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The AlSask Region is made up of 2 Canadian Provinces - Alberta and Saskatchewan. These provinces are largely rural, with only a few large urban centres. The main industries are farming, ranching and oil. The Region has been in existence for 1 year. This is our first report, as well as our first attendance at the World Service Conference.

To date we have had one Regional Convention, with very successful results. We are now in the process of forming our Regional Subcommittees. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but fortunately, we also have a lot of willing and dedicated members.

The H & I and P.I. Subcommittees have met on a few occassions, and are in the process of formulating policy. The Literature Subcommittee is presently working on a Regional Newsletter and a Regional Directory, as well as setting up a centralized Literature depot.

Our Region consists of 5 areas:

Calgary
Edmonton
Regina
Saskatoon
Wainwright/Lloydminister

The Calgary Area will be holding its fifth Area Convention this fall, and will be sponsoring the second Regional Convention this summer. This area is experiencing very rapid growth and all Subcommittees are active. Presently there are 17 regular meetings and 3 H & I meetings in this Area per week.

The Edmonton Area is also growing rapidly, with fully functional Subcommittees. The third Area Convention will be held in June, 1988. At present there are 13 regular meetings and 5 H & I meetings per week in this Area.

The Regina Area has 16 regular meetings and 6 H & I meetings per week, including those held in the cities or Moose Jaw and Estevan. The fourth Area Convention will be held in Regina in August, 1988. This Area has fully functional Subcommittees, with a very active Convention Subcommittee.

The Saskatoon Area has 5 regular meetings and 3 H & I meetings per week. This Area has just undergone a major reorganization, and a lot of time and effort has been spent by members to ensure an ongoing successful area. The first Annual Area Convention is planned for this summer.

The Wainwright/Lloydminister Area is relatively new, being in existence now for approximately one year. Although this Area covers alot of territory geographically, and its membership is relatively small, the members are doing their best to keep the Subcommittees active. Presently, there are 3 regular meetings per week in this Area.

As well as the meetings outlined above, there are at least 20 groups in the Region which are not yet affiliated with the Area in our Region. We are in contact with these groups and, as we form our Outreach Subcommittee, we hope to bring them into the appropriate Area, or form new Areas if necessary.



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One of the major difficulties encountered in our Region includes the vast area to be covered. The Region encompasses roughly 500,000 square miles, with a total population of 3 million people. Travel to Regional Conventions and meetings is in excess of 600 miles for some members. As well, members in rural areas must travel large distances just to attend regular meetings.

In spite of the difficulties, there is rapid growth in the Region, including the outlying areas. Members seem more than willing to overcome the problems posed by the travel to attend NA meetings and functions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Upper Mid-West Region for all of the assistance they have given us - especially with regard to the formation of our Areas and our Region. Their members have travelled great distances to participate in workshops, and to support our Conventions through attendance and supplying speakers.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the World Service Office for their distribution of literature and information. But especially, we are grateful for their role in facilitating contact with other NA groups; giving our members a feeling of unity and hope of recovery through Narcotics Anonymous.

Yours in Recovery and Fellowship

Benie Lyons

Bernie Lyons, R.S.R. AlSask Region

ARIZONA REGIONAL REPORT TO THE W.S.C.

Greeting from the growing, changing Region of Arizona. With growth and change comes controversy, and with that controversy, we are coming closer to the ideal being shown to us by our Trusted Servants on a world level. Another principle which we are trying to emulate is living by our convections, based upon the group conscience. Arizona applauds the W.S.C. for taking stands on difficult issues and drawing upon a loving God for spiritual direction and guidance.

This year is best portrayed chronologically and I will attempt to do so as briefly and thoroughly as possible. Thank you in advance for letting me be of service.

May 1987

- I. Arizona H & I stumbled over the changes proposed and ratified by the W.S.O. After a brief period, however, all Area and Regional H & I subcommittees agreed to follow the approved guidelines.
- II. K.F.Y.I. aired the first of three radio broadcasts featuring members of N.A. exclusively, discussing recovery, the N.A. way. We wish to thank W.S.O. for their guidance and support, and we applaud the panel members, both in Phoenix, and in Tucson for their dogged adherence to the Traditions.
- III. The First Arizona Regional Convention of N.A. was held May 22nd thru 24th in Tucson. We wish to thank Chuck L., Leah G. and Pepe A. for sharing their experience, strength and hope, and helping to make our first endeavor a success on all levels. A.R.C.N.A. II is planned for Memorial Day weekend, 1988, in Phoenix, and I wish to use this opportunity to invite you to share in our recovery-and our sun!

June 1987

- I. Convention summary was given. New Convention chair people were elected.
- II. Nominations were held for Regional positions.
- III. The newsletter redoubled efforts to highlight pertinent N.A. recovery material by expanding the reprints of N.A. Way articles and statements of Board of Trustees.

July 1987

- I. Another Twelve Step fellowship in Arizona reprinted in their Newsline, the article from the N.A. Board of Trustees re: the emphasis on the disease of addiction rather than the specific substance.
- II. A new Area was formed in Northern Arizona and welcomed as a member of the Arizona Regional Service Committee.
- III. P.I. committee created a new phone line in Phoenix which has been adequate ever since.

August 1987

- I. Third Annual Arizona Regional Bash was held on Mt. Lemon. The event was well attended and, as always, fellowship and recovery were available and evident to all.
- II. Elections were held for R.S.C.
- III. Two hundred copies of Reach Out will be made available quarterly thru the Regional H & I committee.

September 1987

- I. The R.S.C. started the ball rolling to educate and inform the fellowship re: the 7th Tradition and the financial concern expressed at the July workshop of the W.S.C. This project continued with repeated articles in the Area Newsletter.
- II. Festival of Recovery was held in Flagstaff, Arizona in the newly formed Northern Arizona Area. Again, the event was a fellowship success.

October 1987

We learned through painful experience the folly of contracting printing work to members of our fellowship. Regional Meeting Lists were 6 months late, due to the backlash of missing information, and broken promises. As of March 1988, we are still receiving bills.

November 1987

- I. H & I finally closes bank account.
- II. Arizona R.S.C. received, what has come to be known as the Buckeye Letter. After careful scrutiny re: content and intent, the Region quickly voted to draft a letter supporting "It Works" and the W.S.C. Literature Committee's ability to prioritize our fellowships needs based upon the group conscience.

December 1987

Arizona celebrated recovery through the rough holiday season by holding several Area Narathons.

January 1988

- I. Arizona held a well attended Regional workshop on "It Works". The devotion to the talk at hand was electrifying, and the unity expressed carried through to the speakers meeting held that night. Pepe A. returned to Arizona to share at the largest speaker meeting/dance yet experienced in Arizona.
- II. Fourth Edition of the Basic Text was well received by the Arizona Fellowship.
- III. Formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Needs.
- IV. Much controversy concerning incorporating and link to R.S.O.

February 1988

- I. R.S.C. chair to appoint a printing chair.
- II. A.R.C.N.A. II fundraiser- Pasta dinner- huge success.
- III. A.P.A.C. convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona, with a booth representing and manned by members of N.A. San Diego aided Arizona in this endeavor by sending literature an a representative, Dr. Bob M., who also graciously consented to speak at the February Fundraiser for A.R.C.N.A. II.

It just doesn't look as catastrophic on paper as it felt while we were all living it. That's amazing! It works like my sponsor said it does!

See you at A.R.C.N.A. II Tom Boscarelli R.S.R. Arizona Regional Service Committee



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Regional Service Representative Report to the World Service Conference 1988.

The past year has seen much growth in our Region with meetings increasing at a great rate. Our membership is spread over an area greater than the USA - from Perth in the state of West Australia to New Zealand in the east a distance of some 5,000 kilometers from Cairns in the North to Tasmania in the south -some 3,000 kilometers. The ability of the service structure to unify our far flung NA communities has been a major factor in the strength and growth throughout the Region. The RSC meets in Sydney which is home to the largest of our NA communities. Thanks to communication and support provided through the service structure and the dedication and commitment of trusted servants in the areas, NA communities in all parts of our Region have consolidated and their service committees have grown in experience and maturity. Many of these ASC's have accomplished this even though there are hundreds or even thousands of kilometers separating them from other NA communities. This fact has made it a lot harder to draw on other NA communities both in terms of support for meetings and experience in service. There has been much help with the latter through the constant communication maintained by WSC through WSO.

We held our N.S.W. convention in October which was attended by both Sydney Rosen of the Board of trustees and Biff Kramer, chairperson of WSC PI. A PI learning day was held at this time attended by Sydney, Biff and also another trustee, Mario T. This was well attended and we would like to express our gratitude toward both Biff and Sydney for taking the time to come over and share their experience with us. We had more international guests at this convention than ever before including four members from Hawaii and a few from continental USA. We would like to thank all of these visitors for coming over and we hope to see many more.

