

Questions for the World Board and NAWS Inc.

1. The WB's have an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Why is the budget not signed by the Treasurer?
2. Why is the budget divide into four categories – Literature Production and Distribution, WSC Support, Fellowship Development, and Events – when we are suppose to be working under a unified budget, now that we only have one corporation?
3. Why has Iran been singled out in every proposed budget since 2006?
4. In further review of the 2014 CAT I am puzzled by the reference of the costs for Technology in the amount of \$617,352 and the following explanation. "As already mentioned, the major expense in the upcoming cycle to transition to a new accounting platform and related technology needs will come from reserve funds." If this major expense will come from reserve funds why is there no mention of reserve funds being used in the budget?
5. Additionally, if the money from reserves is being used for those projects, how will NAWS Inc. spend over \$300,000 a year for technology?
6. If the easiest way to apply this Concept is right from the start, why does NAWS Inc. not have a procedural manual or job descriptions for ALL of our non professional special workers?
7. Who made the decision to circumvent this essential part of the process by changing every single page of the 1st Ten Chapters of our Basic Text?
8. How can a member of the WB's, especially one that was the Chairman of the WB's go from being on the Corporate Board overseeing NAWS Inc. and it's special workers, to become a special worker? Particularly when the NAWS Inc. ED – Office Manager – received over \$100,000 annual pay raise and the assistant ED – Assistant Office Manager – received a \$50,000 annual pay raise while this person was serving as a WB's?
9. The World Convention Guidelines take up about a page and a half of the current *Guide to World Services*. There are no instructions about handling cash, inventory procedures, accounting practices, program criteria, new-comer packets, speaker selection, merchandise procedures etc... How can we be certain that safeguards are being followed when we have no safeguards in place?
10. Where is our single point of accountability when it comes to loosing over \$900,000 in back to back World Conventions? What was the rush to remove our Convention Guidelines? Was it really orchestrated so special interest meetings and dances could be held at World Conventions? Why have there been no Convention Guidelines proposed to replace the ones that served us for so long?

11. In the 2010 CAR the WB's showed us what they had accomplished with the \$150,000 for the SS project. A Motion from the WB's was submitted to change the Vision Statement that had been approved in 1996. Why can't I see the minutes from this workgroup and the focus groups that came up with these proposed changes? If there is a single point of accountability for spending \$150,000 to tweak, rename, rephrase, shorten, and add a few bullet points, who would it be? We are now into the fourth conference-cycle, and nobody including NAWS Inc. (I asked) can tell us how much money – estimates are in the Million dollar range – has been spent on a project that was not asked for by the Fellowship. Where can we look for that single "million dollar" point of accountability? At WSC 2014 there were approved additions to our *Guide to Local Service*, allowing for optional approaches within our Service Structure. Why have they not been inserted into the guide and published? Now that the modifications from the SS project have been approved as an option, why has the Conference recognized another \$70,000 for the SS project?
12. Why are the WB's minutes not posted on NA.org or available through an e-blast similar to those used for other publications?
13. The Business Plan workgroup has been a staple on every proposed NAWS Inc. budget since before the term workgroup was established. How can I determine who the past members have been, and who the current members of this workgroup are?
14. Who decides the travel plans for the special workers at NAWS Inc.?
15. Why do special workers need to attend European Delegate meetings?
16. How is it that our special workers are hiring consultants to tell them how to manage NAWS Inc. and the Regional Delegates? We could save money if we simply hired the consultants to do the special worker job in the first place.
17. Who will decide how to spend the \$764,682 in Developmental Literature that is currently proposed in the 2014 CAT? Is that amount based on cost of literature or is that number based on the normal retail price?
18. Who will decide how to spend the \$569,034 on Fellowship Support that is also proposed in the 2014 CAT?
19. Or how about the \$417,867 in Developmental Subsidies & Allowances, where is the single point of accountability regarding that money?
20. In reviewing the proposed budgets over the last 10 years we have spent over \$15.7 Million on rent and utilities at our service centers around the world. Is this a wise use of our money?
21. When will we ever begin to see the other side of the budget? The requesting of money is one thing, explaining exactly how that money was spent is another. How is this being directly responsible, and where is the single point of accountability?