

# The Journey Continues...

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## A message from the 2017 Chair

My desire, along with a couple of other members, to host the TSCNA in the Llano Estacado Area of Best Little Region of Narcotics Anonymous began in Houston, Texas, at the bid meeting of TSCNA X. Our lack of preparation cost us not getting TSCNA XII, and I also now believe that it was fate for us to host a milestone convention at number 15. Just for the record, though, I want y'all to know that when we did not get TSCNA XII, I had a little baby resentment and a chip on my shoulder. I kept telling myself and the other members that I did not care if we ever got it.

Jona J's desire and dream to host TSCNA in the Llano Estacado Area was the driving engine that kept motivating me and others. We agreed to present a bid at TSCNA XIII in Corpus Christi. Fate, along with the best damn bid package ever represented in the history of the TSCNA (put together by none other than Jona J of course) worked in our favor and we were granted TSCNA XV.

We all got together in the Llano Estacado Area and selected a committee and went to work. We were determined to put on the best TSCNA. We wanted to make our area, our region, other regions in Texas and elsewhere and the Advisory Board of TSCNA proud.

Now putting on a TSCNA is no small feat and it requires around 18 months total time for the hosting committee. I did not start off as the Chair for the TSCNA XV. I was originally elected as the Hotels Subcommittee Chair. When our Chair for the convention committee resigned about eight months into the work, I was asked if I was willing to take over the chair position, which left around ten months of commitment

as chair for the next person.

I was reluctant to take the position for many different personal reasons and an assortment of mixed feelings. I finally agreed to take the chair position for no other reason than my continuing, undying love for the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.



**Luis L**  
Lubbock, Texas

There may be some who love it more and some who love it less. That's neither here nor there. I Love Narcotics Anonymous from the very core and center of my heart. My membership in the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous is my most prized and cherished possession. I had the opportunity to practice spiritual principles but I did not always take advantage of that opportunity. We are an unruly bunch. In the end, I do believe we put on a great convention and our primary purpose as a fellowship was accomplished. We had a heck of a program in place for the weekend with a diversity of speakers as recommended by the board.

I want to thank God for the opportunity to lead the TSCNA XV committee the last ten months of its operation. I want to thank all subcommittee members and volunteers. I want to thank the advisory board, speakers, and all members who attended to make it possible.

Last but not least, it would not only be unfair, but I would be remiss not to personally thank Jona J for being the driving force and engine, for not only me, but for the TSCNA XV. Our hard work and energy paid off and we had the opportunity, together, to host the most financially successful TSCNA to date.

In Loving Service,  
Luis L

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## Key Dates:

*May 25-27, 2018: Texas State Convention in Austin, Texas*

*May 24-26, 2019: Texas State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas*



## 2018 Annual Report

Welcome to Austin and to the Sixteenth (XVI) TSCNA hosted by the Central Texas Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Whether this is your first time experiencing the Convention or your sixteenth 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](http://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](http://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.

### 2018 Convention, Austin, Texas

This year's Convention is being hosted by the Central Texas 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 2020

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](http://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 \$95,000 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
<b>Totals</b>	\$9,287	\$3,024	\$13,656	\$13,656	\$13,656	\$6,047	\$10,632	\$12,169	\$13,656	<b>\$95,783</b>



## 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>

## Future

# Conventions



**Best Little Region Convention**

October 19-21, 2018 ----- Amarillo, Texas



**Esperanza Area Convention**

January 18-20, 2019 ----- San Antonio, Texas



**Tejas Bluebonnet Convention**

February 22-24, 2019----- Corpus Christi, Texas



**Lone Star Regional Convention**

April 18-21, 2019 ----- Grapevine, Texas

2019

# Texas State Convention

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Living Clean**

**May 24-26, 2019  
Fort Worth, Texas**

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Meetings are held quarterly at 1212 Anderson  
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All meetings begin at noon.**