

Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill

A Note from Your World Board

With gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, we offer this reflection on the past year's activities. Compiling the annual report, as we do each winter, helps us to consider the impact of our work and how our members make that work possible. We are humbled by the chance to further the Vision for NA Services.

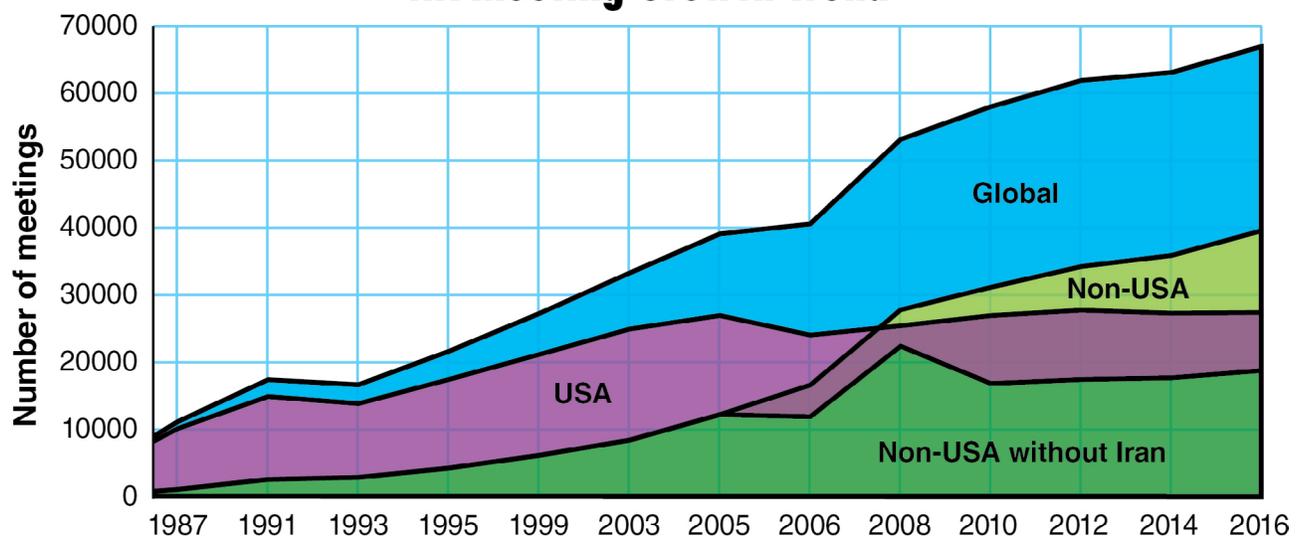
All of our efforts at NA World Services work to further our primary purpose, moving us closer to a future in which "every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life." The number of NA meetings worldwide demonstrates this, as does an analysis of our members' first languages and the languages in which NA literature has been published.

In 2008, delegates to the World Service Conference (WSC) reported 53,000 weekly meetings.¹ Meetings were held in 69 languages, but NA literature was only published in 36 of those languages or just over half. By contrast, nearly 67,000 NA meetings were being held each week by the time of WSC 2016. Meetings were held in 80 different languages, and 50—roughly two-thirds of meetings held in languages other than English—had the benefit of some NA literature in their first language.

The chart below illustrates our continued growth as we strive toward a shared vision for the future. As the data shows, 41% of our meetings were held in the US, 31% in Iran, and 28% in over 130 other countries this year. Compare this to 2008, when 48% of our meetings were in the US, 10% in Iran, and 42% in other countries.

¹ We have used regional reports to determine meeting numbers since 2008. Prior to 2008, reports of meeting numbers were drawn from the database of registered groups.

NA Meeting Growth Trend



Over the course of the last eight years, we have become increasingly diverse and multilingual. Fellowship growth means that the message reaches more addicts.

Providing NA literature for free or at a reduced cost—primarily for members in hospitals and institutions and for communities who cannot afford to purchase literature—remains one of NA World Services’ highest priorities. It’s also one of the more tangible, measurable ways our work connects to our primary purpose and A Vision for NA Services. A realistic analysis of growing needs for free and subsidized literature and limited resources inspired extraordinary efforts over the past few years to control costs. The graph below reflects the actual costs to NAWS of providing free and subsidized literature. The sharp rise of the trend line in previous iterations of this graph has been subdued by cost-saving measures.

Careful planning has allowed us to keep pace with demand while controlling costs. We now produce literature in eight locations around the globe and utilize five distribution centers. This has reduced both expenses and difficulties with customs. Production and distribution savings make each dollar spent on literature go a little further. Although the needs of the Fellowship continue to grow, cost-saving measures have allowed us to keep pace with the demand.

“Inspired by the primary purpose of our groups,” our work at NAWS can be thought of in three core areas: projects and workgroups; Fellowship support and development; and literature production and distribution. Read

between the lines of the 2016 *NA World Services Annual Report* and you may hear the voices of those we serve: the incarcerated member who received a book; the members in places where NA is just gaining a foothold; and the members delighting in the contents of our latest piece of Fellowship-approved literature. Increasing contributions play an important role in supporting these and other efforts.

