

The Journey Continues...

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A message from the 2021 Chair

So, when someone asked at the RSC why don't we have a convention, the answer was we never have, and maybe they should go back to Area and look at the possibility of Hosting the Texas State Convention. They did and it was decided to put in a bid. With the blessing of the Area and being a rural area and region, we needed to make sure that there was a place we could do it and that they would let us. When we took our bid to Austin, we had 10 to 15 people go and complete a bid package with a contract to be signed. There was lots of energy in the Region for it. We got the bid and elected our committee and were ready when we went to Ft. Worth. I was elected the chair and unfortunately, I ended up in the hospital and missed that convention, but our committee was there in force and ready to roll. We did a lot of events and did a lot of work, but sometimes life on life's terms shows up and issues arise, and then COVID hit. That's something no convention has had to deal with and it was postponed until 2021, and for a time, we thought we weren't going to get to have it at all. It could not be done with COVID protocols. We lost half of our committee and were losing hope when the miracle happened and things started to open up and our numbers allowed went up at 3 or 4 months out! We reformed in a smaller group, elected a few new people, scaled down the program and charged to the finish line!!! Walking in to the Conven-



Larry C.
Sherman, Texas

tion I had told a few people never again, but I remembered someone telling me not to focus on all the struggles of getting there, but look for the miracles that happen once you are there! I was sad that some of the great people I know in the fellowship chose not to come, and I understand why, but I met a lot of new people from all over the US and got to fellowship a little with my friends who did come. One of our issues was we had to hire security and we did what was required, but at our request, they couldn't be armed and uniforms; they wore a company shirt and you couldn't tell they were there. After one of the speakers, one of them stopped me in the hall and asked to tell me his story so I stopped and listened; he was in recovery, had been to the Crossroads and found a way out and was a counselor at a treatment center in Oklahoma. He said his sister was in town and was struggling and he asked if he could bring her to maybe hear the message. I said Yes, bring her and she was there all day Saturday!!! We had an awesome Convention. The message was carried and the flow of Life was happening and I am Proud of the Committee and all the hard work they did because this is truly a We deal! I am grateful for having this opportunity to serve TSCNA XVIII and the Fellowship and thanks to all who came and shared the Miracle of Recovery. COVID can't stop this.
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2021 Annual Report

Welcome to Corpus Christi and to the Nineteenth (XVIII) TSCNA hosted by the Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Whether this is your first time experiencing the Convention or your nineteenth time, we hope your experience is one that will help further the message of Narcotics Anonymous. This Convention is a statewide effort to carry the message and to celebrate recovery. The Convention Committee welcomes each Region and Area in the state of Texas to set up a registration table on Saturday for their Regional or Area Conventions. This is available each year to the Regions or Areas; just contact the Convention Chair.

Each year at the Convention the fellowship receives an annual report providing disclosure about the Convention. This report also includes a few of the policies that govern how the Advisory Board operates. It is our hope that the information provided in this report will better help members understand what TSCNA is and how it operates. If you would like more information, please contact a member of the Advisory Board/Convention Committee or log on to www.tscna.org and contact us.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Advisory Board and Convention Committee is to plan, coordinate, and conduct the annual Texas State Convention of NA (TSCNA). The purpose of the annual Convention is to celebrate recovery throughout the State of Texas. The Bodies will provide service, unity, and recovery to further the primary purpose of Narcotics Anonymous. The Committees shall represent the diverse cultures of men and women from all walks of life. It is our hope that every addict who attends TSCNA will witness the work of a Higher Power, overcome isolation from the disease of addiction, experience the gift of freedom from active addiction, and join us in this new way of life.

Some Information About the Advisory Board

The Texas State Convention is a Non Profit Organization with a 501(c) (3) ruling from the IRS. The Advisory Board is composed of 18 seats. The following regions currently have positions available to them on the Advisory Board for a liaison: Best Little Region, Lone Star Region, Tejas Bluebonnet Region and Red River Region. There is also one Area currently participating on the Advisory Board and that is the El Paso Area. The Regions and Areas appoint their own members to the board; all other positions are elected at the Advisory Board meetings. Texas State Convention Advisory Board of NA is honor-bound to serve The Texas State Convention of NA. The following Annual and Final reports provide transparency. Our meetings are open to the Fellowship. The Annual Report details the history of the conventions and the Final Report details the current convention. More information concerning the Advisory Board/Convention Committee can be found in the policies which can be downloaded from the web site at www.tscna.org. The policies are updated annually after each Convention and when required.

How the Convention Happens

Without the support of the fellowship in Texas, the Convention could not happen. Each year the Convention Committee starts with seed money. For the first five years or so the seed was \$1,500.00. It has since been increased to \$1,800.00. Groups/Areas across the state of Texas have been making donations throughout the year to the Convention Committee by holding events to support the Convention. If your group or area is interested in holding an event, please contact the Convention Committee. It only takes a desire to make something happen. If you are interested, please feel free to contact someone this weekend or later in the year. We are here to help and to share our Convention experience.

2022 Convention, Corpus Christi, Texas

This year's Convention is being hosted by the Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous. If you would like to get involved with the Convention, please contact a member of the Convention Committee or a member of the Advisory Board. Your help this weekend is welcomed.

