



2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

The next International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You". A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate 75 years of A.A. with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend at the San Antonio Convention Center and local hotels.

Many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, this information will be provided about the convention and the host city of San Antonio. The A.A. website (www.aa.org) will update information as it becomes available. Articles will be in "Box 459" which is posted on the website. "Box 459" is mailed to the general service representatives (GSRs) of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with the A.A. General Service Office. Check with your group GSR. Information will be posted on the website for the International Advisory Council (IAC) at www.iac-aa.org

How Do I Register? Where Do I Stay?

In September 2009, the information on convention registration and housing reservations will become available in a packet. This will be on the A.A. website and will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world.

Can I Make Reservations Now?

Not likely. These conventions are held every five years. Far in advance, cities bid for the opportunity to host the A.A. Convention. When a location is selected, the General Service Office of A.A. contracts with the city years ahead to develop a total package. Most hotels, convention centers, stadiums, domes, meeting halls, RV parks, motels, etc. are booked on behalf of the convention. When people register for the convention, all the reservations are processed through a central lottery system to make sure that everyone has equal opportunity. If you have a friend or relative living in San Antonio, you may want to call and ask to stay over during the convention. Don't worry; there will be space for everyone.

Ways to Participate with IAC for the 2010 Convention...

Tell your friends: Tell five other alcoholics about the convention.

Pick Partners:

Invite friends to travel with you to San Antonio in 2010.

For Texans: Volunteer to be the local IAC representative from one of these groups or areas. People are needed in Texas from Beaumont, Clear Lake, Galveston, Amarillo, Sherman, Longview, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Fort Worth and all the towns in between. Help to reach all the people who may never have been to such a convention.

For States and Countries: Volunteer to be the coordinator of information in your state, area or country.

Secretaries and Assistants: Take notes at meetings; manage mailing lists, do flyers, letters, copying, mailings, etc. IAC is an all volunteer council and there are no paid staff members.

Site Locator: We need a site for the dance on July 2, 2010 or July 3, 2010 in San Antonio. The location needs to be simple, comfortable and easy to get to. Less grandiose – more intimate. Anticipate

2,000 attendees. Know anyone? Know a place?

San Antonio Roundup 2008: Attend the Labor Day roundup this summer and become familiar with San Antonio. Meet the IAC Executive Committee and the other people involved. Share ideas. Have fun. (www.SanAntonioRoundup.com)

Stay Sober: Consider the journey to AA's 75th birthday in 2010 to be a part of your own celebration of sobriety. Involve newcomers, friends, sponsors, sponsees, old-timers, etc.

Raise Funds: We will need money for expenses - hospitality suite and the dance. AA individuals, AA groups and AA roundups can donate monies. We do not accept funds from non-AA groups or roundups, the public, businesses, non-AA members, other 12 step programs, treatment facilities or the like. If gay/lesbian AA groups raised \$100 per group over the next two years, we would be just fine.

Roundup Project: We plan to contact every gay/lesbian AA roundup in the U.S. to carry the message about 2010 in San Antonio. We will use individuals visits, letters, e-mails, IAC packets. Volunteers are needed.

AA Group Project: We plan to contact every gay AA group in the U.S. to carry the message of 2010 in San Antonio. This will be in person, via mail, by phone –whatever we can.

Bookmark Project: We want to distribute bookmarks about IAC and the 2010 Convention. We need help pricing this project, getting bids, working with designers, distribution, etc.

IAC Elections: In August 2009, there will be IAC Executive Committee elections and new national members will be chosen. Learn more. Interested? Know someone interested?

Party Themes: The hospitality suite and the dance will need themes, decorations, music, etc.

Host an Hour: Specific AA groups and AA roundups can sign up to host an hour at the hospitality suite or dance. Raise money, pick an AA theme, meet and greet.

ALL IDEAS ARE WELCOME!

Gay/Lesbian Hospitality Suite and Dance at the 2010 International

The International Advisory Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (IAC) will host the Gay/Lesbian Hospitality Suite and Dance at the 2010 San Antonio Convention. IAC invites individuals and groups within the gay AA community to join with us.

Goals for 2010 in San Antonio

1: Encourage gay and lesbian alcoholics in Texas, across the USA and around the world to participate in the convention.

