



# THE MAINLINE

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*Greetings,*

*We write you as representatives of Heroin Anonymous World Services (HAWWS). This informational bulletin's purpose is to increase communication between the groups of Heroin Anonymous throughout the world*

## HAWWS ADVISOR POSITION OPEN

World Services Update

There is an opening on the Heroin Anonymous World Services board for a recently vacated Advisor position. We are seeking an individual interested in finishing the term which will end in February of 2021.

Positions requirements and responsibilities and are as follows:

- Responsible for making sure the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts are practices in all Board business.
- Offer guidance to the Board in matters concerning the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts that may affect Heroin Anonymous as a whole.
- Address matters inside and outside the fellowship of H.A. that can affect the continuation and growth of Heroin Anonymous.
- It is also very important to follow email threads and correspondence between the board members in between mtgs.
- Must be able to attend monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month (in person or via video conference is strongly suggested)
- Attendance is incredibly important the advisors carry a vote and every vote is important.

If you are interested in this commitment, please email [hawwssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hawwssecretary@gmail.com) with your sobriety resume.

In service,

The Mainline Folks

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## MINNESOTA NICE

Personal Story: Rachael B - Minnesota

I'm a 26 year from Minnesota. Yeah, it's cold. Yeah, we are all "Minnesota nice". Yeah, we do have a heroin epidemic we don't like to address.

I grew up as an honor roll student and a Preacher's daughter. My story spat me out a homeless, pregnant, heroin-addicted prostitute. I met my demon when I couldn't cope. I couldn't deal with my father's death. I couldn't deal with my mom changing. It seemed like having children wouldn't let her process her own feelings. She needed to stay strong, so she closed down.

And in response, I numbed down.

I ended up having a stillborn because of withdrawals. Numbed that. Maybe the cold here makes it easier to stay numb. Staying numb certainly makes it easier to stay "Minnesota nice" too. I lived this way for a long time.

I was blessed to get pregnant for a fourth time. And this time, something was different. I refused to have a stillborn and begged my health provider to commit me. They got me into a facility and I couldn't stop thanking God. The withdrawal wasn't easy, but I knew I was doing something right. This was way easier than getting money getting dope then getting money and getting more dope though.

As I stayed clean, my mom started letting see my other children more.

Today, I'm a graduate of that treatment center. The judge is giving me a chance and I am getting custody of one of my babies on Nov. 27th. I will be entering a sober home for families and will be continuing to stay sober. I celebrated my 6 months on the 1st of this month, but I am still taking it one day at a time.

I never thought I would get this far. Now instead of being a homeless, pregnant, heroin-addicted prostitute, my title is now "Recovering Addict". I am a strong mother. I am a wife. I am living my life according to the 12 steps of Heroin Anonymous. No longer do I have to live as sick and suffering addict.

The heroin anonymous groups in Minnesota are slim. Today there are only two meetings, but we are expanding rapidly. I still pray to God every morning to help me stay sober, and again every night thanking him for doing so. And maybe the strangest of all, being "Minnesota nice" is starting to feel normal. Things are warming up here in cold Minnesota!

Rachael B.  
Minnesota

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## HAWC 2020 IN A NIGHTCLUB?

Atlanta, GA World Convention Update

Dear HA family,

Georgia is gratefully and ecstatically preparing to host the 2020 Heroin Anonymous World Convention.

Any nearby regions wanting to join in the fundraising festivities and events please contact the convention chair at [convention@georgiaha.org](mailto:convention@georgiaha.org) and check out our Area website at [www.georgiaha.org](http://www.georgiaha.org) for a local calendar of events and meetings. We have kicked off our fundraising with a very successful HA-lloween event.

We have scheduled monthly planning meetings and various activities to help support unity within the fellowship, and the upcoming convention. We look forward to making contact with other Areas in the near future!

And finally, we have selected convention dates! The 3rd Heroin Anonymous World Convention will be held during the last weekend of August, the year 2020.

We've got our eyes on a hotel which has a top floor venue that was historically a nightclub with a great view of the city...so it should be one heckuva party!

Stay tuned for more developments,

- The Atlanta HAWC Committee

*If you would like your meeting featured in our meeting spotlight or have any other content you would like to submit, please feel free to contact us at the email listed.*

*Thank you!*

*- Heroin Anonymous World Services Board*

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