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Dear Conference Participants and Fellow Members,

As secretary of WSC-82, let me begin by saying, "doing the minutes of this conference was an indiscribable experience". Also, due to circumstances beyond my control, I fully realize that they took much longer to transcribe than expected. I hope this has not caused too many resentments or delays in your continuing Service Work. The facts remain THEY ARE NOW FINISHED. With a great deal of help from my Higher Power, who, at times gave me to courage to continue.

As you read through these minutes, you will notice the "Motions" have been underlined, so they can be readily noticed. Also, many of the Parliamentarian's remarks were also included as to give you clarification on different issues that arose. Hopefully, this will inform you on procedures so it doesn't have to be gone over year after year.

I consciously tried to convey information, without editing, most of the time translating word-for-word from the tapes, which was the wishes, reflected by the vote at WSC-82.

Tapes of the Conference are available, upon request, through WSO, at cost. There are 24 hours of actual tapes. (part of the tapes were not understandable, therefore the information in those sections could not be transcribed.)

If any pertinent information (i.e. motions, names, addresses, etc.) was left out please notify me or Bob Rehmar, WSC-83 Chairperson, so they can be included in Fellowship Report or whatever communication vehicle they choose.

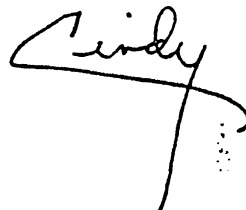
Also, due to the extreme costs of printing and mailing, we had to alter distribution methods, as WSC-83 is extremely low on funds. Extra copies of the minutes will be available through WSO, at costs.

In closing, I'd like to thank my fellow Administrative Committee members and everyone else who supported me in this position and all fo you for your Patience in completing my tasks.

My aim has been and will continue to be, to serve this fellowship in whatever means I can, and to learn, through my sometimes PAINFUL mistakes, how to accomplish these things - always keeping the fellowship 1st.

If I can be of any help to you please feel free to contact me. Hope to see or hear form you soon.

Love to all,



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WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 5, 1982

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Steve B., with the Serenity Prayer. Bo S., Vice-Chairman, read the Twelve Traditions. An explanation of the agenda for the World Service Conference was given including plans for a brief explanation of Roberts Rules of Order.

Regional Representatives Introduced:

Kevin F.-Southern California-8 years clean-been in service for many years. Looking forward to meeting everyone.

Julie W.-Mid-American-Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri.

Jim B.-Flint, Michigan-First Representative to the World Service Conference-19 meetings-growing-looking forward to more involvement.

Lynn A.-New York State-fifth conference-Representative in 1975.

Roy D.-United States of Ohio-grown "astoundingly" in last two years-clean 2 1/2 years-newlywed.

Mindy M.-Iowa-growing.

Barbara S.-Alaska-NA growing-began three years ago-Area Service began one year ago.

Steve S.-Wisconsin-WCNA-13 Chairman-Don't have a region yet.

K Bea-North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota-real new-growing pains.

Dennis E.-Mississippi-new region (3 mos. & 1 day)-NA new in Mississippi-growing.

Bruce C.-South Ohio, Tip of West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania (Tri State Region)-formed November 1981.

Eric S.-Texas-growing-21 1/2 months of sobriety.

Mack M.-Northern California-"looking forward to five days of peacefulness between us all".

Susan W.-Colorado-NA in Colorado has many growing pains.

George-Florida-from "Sicker Than Others Group"-quite a bit of growth-"Now a must for treatment centers to have NA in order to get funding."

Larry N.-Mid-Atlantic-Ten Area Service Committees-205 Groups.

Nancy-Las Vegas, Nevada-South Nevada Region.

Phil H.-Carolina Region-(North & South)-October, 1981 formed their region.

Rowland H.-Louisiana-Formed region in January of 1982-growing.

Motorcycle Ed-Atlanta-(Georgia, Alabama)-six Area Service Committees-working hard to get Alabama to form their own region.

The Chairman, Steve B., asked if there were any more representatives that he might have missed. There weren't. He then had the members of the Board of Trustees stand. Cindy, secretary was introduced and made some announcements. Joseph P., Treasurer, and Bo S., Vice Chairman was introduced.

George H from Florida gave a brief description of Roberts Rules of Order. (Sheet enclosed).

Steve B., Chairman then introduced Bob Stone who will act as our Parliamentarian throughout the Conference.

Tuffy H. from Ohio was congratulated on his 6 month birthday which is today.

Steve B., Chairman, announced that a bulletin board would be available for use.

Bob R. announced travel and accomodations information.

Steve B., Chairman, introduced the Sub-Committee Chairpersons. They are as follows:

Page C.-Literature
Bob B.-Hospitals & Institutions
Bob R.-Policy
Bryan-Finance
Larry-Public Information
Phil P.-World Service Office
Chuck S.-Board of Trustees

The meeting was then closed with the Lords Prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING MAY 6, 1982

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Steve B., with the Serenity Prayer. Bo S., Vice-Chairman, read the Twelve Traditions.

Steve B., Chairman then made announcements.

Regional Reports were then given. They are as follows:

Iowa Region-Mindy M. (Representative) 2103 Nebraska, Apt. 4, Sioux City, IA 51104, Telephone (712) 255-4443.

Iowa formed their region on October 17, 1981, at 6:49 p.m. There are twenty registered meetings: Sioux City-4; Glenwood-1; Cedar Rapids-2; Waterloo-1; Charter Oaks-1; Council Bluffs-3; Des Moines-7; Iowa Falls-1; (six areas). Two are Hospital & Institutions and one is an unregistered meeting in the Sioux City jail, where responsibilities are shared with AA. This meeting was just started. Our search and find crew has located approximately ten other unregistered meetings. We are approximately 200 to 300 members strong and we are discovering more every day. Sioux City has celebrated their five year NA anniversary on November 14, 1981, making this the oldest meeting in Iowa. To better acquaint others (i.e. treatment centers, judges, hospitals, institutions) we have been sending letters informing them of NA and stating "NA is alive and well in Iowa, send us all your junkies". We've just started our Regional Newsletter, "Junk Mail", to be published quarterly. We are also planning a State Wide Campout Retreat, for sometime in the fall.

Alaska-Barbara S. (Representative) 1935 Karluk #7, Anchorage, AK 99501, Telephone (907) 276-7716.

NA started in Alaska three years ago, and is still holding, they originally started about eight years ago but it dissipated, and there really was no more NA. We now have seven meetings a week in Anchorage, four are Hospital and Institutions, one at the state jail, juvenile correction, a treatment center and the air force base that meets once a month. Approximately 100 members. In those seven meetings, there per week, are three different groups. The original group is called the "Rush Group" and they started out with and continue to have two groups. We now have meetings in Kodiak, Homer, Wasilla, Kenai, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Our big problem in Anchorage is transportation, we try to communicate by letters, sending out the minutes to our area service, but a lot of times we don't get any response, the GSR's from other groups have difficulty getting to Anchorage due to cost of air fare, etc., so we're doing the best we can. Our Area Service began about a year ago and that really helped. To assure my participation in the World Service Conference, we held a couple of dances and we've

Regional Reports Continued:

been able to get an answering service instead of the code-a-phone. It has really been a big help. Report on NA Group At Hiland Mountain And Meadow Creek Correctional Center--Day By Day Group: We meet twice a week: Tuesday (open) and Thursday (closed). The Tuesday meeting began in April of 1981 as a drug discussion group. Then, thanks to Barb, Roger, and Candi, it became an official NA Group in October of 1981; the Starter Kit was indispensable. The Tuesday meetings have always been pretty small, usually no more than five or six. These are open discussion meetings, and if any outside person would like to attend or to be a guest speaker, see Diane to try to arrange it, since the Superintendent must also approve. The Thursday night meetings have been attracting between ten and twenty residents and two to five outside members. We have a fairly high percentage of persons who start that "keep coming back". Every other week is a step-study meeting. We have received a lot of support from outside members in the way of literature, information, suggestions, and sharing of experiences. This personal support has really helped to keep NA going in the jail, and it has given the people leaving the jail some confidence to go to meetings on the street. A lot of outside visitors have said that coming to the meeting at the jail helps them to remember where they came from, too. One question that has come up is in regard to sponsors and we would welcome any suggestions on this subject. Anchorage Rush Group Report For California Conference in May, 1982. Rush Group has two meetings/week; Tuesday night, a step-study meeting, attended by usually 8-10 people, with two or three newcomers each month. Friday night attracts usually about twenty to thirty people; it's an open meeting and there are usually two or three newcomers each week. Rush Group was the original NA group in Alaska; it started the phone answering service and kept it going until ASC was able to take that service over. We were also instrumental in organizing the ASC, as well as the other NA groups now functioning. In the future we want to improve our ability to carry the message. We plan on doing this in two primary ways: a membership drive and increasing contributions. We are constantly grateful and appreciative of the support we get but we are disgruntled at times because commitments get broken, people fail to support the group by neglecting to attend meetings and business meetings, and responsibilities get dropped. We hope to improve this situation in the upcoming months.

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May 10, 1978 first meeting in Aliquippa, PA. Soon after two meetings started in Butler County. August 1979 first meetings in the city of Pittsburgh, PA at Braddock. We started growing. Beaver Valley Area Service Committee was formed December 1979. The Area Service decided to stockpile literature at this time. At this time Pittsburgh, PA, Southeast Ohio, and the West Virginia Panhandle was growing. June 1981 the Greater Pittsburgh Area Service Committee was formed. Everything was fine for awhile. Then because of Geographical conditions, the need to form a region was discussed. We had our first Regional Service Committee meeting

Regional Representative Reports Continued.

November 27, 1981. Our Region is comprised of three Area Service Committees---U.C.V.A.S.S., B.V.A.S.C., and G.P.A.S.C. Our Region has a total of 38 meetings. Of the 38 meetings, seven are Hospitals, and three are institutions. We have about 250 members. One of the groups has had three functions of Public Information--community awareness meetings, going to have them quarterly. Another group has formed a Public Information committee and an Hospital and Institutions Committee. Tri-State Region and the Ohio Region sponsored a workshop in February 1982 to study proposed service manual. TSR had another workshop in April 1982 to go over input in the last World Wide Fellowship Report. We have two functional hotlines in our region with another to go into effect hopefully July 1. Future plans include hosting the Third Annual East Coast Convention and forming Sub-Committees so we can more successfully carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Our biggest problem is not enough members willing to get involved, and the violation of the Sixth Tradition. Hoping to get ideas and solutions to take home and share. Thank you.

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The region was formed on July 4, 1981. Includes NE Ohio, Central Ohio, NW Ohio, SW Ohio, NW Pennsylvania, and North Kentucky. There are 92 meetings with 700 to 750 members. The meeting is only surviving because of the very strong areas that we have in the Ohio Region. There are nine very active and supportive areas and some of them Hospital and Institutions and Public Information and a lot of activities are coordinated at the REgional level and most of the work is done at the area and group levels and I guess that's the way it should be but we got meetings now being fpr,ed at all state "correctional institutions"-county jails, etc. Literature being distributed to all hospitals and mental institutions. Some county offices of Childrens services requesting literature and NA speakers. Contact with people in Rehabs with institutional meetings and recently discussing with "Care Unit" officials and establishing possibilities of NA meetings in every "Care Unit" in USA. There are 260 "Care Units". Major Accomplishments: Formation of region, Regional Service Conference (4th July)--Fund raisers-Public Information, club houses, hotlines, etc.-In Areas holding Public Information meetings with professional community.-Cincinnati area holding two hour radio spots and tv spots reaching 30,000-40,000 people. Over 2,000 letters to Professional Community introducing NA and what it is about. We have also developed hotlines and answering services and in Youngstown we've established tow meetings at the methadone clinic. Specific Problems or situations: need for communication of experiences of all other regions. What are experiences with "money" RE-prudent reserve. We need to find out exactly what it this means. How can we encourage local support or interest in activities, service, etc. Some of our plans for the coming year is to have a 2nd Annual Regional "Service conference during the fourth of July weekend. The 2nd Annual Abnormal Weenie Jam in Big Bone Lick, Kentucky, July 9, 10, 11. Also Traditions workshops and spiritual growing. Brief history of NA in Ohio: The first meeting in Ohio was July 1979 in

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Youngstown, Ohio. The second meeting was in October 1979 in Warren, Ohio and then it grew to Sharon, PA, Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, & Columbus. The first Area Service included Youngstown, Warren, Akron, Sharon, PA, and then Cleveland, Lisbon, Salem, Ohio. It has grown from one ASC to nine separate areas in a year. In July 1981 we formed a Regional Service Committee. We have Hospital & Institutions Committees and Public Information Committees. We have Policy and Administrative Committees on the Area Level. We've tried to follow the Service Structure.

