

NAWS Environmental Scan: A Request for Input

The NAWS Strategic Plan has become an increasingly useful and important tool for the World Board over the years. It helps focus our efforts each cycle and frames the projects presented to the WSC for approval. In our continuing effort to refine and improve our planning process, we've created an opportunity for delegates to provide input upfront, directly influencing the plan by providing data we can consider as part of our environmental scan.

As you know, the foundation of our strategic plan comes from an environmental scan. This scan reflects our best efforts to capture trends and issues—both within and outside of the Fellowship—that affect NA. The information about the Fellowship in past scans has come from our interactions at zonal forums and workshops, contact with service committees and members, our participation in professional events, and various other NAWS activities.

One of the World Board's responsibilities is to listen closely to the Fellowship and let what we hear and observe impact our planning process. Delegates and others have asked for a way to directly share their perspectives and experiences, and we believe this opportunity for delegates and regions to input the environmental scan is one step in creating this improvement. This is the first time we have tried a forum like this to collaborate with regions in the planning process, so it may be a learning experience for us all. At the next WSC, we can talk together about what we think worked well in this new collaborative approach and what needs to be improved.

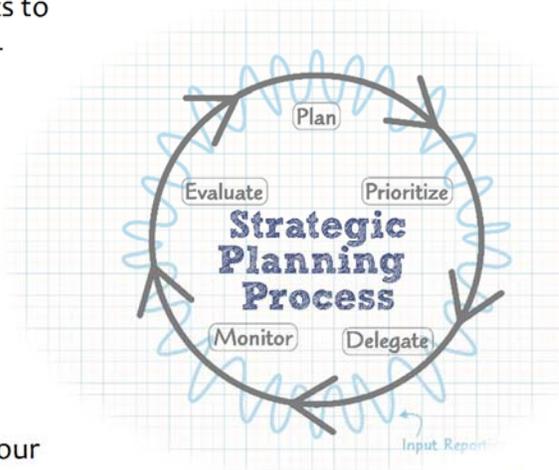
We typically spend portions of three World Board meetings to create our plan. Simplistically, our

first meeting reviews and discusses the environmental scan and begins to outline possible priorities. Our second meeting gets much more detailed about what those priorities might mean in our Fellowship and service system, and the third meeting defines the approaches we believe we can accomplish in one cycle and begins to create the project plans to present to the WSC. In order to make this work, we communicate between meetings to keep the process moving forward. We have adjusted the timeline for planning this cycle in order to provide enough time for your participation. We expect there will be more adjustments needed in the future after we have all gained additional experience.

Please respond to this survey by **30 April 2017**. This should allow sufficient time for most regions to have met. We will then compile the responses and include them in our environmental scan data. Our planning sessions will take place at our July, October, and December 2017 meetings. This is a little later than is typical for us, but we believe the outcome will be worth the delay.

We ask that delegates submit the input so that we can have some way to evaluate and weigh the possible 118 responses. We expect that the way delegates gather this input will vary as widely as the comments we typically receive in regional reports. That varies from input from the delegate, to collecting individual members' input and submitting a collective response, to workshopping at the regional meeting.

This is not meant to be a scientific survey. The questions here are only seeking the delegates and/or the regions' perception of these issues. Thank you for helping us take this step forward.



Name: _____
 Region: _____
 Position: _____



EXTERNAL SCAN

The purpose of this section is to help us understand the world surrounding NA meetings, including NA's relationships with the public, professionals, and governments.

	We need to do better	We are doing OK	We are doing really well	Unsure/Unknown
1. How do you perceive NA's relationships with the public, with outside organizations, and with professionals in your region?				
2. Indicate what you believe to be NA's relationships with professionals and organizations working in these fields within your region:	X	X	X	X
a. Medical/Healthcare				
b. Treatment				
c. Corrections				
d. Social Workers				
e. Judicial				
f. Government/Municipal				
g. Law Enforcement				
h. Schools				
i. Other				

3. Previous environmental scans revealed the trends listed below. Please indicate the degree to which each of these continues to affect NA in your region.



Past External Trends	Little/No Impact	Low Impact	High Impact
Increased use of drug replacement therapy and/or medication to treat addiction			
Proliferation of drug courts			
Difficulty in being approved to access institutions for panels or meetings			
Increase in prescribed medication for our members			
Medicalization of marijuana			
Other			

If you have any issues of high impact, please tell us more about them here: _____

4. Are there other major **external** issues that require Fellowship-wide discussion and/or tools? Please tell us how you see these needs:

INTERNAL SCAN

The purpose of this section is to help us understand NA communities in your region, including perceptions about meetings and the service system.

	We need to do better	We are doing OK	We are doing really well	Unsure/Unknown
5. How do you perceive the <i>overall</i> effectiveness of <u>groups</u> in your region?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
6. How do you perceive the <i>overall</i> effectiveness of <u>areas</u> in your region?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
7. How do you perceive the <i>overall</i> effectiveness of your region?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
8. We have talked a lot about an atmosphere of recovery in recent cycles. Do you perceive that this exists:	X	X	X	X
a. In most groups in your region?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
b. In most area service committees in your region?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
c. At your regional service committee?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
9. How do you perceive the <i>overall</i> effectiveness of your zone?				
<i>Comments:</i>				
10. How do you perceive the <i>overall</i> effectiveness of NA World Services?				
<i>Comments:</i>				

11. What do you see as the biggest struggles faced by groups in your region? Please check those that apply and add to the list as needed.

Carrying the message		Atmosphere of recovery	
Unity		Lack of trusted servants	
Funding			

12. Which of these do you understand to be the biggest struggles faced by your areas and/or region? (This list was taken from the 2016 regional reports.) Please check those that apply and add to the list as needed.



Atmosphere of recovery		Funding	
Lack of trusted servants		Accountability and connection	
Apathy		Events	
Retaining members with time		Planning	
Legal and governmental issues		Area splits	
Unity		Communication	
Service structure		Problem solving	
Strong personalities		Illicit literature	
Training and mentoring			

13. Do you believe there is a need for additional resources to address any of the issues you checked above? If so, please let us know what resources would be helpful. _____

14. Have there been any notable new efforts or areas of success within your region? If so, please tell us about them.

15. Have you noticed any significant changes in the demographics of the Fellowship in your region? (More or fewer older members, youth, race/ethnicity, etc.) _____

16. Are the needs of the Fellowship in the region changing significantly? If so, how? _____

17. Are there any other major issues that you would like to see addressed in the upcoming planning cycle?