We currently hold RSC meetings bi-monthly. We have never been able to afford to transport all the ASR,s to every RSC because of the great distances and therefore cost involved. We have overcome this by transporting all the ASR's to the RSC twice a year (costs met by the asc's) - in April for the WSC agenda and in October for the election of office bearers. At other RSC's we place motions on an agenda until the following RSC to allow all areas to send in their votes. Motions which are deemed either housekeeping or urgent are dealt with immediately. This process has always caused us problems but given our resources it was the best solution. Our seventh tradition funds have increased dramatically over the last couple of years allowing us to consider holding our RSC quarterly and transporting all ASR's to every RSC.

This method of operation is still in the pipeline at the moment but central to it's implementation is <u>COST</u> <u>EQUALIZATION</u> <u>OF</u> <u>ASR</u> <u>PARTICIPATION</u> <u>EXPENSES</u>. We consider that every area has an equal right to participate at the RSC but obviously it would be totally impractical to move the RSC thousands of kilometers around the Region. (A situation very similar to WSC.) The only alternative is to share the costs of putting on the RSC equally amongst the participants. We see all the above moves greatly improving the efficiency of the RSC and doing a lot to improve unity throughout the Region.

Our Regional Office has been operating for just over a year. The office is responsible for the distribution of literature and associated business matters. The office also does the distribution and accounting for our magazine ("NA Today"). We are currently looking at other ways in which the office can serve our Region. We are currently formulating a Regional review committee for Ausralasian tapes which we envisage will be sold by the office. The agreement between WSO and our office is in the final stages. Bob Stone has been over here for the last couple of weeks and has been of immense assistance; sharing with us his experience with service and giving us some insight into the operation of both WSC and WSO. We would like to offer our thanks to world services for enabling Bob to visit us and generally making us feel a lot less isolated. Thanks a lot and keep up the great work. We are considering doing a Regional newsletter similar to Newsline so that we can quickly disseminate information through all members in the Region thus encouraging well informed group conscience decisions and a greater input by our members.

Another first for our Region, and maybe the world, was a PI project which involved a staged NA meeting for radio. This was a great success and was done with very careful attention to the traditions and to maintaining editorial control.

We held our first world workshops on "It Works" one of which were attended by Sydney R. There was some confusion as to what exactly was required but our input was forwarded to the world adhoc committee and difficulties were resolved. We have been having problems in the area of H&I with the number of meetings actually shrinking and a large turnover in the membership of our H&I committees. Hopefully we will be able to remedy this in the coming year. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

We submitted a bid for the 1989 World Convention. A lot of work was put into this by our "World Convention Bid Ad-hoc Committee" and we thought their effort was a credit to our Region.

Within our Region there is a significant number of members who are concerned about the gender specific terms used in the steps. As a result of these concerns the Region decided to allow these members to form an ad-hoc committee to gather input on this issue. They are gathering input on how members feel about this issue and possible alternatives. When this input has been compiled the RSC will make a decision as to whether or not to forward this input to the WLC - the probable course of action. This issue and how to deal with it takes on even greater significance when attempting to translate our principles into other languages and cultures.

The discussions initiated in the Newsline about the difficulties in translating our program to other cultures has sparked a great deal of interest in our Region as it is quite possible that given our geographical proximity to Asia we are certain to play a major role in the development of NA in this area of the world.

Although we have achieved much over the past 3 years, since becoming a Region, there is still a lot to do in terms of consolidation. Communication and effective operation of our Regional services is very much an ongoing concern. It is always the "little" things which cause the biggest problems - the letter that goes unanswered or the literature order that goes astray - it is these things that seem to have the greatest effect on the impression that our Regional services give to the areas. We would like to enable our Regional trusted servants to visit our areas a lot more. The quarterly RSC meetings, if adopted, should help with all these problems.

Our growth so far has been staggering and this translates to many addicts finding a new way to live - this is always the most important consideration and to this end it is working.

In loving service,

Garth Popple RSR.

John Standen Alt RSR.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



. 15 February 1988

R.S.R. Report

Like the rest of N.A., the B.C. Region is growing and maturing rapidly. I counted over 50 meetings on our various Area meeting lists and I know there are more than that scheduled. The newness of our Region and inexperience of most of our member Areas is still apparent, especially in our subcommittees. The Chairpersons seem unsure of what to do and how to form and activate their committees.

We are currently restructuring our Outreach Committee to better serve the needs of the northern and interior towns of British Columbia. We know there are groups established in Prince George and Williams Lake, and have heard rumours of meetings in many other communities which are not connected to the service structure. We envision replacing our single Outreach Committee Chairperson with a co-ordinator or Chairperson in each of four sections of British Columbia. In this way we hope to foster the growth of N.A. throughout the province.

It has recently been discovered that the name Narcotics Anonymous and the initials N.A. were never copyrighted in Canada. Consequently, Narcanon, an arm of Scientology, legally publishes and distributes literature under the trading name of N.A., and there is nothing we can do about it. Also there is a renegade group in Winnipeg which has published a book and pamphlets under the name of Narcotics Anonymous. It is possible that they hold the copyright to the name in Canada. W.S.O. has been contacted in this regard and an investigation is underway.

A situation which had come to light about two weeks before WSC '87 is still not completely resolved. A member who had relapsed called the N.A. Helpline in Vancouver on several evenings and asked that all calls be directed to his phone number. member had been removed by the P.I. Committee from the list of approved pager carriers for the Helpline and was taking calls at night without our knowledge. He has been charged with sexually assaulting a young woman who had called N.A. for help, and goes to trial on this and similar charges in May 1988. N.A. was not charged with him because a computer printout from our answering service (which is considered an impartial third party) showed that N.A. had notified them of the name of the authorized pager carrier every night. The relapsed member had phoned the answering service and hijacked our calls. If he is found guilty by the courts, the victim could sue N.A. for damages, and we have been advised that her lawyer is urging her to do so. To prevent any future recurrence, a system of code words was implemented with the answering service. A new system is contemplated.

"that no addict seeking recovery need ever die"

15 February 1988

R.S.R. Report

Profanity in the name of a group is causing controversy; whether or not to list the "No Shit" group in N.A. directories has been hotly debated in Area and Regional meetings along with related questions such as, is shit a swear word, and does it reflect negatively on N.A. as a whole? To date, the issue has not been resolved. Some members are looking to W.S.O. for quidance.

In October 1987, we proudly hosted the Pacific Northwest Convention for the first time since its inception as the annual convention for the Pacific Northwest Region ten years ago. When the Pacific Northwest divided three years ago, the convention was kept as an annual event to foster unity among the original member areas. We believe, and as the 600 attending members will testify, it is fulfilling this purpose proving that the border is just an imaginary line.

Recovery through service,

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To Worldwide Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

Greetings from the Fellowship of Northern California.

This has been a year marked by growth and progress. We have faced many challenges and neither success nor failure has deterred our adherence to our first tradition: our commitment to unity.

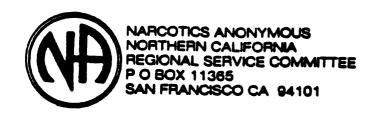
At the present time, there are over 538 regular N.A. meetings held each week and the number just keeps on growing. There are 172 H&I meetings held in local, state, and federal institutions; including San Quentin. Our region covers more than 18,000 square miles and is made up of 20 areas. Most of our areas have an active ASC and operate a telephone help line along with area H&I and P.I. committees.

Our RSC meets monthly alternating on weekends around our region and at a fixed site centrally located. We have active participation from all our areas. In the last year we have formed a Policy and Guidelines sub-committee to deal with our need to have updated policies and guidelines; an Activities sub-committee to deal primarily with assisting the host areas to deal with our rotating RSC meeting; a Literature Review sub-committee to work on input for the current review and approval items. Our H&I committee has been very active and our P.I. committee has prepared a pamphlet entitled PI and the Member for approval at the WSC.

We have established a RSO with a 9 member BOD and a monthly literature sales of over \$9,000 every month. Through the RSO our Convention Advisory Panel oversees our Regional convention held each year in March. We expect this years convention, held in Oakland, to be one of the largest in NA history. Unfortunately we were not this well prepared to host WCNA-18. Surrendering to the will of a loving God has enabled us to grow and to learn from this experience.

One of the more exciting projects this year was the formation of a California Central Valley/Sierra Regionalization Formation Committee to look into the prospect of the formation of a new Region. We had hoped to be able to present them to you at this years conference but in the spirit of prudence it will most likely be next years. There has also been discussion in some other areas about splitting our region into smaller, more manageable regions. In the spirit of unity we are moving very slowly in this direction.

At this writing we are preparing to host 5 conference



agenda workshops throughout the four quadrants of our region. We are prepared to distribute 300 Agenda Reports to the members of our fellowship in the hope that an informed fellowship can best form a meaningful group conscience.

We have done away with our RSR board, (too cumbersome), but we have decided to elect two RSR alternates in order to better circulate information around our large fellowship. Steve Lantos and Sandrea Rinehart are the alternate RSR's.

We all are looking forward to a productive conference.