Florida Region-George H. (Representative) 9200 SW 97th Avenue, Miami, FL 33176 Telephone (305) 279-0404.

We've had a lot of things going on in Florida this past year. In December we formed our region. Last year we came out as representatives for one area, located in the Southeast part of the state (Dade & Brower County) and this year we've taken up the whole state of Florida as our region. Some of the things our Region has done is that we have taken a lot of meetings to outside areas, we have a long way to travel in Florida, so we've taken meetings to Orlando, Datona, St. Petersburg, back down to Miami and will probably be going up to Tallahassee and maybe to other outlying areas. Right now our region serves six Area Service Committees, we have 95 meetings, and approximately 850 to 1,000 members, which is about five times as many as we had this time last year. When we formed our region we also formed several Sub-Committees, and gave these committees, not only the need to be made into sub-committees, but the purpose for existing and gave them kind of a direction in what to go in. One of the things that came out of that is the fact of a need for a new committee which is called "Language and Special Services sub-committee". This is to carry the message of NA to persons having barriers due to language and other handicaps and we proposed turning a lot of our present literature into Spanish and French as we have quite a large Haitian community also down in Miami. This also takes in handicapped addicts (i.e. blind, physical, and mental) which we wouldn't be able to reach with existing literature. We have also made a program and tried to set up a system of maybe taping for some blind addicts and translating it into Braille. We hope to bring this sub-committee up and maybe form a sub-committee at the World Service Level because we believe there is more of a need than at our Regional level alone and probably could reach out more, especially in the foreign language department. We know we have a large Spanish community and at present some of our meetings are bi-lingual and some of the Spanish people talk Spanish and the English talk in English and somehow the message gets through, as the meeting is still existing. We've also had Public Information messages on TV and radio for the first time. We made tapes of commercials for radio and TV through our region and through areas. We had stickers put out for the hotline to place on telephones, and anywhere using addicts might gather and as of right now we have two groups who on a weekly basis get more than 100 at each meeting, one with as many as 175. Hospital and Institutions, one of our areas, in can donations brought in \$780. Last month we've been in touch with

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Bob B. and got a lot of feedback and gave input because we have strong interest in Hospital & Institution work. Last year we hosted WCNA-11. We had our doubts as to whether it would ever materialize but it did, with about 200 out of state addicts in attendance. There were 600 all together. Also had a letter from State HRS, Health Rehab Service, which are bringing NA meetings into their institutions, asking members of those organizations to attend open NA meetings and think about bringing NA into their structure. Also we have a group in St. Croix, been sent literature and I believe they are now registered with the World Service Office and we have been trying to help them as we are the nearest region. A little history of NA is 1972 we started our first meeting in West Palm Beach. In 1975 we grew to four meetings and in 1980 we had about 23. Last year when I came out here we had 35 and this year we have about 95. As I was looking over to see how long it took us to start our Region. It took us about nine years and we consider we're doing pretty good because that was about twice as fast as what California did it. There has also been some problems. Mostly with growth and sometimes we get people involved who get into letter writing campaigns and it was suggested to me before I came out here that I bring some letters of support from our area services supporting our Florida region. One of our members made some comments and sent some letters out to World Service Office and Board of Trustees and several other trusted servants about the Florida region being illegally formed and whatever that means. I brought some letters of support from all of our ASC to say that I am the representative and am their duly elected representative from the state of Florida.

Southern California-Kevin F. (Representative) 1907 Speyer W., Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Telephone (213) 374-3197.

I'd like to welcome you to Southern California. I am the elected Regional Service delegate from Southern California. I would like to thank the person who added into the proposed agenda, Cindy, for the helpful hints because I used it to comprise my outline. The Southern California boundaries are San Luis Bispo to the North, Nevada-Arizona state line to the East, Mexican border to the South and Catalina and Channel Islands to the West. This region consists of nine areas with a total of just over 100 meetings a week. Our membership in size is approximately 1,000. Our Hospital and Institutions activities in Southern California is servicing about fourteen institutions; Hospitals and Institutions committee has a monthly meeting. There are new members on this committee that have helped in organizing it per se and that they just had their first function to self-support the literature they just purchased from the Regional Service Committee to carry the message into the institutions. The major accomplishments are: the formation and growth of the San Diego area which has 25 meetings with approximately 500 members. One meeting at the Naval Drug Rehab Center, they have a functional hotline and an active Entertainment Committee with regularly scheduled activities. We have a new area to our Region titled The Central Coast Area and they just formed and came to our Regional meeting last month. Eight of our areas are self-supporting with functional 24 hour hotlines. This year we will have our Fourth Annual Southern California Convention

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in Pasadena at the Holiday Inn. Flyers forth coming. This region to the best of its ability tries to adhere to the blue service structure of NA. We have a central office which houses this regions literature and all regional meetings are held there, such as regional Service Committee etc. The development of Public Information and hotlines. All hotlines in our region has list of all ASC hotline members in order to refer calls to the proper areas. Newspapers are running our ads, the local radio stations are running our Public Information announcements. We are in the process of reinstating our announcement on the local KABC TV. Some problems are generating funds to Regions to purchase and make available the amount of literature needed by its areas and groups. Some of our plans are to man our central office with paid employees which is now run on a volunteer basis. The possible forming of a new region in the San Diego area. To continue and improve communications within our region, between our areas and to host the World Convention in Southern California to celebrate NA's thirtieth birthday. NA started in southern California almost thirty years ago, we are now would wide, welcome to you all. The region started five years ago with three areas and has grown to nine areas.

Mid-America - Julie W. (Representative) 3639 Oneida, Wichita, Ks. 67208. Telephone (913) 682-7697.

What I would like to say about the Mid-West are sentiments and feelings that folks out there asked me to convey. We are loyal and we remain loyal part of this fellowship, right there, smack-dab in the middle, we haven't moved yet. The past year has been one of searching for some answers through the vehicle of the group conscience, and forming ASC's, of which there are 7 in our region, to meet in a 4 state region on a quarterly basis, in a meeting to discuss important issues of literature reviews and service structure and these have been our focus of concentration in the past year, in terms of any input that we have been gathering and I have the outcomes of these gatherings included in this report, prior to voting. As provided for in our by-laws of resident, we meet as a region using the structure of quarterly meetings, 4 times a year, doing some consensus taking. The first of these was held in Topeka, Ks., followed on the heels of the 1981 WSC, the issues of prime importance, which our Regional Representative, Cindy P., reported from WSC, which really informed us of a lot of the happenings that we were not aware of before. Then in August we had a real special meeting in Kansas City Mo., with a lot of special things happened at, and our host did us real proud. The call went out at that time to step up our literature review process and begin to institute some Literature review committees at an Area Service level. We began just in the initial formulation of those. We began stepping up the flow of literature to surrounding areas so that a through review could begin. In November of 1981 saw the Reg-Service Conference junkies in Lincoln, Neb., at that point Iowa decided to succeed from our union and we were sad and sorry to see them go but we were happy because again, we were closer to the goal of every state becoming a region and they felt that they have a lot of territory

to cover and they couldn't just be making it to our Regional Meetings all the time so we wished them well and to go with our blessings. We still invite them to everything we have. 1981 drew to a close and we implimented, as the real thing, what had previously been a provisional RSC. Our official officers and Reps. became official at this time, with official voting powers. ASC began or continued meeting on a monthly or 2X monthly basis, in order to solidify or refine our Service Structure and that's been a real point of issue with us, having some kind of service structure that works for our region, and it's individual needs. In the meantime, Cindy's famous forms have been churning out of the office in Topeka, Kansas, and we have been the recipients of all these forms. Our Regional Service Office is, I guess, the heartbeat and the pulse of our Region and Cindy has done wonderful as Regional Service Office manager. The folks from Raytown, Mo. have been copying and editing and compiling our Regional Newsletter. We also have a pretty up-dated Regional Directory that keeps us aware of new groups growing and old groups folding and some continuing on and growing in numbers and strength. I think the RSO has really been, in some ways, the ties that bind us together, when all feel like we're falling apart so we have a lot to thank for the hard work that's gone into that. We began forming relationships with addicts in other states during the early part of this year and through these quarterly meetings we were able to bring the strength of the Service Conference craziness to areas needing it. If an area needed some input then we would try to bring the meeting to them and it seems to work pretty well so far. This intensive period of hard work culminated in February 1982, with our first ever, quarterly meeting in St. Louis, Mo.. They welcomed us and we worked real hard for 2 full days and issues of major input were the Service Manual, the Book and stories and we discussed input from every area service, we later sent that issue back to the fellowship for a vote as we felt we did not have a clear cut consensus and we asked the ASC's to have their vote for final approval for the Literature Service Committee back to the RSR or RSO by April 15th and they were really pretty prompt about doing that, so we felt that we had a region wide forum of opinion. The months following our critical meeting in St. Louis saw some real tension and diversiveness, feelings of fear and undercurrent of personalities before principals throughout our Region. At times these were people in our Region that said just "screw it", we'll just form our own. We'll just call it something else, we'll just call it something else, we just won't buy theirs, and it got that heavy and that's the reality of the situation. Some people got upset by what they perceived as principles cut in half by personalities, decided they wanted no part of service work other than 12 Step work, and going to meetings, which is really ok in that sense. These months have been marked by a real sense of urgency, a real need to review all the existing material that we have available and become well informed because we feel that we are way out there in the Mid-West and we're closed in by either coast and it's like we don't want to hurry to fast, we want to make sure we know what were doing and that's really pretty indecitive of what's been going on in the Mid-West Region. Trying to take it easy, trying to take it slow, trying to keep an open mind and form our own opinions based on the material presented to us and the literature reviewing, making list upon lists of literature available.

