

World Service History

Year	Meetings	
1942-52		<p>Book of Organizations list Narcotics Anonymous being registered in Lexington, Ky. Little is known of the operation or extent of this early formation. 1944 Bill Wilson was asked when he was speaking to College of Medical Science, Yale University about the existence of a Fellowship similar to AA but for Addicts, Mr Wilson was not aware of the Fellowship at that time - 1946 the name Narcotics Anonymous surfaced in the New York prison system and was believed to be a part of the outreach programs of the Salvation Army.</p> <p>In 1948 the Salvation Army "War Cry" has a picture of a member taking a cake for two years clean at the first meeting known outside of prison walls.</p> <p>That New York N.A. operated for a short while until 1952 when the laws in New York prevented Addicts from congregating. It should be noted that neither of these Fellowships nor the one that existed in Cleveland, Ohio (about which little is known) bear any resemblance or connection to the formation of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in California in 1953.</p>
1953	(1)	Founding - August 17th, First recovery meeting October 5th, Sun Valley, Calif
1954		
1955		
1956		First NA literature printed
1957		"NA becomes a "one man rule" and stops adhering to the Traditions" (Excerpt from talk by Jimmy Kinnon at N.A.'s 20th birthday celebration
1958		
1959		Narcotics Anonymous in California holds no meetings for 4 months
1960	(1)	
1961		
1962		Narcotics Anonymous White Booklet Published without stories
1963	(4)	
1964		
1965		<p>Board of Trustees of Narcotics Anonymous was established</p> <p>Parent General Service Organization established</p> <p>Stories added to the White Booklet</p>
1966	(10)	Meetings started in Northern California
1967		

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1968		The Voice of N.A. Newsletter first published
1969		Bylaws adopted for the Parent GSO
1970	(20)	
1971		First World Convention held in La Mirada, California
		Board of Trustees Literature Review Committee formed
1972	(70)	World Service Office opens on Crenshaw Blvd. in Los Angeles
1973		First Area Service Committee formed - San Fernando Valley
1974		
1975		The N.A. Tree published and service structure adopted
		Trustee Literature Review Committee becomes inactive
1976	(200)	First World Service Conference held in Ventura, California
1977		First Regional Service Comm. formed and WSO was incorporated
1978	(400)	First World Convention outside Calif. held in Houston, Texas
1979		First World Literature Conference - work begins on Basic Text
1980		
1981	(1100)	Grey Review and White Approval manuscripts published
1982		Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text was approved
1983	(2000)	Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text was published
		Temporary Working Guide to Service Structure First Edition
		Jimmy Kinnon fired from WSO manager position
1984	(3000)	World Public Information Committee formed
1985	(4000)	Professional Writer hired by WSO amid significant controversy
		Blue "It Works" Step and Traditions Book containing Fellowship material was released for review and input. Also first attempt to write a Guide to Service failed.
1986	(7000)	First World Convention outside the US was held in London
		White (professional) It Works released for approval amid significant controversy.
		Contract let to another professional writer for Traditions manuscript.
1987	(9136)	White (professional) It Works defeated by Fellowship, Ad Hoc devised by WSC to combine Blue & White Copies into one manuscript
		Professionally edited Basic Text, 4th Edition comes out amid great controversy. WSC devises rescue plan that gave us 5th Edition in 1988. Second attempt to write Guide to Service failed.

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1988	(11500)	WSC Joint administrative committee given broad, vague powers WSO proposes and passes motion (27) at Conference to separate itself from the spiritual Fellowship.
1989	(15000)	Vote changing and censorship of tapes at WSC JAC makes motions for first time Elections at WSC done amidst controversial "draft election procedures". Expanded Joint Administrative Committee proposed and defeated (motion 2). Unauthorized expanded JAC meets anyway. (July) Unasked for Guide to Service and Twelve Principles become focus of World Services. World Literature Committee ignores approved guidelines and accomplishes no work. WSC votes to allow Trustees to write Traditions for It Works without asking the Fellowship. Trustees refuse to use Fellowship approved literature process (see page 24 WSC '89 minutes for exact motion). Trustees create Ad Hoc Committee, no work accomplished by either body. East coast Area's and Region's begin serious consideration of formation of a new service structure based on the Twelve Traditions. WLC votes to change literature guidelines to include paid professionals or paid office staff or contracted N.A. members to write literature. Expanded JAC justified by changing the words JAC to Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service, proposed second meeting and met in January 1990. Twelve Principles of Service changed to Twelve Concepts of Service. Guide to Service edited and rewritten, first three chapters, Ad Hoc Committee continues pattern of unpredictability. St. Louis Quarterly Workshop, Regional Literature Chairs and RSR'S met to discuss concerns and establish better communication. RSR workshops for the East Coast and Midwest begin meeting in Baltimore. Regional Literature Newsletter started by Regions on East Coast.
1990		Conference Agenda Report Workshops scheduled, many Regions will be introducing important motions on the floor of WSC '90. Communication between Regions a must. Discussions about this document taking place among Regions, in the Fellowship Report. Fellowship literature committee proposed by Regions using '89 WLC guidelines (Fellowship Team Approach to develop recovery literature written by addicts for addicts).