

# WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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**TO:** All Regional Service Representatives  
**FROM:** WSC Policy Committee  
**RE:** May Committee Minutes

Enclosed you will find the approved minutes of our meeting in May at the WSC. We regret the delay but our first chance to approve these minutes came at the WSC Committee workshop in Newark, on Friday, July 17, 1987. Hopefully, the committee will be able to approve the minutes from that meeting in a much more timely fashion and allow you to follow the work of the committee appropriately.

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WSC Policy Committee Meeting

May 1, 1987

Attendance:

Ed Duquette (Chair)  
Dave Tynes (Vice Chair)  
George Hollahan (WSO Project Coordinator)  
Bob Barrett (Trustee)

Others:

Allan Ballard  
Bobby Henson  
Jim Miller  
Larry North  
Greg Pierce  
Jim Simons

Members:

Stan Atkins  
Mario Blowin  
Sherry Bradshaw  
Bob Edwards  
Reuben Farris  
JR Friel  
Bob Grier  
Yvonne Kuneff  
Bob McKendrick  
Becky Meyer  
Debbie Ott  
Mary VanEvery  
Jay Venner

First meeting of the 1987-88 committee.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 a.m. by Ed. A reminder was made to all that we need to be aware of the time restraints for this meeting. The WSC reconvenes this afternoon and we need to cover our agenda for this conference year, the items of input that have been received and all items committed to Policy by the Conference.

WSO will send each member of the Policy Committee copies of the 4 past service manuals. Discussion followed on whether copies of the past WSC minutes would also be valuable. The main purpose would be to see what has been changed or lost along the way; especially in trying to complete WSC operational guidelines this year.

13 pieces of input that contained 11 motions were received by Policy this week; not including what has been committed to Policy from the floor. There was a lot of discussion regarding the input; copies of which were passed out to each committee member. After addressing the items individually, it was discussed whether we could ask the makers of each motion if we could address these items in July. Also, we would ask the originator of each item to provide an expanded intent, as well as any pros or cons, to this committee by June 1st. This would allow each member of the committee to receive a copy before the July workshop. The same request would apply to any input submitted this year, as well as a request that the item be dated and a contact phone number be included.

Proposed Agenda for 1987/88 Conference Year

1. "Proposal for Guidelines for the Operation of the WSC"  
Pages 1 - 17 were referred to Policy by the Conference.
2. Review and make recommendations for presentation of items in the Agenda Report. To study the effectiveness of our review process in conjunction with this; a motion that the intent, pros and cons be included in the Agenda was committed to Policy.
3. Relationship of service offices to the spiritual fellowship. To review and provide input to Select.
4. To become familiar with and provide input on The Guide to Service; according to the Select Committee's timetable.
5. Review and include in Guidelines for the Operation of the WSC procedures for nomination and election at the WSC.
6. Committed to Policy - for our guidelines, "To include among the membership (this committee's), two members from outside the USA."
7. Committed to Policy - "WSC establish a policy of redress for any item of approval that does not follow the correct or proper approval process".
8. All items of input received at WSC '87.\*
9. Develop a process for collecting, interpreting and reporting information received on the formation of new regions.

\* Items of input received:

- A. To place under "I. Purpose", in Policy guidelines: The third purpose of this committee is to provide guidance for the understanding and application of Group Conscience and the relationship of the trusted servant to Group Conscience as expressed by the Twelve Traditions. M/2 Bob E./ Mary V.
- B. "We feel a strong need for this committee to work on establishing functional guidelines for the operation of the WSC. We also see a need for these to have full circulation throughout the Fellowship to insure adherence to the principle of "direct responsibility to those they serve". On a separate point, we would like to see the subject of new business at the Conference sent to the appropriate committee to appear in the next years' Agenda Report." Input from Chesapeake-Potomac Region.
- C-1 "Policy Committee to study and report in the next (88) Agenda Report the feasibility to issue the Conference Agenda Report more than 90 days prior to WSC."  
M/2 JR/ Bob E.
- C-2 "To have the Policy Committee study the effectiveness of our review process for the Fellowship Report, expanding the time from 90 days up to 180 days and bring a motion to the 87/88 Agenda Report to be voted on by the Fellowship." M JR
- C-3 "That the WSC direct a December distribution of the Conference Agenda."  
M/2 Joy K./ Billy A.
- D. WSC Policy Guidelines: "Move to change Item II-D to end after Chairperson with a period. Have Item II-E read "Three previous WSC Policy Committee members to be elected by the WSC". Change Item II-E to Item II-F." Intent- That there be more members elected to the Policy Committee, rather than appointed by other service arms of the WSC. M/2 Hollie A./ Yvonne K. (defeated on Conference floor)
- E. "Remove the word Temporary - new title, "Working Guide to the Service Structure".  
M/2 Forest/ ?.

- F. "RSR or Alt. RSR ask that motions regarding procedures be tabled on the grounds that these items need to be placed on the WSC Agenda in the same manner as all issues by all addicts." Intent - TWGSS Pg. 34, Item G & H. World level committees should follow the same procedure that all members of NA follow, as stated on Page 34, Items G & H of TWGSS. M/2 Billy E./ ?
- G. "That all WSC Committee meeting minutes be sent to either the appropriate RSC sub-committee and/or RSR to give appropriate person." M/2 JR/ ?.
- H. TWGSS, Page 34. "1) New "E" on page 34 to read: Among the Conference participants only RSR's (or the equivalent)\* may vote on motions. 2) Page 34 II-A Change Conference participant to RSR. 3) Page 33 I-D Delete word "vote". 4) Page 34 II-D-4 Change participants to RSR's. \*refers to Page 33 C-6." Intent - To help WSC move closer to a position of clear consistency with our 2nd Tradition. So that only those representing Regional Service Committee's or recognized geographical regions. Hopefully the effect of this policy will be to decrease controversy and thereby increase unity. M/2 Forest B./ Mike.
- I. "That all literature to be added to the literature committees prioritized worklist be included in the Conference Agenda Report."
- J. "At WSC '88 and at subsequent WSC's regional reports be submitted to WSO prior to the opening of the WSC for printing and distributing at the WSC. This is to be in lieu of oral reports currently on the Conference agenda. Further, in order to allow for the discussion of regional problems and the introduction of new regions, we allow a two hour open forum, and that discussion at this forum be limited to problems identified in the regional report and presented by RSR's only. The intent of this motion is to allow more Conference time to conduct the business of the Conference Agenda Report." M/2 Mid Atlantic/ Leo S.

Note: All lettered items were presented exactly as written, not reworded in a way that this committee could address. If an intent is given, it was provided by the maker.

Ed states that we have two priority agenda items: 1) to devise a process to acquire and categorize information received on new regions and 2) operational guidelines for the WSC.

Discussion followed regarding new regions. Information that might be needed or useful; such as, services before and after the formation, copies of last regional minutes, statement of need, a process or format to extract important information, input from Policy members that are members of regions that have undergone a split and information regarding new regions outside of the U.S. or areas where there is not an existing region or service structure. The intent is twofold; to collect information and present it to the Conference and to be a resource, if necessary, for new regions. All information needs to be presented without stating an opinion.

Discussion then followed on how to better process the workload between workshops. It was decided that one person would collect all information from all committee members through June 27, 1987, compile that information and have it sent out by the WSO to all members of the committee before the July workshop. A conference call will be set up two weeks to one month before the workshop. The two items to be handled this way before July are the two priority agenda items; Bob Edwards will collect the information on regions and Becky Meyer will collect the information on guidelines for the operation of the WSC.

Ed reminded the committee that the reason that this committee worked last year was because of participation. Please review, provide all of the input that you can and send it in!

All members are asked to review The Guide to Service prior to the July workshop. Only Chapter 2 remains the same. Please provide at least your own individual input prior to the 12/31/87 Select Committee deadline.

The meeting was closed at 11:45 a.m.