

As we write this *NAWS News*, the 2022 virtual World Service Conference is fast approaching. The next *NN* will be published after the WSC and include a summary of what happens there. In the meantime, you can stay updated on World Service news through *NAWS Update* emails, which are sent to all *NN* and *JFT* subscribers (www.na.org/subscribe), and by following us on Instagram (@narcoticsanonymous and @naglobalevents for convention and event flyers).

We remain grateful to serve you. Email us with any concerns or questions—or to share about what's working in your local NA community: worldboard@na.org.

SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES

NA has no opinion on outside issues, but we do feel the effects of some things that happen in the outside world. NA World Services is currently experiencing supply chain challenges similar to those confronted by organizations and businesses around the world as they struggle to order supplies and effectively deliver services to their memberships. Just as people are finding it harder to locate grocery items in supermarkets or new automobiles to purchase, you may have ordered something from NA recently and been notified that we are out of stock. If that is the case, we sincerely apologize. We know that NA literature saves lives, and we are doing our best to fill orders as we receive them, but many of the supply circumstances are simply beyond our control. Some raw materials are more difficult to locate in a timely fashion right now; shipments often sit longer in ports or transportation depots before they are unpacked; and truck deliveries have been delayed as well.

We are working to mitigate the effect of these factors by not only replenishing but also increasing our inventory as we can. We believe we will soon be able to weather the supply chain challenges without running out of most inventory items. Still, reasonably priced raw materials (paper, plastic, metals) are increasingly difficult to locate. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

As a reminder, you can purchase electronic copies of NA's books from the links listed here www.na.org/elit, and currently read pamphlets, booklets in 56 languages, and the Introductory Guide, which was developed specifically for the newcomer, online for free here www.na.org/ips. Also, the audio version of the Basic Text is available for free stream or download in seven languages here www.na.org/audio.



www.na.org/virtual
on-screen resources
to download this slide for your meetings

NEW ITEMS

We have two new books to announce!

The electronic version of *Just for Today* has just been published. Nothing can replace the battered paper copies of *JFT* that many of us have, filled with members' names and clean dates, but one nice thing about electronic books is they are so easy to search. When asked to share on a particular Step or principle, it's great to be able to search an e*JFT* for all of the entries on the topic. And when we have NA's books loaded on our phones, we always have recovery literature with us when we need it. Links to all of the ebooks are here: www.na.org/elit.

Those of us who are old-school and need to feel a book in our hands can look forward to the new *60th Anniversary White Book*, coming soon. You may recall that we announced the idea in June 2021 (www.na.org/fipt).

In 1961, the Traditions were added to what had been called the Little Yellow Booklet. At that time, the booklet was published with a white cover to become the first version of the Little White Book (LWB). Over the years, the LWB has been translated into dozens of languages, and 13 of those translations feature local personal stories: Afrikaans, Anglicized, Filipino, French, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Portuguese [Brazil], Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Ukrainian, and Zulu. This

60th anniversary edition collects English translations of all 85 of those stories as well as the eight in the English LWB. It's going to be a gorgeous book. It's not so little anymore! In fact, we've taken to calling it the "Big Little White Book." It will be available sometime in March for \$15 through our webstore (www.na.org/webstore), and we will send out an eblast when it is in stock.

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE A DAY

We will continue to have copies of the Spiritual Principle a Day approval draft for sale from our webstore for \$10 plus shipping and handling until the World Service Conference. You can find it by searching for the item number (#9146) or SPAD in our webstore: www.na.org/webstore. The draft is also posted for free download on www.na.org/conference.

Members in communities around the world have contributed to the draft, and the SPAD workgroup honored every piece of input, regardless of language or level of English literacy. The workgroup took great pains to read everything submitted, meeting members from around the world on a bridge of words. The workgroup identified common themes and colorful phrases, and wove together the strands of input to develop cohesive entries. They worked hard to find the wisdom in every submission, and the result is a text that represents the broad Fellowship of NA. *It's truly by addicts, for addicts.*



VIRTUAL MEETING RESOURCES

Along with SPAD, our other main project focus this cycle has been collecting and developing resources for virtual meetings. We posted a survey to collect input on the draft of Virtual Meeting Best Practices. The survey has come down, but you can still read the pre-input draft at www.na.org/toolbox.

We received input from 22 different countries (thank you!) and are hard at work revising the draft. We expect to have a revised version posted for delegate review next month.

