Policy Chair Resignation

The 2023 World Service Conference (WSC) had consensus to select this (Gender Neutral and Inclusive Language in NA Literature) as one of four Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) for the cycle. At the bottom left, of slide 8, of the ***Gender-neutral-and-inclusive language-workshop*** Power Point, it states, ***"Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power***." The irony of this statement with regards to this endeavor cannot be overlooked. The following quote from a member can also be found in the Power Point, available here, It is used as a primary discussion point for a topic at the workshop: https://na.org/idt/current-issue-discussion-topics/

> ***"I identify as nonbinary and feel 'othered' whenever I hear 'men and women' in the readings or literature. Like most addicts, I just want to belong. I feel welcome in meetings, but the language makes it hard for people to use my pronouns, so while I am getting recovery NA, I still feel excluded because of the language."***

The following is an excerpt from our Step Working Guide. This can be found in **Step 1** in the **Denial** subsection. "***Denial is the part of our disease that tells us we don't have a disease…One of the easiest ways to tell that we are in denial is when we find ourselves giving plausible but untrue reasons for our behavior."***

What our own beloved program has done is allowed itself to become polluted with a social contagion which carries a very real and identifiable pathology. Our NAWS has created a solution for something which is not a problem. That phenomenon is a key indicator of troubling times to come. This is a radicalized partisan political outside issue, and a direct violation of the 10th Tradition which will continue to grow and dilute NA as a whole. This is only the beginning. The affirmation of denial is a direct contradiction to a multitude of our Concepts, but primarily our 11th and 12th Concept.

> ***11. NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed responsibly.***
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> ***12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government***.

It is because of these reasons, and many more, I cannot, in good faith, continue to be the Chair of the Heartland Area Policy subcommittee or as a member of this fellowship in any capacity. I owe my life, my family, my purpose, and my career to Narcotics Anonymous. This is the fellowship which taught me how to have spiritual conviction and how to spot denial and delusion. This is why this situation is so incredibly paradoxical. For those of you who are waiting for the removal of God from our literature before your exodus I assure you, affirming radical gender ideology is the removal of God from our fellowship.

Disclaimer All **Bold Italics** are direct quotes or from our literature and grammatical errors were not addressed.

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