## Foreword The Year In Review

What a year this has been for the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous! Looking back to our fellowship's fiftieth anniversary celebration at WCNA-30 in San Diego, California, USA, which took place on the cusp of fiscal year 2003-04, right through the 2004 World Service Conference, one can almost feel the whirlwind of activity taking place around the globe from Peru to Russia to India and back to California. Add the new composition of the World Board—now totaling fifteen members (six new members were elected, one member was re-elected, and four members rotated off after completing their terms)—to all this bustling excitement and you can get a glimpse of the action that has been going on in NA from pole to pole.

These are such momentous events for us as a global fellowship that really only one theme comes to mind for this year's *NAWS*, *Inc. Annual Report*: fifty years old and poised for the next fifty! In the narratives of this year's report, we will try to recreate for you some of the enthusiasm we have experienced at NA World Services shepherding some of the events. While our mission is simple in its concept, it demands attention to details and our organizational expertise. With this in mind, we know that you will continue to share with us in the humbling, yet thrilling prospect of our future ability to carry our message of hope and make the world of recovery available, in their languages, to the addicts still suffering around the world.

Closer to home, NA's fifth book *Sponsorship*, approved at WSC 2004, is added to our inventory to help carry the message of recovery. From our beginnings with the Basic Text approved in 1982 through our turmoil with *It Works: How and Why*, we remain steadfast in the development of recovery literature as we pursue our vision. In our array of IP's, the conference also approved the revised *Sponsorship* IP, which is already being translated. Our message of recovery is flourishing. We can attribute a component of these successes to our strategic plan. This plan helps us focus our work and ensures that each and every step we take is centered toward fulfillment of our vision.

The centerpiece of this annual report—all of the financials—will bring you right to where we are currently and where we hope to be over the course of the year. The financials illustrate our efforts with literature sales and our members' donations. All of our efforts are geared to fulfillment of our vision, and we have planned for the upcoming cycle—WCNA-31 in Hawaii, Information Services improvements, and online literature and product ordering. In addition to all the above activities, we will highlight NAWS personnel comings-and-goings, promotions, retirements, marriages, and births.

We believe this annual report reflects our growth as a global fellowship as we continue moving forward toward our vision.

## NA World Services Vision Statement

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

## Our vision is that one day:

- 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;
- NA communities worldwide and NA World Services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

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