

2011
Annual
Report



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*NAF's mission is to ensure
safe, legal, and accessible
abortion care, which promotes
health and justice for women.*



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Introduction

NAF is the professional association of abortion providers in North America. Our members include private and non-profit clinics, Planned Parenthood affiliates, women's health centers, physicians' offices, and hospitals who together care for more than half the women who choose abortion each year in the United States and more than 70% of the women who choose abortion each year in Canada. Our members also include public hospitals and public and private health clinics in Mexico City. We are very proud that we represent such a broad range of high-quality abortion providers.

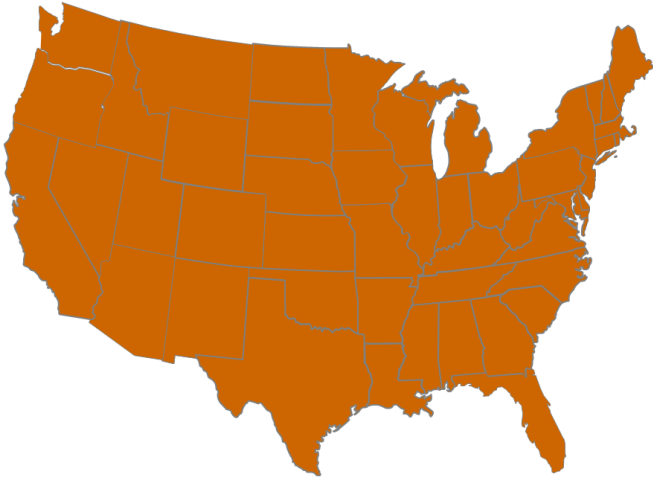
As the only organization focused solely on abortion health and rights in the national pro-choice coalition, NAF plays a unique role in reproductive health advocacy. We challenge the extreme anti-choice agenda to restrict access to abortion care by providing expert medical testimony about abortion and standards of care, and the real-life experiences of NAF members and of women who have chosen abortion care.

In 2011, we saw an unprecedented number of attacks on women's access to abortion care. There were a record number of anti-choice bills passed throughout the states and the legislation introduced was markedly more restrictive than in previous years. Abortion opponents in the United States House of Representatives also made restricting women's access to abortion care one of their top priorities. To counter these attacks, NAF worked closely with House members to organize two press conferences on the Hill in February where we brought forward two women from our Patient Partnership who shared their stories alongside legislators at the press events. We also helped patients and providers submit testimony and speak out in the media about the real-life impact of abortion restrictions proposed in the states this year.

Additionally, NAF works to keep abortion providers safe. Unfortunately, there are still people and groups in this country who think it is acceptable to use violence to advance their anti-choice agendas. Earlier this year, lawmakers in South Dakota attempted to expand the definition of "justifiable homicide" in a way that could have offered legal protections to those that murder abortion providers. NAF worked with a reporter from Mother Jones to break the news about this legislation. As a result of the negative media attention and a national outcry, South Dakota's governor said that "as written" the bill was a "bad idea" and it was ultimately shelved. However, the fact that such a bill was even introduced and debated by elected officials reminds us that we must remain vigilant and continue our work on all fronts to keep abortion providers safe.

We'd like to thank our committed Board of Directors, staff, membership, and generous supporters for their many contributions that make our work possible. Thank you for supporting our work to run vital programs that support abortion providers, fight abortion restrictions, and keep our members safe.

Fighting Attacks on Access



This year, we saw an unprecedented number of attacks on women's access to abortion at both the federal and state levels. In 2011, state legislatures passed more than 50 anti-choice bills, the most in a single term in recent history.

NAF was busy on Capitol Hill actively opposing newly introduced restrictions. We helped organize two press conferences in advance of subcommittee hearings, where two women from our Patient Partnership shared their stories alongside legislators. Both Dana Weinstein and Mary Vargas chose to terminate their very wanted pregnancies after they were diagnosed with fatal fetal anomalies, and they explained how these bills would have affected their ability to make the decisions that were best for their families.

“This legislation is a deliberately crafted framework designed to remove abortion as an option for women, regardless of their circumstances. These bills would put women’s lives and health at risk, and prevent women like me from exercising their own faith and morality. This cannot be who we are as Americans.”

—Mary Vargas at February press conference

Right top: NAF Patient Partnership participant Dana Weinstein speaks at a press conference alongside legislators to oppose H.R. 3. Bottom: NAF Patient Partnership participant Mary Vargas speaks at a press conference on Capitol Hill to oppose H.R. 358.