Sincerely, In loving service,

RSR Northern California Region

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL REPORT WSC 1988

Greetings from Southern Californial it seems as though it was just a few months ago since I last wrote a RSR report to the WSC and yet a year has gone by and here we go again. This is my second year as RSR representing the Southern California Region, and as I tell my friends "I didn't get it right the first time so they are making me do it over again!". Anyway, on with the report.

The biggest news is that for the second time in three years we have fostered a new region which will be attending the conference for the first time this year. The new Central California Region was formed out of what was our northernmost boundary. This includes Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern County and central California up to San Luis Obispo. This new regionalization will provide much-needed support to the groups and recovering addicts in central California. This new regional formation was an ongoing process over the last two years. Our support and love go out to our neighbor region to the north.

Closer to home, our region is experiencing continued growth and in spite of losing some meetings and 4 areas to the Central California Region, will still have 14 active areas with 395 meetings a week. This compares to 14 areas and 365 meetings at this time last year (before Central California region). One of our largest areas, the Inland Empire Area, has divided up into 4 new areas and has become very active. We are seeing strong support at the RSC from our areas and have almost outgrown our RSC meeting space.

Our Regional Service Office has finally started to function as a viable office. After a rocky couple of years we now have an office that the surrounding community is becoming aware of and that the local fellowship is using. Sales of literature have increased steadily over the past year. The average monthly literature sales is \$8500 to \$9000, most of which is direct sales to the areas. We are going through about 10,000 regional directories every three months. We recently obtained a computer and are in the process of computerizing the inventory and accounting. In July we hired a member who works about twenty hours a week to staff the office. If you get a chance drop by and say hello to Sharon at the RSO.

As for the subcommittees at the region; some are doing very well and some are struggling. H&I has continued with good growth and support. We are currently supporting approximately 150 H&I panels throughout the region. The transition from being financially supported by the cans to being supported by the Seventh Tradition has gone smoothly with little problems at the region and only isolated problems at the area.

P.I, on the other hand, has almost ceased to exist at the Regional level. Most of the work being done is at the area level. It seems to be that some of the services that have been traditionally provided by the region are being shifted back to areas. Most of our older areas get greater support with more experienced members than we are able to get at a Regional level. Also the areas are in better contact with the local community, are maybe better suited to provide services than a Regional committee. We are looking into restructuring our regional P.I. committee, which may include combining P.I. and a region wide helpline service.

Literature has come back to life in the past year with the help of a solid core group of dedicated members. The literature committee has been working on several projects in conjunction with the WSC literature committee. They are currently formulating plans for a regional newsletter. We had several area wokshops on it Works How and Why throughout the summer and fall and in December we held a regional workshop over a weekend to collate the input. We had great response and some good input was put together on this book. Everyone I spoke with said that it was very rewarding personally and they felt very good about the work that was done. We are looking forward to getting this book out for approval.

Regional activities have continued to provide us with dances, camp outs and good clean fun on a regular basis and along with area activity committees there is something happening every weekend.

As most of you know Southern California is hosting the WCNA-18 over the Labor Day weekend in Anaheim. A lot of work has already gone into this celebration of recovery and we are looking forward to seeing you all out here in September.

In closing I would like to say that it has been my privilege to serve as the RSR of the Southern California region and would like to thank all the members of our region for their support and trust in me. I came into this fellowship without any hope and convinced that I could never recover from active addiction. What I have received in my recovery has been "beyond my wildest dreams". I am greate ful to have been able to find NA and that I stayed around long enough to let the miracle happen.

In loving Service.

Bob G., RSR

Tony D., RSR Alt.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

REPORT TO WSC 87/88

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CHICAGOLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

RSR Report

February 1988

As a region, we have grown and learned a lot in the past year. Some of our highlights are what follows.

Hospitals and Institutions

We have brought our meetings in line with World H&I recommendations and tried to educate our members and the institutions that we work with about the necessity of these guidelines. Our committee is also informing the World about some of our concerns. The NA message is being carried into our local jails, and the state and federal prisons also. This is one committee that we always get bood participation from the areas.

Public Information

We still do not have a functioning phoneline committee, but the Chicago Office has a part time employee to co-ordinate volunteer functions. The PI committee handled many non-NA events including some presentations at national orginizations where we co-operated with WSC PI.

Literature

There is no real regional newsletter committee, but we do have someone who is willing, so we hope to have a newsletter of our own soon. The Literature committee is attempting to get people involved in reviewing and inputting our literature, but they usually only get 2 or 3 people at the meetings. Areas are holding workshops that seem to get more participation, but that input does not always get passed on to the region. There is a lot of discussion about literature, but not very much involvement to do something about it. We hosted a World "It Works" workshop Jan 22-24 and learned the correct and easy ways to review and input. Members from other regions shared their experience and did most of the work.

Recreation and Finance

For our annual Chicago Open Meeting, they decided to have a formal dinner dance; because it will take place after this report, I do not know how it did. Our Recreation Com. is largely a 1 man operation because we do not get co-operation from our area chairs, so we only have a few regional activities. Another result of non-participation is that we often have several functions on the same day and that we often find out about upcoming events 2 or 3 weeks in advance, making it impossible to let other areas or regions know what is going on.

We have decided to seperate the Finance Committee to oversee all of our money matters: region, sub-committee, etc.. Everytime we hear of areas or regions losing money, we wonder if no one has ever heard of bank accounts with multiple signatures. So far, we have been lucky.

Policy and Administration

We are attempting to follow the WSC's direction in terms of policy for running our regional service meeting and to educate our servants about parlimentary procedure: including the 24 Principles, NA service handbooks, and Roberts Rules. There is

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a problem getting some of our regional officers to attend our Policy meeting. Despite this problem, we will continue to host workshops on policy and parlimentary procedure for all addicts who wish to know more.

General Issues

Several areas have set high quorums of GSRs who must be in attendence for them to conduct area business and they are often unable to conduct business as a result; and the groups, committees, and the members suffer because of good intentions.

We have had a small growth in carrying the message to our large Spanish speaking population. It has gone from 1 meeting (which was listed as bi-lingual, but usually it had no one who could speak Spanish) to 3 Spanish speaking meetings, enabling us to help addicts who had to go to another fellowship to hear the message of recovery. It has been like starting NA all over again; with tradition violations, meetings turning into group therapy, reading other literature, etc.. Now some bi-lingual NA members are regularly attending and sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

Our ad-hoc committee on Special Interest was dissolved due to lack of interest and participation.

We had a problem with some dance clubs that had recovering members saying that they were hosting NA dances or NA meetings but there was no connection to any NA organization and the problem has been resolved.

Tere were long debates at area and region meetings about the names we give to our meetings and research shows that the best recommendation is to keep recovery in mind when naming a meeting.

Chicagoland gained 1 new area and 2 areas grew out of existing areas; giving us 9areas with 193 meetings and over 50 H&I chairs. The Chicago Service Office moved to a bigger and better loca-

tion and our phone numbers changed too. See below.

A convention committee was finally established and they hope to host the first Chicago convention April 14-16, 1989. It has taken us this long to get over our exhaustion from our last convention (WCNA 14). We also plan to continue to support the Mid Coast Convention which will ge held in Peoria IL August 5-7, 1988.

And we were able to send our RSR and 2 sub-committee reps to the WSC quarterly in Denver to further the reason we became a region in the first place, to improve our communication with the rest of Narcotics Anonymous.

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March 1st, 1988

Greetings to the World Fellowship from the Region of Colorado.

It is a pleasure to report that in the past year, we here in the region that happens to be a mile high, (in places) have experienced a standy growth both in the number of meetings and members as well as in our continuing maturity as a region. We were able to successfully hold our first regional convention in Colorado Springs in October of this last year. There, many of us who have been active in service for many years in our state, were able to see how far we have really come. It also gave our fellowship a chance to experience the feeling of unity on a regional level as never before. This year, (at press time) it appears that we are moving the dates of our convention to the first weekend in August, allowing these who come to participate to enjoy the spectacular weather that we have in Colorado at that time of the year. So if you have a chance, come to Boulder, Colorado in August and celebrate recovery with us all.

It is now possible to attend N.A. meetings in every ski resort in the state, with towns such as Telluride, Crested Butte and Durango now holding successful meetings in addition to the meetings already held in resort towns such as Aspen, Vail, Steamboat Springs and Breckenridge. In fact, it seems that much of our growth is taking place outside of the metro corridor (Ft. Collins to Pueblo) which stretches the length of our region. Groups are springing up all over the state independent of any concerted efforts by service committees or sub-committees. Almost as if the principles work without any help from us at all. (is there a lesson in this for us?)

Anyway, in closing, things are going well in Colorado N.A. We have experienced a growth rate of roughly fifty percent but more important, more addicts than ever are hearing the message of N.A. recovery; That no addict need die without having had the chance to recover in Narcotics Anonymous

With Much Love

DATE: 22 February, 1988

TO: WSC Administrative Committee

FROM: Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous

RE: Regional Reports to the WSC

The Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous is continuing to grow. We now have 107 N.A. meetings and 39 H&I meetings. In the past year a new area was formed which brings us to 6 areas in the Connecticut region. Each area has its own phoneline.

