

# nawsnews

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**We have been saying for the past year that we are trying to publish a shorter, more easily translated *NAWS News*, and we are making good on that promise in this issue.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CURRENT NAWS ACTIVITY, SEE THE [VIDEO OF THE NAWS UPDATE WEBINAR](#) posted on the video page linked to from [www.na.org/media](http://www.na.org/media).

## TALI

This is the first *NAWS News* since the passing of our World Board Chair, Tali M. She was a gift to us and to NA and we miss her more than we can describe here. We know many of you share the loss with us. She was grateful for the love of the Fellowship and the opportunity to serve and demonstrated that by facilitating a Conference participant webinar the day before she passed. We all honor her in that same spirit of service.



## FINANCES

Our financial situation continues to fluctuate. We are working hard to weather the storm. We remain under budget for all expense categories except in-house production and legal.

We have less control over income. By the end of last year, our literature sales began to improve, but net literature income was still almost 40% less than the same time the previous year. A significant percentage of the literature being ordered has been coming from correctional and treatment facilities, many of which have been locked down with H&I panels not able to reach them.

As the world is opening back up, literature sales are beginning to increase, but we remain committed to becoming more self-supporting through member contributions. Our long-term goal is to cover at least 70% of our expense for services from contributions not literature sales. Those services are roughly two-thirds of our budget; it's most of what we do, except for literature distribution and cost of goods.

Under more normal circumstances (not a pandemic), World Services' expense for services are approximately \$5.5 million, 70% of which is approximately \$3,885,000 per year. In the last fiscal year, contributions were just under one million dollars, which means we are a little more than a quarter of the way toward the goal.

**important dates and announcements**  
**Saturday, 1 May**  
 How will your NA community celebrate the Third Annual Service Day?  
**PR Researchers' Survey** [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey)  
 Help us in cooperation with researchers to convey an accurate picture of what tools help members' recovery. Deadline: 31 May 2021.  
**FIPT** [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt)  
 We have posted a video that explains what the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust is and why it's important. Also, proposed changes posted for review until 31 May 2021.  
**QR code to quickly access [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute) and donate directly to NAWS**  
**You can find the complete NAWS News here:**  
[www.na.org/nawsnews](http://www.na.org/nawsnews)

**what can I do?**  
 ways to get involved in the work  
**Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project**  
 REVIEW drafts and give us your feedback. 58 entries are available through the end of May. Visit [www.na.org/spad](http://www.na.org/spad) for all the latest.  
**Local Service Toolbox**  
 Best practices of virtual NA meetings: Outline posted [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox). Let us know if you have input. How virtual meetings are connecting to the wider world of NA, including NA service delivery: Please fill out the survey at [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey) by 31 May 2021.  
**Upcoming web meetings**  
 Conference Participants: 17 April, 11:00 am PDT  
 H&I: 29 April, 4:00 pm PDT  
 Innate Step Writing: 18 May, 4:00 pm PDT  
 Phonelines: 25 May, 3:30 pm PDT  
 Public Relations: 6 May, 4:00 pm PDT  
 Open webinar about Fellowship Development: 1 May, 11:00 am PDT  
 Visit [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar) for more information.

**Go to [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual) to download this slide for your meetings.**

Thank you so much to everyone who has made a contribution. Recurring monthly contributions are the most sustainable source of income for us, and we are happy to report that the total amount of member contributions had increased more than tenfold over the course of the last year. We have gone from fewer than 50 recurring contributors with a total of about \$2,000 per month, in February 2020, to over 750 members contributing a total of more than \$20,000 a month. Our only income area that improved in the last fiscal year was contributions. Thank you.

Addicts can do anything when we put our minds to it. If 10,000 members contributed \$10 per month and another 10,000 contributed \$20 per month, we would almost reach our goal.

We have posted slides with a QR code that takes you to [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute) for meetings to use if they want to. You can find them under the World Service Contributions header of the On-Screen Resources section of [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual).



## LOCAL SERVICE TOOLBOX

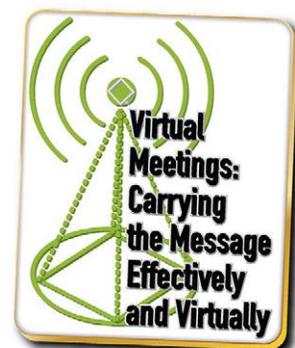
There are two focuses for the project moving forward:

**Best practices of virtual NA meetings:** Check out the outline posted at [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox) and let us know if you have input. This will eventually become a tool or tools for virtual meetings.

**How virtual meetings are connecting to the wider world of NA, including NA service delivery:** Please fill out the survey at [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey). We are trying to collect more information about how virtual meetings are communicating and coordinating with service bodies. Please share your experience.

We are also anticipating a conversation at the next World Service Conference about whether virtual meetings should be considered NA groups, according to the criteria listed in *The Group Booklet*. The survey asks about this, and your responses will help us frame that conversation.

**Survey deadline: 31 May 2021**



## PR RESEARCHERS' SURVEY

Please help us in our cooperation with researchers. We have posted a survey put together by some researchers who have published articles about NA's effectiveness in the past. This is not the first time we have helped these researchers gather data for their studies. Studies like these can speak to NA's effectiveness in a voice that professionals will hear because it comes from their peers. Please help us to convey an accurate picture of what tools help members' recovery by completing the survey and encouraging your friends to do the same! The survey is posted, in English only, at [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey), or you can find it by clicking the survey button on the NA meeting finder app.



