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WSC 2026 Regional Report Form

Facts About:

Name of Region	Ohio Region
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Name of Regional Delegate	Marvin Harris
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Have you attended an in-person WSC before?	yes
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If yes, how many?	1
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Did you attend the 2023 WSC?	yes
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Did you attend the 2025 Interim WSC?	yes
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Name of Alternate Delegate	Kirby Martin
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Have you attended an in-person WSC before?	yes
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If yes, how many?	1
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Did you attend the 2023 WSC?	yes
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Did you attend the 2025 Interim WSC?	yes
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How many areas are in the region?	17
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Are any of these areas composed entirely of virtual groups?	no
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How many in-person meetings take place each week in the region?	440
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How many entirely virtual meetings take place each week in the region?	5
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How many of the weekly in-person meetings in your region are also hybrid?	7
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How many in-person H&I panels take place each week in the region? (Please count panels facilitated by all service bodies, not just the RSC.)	90
How many entirely virtual H&I panels take place each week in the region? (Please count panels facilitated by all service bodies, not just the RSC.)	4
How many of the weekly in-person H&I panels in your region are also hybrid?	0
Does it seem as though the Fellowship in your region has been growing, shrinking, or staying the same since WSC 2023?	Staying the same

Your Regional Service Structure

How often does your RSC meet face-to-face? (Number of meetings per year)	4
Are any of these meetings hybrid?	yes
If yes, how many?	4
RSC Committee-Conventions/Events	Conventions/Events
RSC Committee-FD/Outreach	FD/Outreach
RSC Committee-H&I	H&I
RSC Committee-Phoneline	Phoneline
RSC Committee-PR/PI	PR/PI
RSC Committee-Website	Website
Does your RSC meeting use Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM) to reach decisions?	no

Do any of your areas use CBDM to reach decisions? yes

Comments about how that works Fairly well, sometimes with heated discussions.

Service Delivery & Best Practices

Are fellowship development (FD) or outreach efforts provided within your region? yes

If yes, please describe these efforts. If you have an FD or outreach workgroup/committee, please describe this.

We have used Fellowship Development to assist groups with needs and help them with Traditions. In the past the Outreach sub-committee in one of our member areas has sponsored "Meeting of the Month" complete with service panel and pizza party. At this time, they are visiting meetings that are struggling to participate with area and pushing "Banner Wars" (capture the flag) to encourage intergroup participation. Several areas have held or are planning to hold "Learning Day" events directed at new GSR's.

Describe what kind of planning your region and/or its areas utilize?

Planning happens on an as-needed basis and is typically conducted by ad hoc committees. At least one area has a Local Services Committee (LSC) that meets separately from ASC that includes their H&I, PR, Outreach, Flyers, Phonenumber, and Website coordinators. The LSC chair reports to the area.

If you have had any particular successes with utilizing technology in new ways within your region and/or areas please share them.

Our RSC and some of our ASC's are meeting hybrid, although in-person participants are not always able to see those attending virtually. We've also had success in conducting H&I panels over Zoom. This has enabled us to seek help from members who live in other jurisdictions. Also, our region is looking into the use of technology to significantly reduce the cost associated with phone line services for both the region and its areas.

Please describe the different types of public relations efforts (PR/PI) carried out in your region

PR conducts poster drives and works with community service organizations & outside agencies. Our region and some of our areas have professionally made signage, both table-top and stand-alone, and attend a number of resource and health fairs and overdose/addiction awareness events. We provide meeting schedules to local service providers and are exploring other ways of providing meeting information to them such as the use of signage with a QR code, directing users to local area websites, in lieu of printed meeting schedules.

Please provide the URLs for the social media that your region is responsible for naohio.org

How many professional conferences per year do the PR/PI committees in your region and areas participate in/exhibit at? 3

Reaching Decisions on WSC Issues

Has your region hosted CAR workshops? yes

If yes, please describe these efforts, such as number of workshops and average attendance: Our region conducted a brief CAR workshop as part of our last RSC meeting with app. 25-30 members from 13 areas in attendance. Some areas have hosted their own local workshops - some at ASC meetings and some as separate events with varying levels of attendance.

Which of these methods does your community use to reach a conscience on the CAR? (Please choose one only. If your community uses more than one, please indicate the main method and use the "Other" option to provide further details.) Tally-one vote per Area

Does your region discuss the parts of the CAR not related to motions? yes

If yes, please describe these efforts We allowed members to join Zoom and review Motions and Tally sheets to take back to their home groups and bring them to our area meeting the month before our regional meeting.

Does your region engage in gathering a conscience for CAT material? yes

If yes, please describe these efforts We plan to discuss CAT material at our next RSC meeting.

Innovations and Challenges

What subject generated the most interest and discussion in your region over the past conference cycle?

There is always a lot of discussion about DRT/MAT. Many wish the World Board would take a position and state that our Fellowship's policy is that members who are taking non-essential, mood-altering, addictive drugs are not "clean". They are members and welcome to attend, but some forms of service, speaking, and sponsoring are reserved for our members who are "clean".

Please describe the most significant challenge your region has faced since WSC 2023.

Probably the most significant challenge facing our region has been the rising cost of services - in particular, providing liability insurance coverage for NA meetings & events throughout the region and operation of our regional "helpline" phone service. Our region is looking into the use of technology to significantly reduce the cost associated with phone line services for both the region and its areas.

The most significant challenge faced by one area is handling the large number of newcomers from treatment facilities & recovery houses at meetings - averaging 100-200 people at many meetings. This area has lost the use of several venues because of the impact these numbers have on the facilities. When they've attempted to place a limit on the number of attendees (as directed by the venues fire code capacity), the meetings end up primarily newcomers arriving early in the treatment vans, leaving experienced members unable to attend.

Another area had an apex predator attending meetings. This individual single-handedly did more damage than anything they had ever experienced - selling drugs in meetings and roping newcomers into human trafficking. Local treatment centers stopped bringing their clients to NA because of this individual's presence. Meetings that used to average 45-50 people are now down to 2-5 attendees. When our founding member set our policy that we don't exclude or ban anyone from our meetings, they could not have imagined what our society has devolved into. The time has come to re-examine our policy that everyone is welcome. It's one of the beautiful things about virtual meetings. If people enter a meeting for the purpose of disrupting it, we throw them out.

Another challenge is that many banks seem baffled by our annual turnover of trusted servants and how to manage changing signatories.

What additional information would you like to share with other conference participants?

We were very glad to see the information pamphlet, "Staying Clean in Isolation" updated. We would like to see other existing IP's updated as it's embarrassing to hold literature study meetings and have outdated information in the IP's.

Many do not want our Worldwide Fellowship to alter our literature to pacify populations who comprise a very small percentage of our membership, such as LGBTQ or atheist/agnostic members. Perhaps an IP or booklet could be written to address the concerns of such members, but we do not want to see our existing, foundational recovery literature altered.

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