The regional service committee still meets on a monthly basis. The region hosted 2 learning days and 1 agenda report day. We also had our 3rd regional convention with 2,000 recovering addicts participating. Plans are now in the making for a regional news letter.

Although at times our fund flow has been slow, we have been able to make a steady contribution to the WSC, as well as meet the needs of the region. We still, at times, lack the addict power, but the service still gets done with the help of our Higher Power.

Yours in Loving Service,

The Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous

TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: FLORIDA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

RE: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE

DATE: MARCH 1, 1988

Love and Hugs from the Florida Region. Since our last report at WSC '87 our Fellowship has grown in leaps with no bounds.

Two new Areas have formed since last year - bringing the total number of Areas in the Region to eighteen. The Areas come together bi-monthly for the Regional Service weekends. The Region is still divided into 4 geographical zones to facilitate the rotation of the RSC's. We held our first Regional Service Conference outside the continental United States in June hosted by the Bahamas Area.

The Region now has approximately 765 regularly scheduled meeting - an increase of 285 meetings in only 10 months. In addition, our H&I committees take 196 meetings into Hospitals and Institutions. The 60% increase in regular meetings and a 25% increase in H&I meetings shows us that the message of Recovery is reaching the addict who still suffers.

The Regional Committees continue to grow and mature. They are becoming what "The Guide to Service" talks about — a place where the Areas come together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. We are involved in carrying our message to the public and the fellowship through Public Information and Helpline; to the hospitals and institutions through H&I; the reviewing and formulating of literature with our Literature Committee and the celebration of recovery through the regional convention. The Region has just formed an Additional Needs Adhoc Committee. This committee has be formed as a place where the Areas and Groups can bring their questions and situations dealing with how to better our message of recovery to the addicts with additional needs.

It has been a year of Public Information. A new enthusiasm for reaching the addict who has not yet heard our message has been awakened. The Committee has working on many things including: radio talk show interviews, bus benches, billboards, Area Learning Days, Community Awareness Days and it has a Multi-Regional Learning Weekend scheduled for later this month.

An H&I Awareness Weekend was held in January. It was a weekend of sharing and learning on how to better carry the message into hospitals and institutions. The H&I Committee is looking at making this an annual event. A number of hospitals and institutions have started buying literature from our office thus alleviating the Area committees of suppling it.

The Region has created a Convention Board. One of its functions is site selection. The Region has been divided into three zones for the purpose of hosting the Convention. The Convention will be rotated from zone to zone each year. The Board is also looking into incorporation of the Convention and all that entails - more will be revealed.

FRCNA VII will be at Stouffer's Hotel and Resort in Orlando. The dates for the Convention are July 1 thru July 4. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the miracle of Recovery and have fun-fun-fun at "BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS"!

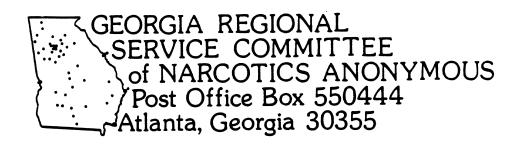
As to the finances of the Florida Region - the Regional Service Office has purchased roughly \$160,000.00 dollars worth of literature from the World Service Office and the contributions to the World Service Conference from Regional Service Committee were in excess of \$20,000.00. The Seventh Tradition is working today..

The Regional Service Office is the distribution point for our literature. We now have a full time paid employee in the office. The problems we have experienced over the past couple of years (getting orders in a timely fashion, receiving regional minutes, etc.) have all but vanished. The office ships literature throughout the Region, Puerto Rico and a number of islands in the Caribbean.

Narcotics Anonymous is another year older in Florida. We have come along way from those early days. With the help of our Higher Power we will continue learn, grow and incorporate the spiritual principles of the Program to the best of our ability; that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction without hearing the message of recovery.

IN LOVE AND SERVICE.

JAY VENNER RSR ALAN REGNIER ALT RSR



GEORGIA REGIONAL REPORT MARCH 1, 1988

Currently our Regional Service Committee serves the fellowship which exists primarily within the boundries of the state. Member groups bordering South Carolina, of the newly-formed Central Savannah River Area, are also recognized. This addition brings the total number of areas in our region to eleven. We have approximately two hundred and sixty weekly meetings, not including hospitals and insitutions, with new groups continually registering with the World Service Office.

Lack of support is an expressed concern throughout the region at all levels of service. For years the RSC has met on a monthly rotation basis between the areas. Drawing on the experience of fellow regions, we now meet bimonthly in a centralized location in order to encourage greater support. This change has also allowed for the collective conscience of group members versus what was once more the "true" vote of confidence given to ASRs.

Activities Committee - In years past this committee has been responsible for coordinating all regional activities, fundraisers and annual events including our convention. The formation of a standing Convention Committee during the past year was intended to relieve this committee of what has grown to be a major undertaking, and to therefore allow the committee's purpose to become more general. Unfortunately, these services have suffered from lack of support. At times, this committee has been a one-person committee, when functioning at all, or the responsibility of the Administrative Committee due to the vacancy of even a chairperson. The annual "N.A. Birthday," celebrating thirteen years of recovery in Georgia, and the annual WSC fundraiser were both a success in terms of fellowship and unity, but the funds generated didn't sufficiently cover their costs. Most of the funds generated for the RSC by this committee were raised in times of financial distress.

Auditing Committee - This newly-formed standing committee was formed in hindsight. Only after the misappropriation of \$3,658 in funds were we forced to look at the responsibility we have as a whole to help our trusted servants to be accountable. It is our hope that we will never have to grow so quickly and painfully in the future. For the most part, what originally seemed to be more than a misfortune to many, with the help of a loving higher power became in many aspects a much-needed unifying experience.

Convention Committee - At the time of this report, I suspect many are still waking daily with the "post-convention blues." The Georgia Regional Convention VII came to a close only two days ago. This year's convention was hosted by the Northeast Georgia Area. There were some 1,600 registered members in attendance. This may very well be the last year that we are able to accommodate this activity in a single facility. Although the funds generated were considerably less than originally projected, the overall experience and success of this celebration is priceless. Many long hours were invested by the GRCC. The commitment was evidenced by the perseverance of those involved and little turnover in subcommittee chairpersons. Efforts were coordinated with areas throughout the region in pre-convention activities and fundraising. There was a willingness and enthusiasm unmatched in any other area of our regional services. But ultimately the accomplishment was in the responsible attitude of those in attendance. Maybe this is a turning point... we actually were invited back to the hotel! Much appreciation and gratitude to all who made the hopes of many... a reality.

Helpline Committee - For many months this committee has been non-functioning. In January our statewide 800-number service was discontinued and the status of continuing to provide the RSC-funded metro Atlanta helpline service is pending the vote at our next RSC. This service had become more of a general information source provided through the answering service than the 12-step tool it was originally intended to be. Repeated difficulty was experienced in attempts to get N.A. members to respond to calls. The total cost incurred during the 1987 year was \$6,780, which was approximately 60% of the total seventh tradition contributions from our ASCs. This in itself diluted our ability to carry the message more effectively through other services. Many ASCs are in the process of investigating the options available to provide this service at the area level.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee - We have approximately sixty H&I meetings in the Georgia Region. This decrease is due in part to the transitions resulting from the '87 WSC motion to close H&I meetings to outside participation. Most agree that this suggestion has provided for a clearer representation of N.A. through H&I. Although some areas within the region are strong in their efforts, the regional committee continues to suffer from lack of support. Workshops and learning days have been utilized to inform the fellowship of the needs and rewards of carrying the message through H&I. This is an ongoing goal of our committee, in hope that more members will get involved. We hope to review and input the new H&I Handbook draft in the next few months. We anticipate growth and unity in our committee in the upcoming year as we continue to carry the message of N.A. to those of us who might not otherwise know that there is another way.

Literature Committee - This committee has held seven regional literature workshops on the book It Works - How and Why, part one, generating input on the introduction and Steps 1-7, as well as general comments for the outline. Additional input on Steps 8 and 11 was submitted from area literature committees. Our chairperson attended the world workshop in Miami. Input has been compiled to suggest changes to the WLC guidelines, and WSC '88 approval-form literature has been reviewed. We were fortunate to have representatives attend the Newark and Denver quarterlies. Our stockpile has increased from an average inventory of \$1,500 to more than \$4,000, thus allowing us to supply all the areas and generate some funds, as well. A new regional newsletter that reaches approximately 300 members has helped us to better inform the fellowship of the service opportunities and activities in the Georgia region. We are grateful to those committed members who consistently serve diligently in their efforts to carry the message through literature.

