarily need to speak English, but good Polish.

Sigrid (Germanspeaking) – we work as have online translation committees. We have developed a system of editing the translation. 3-4 members edit each chapter, this is sent on from one member to the next until consensus is reached on the wording. It helps very much to have a good basic translation.

Joao (Portugal) – we are doing a new edit on all our literature. Having a good glossary helps a lot. NAWS also supports us with proof reading.

- We ask for experience of neighbouring regions cooperation and common events. We want to develop further our cooperation with other Baltic countries, we visit each other at conventions, but what else could we do?

Toby (chair) – Sweden sponsors Poland, members from Germany did a workshop in Amsterdam. Please share your experiences directly.

**Frenchspeaking Swiss** (JD and Sophie) – report in mailing #3

We have done a lot of work building strong PI relations. Professionals are looking at us differently now. We split the committees for PI and for H+I to two separate committees, PI as area and H+I as local committees. But H+I is not benefiting from that. So we have started to re-unite both committees.

Events ad hoc committee wants to do fundraising for EDM and is suggesting that all events donate a part of their revenues to EDM.

We organise workshops at our convention inspired by the workshops from NAWS and at EDM.

“Inappropriate behaviour” is frequently an issue, we had workshops and translated the UK flyer about this.

**Western Russia** (Natalia and Andrey) – report in mailing #3

Ukraine has joined the Western Russia region. The next RSC will take place in Odessa, this will be very expensive. Therefore we have changed the funding policy asking areas that want funding to make their request in advance.

124 groups were present at our first regional assembly! All groups from the old European part of Russia were there, but nobody from Belarussia and other far-away groups.

Medication is a sensitive issue for us.

We have a sub-committee for FD. We had workshops in Kiev and Odessa.

Translations: Just for Today is printed now. Step working guide is also approved.

We donate 300 Euros to EDM.

- We would like to ask the delegates to share with us any problems they ever had with receiving literature and keytags shipments either from USA or Belgium. We mean legal problems like customs, taxes and fees, etc. And solutions you found to those problems.

Paul (WSO-E) – it might be possible to receive clearance via the legal association.

Toby (chair) – consult with NAWS about how this might be done. Solutions might be similar for other Eastern European countries.

- We need your experience with fundraising. What ways do you use to raise your funds other than Convention and literature sales? Our treasury depends very much on literature sales, and since we've experienced major problem with customs and have not been able to receive and distribute enough literature, our regional income have been very low, and we are going to have no funds available to provide most services at the next Regional meeting as most donations were made at the last meeting and no more big donations are expected.

Pavlos (Greece) – we asked members to bring work of arts (paintings, sculptures etc) about an NA theme and made an auction with them. It was fun and we made some money with it.

Aga (Poland) – we always have an auction of different NA items. At parties, the contributions or sandwiches and cakes can be used to raise funds.

**German-speaking Region** (Andreas and Martina) – report given out

We had a motion at our RSC to quickly translate the PR handbook, because we urgently need it for PI work. As we don't have the resources to translate it on our own, we are asking NAWS to have it professionally translated for us.

The eastern part of Germany has very few meetings. The Berlin area formed an outreach committee to support them.

The Regional Convention made good money, so we donate 500 Euro each to NAWS and to EDM.

We have created a documentation project for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which is a printed booklet and a CD with a lot of bonus material.

- People in the Region are having 12 Step Workgroups. They use the Step Working Guide and write and share about the steps together. We are not sure if these are NA.

Natalia (Western Russia) – this is a common thing in Russia. People work steps in small groups, but it is a private thing. They are not NA groups.

Yuval (Israel) – This is the only way we write steps in Israel. But we don't use flyers for that. People just do it.

Joao (Portugal) – we don't do that in Portugal, but they do it a lot in Brasil. They get together with their sponsors and in groups and work the steps. We say the only way to not do it is to do it alone. So we don't question ourselves if this is NA or not NA.

## **Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting starts with reading of Just for Today

### **9.00 – 10.00 NAWS Report**

World Service Conference:

World Service Conference took place in April. A brief summary is in NAWS News

105 seated regions were present at WSC, 7 have been newly seated. From Europe: Poland and Egypt.

Approved new literature: 6<sup>th</sup> edition Basic Text, IPs "Youth" and "to Parents"

New (old) medallion style was adopted

The new Issue Discussion Topics are "Communication" and "Leadership"

Literature pricing has been tied to the Dollar in the past. But expenses are mostly in Euro. Now regions in Europe should have a conversation about literature pricing, adapted to the expenses in Euro not the exchange rate in Dollar.

New Membership Survey from 2007 available.

Paul (WSO-Europe) and Siamak (WSO-Iran) run the branch offices.

Contact person for mailings to the delegates is [elaine@na.org](mailto:elaine@na.org)

Website:

Please use the FTP-Site (file archive site) on na.org to post material, e.g. legal association by-laws, guidelines, experiences because they can be of use for many others.

Material on "Leadership" is available on the website now.

Website is being re-designed and re-organized.

