2024 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE



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Fortunately, when I was still relatively new, I was introduced to a clearer and bigger picture of C.A. I'd been given an adequate presentation of the *12 Steps* and was grasping with urgency the recovery program of action; I was introduced to the *12 Traditions and 12 Concepts* soon after and the realization that our structure needed such guidance so our Fellowship of 'misfits and miracles' could survive as a valuable resource for those yet to come.

Our service structure when applied without compromise is a true democratic system. The collective voice of the Fellowship has the opportunity to express itself at our annual World Service Conference [WSC]. Our frailties and faults are usually driven by haste and indecision...we can still be prone to emotional driven necessity, what feels good isn't always what's best.

I began to familiarise myself with the C.A. *World Service Manual*, hardly enjoyable reading but hugely beneficial in beginning to understand how our Fellowship interacts at and with each level and how participation is offered, established and maintained.

This year's W.S. Conference (2024) was our 40th Conference and attending Area Delegates, Trustees and WSO Board members fully embraced their responsibility and diligence. The voting members collectively recognized as the group conscience of C.A. as a whole.

I've often heard misgivings regarding sending Area Delegates to our W.S. Conference but for C.A. Areas able to send Delegates they obviously should. They should also hold the Delegates to account by requesting that Delegates prepare themselves throughout the year with many hours of reading, research and reporting. It is then the job of the Delegates to report with enthusiasm the outcome of business carried out.

One of the most important and often overlooked roles of our W.S. Conference is to protect the Fellowship from change 'for the sake of change'. Our *Conference Charter* clearly defines the scope and limitation of W.S.C. activities. We have recently clarified the process for changes to our *Steps*, *Traditions* and *Article 10 of the W.S.C. Charter (Concept 12)*. Let's hope that we move slowly, if at all, with future and further changes to our *Steps*, *Traditions* and/or *Concepts*.

Our wonderful *World Service Manual* also includes a set of *Standing Rules* for Conference. These rules are often questioned and/or challenged with regards their need and importance; well, it's as simple as this, much like the *W.S.C. Charter* our *Standing Rules* help and assist by hindering our hasty and emotionally impulsive drive with regards to the business of C.A.



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Is the phone number on the Telephone Directory page correct for your Area?

Is the website address for your Area correct?

https://ca.org/meetings/

If you see any discrepancies, please ask your Area Delegate to provide the updated information to WSO.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the WS Conference Committee is to organize the World Service Conference, which includes: a. Hotel site selection and negotiation; b. Preparation of the agenda; c. Preparation and review of the minutes from each Conference for distribution; d. Compile the Delegates packets e. Develop policies and procedures for the conference.

The W.S.O.B. and its Board of Directors are responsible for negotiations of contracts related to the Statement of Purpose of the Conference Committee. This includes W.S.C. hotel contracts and taping contracts, which will be coordinated with the Conference Committee.

A subcommittee of the Conference Committee also serves as a Credentials Committee. This committee reviews all petitions to the WSC for Area recognition, as well as the Delegate Credential forms. A subcommittee of the Conference Committee also serves as a Conference Coordination subcommittee. This subcommittee assists in all aspects of Conference planning. The Conference Coordinator shall chair this subcommittee. The Administrative Coordinator shall serve on this sub-committee. The Conference Coordinator is responsible to the Conference Committee and the Conference as a whole for meeting the requirements of the statement of purpose of the Conference Committee. The Conference Coordinator shall not be a voting member of the Conference. The term of service begins at the end of the Conference during which they are selected and is completed at the end of the second successive Conference.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2024 world service conference CREDENTIALING



AREAS - Credential your Delegates today!

All elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates should be credentialed even if they do not plan to attend Conference. Only credentialed members can vote and give or receive proxies.

CREDENTIALING DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT JULY 29, 2024

https://bit.ly/2024CredentialForm

For questions concerning credentialing, please contact your Regional Trustee. For questions concerning the online credentialing form, please contact Robyn G +1-512-549-0790

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CHRIS W. - ARCHIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Orange, California, USA

As I stood on the Conference floor during roll call, I couldn't help but feel amazed and grateful. This moment where each person announces their name, origin, service position, and vote count, is one of the most impactful parts of the conference for me.

Highlighting the work of the committees by showcasing the efforts and successes of individual members is incredibly rewarding. The sense of gratitude is overwhelming, especially when I think about the various committees I've been involved with. Leadership and unity are crucial for success while building a strong passionate commitment is paramount.

Orientation for new delegates is always exciting. I love talking to them about their interests and the committees they might want to join. I always share my favorites: Hospitals & Institutions (H&I), Public Information (PI), and Archives. When I was a first-year delegate my mentor advised me to pray and let God guide me to the right committee which was invaluable advice.

On the morning, I was to give the Archives report, I woke up at 5 AM, unable to sleep. I wasn't nervous, just reflective. I wanted my report to accurately reflect the committee's accomplishments. As I prepared an overwhelming sense of gratitude washed over me for my recovery journey, the conference, and the standing committees. I realized my report would be a heartfelt thank you to all the hands that have helped and continue to support the Archives.