This 2015–2016 annual report aims to relay some of the highlights of the last fiscal year in a concise and readable way. We’ve formatted information in a way that will allow you to quickly assess some of the accomplishments, financial information, and services that form the core of our operations. By making this report more accessible, we hope that more members will take time to read it and understand the services NAWS provides on behalf of the Fellowship.

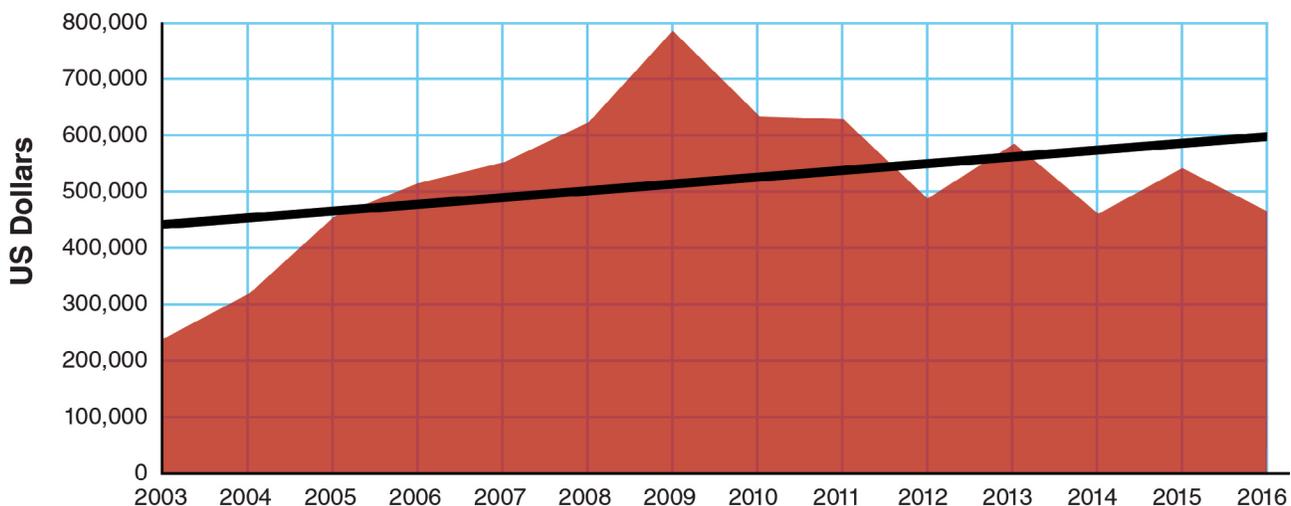
NAWS’ activities generate both income and expenses. Looking at the financial reports in light of all that we’ve accomplished in FY 2016, we hope you’ll agree that every dollar that comes in—whether by contribution or literature purchase—is an investment in our Vision for NA Services, a vision that keeps us squarely focused on our primary purpose. Taken together, the information in this report will give the reader some sense of the scope of our work, the competency with which NAWS is managed, and the efficiency of our operations.

We are grateful to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Your World Board

Cost to NAWS for Free & Subsidized Literature, 2003–2016



Note: The high point in the 2008-2009 fiscal year reflects distribution of the Fifth Edition Basic Text for use in H&I settings when we published the Sixth Edition. Despite this, free and subsidized literature is still trending upward (black line).

World Board Members

Board Member	First Elected	Term Ends	Location
Tana Agostini	2012	2018	Saugerties, New York, USA
Irene Crawley	2012	2018	Westmeath, Ireland
Paul Fitzgerald	2012	2018	Mumbai, India
Arne Hassel-Gren	2006	2018	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Mark Hersh	2006	2018	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Franney Jardine	2006	2018	Olympia, Washington, USA
Tonia Nikolinakou	2006	2018	Athens, Greece
Junior Odilson Gomez Braz	2008	2020	São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil
Tali McCall	2012	2022	Anahola, Hawaii, USA
Jack Hovenier	2016	2022	Bellingham, Washington, USA
Jose Luis Andreu	2016	2022	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Khalil Johnson	2016	2022	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
MaryEllen Polin	2012	2022	Encino, California, USA
Tim Smith	2016	2022	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Human Resource Panel

	First Elected	Term Ends	
Michael B	2014	2018	Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Sherry V	2014	2018	Bunker Hill, West Virginia, USA
Jim B	2016	2020	North Chicago, Illinois, USA
Veronica B	2016	2020	Husqvarna, Sweden

WSC Cofacilitators

	First Elected	Term Ends	
Laura B	2014	2018	Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
Mark B	2016	2020	Oviedo, Florida, USA

Outgoing Trusted Servants

Thank you to the following people who concluded their terms of service with WSC 2016:

WB Members

Mary Banner	2004–2016	Little Elm, Texas, USA
Ron Blake	2004–2016	Richmond, Victoria, Australia
Iñigo Calonje Unceta	2010–2016	Estepona, Málaga, Spain
Paul Craig	2006–2016	Quispamsis, New Brunswick, Canada
Mukam Harzenski	2004–2016	Ship Bottom, New Jersey, USA
Ron Miller	2004–2016	Winter Haven, Florida, USA

HRP Members

Lib E	2012–2016	Christchurch, New Zealand
David J	2012–2016	Llanbedr, Gwynedd, UK

Cofacilitator

Dickie D	2012–2016	Amite, Louisiana, USA
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