WSC-FTP site contains all sorts of material including videos and pictures. You need access details available from NAWS. There is also a CD with this material. Please treat pictures of members with confidentiality!

Current projects:

edits to the Service Pamphlet "NA and Medication"

re-writing to the "Self-Support" IPs

New book project about "Living Clean"

New project "Service System"

All other new projects are listed in NAWS News

NAWS participation in International Conferences in Europe:

International Congress on Addiction will take place Cyprus, Greek members will participate.

Forum against Drugs in Stockholm

International Society of Addiction Medicine in South Africa in November, in connection with this a FD trip is planned for Kenia and South Africa.

World Convention in Barcelona in August 2009. A support committee is helping to adapt this usually North America focussed event to a European flavour. Please contribute suggestions for speakers, workshops, topics. Pre-registration and links to hotels will be online from September 1<sup>st</sup>. Pre-registration is also for events, banquets, dances and other events.

The last World Convention in San Antonio was no financial success. As the convention centre in Barcelona is very expensive, please pre-register so that attendance can be planned better. Estimate is between 4000 and 7000 attendees, that is a big margin for planning. The World Convention never makes money with registrations, but we try to break even through events.

We will have a Public Information room; as an experiment an external PR firm will be asked to support this.

**Break****10.30 – 12.20 NAWS workshop for EDM - "Translation issues"**

The body splits into four workgroups. Two of the groups are communities that have most of the recovery literature translated already, the other two groups are still working on translations or don't have them approved yet. Focus for the first groups is "communications", how to prioritize, how to summarize, what to chose, how to communicate the information. The other groups will focus more particularly on sharing experiences about translations, where they are, what challenges they face.

Group 1

*Challenges:* Too much material and too little time to do the translation

Deadlines are too short (eg. for CAR)

Priorities of information needing to be translated, new material usually lands at the end of long list.

Lack of enthusiasm to translate Service material, as recovery literature is already translated

Lack of people who do the work, lack of experience

Unclear meaning of words

*Solutions:* use diagrams and powerpoints for service information – simplicity!

Create simple, short versions of long texts (eg. CAR)

Longer deadlines

Have a resource pool of members willing to work on translation projects

Leading by example, strong homegroups

Be self-supporting and pass on donations – makes people feel part of – increases willingness to participate

Identify members also from other language groups

NAWS translate material before sending it out

Audio-translation might be simpler

Extra funding for travel to do workshops, eg. about the CAR

Awareness for responsibility

Group 2

*Challenges:* service material is too complicated

Portuguese community is very large and they feel there is nobody within NAWS to take care of their literature

Complacency in relations to translations or literature available in other regions

*Solutions:* condensing the material, use summaries  
 Long-term planning for prioritizing, e.g. two years  
 Pool resources, so that work doesn't double  
 Contribute to professional translations  
 Ask the groups what needs to be translated, then find members to do it  
 Delegates need to pass on relevant literature

### Group 3

Mainly drafts, but not much approved literature.  
 Not much recovery experience makes it difficult to find good translations.  
*Solutions:* Don't have too many people involved in translations  
 Concentrate more on the professional translations  
 Put English version of literature on the tables, if translations are not available: creates interest for translations  
 For illiterate people: use CDs

### Group 4

*Challenges:* Commitment and continuity  
 Proof-reading and editing: lack of resources, know-how, how to educate members  
 Conceptual fidelity: verbal translation vs. good readable text  
 Communication with NAWS  
*Solutions:* Good basic translation  
 Leadership and structure within the committee  
 Clear communication system with NAWS and person assigned for communication  
 Online workgroups involve members from different towns  
 Small workgroups with continuity and clear system  
 Importance of a good glossary  
 "worksheet" for editing, to help members know how and what to edit  
 for editing have members with good local language skills (more important than good English)  
 don't get lost in perfectionism  
 have patience

Becky (NAWS) – Clarification of what the term "professional translator" means: NAWS has very limited success with using non-member professionals. Periodicals and other materials are usually translated by members who are also professional translators, but work on deadlines not as volunteers. Proof-reading and editing by external editors is ok.

Translations in Spanish and Farsi are a matter of demand. The amount of literature downloaded and bought in these two languages is more each as all the other literature languages together.

## **12.20 – 13.15 Zonal nominations for World Service positions and EDM election procedures – proposal** (meeting booklet, page 11-19)

Sisko (Vicechair) – In Budapest, a workgroup presented some material how to incorporate a procedure for Zonal nominations into the EDM. Also we noticed that in order to work efficiently, we need to revise the guidelines for the election procedures. As this suggests changes in the same section of the Orientation Pack, the workgroup made a combined proposal – changes are marked in yellow. This was sent out in mailing #2. In the booklet, the yellow marks are not visible.

### Questions and discussions

Page 12 – new paragraph:

**In order to have continuity and good transfer of knowledge, a trusted servant can after a completed term, be nominated and elected to serve for 1 additional year if the EDM body deems this appropriate.**

Q – alternates are elected half-way through the term, after one year. Why not for the whole two years?