Also, don't forget that we have a collection of resources for virtual meetings as well as events and service delivery posted at www.na.org/virtual. If you know of a helpful resource that isn't posted there, send it our way: wb@na.org.

INVEST IN OUR VISION

We continue to make progress toward our goal to become self-supporting through member contributions rather than relying on literature sales to fund World Services. We have defined *self-supporting* as covering at least 70% of the

expense for services from contributions. For our current fiscal year, that amount would be just over \$290,000 a month. Monthly contributions for the last half of the 2021 calendar year were just over \$180,000 a month. Progress!

Not all of the trends are positive, however. Recurring contributions from members, the most sustainable source of support, have decreased in the last few months. Those numbers are represented by the buckets in this illustration. Some people may be feeling as though the immediate crisis has passed, and while it's true that things are less scary now financially than they have been at times earlier in the pandemic, the need to support our services through member contributions is no less acute. Please consider setting up a recurring contribution at www.na.org/contribute if you haven't already. **Let's turn those arrows green!**

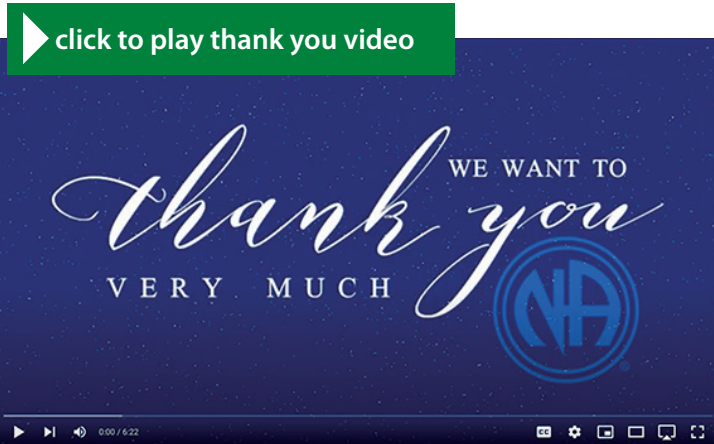
Thank you to everyone—members, groups, and service bodies—who has helped raise the "water" level.

Note: NA is self-supporting through member contributions. We do not accept outside contributions.



We have been announcing a switch from PayPal to Donorbox as our payment processor for some time now. We initially intended to make the switch the first of the year, but we have pushed the date to give everyone a little more time to make the change. If you set up a recurring contribution before July 2021, we are asking you to please cancel your PayPal contribution and sign up for a new recurring contribution at www.na.org/contribute, if you haven't already. For more information on recurring contributions including how to cancel your PayPal recurring contribution, [click here for our FAQ](#). It's admittedly confusing because Donorbox allows contributions to be made through PayPal. Nonetheless, using Donorbox for contributions gives you more control over your contribution

(you can more easily change the amount, pause a contribution, and get financial records) and it allows us to consolidate our payment processors. Thank you for your help with this!



INMATE TABLETS

We continue to get many inquiries from members about inmate tablets, so we will try to answer some of the frequently asked questions here. An increasing number of correctional facilities offer inmates tablets that are loaded with a variety of material, including, in some cases, NA recovery literature, at no cost to the inmate. World Services must grant legal permission to load Narcotics Anonymous literature on tablets, in order to fulfill our assigned responsibilities to protect NA’s intellectual property. Each of these agreements involves a lot of communication among corrections authorities, local NA members, and NA World Services. The space on tablets is limited, and NA “competes” with other organizations for the space. The choice of material is usually left to the inmate.

The agreements we have made in these cases allow for the downloading and copying of material that is currently posted on our website—audio Basic Texts, IPs, and booklets such as the White Booklet and the *Intro Guide*. We have not given approval for any books to be included on tablets, because of both copyright and financial concerns. We still need to exercise great caution not to undermine our literature income, given our current dependence upon it to continue to make our message available to the addicts still suffering around the world. Our non-Fellowship sales are made up primarily of books to resellers, treatment, and correction facilities. They represent a previously unprecedented 25% of our gross sales. While some government agencies in the US provide these tablets, the majority are provided by for-profit private contractors. The companies that provide inmate tablets to institutions are making a profit, and we do not believe adding book-length pieces to the tablets is prudent or necessary. Additionally, we have not been able to obtain the necessary protections that we require to protect NA copyrights with some of these companies. The material we have currently approved for posting gives addicts ample exposure to NA and our message. We continue to provide paper copies of the Basic Text to inmates upon request.