This experience has deepened my appreciation for the Archives committee and the incredible work we do. I hope this inspires others to get involved and feel the same excitement and gratitude I do.



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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CAWS Archive Committee Meeting

1st Saturday of the month 9:00 am (Pacific) 10:00 am (Mountain) 11:00 am (Central) 12:00 noon (Eastern) 5:00 pm (UK)

ZOOM ID: 814 2516 6805

A meeting for all C.A. Archive Chairs and Archivists around the world to meet and greet and discuss challenges, accomplishments, show & tell, and share questions and answers.



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To the C.A. Fellowship,

C.A.W.SO. would like to express our deepest gratitude for the advancement and the relocation of the office. The C.A. Fellowship really put in the work to move C.A.W.S.O. to its new location in Phoenix, Arizona successfully and with minor disruptions.

We have gained a whole new meaning of service. Service work such as packing boxes of chips and literature, driving over 200 miles in the Southern California and Arizona heat, unpacking boxes in our new warehouse, building an archives room, building a new conference room, establishing working computers, printers, phone lines and server room, window fittings with our logo and trademark "We're Here and We're Free", bagging chips for shipments, hiring two new special workers, cleaning, did I mention bagging chips? and so much more.

Our hearts are full!!! Our gratitude is unmeasurable. With every obstacle and success, our Fellowship has handled it all with love and tolerance. The Fellowship "WE" love has shown up for C.A.W.S.O.

Thank you, thank you for all you do and continue to do for Cocaine Anonymous. A special thank you to the W.S.B.T., W.S.O.B., volunteers and special workers. Your contributions to the C.A.W.S.O. relocation have not gone unnoticed.

The Trudge Continues,

C.A.W.S.O. Special Workers



ANDREW C. - CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Richardson, Texas, USA

Hey Y'all, my name is Andrew, and I am the Chair of the W.S.C. Convention Committee. I was truly excited when I was asked to contribute to this special World Service Conference edition of the C.A. NewsGram. This was my third conference as a delegate and first conference as a committee chair. My experience at conference over the last three years has been invaluable, I've learned so much about the inner workings of Cocaine Anonymous and it has truly made

me more effective in my recovery. Getting to serve on the W.S.C. Convention Committee over the past three years has been a rewarding experience to say the least. It has been so inspiring to watch dedicated members work so passionately to plan and host these incredible conventions. I've had such an excitement for conventions ever since the first regional convention I attended in 2018. I never felt more fired up about this Fellowship than I do leaving a convention. The Banquet speaker at that convention inspired me and one of my friends to start a new meeting. He challenged everyone at the banquet to go out and start new meetings and spread this message that we have so that new people may find us.

After the speaker meeting my friend and I got together with a group of other excited members and started a group that is still my home group today. I owe this piece of my recovery to the people that went before me and I'm so grateful for their service.

My first year as delegate I knew exactly which committee I wanted to join. Getting to help guide Areas and planning these conventions has been so fulfilling. Knowing that one person might attend and leave feeling the way I did in 2018 with the fire to start a meeting and give new people a place where they might find recovery like I did makes all the hours we put in behind the scenes worth it. This year's conference was such a powerful experience and I'm so grateful to have been called to serve as a committee chair. Serving in this role has given me such a deeper respect for all of the chairs of the standing committees currently and those who came before me. The selfless work that is put in year after year to keep this beautiful Fellowship running and growing is truly inspiring.

One of my biggest takeaways from this year's conference was that the burden of education falls upon us as delegates. For years in my Area, I've heard over and over again "why should our group donate to world, what has world ever done for us?" Now of course there's the obvious response, C.A. World Services prints literature and makes chips and things like that for groups to give out, however it's so much more than that. The work that the C.A. World Services does might not do anything that feels like it affects you at the group level but it's not just about the existing group. It's also about the new person trying to get sober in a place where C.A. doesn't exist yet. All over the world there are people that feel like they don't fit in in other Fellowships. They may not like the literature of one or feel left out by the singleness of purpose of another. That new person has a home in Cocaine Anonymous. C.A. World Services is there for that one person to find a group that might save their life.

It's my job to show people why what we do is so important and build that enthusiasm for this avenue of service, so that when I roll out as delegate there may be a member to take my place that has this same passion for service that we all share.

I love Cocaine Anonymous and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to give back to this Fellowship that saved my life. If just one person makes it into these rooms as a result of the work I do here it will be more than worth it.



CONVENTION COMMITTEE



2025: Scottsdale, Arizona May 22-25

2026 - Orlando, Florida, USA 2027 - Seattle, Washington, USA 2028 – Glasgow, Scotland

Keep watch for dates and details to come!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To develop and implement policies and procedures in all matters concerning the finances of Cocaine Anonymous including ways and means to generate funds necessary for the continued growth of the Fellowship, in accordance with our *12 Traditions*. It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to oversee the prudent control management and use of monies donated by the individuals of the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous.

