

Upon This Common Ground We Stand Committed

A Note from Your World Board

Language can do many things, but it will always fall short of expressing our sincerest gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous—that can only be shown through our actions. Accordingly, every decision we make, every action we take, is guided by our shared commitment to further our primary purpose. It is in this spirit that we strive to contribute to the growth of NA by providing the highest-quality service and support to the Fellowship that we possibly can. Making a reality of our collective pursuit—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers—is the common ground upon which we stand committed and the foundation of NA World Services.

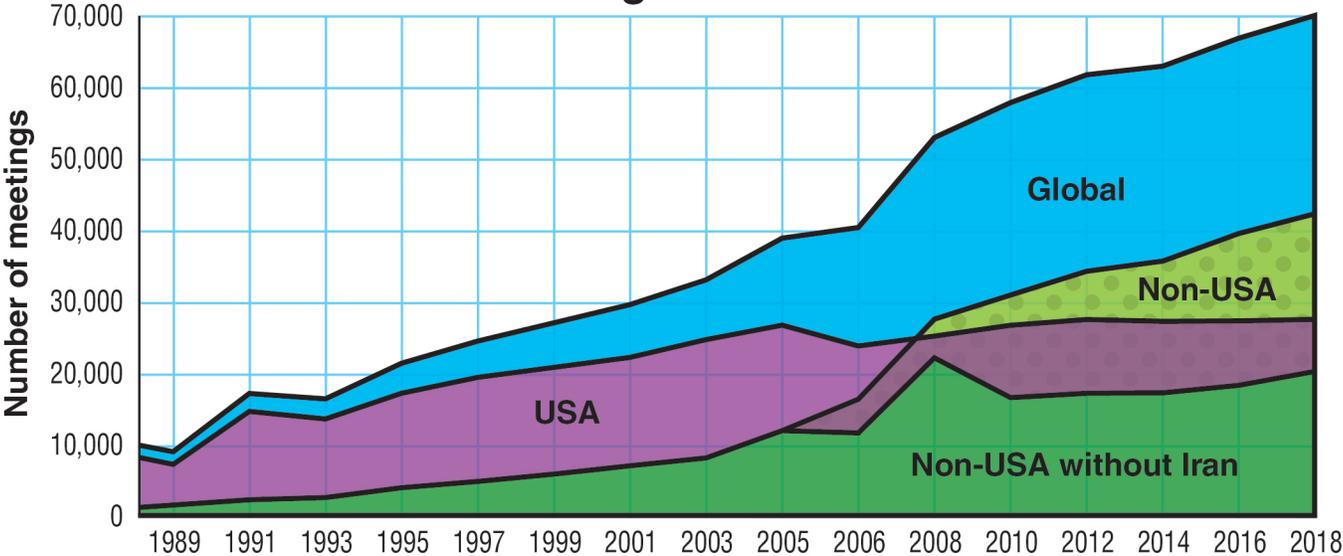
Today, NA is a global Fellowship, but this isn't something that "just happened." The dedication of trusted servants at every level—from the member who shows up to the meeting early to make sure the newcomer has a cup

of coffee and a hug, to the regional delegate who carries the voice of their NA community to the World Service Conference—have contributed to Narcotics Anonymous becoming a bona fide worldwide Fellowship. As a result of these ongoing efforts, we now have over 70,000 meetings in 144 countries, and literature translated into 55 different languages.

The NA Meeting Growth Trend graph below tells the story of our continued growth. As the data show, the number of global meetings has grown nearly 5 percent from the 2016 fiscal year. The most encouraging aspect of this figure is the fact that non-US meetings account for 86 percent of this growth. This type of Fellowship growth means not only that the message is reaching more addicts, but that we continue to become more diverse and multilingual. Today, more than at any other point in our history, addicts outside the US have a chance to find a new way of life through NA.

One of the most important and tangible ways NAWs contributes to fulfilling our primary purpose is by providing NA literature for free or at a reduced cost. This

NA Meeting Growth Trend



assistance is provided mostly to members in hospitals and institutions, and to emerging NA communities that cannot afford to purchase literature. The growing need for free and subsidized literature, combined with our limited resources, has led us to find sustainable solutions to control the production costs over the past few years. The graph below reflects the costs to NAWS of providing free and subsidized literature. As you can see, we have managed to continue the trend of reducing our costs while still being able to carry out this vital aspect of our work.

While these Fellowship development successes are encouraging, our work is never done. New challenges always arise, and there still are communities where NA is both wanted and needed. What's more, we know that having our literature translated into a community's native language is a key element for an NA community to take root. To overcome many of these Fellowship development and translations obstacles, NAWS employs strategic planning to continue to improve our service delivery efforts. We gather data, assess challenges, and plan solutions to work toward a future where, no matter the circumstances, "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 *NAWS Annual Report* aims to capture our accomplishments over a single fiscal year (1 July to 30 June) and to offer members a better understanding of our efforts. This year's report includes updates on WCNA 37, information about projects from the previous Conference cycle, a progress report on current projects, and Fellowship support highlights from Ukraine and the Asia Pacific