“I am appalled that Congress is taking up this issue again. I can’t help but ask...what about circumstances like mine? How can families facing such a terrible prognosis be omitted from abortion coverage?”

—Dana Weinstein at February press conference



Keeping Providers Safe

NAF members continued to be the target of anti-abortion violence and harassment. This year, NAF assisted abortion providers who were targeted for arson and attempted arson; aggressive protests and picketing at clinics and at the homes, churches, and schools of abortion providers and their families; hate mail and email; harassing phone calls; and other incidents of concern to reproductive health care providers and their patients.

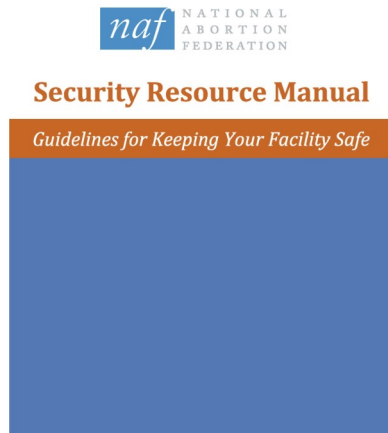
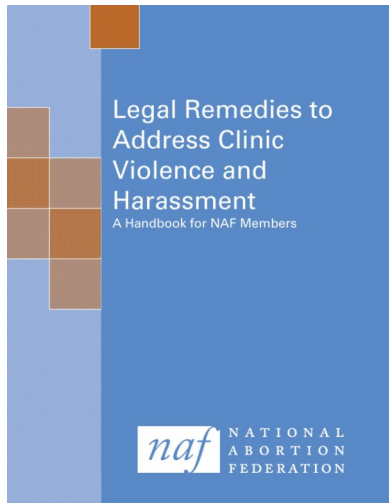
We continued to provide 24/7 security response and emergency support and conducted onsite staff trainings and site assessments for NAF members.

We also responded to requests from law enforcement officials for information on incidents of violence and laws affecting the security of clinics. NAF continued to work closely with the DOJ's Task Force on Violence Against Health Care Providers, and other federal agencies including FBI, ATF, and U.S. Marshals.

"...we were all very pleased and felt a lot safer after the training....your being here was a great and complete, wonderful learning experience. We are so thankful to you and to NAF for coming to our aid."

"We are so glad to be NAF members and have you when we need you!"

— letters from NAF members



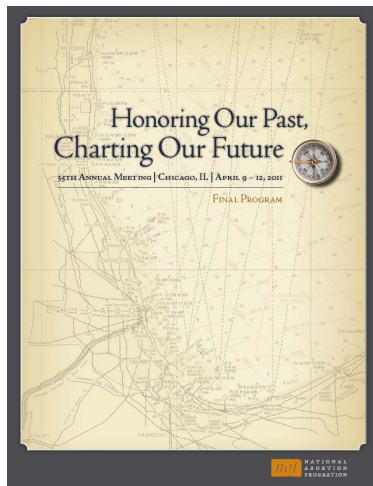
This year, NAF published two new resources for members: Legal Remedies to Address Clinic Violence and Harassment and a Security Resource Manual.



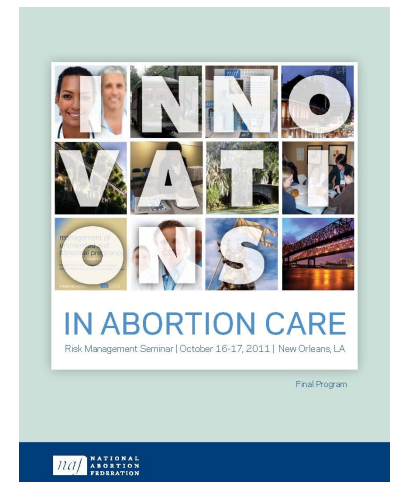
Educating Our Members

NAF provides continuing medical education (CME) to abortion providers through our Annual Meetings and Risk Management Seminars. Our meetings bring together abortion providers, researchers, and advocates from all over the world. NAF meetings are a time to learn about the latest research and innovations in abortion care and to discuss other important issues affecting abortion providers. They are also a time for abortion providers to come together and take advantage of the support and connections within our community.

