

From Your World Board

What a rewarding year this has been for Narcotics Anonymous. To have the honor to serve as your World Board during fiscal year 2002-03 has truly been a privilege, and one that will never be forgotten. This fiscal year began a few short months after WSC 2002. In these short twelve months, NA World Services has:

- ◆ Hosted WCNA-29 in Atlanta, Georgia,
- ◆ Completed the approval copies for a book-length piece of recovery literature and a revised IP for *Sponsorship*,
- ◆ Framed and began the Public Relations roundtables,
- ◆ Hosted three Worldwide Workshops in Birmingham, UK; Austin, Texas, USA; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA,
- ◆ Published eight new pieces of translated literature in addition to the twentieth anniversary edition of the Basic Text and CD versions of *It Works*, the *Step Working Guides*, and *Just for Today*,
- ◆ Attended sixteen zonal forum meetings and fellowship workshops and twenty-six professional events focused on populations who treat addicts,
- ◆ Continued projects and workgroups such as *The NA Way* Editorial Board, *Reaching Out* review, the Business Plan group, and our own strategic planning process, and
- ◆ Planned right up to the end of this fiscal year for WCNA-30 in San Diego—in fact, as this fiscal year was coming to an end, most members of the World Board and the WSO staff had arrived or were arriving in San Diego. Quite a year!!



WCNA-30 was a magic event and truly a fitting tribute to our fellowship's fiftieth anniversary. Throughout the event, the fact that "*a simple way has been proving itself in the lives of many addicts*" was evidenced again and again. We would like to thank the entire NAWS staff for a job incredibly well done. But perhaps most importantly of all, we'd like to praise the efforts of the multitudes of volunteers and the Support Committee from the San Diego/Imperial Region, because without their assistance this event would not have been possible. To everyone involved: *Well done! We offer you our thanks and gratitude for helping to make this event such a special celebration of our fellowship's fiftieth anniversary.* Elsewhere in this annual report you will read a great deal more concerning the convention.



The World Board had fourteen members this year, with ten seats unfilled. While there was some concern regarding this challenge, we believe that having a much larger board would have made it more difficult for us to do as much as we did this year. To reach a consensus from discussions like the one about which options to propose to the fellowship for the Basic Text, all the members of the board must participate at depth in the discussion. The size of the group certainly affects the dynamics of these types of discussions. While we believe that having fewer than twelve members would probably make us a less diverse group, we have found some advantages to having a smaller board.



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At the same time, we see the identification, cultivation, and development of leadership as a critical component for NA services worldwide and for our board specifically. We have had many discussions about ways to improve this system over the past year and will continue to do so during the upcoming year. We have engaged delegates through a survey, and our Executive Committee has met a few times with the Human Resource Panel. Any system is only as good as the people in it. All of us must work together to draw the amazing array of our fellowship's talent into our service efforts. We are reminded that this is a program of attraction, and we need to ensure that our service committees embrace this concept in all that they do.

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We met four times as a board during the past fiscal year. In addition, the Executive Committee met twice with the program planning group for WCNA-30, first on-site in San Diego where they were joined by the Support Committee for WCNA-30 in January 2003, and second in Chatsworth in April 2003. The Executive Committee also met several times, as well as during the meeting with the Human Resource Panel that we have already mentioned. Most of us attended other meetings, as required, to work on world service projects. Project work groups also included members of the fellowship, most of whom were selected from the World Pool. We operate legally under a set of corporate bylaws, the details of which are contained in our External Guidelines in *A Guide to World Services in NA*. Day-to-day NAWS operations are supervised by WSO executive management and carried out by the staff.

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It is our hope that NA World Services will be a consistent, stable resource to the fellowship and do whatever is within its power to ensure NA is available to any addict seeking help. We believe that our role is not only to be a direct resource to the fellowship today, but also to look down the road to ensure that the resources and tools we will need to serve the addict of tomorrow are in place.

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The World Board is a resource to the fellowship; and the WSO staff is a resource to the WB, its committees, and the NA Fellowship.





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The membership of the World Board is as follows:

Board Member	Year Elected	Current Term Ends	From City/State/Country
Saul Alvarado	2000	2006	Panama City, Panama
Bella Blake	1998	2004	Victoria, Australia
Susan Chess	1998	2004	Washington, United States
Jim Buerer	2002	2008	Illinois, United States
Lib Edmonds	1998	2004	Christchurch, New Zealand
Giovanna Ghisays	2000	2006	Cartagena, Colombia
Ron Hofius	2000	2006	New Mexico, United States
David James	2000	2006	Manchester, England
Bob Jordan	2000	2006	Florida, United States
Tom McCall	2000	2006	Hawaii, United States
Jane Nickels	1998	2004	Connecticut, United States
Craig Robertson	1998	2004	North Carolina, United States
Daniel Schuessler	2000	2006	Offenbach, Germany
Tony Walters	1998	2004	South Carolina, United States