This year was a very an extraordinary year in that a historical move of the CAWSO is planned and will take place before year end 2024. This historic undertaking for the Fellowship of C.A. caused the projected budget for FY'2024 to project a potentially extreme burden on the Fellowship's finances. As is typical for making financial projections of such a significant undertaking the Finance Committee along with our Treasurer planned for some "Worst Case" (some might say Best Case) scenario projections for the upcoming financial cycle. This budget when presented to the 2023 Conference floor for vote was approved. We have been and will be closely monitoring the actual revenue and expenses from all sources especially related to the move this year.

On a positive note donations have been strong and we feel the fellowship is and has stepped up to the challenges put forth at Conference. We will continue to promote the Freedom Fund through Give Butter as they provide advantages in the methods of fund raising for individuals.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

"How dark it is before the dawn!" Contribute to the CAWSO FREEDOM FUND Help shine the light across the world www.givebutter.com/caworld

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BOOKER B. - HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Greetings Fellowship! My name is Booker B. and I am an addict! My sobriety date is 3/21/14 and I'm grateful to be your trusted servant as World Service Hospitals & Institutions Chair. I, like most of us, have an unwavering passion for H&I. I remember being newly sober in treatment and not really sure if I really belonged there. What I did know was that for the first six days in treatment I wanted to leave and go get high! I was consumed with fear and delusion that this wasn't for me. Every night we would have meetings, and I wouldn't listen to the speakers with the intent to relate to their experiences. I judged the various panel members and basically ignored the message. On the seventh day I reluctantly sat in the back of the meeting yet again with plans to leave after the meeting and go act on what I've been thinking about all week (Getting High).

I heard the message for the first real time. It was at an H&I meeting of Cocaine Anonymous. I can recall a panel member speaking about being a slave to the disease and the feelings that are described in the devilments. For the first time in my short journey I was intrigued. As he swayed into what happened and what his life was like today, I knew that the seed of hope was planted and after the meeting I asked him to sponsor me.

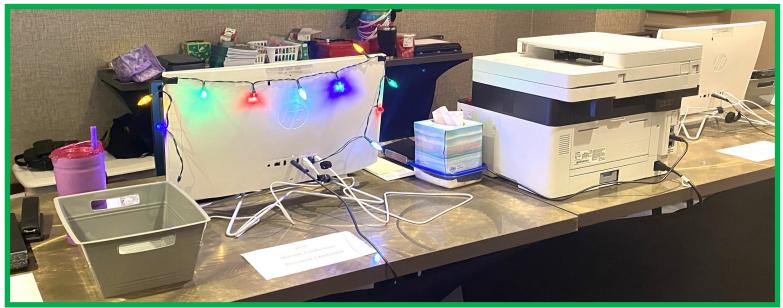
Ten years later I'm here and I am Free!! I share this story because I heard the message when I was at my absolute lowest in a H&I meeting of Cocaine Anonymous. Through the years I've been involved in H&I at the Area, and now the World Level.

Last year at the 2023 conference I was nominated and elected as outreach chair. I was delighted to be of service in that capacity. This year I was elected Chair of the committee, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve!

We have an amazing group of individuals from all over the world that are just as excited to serve and help grow our fellowship worldwide. Our Sub committees consist of Correctional Referrals, Guidelines, Lifeline, and Outreach. Our Correction Referrals Committee members are currently focusing on how to best serve the institutions. Receiving referrals from addicts in jails and prisons and working towards being of service in that capacity. Guidelines subcommittee members are focusing on revamping our internal guidelines. Lifeline Subcommittee members are enthusiastically working to form a strong link between treatment centers and Area groups across the globe. Last but not least our Outreach Subcommittee has been working to contact H&I Chairs to inform them of this committee's presence and how to best support them at the Area/District/group level. All of our H&I Committee members share the same passion. That was apparent when we were all together at Conference this year during our individual break out sessions as well as throughout the days at the World Service Conference.

If you would like to get involved in service on the ground level, H&I is where you belong. We meet the second Sunday of the month via zoom at 10am PST. Zoom no. 89497291219 password 021187. We look forward to all that are willing to come join us on this journey of saving lives!

I speak on behalf of all H&I Committee members when I say thank you for allowing us to be of service to the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous!! Peace and Blessings!



MILTON L. - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIR Forest Hills, New York, USA

This was my second time at the conference and let me tell you it was better than the year before, this is for a few reasons. First off the I.T. Committee has really gained momentum through the years and this was the culmination of all the work to launch the C.A. Meeting Finder App. Throughout the years in the I.T. Committee (for me it's been +5 years) we have had lows and highs in terms of getting stuff done and this last year was the biggest push so far. So, coming back to the conference after a demo of the app on the floor to launch it live was a big achievement. All the credit goes to the great members of the I.T. Committee through the years. Conference had some excellent motions and some heated debates. Being the second time around for me, I was much more comfortable getting to the mic and trying to represent my Area and my thoughts as best I could and through God's will not mine. The ones that really stick with me are the S&B 11th Tradition motion and the P.I. survey diversity motion. There were tons of others and all the while I'm just amazed by the love we all have for this Fellowship and having a wonderful Chair in Russell to keep order and things running so smoothly. I was impressed by him last year and am still so impressed by the professionalism and love by which he conducts the conference.