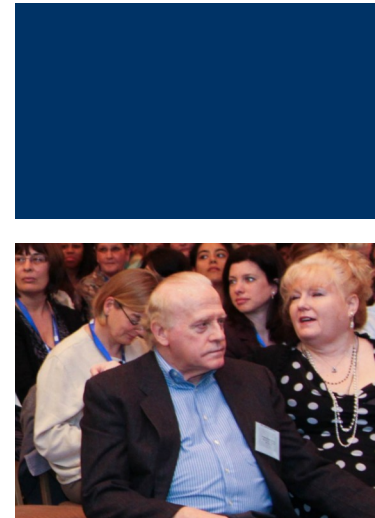
Our 2011 Annual Meeting marked the 35th anniversary of NAF annual meetings. The program offered sessions ranging from best practices in first and second trimester abortion care to the needs of special populations, including teen patients, victims of violence, and incarcerated women. Our 2011 Post-Graduate Seminar, held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting, focused on the tenth anniversary of the availability in the United States of medical abortion care using mifepristone and misoprostol.



Sessions at our Risk Management Seminar in October addressed quality assurance; post-abortion contraceptive options; a review of difficult clinical cases and issues; legal bans on later abortion care; and responding to newer types of anti-abortion harassment.



Members attend the opening plenary at NAF's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The plenary celebrated NAF's 35th meeting and our history.



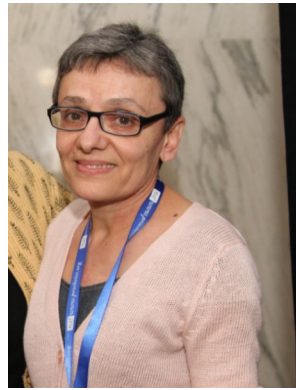
2011 Awardees



Courtney Abrams
*Elizabeth Karlin
Early Achievement
Award*



Lee Tripp, MD
*C. Lalor Burdick
Award*



Maria Corsillo
*C. Lalor Burdick
Award*



Robin Rothrock
*Christopher Tietze
Humanitarian Award*
accepted by Michael
Rothrock



Southwestern Women's Options and
Southwestern Women's Surgery Center
*George R. Tiller "Attitude is Everything"
Award*

Expanding Access in North America



NAF's Canadian Director Dawn Fowler and Board Member Celia Posyniak at the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada.

Working in Canada and Mexico City

This year, a Private Member's Bill (Bill C-510) was introduced in the Canadian Parliament, which would have made it a criminal offense to force a woman to have an abortion. NAF did not support this Bill as it was an attempt to regulate abortion as opposed to trying to eliminate violence against women. NAF's Canadian Director debated the author of the Bill on national CBC radio. The following day the vote was held in the House and it was soundly defeated.

Since abortion was legalized in Mexico City in 2007, we have been proud to continue to welcome new provider members from the Federal District. NAF members include public hospitals and public and private health clinics in Mexico City. We look forward to holding our Fall meeting in Mexico City. This NAF Congress will bring together leaders in our field from North, South, and Central America.

Ensuring Quality Care

NAF sets the standards for quality abortion care in North America. We updated and re-issued NAF's *Clinical Policy Guidelines* (CPGs), and conducted site assessments at NAF member facilities and applicants for NAF membership to evaluate their compliance with the CPGs. We also continued to offer abortion providers necessary technical support.

National Access Symposium

In November, we convened an Access Symposium to examine barriers to providing abortion care in the United States.

The Symposium brought together 32 individuals with differing experience and expertise: physicians and clinicians, including doctors who travel to provide abortion care; administrators of abortion facilities; researchers; academics; pro-choice attorneys; and others working in our field. Participants were from independent and Planned Parenthood abortion facilities as well as from other pro-choice organizations.

The Symposium focused on five barriers to providing abortion care: geography; second trimester and later abortion care; impact of economics and regulations; recruitment, retention, and training; and violence and harassment.

A report of the Symposium's findings will be printed and disseminated in 2012.



Access Symposium participants brainstorm solutions to barriers to providing abortion care.

