

Seeking World Service Committee Members!

Hello Fellowship! Greetings from your fellow Nar-Anon members who recently attended the 2003 Nar-Anon World Convention in July in San Diego, California.

While at that convention, many of us around the country-and around the globe-met in small workshops to discuss the organization, growth, and development of Nar-Anon. These discussions included topics like how to get more literature published, how to encourage new meetings, and how to organize our first World Service Conference.

During these meetings, we began to discuss the need for Standing World Service Committees. Nar-Anon policy guidelines suggest several different committees. Here is the list of committees:

- 1. Literature**
- 2. Nar-A-Teen & Nar-A-Tot**
- 3. Public Information**
- 4. Hospitals & Institutions**
- 5. Budget & Finance**
- 6. Policy & Guidelines**
- 7. World Convention**
- 8. World Service Conference**
- 9. Executive**

No Standing World Service Committees currently exist. Any member of the fellowship willing to serve on any one or more of the above committees, for at least the next year, is encouraged to volunteer as so much work awaits us! Committee work will be done by mail, e-mail and phone as Nar-Anon has no travel expense budget.

When any one Committee gets too many volunteers, those volunteers from a given area can become an area committee, taking on a specific task(s) of the World Service Committee's work, with an area committee representative on the Standing WSC. Thus, we create an ever-expanding service network.

We also realized how important it is that the members of these committees represent the entire fellowship. While we are simply seeking members willing to put some time and energy into these committees at this point in time, we came up with a goal that **eventually** these committees would include nine members made up of:

- 1. One WSO representative**
- 2. One representative from each of the four U.S. regions (NE, SE, NW [including Alaska], and SW [including Hawaii])**
- 3. One representative from Mexico**
- 4. One representative from Canada**
- 5. Two additional international representatives (each from different continents)**

Just a little background on Nar-Anon organizational history:

If you've ever examined the little beige and purple booklets that describe how Nar-Anon structure is organized, you've probably wondered why it isn't actually organized as described! In all of our history, we have not held a true, inclusive World Service Conference. This is supposed to be the time every year when a new Board of Trustees is selected, when new literature is approved, when other governance of our fellowship occurs by group conscience. We also don't have the Standing World Service Committees described above-including the committee that plans this annual World Service Conference.

The good news is that we have a new Executive Director in our World Service Office, Cathy K., who is committed to working with the membership of Nar-Anon to turn things around.

**So please take advantage of this new momentum
and volunteer for one of these committees!**

Yes! I am interested in volunteering for the following Standing World Service Committee:

Name: _____

Home Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please send to:

Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
Attention: Cathy K.
302 W. 5th Street - Suite 301
San Pedro, CA 90731

Or call:

(310) 547-5800