The I.T. Committee also took on some additional initiatives at the Conference.

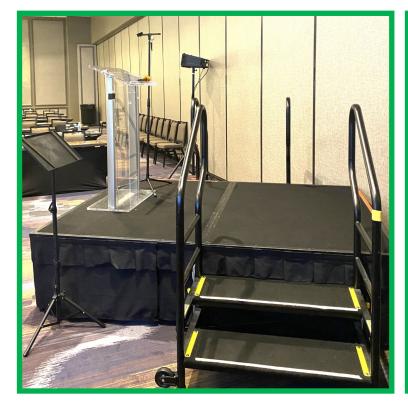
The two big ones were helping the Fellowship establish a speaking or conference recordings platform for the whole Fellowship to use. This will take some time to figure out but we have the right people in the I.T. Committee to get that done, we also took on helping to get the "*ca.org*" redesign out the door. Now that the C.A. Meeting Finder App is out in the wild, there comes work in maintaining and enhancing it, that will be a constant for the I.T. Committee for the foreseeable future.

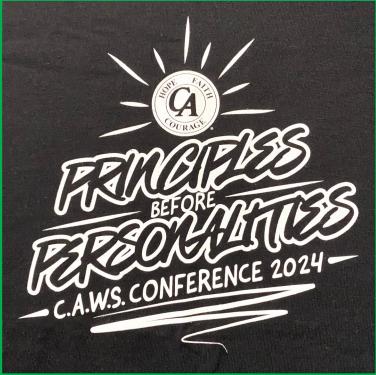
I was elected as I.T. Chair at the Conference which is humbling and at the same time a motivating factor for me. I was Vice Chair before but with life getting busy didn't have much time to contribute as I would like to have. This year I want to double down and help push all the initiatives we have on the plate home.

We also just launched our I.T. Committee website - https://it.ca.org/. Please keep a look out for updates to initiatives on the website.

I want to give a shout out to the entire I.T. Committee, Kalob, Tom, Wesley, Nadz, Nakea, Jason, Anjum, Ellen, Parthi, Robert, Gustav, Chris and all others that I'm forgetting or will be joining this year.

There are big things on the horizon for C.A. from the I.T. Committee, we are responsible for the effort, and put the results in God's hands.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE



Onboard your meetings in the C.A. Mobile App

Here's how:

- Select or elect a trusted servant to be responsible
- Contact the World Service Conference IT Committee at <u>itcommittee@ca.org</u> to get login credentials for your Area.
- Follow the instructions to add your meetings it.ca.org/meeting-finder

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The C.A. App is on the Apple Store and Google Play!

Go to - it.ca.org to open a link to the App or look for C.A. Meetings.

We are asking each Area of Cocaine Anonymous to appoint or elect ONE point person to follow the process to input and maintain your meeting information. No programming skill is required, but some computer savvy with data entry would be helpful.

This individual may currently be in Area service, or this may be an entirely new service position within your service structure.

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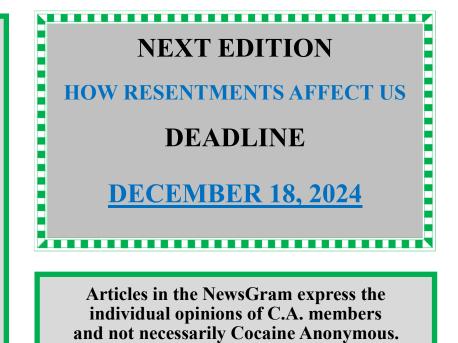
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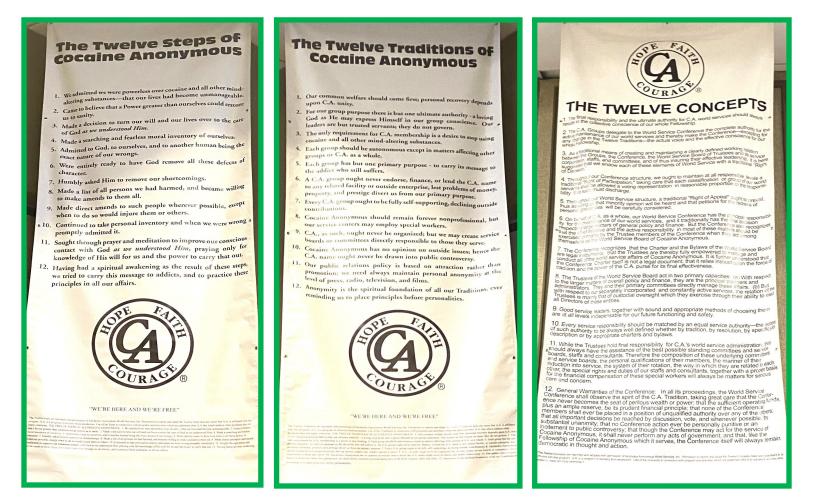
JACQUELINE R. - UNITY COMMITTEE Glendale, New York, USA