so that's really been the thing that we've been concentrating on, however, in the meantime, we've also had some fun. Wichita had a fund raiser for WSO making \$150. and then another to save our own clubhouse, which worked. A clubhouse closed in Newton, Ks, one opened in Raytown, Mo., Lincoln also opened one. We have the annual "Bike Run" in Lincoln, Neb.; the "High 'on Life Picnic" in Joplin; and the 4th Annual Regional Campout at Milford Lake, near Junction City, Ks. on the 4th of July. For all of you who have never been there, we have a contingence of bikes, first from Atlanta, then from Lincoln and it seems like every summer I'm in the back of some pick-up at 3 in the morning saying "who's this"--what I mean is like getting my fishing tackle and stuff and suddenly I am so lucky they're from the fellowship. The reason our annual convention didn't come off as we planned is we wanted that to happen but it was not possible at this time, therefore, we are planning a real special quarterly meeting in Wichita following WSC and we plan to have a really thorough report. I would just like to say that, we ran a consistant vote throughout our region, our votes were "no" on all approval forms of literature asking that it be sent back out for further review. That it's a whole lot better and we feel there's been improvement, work and loving service by many trusted servants but that we feel, we're slow and conservative, that it's not quite ready. I spoke before of the members back therein the Mid-West in the way WSC works, and that indeed is true. They have lots of faith in the group conscience as the expression of a loving God, and that the trust placed in all of us and all of you and me, as trusted servants is something that they give to you and me and is real special. We are still pretty new in our Region and we've seen phenimenal growth from conception to present, about 4 years. We have new groups springing up everywhere. A lot of things are happening, we have lots of work to do, and sometimes we get afraid we'll get forgotten that we are out here in the Mid-West and people will forget we're here. There is a lot of trust that's been placed in the members of our region in the WSC to carefully consider any action that is going to undertake this year. We depend on all of you as NA outside our little island since the beginning of our Region and that history when Topeka met Wichita and Greg P. said start a region and we did and we've had a lot of help from Mid-South and Atlanta and California and Oregon and I hussess what I want to say and our membership has been asking is that you consider very, very carefully anything that could be deversive or bring tension to this fellowship before you make any major changes because the folks back there are going to meetings and keeping the club houses open and 12 Stepping the new addict and they placed their trust in us as trusted servants and represenatives to get this other part of the work done. Thank you.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION.... Larry North... 113 W. Boscawen St.,
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Mid-Atlantic that we know now as the Mid-Atlantic Region; had its origin back in 1970-72. 1st group sprung up in Central Pennsylvania in 1970, another group sprung up in '72 in Northtown, Southeastern Penn. area, an interesting comment that was pointed out to me by the people with me from that area, at best count there are 10 of the original people who started that group who are enjoying drug-free recovery in NA today, continuous. 1st Area Service started in June, 1973, in the Northtown Area. Dutch H. was the first chairman, and as they got it together they then started a hot-line in '73. The first regional efforts consisted of 2 areas in 1975. The initial efforts of regionalization were awkward, to say the least. Some Regional meetings were held, with as many GSR's as possible to gather up. 1st East coast convention brought a lot of experience, strength and hope and communication to the N.E. and one day a California transplant showed up with a service manual under his arm and you wouldn't believe what he told us. "You'all are doing it wrong." With a lot of guidance and some time we started to re-structure that Region and the RSC, using the guidelines that were found in the structure and shared with us, that were found successful in the other areas of the World. The committee meetings were hosted by different areas each quarter. Interest grew rapidly, new areas and groups were formed. The 2nd East Coast Convention brought more unity and many new friends in the fellowship. Surrounding areas grew, joined the RSC. The hosting areas now offer warm hospitality, buffets, speaker meetings, social gatherings, enthusiastic participation in meetings, 7 secret spiritual herbs and spices, conducive to the unity we truly cherish. We enjoyed a kind of unity in that Region that is just fantastic. The last Regional meeting was hosted by the Washington, D.C. Area which boasts a fantastic recovery atmosphere for the black community, they're doing a tremendous job. That hosting area brought 150 addicts to that Regional Meeting. The Region now consists of 10 areas, 10 ASC's and 10 hot-lines. Region includes: Connecticut, New York City, N. New Jersey, Eastern Penn., Baltimore, Delaware and South New Jersey, Tidewater area of Virginia, and metro Washington D.C.. Those ASC represent 205 groups, hold 287 meetings per week, 32 H & I meetings, 1,435 addicts voices and group conscience. Voices through which our ultimate authority expresses himself. This past year we have enjoyed a maturing process that has provided motivation of many, many recovering addicts to participate, as well as host in the service conferences, literature conference, conventions, service workshops and many other fellowship functions. A lot of effort has been given this year to carrying the message of our fund flow, and repeated and repeated through communication. Our fund flow represents a process that has proven itself in many other spiritual fellowships, to be successful. We are seeing success, we are seeing it start to work, we are seeing it start to generate funds in following the service structure. Another area that a lot of effort has been put into and I'm proud of has been our Regional Directory. The Regional Directory, which is not yet in press, put together in 3 sections, 1. listing of meetings by state and day. 2. Service Committee information

3. Cross reference-by state, groups, day, GSR's, phone numbers, addresses, group phone numbers. We'll be ready for distribution in July, much work. The rapidly increasing number of service enthusiasts have developed committees within the Region, including 4 newsletters, H & I, PI, literature committee, etc.. Recently the development of a service advisory committee, which will share experience assistance to service workers and workshops, new areas and additional RSC's. We anticipate that now what we know as the Mid-Atlantic Region will be, by this time next year, at least 3 regions. Three regions created in unity, to better serve the recovering addicts who are out there carrying the message of recovery. I personally can't put into words my gratitude for having been a part of this maturing process. I have gained so much, having seen so many people strive to maintain spiritual principles, while working through many controversial issues. The unity that I have seen demonstrated in the past year has been, for me, overwhelming. I would like to introduce my Alternate, John, who has spent a great deal of time and help in all areas. Introduced others from his region. God Love You and thank you.

MISSISSIPPI STATE..Dennis Engel, 201 W. President, Apt. 208, Greenwood, Mississippi, 38930. (601) 455-1724

I've got an unusual situation I want to explain first, A week ago Tuesday I got a phone call from Memphis, Tenn., and they said their area couldn't send a representative and they wanted me to act as their group conscience and my understanding is their going to try to join our region probably at the end of this coming month. Two reports, one from Memphis, total number of meetings-24, with 50-75 members. H & I has 11 meetings per week with H & I cans at non-institutional meetings. H & I functions as sub-committee of Memphis ASC. Major accomplishments April 1981 ASC Steering committee Formed. June 1981, H & I literature and PI sub-committee were formed. July 1981 literature sub-committee sponsored a picnic to raise funds for the meeting directory. In August of 1981 the Memphis Miracle newsletter was began. October 1981 clubhouse was opened and during Oct. the clubhouse sponsored a series of events to raise money for RSC. These included a bake sale, rummage sale, pot-luck dance and Halloween party. In November 1981 Memphis hosted the Mid-South RSC where 19 states were represented, WSC policy sub-committee, and literature sub-committee meetings were also held. In November 1981 thru March 1982 they distributed the approval form of Our Book, stories and Service Manual. In December 1981 they held a Christmas party. In January of 1982 a New Year's Eve party. In February a Valentine's Party. April 1982 they had two service learning days. PI still struggling without enough members to support a hotline. We need to be better to handle an influx of new people. We are on schedule for our age and PI is a priority for this year. Literature sub-committee is stockpiling literature and chips and is distributing a monthly newsletter. The H & I sub-committee is receiving inquiries from Institutions and Hospitals and doing a fine job in carrying the message to Hospitals, A & D units, and institutions in the area. The clubhouse is still in operation with meetings every night. ASC and some of the sub-committees meet there on neutral ground monthly. Many fellowship functions are held there. They are having money troubles with rent at times but so far HP has been providing. Their problems raising money.

Their problems much like other areas. Problems raising money and properly applying traditions, keeping their SS in tact, and finding the best way to handle problems as they arise. In July of 1982 they will be having their 3rd Anniversary in Memphis. Their first meeting was held in July 1979. In February 1981 they hosted WLC-3. Between February and May of 1981 they distributed gray books, approval forms, stories and service structure changes. In April of 1982 they hosted 2 different service learning days. The Mississippi Region is more of an off-shoot of Memphis than anything else. NA began in 1977 when a couple of alcoholics who had trouble with drugs weren't getting what they needed in another fellowship. They started meetings in Jackson, MS.. They struggled for 3 years by themselves but with the help of referrals from treatment programs they grew. As these people left they took the NA message with them. Slowly, they began developing groups outlying and away from Jackson area. In 1980 2 groups began which are still going. In the latter part of 1981, 4 more groups were began. They are all growing. We have 11 groups and 17 meetings, with active membership of 125 members. In November 1981 I was unemployed and the group gave me \$50. and sent me to Memphis for a week. I went to Memphis and grew and learned a lot at the Regional Literature Conference there. When I came back to carry the message to the group they scheduled me to talk to 2 other groups about what I had learned. As I talked to the groups about what happened in Memphis and they decided to try to get the state together and have a learning workshop in January 1982. We had a workshop in the a.m. Mainly SS, literature and the problems with growth. After the meeting we had a business meeting about us becoming an area or a Region or a state. We started as an area, became a state, by the end of the day we were a Region. Mississippi Region. Major accomplishment is that we got it together as a group. In April 1982 we had a Regional Service Committee meeting and a learning workshop and got group conscience on the book as well as the Service Manual. Besides becoming a Region we got everyone in Mississippi a copy of all approval forms of literature. The major problem is literature. At the meeting in January in Jackson we had one blue book in the whole state so we've been running copies of that off-trying to get people familiar with the service structure and having service structure meetings at all groups plus growing pains, awareness of other NA functions has also been a big problem and Mississippi has felt that they've been isolated. When you look at it Mississippi rates 49th or 60th in just about everything. Another big problem is interaction with the other fellowships. The majority of people who are clean in NA did not get clean there. The more they grew the more they realized they needed something else. The growing and separation pains are being extremely painful and will show up in our vote on literature approval forms and input into WSC. Plans to get structured in area. WE bypassed that because we wanted a Rep. at this WSC. As it happens areas are beginning to form anyway because of geographic locations. Trying to raise money for Regional P.O. Box and have a central location for incoming and outgoing mail. Planning a camp-out for June 1982. Trying to get wider involvement. H & I was began because a couple of members are in the penitentiary. It has been a real asset because now we have some "ins" into the institution. One of the

few guys who got clean in NA in the state of Mississippi got busted for habitual criminal act and is doing a life sentence in Parchment, and he got in there and is really struggling and his wife, who is in the program also, was visiting him on a weekly basis and started taking him some literature that we got and as a result of that he's managed to get approval from the administration and he's in the process now of trying to set up the first real meeting inside the correctional institutions in Mississippi. Its been a real problem in the past. They are registered in the WORLD Directory as having a group there but as far as we can find out there has never been a group there, someone had just sent in a registration form some years back so they could get some literature and find out what it is all about and nothing ever happened with it and its starting to happen now. We've also got quite a few other institutions, mental hospitals and that kind of thing where the groups had started in those institutions and have broken away but are still actively involved in those hospitals and institutions and that has been a real positive for us in all the rest of the fog. We hope to get some information on PI announcements or any thing like that. That is one of the goals that I'm here to gain is to take back some literature so we can start to develop in these areas. We do have one group that has a hot line and everybody has really pitched in and its been an amazing thing for me having been around the program and having been in so many places in so many different regions to see the enthusiasm. Its like a bunch of starved kids who haven't eaten in weeks and that they've just been turned loose in the grocery store and they said go at it and they are going at it. Every week I find out something that I didn't even know that they were thinking about not only have they thought about it they've done it and now they want to know where to go from there and they're catching me off guard and they're keeping me hopping. That's all I've got from the state of Mississippi and the area from Memphis. Thank You.

NEW YORK STATE...Lin Andrukat, 123 E. Jackson St., Palmyra, New York, 14522, (315) 597-4566

Before I give my report, Mr. Chairman, I would like to raise 2 points. (at this point the points were presented and discussed at length.) Motion made by Lynn: that WSC abide by our own Service Manual of NA, paragraph at bottom of pg. 19, as opposed to ASR's receiving votes only via voting privileges. Motion does not require a second. Motion restated: Move that WSC abide by paragraph on bottom of pg. 19, S.S., as opposed to applying for voting privileges as stated in format. Correction this motion does require a second. Seconded. Discussion. Parliamentarian clarified. Much more discussion. Call for a vote. Motion failed. Will follow our format. Lynn's second point was discussed and clarified. Now for the report: We had our 1st NA meeting August 31, 1973. We went with one NA meeting in New York State for 4 years and folded in 1977. I don't know what happened between them because I didn't live in New York but when I went back in 1980 there were a few scattered meetings in Buffalo and Syracuse and nobody knew of each others existence. In April of 1981 with 26 active members, we formed the NYS Area Service Committee. Meeting-3 groups represented, 20 members in Buffalo, 3 in

Rochester and Clifton Springs, in Syracuse, 2 in Rome, and this was a year ago. Today we have meetings in 6 cities. Rumors of meetings in Fredonia and Corning and we are checking on that. One of the things a year ago I personally did was go to Ohio and saw how the program from '79 to present blossomed and I asked, what would you contribute as the main factor for the program really going strong and starting dynamite there? And they told me, service work, beginning at the area level and proceed up to regions as your area grows. One of the things we believed as we were trying debate whether or not to come to this conference as a Region, and we decided with all the cities we are representing that each city is just beginning to blossom and grow and we decided that it was more important that we all as a state, keep getting together, on a monthly basis because, as we have formed this area a year ago, our meetings have tripped, with growth by leaps and bounds. So we have been having regular ASC meetings with minutes submitted to WSO. Lynn presented the following data: Active cities: Lockport, Buffalo, Rochester, Clifton Springs, Syracuse and S. Syracuse. Buffalo, 40 members, many meetings starting and folding due to personal bickering. Lockport-40 members, good strong NA, having dance May 7th. Rochester-heavy interest and excitement over new group just formed. Strong seed planted from previous NA group there from 1973-77. Clifton Springs-all walks of life from a member who is a doctor and referring people from Taylor Brown to the unemployed residents from F.L.A.C.R.A. half-way house. FLACRA wants to see more NA, especially additional groups soon in Newark, who has good co-operation from outside agencies. Syracuse-3 meetings, just starting to settle down, had a lot of problems and growing pains but doing well. WE HAVE AN AREA P.O. BOX: NYS-ASC of NA, P.O. Box 278, Palmyra, New York, 14522.