Condensed Financials

REVENUES

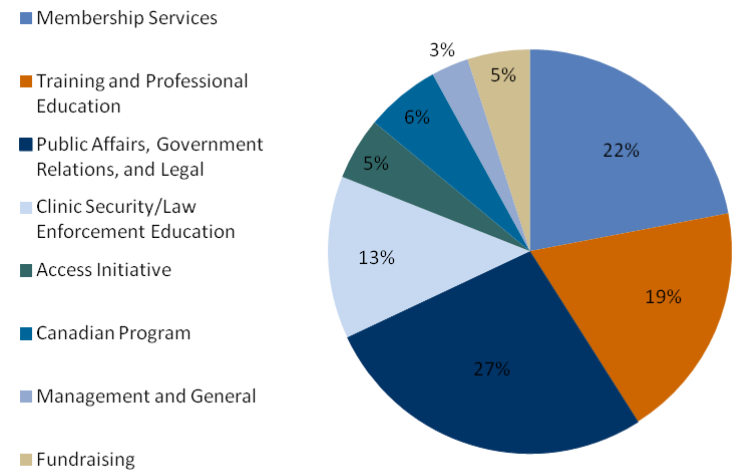
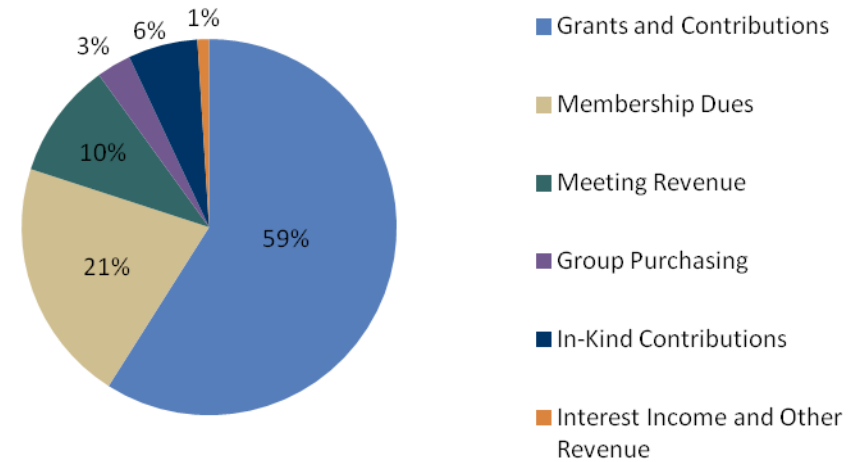
Grants and Contributions	\$2,028,903
Membership Dues	\$731,643
Meeting Revenue	\$361,144
Group Purchasing	\$117,724
In-Kind Contributions	\$202,015
Interest Income and Other Revenue	\$18,513
Total Revenues	\$3,459,942

EXPENSES

Program Services	
Membership Services	\$629,288
Training and Professional Education	\$541,144
Public Affairs, Government Relations, and Legal	\$785,452
Clinic Security/Law Enforcement Education	\$366,016
Access Initiative	\$135,633
Canadian Program	\$191,715
Support Services	
Management and General	\$99,441
Fundraising	\$164,328
Total Expenses	\$2,913,017

OTHER ITEMS

NAF/PLP Revenue	\$51,955
Transfer of Capital for NAF/PLP Expenses	(\$40,054)
Combined Change in Net Assets	\$598,880
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$3,820,242
Net Assets, End of Year	\$4,419,122





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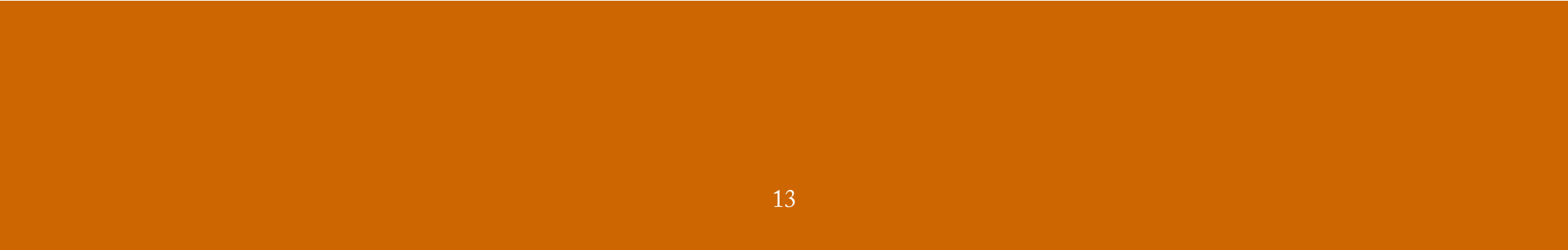
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