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Policy Committee - The undertakings of this committee have evolved in quite a process during the last year. The average length of service experience of those actively involved in the Georgia Region is still quite short. Two regional workshops have been held to collectively establish the much-needed written guidelines, now approved, which have aided us in more effectively accomplishing our primary purpose as a service body. The attendance by our World Policy Chair at the first of these provided valuable input and spirit. Participation by members of the region who were more active in our region's formative days was welcomed and appreciated. In the upcoming year, policy hopes to encourage participation on this committee in order to become a more effective resource to the RSC and to our areas. Currently the structure of the committee itself is being formalized to better specify its purpose and needs.

Public Information - With the exception of the chairperson, this committee also has had little or no support during the last year. As is the case many times, members with other commitments have pulled together to participate in regional P.I. events. We were represented at the Southeastern School and at the annual Southeastern Conference on Alcohol and Drugs. This committee has now taken on the responsibility of printing our regional meeting list on a quarterly basis. This was once the responsibility of the regional vice chair. Hopefully, through communication, members will become willing to serve. A learning day is tentatively planned to assist in this effort.

In closing, I would like to express the gratitude I feel for the opportunity that has been given to me to grow and learn, with the support of many members' experience, strength and hope. "As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well," has a much deeper meaning in my life today.

Yours in service,

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Debbie Churchwell, RSR

Georgia Regional Service Committee

Narcotics Anonymous

HAWAII REGION WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT March 1, 1988

The fellowship of Hawaii wishes to extend a warm Aloha to all fellow N.A. . s.

This year the Hawaii fellowhsip has grown by leaps and bounds. Our newly formed region has solidified and unified with all five areas represented at each bi-monthly meeting. The number of meetings has nearly doubled, from 35 to 62, with new meetings soon to come. Our statewide fellowship has also probably doubled from 300 to 600. Our RSC has been fully functioning as a Region, unifying four of the islands of Hawaii in our primary purpose, a long awaited goal. Following are reports on each of our areas:

BIG ISLAND: Membership has grown by at least 25% and several members have recently celebrated 1 year of recovery in N.A. The ASC is solvent and supports a hotline. They have an active H&I committee with three institutional meetings. A P.I. committee is active and a literature committee is in the forming. The Big Island staged a successful weekend Gathering of the Fellowship Memorial Day weekend near the Black Sands beaches of Kalapana, which was well attended by members from all our areas. A second Gathering is planned for Memorial Day, 1988. Call (808) 969-6644 for registration info.

HONOLULY AREA, ISLAND OF OAHU: Honolulu has experienced tremendous growth this year. Meetings have grown from 10 to 19, including four morning meetings with attendance from 10-25. All ASC offices are filled by committed members. When new positions are open interested members are asked to share their qualifications. Willingness to follow N.A. traditions is strongly emphasized. As a result the Honolulu ASC and regular meetings demonstrate unity of purpose in carrying the N.A. message and "self esteem" in Narcotics Anonymous.

ISLAND OF KAUAI AREA: The Kauai fellowhip has grown from 3-7 meetings weekly. A year ago the meetings had 2-5 people, now attendance is averaging 20-25. Kauai has had the most phenomenal growth in the state. The ASC has met regularly since September, 1987, and their ASR has attended RSC for 1 year. Kauai uses the R.S.O. on Oahu for their hotline and the ASC is on its way to becoming solvent. Kauai had its first successful function—a New Year's meeting and free dance. They've celebrated several 1 year recovery birthdays and members are enthusiastic to be of service and to start new meetings.

ISLAND OF MAUI AREA: Maui has experienced inspiring growth from 5 small meetings to 11 well attended meetings, all self supporting. Their ASC has grown from a small group with no regular meeting to a regular well attended monthly meeting, including an active P.I. committee and a newly formed H&I. They are financially solvent and able to pay the ASR's way to RSC.

WINDWARD AREA, ISLAND OF OAHU: Our Windward area has five solid well-established meetings that are able to absorb attendance by several treatment programs. The ASC is solvent and sends excellent financial donations to RSC. All ASC offices are filled and H&I involvement is strong. The Windward ASC sponsored an Open House turkey dinner on Thanksgiving which was well attended and greatly appreciated by the fellowship.

Following are reports on our Regional Sub-Committees:

P.I.: As a result of the continued support of the U.S. attorney general in Hawaii, we were asked to make a presentation to 33 countries at a forum sponsored by the United Nations and the U.S. Information Agency. 26 local N.A. members attended and sat 2 to a table with representatives of 3 countries during the banquet. Three members, an Asian-American, an Irishperson, and a local teenager, shared their experience. NSO sent literature and group starter kits. Response was very positive.

P.I. also reached many professionals through a literature display at the Pacific Institute on Chemical Dependency, and a presentation at the Honolulu Community College, plus a spot on a popular radio show. Our PSA's continue to be aired on local TV.

H&I.: H&I has been very active and supports 8 institutional meetings with basic speaker-discussion formats. Attendance ranges from 3-30. We have 4 meetings on Oahu, 2 on Maui. (one attended by 3-10 juveniles, and 2 on the Big Island.

SOCIAL: Social committee has contributed to the unity of the fellowship with various dances, our annual July 4 boat cruise, and Xmas Narathon. The Narathon included an Xmas potluck turkey dinner and fellowship providing a family atmosphere and enjoyed by many. It also included excellent recovery meetings.

The Social committee sponsored our 4th annual Gathering of the Fellowship at Camp Erdman, Oahu, in February. For the first time we had beautiful weather. Attendance was about 200 for the weekend and at least 300 for the Saturday night meeting and dance. Visitors came from Japan, Australia, Canada, and at least a dozen states. The Gatherings seem to just keep getting better.

This year Hawaii is hosting the WESTERN STATES UNITY CON-VENTION, JULY 1, 2, and 3 at the WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER HOTEL. This is Hawaii's first bonafide convention and we look forward to 350-400 participants from the fellowship at large. The Convention will be followed by our annual July 4 Boat Cruise, so "Y'all Come!" If you'd like to speak at a meeting, send tapes to 44-637 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe, HI, 96744. REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE: Our RSO has functioned for three years now. We were able to give our office manager a much deserved raise this year. He sells literature from this office at a rate of \$250 to \$270.00 per month. A member gave the office a copy machine this year and we purchased a new typewriter. Our rent was increased by \$50.00 permonth. The phone is answered by volunteers—we are never 100% covered, but have an answering service to take up our slack. Our RSO continues to be a viable part of N.A. Hawaii.

Submitted in Loving Service,

Carolyn Reyes, R.S.R. Claudia Leslie, A.R.S.R.



Greetings from the Indiana Region,

we have learned alot and grown a great deal since we formed a region one and a half years ago. I.R.S.C. is serving four areas, with a total of 119 meetings. All of our subcommittees are working to communicate better with our areas, so that we can better carry our message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. Following is a brief look at their activities and accomplishments.

Funding and Finance

The F& F subcommittee held two regional functions, to help send the RSR and the RSRA to the WSC. In the past year we decided to no longer have 50/50 raffles and to no longer put N.A. on our T-shirts.

Hospitals and Institutions

The H & I subcommittee is very new in our region. It was formed in December of 1987. We started by inviting all the areas to send anyone interested in H & I work to the meeting. We plan to compile a list of all the H & I meetings in our areas, and supply the world service H & I with this updated regional list. We are also planning a regional H & I learning day workshop, to be held sometime in 1988.

Literature and Communications

The literature committee produced six issues of our newsletter, the Indiana Clean Times, this year. And they mana and to coordinate production so that all areas within the region could gain experience with this project. They also produced two editions of a state wide meeting directory, and initiated an update program to keep current meeting information available between editions.60 treatment centers, in locations currently without N.A. meetings were provided with statewide meeting directories, literature and starter kits. They corresponded with all areas in the region, providing information on literature up for approval at W.S.C. '88 and provided assistance when necessary. There was a second annual Literature Conference held, which featured a question and answer session about the review and input process and the relationship between the area, retion and world Literature committees. They also had three regional workshops on It Works: How and Why Part I. The input generated was forwarded to the world workshop in Chicago.

In closing, we are looking forward to another year of growth and fellowship in regional service for Narcotics Anonymous.

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THE REGION IN GENERAL

1987 was a year of growth in Iowa. Our Perional Service Committee has examined its role in how to better serve our member Areas. Our goal has been to open channels of communications between Areas in Iowa, other regions, and World Services. Through taking our regional inventory we hoped to become less of a "director" and respond more appropriately to the Area's needs. We have stressed our committment as a service committee to make ourselves more available as a resource for information and quidance. Towards this end we have increased our efforts to become more visible around the region as well as the surrounding regions.

We have helped unify our common cause by sponsoring several learning days within the Iowa region. We have sent representatives to participate in the planning of a multi-state

P.I. learning day to be held in the Chicagoland Region. We are proud to say that the Iowa Region is now an active member of the Mid-Coast Convention Committee. Trusted servants from Iowa have traveled to be a part of two WSC quarterly workshops and we support World Services through 'actively participating WSC Sub-Committees.