WYOMING STATEBert Toews, 231 S. Wilson, Casper, Wyoming, 82601; (307) 266-1869

Probably the smallest region. NA began in Casper about 1 1/2 years ago and at this point has grown and fallen off and now again is growing. We have about 8 active members and 1 meeting per week. There are beginnings of meetings starting in Laramie, Cheyenne, and Sheridan. One of the members in our group has some historical experience with the state pen and is hoping to go back there and get some things started there. At this point we have no formal contact with Hospitals or institutions. AA in Casper has worked in a way that the two fellowships have been complimentary, not formally joined together but there has been an excellent co-operation between people and most of the people currently in NA have had some experience with the other fellowship. I'm hoping that we can establish communication with the areas north and south of us and form a region that develops there. This is a program that saved my life and I'm sure happy to be here.

MICHIGAN STATEJim Back, P.O. Box 3035, Flint Michigan, 48502. (313-235-9819).

Michigan currently has 21 meetings per week in 8 cities, with approx. 300 members. 11 out of our 21 meetings are in 30 day

treatment centers, and one is in a 5 day detox. Flint has established an H & I sub-committee and PI sub-committee and we are in the process of communicating with area hospitals and other institutions. A PI community awareness meeting is being planned for late summer or early fall. Past PI activities include PSA spots on radio and TV, distribution of meeting lists. 11 meetings were formed in the last year, one area service formed. Hotline was started in Flint and failed, ASC will deal with this, most important accomplishment in past few months is contact with NA outside our Michigan area. This contact encouraged us to seek out isolated NA meetings in Michigan and begin communicating. This led to formation of ASC, and two mini-conferences for Book Study, for group conscience to approve our basic text. We have problems with isolation, both of groups and individuals, problems with attitudes of "we can't do that". Communication and recognition of NA as a separate and distinct fellowship. In experience, we need guidelines!!! Need visitors, and invite anyone who would like to come. Our mailing: ASC, P.O. Box 3588, Flint, Michigan 48502. HISTORY: Detroit-1969, held only for a few weeks, ended because of alleged police harrasment. No mor meetings until 2 months ago, in the Detroit suburb of Madison Heights. 2 meetings currently. Bay City-1975?, currently 7 meetings, 5 in treatment centers. Flint-1977, two members form N. California motorcycled into Flint and started 2 meetings which later folded. The left literature, IP's and white books, which were used to contact WSO and stell continue. 1979 Flint's oldest continuous NA meeting established in an Alano Club. Currently 5 meetings. Grand Rapids-Grand Haven-1981 (DEC.) NA member detoxed in Kansas started 2 meetings. They are current. Pontiac/Madison Heights-1982 (March) member from Atlanta started 4 meetings. In February 1982, members from Flint, Bay City and Madison Heights groups met in Atlanta, Ga. and returning home, formed Area Service Committee. Group conscience was taken for support of state delegate to WSC. Struggeling on how to for a Region.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA....R."Mac" McDonald, 1159 Trutlerock Dr., San Jose, Calif., 95122, (408)286-3015.

There's 8 areas formed in Northern California. We've been holding Inter-regional meetings which were back then until we turned to Region in 1974. I've been involved since then. We have 44 registered meetings, 19 new meetings as of Dec. 1981. Membership approx. 700-800, 5 out of 8 have phone lines. The other 3 just getting off of the ground. Making this a goal for coming year. NA started in Berkley in 1967. The same year it started in San Francisco. The following year to Sonoma County and then taken south to San Jose. Our boundaries run from Monterey to Eureka to Oregon border over to Nevada. Main activity this year, 4th Annual Northern California Convention. There were 872 people registered. It was held in Santa Cruz. Theme was "To Surrender is to Win". Profits came to a little over \$3,500. In recent years areas who had conventions usually came out broke. This years money was divided up differently. \$500.-Area, \$1,000. to Fresno for 5th N.C.C., \$1,000-Region, and \$1,000.-WSC.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION....Gene Haag, 340 W. Nevada, Ashland, Oregon, 97520 (503)482-0575

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Give me a bunch up there. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Canada. They keep thinking I'll forget about British Columbia. Up in the Pacific Northwest, things are really spread out really thin so we're just sort of picking some things up like Wyoming and Montana, we don't really have any connection with those people right now but we're available for them when they need us. Another thing, I talked to Roger and Barbara from Alaska, few weeks ago and we were discussing about if they wanted to be a separate region and at that time it seemed like they wanted to be associated with Pacific N.W. Region, but as I see things growing, their report, I sort of feel like they're big enough to take off on their own. Is that right Barbara?
Reply: yes. Because things are really moving up there and their spreading out so I think we can allow them to do their own thing. If they want to, and it looks like they want to, so that's good. Eddie F. in Kodiack is up there and they'll be in contact with him which is really neat, it's really spreading out into some remote areas. Last year we had 8 areas that we were rep., this year we have 14 minus 1, because Alaska is going to take off, now 13. So there's actually 5 new areas. The areas in Oregon are Eugene, and Salem. Washington-Vancouver, Olympia, Capalis Beach. Canada-Lower Mainland Group in Vancouver, B.C. and another group in Victoria. The group in Vancouver wanted me to especially announce that they're 3rd Annual Round-up, July 2,3,4 and so if anyone is interested they'll be a flyer or ask James, Lorraine, Susan and Martin, they can fill you in on details. The lower mainland group, have H & I and they have H & I committee, they have 9 meetings, on all nights except Tuesday, with approx. 100-125 members, which is really neat. I'm not sure when the meeting started. (ans. 2½ years ago). So they're doing a real good job. Victoria is doing a little worse, no, I've got a real dedicated guy over there, James and Lorraine and they've had a real tough time getting started. I met James and Lorraine in 1975 and I believe that was about the time the first meeting began but James had been there struggling along for quite a long time before that, by himself and I've seen a lot of dedication up in that area. Now they have over 30 members in the area, they have an answering phone, and they're working on a hot-line, now. So things are moving along. The ASC has just folded there and the officers resigned due to lack of interest on the part of the members. I'm sure that James and Lorraine have been through that hassel a lot, so it's no big thing, they'll survive and get things moving again. In Seattle, things are going well. About 3 years ago I don't think they had any meetings there and now they have 15 or so. One of members on RSC is in Seattle and we've had a RSC meeting there. Our RSC has had difficulties, like a lot of others, as far as personalities, responsibilities and associations with other 12 Step programs and the responsibilities to NA while they're working on, RSC seems like people want to associate themselves with other things sometimes more than they want to associate themselves with NA, while they're on RSC, but things are working out real well. The Portland-Vancouver area is really growing by leaps and bounds because they've developed some resentments there

they're right close together, right across the river and they were all 1 area up until just a few months ago, and then they split, which is fantastic because they're really growing now and they both have individual hot-lines. NA started in Vancouver, Wash. in 1976, actually in Hazeldele, Wash. and moved in 1977 to Vancouver. The Portland/Vancouver ASC was formed in 1976 and now they each have their own ASC just as of a few months ago. PNWRSC actually formed about a year ago in March, 1981, so we're just sort of getting on our feet and getting things together but we have been doing so things there are growing. Involvement in Service work, like 1978, 3 dedicated people put together the 1st N.W. Pacific Convention in Portland and from that point it moved to Ashland in 1979. 1980 moved back to Portland and 1981 to Vancouver, Wash.. In Oct. of this year in Bosie, Idaho, which is really going to be great. We've got a small group in Bosie that are really dedicated and putting out a lot of effort and are really involved with our service work. So we'd like to invite everybody to come. We need the support and input from people in other areas of the fellowship. The hot-line started in 1978 and now the Vancouver-Oct. 1981. Vancouver has about 9 meetings and Portland 12. 2 new areas, Eugene, Oregon and Salem and they're very close together, so far their not associated as one particular area but I believe that may come in the near future so we'll have So. Oregon, Central Oregon and Northern. Eugene NA started 3½ yrs. ago but the meeting fell apart in about 6 months, but about 2 years ago in February, 1980, it began again and started off real well with 6 members and 5 of those original members are still involved with the group. Only one of those original members had any time of sobriety, so it doesn't take a lot of old timers to get moving along. The ? area in So. Oregon is doing real well, mainly it's members on Service Committee are located in Roseburg, which is in Northern most town in the Oregon area but it represents Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford, and Clamouth Falls and what we do there is we have the ASC meetings, alternating each month from one town to another because it's approx. 170 miles between the towns, so that way everybody gets a shot at staying home with their own meeting. I sent out a report requesting input for Proposed Book and Service Manual and Stories and I got a lot of information back. A lot for and a lot against, there's no way I can come up with a statement as to what's right and what isn't right in those areas because of the varied input. Some people felt we don't need a Book at all, all we need is the big AA book, we've come this far with that and we've grown a long ways and that's all we need and just an addition of stories would be enough. Others feel like we want the Book, right now-regardless of what's in it, we can always improve on it later on, so those are sort of the 2 extremes, what I told the people in the areas is the only way we are going to come to a logical conclusion about any of these issues is to pray like hell, because I'm not smart enough to make those kind of decisions and I need a lot of help. I think if we can all pray. So I certainly will be and I appreciate you allowing me to make this report.

COLORADO STATE...Susan Woolf, 350 Arapahoe, #23, Boulder, Colorado, 80302, (303) 449-1235.

In the state of Colorado there are 9 meetings. There are approx. 50 members, 4 H & I meetings-Mercy Hospital, St. Lukes, Boulder Justice Center, Arapaho House-Denver. The major accomplishments in NA for Colorado started NA meeting at Juvenile Drug treatment center in Denver. Started Wednesday night service meeting, which is how Jim and I got here. Mostly what we have been working on is PI and public awareness. We don't have any types of numbers of drug addicts can call but we're working on a hot-line for Denver and Boulder, hopefully a toll-free number. We're putting out literature to H & I. Basically a lot of public service about drug abuse in Colorado on TV. It's not affiliated with NA and we're trying to get in there and reach the addict who still suffers. That's basically what we're working towards.

SOUTH NEVEDA REGION..Nancy Morrissey 3642 Boulder Highway, #314, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102, (702) 457-8592

1. Last year I went away for a vacation in Lake Tahoe and I left 8 beautiful people. I came back to a meeting and there were 30 people sitting there. My growth has gone along with the growth along with this growth has come a lot of controversy, a lot of good and bad times, I feel where we are finally getting to a point of stability. Our H & I committee has been going for 6 months. We have meetings in our local care unit. We have 2 meetings in our prison, outside of town. We also have another meeting coming up in Indian Springs prison. Our H & I committee is getting self-supporting and that's important to us. The major activities or accomplishments is just going through growth and getting more people. We have a PI committee. We have radio, newspaper and TV spots. We're just trying to keep this together. In Las Vegas we feel a big need for literature because we have a lot of controversy because of literature in another program. We try to work with the "other" program and we do, but we also have the need to give what we can to our people in the fellowship of NA. So we can become stronger and be more united. That is important to us. Nothing's perfect and we don't care if it doesn't come out perfect, we just want a beginning. Our plans for the coming year are just to keep on going, to keep what we have now stable. We have the problem of spreading ourselves too thin. There are few people that do the service work. They get tired and give up but we believe in this fellowship and I'm just glad to be here and I have a lot of good feelings and I can feel a lot of good feelings here too and I realize the need to know everything and go slow. But we've been around awhile and we're getting to the point where we can take care of ourselves. Come to Las Vegas, it's "SIN CITY" and meet alot of people who'd like to have the chance to be here but couldn't. Hotline # - (702) 649-3887.