Jim (Treasurer) – I was on that workgroup a couple of years ago, when this guideline was set up. The reason was money. It was decided that the alternate does not have to be present, but that he/she will receive training by phone, email etc. For this training period, one year was found appropriate.

Q – is this only relevant when then the vice-position is vacant? Or will it potentially interfere with a regular election process?

A – this paragraph was inspired by reality. There have been no alternates for both Secretary and for Treasurer in the past two years. It should open a new possibility to have a hand-over period, when there is no alternate. We don't have this possibility up to now. According to current guidelines, the servant can apply for another two year period, along with the new candidates. If the new candidate was elected, he/she would

have to start immediately into the commitment, without training. This does not promote sticking to the service, it is up to the group conscience to do the election.  
Extended discussions around this.

Page 17 – suggestion for an addition to the first paragraph

- **Submission of nominations will be made by EDM delegates or by nominees themselves whenever a position is up for rotation, either at the summer or winter EDM....**

page 18 –

**All candidates have been a member of the EDM in any capacity within four years before the date of nomination.**

Q – why four years? Why not more?

A – because it is important that a majority of the body knows the person. We can make a nomination because of our experience of service with the person.

More discussion about this.

**The candidates should not be nominated by their region or the World Board.**

Q – why is this relevant? Would prefer to take this out.

A – this would avoid people to “collect” nominations. But it’s not really necessary.

A strong feeling from the body is that some points of this proposal need more discussion. Also, the election procedure and the zonal nomination proposal should be two different things. Topic postponed to Saturday.

### **Lunch Break**

#### **15.00 – 15.45 FD Reports & Discussion** (meeting booklet, page 27-41)

Miko (FD chair) and Joao (FD Vicechair) –

The report includes the report of the Central European Workshops in Budapest after the last EDM. There is also a report from the FD trip to Lithuania, and an FD-request received from South Africa.

The FD resource pool is to help us find members who are willing to participate in different activities in different countries. We tried to contact the members we have currently registered and had very little responses. Please update your contact information and/or fill in a form. We have the idea to involve the delegates more in recommending members.

#### Absent communities reports:

We have contacted members in communities that don’t usually participate in the EDM and asked them to send a report. We received reports from members in Bulgaria, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and from South Africa; these were sent out with mailing #3 in the Community reports.

#### FD request South Africa

South Africa has contacted EDM asking for FD workshops at their South Africa convention in October. The Steering Committee has responded to this letter, inviting South Africa to send a report and that they are welcome to participate at the EDM. We also contacted NAWS and informed them about this request. NAWS informed us that they are planning a trip to South Africa, visiting an international conference and holding workshops there in November. Our feeling is that while every community is welcome to participate in the EDM meetings, this does not immediately mean we are able to do FD work there.

Becky (NAWS) – South Africa is the only developed community over there. All other communities are very small and isolated. They do a tremendous lot of FD and PI work. Most members used to be white and indian; this is changing now, so that members of all social levels and groups can be reached. South Africa, next to China, is the biggest challenge to carry the message.

#### **15.45 – 16.30 Bids for Summer EDM 2009**

##### **Malta Bid for Summer EDM**

Simon (Malta RD) – The World Convention is in August. So we inquired at the venues for September and Oktober, which is off-season. Prices are for 4 different hotels. July would be more expensive.

Prices were asked for one conference room, but smaller rooms would certainly also be possible.

Average prices to travel to countries in Europe are around 300 Euros. Easyjet and Ryanair also fly to Malta.

The Maltese community strongly believes we would benefit very much from EDM. We exist about 6 years. In the past years we got closer to EDM, start building up a structure. We are very small, new ideas come very slowly. Everytime we have someone from outside visiting, we experience a boost in enthusiasm. Having EDM in Malta would give other members the chance to interact and benefit from EDM.

### **NAWS – proposal for Summer EDM**

Becky (NAWS) – we spoke to Conor in Budapest about our proposal. Conor suggested to write a letter. We sent this letter to the Steering Committee and they felt it would not be fair to send this letter to the delegates before the delegates had seen the bid from Malta.

The letter is distributed and read.

The proposal is that delegates consider to have the EDM meeting before or after the World Convention in Barcelona. This way members would not have to decide whether to go to the World Convention or to the EDM. The delegates would not be funded for the Convention, but they would have the opportunity to stay on after EDM. It would be a great Fellowship Development Opportunity, as NAWS will be funding members from those very small communities that would not be able to attend neither the convention and even less the EDM.

Venues have not been investigated yet, but it would not be in the same venue as the World Convention. The meeting room would very probably be for free and we could get the same special rates for hotels as have been negotiated for the World Convention.

### **Discussions**

It has been discussed since EDM in Geneva (winter 2007) that EDM has the option to ask NAWS for support. This would be an opportunity. But it has not been discussed, so communities were asked to bring bids. Now we have two options to decide.

Pro's and contras of both options are discussed.

Uneasy feelings about the situation are expressed. It is not clear how to consider these two options. One is a bid, one is a proposal or an option. Questions are asked if the requirements for a bid are fulfilled and if both possibilities are to be considered. Delegates would have liked to have received the letter/bid from NAWS earlier.