Bidding for the Annual Convention for 2024

When a Hosting City is considering placing a bid to host the annual Convention or considering presenting a Letter of Intent to hold a future Convention, the NA members of that City would take the responsibility for assessing the resources available in the geographical area. The Committee should also take into consideration the local NA groups to provide adequate emotional and financial support to reasonably assure success of the Convention. The City seeking to host the annual convention must be located in the State of Texas. The bidding City or Area should have at least two NA groups duly registered with NAWs. It is suggested that a hosting City may not bid again for five years after hosting the Texas State Convention. The presenters from the City or Area should have at least three members in attendance. Two of the members must have a minimum of five years clean when the bid or the intent is presented. The bidding City should submit a bid package detailing the resources of the City or Area. The bid package must be sufficient to ensure a vote of confidence from the NA members of the local vicinity. Members may present a Token Bid at the current convention. The Token Bid will be finalized no later than the next scheduled Advisory Board meeting.

More information on bidding can be found in the policy which can be downloaded from the website at www.tscna.org

The Advisory Board hopes that this information is helpful and informative to the fellowship. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact us. The Convention is an expression of unity and recovery in action through a celebration of recovery.

In Loving Service,
Advisory Board



Hosting
City



Our Donations



City
Totals

Over \$131,000 has been generated by the Texas State Convention to help carry the message of recovery...the journey continues.



2003 San Angelo	\$464	\$464	\$464	\$464	\$464	\$464		\$360	\$464	\$3,608
2004 Galveston	\$1,029	\$1,029	\$1,029	\$1,029	\$1,029	\$1,029		\$800	\$1,029	\$8,003
2005 Waco	\$252	\$252	\$252	\$252	\$252	\$252		\$196	\$252	\$1,960
2006 Ft. Worth	\$1,279	\$1,279	\$1,279	\$1,279	\$1,279	\$1,279		\$995	\$1,279	\$9,948
2007 Amarillo	\$443		\$443	\$443	\$443	\$443	\$443	\$344	\$443	\$3,445
2008 Dallas	\$912		\$912	\$912	\$912	\$912	\$912	\$710	\$912	\$7,094
2009 El Paso	\$786		\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$544	\$786	\$6,046
2010 Austin	\$804		\$804	\$804	\$804	\$804	\$804	\$557	\$804	\$6,185
2011 Mt. Pleasant	\$78		\$78	\$78	\$78	\$78	\$78	\$54	\$78	\$600
2012 Houston			\$333	\$333	\$333		\$333	\$333	\$333	\$1,998
2013 San Antonio			\$2,042	\$2,042	\$2,042		\$2,042	\$2,042	\$2,042	\$12,252
2014 Beaumont			\$233	\$233	\$233		\$233	\$233	\$233	\$1,398
2015 Corpus Christi			\$1,761	\$1,761	\$1,761		\$1,761	\$1,761	\$1,761	\$10,566
2016 Dallas	\$1,095		\$1,095	\$1,095	\$1,095		\$1,095	\$1,095	\$1,095	\$7,665
2017 Lubbock	\$2,145		\$2,145	\$2,145	\$2,145		\$2,145	\$2,145	\$2,145	\$15,015
2018 Austin	\$2,135		\$2,135	\$2,135	\$2,135		\$2,135	\$2,135	\$2,135	\$14,945
2019 Ft. Worth	\$441		\$441	\$441	\$441		\$441	\$441	\$441	\$3,087
2021 Denison	\$2480		\$2480	\$2480	\$2480		\$2480	\$2480	\$2,135	\$2480
Totals	\$14,163	\$3,024	\$18,712	\$18,712	\$18,712	\$6,047	\$15,688	\$17,225	\$18,712	\$131,175



Previous Conventions

2003.....	San Angelo
<i>Diversity Is Our Strength</i>	
2004.....	Galveston
<i>Unity By The Shore</i>	
2005.....	Waco
<i>Through Change Comes Freedom</i>	
2006.....	Fort Worth
<i>There's Hope In Recovery</i>	
2007.....	Amarillo
<i>One Step At A Time</i>	
2008.....	Dallas
<i>In Time, Through Recovery, Our Dreams Come True</i>	
2009.....	El Paso
<i>Clean And Serene In All Our Affairs</i>	
2010.....	Austin
<i>Just For Today</i>	
2011.....	Mt. Pleasant
<i>Along The Path To Freedom</i>	
2012.....	Houston
<i>Strength In Unity</i>	
2013.....	San Antonio
<i>Therapeutic Value of One Addict Helping Another</i>	
2014.....	Beaumont
<i>12 Steps, Traditions, Concepts, Years</i>	
2015.....	Corpus Christi
<i>As We Grow</i>	
2016.....	Dallas
<i>Into A Life We Hadn't Imagined</i>	
2017.....	Lubbock
<i>Narcotics Anonymous Is A Bridge To Life</i>	
2018.....	Austin
<i>The Spirit of Love That Surrounds Us</i>	
2019.....	Fort Worth
<i>The Journey Continues...Living Clean</i>	
2021.....	Denison
<i>The Journey Continues...In Small Towns with Big Recovery</i>	

2022

Texas State Convention

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TSCNA XX

Hosted by volunteers from
around the state.

All volunteers are
welcome! Contact any
board member this
weekend to find out
how you can help the
fellowship!

May 26-28, 2023
Austin, Texas

More details to follow!



All Texas State Convention Advisory
Board Meetings are held quarterly
at 1212 Anderson Lane, Suite 300,
Austin, Texas.
All meetings begin at noon.