**Survey deadline: 31 May 2021**

## FIPT

We have posted a video at [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt) that explains what the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* is and why it's important.

We anticipate offering motions in the next *Conference Agenda Report* related to the FIPT. We are proposing a simple revision that is explained and posted for review until 31 May at [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt). See the cover memo for more information. And though we have not made any final decisions as a Board, we expect we will likely also reintroduce Motions 3–5 from the 2020 *CAR* because they were not considered at the last WSC.



**FIPT review deadline: 31 May 2021**

## WCNA

We are trying to reschedule WCNA 38 in Melbourne, Australia for November 2022, but we are not sure if that will be possible or not. We will report more when we know more. Meanwhile, rest assured that WCNA will take place in Washington, DC August 29 through 1 September, 2024 regardless.

## SERVICE DAY AND OPEN FELLOWSHIP WEBINAR

1 May is Service Day, and we are celebrating with a web meeting highlighting Fellowship Development efforts around the world. Members will share stories that we promise will entertain and inspire you. Fellowship development is not just about starting NA in far-away places—it's what we do to grow NA, near and far. Come learn. More information will be posted [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar).

How will your NA community celebrate the Third Annual Service Day?

- Host a service-related speaker jam?
- Hold a virtual workshop?
- Organize a Service Learning Day?

NAWS will be hosting a webinar on Fellowship Development, 1 May, 11:00am-1pm PDT. More information will be posted at [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar).

Please send your ideas and comments to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

Get your "I Serve" pins [www.na.org/webstore](http://www.na.org/webstore)

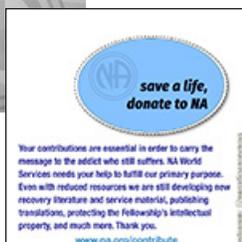
**SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021**

## AUDIO BASIC TEXTS

The English audio Basic Text has been posted! English joins Arabic, Hungarian, Russian, Spanish, and Thai audio Basic Texts at [www.na.org/?ID=bt-aud&ID=bt-aud](http://www.na.org/?ID=bt-aud&ID=bt-aud). As with Spanish, we have posted the Fifth Edition while the Sixth Edition is being worked on. You can find the page by clicking the literature icon on the front page of [na.org](http://na.org).

**DON'T FORGET...**

- ✓ We add new content to the Media page ([www.na.org/media](http://www.na.org/media)) and the Virtual Meeting Resources page ([www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual)) regularly. Check out the recording from the NAWS Update webinar or the Instagram memes in Spanish on the media page.



- ✓ The last set of spiritual principles have been posted for your thoughts and writing at [www.na.org/spad](http://www.na.org/spad), where you'll also find the second-to-last batch of entries for review.

**Don't forget... Review & Input Batch #5**

*Spiritual Principle a Day... Book Project*

Visit [www.na.org/spad](http://www.na.org/spad) to read drafts for this book in the making.

**This batch includes 58 entries on 22 principles, including:**

authenticity commitment connectedness  
discipline humor inclusiveness  
optimism self-acceptance self-support

Provide input on any or all by 31 May 2021.  
Thanks in advance!

- ✓ PR Week is the first full week of June. Let us know how you plan to celebrate.

**We All Are PR**

6-12 June 2021

Third Annual PR Week

Every area, region, and zone is encouraged to commit to at least one activity during PR week.

Whether your PR team is young or seasoned, rural or urban; whether you have just a few or many members, we hope you will all come together enthusiastically to increase awareness of PR service and of the NA recovery program. For more information and activity ideas go to [www.na.org/pr\\_act](http://www.na.org/pr_act)

Please send flyers, ideas, or photos of your events to [pr@na.org](mailto:pr@na.org)

**HRP REPORT**

Hello from the Human Resource Panel. By now, all Conference participants and eligible World Pool members will have received information discussing the RBZ (regions, World Board, zones) process of recommending potential candidates for HRP consideration. As a reminder, we ask all members who are interested in being nominated for a World Services' position to acquire an RBZ recommendation. If you have any questions about the RBZ process, you may want to review our report from the December 2020 NAWS News. Here is that link: [www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/newsnews/en/NN\\_Dec2020.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/newsnews/en/NN_Dec2020.pdf).

On another note, you may recall that in past years, Conference participants could nominate "from the floor." We took a look at the related data, and the results were striking. Since the HRP was formed back in 1998, only one floor nomination, in 2002, resulted in electing a trusted servant. This infor-

mation indicates that the WSC sees value in the established HRP nomination process over this approach. So, we are also asking that Conference participants refrain from using that method and instead use the RBZ process to send any recommendations to the HRP. This allows us to evaluate all candidates consistently, and with enough time to provide participants with complete candidate profile reports (CPRs) on each nominee.

As we reported earlier in the cycle, we intend to use these approaches for WSC 2022, get a good sense of their value, and discuss the outcomes with you at the WSC. If all goes well, at the close of the WSC, we will be asking that the applicable changes be included in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

As always, we welcome any comments or questions. Feel free to write to us at [hrp@na.org](mailto:hrp@na.org).

**We welcome your ideas and input: [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org)**