Toby (chair) – During discussion time, there were no voices against either option, so both will be considered for voting.

Five minutes for private discussion is given.

One vote per community.

18 voting communities. Simple majority: 10 / 8. No majority was reached due to empty votes.

Vote repeated. 17 voting communities. Simple majority 9 / 8.

**Decision: Summer EDM 2009 will take place in Barcelona**

### **Break**

### **17.00 – 17.15 Bid for Winter EDM 2010 (suggestion from Egypt)**

Mohamed (Egypt) – we prepared our suggestion very short term. Prices and dates would have to be negotiated. Room prices around 140-200 \$ (90 – 150 Euro). Taxis from airport in Cairo, depending on the distance, max. 20 \$. Meeting room might cost around 2000 Euros plus extras. It is easy to get visa for Egypt. The fellowship is growing now. Egypt would benefit a lot to see and experience EDM members, to get new ideas. No government permit would be needed if the event is organized by EDM as an outside organisation; NA also holds conventions and is known to the authorities.

Questions around price of the meeting room. This would need to be negotiated.

The bid is incomplete, according to the Orientation Pack. Concerns are voiced about this. There are several options how to deal with this. It is up to the body to decide, if delegates feel ready to vote on this in principle. If not, we can ask Egypt to come back with a more detailed bid and vote on it then.

**Consensus: to ask Egypt to come back to present a more complete bid. Other communities are also asked to bring bids.**

## **17.15 – 17.30 Any matters arising from the meeting that need discussion**

**UK** (Nina and Liz) – report in mailing #3

Drug treatment professionals now refer people to NA.

The RDs try to do more workshops. Workshops at RSC are usually good, but more difficult at convention.

First service convention will take place soon.

Website is being re-designed by a workgroup, to make it more welcoming.

## **Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Meeting start with reading the Just for Today meditation.

### **9.00 – 10.30 FD Workshop for EDM: “Communications”**

Joao, Miko and Toby introduce the workshop.

There is a round of introduction, asking members to bring up one challenge they see in communication.

#### Challenges:

Integrity – one-sided communication – to do this workshop at home – communication as a road to unity – communication between sub-committees – between groups and region – balance the different needs for amounts of information – transporting information between service levels – complacency – respect and trust in communication – sending reports is not enough – no service structure, no challenges – new life beyond staying clean – regional level – open-mindedness, be oriented on solution – resistance and inability to feed back through the service structure – communication with neighbouring communities – staying in touch – don't detach the Steering Committee – raising interest for service – geographical distance between areas – responding to emails and phone – technical restrictions to use of email – lack of leadership – lack of service – information gets lost – get younger and newer people to do service – processes difficult to understand – speak on eye-level –(language!!!)

The body splits into 6 small groups to discuss one of the following questions (two groups per question)

1. How can I responsibly improve my communication?
2. What actions can we take to build communication throughout our service structure?
3. What resources/tools would help us to build effective communication links?

Each group is asked to give the two most important solutions they found discussing these questions.

Feedback is collected by the FD committee and will be presented in their report to the next EDM.

### **Break**

Members have expressed discomfort about Friday's bidding process for Summer 2009. Extensive room and opportunity for sharing of personal feelings and grievances is given.

### **11.45 – 12.00 Website report** (report sent out in mailing #2)

Sigrid (Secretary) –

We have heard in the communications workshop that the website is an important resource for communication! The webmasters term ends now. As we have received no resumes to this position, please inform your communities urgently that this position is open.

We have been in contact with the webmaster regularly. His report was sent out in mailing # 2. There is not much to add. One new translations of the “About us” page has been added, some more were received meanwhile. The webhosting has been paid, 79 Euro for one year. Visits to the site are increasing, also the number of contacts via the contact form. We receive questions from communities and members who would like to know more about the EDM or be added to the mailing list.

Some suggestions for additions and change: Roland has created a simple convention calendar as a Google calendar. This hasn't been added yet, because it was not quite clear yet who would manage this, and how. Also we have discussed the possibility for a forum. This would require some changes of the structure of the website from HTML to a content system. This also has been postponed, because it depends on the skills of the new webmaster.

#### questions and suggestions

Can the opening page of the ‘about us’ in other languages have countries in the local language or flags, so that people can get in more easily?

Nina (UK) – has the webservant stood down? A forum can be set up outside the website easily. Nina willing to moderate. Why not set it up now?

A – his term ends but will hand over to next person, but was hoping they'd be someone now. The forum and other things can be done when the next webmaster takes over.

