



H.A.W.S. **MAINLINE**

Heroin Anonymous World Services
Monthly Bulletin

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This informational bulletin's purpose is to
increase communication between the groups of
Heroin Anonymous throughout the world.



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HAWS SERVICE **POSITION OPENINGS**

Upcoming Available Service Positions

Greetings all,

The HA World Services board is now taking resumes for positions that will be vacant within the next 6 months. Presently, we are accepting resumes for the following positions:

- 1 non-heroin addict advisor
- 1 heroin addict advisor
- Chairperson

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- Vice Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Webmaster
 - 1 voting at-large member.

It is strongly encouraged that candidates have a thorough knowledge of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. For more information please contact hawssecretary@gmail.com .

Thank you,

Adam D.
HAWSOB Secretary

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CONVENTION PANELS

Upcoming Available Service Positions

Hello Heroin Anonymous!

The 2021 HA World Convention is looking for people who might participate in panels at the convention. If you are interested in participating in one of the workshops below, please contact us at haconvention@gmail.com!

1. **Why HA?** - Is there a person in your area who you would describe as a "beyond-dedicated" member of HA? Does this person continue to show up for HA regardless of his or her own life? Well, we would like to speak with him or her ASAP. We're looking for a heroin addict who has truly had a spiritual experience - someone who not only understands the importance of the program but continues to serve its members through service and dedication. The goal of this panel is for us to connect with those individuals who rally for HA Unity and advocate for HA on all levels.

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2. **Cooperation, Not Affiliation** - We get it - HA rules. Suffering from heroin addiction, recovering from heroin addiction, and relating to your fellow ex-junkie is incredible (we are all about it, obviously). However, there are over 50 different 12 Step Fellowships in existence, and crossover frequently occurs, which can sometimes blur the lines of our Traditions. We are on the lookout for those individuals who advocate for HA in cooperation with other 12-Step programs, thus embodying the spirit of the principal, "Cooperation, Not Affiliation". Participation in this workshop *does not require being a heroin addict!!!*
 3. **Spirituality in Relationships** - Do you know that one couple in your area that has overcome every obstacle gracefully by utilizing the spiritual principles they learned in HA? Or, that one person who thrives in their sobriety network and is a blossoming social butterfly? What about that individual who slays in their career and is able to truly practice these principles in *all* of their affairs? We are looking for people who have a strong relationship with their higher power and brings that level of spirituality into their relationships. Some common themes in this person's life may include principles before personality, spiritual consent, loving people more than loving their feelings, and integrity.
 4. **Heroin Addict Who Still Suffers** - Who's your sponsor? Does he or she sponsor a number of folks in your area? Are they always reaching out to the newcomer? Do they seek out those in local detoxes and rehabs to help carry this message? Do they have a clear understanding of selflessness? Well, we are looking to have a conversation with them!!! We want to speak to those who trudge the road to happy destiny and walk hand in hand with the heroin addict who is still suffering.
 5. **Public Information** - There are thousands of heroin addicts dying on a daily basis. As heroin use has increased, so have heroin-related overdose deaths. According to the Center for Disease Control, somewhere between 120 and 150 people are dying from overdoses every day in the United States, resulting in a national health crisis. Now is the time for HA to step up into the public sphere and offer the message we carry on a larger scale. We want to speak with the recovered heroin addicts who dedicate themselves to the carrying of HA's 12-Step recovery message to the public.

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SHOOTING THE BREEZE **WITH BUDDY**

Q&A with Buddy D. – Birmingham, AL

Q: What is your sobriety date and home group?

A: October 20, 2018 and beyond the tracks

Q: What is your position for the convention?

A: Public information chair

Q: What does that entail?

A: I am responsible for getting information to the general public about the public information committee and about the convention. We also want to make sure that other people know that we exist and then what we do. We are attracting people to the convention. Anyone who we come in contact with who would come in contact with a heroin addict, we want them to know about us: the doctors, hospitals, rehab centers, sober living, and methadone clinics, etc.

Q: What have you learned?

A: I've learned about the traditions and how they affect the group. Also on a personal level, it's OK for me to know that I won't be perfect. This makes it easier to motivate others, and it keeps my expectations in check.

Q: Are you bringing that into other areas of your life?

A: Yes, I'm at Starbucks now, and I'm not expecting much. It helps me have a happier life.

Q: What do you want people to know about the convention?

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A: This is going to be the best convention yet and I hope to have more newcomers there than people with time in Recovery.

Q: Any parting words?

A: I can't wait for the convention to see everyone!

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If you would like your meeting featured in our meeting spotlight or have any other content you would like to submit, please feel free to contact us at haworldbulletin@gmail.com.

Thank you!

The Folks at The HAWS Mainline



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