Iowa Regional Service committee members have become more willing to travel among the various areas within Iowa. These efforts add up to better communications and we have reaped the benefits of unity in purpose.

Towa currently has around 150 regular N.A. meetings throughout the state. We carry the N.A. message to those in institutions in approximately 30 H&I groups. Iowa has 11 active ASCs who join together in our annual celebration of recovery. We have renewed our committment financially as well as emotionally to make our 5th annual regional convention a success. We would like to invite you all to join us July 1,2,3, 1988 in Des Moines, Ia. for IRCNA V.

AREAS OF CONCERN:

One of our most heated discussions occurred around the signing of attendance slips for people on probation or parole. It was generally agreed that to sign these slips at regular N.A. meetings is tantamount to affiliation and a violation of our traditions. Furthermore, as stated in our Whitebook, "... we are under no surveillance at any time". This issue was referred to the PI sub-committee in hopes of unified solution.

The length of our RSC meetings have progressively gotten longer due to the increase in input. The Possibility of two day RSCs was discussed and it was decided that RSCs of this length would prohibit attendance. As a result we rearranged our RSC schedule so as to deal with the WSC agenda items more efficiently. Our new schedule is to meet during the third week of Feb, April, Aug, and Nov. We have also asked our RSRs to go around to all different areas within the region while WSC agenda items are discussed. Hopefully the RSR participation will reduce confusion and time spent at the RSC meeting.

Emotional issues created time consuming disagreements at our RSC meetings. Also, members who were not either an ASR or a RSC officer could not speak out. It was decided to have a two hour open forum before each RSC meeting where any and all can speak out on any issue.

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Much of our committee's work in the first half of '87 was spent planning a Regional H&I learning weekend. Our committee found we learned just as much, in fact probably more, planning the event as from the actual event itself. Our initial program had to be scrapped when we learned it including workshops and lectures with professionals addressing us. After all of the wrinkles were ironed out we ended up having a successful two day workshop with addicts from four states in attendance.

Another major issue dealt with whether or not all areas are following WSCs guidelines concerning H&I meetings. It was found that all did not meet those guidelines. Some meetings were basically open meetings with the Seventh Tradition being taken. Those matters were addressed by their Area H&I committees and corrected.

Two of our short term goals are to get a Regional Meeting List in every hospital and institution within the Region. We are also constantly updating our Regional H&I Meeting List.

We also had a committee officer attend the WSC quarterly workshop in Denver. Hopefully this will happen more often.

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We have recently reorganized and are having problems with support and direction. There are very few active area literature committees.

Our primary responsibilities at this time are the Iowa Regional Newsletter, and the compiling and distribution of the Iowa Regional Meeting Lists.

We are planning a learning day on how to review literature and how to support our newsletter.

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In the last year we have expanded our communications with the WSC and Area PI committees. This has lead us to more involvement and active participation. Because of this increased participation we have been able to: 1) have workshops 2) have learning days, 3) create 12 step directories, 4) send representatives to other regional PI functions, and 5) research 1-800 numbers.

We had a workshop on how to have learning days. We got a lot out of this and have forwarded the information that we gained to the WSC/PI.

We had a learning day in November that was attended by over 50 people. This was very educational for all. We have decided to have these regularly.

We update our 12 step list quarterly. This is used along with a map of the region for whenever we get 12 step calls into our existing help—lines. An update of how our existing system works will be forward to the WSC/PI.

Recently we have sent a couple of servants to the ChicagoLand Region. We are supporting a multi-regional learning day that they are sponsoring April 16, 1987. We are looking to be involved in more multi-regional learning days such as this so that "WE" can more successfully fulfill "our primary purpose".

Research has been done on a 1-800 number. After making up a flowchart we found out that we were not in a position to have one. We will forward all of this information to the WSC/PI also.

We have also made up a history of PI within the Iowa Region. This will be forthcoming soon.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

We had a very successful convention last year in Waterloo. We had participants from at least five other regions. Many had a fun celebration of recovery. We also had a good rapport with the Hotel and Convention Center in Waterloo.

We learned to take the focus off of money. This led us to the decision of not having time consuming auctions. We have also worked on having a more accurate system of accountability. It was decided to keep our banners from year to year for display.

Incorporation of the convention committee was discussed and it was decided that it was not feasible at this time. Therefore the convention committee remains an adhoc sub-committee of the IRSC.

Our next convention will be July 1-3, 1988 in Des Moines, Iowa. Come join in our celebration of recovery at IRCNA V.

In Service and gratitude,
Iowa Region of Narcotics Anonymous

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TO: THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: NA REGION OF IRELAND

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 1988

Greetings to the WSC from the NA fellowship in Ireland. It is great to be again involved in the worldwide group conscience decision making process and also to discover again that we as a fellowship are not alone or unique in our situations or our problems. As a fellowship we are sometimes in danger of suffering from the same defects of character which we suffer from as individuals. In Ireland, being a small island nation we are in particular danger of becoming insular or inward in our thinking. We are fortunate indeed that the first Tradition solves the problem of national boundaries and encourages us to unite with other groups of recovering NA members wherever they may be.

The 35 NA meetings in Ireland are served by 2 Area Service Committees. Four groups in the southern part of the country form the Munster area. The Dublin ASC serves the 24 meetings in our capital city which this year celebrates its 1,000th anniversary. The remaining groups in various towns throughout the country are in regular contact with the area committee in Dublin. We have held several 'Regional weekends' which have been aimed more at promoting unity than at promoting structure. These weekends have however developed a certain structure of their own. National service efforts have tended to be carried out by the Dublin ASC but there is now a need for a more formal contact and shared input on decision making beween the various areas and groups. The next workshop will just have occured as you read this report and is directed at establishing a Regional Service Committee.

SERVICE OFFICE: The Irish Service Office was established 18 months ago and slowly taking shape. The office is situated in Dublin but is responsible for providing NA literature to the entire country. Up until now it has been convenient for the office to be answerable to the area committee in Dublin and to send minutes and request input

from the Munster ASC. However it seems clear that this is one reason for a regional committee to be actually formed. The Office has not been incorporated as a limited company yet but we are working towards that end.

<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION:</u> We have been making good progress in this area. Several committed members have been responsible for ensuring that NA is an option which professionals and addicts themselves are aware of. During the year we have participated in or hosted several public meetings and have been featured or interviewed in press, radio and on national television.

A major problem which we encounter is the 'street' drug associations of our name. We are aware of a huge prescription drug problem in our community. A more appropriately named non 12 Step organization has more success attracting these addicts. In an effort to remove the emphasis in our name from 'drugs of choice' we are more and more identifying ourselves simply as NA.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Our H&I committee continues to serve with just a few committed members. The number of prison meetings has actually fallen by one in the last year. Part of the problem comes from within the prison system itself. We are grateful to WSC trusted servants coming here and speaking to the prison authorities for us. Unfortunately the real cause appears to be the inability or unwillingness of the general membership to become involved. We have lots of recovering addicts, many of whom are cleared to do prison meetings, but it continues to be the same small group of members who keep our H&I committments going.

<u>CONVENTION:</u> We held our third annual convention in October which continues because of its relatively small and personal size to be amongst the best available. This year's convention will be held as usual on the last weekend of October.

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TREASURY:

When I read about how the seventh Tradition evolved I saw that it was intended that we should always remain poor with just enough money available to keep going. Using this interpretation we have never yet actually had a money problem. Unfortunately a money problem is never far away. Fundraisers seem to be an inevitable feature of our existance for the moment particularly for special circumstances.

<u>PHONELINE:</u> We use a professional answering service which operates 24 hours a day. It refers callers to the nearest meeting or to a member's home number. This is proving to be a very effective and inexpensive form of phone service.

PROBLEMS: Many of our problems effect our society as a whole as well as our fellowship. Unemployment is currently running at 25% in the general population. This causes a lot of our members to emigrate when they have sufficient clean time. The result is that we are carrying the message but carrying it to Britain, the US and Australia. Unfortunately corresponding immigration rarely occurs. We are left with the same small number of old timers while many of our old timers celebrate their anniversaries overseas. The end to this problem is a long way off.

The number of women in our fellowship is still relatively small. This may in part be due to the general perception of narcotics abuse as being a problem confined to young men. We are hopeful that our use of just the NA logo in our PI efforts will encourage more interest from outside this narrow interpretation.

It is reassuring when reading through some of last year's regional reports to see that the problem of trying to get people involved in service occurs in lots of other places too. It often seems like an uphill struggle to those involved in service here. Seeing it happen in other regions and seeing the problem surmounted helps us to come to believe that a power greater than ourselves is at work. This is one of the great benefits of communication at world level.

WSC '88 REPORT FROM IRELAND

In NA we discover (often in spite of ourselves) that we are not alone. Through the World Service Conference we discover that, as autonomous regions, we are also not alone.