### **Lunch Break**

#### **12 – 17 workshops at ECCNA**

12.00 – 13.30: NAWS Workshop at ECCNA: *“Willingness to serve, service, how to raise attraction for service and maintain the willingness”*

13.30 – 15.00: EDM Workshop at ECCNA: *“EDM and Your NA Community – “Past, Present, Pictures and Words”*

15.15 – 16.45: NAWS workshop at ECCNA: *“Medication & NA”*

#### **15.30 – 15:45 ECCNA guidelines workgroup**

Veronica (Sweden) – the workgroup was Veronica, Jussi, Liz and Conor. The results presented so-far are not a finished proposal. The group feels they need to collect input from the body and work on this more. So please everybody send comments and experiences! It would be good to have the possibility to meet in person, for example before or after an EDM meeting. Input can be sent to [edm\\_na@yahoo.com](mailto:edm_na@yahoo.com)

Liz (UK) – correction to the report in the booklet: I joined the committee because ECCNA took place in the UK, not because I had any experiences with this.

Konstantine (Greece) – Suggestion to ask for the report on the positive and negative points to be in some kind of standardized form.

#### **Workgroup is asked to continue working on the ECCNA guidelines.**

The workgroup needs a new member. The new workgroup will consist of Veronica, Jussi, Liz and Sergio.

The workgroup asks to be able to meet in person one day before the next EDM. This would be a new way of working. This would mean potential costs for one night and per diem for the three work group members present at the next EDM. This is to be understood as an extraordinary trial and is not meant to set a precedent. Would the body agree to this?

**Consensus to have the workgroup meet before the next EDM winter meeting in France.**

#### **16.00 – 16.50 Bank accounts proposal**

Jim (Treasurer) – I will try to clarify the proposal made during the treasury report on Friday.

Two new accounts would be set up, to replace the current accounting system:

The main account will be a savings account, where the bulk of money is kept.

The other account will be the current account, accessed for day-to-day and for transfers.

As suggested by the body, the savings account will have five signatories: 4 Steering Committee members and Paul from WSO-Europe. To move money from the savings account to the current account, any two signatories will be needed.

The day-to-day account will have two people able to access it: the treasurer and Paul from WSO-E. They can each effect payments alone. This account will also have a card to withdraw cash and to make payments.

Transfers: Today, the process we are using now is that all potential transfers are approved by the Steering Committee. When they have been approved, each transfer needs to be done by any two signatories. With the new proposal, the approval process for any transfers would remain the same. When approved, the complete amount for all expenses would be moved, by any two signatories, to the day-to-day account. From there, the treasurer and/or Paul can effect the payment of the individual transfers.

Cash: if cash is needed today, it needs to be transferred to the treasurer's personal account, because it is not possible to withdraw cash from the EDM account that currently exists.

With the new proposal, cash in the amounts previously approved could be withdrawn directly by a card.

If money comes in to the new day-to-day account, we can set up an agreed maximum level how much can be on this account. Everything over that would then be transferred back to the savings account by the treasurer and Paul.

### Questions and discussions

There are no transfer charges for transfers between the two accounts. Transfers would take only a few hours, when it is the same bank.

The maximum that would potentially be transferred to the day-to-day account depends on the amount of pending transfers. In the past it has been between 2000 and 5000 Euro maximum at one time. For EDM in Helsinki, the total monies transferred for costs of EDM was about 6500 Euro.

A savings account pays interest to the money. This does not seem against the principle of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

Question – NAWS has assured to assume liability for Paul WSO-E signatory of the EDM account. Would they assume liability also for the SC members? This would need to be clarified. But why should they?

The saving account cannot effect payments. But it might be possible to send donations directly to the savings account. Paul will clarify this.

We can set a maximum limit of money that is allowed to be on the day-to-day account. This can be a low amount during the year. It would then be raised, according to the budgets approved by the Steering Committee, shortly before the EDM.

As there are new elections this EDM, the signatories for the bank account will be changing. This proposal is put forth because it would be convenient to change all the bank signatories immediately to the new accounts.

Paul (WSO-E) – for the legal entity, the authorities require to have a complete transaction journal of all transactions on all accounts at any time. Currently this is complicated, because there are also the personal accounts of the treasurer. This is also an important reason for this system.

Toby (chair) – is anyone firmly against accepting this proposal?

Liz (UK) – would like more time to think about the proposal.

More questions and clarifications. Some discussion about the necessity to set a maximum amount of money to be allowed on the current day-to-day account. All amounts on the current account would be there according to budgets previously approved by the Steering Committee.

Toby (chair) – is anyone firmly against the proposal after the second stage of the consensus process?

Liz (UK) – would still need more time to think about the proposal. If it is not possible to make donations directly to the savings account, this does not seem a better proposal.

Toby (chair) – the decision will be postponed to first thing in the treasury report tomorrow.

### **Break**

### **17.10 – 18.40 Zonal nominations for World Service positions**

Sisko (vice-chair) – the workgroup in Wales and after that in Budapest was asked to present a proposal for a procedure how the EDM could make Zonal Nominations. In Budapest, the Steering Committee was also asked to work out amendments to the election process. As a member of this workgroup, as well as of the Steering Committee, I felt that these two subjects were closely related. It would also be the same section of the Orientation Pack. This is why we suggested a joint document in the Meeting Booklet. After the discussion yesterday, we have separated the two issues. We will now discuss them separately.

After yesterday's discussion, we have made some changes to the wording of the proposal: The amended proposal is shown on the screen.

