

Delegate Service

What is a Delegate?

A delegate is a Nicotine Anonymous (NicA) member elected by a group or intergroup to represent them at the World Services Conference (WSC). Per the changes made to the NicA by-laws in April 2024, every registered NicA group may select a delegate who will be given voting rights at the WSC. Additionally, registered Intergroups may select one delegate. In addition to carrying the group's conscience to the WSC, a delegate also assumes the responsibility of keeping their group informed of activities and news related to the fellowship of NicA as a whole. This can be accomplished by attending board meetings, reading SevenMinutes and subscribing to NicA News.

Who Can be a Delegate?

Any NicA member elected by their group can be a delegate. While there is no standard nicotine-free requirement, whenever possible, it's suggested that a delegate have a minimum of one (1) year current and continuous freedom from nicotine.

Delegates are expected to be informed about any issues or concerns of the group or Intergroup they represent. It's suggested that delegates attend their home group meeting regularly, participate in group business meetings and have experience serving the group through previous commitments like chairing meetings, etc.

Also, any person who is currently serving as an officer of Nicotine Anonymous World Services shall be considered a delegate at large to the World Services Conference. As such, each of these officers shall be a voting delegate.

How and When Should I Register as a Delegate?

Groups and Intergroups may select delegates at any time during the year. To send a delegate to the current World Services Conference being held May 2-4, 2025 in Austin, Texas, a group must be formally registered and provide the name of their

delegate sixty (60) days prior to WSC opening. Delegates register with the secretary emeritus at secretary-emeritus@nicotine-anonymous.org.

What are the Main Duties of a Delegate?

According to the NicA By-Laws: Roles and Responsibilities of delegates are as follows:

- a) Attend the group or Intergroup that they represent.
- b) Attend in person or by video conference the annual World Services Conference.
- c) Attend any special meeting as described in Article VIII – Meetings of Delegates, Section 2 Special Meetings.
- d) Vote on items at the annual World Services Conference.
- e) Disseminate information and communication to their group or Intergroup from the fellowship, conference, quarterly board meetings, and/or special meetings during their term.
- f) Provide feedback from their group or Intergroup at workshops and the fellowship at large.
- g) Suggest that each Delegate participates with at least one of the Nicotine Anonymous committees

Who Should Delegates Talk to with Questions?

Delegates and any member of Nicotine Anonymous can contact the Nicotine Anonymous World Services chairperson at chairperson@nicotine-anonymous.org or to any member of the board. The secretary-emeritus is the primary contact for the WSC. secretary-emeritus@nicotine-anonymous.org

Watch for announcements for upcoming delegate workshops. Get all the NicA announcements by signing up for the newsletter at <https://www.nicotine-anonymous.org/nica-news-email-communications>.

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