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REPORT OF JAPAN NA

2年前、日本はRSRを初めてこのカンファランスに送りました。それ以後海外との交流は活発になりましたが、未だ多くの問題を抱えています。

一つは、NAの翻訳出版物が未だ正式に発行されていないということです。私達は1986年のワールドサービスカンファランスに参加したとき、WSOから翻訳会社で翻訳されたものの監修を委託されました。日本に帰りアメリカ人のメンバーを含めて翻訳コミティを編成し、翻訳の監修を始めました。

私達はNAの持っている考え方や、言葉の 持っているニュアンスを大切にし、注意しな がらこの翻訳の監修にあたりました。十数年 前、日本ではある一人の医師がAAの出版物 を翻訳しましたが、それは使い物になりませ んでした。なぜなら彼はアルコール中毒者で もAAメンバーでも無かったからです。私た ちが生かされている目的は、どんなに経験豊 かな医師や心理学者にも出来ないことで、我 々には出来る事があるからです。同様のこと が翻訳に対しても言えると思います。

また、AAで既に使っている言葉でも良いものは良いものとして取り入れました。なぜなら同じ意味でありながらNA固有の言葉を作ることは、未だ苦しんでいる仲間やビギナーにとっては只混乱を来すだけですから。

監修の結果、全面的に我々の手が入り真っ赤になりましたが、これは決して日本が勝手に作り替えているわけではありません。

昨年、3種類のパンフレットのゲラ刷りが 私達の手元に届きましたが、誤植がありました。漢字は同じ発音でも十以上の文字がある 場合が多く、それぞれの文字は異なった意味 を持っています。したがって一つの文字の打 ちまちがえで文章全体のもつ意味が変わって しまう場合も有り得るのです。また、一部分 が落ちていました。こちらで監修したものか らまた更に変わってもいました。大きく扱わ

years ago, Japan region sent its first RSR to the WSC, and since then our sharing with the oversea regions increased tremen-But the problems of the dously. Japan Region did not decrease ac-In Japan NO official cordingly. translation of NA literature published yet. When we attended the WSC in 1986, we were entrusted by the WSO with the work of editorial supervision on the translation being done by a translation firm in USA. Upon returning to we formed а translation committee including an American NA member and started the process of editing.

₩e worked editing on the great material while paying a the NA concepts respect to We had good examples expressions. to follow from the 12 Step fellowship for the alcoholics.

Over ten years ago, in Japan a medical doctor translated a literature for AA but it could not be used by the fellowship. He was not able to communicate the core of the message because he was neither an AA member nor an alcoholic.

We believe we have a special purpose in life, something even the experienced medical doctors or psychologists cannot do.

We in translating NA literatures decided the to use Japanese words that AA fellowship has been using very successfully. Creating something different just for the sake of being different simply confuse the people who are in need of recovery program from the addiction.

When the editing was done, the draft was covered with red-ink, indicating much changes and modifications. It was not because we wanted to rewrite our own, but to be more true to the NA experience.

41 Last year, galley proof sheets

はならない活字が小さく扱われ、小さくて 良い活字が大きくなっていました。3種類の パンフレットのフォーマットが統一されてい ませんでした。海外でしか見られないような 文字で印刷されていました。その様なわけで 印刷に入らないように直ちにWSOに連絡を しました。そして、昨年のカンファランスの 後、WSOのスタッフと一緒に翻訳会社を訪 同し、今後の対応について話し合いましたが、 その後進展していません。

WSOは、ロスの翻訳会社と日本との間に 入っていろいろ苦労してくれました。そして、 これらの主な原因はWSOではなく、翻訳会 社に誠意が欠けていることが翻訳会社を訪問 して判りました。

そして今後のスムーズな進行のためには今までとはやり方を変えることが必要だと考えます。

もし出来ることなら、私達は翻訳会社の日本 支社のスタッフと直接話し合いをすること、 また翻訳会社の日本支社のスタッフが我々と 一緒に一つのテーブルにつき翻訳の監修にあ たることを望みます。そしてWSOは我々と 日本支社の動向をロスの翻訳会社から逐次報 告を受けていれば、把握できるのではないで しょうか。

日本人の文化や習慣、考え方等は、欧米のそれとは違うものがあります。例え夫婦でも他人の前ではキスしません。まして男性同志でのハグなどは日本人には想像もできないことです。海外のNAミーティングに出たことのあるメンバーはハグのもたらす親近感はとても強いものがあり良いものであることを十分承知しています。しかし日本のNAがハグを取り入れたならば、誤解を受けることは間違いありません。

of three NA pamphelts were sent We checked carefully back to us. again and found places that needed further changes and corrections. Especially Chinese characters needed careful attention. with the same times readings. could different there be ten Chinese characters. each having different meanings. Therefore a wrong character use of a would change the meaning of a sentence Also some Charateres used were no longer being used in Japan. Some section and some of missing, changes were not accepted. of letters used were not uniform. When we found all these problems in the gally proof, we contacted the WSO and requested to stop the process of printing.

Last year after the WSC, we went together with the WSO Staff members to the translation firm in order to discuss the future steps. The WSO tried their best as gobetween for the Japan Region and the firm in L.A. After visiting the firm, we realized a lack of sincerity on the part of the firm was much of the cause for these difficulties.

Now we feel a need to change in order to procede to the next step. We would like to deal directly with the staff of the Japanese branch of the firm and work together with them in editing the translation drafts.

And the progress report can be made to the WSO by the Firm in L.A. This could make the process much more smoothly.

Japanese customs and ways processing thoughs are different from the West. For example. couple, even married, refrain from kissing in the public. For a man to hug another man cannot be even imagined in the Japanese society. Yet those of us, who have experien-NA fellowship ced overseas lot of received а hugging can agree how close one feels to the

日本人は宗教に関してはほとんど無関心で、 other fellowmembers 結婚式か葬式のとき以外は関係ないものと思 っています。多くの日本人は、クリスマスに はプレゼントを交換し、クリスマスケーキを 家に買って帰りますが、これが日本の仏教徒 なのです。日本人は仏教の影響を強く受けて いることは確かですが、仏教に対して信仰心 はほとんど無いと思います。

私達はNAは宗教ではないことを知ってもら うためにいろいろな方法をとってきました。 その一つはP・Iワークショップです。ワ ークショップに出席した専門家は、NAが宗 教ではないことを確認しているはずです。回 復を望んではいるがNAは宗教ではないかと 疑問を持っている薬物依存者に会えば、彼等 はそつど宗教ではないことを説明してくれま す。

もう一つは、我々のミーティング場の一つ に福祉事務所の会議室を組み入れています。 なぜなら、福祉事務所は宗教団体には部屋を 貸してくれないからです。福祉事務所をつか っていることは、宗教ではないという証明に もなるわけです。

NAのステップと伝統には神とかハイヤー パワーと言う言葉が使われていますが、私達 はこれを他の言葉に置き換えるつもりはまっ たくありません。それは薬物依存者がNAプ ログラムに従って回復していく中でかならず 感じるものであり、宗教ではなく霊的なもの であり、もっと大きなものであることを感じ、 理解するでしょう。その大きなものをGOD と呼ぼうがDOGと呼ぼうが、ハイヤーパワ ーと名付けようがミラクルパワーと名付けよ うが大した問題ではないのです。

NAの道は宗教とは関係のない、信仰の道な のです。私達は、日本独自のプログラムを作 ることは絶対に避けたいのです。

because hugging. In fact for me it is But when it such a good feeling. is practiced in Japan. it will surely be misunderstood.

Most Japanese are said to be indifferent to his or her reli-They think of their religion. gion only for their weddings and for their funerals. Many Japanese exchange gifts during the Christ-mas season and bring home Christ-It is true that the mas cakes. Japanese people are influenced by Buddhism, because of the Japanese And they are Buddhists. culture. But most of them are Buddhists in name only and do not profess Buddhist faith.

In order to imform the public that NA is not religious we have been using PI workshops, which are very effective. We beleive those professionals who attend these PI workshops understand that NA religious. Their questions doubts have been clarified repeatedly by the stories from those addicts who are seeking for recovery even though they themselves may not be clear about the NA being religious or not.

Another means to clarify the nature of NA is the use of a meetng hall in the Public Welfare Office for the NA meeting. Since the Public Office has a rule not rent its facility to religious activities, holding meeting in such a place would mean that NA is considered religious.

In the Steps and the Traditions of NA words such as "GOD" "Higher Power" are used. Japan NA intends to use these words in the translation. It is simply because we beleive those concepts will be understood by the addicts as they recover in the NA fellowship. Those words are not religious terms as commonly used but symbolize something BIGGER and DEEPER than what they have known before.