When I think about my life in C.A. I think about all the opportunities I have had to be able to be of service to this wonderful program that saved my life. When I was elected a New York Delegate five years ago I couldn't imagine what it would be like to be at a World Service Conference. When my term was over and we didn't have enough people to step up and become Alt-delegates I remained simply because I love the process by which we all come together for the greater good of this Fellowship. The debating motions on the floor, the voting after the debates and the Fellowshipping we enjoy in between all make up the balance of love and tolerance required of us in our First Tradition: Our common welfare should come first, personal recoverv dependsuponC.A.Unity.

This year at the 2024 World Service Conference in Texas we once again had a very positive and productive conference. The rewording of the 11th Tradition brought a heated debate but in the end the change prevailed leavingeveryone understanding that it is through our democracy that the Fellowship thrives. Other debates dealt with the finances and P.I. flyers that would be distributed via P.I. forums. In the end many prevailed, a few failed, but our love for our program remained strong and intact.

I am a member of the Unity Committee and every year it is our job to promote unity throughout the Conference. We do this by providing a breakfast/ speaker event where we always try to show our delegates, alt-delegates, trustees, and all other members, our appreciation for all the hard work they put in throughout the year by handing them a gift. This year we handed out a drawstring backpack which everyone found so useful. Our outgoing speaker Clay P. shared his amazing story, one I will never forget and will always give God thanks that he made it into this program.

The 2024 World Service Conference once again has shown the effectiveness of the voice of its members. Please consider becoming a delegate and joining us on the conference floor, we promise it will be an experience you will never forget. Attend your area meetings to learn from your current delegates and be of service when the time comes. For more information on how you can become a World Service Delegate contact Unity@ca.org



NADZ L. - LITERATURE, CHIPS & FORMATS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dublin, Ireland

Never would I ever have dreamed that one day I would be sitting in a hotel in Dallas TX at the WS Conference 2024 with fellow addicts talking about world-wide C.A. protection and growth! It really shows me the power that service has in my and many others recovery journeys.

I was around 3 or 4 months clean when I just put myself forward as the Convention Committee secretary for my Area. I had no idea what I was supposed to be doing, I tried to resign a few times, but I had one of those sponsors who would tell me to stay as I would learn more about myself. And learning I did, as I continued picking up service positions here, there and everywhere. At some point service appeared the only thing that kept me in the rooms of C.A..

My service experience had its ups and downs, I moved from "doing" service to the extreme to doing nothing. I struggled for a while to see how crucial service was for my growth and healing. As time passes being of service has become the cornerstone of my recovery and it continuously reminds me to put into practice the C.A. 12 Steps in front of it all so that I stay somewhat sane and serene.

When I was voted as a new delegate in 2022, I started looking for a W.S. Standing Committee to join. I attended a few meetings from different committees and eventually joined Literature, Chips and Formats (LCF). As much as it was uncomfortable as it was completely unknow territory, I felt very welcomed from the get-go. The L.C.F. Committee works on so many projects to bring the C.A. message to the newcomers and our Fellowship,

I was drawn to it and its members. At my first WS

Conference in 2023 I was voted in as one of the Co-Secretaries. With the help of experienced L.C.F. members I learned more about the approval processes in place, what to do with referrals, the running of the meetings and all the on-going projects. We have so many!

At the 2024 Conference I was nominated and voted as the new L.C.F. Chair. Even though I tried to resign 3 times (jokingly of course) I feel very blessed to be trusted by the L.C.F. Committee members. Serving as the L.C.F. Chair involves a different set of responsibilities, like facilitating meetings, coordinating tasks and communication with other standing committees, W.S.B.T. and W.S.O.B.. In addition, I believe that my role as a chair is to create a safe space for all members to be able to express their ideas and opinions without judgement, very much like in our C.A. rooms and to let the conscience of the group speak. Within a few days being home from the Conference, the work started. We are in the process of publishing the updated meeting formats with the "Alcohol" Reading and Tradition 11 changes. We're also working to get the "Recalling the Early Days of C.A." book ready for publication.

We have 2 books being worked on at present "C.A. Twelve Steps" and "Twelve Traditions" as well as "HCF Vol. III". Other projects include the update of "Yes, You Can Start a C.A. Meeting", "Tools of Recovery", and new meeting formats.

So, with all this work we're always looking for new members to join us! Get in touch at lcf@ca.org if you are interested in joining us to carry the C.A. message around the world!



LITERATURE, CHIPS & FORMATS COMMITTEE

Hope, Faith & Courage Volume III

Literature, Chips and Formats WS Standing Committee

If there's one thing addicts are, it's resilient.

