

A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous

The National Community Grows: pages 23, 24

“Assemblies: Group service representatives from a number of locales can gather from time to time to coordinate outreach activities and discuss issues affecting NA on a territorial or national level. If a service body has been created to coordinate services affecting Narcotics Anonymous nationwide, such assemblies can give that national committee the guidance it needs to fulfill its responsibilities...

Central Service Coordination: Some NA services affect the fellowship nationwide...It is also in the best interests of the entire national community to responsibly handle requests for information or other services from national civic, professional, religious, and government organizations. Some means need to be created for coordinating these national services. These means may be as simple as the GSR assemblies described above. If enough leadership can be spared from group and local service responsibilities, a national area or regional committee might be formed. The national committee can either handle these services themselves or make arrangements for local groups to fulfill them.

Relations with NA Worldwide: ...A national NA community doesn't need to wait until it can support a fully organized region before it can start addressing the needs of groups nationwide. Remember, it's the function that's important, not the form, so keep your priorities in order. It works – but not overnight.”

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A Vision for NA Service

“NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power”

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ASK THE COMMITTEE: We would like to share with you an email sent by a member of our fellowship recently. (To protect anonymity, names have been removed)

Greetings,

My name is [name removed], and I am an addict. I am also the chairperson of the Southeastern Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous. I have been serving my ASC for more than ten years and have recently started having a hard time getting excited about service work. It began to become a little monotonous and I was looking for something new so I became a chair of a committee I had never served on before. Our areas outreach committee was struggling and had been for as long as I can remember. So I figured it might be a good place for me.

There was no policy, no members, and no responsibilities. After doing what the area directed us to do I began to ask again to the members of our Area for further direction. I was suggested by a member who had just attended the USSC to utilize the resources on the USSC website. Upon further curiosity I had asked him if he had ever called in to the conference call and he said he had not but would email the chair of the USSC Outreach committee and see if we could call in. When he called me back to say we should call in it was the beginning of the new found spirit of Unity, Hope and Excitement!

I have been involved with the USSC Outreach committee ever since. Ever since my first call in for help, I was met with open arms and made to feel so welcome. I felt as important as anyone else on the committee and our areas Outreach committee has flourished. We have begun to implement almost all of the suggestions we have received and we even have our own conference call happening in our area. Our once underwhelming attitude has now grown into a great spirit of unity and common welfare. I am forever grateful to the USSC outreach committee for fanning my own flame of desire and being there for all the members of the SEMA Narcotics Anonymous.

With Gratitude,
SEMANA Outreach Chair