- **Submission of nominations will be made by EDM delegates or by nominees themselves at the summer EDM preceding the World Service Conference. All candidates will send a service CV to the Steering Committee by the first morning of the summer EDM. Attendance is not essential for nominees.**
- **A full description of the service functions will be read out before nominees are announced.**
- **Each candidate has to be nominated by one delegate and seconded by one other delegate.**
- **All candidates have been a member of the EDM in any capacity at any point of time**

- Questions can be asked of the candidates concerning their suitability for the position only if all of the nominees are present. If this is not the case no questions will be asked.
- All candidates present in the room during nomination process will be asked to leave so that delegates can discuss the nominations in open forum.
- All voting for supporting nominations will be conducted by a closed paper vote.
- A simple majority of all votes is required to be nominated for any of the World Service positions. We can nominate as many members we wish to.

Approved by consensus

### **EDM election procedures – proposal**

(page 17 in the booklet, page 11 in the Orientation Pack).

The Steering Committee was asked to go over the election process and add some points that were found missing. This is the next part of the proposal.

The suggested changes to the section on “General requirements and procedures” are presented on the screen. Suggestions for amendments marked in red:

#### **General requirements and procedure**

- Nominations will be made by EDM delegates or by nominees themselves whenever a position is up for rotation, either at the summer or winter EDM. All candidates will send a service CV to the Steering Committee by the first morning of the EDM. Attendance is not essential for nominees.
- A full description of the service functions will be read out before nominees are announced.
- Each candidate has to be nominated by one delegate and seconded by one other delegate.
- Questions can be asked of the candidates concerning their suitability for the position, only if all of the nominees are present. If this is not the case no questions will be asked.
- All candidates present in the room during election process will be asked to leave so that delegates can discuss the nominations in open forum.
- All elections will be conducted by a closed paper vote.
- A simple majority of all votes is required to be elected on to the Steering Committee or the Fellowship Development Committee. **(50 percent +1)** In a case where more than two persons are nominated, the person with the least amount of votes will be dropped from the procedure until one person receives a clear majority.
- The term of office for all EDM functions will be for two years. No more than two terms of office may be served consecutively.
- All new candidates for the Treasurer are asked, separately, if they are financially solvent in their own personal affairs.
- **The term of the newly elected candidate starts at the end of the current EDM.**

Approved by consensus

Sisko (vice-chair) – The next paragraphs suggested were not in the actual assignment that the body asked the Steering Committee to look at. While going through the guidelines, we noticed some more things that we are presenting now.

#### **Webmaster**

- The role of the Webmaster is to administer and update the website [www.edmna.org](http://www.edmna.org)
- Minimum clean time requirement is five (5) years
- The Webmaster is not required to participate in the EDM meetings
- Will keep regular contact with the EDM Steering Committee by e-mail and phone
- **Must** be prepared to participate in SC on line meetings if necessary
- Collaborates with the WSO-E about all necessary steps concerning registration of the domain and webspace
- Information about technical prerequisites and skills can be obtained from EDM Steering Committee

#### Questions and clarifications:

This is a new paragraph.

The webmaster is not required to participate in the EDM meetings for financial reasons and because it is not a job that needs to be done during EDM.

The webmaster is not part of the Steering Committee.

Approved by consensus

**Vice Secretary**

- Will be elected mid-term i.e. one year into the Secretary's commitment
- Will be in touch with the Secretary by phone, fax, e-mail or snail mail
- Will be nominated, or nominate themselves, for the Steering Committee position, whether they are elected or not
- Will, *potentially*, have a 3-year commitment

**Vice Treasurer**

- Will be elected mid-term i.e. one year into the Treasurers commitment
- Will be in touch with the Treasurer by phone, fax, e-mail or snail mail
- Will be nominated, or nominate themselves, for the Steering Committee position, whether they are elected or not
- Will, *potentially*, have a 3-year commitment

The contents of these paragraphs are not new. They are taken from the beginning of the section on the Steering Committee guidelines (on page 10 of the Orientation Pack) To be more clear, we suggest adding them as separate positions to the Orientation Pack.

Questions and clarifications:

These are positions that the body elects during to the EDM.

The potential 3-year commitment includes a one-year hand-over period, during which the Vice position does not participate. After this year of training, he/she will then hopefully take over the main position.

More discussion on this paragraph.

The vice Secretary and Treasurer up to now do not participate in the EDM meetings. This was for financial reasons in the past. It can be discussed to change this.

Sisko (Vice-chair) – Can the Steering Committee go back and create a working document with further suggestions and re-wordings. This would be sent to all delegates to collect input. We would then further discuss this at our next meeting in France.

**Consensus for creation of a working document on amendments the Steering Committee section in the Orientation Pack.**

Suggested procedure to handle this working document:

Sisko sends out the document to delegates. There will be a deadline of 4 weeks to feed back input. Sisko will collect these suggestions and create a new working document. This will again be sent out to all delegates, with a new deadline. We will proceed with this experiment for three months and see how it goes.