CAROLINA REGION...Phil Hayes, P.O. Box 4162, Greenville, S.C., 29608, (803) 246-7745.

Our region consists of N. & S. Carolina and I really am grateful for the helpful hints, because I was lost on this thing.

This is our first time to be represented at WSC and so I'm going to try to go by it a little bit. We have about 22 meetings within both states (14 groups), member approx. 210. In October of last year we formed our Region, with 7 groups, so we doubled our membership in the past 6 months. I think our Region is one of the things that helped because we went on a search and find mission, that's what we're on right now, we're trying to find everything in our two states. We have 2 H & I meetings in the states now. We formed a sub-committee to come up with guidelines for H & I sub-committee. Our major accomplishment, mostly as far as I know today, is we have 210 clean addicts. Our next is, we do have our Region, something we didn't have in the past year. We haven't been in the Carolina's but 2 yrs. We started in January 1980, with 1 meeting and we started with that 1 group and we had our first convention in June 1980, with 1 group sponsoring it, we had a lot of support and it turned into an annual thing, making this our 3rd Annual Convention in July 2,3,4, in Ashville, N.C. and it's turned out to a regional function now. As far as PI, we've gone with the thing we've gotten, P.S. spots on radio and TV and newspapers and also several of our newspapers have run page length articles on NA, they have been real co-operative. We've come up with this little thing we're trying to do now, we're carrying it from city to city, because most of our groups are spaced to 1 or 2 groups per city, over a large area, so we are carrying it as a Regional thing and we tried it in January in Greenville and a month prior. We have a public awareness meeting anywhere from 6 weeks to a month prior to that, we get a list of all professionals in that city, we send out invitations to this meeting and try to make personal contact if possible, to varyify their attendance. At this meeting we usually have a couple of speakers, then we have booths set up in the back with information and people to answer questions and it came over real well in Greenville. We are scheduled for another, in different location soon. Our plans right now are, when we started our Region we felt isolated, not only from the other groups within our states, but also from NA as a whole, we felt like we were setting there by ourselves, with Atlanta being the closest place we could go, which gets expensive going back and forth. But once we started, we meet on a quartely basis we never meet in the same city, until all cities have been visited. This gives us a chance for the fellowship to go to each city and gives us strength there. We've got groups of 3 or 4 members and they just need the strength the Region gives them and the communication. We have our Literature Committee now that's coming out with a newsletter, and a list for the newcomers and starting to supply the groups with literature. We've got 2 areas with answering services and now we are in the process of compiling and completing a Regional Directory, with contacts throughout the Region. They were really glad to send me out here and I'm real enthused about this. We had a 2 day service conference, 2 weeks ago, on the approval literature, and somebody asid a little while ago "dope fiends with a need" and I guess that's what we are because we didn't have any arguments at all diring the conference, there were no personalities there. It went over real smooth and we're real excited about bringing our vote out here.

LOUISIANA REGION....Roland Heisler, 6317 General Pershing, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70125, (504-866-0412.

Formed a region in January 1982. Comprised of 4 ASC's: Baton Rouge - 4 meetings, Lafayette - 4 meetings, Shreveport - 5 meetings and New Orleans - 11 meetings. Also, about a half-dozen meetings in smaller towns around the state. Incidentally, the first drug maintenance clinic in the U.S. was established in Shreveport in 1919 (just thought I'd lay that on you.) The first NA meeting in Louisiana was started in New Orleans in February 1978, by a woman from San Francisco NA who we love and owe a lot to. Kathe M., Baton Rouge NA began shortly thereafter, was off and on for a while, and is real solid now. Shreveport NA was started 3 years ago by Curt, my alternate. Today, we have a total of 30 meetings statewide with approx. 300 members. 3 out of the 12 meetings in hospitals and H & I meetings. 2 prison meetings are in the works for St. Bernard parish and Orleans Parish (counties). Many other hospitals and institutions want meetings. Our biggest controversy in the past year has been over which of our meetings being held in hospitals should be H & I. We need clearer guidelines on that. Held a regional conference for new literature review over Easter weekend in Baton Rouge, went over the big white book and the proposed changes in the service structure. We've had a hot-line in N.O. area for quite awhile, just formed a PI committee to make it more effective. This year, had a couple of successful fundraisers in Shreveport and New Orleans. A lot of "firsts" in the past year. We think we're doin' real fine.

HOUSTON TEXAS AREA....Eric Skuy, 1406 Richmond, Apt. 324, Houston, Texas, 77006, (713) 526-1096.

We have 25 meetings per week, sub-divided between 4 different groups in Houston and surrounding areas, with approx. 200-250 sober addicts and are growing. H & I activities include: starting new meeting in Houston county jail, 5 hospitals-10 mtg. per week; men's recovery center-2 mtg. per week; women's recovery center-2 mtg. per week; Christian church-2 mtg. per week; house meeting-1 per week. Major accomplishments over past year include: Formed an area service and literature inter-group named "Keep It Simple". Installed a phone and houston listing of that number (713-665-9929). Integrated sobriety: newcomers, 6mos. to 2 years and longer. Started a "God" meeting. Started a Traditions meeting. Checking account with \$400. in it at present. Grown in membership. Started 3 new groups in areas outside of Houston, which include Galveston, Dallas and Alvin. Elected new secretary and treasurer in our "Keep It Simple" group. Secretary Lisa T., Treasurer Gary H.. Difficulties and problems which exist today include: Need more emphasis on traditions to bring down personalities before principles. More recreational facilities (i.e. dances, etc.). Need membership involvement in business meetings and more structure in that area. Establish a hot line for better communication and twelve step work. Need more fund raising committees and more emphasis on 7th Tradition. Plans for up-coming year: addition of 9 more groups and addition of 10 or more meetings per week. Extend groups/meetings city and state wide in Houston and Texas.

Grow in membership. Form a club house in Houston. Having members of NA in Houston visit other NA groups in other cities and states to gain strength and information. Grow in our AS work. Aquiring and selling of more literature. Brief history of Houston NA: 1978-2 meetings per week with 10-20 members. 1980 7 meetings per week with 50-75 members. 1982 and present with 25 meetings per week with 200-250 members. In November of 81 our Inter-group called "Keep It Simple" was formed and it's been a tremendous asset to us. We're in the prcess of now starting 9 new groups in surrounding areas which include Houston, Falveston and Dallas and Austin. About 2 weeks ago we had a priest come down to the Keep It Simple group and wanted to find out information about starting a meeting in a county jail and we've been in the process of doing this. Every single day we have some type of meeting involved with NA, sometimes 2 Or 3 or 4 per day.

UPPER MID-WEST...K. Bea Chadbourne, Box 8823, Minneapolis, Minn., 55408, (612) 874-0926.

Number of meetings in Region: Minnesota, 15 in twin city area (minneapolis & St. Paul). 6-8 outstate region. North Dakota -5. South Dakota - 3 known. Approx. size of membership: Minnesota - 400; North Dakota -200. South Dskota - 50. About 1½ years ago none of this committee would recognize NA. H & I has since experienced the most growth. In Minneapolis and St. paul there are about 60 treatment centers. Minnesota has 10 hospital meetings and 6 institutional meetings. North Dakota it's unknown. To our knowledge South Dakota has no H & I meetings. Major accomplishments and activities: ASC and RSC formation; rapid growth of number of meetings region wide, with only 6 meetings 1½ years ago; service structure workshops; NA recognized by court system as viable fellowship for parole-probation conditions; books available to all dope fiends in all treatment centers (over 60 in and out patient programs); Transportation available to any treatment patient not in center with meeting. Trip to hastings in 4 feet of snow on the ground. A group of people made it and room was filled, doors leading out locked. Public Information: effort in Dec. and Jan. to make our presence know to all probation/parole officers, help-lines crisis centers, PHP's, HMO's and treatment centers, supplied with hotline numbers and meeting lists and books. First clubhouse is in progress at Mission Farms. Hotline currently operating with plans for region wide 800 number. Specific problems or situations: Lack of understanding of cooperation, not affiliation. A lot of treatment centers affilited with other 12 step program. Freezin' our sick butts off.. Plans for coming year: Support development of other ASC's in our region; 800 hotline number; Regional service conference; regional banquet a and weekend fling; sub-committee system. Brief history: First known meeting in Region in Minneapolis in 1976. Meeting split in 1977 to form 2. Also in 1978, three other meetings formed. By spring of 1980 there were six known NA meetings in the Minneapolis area. Four more meetings formed in 1981 in St. Paul and Minneapolis, with 4 forming outstate (Northfield, Duluth, Hastings and St. Cloud). In 1982, thus far, 3 new meetings have started. History of Dakota's is currently unknown. Final thing I bring from my Region is ther is a scattered

opinion on Book. Ranges from what I call the dope fiends who will take anything they have because they need it and the hope fiends who wait for better because they only want it.

WISCONSIN AREA Steve Sienkiewicz, 2930 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 53215, (414) 671-2686.

Number of meetings in the state are about 30 with 15 meetings and ASC in Milwaukee. Had a nar-anon but folded. There are about 300 members. H & I activities: Formed H & I committee last year with 6 meetings in treatment facilities, having much difficulty getting meetings into prisons. Activities and accomplishments in 1981: Got the bid for WCNA-12; Had 2nd Unity Weekend which was a 3 day campout retreat; NA members carried the message on 2 radio talk shows (anonymously); got newsletter. PI: have regular radio PSA's on 6 radio stations. Established new hot-line. Problems: primary problem, planning WCNA with very limited experience, a lot of arguing about traditions. Many people getting burned out from serving on WCNA, ASC and group activities, but still "hanging in there". Plans for coming year: WCNA-12, Milwaukee, Sept. 2-5th; After WCNA, clubhouse; begin prison meeting; have mailed forms to every known NA meeting, every RX center in U.S. and close countries. Brief History: The first NA meeting was in Milwaukee 5 years ago. 1st ASC about 4 years ago. Unity committee formed 3 years ago. 1st hot-line 2 years ago. We have not yet formed an RSC. Doing pretty good, lost people with time. Been a rough year but it's still good. Nice to see that a bunch of people who used to be real fried can understand Parliamentary procedures and get things done.

