



**Emese Szucs**

As well as looking back, we must look forward. There will be hard work, successes, disappointments and, no doubt, changes. AMSSA is a different organization now than it was in 1977. It will be a different organization in 2037. It will change and grow along with its member agencies and I strongly believe it will be as relevant in thirty years as it was three decades ago and is today. So, I have been thinking about those thoughtful and innovative people who met in Vernon in 1977. If they came to the 2007 AGM and saw some eighty member agencies sharing experience, strength, competence, values, I think they would be very, very proud.

We are looking back at three decades of hard work, successes, disappointments and, most of all, changes. AMSSA has been here for thirty years! An organization does not live for thirty years without good reason. AMSSA strives to provide the services and support that its members need. Through advocacy, communications, networking, research, capacity building, it represents, builds and profiles its member agencies. AMSSA continues to exist because it offers a unified voice for diversity and against racism, acting as a link to government and connecting its members to innovative programming and possibilities.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Lynn Moran**

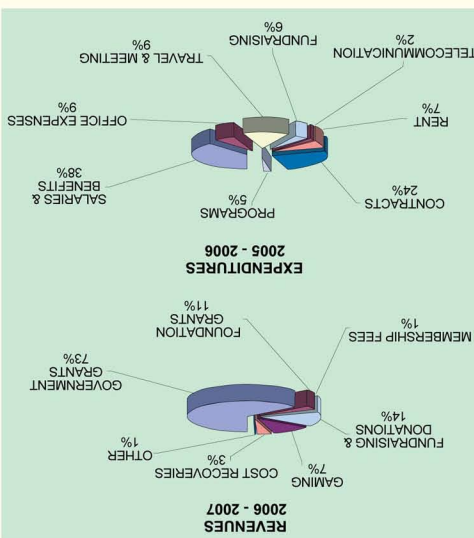
Safe Harbour Respect for All program is growing. With AMSSA coordinating and providing support to 21 Safe Harbour community organizers. The Youth Ambassadors Safe Harbour pilot program has been completed and a curriculum developed that will be used by 10 community organizers.

AMSSA played a central role in the first BC Settlement Conference to be held in over 5 years. Services to members have been expanded with the delivery of a BC SAP service staff.

Our focus on multicultural health continued with the 2007 Multicultural health fair being the largest ever. Two thousand people enjoyed workshops, exhibitors, cooking and fitness demonstrations, medical screening, multicultural entertainment, and information in eight languages. One of the participants wrote on The Fair's Legacy Banner: "Great!!! I brought my whole family here and we liked it very much!!!!... As we say in Tagalog, MABUHAY!!!!"

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

EXPENDITURES	2007	2006
1 SALARIES & BENEFITS	248,518	239,200
2 OFFICE EXPENSES	59,813	58,897
3 TRAVEL & MEETING	57,110	130,946
4 FUNDRAISING	42,500	41,351
5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	13,298	11,249
6 RENT	46,367	39,855
7 CONTRACTS	157,957	141,723
8 PROGRAMS	34,033	16,255
	659,646	679,476
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AMSSA believes in a just and equitable society which values Canada's cultural diversity.

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