During the last 4 years, members of C.A., old and new, had to adapt. As face-toface meetings closed in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, more virtual meetings opened creating access to addicts that never knew C.A. before.

Our "Who's a C.A. Member" reading and pamphlet state, "It can be tempting to focus on our differences rather than our similarities, but this can blind us to potential sources of support in our recovery. As we hear other members' stories, the most important question to ask ourselves is not, "Would I have partied with these people?" but rather, "Do these people have a solution that can help me stay sober?" – The

answer is unequivocally, yes. The program of Cocaine Anonymous did not change, but the method by which we can connect with each other has. In the words of our Unity reading, "though we are different we are the same".

What **has** changed are the names of some of today's most common drugs and the imminent danger they pose. So, it is to this new generation of addicts that HFC III should speak in terms they understand.

Hope, Faith & Courage Volume III will bring awareness to our growing fellowship of all the ways we have stayed sober. It's important that younger people see the benefit of sobriety, to talk about the many things happening on the street and offer hope for those who decide earlier in life to get sober.

The goal of HFC III is to embrace what C.A. is now. We have more members than ever before, from countries who have a different language and culture. Each of these is important in and of itself. We were never meant to live in isolation, to try and recover on our own. In that spirit, we welcome your contribution to the future and continuing growth of Cocaine Anonymous, in your words.



KIM G. - PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Horsham, UK

Reflecting on my time as the Cocaine Anonymous World Service Public Information Chair over the past year I can confidently say that serving in this role has been both an honour and a privilege. It's difficult to express just how much work goes into preparing the body of material we present in the SR14 mailing as well as the motions we bring to the Conference floor. This year our committee presented 21 motions, a collection of ideas and input from Cocaine Anonymous members around the world, as well as their supporting districts and areas. Out of those 21, 20 motions passed after thorough discussions over the course of two days.

The joy of Public Information work is that it's something everyone in the fellowship can participate in whether they have one day or ten years of sobriety. It goes beyond simply putting up a poster or designing one. We engage in a wide range of activities, from helping to get public service announcements (PSAs) on the radio, to facilitating social media orientations for professionals. There's truly a space for everyone to contribute. Furthermore our annual survey helps us gather valuable data for our fact file which is integral to the work we present for approval each year.

The Structure Behind the Work

C.A.W.S.P.I. has eight subcommittees supported by two secretaries and a vice chair. Each subcommittee operates like a mini committee meeting at least once a month alongside our main C.A.W.S.P.I. meetings. As you might imagine this requires a huge commitment from our members. The hard work and dedication of everyone involved were reflected in the success we saw at this year's conference where 20 out of 21 motions were approved. The enthusiasm within our fellowship is always palpable. You can see it not just in the work that gets produced but also in the energy that fills the Conference floor and our monthly meetings. Leading up to the Conference and in the period immediately following it there's always an extra surge of excitement as we work to wrap up the previous year's actions or implement new ones.

The Demands of the Role

Balancing deadlines, meetings, and Conference

preparations can be demanding and for someone like me who isn't naturally inclined towards discipline it can feel overwhelming at times, yet the rewards far outweigh the challenges. Some of the most fulfilling moments come when I hear about Public Information efforts directly helping new members find their way to our Fellowship. I've had members reach out to ask if their poster or idea was approved on the Conference floor, and being able to tell them that it was gives me immense satisfaction.

Having prior experience as a delegate has certainly helped me feel more comfortable standing at the podium, but with that comes a deep sense of responsibility. It's not just about delivering information; it's about honouring the integrity of the work we produce and representing the committee's commitment to serving C.A..

Healthy Debate and Growth

Of course, challenges arise and we often engage in healthy debate about the best way to approach certain issues. This is where C.A.'s Concepts and Traditions truly come to life. Watching these guiding principles play out over the five days of the Conference is an experience I find indescribably wonderful. There's always something new to learn and it serves as a reminder that our work is never truly "done." Each year brings new perspectives, and each meeting or debate helps us grow both individually and as a Fellowship.

Being part of the C.A.W.S.P.I. committee has been a deeply enriching experience and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve. The work we do has a tangible impact not only on C.A. members but also on the broader community. From the efforts of everyone who contributes whether through a simple act like putting up a poster or taking on the responsibility of chairing a committee like PI, we are all working toward the same goal, helping others find recovery through Cocaine Anonymous.

As we continue to move forward I look to the future with optimism and excitement. There's always more work to do, more motions to pass, and more ways to make a difference. I am both humbled and energized by what we've accomplished and what's still to come.



PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE



IN THE SPIRIT OF TRADITION 6, C.A. IS NOT ALLIED WITH ANY SECT, DENOMINATION, POLITICS, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION.

STRUCTURE & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To formulate bylaws, guidelines, and structures by which Cocaine Anonymous can operate dayto-day, at Conferences, Regions, Areas, and elsewhere around the World.

We execute with great diligence the task of being of maximum service to our Fellowship by introducing new verbiage into a comprehensive *World Service Manual* in the first quarter of the year following the Conference allowing our Fellowship to grow and flourish.