WSC-82 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WSC-82 Administrative Committee:

Bo Sewell....Vice-Chairperson....Report as follows;

On behalf of the Administrative people I want to thank you all for being here and all of the pulling together that we've known this past year. There is hardly a face in the room that I haven't worked with in service and nobody does this stuff alone. I'm grateful to attend the conference and be able to see how much we've really grown. Without you, the Representatives who come here to define needs and the ways to meet those needs and take action to meet those needs. I hope we can all keep that in mind because that's the only way we can do any good for those we serve which is, I think why we are here. In accord with the service structure and the conference in this past year we have seen a tremendous amount of Regional initiative, both from the formation of something over twenty regions to the activities and the conferences and all the get-togethers that have taken place. If we had all of the flyers and the minutes from all of those conferences we could fill up one of these walls probably. There were four cities that hosted major sub-committee conferences. The state of Ohio, the City of Warren, Miami, Memphis and Philadelphia. The Ohio, Miami and Memphis conferences were basically instrumental in getting the Big White Book into your hands and without their combined efforts, both the host cities and the participants that come in, we'd be waiting another year, I recon. So we got to be grateful for that because without that them it wouldn't have gotten done. In Memphis also, there was a Policy Sub-Committee meeting and got the service manual out. Philadelphia is where the members came in and worked on the stories, and that again came out of Memphis. The need for report or activities grew because so much was happening and there was a lot of confusion and without something in writing we'd have a pretty good way of taking what we hear and bending it out of shape and passing it on. They bend it out of shape and it really gets extreme. The big need to be aware of activities so if you're interested in something you could be there and know about it well enough in advance so you could make arrangements both in terms of WSC sub-committee activities and the regional activities. All of this being more and more evident as the year progressed towards fall and into the winter, Cindy, Joseph, Steve and myself and a number of other s.c. people started getting together on these conference calls where you'd have 3, 4 or 5 people on the phone at once and discuss what was going on and what we could do to best serve. The conference calls cost money but it's a lot cheaper than airplanes. Out of those calls resulted the fellowship reports which you received in January and February of this year. The material, except for the Administrative Committee letter, came from sub-committees, the WSC, and also the Regional Service committees. All of the sub-missions from RSC and sub-committees were included with no editing and not one item submitted for inclusion was not included. In sending out the input that came out in the 2nd Fellowship Report instead of saying this is good input we'll send it out, this is not we won't send it out, we as a group elected to send it all out so that the Regional people would see the input and be able to take it to their membership so they could show up here as

informed representative of where the local group conscience is. As a result, of those fellowship reports there were a great many Regional service conferences that took place in the last few months in a lot of Regions for the WSC so that this year's conference could get more done for the fellowship who all serve. I think it's been a great year and have enjoyed serving and I feel like I've grown a lot and gotten to know a lot of you much better. I still say, I don't think I can but together I think we can, so God Bless and there's another item from Cindy, our secretary, if nothing else we've learned how much we didn't know and how vital it is for us to be cohesive with the administrative committee, committee chairpersons, and board members in order to present the most beneficial WSC. Our tradition states "we ought never be organized" but this does not mean we cannot try and present a planned conference so I hope you enjoy this conference and that we get a little bit out of it but I hope those we serve get a whole lot out of it. Thank You.

Joseph Proctor....Treasurer....Report as follows:

I'm grateful to be here. I've grown a lot in the last few 24 hours in spiritual principles, as I understand them of surrender and acceptance. I'm clean today and for that I'm grateful. It's the Twelve Steps of NA and you people that have allowed me to do that. The treasurer's report as of 6-8-82, we had an opening balance from the previous year of \$969.08, as of 5-6-82 we had donations of \$7,211.50. That came to \$8,180.58. As of 5-6-82 we had expenditures of \$4,708.38 leaving us with a balance of \$3,472.20. In regards to the unity through communication by the conference calls, other than the expenditures of possibly today for some copies and further supplies, that's how we stand today.

Cindy Porter-Dieker....Secretary....Report as follows:

This has really been a lot of fun for me so far. These don't all have to be draggy. The only thing I'd like to add is what Bo said I found out this year, and I've been in service for quite a while now, I found out how much I didn't know, how much I have to learn, how much of my program I still need to work on, but I also learned, probably foremost, to believe in the group conscious. That will guide this conference because I believe that no matter what comes down here and believe me it it hadn't been for some people, Bob, Steve, Bo, Joseph and everybody I talked to, I don't know if I'd have come because I had a lot of fear. I heard somewhere that fear is the lack of faith and sometimes my faith gets a little shakey. I do believe that whatever comes down at this conference is going to be right, because we're all here working towards the same thing. That is to help the addict who still suffers and that is what it's all about. Getting all of this organized and bringing us together in some kind of unity is what's going to help us help that addict and help ourselves because we are addicts. Believe me. Look at us. I just want to thank everyone who sent all the letters, that called, that took time to jot a few lines and send it in the mail for their support because without it we couldn't have done it. I too would like to say, and this may be the last time I get to say anything and I like to talk, but I would like to send a greeting from Ron, who was at the

conference last year. By the way, if anybody doesn't know, I'm Cindy Porter Dieker. I did get married this year. I just want to share two seconds of the most wonderful weddings I have ever been in and I've had 3. It was an NA wedding, with all NA people there. It was super. We had a judge ask everyone to join us at the end of the ceremony in the Serenity Prayer, he slipped and said "Cindy and Ron would like everyone to join them in the Sanity Prayer," which couldn't have been more appropriate at that point. I just want to thank all of you for loving me, helping me and mainly for helping me stay straight this year. This does it for me. You know some people's nitches are 12 Step work and some people's nitches are all kinds of things but I like to do service work. I've got a lot out of it. I just want to thank you all and I love you all even if I don't agree with you.

Steve Bice....Chairperson....Report as follows:

This is also kind of personal. More has happened in my life in NA this year than any of the other years combined. I have received calls from at least half of the people here and possibly most of them. I kept a ledger of the calls that came just to remind myself of what went on. At times I've tried my best not to answer the questions and other times I've tried my best to answer the questions. At all times trying to be diplomatic without lying. It is a great learning experience. I would like to discribe our committee. I was the one who was dragging his feet for about 6 months, Joseph was pushing, Bo was patiently waiting and Cindy was waiting for the other foot to fall.

WSC-82 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Chuck Skinner....Chairperson.....Report as follows:

Fortunately or unfortunately the chairman of the Voard of Trustees Those of you that remember last night I came down in a fairly decent pair of slacks, today I wore a pair of dungarees and tomorrow I'm going to wear my cowboy boots and jeans for all you _____ kickers from across the border. I would like at this time to introduce the Board of Trustees members that are here. If they will stand so I don't forget them. Will the Board of Trustees members stand? Again, this year unless any member of the Board of Trustees objects, I will use the full names. Board present are David Clark, Cliff Craft, Mike Bohan, Sally Evans, Chuck Gates, Hank Magdaleno, Jim Nichols, Jim Drinkwater. The Board of Trustees this year has been a lot of the controversy and we've given afew decisions. Some of you didn't know what we've said after we've said it, we understood that. We give the best decision we can do at the time. At this time I would personally like to thank this conference committee for doing a terrific job. I would also like to thank Steve Bice, who in his insanity has regained sanity and kept this in perspective and taken over a tremendous job and has done it well. As well as the rest of the committee. Most of all I would like to thank you representatives who have been throughout your regions and did the footwork and the most important part are of the people you suspicious suckers sitting there in the back who don't even trust your representatives who came out here to go back and make this the best informed fellowship in the world. We have had many

problems during this year. There has been many wrongs this year and that's on all sides. The time has come that we forget the wrongs and go for the solutions. The need is now and the time is now. We have faith that whatever this fellowship brings into it that it is God's will and we, the Board of Trustees, will, I'm sure, be willing to abide by it. At our last regular Trustees' meeting on, before anyone gets paranoid, we had a Board of Trustees meeting last night for the Board of Trustees, about the Board of Trustees. It had nothing to do with the fellowship. It is for our actions and reactions within this conference. How we will participate here so it does not effect the fellowship in any way. There will be no report on that meeting last night. I think you will find we are all individuals and we will voice our own opinions at this meeting so don't be looking for any minutes from last night. I set up a committee to run a fellowship or a report. It was placed in the fellowship report. The response from it came in. I appointed Sally to head up that committee. I want you to know we are going to pass it out now, only to the voting delegates, we feel that it should be disseminated to your areas, that is our business you can disseminate it to anybody you want to. Due to the expenditures of copying we only printed enough copies for the voting delegates. I want it understood that this is not a Board of Trustees Report. The Board of Trustees had nothing to do with it. It is a report that as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees formed a committee. This is the committees' report. It is there version of facts and figures that was submitted by you to them. You can do with it as you please. At this time Sally and some of her co-workers will pass out the report. I again want to emphasize this is not a Board of Trustees Report. It is a committees' report that I had appointed to make it. The Board of Trustees has not read or seen it. I myself have not read it or seen it. Nobody has an edge on anybody else. There has been some leaks as in all WATERGATE THINGS, I'm sure and a few people have got a peak here and there but nobody has seen the Report prior to this in its full content. Have all voting members of this fellowship received a report? We have had this year 4 resign from the Board. We have appointed 3 new members, that is, David Clarke from California, Jack Bernstein from California, and Jim Nichols from Lincoln, Nebraska. We now stand at 13 members. We have 2 vacancies, and we're not anxious to fill them. We are looking for somebody with the expertise in different fields. There has been much paranoia about us voting as a block, about the variations on this board. We have a black, a chicano, a woman libber, a couple of Jewish boys, myself, who's an Okie, the sophisticated Dave now, and of course, a foreigner by the name of James Drinkwater, so we have a pretty well covered the spectrum. The lightest number of years of cleanliness on the addicts members and shooting for 10 years. Every member of the Board since I have been chairman has been put on because of their dedication or because we felt we could use them. We have put many people on the board for various reasons. We have put Dr. on expecting free medical advice, lawyers expecting free legal advice and we've gotten nothing from any of them. But we have a Board here that while we may be diversified in the method, we are all in accord with one thing and that is the Unity of NA and furtherance of growth to where and we see it coming to pass that no addict will ever need die without at least having had a chance at recovery. I think that's what all of you people who are here today for. So let's get on with the business so that we can get this thing

line to where we can go back to our areas and do what we are suppose to do that is carrying the message to addicts and get those sick people off the street.

WSC-82 POLICY COMMITTEE:

Bob Rehmar....Policy Chairperson....Report as follows:

The activities of the policy committee this past year have produced material more material than was thought possible one year ago. For those who may not have heard, a lot of the material concerned the service manual and possible changes in the service manual. In the years 1976 thru 1979 committees working on the NA tree requested input and suggestions to update this material. Their collective product after 3 years was the third edition. This past year particularly directly before and during and after the MSRSC, many dedicated members turned their concern towards the Service Manual. What was a somewhat low key sub-committee before now turned into a working and active arm of our Service Structure. It is with gratitude that we can report the support and contributions of members from Virginia, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky and Ohio as always the constant support from members in California. The WSC Policy Subcommittee held meetings in So. California, earlier in the year, however, 6 months following the conference, the Policy Committee held meetings and workshops in Memphis, Tenn., This central location resulted in wide fellowship participation. The Memphis effort produced the proposed revisions to the 3rd edition of the service manual. Subsequent Policy Committee meetings were held in Atlanta during the South Eastern Central Regional Convention. in March. For collection of additional input and evaluation of the proposed revisions of the 3rd edition. The policy committee does not write policy. We collect input concerning policy from the fellowship and compile this input for presentation to the WSC. The proposed revisions of the 3rd edition of our Service Manual represents such a collection and compilation. This piece represents our best efforts to date. We are aware that it is not perfect and we have received input to that effect. This input and proposed revisions of the 3rd edition is now in your hands, the representatives of the group conscience of NA. We are grateful for the participation of so many concerned members, fellowship wide. Thank you for your input, personal involvement in policy meetings and workshops and critique of our efforts. We personally thank our vice chairpersons, Larry N. of Va., Linda B. of Georgia and Bob D. of St. Louis..

WSC-82 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bryan Scott....Finance Chairperson....Report as follows:

Last year at this time at the conference we comprised a draft of a letter which was read at the conference last year to the fellowship. We asked for funds for the Conference basically to operate which is the literature committee, H & I, and PI. The finance committee drafted the letter and read it, the conference approved it. At that time there were 7 members of that committee. Each of us took certain states and typed, copied and mailed that

letter through out the fellowship. We got our mailing list, basically from the World Directory, and all sorts of addresses given at certain conferences thru the years. Whether or not any funds came in due to that letter the committee is not aware of because we do not control the treasury. I would like to thank Susan from Vancouver. She put in a lot of time and helped me a lot in putting it together and sending it out to the fellowship. I'll put a copy of the letter on that back table. You can take one and look at it. I sent out about 400 of them personally and I got about 17 returns. When letters came back saying the person had moved, I crossed their name off of the list. I'm hoping to get with the rest of the committee and get that list back together, and give it to WSC so that they have another mailing list to use. I personally don't know what I'm suppose to do to raise funds for the fellowship. We wrote a letter, we asked for money. I got a lot of letters back from members of the program telling me not to worry about it that God carried a wallet. I personally think that if we are going to pay for a book it's going to have to come out of our own pockets. I try to do the best I can for the fellowship. I just like serving the program. I want to thank you for letting me serve you one more time.