Natalia (Western Russia) – the sentence that causes all this discussion is about the 3-year-commitment. Commitment does not mean “term” or “office”, it just means you are prepared to stand for the main position. Why can't we approve this now?

More discussion whether it is a good idea to have a work group or not.

Consensus stands.

**Resumes for Steering Committee Elections**

We have two resumes for the position of the Secretary. One is the current secretary who is willing to continue for a **one** year term, to train an alternate secretary into the position. The other candidate is willing to be the **alternate** Secretary and receive the training for one year. There has been no alternate up to now, so this is an exceptional situation. According to our guidelines, we would only have elections for the Secretary now. Would the body be prepared to accept both resumes under this condition?

Some questions and lively discussion about how to proceed with this situation.

The alternate/vice does not automatically rotate into the position but needs to be elected.

Proposal by UK Region:

That the current secretary's role is extended for one year.

Intent: to allow continuity and training at the EDM.

This would mean that only one resume by the candidate standing for the alternate position will be given out. The election would then be for alternate secretary.

Proposal seconded by Andreas (Germanspeaking Region).  
Is the body willing to accept this proposal?

More questions.

Pavlos (Greece) – it is late, I cannot make a clear decision at this time.

The consensus process suggests a straw poll who is in favour of this proposal.  
12 in favour – 1 against (voting now) – rest abstention.

Toby (chair) – we will postpone the decision until tomorrow.

The resumes will both be given out now. Not all communities are present now. Do you agree that these communities can receive the resumes tomorrow morning? Body says yes. Please hand back the resumes tomorrow after the election, as this is confidential information.

## Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>

Meeting start with reading the Just for Today meditation.

### 9.00 – 10.00 Closing treasury Report

Jim (Treasurer) –

Opening amount in bank	39.298,77 €
Ring-fenced money	20.010,48 €
Amount accessible	19.288,29 €
Cash	499,79 €
<b>Available</b>	<b>19788,88 €</b>

(+ 317,48 £ in Sterling account)

We decided that each EDM we would put aside money for summer EDM 2009 and winter EDM 2010. But the amount in the bank is quite high, so it might not be necessary to put aside more money now.

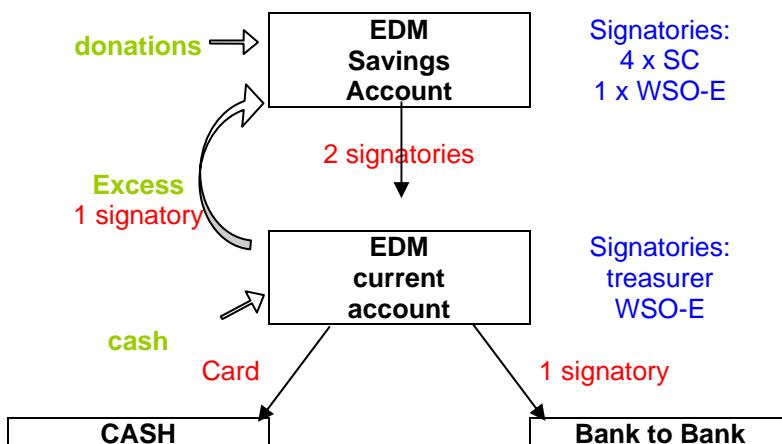
Budget requests:

Funding to the next winter EDM are from Egypt, Western Russia, Turkey, Lithuania, Hungary.

Funding to the next summer EDM from Poland.

Requests for FD activities from Western Russia and from Malta.

### Bank proposal



### UK – amended proposal

That the main EDM bank account (savings account) has five signatories with any two to sign, and that all deposits and donations are placed directly into this account.

Intent: to ensure accountability and protection of members and monies, while taking into account service rotation.

Another proposal made by Israel. Discussion whether to combine both proposals. As part of the Israel proposal is already covered by the UK proposal, Israel withdraws.

Toby (chair) – is anyone against the UK proposal?

**Consensus to set up the banking account as suggested by the treasurer and requested by UK proposal.**

### **Elections proposal on Secretary position**

Proposal by UK Region:

That the current secretary's role is extended for one year.

Intent: to allow continuity and training at the EDM.

Toby (chair) – explains the discussion as taken place in the afternoon session. Is there anyone against this proposal?

**Consensus to extend the role of the Secretary for one year to assure training to an alternate**

### **Winter EDM France in March 2009**

The venue is not a hotel but a monastery. They want to know in advance how many people will be coming. They have 70 rooms, 30 rooms have showers and toilets inside; these have been pre-booked for EDM. These are 12 single rooms and 18 double rooms. There will be a Convention taking place at the same time and the remaining rooms have been booked for the convention.

Price for double room is 45,50 per person and 48,50 for single room or single use of the room. This includes full board and one coffee break.

The conference room is free. Internet access is available. The room is fully equipped with microphones and other things. One coffee break is included, costs for extra coffee will be negotiated.

Airport is Marseille. There is public transport, but airport pickup can be arranged.

The next town is Aix-en-Provence, which is 10 minutes driving distance.