2: Attract gay and lesbian AA members from smaller communities to participate in the convention. Often, those in such communities may not have access to local gay meetings.

3: Attract gay and lesbian alcoholics to the excitement, fellowship, gratitude and service work in planning for and attending 2010.

April 2008 IAC Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for April 26, 2008.

Edited for space. Full minutes on the website.

Conference Call Meeting: Lynn W., Marty S., Mark J., Mary, Marie S., and Kevin W-S.

The San Antonio Round Up. Mark, Marty, Lynn, Kevin, and Hebert agreed to be at the Round Up over Labor Day weekend. There will be an Executive Committee Conference call on Saturday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. Central Time to include members unable to be in San Antonio.

Newsletter. Plan to complete a newsletter and get out before San Antonio Roundup.

Telecon. Proposed to begin 28th June, Saturday 2:00 eastern time and to take place every two months. Help us keep track of things. Four would be a quorum. Agenda items to be sent to Hebert who will compile the agenda prior to the call.

Web Postings and Newsletters.

Mark has been able to do a directory in hard copy. He expressed prior commitment by cleaning up data base and got all zip and

postal codes. He told about technical things in conjunction with the data base and everyone is now able to do this on line. Verifying meetings via mail and also fundraising. We can print meeting directories on demand and mail for IAC. He asked if he could send out letters to all groups for verification and asking for donations with verification letter. Marty brought up listings of round-ups and the listing of them.

Bylaws Review. In initial review, Lynn said the bylaws are basically o.k. and functional. What becomes apparent is the need for clarity on what we offer from IAC and outline of job descriptions. She will draft a proposal for discussion at our meeting in August.

Executive Committee Listing on Website. Lynn suggested a listing of the committee in traditional format. A secondary listing might be elsewhere and include non-committee people involved in specific roles. This would not give the impression that all are on the Executive Committee, but will recognize their contribution. Marie asked about list of members instead of roles. In the future by-law review discussion, further ideas can be discussed. Mark said there is a simple way, but will be alpha. Mark said he will take care of it. Mark said he sent out a way for everyone to check e-mails that come in. Mark asked if the Loners Committee existed anymore. No one feels it is active anymore. Marty said we should look at it.

Financial: Kevin gave a bank balance \$19,510.99. Discussion was on the future and on pay-pal and how credits could be applied to the bank account. Mark is going to submit billing for a couple thousand dollars soon for the website services contract. Kevin suggests billing sent to Marty & Hebert so they can o.k. payment via e-mail.

International Convention 2010 Update. Houston kick-off meeting on 4-19-08. Lynn will try to go to the Fort Worth Round Up. Previous kick-off meetings efforts were held in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. She asked committee members to get people involved and carry the message of 2010 and IAC to other groups, cities, roundups. The committee asked Mark, Lynn, and Kevin to form a "steering committee" for IAC 2010.

Banner. Mark spoke of a revised IAC banner using new logo. It is \$20 per square foot to print. Marty thinks he could get it sewn. The current banner was donated by Toronto and it looks similar to the Boy

Scouts of America. Mark could have a couple made and could have several across the country. Marty would like to see sample.

2010 Buttons. Marie said Mark entertained thought of making them last year in NJ. Lynn spoke of initial outlay of cost and may have to expense out. Marie feels we could sell them. She thinks we should have collector pins and that collecting and trading of the pins would be advantageous. She will check on pricing and get back to the committee. Mark agreed to get pricing on a simple design.

About IAC-AA

The International Advisory Council (IAC) serves the gay and lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our sole purpose for existing is to provide our experience, strength and hope to any arm of AA when called upon to do so, and to work in the spirit of Unity and Service with AA for the betterment of the (gay/lesbian) members of AA and for AA as a whole. The IAC was chartered in 1981. IAC is recognized by Alcoholics Anonymous as a special interest group.

Executive Committee Members

Chairperson	Hebert G.
Deputy Chairperson.	Marie S.
Secretary.	Marty S
Treasurer	Kevin W
Advisor.	Fred S
Advisor.	Mark J
Advisor.	Lynn W

About IAC-AA and AA

IAC operates within the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Three of the twelve are:

Tradition 7 "We are self-supporting through our own contributions..."

Tradition 11 "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion..."

Tradition 12 "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."