WSC-82 LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

Page Culbertson....Literature Chairperson....Report as follows:

The WSC-Literature Committee started off the year with WLC-5, which was held in Warren, Ohio, June 29 thru July 7. It was directly after the Second East Coast Convention and drew much support from the convention. Chapters 1,2,3, and 8 were rewritten and edited and conference approved to be in final form. We also worked on the following pamphlets: Just For Today; Sponsorship; Teenaged addiction; Approach to A Forth Step Guide; and H & I handbook was started. The states represented at that WLC were: Penn., Ohio, Nebraska, Virginia, California, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, Oregon, Maryland, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Mississippi and Indiana. Our financial report on that conference: We had a total on donations of \$2,598.00, total on debit of \$2,624.67; WLC closed with a \$26.67 debit which was made up from personal donations of Jim M, member of the Lit Committee. The items are broken down and copies are available. South Florida hosted WLC-6, September 14-20, directly following WCNA-11. At the Miami conference chapter 4.5.6.7.9. and 10 were rewritten, edited and to be conference approved for final form. The rewrite and edit processed the 2nd part of Chapter 4, Living the Program was incorporated into chapter 9. More work was done on an H & I handbook which was chaired by Bob B., WSC-H & I Chair, who was in attendance. The states represented in that conference were: Ohio, California, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Tennessee, New York, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oregon. The financial report on that was an income of \$4,353.72. Expenditures totaling \$4,353.72. The reports are available upon request. WSCLC held 2 business meetings in Memphis, about the 27th of Nov. to

go over the business for the rest of the year. Due to unexplained absence of our chairman, elections for a chairman protemp were held, Jim M. was elected chair and I vice chair protemp. About a weeks later Jim called me and told me that due to personal service obligations in his region, he could not serve in that capacity. At which time the chairmanship was passed on to me shortly after this, the former chair, Roger T., sent in his written resignation. Roger did a good job while chairman and is responsible for all positive direction this year. WLC-7 was held by the Greater Philadelphia ASC, January 15-17, 1982. To review the stories and obtain a good cross section of recovery experience in NA. At the close of the conference we had 47 approved stories, including 5 from foreign countries. The states represented were: Pennsylvania, Kansas, Georgia, Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio and Kentucky. The donations for that conference totaled \$648.00 and debits totaled \$689.05. This was compiled by Roy D. with limited information. There was a deficit totaling \$41.05 as of this report. It is unknown whether the account has been closed. Put an addendum on that saying Page C. made up the \$41.05 deficit and the account has been closed. Copies of reports available. We have 6 pamphlets and 2 handbooks that are in the category of "work in progress" at the present time. We have the "Just For Today" pamphlet, which was originally Chapter 9 and it got edited and rewritten so many times it became IP form and its approved by the committee and ready to be mailed for fellowship approval. There were 4 pamphlets which were turned over to WSO in 1979 and to the best of my knowledge conference approved and literature committee does not have access to those. We have 4 WSC approved pamphlets and 1 literature committee approved pamphlet. We already have new literature The Philadelphia area headed by Pete B., a committee member, is working on a history for the appendix of our basic text. In the process of compiling the history hi's also going over the minutes and pulling the motions carried so the Literature Committee will have a policy. Linda M., the committee secretary, and librarian, has been working on duplicating the World Lit. files so the originals can be given to the archives. Our Lit. committee files are comprised of 5 footlockers full of stuff. In the process that has cost us to date \$327.42 that we have in that as of today, but she's working on it. To the best of my knowledge we have duplicated everything on the work done in progress so that that's available to the Regions so that the regions can initiate work on this material without the WLC having to go there. In the process of mailing out everything there was a mailing list that formed some some 1900 names. It was requested by Steve B., the chairman, and I gave him a fully updated copy yesterday. I also have a copy and I believe Joseph also has a copy. So we have in the process a good world directory and I think that's great. We compiled our membership roster the other night and we have 298 let. committee members. Steve has a copy and the original will go in the file. As for as our lit. committee treasurers report, I believe I'll just go on with this and defer to Roy who is lit. treasurer. The input on the stories we have everything that

has come in. I jsut haven't had time to compile the input.' Copies of all financial reports are available as are copies of all of the minutes. These are 6.5. and 7 right here and I beleive Bo has 1-4.

Roy Literature Committee Treasurer's Report: I'll just give you a brief thing on the financial status of the Literature Sub-Committee. We opened an account in Lisbon, Ohio. We did that in the proximity of the Literature Committee Chairman. We deposited some checks from the Chairman and he was unavailable to give me any information just through lack of communication, basically as to where that particular money came from. There were deposits of \$15. and \$100. Expenditures: Federal Express \$35.; Post master-\$27.10; and Chairman's check-\$50.00. Depisits back by the chairman-\$86.78. Deposits from WLC-6 in Miami for \$825.; MSRSC for World Literature Mailing for \$275.; Expenditure- for Zerox \$350.; Expenditure-for IBM \$165.36; Secretary expenses- for Linda \$100.. At the end of November that left us a balance of \$24.32, which then carried on into January because of no activity beyond that. January 15th - Deposited a check from WSC for \$1,000. --Expenditures: Theresa W. for WLC-7 \$300.; Page for mailing \$494.; Librarian, Secretary expenses \$100.; Table and chairs rental WLC-7 \$73.; Deposit from WSC Treasury \$73.; Mailing of the minutes for WLC-7 \$100.; Deposit from WSC treasurer \$960.; Linda M. secretary expenses \$100.; copying of Literature files \$429.24; WLC-7 phone bills \$304.11; this leaves a total of \$143.97 as of right now. End of Literature Report.

BROKE FOR 20 MINUTES.....

WSC-PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:

LARRY NORTH.....PI Chairperson....Report as follows:

My Committee, after we left the conference last year, didn't have any contact with each other for a while. We didn't do very much. One of the things that really helped was the fellowship report that the Administrative Committee put out. I got a lot of letters from all over, a lot of minutes from people. A lot of people just requested PI pamphlets. A lot of people didn't know we had those. That's realll another very important thing that we need to get out and need to work on this coming year: Getting the information out that we do have things available. That's just about all we did. We sent out the PI kits. Some people wanted to know how to start a phone line. We sent them an example of what we did in Santa Rosa. We had an examole of how we started a phone line and how we had all of the hours down and how we ran the whole answering service. I sent those out as examples. That's all we did during the whole year. We didn't send any money. For the next year we got a ton of input for the next chairperson.

WSC-82 HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Bob Bergh.....H & I Chairperson....Report as follows:

I am a charter member of the "Sicker than others group" in Miami, Florida. As we all know from the reports from all of

the delegates, that H & I seems to be growing all over the country. The first thing I'd like to do is to offer my thanks to Joseph because he was the one who came out with the stationary that had the list of committees, chairmen, and where they could be located. Thanks a lot Joseph. I have been a participant in the WSC for this is my 3rd or 4th year. I have been chairman of the H & I Committee for, this is my second term in 3 years. Over this past year I've never had so much request for information. Telephone calls, people wanting to know what's going on. I wasn't so precise as Steve to keep a list of telephone calls from throughout the country but I can really say that there was many of them. We've been requesting that people from other areas send us lists of where your H & I meetings are, progress of H & I in your areas. We haven't had too much input on that, I've got most of my information as far as the growth of H & I today, when I was listening to the delegates reports. Right along we've been requesting stories from throughout the fellowship from people who have come into the program of NA from an institution whether it was a hospital, a nut house or penitentiary. We'd like to have your stories because we're trying to develop some IP's so that some sucker sitting in the joint or whatever, can pick it up and easily relate to what's happening. We haven't had too much help in that area. When I received this communication from John down in Miami stating that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services had sent out a directive that in all of their recovery programs that the program of NA be utilized and it wasn't utilized they wanted to know why. They wanted everybody to be informed that NA was there and available. I was just discussing with a person from Ohio that within these next couple of weeks he was going to be having lunch with the secretary of the Department of Health and Rehab. Services out of Ohio. He's got a beautiful opportunity to give them that little shot where we can have the same thing in Ohio that they got in Florida. Maybe one of these days it will be an ongoing thing throughout the U.S., that NA is utilized. That's all in the future. National procrastination week has been postponed until next month folks. We were given permission by WSC to open up a bank account for world service H & I. Throughout the U.S. and the world there has been a lot of controversy ranging around the H & I literature cans. You put a literature can in or pass it or whatever it is. There is one primary purpose for that can, that's to carry the message to the addict who still suffers, whether it's a hospital, a nut house or a penitentiary. Because those people are not in a position to buy their own literature. If you're from an area that isn't passing the H & I can, it's legal folks, You got some _____ sitting in the back of the room telling you you can't pass an H & I can in this meeting, that person sitting in the back of the room is wrong. You can and should pass that can. The people from Florida passed a can in Miami. Not all those areas are as rich as they are in Miami. It's as simple as that in Florida, the sick ones coming into the program loaded down with gold, they hit their bottoms in the backseats of 450 SL's, there I was sitting in the back of my 450 SL and I barfed all over my persian rug. Ain't that a _____. Those cats cracked me up. That's why they developed a "sicker than others group" down there and I had to join that one. Passing that can is a very, very important part of this thing called Recovery, because there's a lot of people sitting in those places that just don't know, It makes me feel good to hear from Ohio.

The people in Ohio's got something going that is fantastic. I've been getting reports out of there from a guy named Mike T. or Ron T.. He sends me beautiful reports on what they're doing. They are really moving. I wish we were moving as fast in California. Just 3 weeks ago we had an open house at the Sierra Conservation Camp up in Jamestown, Ca., and it's a light weight penitentiary. It was built for 800 inmates and they have 1,600 or 1,700 there. Instead of sending the minimum security inmates there, they are sending hardcore from maximum security prisons up there and the place needs help. They were having an open house and throughout the Bay area we circulated around there and we informed a lot of people and we got a lot of people saying they were going. There must have been 50 or 60 people said they were going. We double clutched it as far as getting cleared and when the time came to go up there, there were 6 people. I ---- nearly cried, I was ashamed. We recieved a call from a lady in Washington, D.C. who was working for the National Broadcasting System. They wanted to do a thing about using and recovering from the so call recreational drugs. I passed it over to Larry and they had that not to long ago. I didn't have an opportunity to see it but from what I've heard I'm glad I didn't see it. They never give NA a stroke. Nobody will say how did you get clean and sober. Even if your looking at the back of a dude or ladies head ther's NA. Adolescent meeting at Marshall Hale hospital in San Francisco. It's really nice to walk in ther and see children. While I was sitting here listening to all you Regional delegated tell us about your dynamite H & I committee meetings in your various regions and areas. What we're trying to do in World Service is to develop a directory where we've got a list of all these meetings. What we want is information on where your meetings are, on what day, at what time and who is your outside sponsor. How is the meeting conducted? How long has it been going on. This has been an on-going thing for a long time. We need this information if we are to get you information. We just put together our H & I handbook. There is just one more thing to add. We could have had it for this conference but I'll take the heat. I made a decision that I wasn't going to bring this H & I thing before you people because we had too much stuff going on around here. I know and you know that we're going to be busy here. I think somebody ought to write a book when this is over called "NA COMES OF AGE". Let's do it that way. When you pass these H & I cans as I suggested, if you have a lot of literature for your H & I meeting, you should keep a prudent reserve of money to re-order your literature. If you find that your prudent reserve running over, send it to World Service H & I because there are a lot of people out there who are just coming up in H & I and we need help. We have \$523. in the World Service H & I account. That money came from N. California. We need help and the only way we're going to get it is that you people go back to where you came from and shake the cans. After elections that \$523. is going to the next H & I chairman.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, INC. REPORT:

Phil Perez....President....Report as follows:

I didn't know this was coming out. I heard something about it but I'm really concerned because I've seen a lot of information here and we worked on the report and made some changes on it.

