A Note from
Your World Board
1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

We say, “Two addicts make a meeting.” But hundreds of thousands of addicts worldwide recovering from the disease of addiction in Narcotics Anonymous? That makes a statement. For more than 65 years, our Fellowship has demonstrated that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Every day, NA members all over the world are living proof that the magic that’s been happening in NA for decades is still real.

While sustainability is key to NAWS’ effectiveness, it’s just one of the many challenges that require us to remain nimble in our operations and unified in our approach. We gather data, assess challenges, and find solutions that help NA continue to grow in our ever-changing world. It’s clear that we’re better together, so we regularly explore ways we can make our planning process more collaborative by involving Conference participants who represent the concerns of NA groups worldwide. By working together, we can move toward creating a prudent and effective mechanism for addressing the issues our Fellowship faces collectively and continue to expand the availability of the NA message to the addict who still suffers around the world.

Thank you for your continued support and this extraordinary opportunity to serve Narcotics Anonymous. We look forward to continuing this magical journey together.
Nary a dull moment befalls the Translations Team! Books, booklets, IPs, SPs, keytags, and more keep coming from NA communities to become published NA literature. Typically, a draft created by a Local Translation Committee, or LTC, will arrive via email. Thus begins that draft’s journey through a stringent process that assures both conceptual fidelity and keeping with that language’s publication standards. Conceptual fidelity is a term that Translation Basics defines as making “sure that NA literature carries the same message, regardless of the publication’s language.” It also works to encourage the translation of ideas, not word-for-word. Through the use of a professional proofreader for that language, translations get worked out with the LTC to ensure the ideas in the translated text capture the same meaning as the English original. The proofreader also assists us in ensuring the publication standards for that language are correct—concerns such as spelling, grammar, and punctuation rules that often are not the same as English.

As most of our members understand, the fact that NA World Services must operate as a business does not change the spiritual nature of our goals as an organization. The goals outlined in A Vision for NA Service, approved at WSC 2010, continue to guide everything we do. The enduring pursuit of this vision inspires us to provide the highest level of services we can, as documented in this Annual Report.
The reality of NAWS’ funding is that we continue to rely heavily on literature sales for income, and this has been concerning since the early 1990s. As the Seventh Tradition guides us to be “self-supporting through our own contributions,” it becomes even more important to remember that a dollar in the basket doesn’t go as far as it did in the ’90s. By the same token, increasing member contributions to World Services helps reduce our reliance on literature sales and defines our commitment to the addict who still suffers through the principle of self-support.

To understand what “self-supporting” looks like, we divided the cost of fully funding Fellowship services by the number of meetings worldwide. We calculated this per-group estimate to inspire conversation. The graphic below compares current contributions received to what it would take to fund Fellowship services solely by contributions.

In the graph on the next page, you’ll find Fellowship contributions in five categories. Altogether, these make up 10% percent of total NAWS operating income which is a decrease of 1% percent from FY 2018. We are deeply inspired by your contribution efforts, and we are grateful for your shared commitment to Tradition Seven and A Vision for NA Service. Thank you!

Worldwide Fellowship Support Cost per Meeting per Year

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As in years past, this year brought to fruition many projects that make a difference in our members’ lives.

- One project that stands to impact the most members is the Chinese Basic Text. To get this book published required herculean efforts from the LTC, the proofreader, and NAWS over a period of time. This book was ready in time for a professional event that NAWS attended in the Chinese capital of Beijing in May 2019.

- The ever-popular Living Clean made its debut to the Fellowship in Italy in March 2019 and was met with great fanfare. This publication continues to inspire members across the world as it is translated into more and more languages.

- Also quite busy was the Japanese LTC! While several of their IPs were published over the year, IP #29 was snagged up due to a formatting issue. Japanese publications have a specific layout, and the LTC performs the typesetting of their drafts after proofreading and sends NAWS the final typeset version. Uncharacteristically, IP #29 arrived with problems, and NAWS worked with the LTC to finalize the draft for publication.
The NAWS Strategic Plan sets objectives for every two-year Conference cycle. Project plans come from the strategic plan and require Conference approval. Decisions at WSC 2018 set the agenda for the projects, workgroups, and Fellowship discussions outlined below.

**Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs)** are subjects that members around the world focus on in workshops throughout each two-year Conference cycle. The IDTs for the 2018–2020 cycle were: Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication-Assisted Treatment (DRT/MAT) as It Relates to NA, Attracting Members to Service, and Carrying the Message and Making NA Attractive. Resources to support IDT workshops can be found in a variety of languages at www.na.org/idt.

There were two projects that solicited input during fiscal year 2019:
- Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project
- Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project

**Web Meetings for Projects**
- Conventions and Events Tools Project
- Local Service Toolbox Project

**Ongoing Web Meetings**
- Rural Service
- Public Relations
- Inmate Step Writing
- H&I

All web meeting information: www.na.org/webinar

Under the Local Service Toolbox Project (www.na.org/toolbox) **Serving NA in Rural & Isolated Communities** was published and work began on GSR Basics. The Conventions and Events Toolbox Project (www.na.org/conventions) published the Money Management tool and started work on Contracts & Negotiations and Committee Structure & Accountability tools.