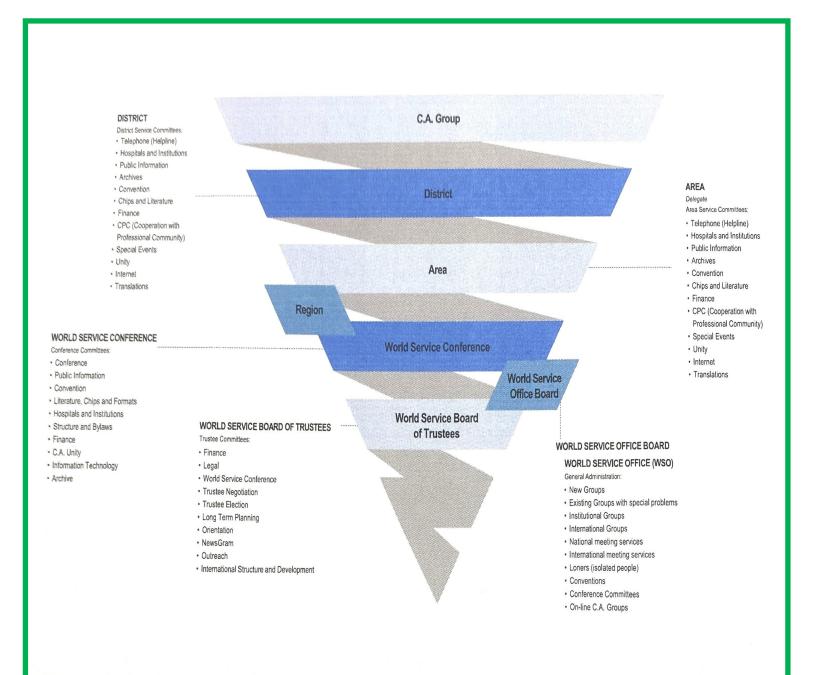
This year was a year of some internal organizing. We were able to create an atmosphere of participation, trust, and respect for and toward all new members and those members who continue to support the committee. Throughout the year we were tasked to address referrals that provoked thought and due diligence which allowed the committee to create conversations that enlarged everyone's understanding and appreciation for the process in place.

We completed all approved changes to the World Service Manual from World Service Conference 2023. We were able to resolve all referrals received prior to the deadline. Every member came prepared and willing to participate and step up to take on all the tasks at hand. I could not have asked for a better group to work with. I am forever grateful for the hard work and dedication each member put in month after month.

I am excited and inspired to show up, prepared and present to address all the issues and concerns that are sent to the Structure and Bylaws Committee.



STRUCTURE & BYLAWS COMMITTEE



MIRIAM F. - UNITY COMMITTEE CHAIR Calgary, Alberta, Canada

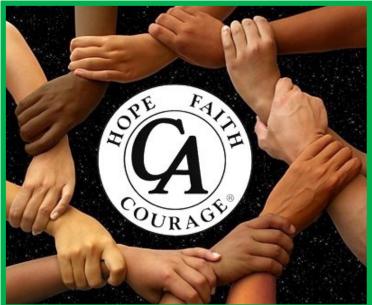
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To enhance our communication and international outreach among the diverse elements within the Fellowship and in the interest of carrying the C.A. message to promote C.A. unity.

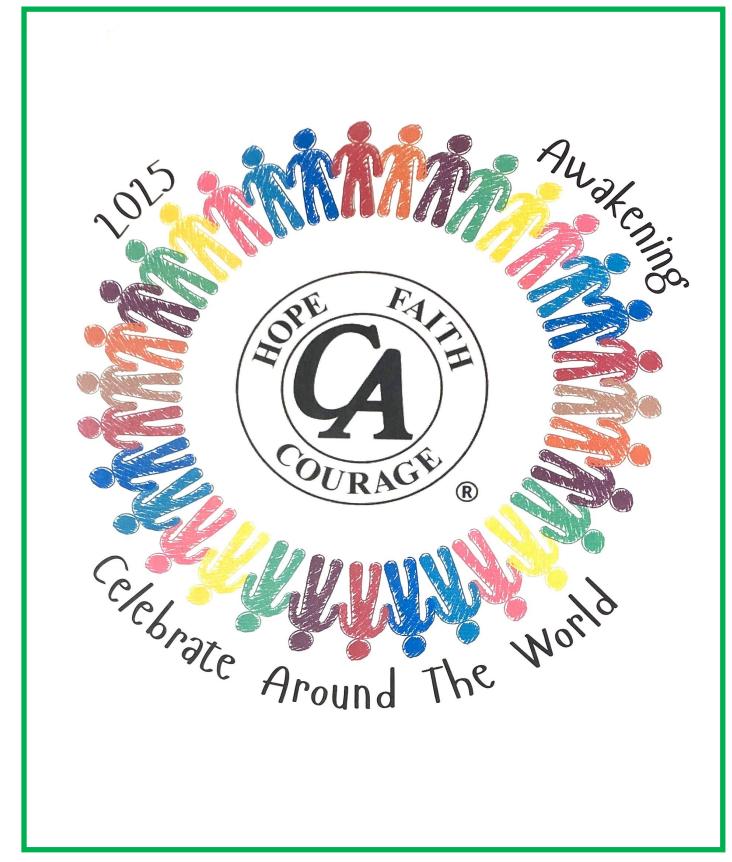
The purpose of "*Celebrate Around the World*" is to promote enthusiasm and unity within the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous and financially support the Fellowship's effort to carry the message of recovery. It is suggested that all net proceeds be disbursed according to the Conference approved 70/30 Plan. It is suggested that any proceeds retained by the Area be used towards sending their delegates to the W.S.C. It is suggested that each Areas event be held on the 1st Saturday in March to promote C.A. unity