At this point, these agreements are all within the US, with a handful of state corrections, mental health, and youth ser-

vice agencies, as well as a local county correctional agency. There are over 3,000 counties in the US, and each agreement requires time and attention. We have also had inquiries from a couple of European communities, and we are in conversation about those possibilities.

One of the most important duties the Fellowship has assigned NA World Services is the protection of NA’s intellectual property and copyrights on behalf of the Fellowship. Inmate tablets are a new way to carry the message, and we are working hard with care to form these agreements.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

As we said at the beginning of this report, the World Service Conference is coming soon. Conference participants decided to have a virtual WSC this year (22, 23, 29 & 30 April 2022) to handle the business that cannot be postponed and make a decision on A Spiritual Principle a Day. As was the case in 2020, we will stream the 2022 sessions so that anyone who is interested can observe. Next year, in 2023, a full WSC will take place in person, if financial and health conditions permit.

This year’s virtual WSC meeting will focus on just five motions as well as discussions about the future of the conference after 2023. The Interim CAR/CAT is posted at www.na.org/conference along with short videos explaining the decisions and discussions needed for 2022.

ATTRACTING MEMBERS TO SERVICE

The next Fellowship webinar will be 19 March, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pacific Daylight Time. The topic is how to attract members to service. Members from around the world will share success stories, and there will be time for questions. Don’t forget: much of the US, including California, changes from Standard to Daylight Time the weekend before the webinar.

19 March
11 am – 1 pm PDT

How do we
attract members
to service?

Please join us for a webinar.
We will hear from members
around the world and
have time for questions.

Webinar ID: 826 9114 3020 Passcode: 1953
Spanish and Portuguese translation provided.
Contact wb@na.org if you require other interpretation.
Also streamed live: link will be posted to
www.na.org/webinar before meeting starts.

LONER SURVEY

The last World Service Conference approved a project plan to revise one of NA's pamphlets, and delegates chose *The Loner*. The world has changed a lot since *The Loner* was written in 1986, and the IP is very outdated. We have posted a survey to help shape the revision: www.na.org/survey. What do you think should be changed in the IP? We encourage all members to fill out the survey, which will be posted until the end of August 2022. If you have pre-pandemic experience recovering as a loner, we are particularly interested in hearing from you.



It will be helpful to read the current IP before offering your ideas. It is posted at www.na.org/ips. We have also posted a session outline and PowerPoint to encourage workshops and group gatherings to discuss the IP and give input.

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL REPORT

Hello from the Human Resource Panel. As you may recall, the next World Service Conference (WSC) elections will be at WSC 2023, not at the interim WSC 2022. We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of related information.

We ask anyone interested in being nominated for a world service position at WSC 2023 to acquire an RBZ (Region, World Board, Zonal Forum) recommendation. We have created a worksheet to help service bodies better understand your role as you identify and evaluate potential candidates for your RBZ recommendation. The worksheet includes an overview of the RBZ process, a timeline, and questions to ask candidates. Service bodies should feel free to use or adapt it as you see fit. Copies are available in the Conference Participant Dropbox.

On another note, you may recall that in past years, Conference participants could nominate “from the floor.” We took a look at the historical data, and the results were striking. Since the HRP was formed back in 1998, only one nomination from the floor, in 2002, resulted in electing a trusted servant. This indicates that the WSC sees value in the established HRP nomination process over that approach. So, we are also asking that Conference participants use the RBZ process to send any recommendations to the HRP. This allows us to evaluate all candidates consistently and enough time to provide participants with complete candidate profile reports (CPRs) on each nominee.

And since elections have been moved to WSC 2023, the start of our nominations process is delayed a full year. The new deadline for submitting an RBZ recommendation is **30 September 2022**. Submissions are welcome anytime before the deadline. As always, we welcome any comments or questions. Feel free to write to us at hrp@na.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have an Instagram account devoted to convention and event flyers: [@naglobalevents](https://www.instagram.com/naglobalevents)

You can find a list of na.org website short cuts at the bottom of the About Us page. Click [here](#) to open it.

NA is starting or restarting in several new NA communities in Africa! We are working to get literature there.

Service Day is 1 May. A flyer is posted on www.na.org/nawsevents

PR week is 5–11 June. Let us know your plans: pr@na.org

There is a growing library of short videos posted on www.na.org/videos

We welcome your ideas and input: worldboard@na.org