

The Journey Continues...

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A message from the 2018

Chair

Being the Chair of TSCNA XVI was one of the most rewarding experiences of my recovery and of my life. When I first got clean, I went to TSCNA and it was the first time that I felt like I belonged. A couple of years later, when TSCNA came to the Esperanza Area, I knew I had to be a part of it. I didn't have the clean time to be a Chair so I accepted a role as a Subcommittee Vice Chair. Being a part of that convention really fueled my passion and desire for recovery and service. I've been to many conventions and served on many



Robert R
Austin, Texas

it allowed me to practice the principles of our fellowship to the fullest extent. Our committee was a diverse group of members from several areas; they were a bunch of Austin transplants, they were the young bucks and old timers, and some members had extensive convention service, and for some it was the first time being a part of an event this big. This committee was as diverse as our fellowship. It was quite an experience watching our convention committee come together and pour all of their love and energy into the convention.

And the best part was seeing that newcomer with one day clean come up during the clean time countdown. When I look back at my experience as TSCNA Chair, I am filled with so much humility and gratitude. This is a special convention and I am grateful to have the opportunity to stay on as part of the TSC Advisory Board.

In Loving Service,
Robert R

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Key Dates:

May 24-26, 2019: Texas State Convention in Ft. Worth, Texas

May 22-24, 2020: Texas State Convention in Denison, Texas



2019 Annual Report

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.

Welcome to Fort Worth and to the Seventeenth (XVII) TSCNA hosted by the Fort Worth Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Whether this is your first time experiencing the Convention or your seventeenth 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

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.

2019 Convention, Fort Worth, Texas

This year's Convention is being hosted by the Fort Worth 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 2021

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 \$110,000 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
Totals	\$11,422	\$3,024	\$15,791	\$15,791	\$15,791	\$6,047	\$12,767	\$14,304	\$15,791	\$110,728



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>	

Future

Conventions

Best Little Region Convention
October 25-28, 2019 ----- Lubbock, Texas

Esperanza Area Convention
January 17- 19, 2020 ----- San Antonio, Texas

Tejas Bluebonnet Convention
January 31- Feb 2, 2020 ---- San Antonio, Texas

Lone Star Regional Convention
April 9-12, 2020 ----- Grapevine, Texas

2020

Texas State Convention

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All meetings begin at noon.