What I'd like to do right now at this conference is read the financial report and when my report comes, it's not here yet, read it. We made some changes last night like I said and I don't have it, as soon as I get it I will read it to the fellowship. I will read the financial report for fiscal year 81-82. I'd pass those out but first of all I'd like to read:
The 1978 World Service Office Financial Report: Review sales from April 1977 to the 28th of 1978;

Review sales	\$4,330.00'
Donations	500.00
Expenditures	-----
Printing	3,091.00
Mailing	671.00
Rent for 2 months	100.00
Telephone	501.99
Misc. supplies	444.00
Stationary	283.00
Paper	<u>61.17</u>

Total \$5,154.38

That left the WSO a balance of \$210.79. Inventory build-up approximately \$500.00 paid for.

Depreciative assets	\$ 540.00
Accounts Receivable	250.00
Grand total for the year	\$1,500.00

---From 81-82---

Literature Sales	\$53,199.98
Donations	11,726.23
Interest from Savings	61.54
Total Income	\$64,987.75
Printing	22,239.60
Pacific Telephone	2,267.26
United Parcel PO	5,626.07
Rent	9,600.00
Supplies	8,648.77
Misc.	2,382.11
Equipment Repairs	880.70
Depreciation	410.00
Total Expenses	\$52,361.00
Net Income	12,626.75

---Balance Sheet---

Checking	\$ 1,960.33
Savings	2,361.54
Accounts Recievable	8,900.00
Literature Inventory	11,900.00
Equipment cost, less dep.	954.00
Liabilities	none
Total Net Worth	\$26,075.87

830 Starter Kits were sent out this year @ \$5.00 each.
UPS packages - 1,600
Letters - 900

What we've done to keep up with the World Directory is just purchased a word processor. We looked around for this and we finally found one. We have gone ahead and purchased it, to up-date the World Service Directory. I don't like verbally doing this. I know some of the things that are in the report, I'd rather have it read but I can give you a basic context and everybody here, before the conference is over will have a copy of it. I see some extra work I have to do here and I will also provide the necessary information for this conference. Don't panic, a lot of times you feel that the WSO doesn't hear what your asking these questions. Sometimes it comes indirectly or directly. Most of the time it comes indirectly. We don't really hear it but we do have phone conversations and letters and we've been trying to keep up with the fellowship and their basic needs. We just got done doing a new state charter to enable the fellowship to feel more a part of WSO because this has been one of the biggest kickers in the past and we've worked hard on this to improve it. The Board of Directors at WSO should be nominated at the conference. They should be an active board. There should be no dead weight. This has been my first year and it has been hard because I've been trying to keep up. Everytime you think something is done something else pops up. I would just like the fellowship to allow us to do our job. This will come about. What we'd like to do in working with the literature committee is send out review copies so we don't have that conflict. That the literature committee would compile and we would distribute all review copies to the fellowship. This hasn't been done in the past. I don't know why. I see that as a big change. That should work out fine. I will have another report as soon as it comes, I have a lot of faith it will because I'll kill them. I still have a 10 page written report to give to the conference. We didn't see this but a lot of the answers are in it. You'll have to take my word for it right now but as soon as I read the report you'll understand.

Steve -Chairperson- added, I don't see any difficulty with postponing that report. That would be my decision and if somebody wants to address that. There was some discussion on when this report would be given. Decision was that it would be given as soon as possible.

Steve then stated: I have a couple of items that were sent to me and I think this is the time to ask you as I told these people that I would do this. This is from the Central Indiana ASC and they wrote a report. I would like to ask for a voice vote if you would like to hear it. This is to the Administrative Committee: and to the fellow addicts: "We are writing on behalf of the NA members in Central Indiana in order that you, the WSC, might know our feelings, thoughts and concerns. No one from our area has the opportunity to attend this year's WSC, but we want to be heard through this letter. If this may be used as a proxy vote then please include us in the ballot, if not then we request this letter be read. The groups in our area held meetings in which issues before the WSC were discussed and group conscience was taken. The proposed text service manual and stories were all rejected in their present form. The reasons given that the groups feeling that there has been a lack of availability to these pieces

of literature to most Indiana members coupled with the feeling that people would rather wait until a more informed group conscience could be made. However, the groups wished to express their appreciation and gratitude to those members who had given their time and effort to these projects. But our feeling is Easy Does It, Lets publish more copies of the purposed literature and get more addicts involved. We have gotten the feeling right or wrong, that many of us in service work take ourselves too seriously. What we do seems so important that we lose sight of the fact that we do not govern. We have felt on occasion that some trusted servants have told us what we can say, do, or read in an autonomous NA meeting. We emphasize that is a feeling and feelings aren't necessarily facts. We also believe we got as sick as possible to qualify for the program and we are entitled to use any and all means to help our recovery without the fear of being labled as something less than a hardcore addict. We are interested, and at times amused, at the controversy between WSC and WSO. We have no facts. We have not seen a financial statement from WSO therefore, we request one. The interesting fact remain that we have grown from 3 addicts and one meeting to many addicts and 9 meetings in less than two years, not knowing about this problem. The message was carried none the less. Again, we are in NA taking ourselves too seriously. We are stell placing principles before personalities or has that gotten juxtaposed. We know that in NA everything begins with the recovering addict. How easily we forget where we came from. World service was organized for the benefit of the individual members. World service does not govern. When we recieve minutes from the WSC that include the decisions of the Board of Trustees we feel that the decisions come to us in the form of directives and not as suggestions, naturally as addicts we rebel at orders. We can accept suggestions like other areas in the country we are going through the growing pains and why not. Just as there is pain in individual growth, so there must be with growth on all livels of NA. The Central Indiana ASC's froup conscience is expressed in this letter. If opinions did not differ then there would be no need for WSC. We beleive in the fellowship of NA and staying clean. We fear that directives stell destroy the fellowship as we know it and create the atmosphere of cultism. We love you all, and we need you. Take care and easy does it. In loving fellowship, Central Indiana."

The other one is a request from Reno, Nevada.....My name is Bruce C., ASR for Reno. The reason for this letter is to apply for a vote at WSC in Santa Monica. I can only make the last 3 days of the conference May 7, 8, & 9th. Please write back and let us know if you can by May 7th. It's short notice I know, but it's the best I could do.

Steve replied: I wrote a letter back to them stating that I would if given a chance, and I just took it, read this and leave it up to you! That they should call and I gave Sidney's phone number. So I am presenting that to you. If I don't hear anything I will just let it go. They are asking for a vote. Possibly the way to treat that is just wait until they show up and listen to them then or you can let this go now.

Page moved to adopt as policy for this and future WSC that in the preparation minutes, "care should be exercised to omit inclusions of opinions in the minutes. Informative reports may be

presented in such detail and length as necessary but exclude private opinions. Opinions in discussion, points raised during discussion of reports and motions should be excluded. The reason for the motion being that the breakdown of the 1981 minutes reflected approx. 29 motions, 20 of which were reported anonymously and 9 of which gave peoples names. 13 items of discussion were also connected personalities. I feel the minutes should reflect only information and that the source of that information is all that should be reflected.

Bob S.-parliamentarian-raised a question. You're in the period of time receiving reports. I have not seen on your agenda where you anticipate approving the minutes of the meeting a year ago. If this is in connection with approval of the minutes of a year ago then at the time you approve the minutes of a year ago that this would be appropriate because that is apparently what it is referring to. Otherwise, if it's not, this should be considered new business, and should not be conducted at this time.

Steve-Chairperson: that is part of old business which is right now so I think then, if we would go into our old minutes, last year's minutes, then it would be in order. Bob B. seconded. Reaffirmation of voting members...40 plus 1. Discussion of motion followed.

Motion re-stated: To adopt as policy for this and future WSC's that in preparation of minutes of the meetings, care should be exercised to omit inclusion opinions in the minutes. Informative reports may be presented in such detail and length as necessary but exclude private opinion, opinions and discussion points raised during discussion of reports and motions should be excluded. More discussion. Vote called. Motion failed.

Roy moved: that he would like to support deferrment of WSO report in interest of fellowship questions and would like to ask that the WSC-Board of Trustees sub-committee study be read into the minutes directly before the WSO report. Seconded, discussion followed....Motion restated: Would like to support deferrment of WSO Report in interest of fellowship questions and would like to ask that the WS Board of Trustees sub-committee study be read into the minutes directly before the WSO report. Harry amended motion: that the study be included in the minutes rather than read. Seconded by Motorcycle Ed. Call for vote. Motion restated plus amendment. Motion passed.

Joseph raised point of question. Bob parliamentarian replied: If an amendment had been offered and seconded or recognized by the chairman then we haven't voted on that amendment. The action taken to count the voted here would not take effect here. You have first to vote on the amendment and then vote on this motion. If that's the circumstance then it's up to you to make the decision whether that is correct or incorrect and we will go forward there.

Steve-Chairman- It was incorrect because we didn't. We had an amendment and did not vote on the amendment. The vote was then nullified.

Steve stated that we have to vote on the amendment which is "to read into the minutes" -- to strike read and insert included.

Chuck S. -made amendment: that any reference to this report made by WSO, that portion of the report being made of, by the WSO, be read and included in the minutes, instead of the whole thing. Parliamentarian then clarified. Chuck G. seconded.

Sub-Parliamentarian- So that we don't have a misunderstanding about this what he has suggested is amended by substitution. Amended by substitution is handled fundamentally the same way as a regular amendment because he's changing the direction of it here. If you want the direction changed the way he is suggestion then you adopt that amendment. Discussion followed amendment. Vote called on amendment. Much more discussion.

Lynn called for a vote on amended amendment. Motion restated: Would like to support deferrment of WSO reports, and would like to ask that WS-Board of Trustees' sub-committee study be included and any reference to this report refered to by WSO Report be read and included in the minutes. More discussion, parliamentarian clarified. Amended amendment defeated.

Motion now read: Would like to support deferrment of WSO reports and would like to ask that World service Board of Trustees' sub-committee study be included into minutes directly before the World Service Report. Call for a vote. Passed.

Cindy D.-Motion-1 move that we approve the minutes of the 1981 minutes of WSO as distributed. Seconded by Mindy. Discussion and questions. Call for a vote. Passed by majority.

Phil P. asked to continue with WSO Report. Phil then asked Doug F., V. President of WSO Board, to read the report. At this point the chair questioned that this was out of order. Much discussion on this because Doug F. was not a conference participant, therefore can not address the conference, as this would call for a change.

Phil P. made a motion: Motion to suspend the rules to allow a non-participant to read the WSO report.

****At this point there was a 10 min. recess.**

Chairman, Steve, suggested that WSO have a written report here sometime tomorrow, due to all of these issues. Asked the conference to accept his decision and go on with business. This was agreed to by participants.

ELECTION OF WSO-OFFICERS for 1982-83:

Duties and qualifications read from Service Structure.
Nominations opened for Chairperson:

Bryan	nominated	Bo S.	Seconded by Mindy M.
Bob	"	Joseph P.	---Declined.
Gene	"	Mac.	----Declined
Page	"	Tommy B.	Seconded by Bob B.
?	"	Chuck S.	---Declined.

Moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Each nominee gave brief qualifications. Discussion on how we were going to vote. Chuck S. made a motion that we have a secret ballot, instead of voice vote. Seconded. Passed.

BOB REHMAR elected Chairperson.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

James nominated Cindy. Seconded by Lynn.

? " Bryan. ---Declined

Bob B. nominated. --Declined

Bo S. " . --Declined

Lorraine " . --Declined

Roy D. " . --Declined

Sally " . --Declined

Martin C. " . --Declined

Bud F. " . --Declined

Page nominated George H. Seconded by Bob.

Moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Nominees gave brief qualifications.

GEORGE H. elected Vice Chairperson.

**Due to the fact that most of the nominations were made from the floor, not the mike, it was impossible to hear who made and seconded the nominations, therefore they are not included.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY:

Gina nominated. Seconded.

Nicky " . Seconded.

Linda " . Seconded.

Page " . Seconded. Declined.

Lynn " . Seconded.

Moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Nominees gave brief qualifications.

NICKY elected Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER:

Martin C. nominated. Seconded.

Kevin F. " . Seconded.

Bo S. " . Seconded.

Moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Nominees gave brief qualifications.

Kevin Faye elected Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at this time.