

Addendum D

Current World Convention Guidelines in *A Guide to World Services in NA*

WORLD CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The primary purpose of the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA) is to provide a special celebration of our recovery, a reflection of our diversity, and a demonstration of our unity.

World Convention Zone Rotation Plan

As a result of the following motion passed at WSC 2023, this rotation plan is suspended until a new decision can be made:

Motion #8: As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.

Historically, the World Convention has usually been held the first weekend in September, which is the Labor Day holiday weekend in the USA. However, the World Board retains the right to set the date of the World Convention as appropriate. WCNA will be held every three years.

Year	Zone	Actual Site
2024	North America	Washington, DC 29 August–1 September 2024
2027	Europe	
2030	North America	
2033	Central and South America	

The current rotation plan will either continue or a new rotation plan will be presented to the conference in sufficient time for planning for the site of the 2036 World Convention.

There are zones in North America, Asia-Pacific-Middle East-Africa, Europe, and Central and South America. Rotation for WCNA is based on every other convention being held outside of North America.

Site Selection for the World Convention

During the initial phase of the site selection process for a particular zone, the Board notifies the Fellowship through world service publications that the site selection process has begun. The cities that are being considered are reported. Any region also has the ability to request that the WB consider a specific city in their region. All such cities will be subject to the site selection process as described in these guidelines.

The World Board considers many factors during the site selection process. The potential effect of a world convention on the local NA community, the desire and ability of the local community to host a world convention, and the sites of previous world conventions are all important considerations. Other factors that are considered during the site selection process are the availability of facilities for convention activities, aspects of the city that add a unique local flavor to the convention, and anything else that would make the overall package more attractive to our members.

The World Board has the responsibility to research, negotiate, and approve all potential sites for the World Convention. The planning period for the World Convention will vary from zone to zone. The first step in the selection process is to identify and list all cities in the zone that meet the following ideal, standardized criteria:

For USA and Canadian cities

- One million population in the metropolitan area.
- One hundred groups/meetings in the region.
- International airport.
- Sufficient number of hotel rooms and meeting space available for time needed.

For all other cities

- A half million population in the metropolitan area.
- Fifty groups/meetings in the region/NA community.
- Twenty-five groups/meetings in the city itself.
- International airport.
- Sufficient number of hotel rooms and meeting space available for time needed.

The initial list of eligible cities is then reviewed by the Board in light of achieving the objectives of the corporation and the anticipated needs of the event. A feasibility study of the remaining cities is then conducted. Based on this study, cities are identified for negotiations, and reports on these negotiations are developed for review by the World Board. The Board then makes its final decision or conducts further negotiations until a final decision is made and reported to the Fellowship.

WCNA Workgroup

Purpose

Although the World Board has the responsibility for the World Convention, the WCNA Workgroup plays an important role in its success. The purpose of the WCNA Workgroup is to support the World Board in specific areas of planning and implementation by providing input, volunteers, and assistance.

The direction and focus is set by World Services. The World Board will provide each WCNA Workgroup with a list of its responsibilities.

