

## 2019 WSLD

### Delegate Report

It was exhilarating to be a part of this event. Thank you to Washington Northern Idaho for ensuring that Alaska was present and represented during this event.

- ❖ We need to consider sending at least one delegate to this event each year and adding it to our annual budget.

The Alaska region placed our bid to host this event in 2022 and it was accepted. Please see the video I posted in the Alaska Region FB page. I participated in the workshops and will include some interesting things I learned that might be helpful in our region. I spent the majority of my time learning about the event, how it is structured, and gathering of as much information as possible to give our future committee so that they feel prepared moving forward.

#### **I will include in this report:**

- My experience at WSLD 2019
- The Chairperson responsibilities
- Committee positions
- A hotel contract completed by another region as a reference point
- The steering committees contact information
- Our Alaska bid

#### **Later I will have:**

- The numbers from this year
- The recordings of the workshops

**Our next step moving forward is to nominate and elect a chair. Then we need to form a committee.** I suggest that this be a regional event where the chair is nominated and elected at the region, and the committee meetings are on zoom so that members from each area can be a sub-committee chair. That is not set in stone. However, I see that being unifying across our region as we would work together. Each area would have a better chance at being informed on what's happening and offering their groups input.

Having merchandise created will help us as the delegate team so that we can sell them when we travel to help with expenses and get people from other regions excited. The sooner we have a draft program, the better for funding from regions hosting before us. There is \$1000 seed money, and other hosting regions may push profit forward to us as well.

#### **WSLD is a service conference which is different than a convention.**

It's built around PR, learning, and service topics. We are expecting around a hundred people from out of state to attend. Many regions not only send their delegates but other members from their service body. For example, Washington sends its entire regional service body. Others send their h&I or PR chairs.

We do not need to fly in speakers or have meals provided, which helps keep the cost very low for this event. This year I registered for \$30 to attend.

**I love you guys, and thank you for allowing me to serve. Mandy H**

## My experience

### Programming

When I arrived on Thursday, I was impressed with how much communication the programming committee provided. I was signed up to speak at a fellowship development workshop and chair the translation workshop. Before going to Seattle, I received an email that stated when I arrived; I was to go to the programming table to check-in and receive instructions. The email asked me to respond that I had received the email.

I checked into the programming table and was presented with a contract that stated I would share a clear NA message which I signed. Then they gave me an envelope with the topic, room, and time I was to be in. Inside the envelope was the chair sheet. The registration table also gave me a full schedule of workshops upon arrival. This made it really easy to navigate when and where I was expected to be.

### Public Relations & Professional panel

Friday was a public relations day and they had two panels of four professionals that deal directly with addicts. Each one shared how their program works and how NA has been a part of that and ideas of how NA could better serve the addicts they deal with professionally. They opened it up to questions and answers after each professional presented.

This was pretty cool to see, and I found it informational and helpful.

❖ I love the idea of creating newcomer packages that include IPs, a schedule, and available online meetings for people in treatment.

The **juvenile facility** presenter brought up some great points when she mentioned that the teenagers in her facility rely on members from NA being consistent with the meetings they take in there. Many of the kids need stability. The kids also have the ability to sense a person's motives. If an NA member is taking meetings inside the facility for reasons other than caring about them, they will know and not attend. They also believe that when the NA members coming in are too young, it can create issues between the youth.

**Treatment facility** it's helpful if addicts bringing a meetings in assume that the people in house don't know anything about NA and provide the information of what a meeting is and further details.

### Western States Zonal meeting

There was a Zonal meeting that occurred where we developed our agenda for the 2020 wszf and addressed other topics that will be included in my Delegate report to the region

### WSLD steering committee

The steering committee met twice during this event. Once on Friday to see if any regions are interested in hosting and once on Sunday to accept the bids and vote.

The steering committee is comprised of a delegate from each region in the zone along with previous and future chairpeople of the WSLD.

The steering committee is available to support our region by request. They can join our committee meetings on zoom and are available for questions. They have shared their reports and numbers to help us navigate. I have a list of names and numbers included in this report.

❖ They are willing to come to Alaska for a four-day event if our committee chooses.

### **Translation workshop**

Doug from Alaska presented alongside NAWs about how literature is created, produced, and translated. Doug shared in detail with some humor about the process Alaska went through developing the Yupik translation of IP#1.

### **Fellowship Development**

A fellow from Australia shared about starting a teleconference H&I meeting that went into several prisons at once. This helped NA explode in his region.

### **History of the Basic Text**

This was awesome and inspired me because it highlighted the sacrifice our predecessors made to ensure we hear our message.

They had people stand up for which state they are from. Members were attending from almost every state in the USA.

### **Behind the Walls**

Kia is an excellent contact if we decide we want to set this up. Washington northern Idaho is willing to write letters to our inmates if we would like their help.

### **Takeaways**

There was a workshop at the end of the event to share takeaways from each workshop, which was very helpful. NAWs lead the takeaway session. During this event, four workshops ran simultaneously throughout most of the weekend.

### **Other workshops**

Alan attended a couple of different workshops that his report will highlight. I will also be sending out the recordings so you all can listen to those at your leisure.

## **Information about WSLD for the Alaska Region**

### **WSLD Chairperson Responsibilities**

As wslD chair I facilitated one meeting via zoom a month our meetings were typically 1 hour long. Reports were sent to a google group and read independently, along with last month's minutes.

We also met at the regional service meetings quarterly for no longer than an hour after the RSC.

We did not have any additional meetings except on-site Friday morning before the event.

I also attended a zoom meeting of the steering committee, starting two years before the event. They met anywhere between 1-3 months apart and were never longer than an hour. .1 year before the event, you (the host chair) decides how often you feel the need to have a meeting. This meeting is bouncing, asking

questions, and getting guidance from the steering committee. They do not tell us what to do but help us keep to the spirit of wslD .that it is a service conference and not a convention.

The chair also attends the pre-bid meeting Friday night of the event, and the steering committee meeting Sunday after the event.

The chair of the event becomes the chair of the steering committee the following year of the event. This entails facilitating zoom meetings up to the next year's event. No other duties besides communication is required for this position.

Kia k wslD XXXIII chairperson

The 2019 chair KIA is available for questions if you are considering chairing this event. Her number is 253-221-1590

### **Committee positions**

Chair, vice, secretary, treasurer, programming, merchandise, fundraising, IT, hotels, serenity keepers.

### **Hotel Contract (attached)**

I include a hotel contract completed by another region as a reference point for the hotel's committee.

### **WSLD website and web servant**

[https://wslD.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Western\\_Service\\_Learning\\_Days\\_Guidelines\\_2016.pdf](https://wslD.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Western_Service_Learning_Days_Guidelines_2016.pdf)  
(guidelines and seed \$)

Web servant contact is [stevencantasing@att.net](mailto:stevencantasing@att.net) (send them our registration information and a link to the hotels blocked rooms so members from the US can register and book a room easily)

### **The steering committees contact information (attached)**

### **Our Alaska bid (attached)**

This will be helpful for the committee as a starting point to craft the event. We are expecting a hundred people from the lower 48 to attend. These members are willing to present during the workshops. When our committee crafts a program, the steering committee can help identify members who are coming to workshops.