



Delegate Information

Important: Delegates must be registered with Nicotine Anonymous World Services (NAWS) no later than **February 12th, 2024**.

Please note: The Bylaws proposed change notice requirement is 90 days before the conference per our current bylaws. The 2024 proposed bylaws changes were sent to delegates January 11th, 2024. Due to the recent changes for delegate registration (60 days) and bylaws notification (90 days) of our bylaws, we will be accepting late delegate registration through the conference. The credentials committee will review and accept delegates as necessary to ensure the fellowship is fairly represented. If you still need to register, please do so with secretary-emeritus@nicotine-anonymous.org as soon as you are able.

What is a Delegate?

A delegate is a person chosen or elected to vote or act for others. NAWS delegates represent their group (meeting) or Intergroup at the World Services Conference (WSC), which will be held April 12-14, 2024. Delegates may attend either remotely (with the videoconference link which will be emailed to all conference registrants) or in person. Note that conference registration (open to everyone via conference website <https://nicawsc.com/>) is separate from **delegate registration** (accomplished by contacting NAWS Secretary-Emeritus as described below).

Who can be a Delegate?

You! However, you must be voted into the position by your Intergroup or other body*. [*If your meeting group is not part of an Intergroup, see “What if my group doesn’t belong to an Intergroup?” below.]

For a complete description of how delegates are selected, please read the Bylaws of Nicotine Anonymous posted on our website:

<https://www.nicotine-anonymous.org/naaws>

NAWS Bylaws Article V Section 5.d) states, “Whenever possible, a Delegate should have a **minimum of one (1) year current and continuous freedom from nicotine** prior to date of submitting qualifications and continuing to date of Conference.”

How do I register as a delegate?

Delegates must register at least 30 days prior to the conference with the NAWS Secretary-Emeritus via email at secretary-emeritus@nicotine-anonymous.org. The following information must be provided: Full name, mailing address, telephone number, and the name of the group(s) or Intergroup that delegate is representing.

If you do not have email, you may register via mail to the NAWS administrative office:

Nicotine Anonymous World Services
Attention: Secretary-Emeritus
6333 E. Mockingbird Ln., Suite 147-817
Dallas, Texas 75214

For Intergroups, typically the Intergroup Secretary (or designee) will submit the list of their chosen delegates. Please check with your Intergroup to see how they handle this.



How many delegates can an Intergroup vote to elect?

Each Intergroup shall be entitled to have one (1) Delegate for up to the first three (3) groups it represents, and one (1) Delegate for each additional three (3) groups or fraction thereof.

Example: If your Intergroup has 11 groups, it is allowed 4 delegates.

Delegate election is done the way any other business is conducted at your local group or Intergroup. Some Intergroups reimburse their delegates for a portion of the conference expenses, but both of these aspects of delegate service are outside of the scope of World Services in keeping with our Fourth Tradition. However, delegate expenses may be tax deductible

What if my group doesn't belong to an Intergroup?

Groups that are not affiliated with an Intergroup are also eligible to send a delegate using a similar system. If there are between one and three groups not affiliated with an Intergroup, those one, two or three groups may elect one delegate, collectively, to represent them. If there are four or more groups, they may, collectively, send one delegate for every three groups and one additional delegate for any portion thereof. Please email secretary-emeritus@nicotine-anonymous.org for more information on this.

Why do we elect delegates?

The purpose of electing delegates is to ensure that the group conscience is served through equal and fair representation of our membership. Registered delegates receive packets of information concerning the voting items being presented at the annual conference, enabling them to review the materials in advance and to learn their home group's conscience prior to the conference. It is imperative that our delegates come prepared, having read and comprehended the delegates package of information, so that voting items are given thoughtful consideration.

Delegates currently serve for a year and can potentially be called upon to attend additional delegate meetings throughout the year, if deemed necessary by the NAWS Board of Officers. At WSC 2021, a motion was passed to make all future conferences accessible to delegates remotely (online).

When will the delegate package become available and how will I receive it?

The NAWS Officers will finalize details for the WSC at their board meeting on February 24, 2024. It is expected that the delegate package will be distributed as a PDF via email to all registered delegates on or before March 12, 2024. It will also be posted on the conference website. We are happy to print and mail this package to anyone who does not have email. **We will have a Delegates Workshop on Sunday March 17th at 2 pm eastern time to go over the delegate package and explain the voting process.** A separate flier will be issued with details and virtual conference link.

How do I learn whether my Intergroup has already selected a slate of delegates?

Following is a list of phone numbers and websites of registered Intergroups. If you attend a meeting that is hosted by one of the intergroups that are listed, please contact the Intergroup for further information about becoming a delegate. If you attend a meeting that doesn't belong to an Intergroup, your group may elect you as a delegate.



List of Intergroups and Contact Information

Intergroups

Chicagoland Intergroup (CINA)

Meeting Info: cinameetings@gmail.com
www.nicotine-anonymous-chicagoland.org

Georgia Intergroup

Meeting Info: 404-244-8444
www.ga-nica.org

Iran Intergroup

www.nicairan.org

Maryland Intergroup

nica.maryland@gmail.com

Minnesota Intergroup

www.minnesota-nica.org

New Jersey/PA Intergroup

Meeting Info: 631-665-0527

New York Metropolitan Area Intergroup (NYMAI)

Meeting Info: 631-665-0527
www.nymainica.org

Northern California Intergroup

www.nica-norcal.org

Southern California Intergroup (SCINA)

Meeting Info: gorduna@gmail.com
www.scina.org

United Kingdom Intergroup

Meeting Info: <https://nicotine-anonymous.uk/>

FreeBridge:

<http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org/phone-meetings.html>
oddjob418@yahoo.com

Voices of Nicotine Recovery (VONR)

www.voicesofnicotinerecovery.com
grouprep@voicesofnicotinerecovery.com

Nicotine Quit Buddies

<https://nicotinequitbuddies.groups.io/g/HomePage>
teresa_q@yahoo.com

If you have difficulty contacting any of these Intergroups, please contact Marian D.,
Chairperson-elect@nicotine-anonymous.org for assistance.