We have selected and are excited to present to you the 2025 CATW logo "Awakening." This logo is presented by our committee from many great submissions over the year and we are now accepting submissions for 2026 following the theme for Convention 2026 "*A Last Resort*." Any area wishing to have their language logo inserted in place of the selected one can email unity@ca.org and we will change the image to reflect the language/languages within your Area. If it is not a language logo currently available on the P.I. members website, please do attach a copy of your logo to the email.





UNITY COMMITTEE



C.A. WORLD SERVICE

2025 WORLD CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

CAWS 2025 ARIZONA

We need your help!

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you will receive a personalized thank you gift at the 2025 CAWS Convention!

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C.A. WORLD SERVICE

MY FIRST C.A. CONFERENCE AS A TRUSTEE: AN INSIDE LOOK

Stuart J. - European Regional Trustee

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Landing in Dallas I felt a mix of excitement and trepidation. After a year on the World Service Board of Trustees for Cocaine Anonymous I was about to attend my first conference in this new role. The position the fellowship entrusted me with felt both significant and challenging.

I arrived early as most European members do. The hotel was quiet initially with low energy but I knew this wouldn't last. The board meeting preceding the conference was fantastic. Sitting with ten other Trustees I felt proud and a sense of belonging, the rest of the board had made me feel incredibly welcome since I joined. We discussed issues requiring our oversight and made decisions using our collective experience and the information available, while the discussions can be lengthy, they are essential.

When delegates began arriving the atmosphere transformed. The hotel buzzed with activity and various languages, it truly emphasized how widespread C.A. is.

The Conference's start was remarkable, during roll call I observed people from all over approach the mic. It highlighted the diversity within C.A. and how we Trustees must consider everyone when making decisions.

Conference days were long and filled with debates. I grappled with knowing when to speak up and when to listen. I recalled a long-standing member's advice: if God votes you into a position you're there for a reason and it's time to make your voice heard.

What impressed me most was our careful and measured approach to everything. Each vote and debate served as a reminder that we were dealing with something important, our wonderful Fellowship that has undoubtedly saved my life.

By the end exhaustion had set in but I felt proud of our accomplishments. Though challenging, the experience was invaluable, I left with a deeper understanding of our Fellowship and my role as a Trustee. I realized that being a Trustee isn't about having all the answers, it's about asking pertinent questions, listening attentively, and always prioritizing C.A...

It's a role I'm deeply grateful to fulfill, ILAS.



C.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 25-27, 2024

C.A. Ireland Annual Convention

LOCATION:

La Mon Hotel & Country Club

41 Gransha Road, Comber, Belfast, Newtownards BT23 5RF

Octover 25-27, 2024

Arkansas Area Convention

LOCATION:

Delta Hotels Little Rock West

201 South Shackleford Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72211

November 1-3, 2024

Atlantic North Regional Convention

LOCATION:

Loews Hotel

1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, USA

November 22-24, 2024

CoCaCo Colorado State Convention

LOCATION:

Double Tree Denver Cherry Creek

455 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO, 80246 US

November 22-24, 2024

C.A. South Africa Area Convention

LOCATION:

Red Ivory Backpackers Hartebeesport

40 Km from Johannesburg

March 28-30, 2025

2025 Southwest Regional Convention

LOCATION:

Hyatt Regency Houston West

13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77079

COMING IN 2025 May 22- May 26, 2025

C.A. WORLD SERVICE CONVENTION



AWAKENING CAWS 2025 in Scottsdale, Arizona Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley 5401 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Scottsdale, Arizona 85250-7090 USA

INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, RESERVATION

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| Missouri Greater Missouri Area of C.A. | \$ 200.00 |
| Nebraska Monday Night Miracles | \$ 178.00 |
| N. Carolina Vision of Hope | \$ 83.00 |
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| Oregon C.A. of Oregon | \$ 400.00 |
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| Sweden C.A. Sweden Area HFC | \$ 16,069.79 |
| Thailand Thalang Group of C.A. | \$ 25.00 |
| Total Group and Area: | \$ 41,428.80 |
| Give Butter Freedom Fund | \$ 3,340.00 |
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| Total recurring and individual: | \$ 4,905.90 |
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