**As the host committee has pre-booked the rooms and needs to pay a deposit for it, please confirm as soon as possible to edm\_na@yahoo.com and reserve your room. The room will need to be paid in cash when you arrive.**

**Break**

### **10.00 – 10:30 Elections for SC Chair and SC Vice-Secretary**

open positions are for Chairperson and Vice Secretary and Webmaster. Resumes for Chair and alternate Secretary have been given out. There is one candidate for each position.

The description in the Orientation Pack on the requirements and duties of the service positions is read.

Introduction of the candidates, asking for a proposer and a seconder of each candidate.

If the candidate is present, questions can be asked to them

The candidate leaves the room, if present.

A discussion can take place about them.

Options for voting: put the name or leave blank (abstain).

We reduce the amount of voting communities by the amount of abstentions. A 2/3 of voting participants needs to be present (not abstaining) for the election to be valid.

50 % majority is needed.

Election for Chairperson:

One candidate : Toby (Spain), currently the acting chair.

Proposer: Jussi, seconder: Nina

Possibility for questions to the candidate. No questions. Toby leaves the room.  
 There is room for discussion. No discussion.  
 19 voting communities. Majority would be 10/9.  
**Toby is elected.**

#### Election for Vice-Secretary

One candidate: Natalia (Western Russia).  
 Proposer Andrey (Western Russia), seconder Michael (Ireland)  
 Possibility for questions to the candidate. No questions. Natalia leaves the room.  
 There is room for discussion. No discussion.  
 19 voting communities. Majority would be 10/9.  
**Natalia is elected.**

### **10.30 – 10.45 ECCNA 25 Helsinki closing report**

645 people have registered. Not all people have paid full registration.  
 486 party tickets were sold.

Money income until Sunday morning: 33.392,- Euros plus the 5000,- seed money from EDM.  
 Expenses are around 38.000 Euros.

Lots of merchandise still left, hopefully there will be some more income today.

Almost every Finnish newspaper has an article on the convention published. This is the first time there is news information about NA in Finland. It was also mentioned in a radio show. This is a great opportunity for PI work in Finland.

Newcomers from treatment centres have also been present.

#### **Break**

### **11.00 – 11.30 Matters arising from meeting to be discussed**

#### Dates for Summer EDM in Barcelona

Suggestion to have the EDM before the World Convention, but on the days Saturday to Tuesday on the weekend before the convention starts. People who are staying on for the convention would have one day off in between, activities for the convention then start on the Thursday. Also this would mean members only need to take one week off work. World Convention is 21-23. August 2009, the suggested dates for EDM would then be from 15.-18. August 2009.

**Consensus for the dates for summer EDM to be held from 15.-18. August 2009, before the World Convention on 21.-23. August 2009.**

A powerpoint presentation about EDM is shown. This can be obtained from the FD committee. As it contains pictures from EDM members, please treat it with confidentiality.

### **Meeting sum up & close**

### Draft decisions taken during the weekend:

- Minutes of the last meeting approved
- **Summer EDM 2009** will take place in Barcelona, from 15.-18. August 2009, before the World Convention on 21.-23. August 2009.
- **Winter EDM 2010:** consensus: to ask Egypt to come back to present a more complete bid. Other communities are also asked to bring bids.
- **ECCNA Guidelines:** Consensus that the work group continues to work on their proposal for the ECCNA Guidelines
- Consensus to have the ECCNA Guidelines workgroup meet on the day before winter EDM meeting in France. This would mean potential costs for one night and per diem for the three work group members present at the next EDM. It is to be understood as an extraordinary trial and is not meant to set a precedent.
- **Zonal Nominations:** proposal approved by consensus as addition to the Orientation Pack.
- **Election Process:** suggested amendments to the paragraph on the election process (page 10 of Orientation Pack) approved.
- **Steering Committee Guidelines** (Orientation Pack page 9-13): consensus to include a paragraph about the webmaster position  
A working document will be created and emailed to the delegates, looking into further changes and additions to this section of the Orientation Pack.
- **EDM bank account:** Consensus to change the EDM bank accounts: two new accounts – one savings account and one current account.
- **Secretary position:** Consensus to extend the role of the Secretary for one year to assure training to an alternate.
- **Elections:** chair – Toby (Spain), vice-secretary – Natalia (Western Russia)

### Requests for funding and workshops

- Egypt – funding for winter 2009
- Western Russia – We would like to ask the EDM to fund our delegate (or the alternate) to attend the Winter EDM 2009
- Turkey – funding of one person to winter EDM 2009
- Hungary – accommodation and per diem to Winter EDM 2009
- Lithuania – funding to the winter EDM 2009
  
- Poland – We kindly ask for our delegate to be fund to the next summer EDM 2009.
  
- Malta – request for FD activity
- Poland – request for FD workshops (this will be carried out by members from Sweden with help and support from FD committee)
- Western Russia – we would like to ask the EDM to have a workshop in our Region whenever is convenient for the EDM, with most attention to the Eleventh Concept and any matters related to NA funds
- France – request for workshops to take place at their Convention during the winter EDM