

John Schladweiler – NAMI Prospective Board Candidate 2020

John has had a sixteen-year involvement with NAMI, a result of wanting to give back following the help his family received from NAMI starting 25 years ago, and continuing today.

- He has served on the Board of NAMI Cook County North Suburban for eight years, four as Treasurer and four as Co-President, overseeing a 20-fold increase in revenues and an even larger increase in programs.
- He joined the NAMI Illinois Board in 2013, serving as President since 2015, managing the organization through some difficult times, but now with a State grant restored, NAMI in Illinois with its 20 affiliates is rapidly expanding its influence throughout the State, and last year served over 50,000 individuals.
- With NAMI National, he has served two years as State President's Council Secretary, led regional efforts in fund raising partnerships, and drafted a job description for the NAMI Chief Information Officer position. During his tenure at the State President's Council, funding of State organizations was a focus.



John has an MBA from University of Chicago's Booth School of Business in Finance, and a BA from Northwestern University in Mathematics and Economics. His career was spent analyzing and improving businesses worldwide, focusing both on business operations and productivity, as well as marketing and sales. He has been a change agent for large and small businesses, and non-profits, and has seen the results of those changes enable the businesses to thrive and grow. In this role he has developed and applied emerging information technology to accelerate the ability to implement improvements. And he has extensive experience in service marketing. These skills have served him well at NAMI, helping him team with others regarding how to make NAMI a stronger force and improve the healthcare system supporting our loved ones.

In his role of President of NAMI Illinois, he worked directly with the then Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections to implement a NAMI Illinois-configured training program that was given to 11,600 staff. The result was almost immediate – a reduction in incidents affecting the health of staff and offenders.

Prior non-profit experience includes serving as Board member (20+ years) and Board President (10 years) of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras, a premier organization of its type, where he presided over growth in revenues from \$150,000 per year to over \$1.5 million per year with parallel growth in music programs for youth, and was recognized in 2010 as Board President of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras; and as Board member (6 years) including Board President (3 years) of a residential co-operative during a period of significant change and increased investment.

John has a collegial style and a strong interest in networking at all levels in and outside organizations, to find common interests and to engage others in the mission. He has found this working style can result in a flow of new resources, ideas, partnerships, visibility, and renewed energy. He has particularly enjoyed working with NAMIians, medical professionals, clinicians, educators, legislators and others with in-depth knowledge of the mental health support system needs to identify and attempt to change systems which need to work better.