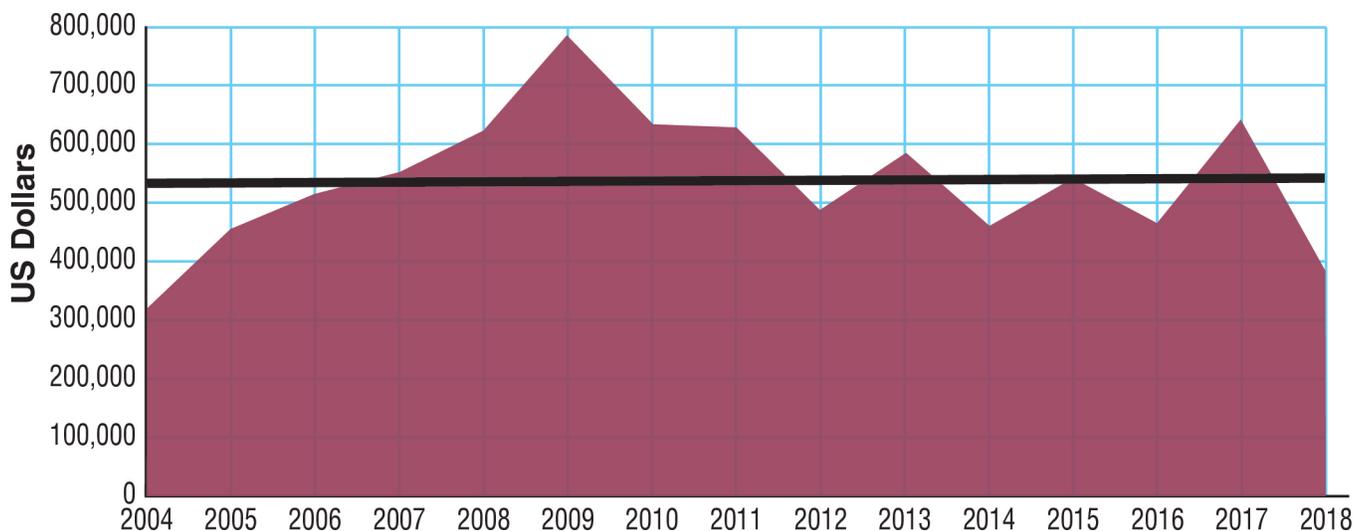
Forum. Additionally, the data from this fiscal year are compared with the figures from previous years so we can see where we are finding success in our service efforts as a Fellowship, and understand ways in which we can deliver services even more effectively.

While the *Annual Report* fulfills our legal obligation to recount our activities, we view this report as something much more meaningful. The Fellowship entrusts us to fulfill our corporate responsibilities in a manner that adheres to our guiding principles. Ultimately, the World Board is responsible to the Fellowship of NA; we strive to report in enough detail to offer transparency and make every effort to communicate effectively with a broad audience. As such, the reader will find financial reports related to all that we've accomplished in the 2018 fiscal year, but we hope this report is more than just words and numbers on a page. We aim to help our members better understand the scope of NAWS' work, how we overcome the challenges we face together, and how our commitment to carrying the message to the addict who still suffers drives our operations. We want our members to know that we are all a part of this process, and that every dollar that comes—whether by contribution, convention registration, or literature purchase—reinforces the advancement of our primary purpose across the globe.

We hope you are as inspired and excited as we are about the Fellowship development that NAWS is able to support, and we humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In gratitude,
Your World Board

Cost to NAWS for Free & Subsidized Literature, 2004–2018



Note: These figures do not include the literature we print and distribute outside of NAWS' regular distribution centers. Those locations include Egypt, Argentina, Russia, and Brazil. With the conversion to a new accounting system, we hope to provide a better picture of this activity in the future.

A Look at Self-Support

When we commit to self-support, we take responsibility for our well-being and our future.

Guiding Principles, Tradition Seven

NA members contribute to our vision in many ways: starting and maintaining meetings, sponsorship, working on local translation committees, and bringing meetings into jails and prisons, to name a few. And the value of our

service efforts cannot be overstated, for without members dedicating their time and energy in pursuit of our primary purpose, NA would not be the global lifesaving Fellowship it is today. Additionally, many of our members know that the combination of human and financial resources works to help further our primary purpose because financial contributions are often necessary to deliver services on both a local and a global level.

For more information on NAWs' income by source, see page 30.

World Board Members

Board Member	First Elected	Term Ends	Location
Junior Odilson Gomez Braz	2008	2020	São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil
Tali McCall	2012	2022	Anahola, Hawaii, USA
MaryEllen Polin*	2012	2022	Old Lyme, Connecticut, USA
Jose Luis Andreu	2016	2022	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Jack Hovenier	2016	2022	Bellingham, Washington, USA
Tim Smith	2016	2022	Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia
Tana Agostini	2012	2024	Saugerties, New York, USA
Irene Crawley	2012	2024	Westmeath, Ireland
Paul Fitzgerald	2012	2024	Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
Hammed Al-Tamimi	2018	2024	Kuwait City, Kuwait
Lib Edmonds	2018	2024	Christchurch, New Zealand
Yoel Geffen	2018	2024	Ashdod, Israel

Human Resource Panel

	First Elected	Term Ends	
Jim B	2016	2020	North Chicago, Illinois, USA
Veronica B	2016	2020	Husqvarna, Sweden
Nathaneal M	2018	2022	Southport, Queensland, Australia
Craig R	2018	2022	Arnold, Maryland, USA

WSC Cofacilitators

	First Elected	Term Ends	
Mark B	2016	2020	Oviedo, Florida, USA
Daniel C	2018	2022	Salina, Kansas, USA

**In Memoriam*

With great sadness, we report that World Board Member MaryEllen Polin passed away on 6 July 2019. MaryEllen passionately served Narcotics Anonymous for more than 35 years. She was first elected to the World Board in 2012 and was reelected in 2016. A true champion of our message in print, MaryEllen served on the *Living Clean* book workgroup, and she was an active member of the current Spiritual Principle a Day book workgroup until her passing. Her selfless contributions to NA were immeasurable and will continue to make an impact on recovering addicts worldwide. MaryEllen was known for her devotion to her loving family, to mentorship, and to friendship. She will be remembered for her irresistible warmth and penchant for helping others. While our hearts are heavy, our memories are fond, and MaryEllen's loving spirit will live on in the deeds of those she loved throughout the years.