そしてこのままで良いのだということを、1 3年前に始まった日本語のAAグループが着 実な実績で証明してくれています。

日本人は、旧い意味での謙虚さを大切にし、 自己主張をすることを余り好みません。従っ て欧米のミーティングでよく見られるような、 話したい仲間が手を上げ話すというようなこ とは苦手です。私達のミーティングでは、そ の日のスピーカーが次に話す仲間を指名する 方法をとっています。

日本人固有の文化や習慣、そして宗教的な要素などはステップの実践には支障はないと思うが、12の伝統を守っていく上では、その様な日本固有のものを考慮しなければならないでしょう。

確かに日本人には独特の文化や習慣、考え方などがあります。また英語が話せないと言うハンディキャップもあります。しかしそれが私達なのです。それらを私達は認め、受け入れた上でNAプログラムを実践していたでいるとなっていますが出来ないことは当然なわけで、プログラムの本質的なものは変えずに、日本人につが多いようにミーティングのやり方やグループの選替をアレンジして行くことが必要だとのではます。だからこそ我々のやっていることがNAの道から外れないように絶えず海外のグループや仲間と交流する必要があると思いなってくるのです。

最後に、出版物の面で英語を話せないRegionに配慮していただくことはとても有難いことだと思います。しかし必要に応じて出版物の文章を変えることがNA全体の成長に繋がるならば、私達のことを考えないで積極的に変えていっていただく事を望みます。

They are of spiritual "GOD" it be called Whether "HIGHER POWER" "DOG", or named it or"MIRACLE POWER". will obstacle for pose a major recovery in the Japanese NA. way is a spiritual way, and univer-Our conviction reality. "GOD" or use "HIGHER POWER" in the also rooted successful history of the Japanese 12 Step which was program for alcoholics. introduced 13 years ago.

Japanese seem to treasure "humility", though being understood and practiced falsely, shy away from expressing oneself in public. We have seen those NA meetings in the West where members raise their hands when they would like to share their stories. in Japan, a member who has been designated as a speaker for the day will call on his next speaker. How the groups are run and meetings are conducted might vary depending on the cultural factors. But the way of living NA Steps, we beleive. knows cultural no differences.

are colored We, the Japanese, with our own particular and ways of thinking. And we are limited in our ability to share ourselves. more than not able to communicate in English. We cannot do the same things as our fellowmembers of the But all these accepting differlimitations ences and we trying our best to live out the NA way of life, without loosing the essentials of the NA. And doing so we feel more than ever the need to keep in touch with the wider NA fellowships, the NA groups overseas and in particular the World Service Conference.

Finally I would like to mention one thing about publication of NA the materials for non-English speaking regions. We are grateful for the special attention care shown to us on matter. But please let us not hold なぜなら私達もNA全体の一員であり、NAの道がよりしっかりすることは、私達の喜びでもあるわけです。私達はNAの道を私達のペースで歩んで行きます。

私達にNAの道を示してくれた、また私達の現状をよく理解して私達と一緒にNAの道を歩んでくれた海外の仲間に、私達は心からの感謝を捧げます。

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you back from making necessary changes in the literature as the needs arise. If a sentence needs to be changed in order to better express the NA ideals, please do so. The growth of the total NA fellowship is our growth and our joy. Japan NA will follow the NA worldwide fellowship, though it maynot be as fast as someone wishes it but as surely as all of us can own it.

I would like to close this report with our words of gratitude to each one of you who have shown us the NA way and in particular to those of you who have patiently chosen to walk the NA way with us.

日本サービス代表 大河原



Japan RSR, Kiyoshi O.



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KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

TO: World Service Conference Committee

FROM: Kentuckiana Regional Service Committee

RE: Annual Report To The Conference

DATE: February 25, 1988

Greetings from the Kentuckiana Region! I am going to attempt to keep this short and simple, unfortunately I don't even know where to begin. Our Region is experiencing a lot of growing pains, but somehow these pains actually feel good. We're grateful to know that where there is pain there is growth. Most of the pain comes from our Regional Service structure. At present there are some Trusted Servant postions that remain unfilled.

Our Region has a good flow of literature due to excellent service from our Regional Literature Committee and the communication and cooperation with WSO. All of the H & I, PI works is still being done at the area and group level.

We now have five functioning areas in our region. They are Kentucky Survivors area, Louisville, Kentuckiana, Western Kentucky, and the newly formed Owensboro area. Individually, each areas is struggling in one way or another with problems; however, where one area is lacking, the other areas are not and as a region we are learning and growing from each other.

We are proud to report that we are growing, with new groups and meetings being formed regularly. Last year we reported there were about one hundred and forty meeting per week in our region. Today there are well over two hundred meetings per week. It feels good to know that with the guideance of a loving Higher Power we are doing some things right.

We are holding Regional Service Committee meetings about every six weeks. Areas Service Meetings are held every month. We are hopeful within the near future to have participation to form committees and provide proper service to our area. All the opportunities for growth is being turned into positive action for Narcotics Anonymous.

The area and groups are forming workshops to review the 1987-88 World Conference Agenda. We are having good participation in the collection of Group Consciences this year; showing that the Second Tradition works if we show interest in the fellowship.

Our financial flow from groups to areas to the region has improved a lot this year. Our region has been able to donate \$650.00 to the WSC this year.







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The Louisville area hosted the Third Annual Tradition Learning Day. We appreciate the support we received from surrounding regions. This Learning Day helped to bring about more unity to the region and much better understanding of the traditions.

Last year the Western Kentucky Area held the first Kentuckiana Regional Convention. It was a big learning experience for our region, but an exciting way to celebrate our recovery. The Kentuckiana Area will be hosting the second convention. This will be April 1, 2, & 3, 1988 in Evansville, Indiana.

KRSCNA remains to be supportive to WSC, WSO and the NA Fellowship as a whole. We would like to thank the WSC for all of the support throughout this past year.

All in all it has been a good year. Our Higher Power has brought us together, although sometimes lacking in numbers, the trusted servants that do serve our region and areas are capable and committed. As long as we stay responsible and productive, and remember our common welfare, with God's help we will grow.

In Loving Service,

Deanie Fugua

R.S.R.-Kentuckiana





REPORT TO WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 1988

LONDON REGION

This last year has been an exciting one in terms of the growth of NA both within the London Region and the UK as a whole. We have experienced certain changes within our Service Structure that have taken a long time to execute, involving committment, effort and much painstaking research. We are now at the point where we are beginning to feel the benefits of these changes and of course in making some mistakes we have learned some lessons!

By the early Summer of 1987 the London Region had become very large, with more areas outside Greater London affiliated to the Region than within. For several months we had been devoting much of our time and energy to the formation of the UK Service Assembly (UKSA), and we realised that we were in danger of falling short of our primary purpose: that of unifying the many areas within our region and carrying the message of recovery through our sub-committees and our groups. As a result of this, 2 or 3 months after the formation of UKSA those areas outside Greater London withdrew from the Region and supported the UKSA. This gave London Region the opportunity to fully concentrate on fulfilling the basic function of a region.

Conscious of our "lack of direction" the London Region, 4 of the 5 areas within it and some of the sub-committees took inventory in the latter half of 1987. This was obviously a beneficial process for all concerned and much was learnt. Sadly however, the most consistent problem faced by our areas, sub-committees and the Region is a lack of support and the way in which 'Service' perceived by the fellowship in the London Region. It is not generally considered "cool" to be seen to be involved in Service, in fact the reverse is true. For this reason, all of those committees mentioned fail to get the support they deserve or need to operate with the utmost effect and efficiency; which is not to say that they do not work to the best of their ability. The fellowship continues to grow both in London and the UK, currently we have:

- 84 per week in London
- 92 per week outside London, UK-wide
- We also have a total of 33 H&I meetings operating on a regular basis.

Many of our areas and committees have held workshops in the last year to explain their particular role in the Service Structure; the London Region is holding a Service Learning Day in Mid-February. We believe that much of the cause of this general apathy to service lies in ignorance or knowledge merely of the negative aspects of service - i.e. it is time-consuming, and a general assumption that "someone else" will do it (the fellowship is now large enough for such reasoning to seem justified

In July 1987, the Region elected to send the RSR and Alternate to the European Service Conference in Frankfurt, Germany. It was a productive conference, with the decision to print a European Newsletter and preliminary discussions on the idea of establishing a European Service Office - which cater to the needs of the European fellowship. Certainly, since this last conference there has been greater communication amongst the European fellowship and the London fellowship is looking forward to the next ESC in Paris, France.

In September 1987 the London Region funded the first ever UK Convention, which was held in Bournemouth. The Region was able to use the invaluable experience gained from hosting the World Convention in 1986. The UK Convention was a great success, and the fellowship in Bournemouth has grown considerably since hosting that Convention. This year, under the auspices of the UKSA, we hope to hold a second UK Convention. An ad-hoc committee is currently looking into the feasability of establishing a Convention Corporation and guidelines for future conventions.

There has, in this last year, been a better communication and liaison between our Regional sub-committees than ever before. The Region is indebted to our Fundraising & Entertainments Committee and our Literature Committee, without whose efforts we would not have been able to support our Office, let alone underwrite a convention and send representatives to WSC and ESC.

In January 1988 every Regional Committee, the ASR's, RSR and Chairperson produced an annual report as an overview of the past year. The Region now aims to do this at the end of each year and also to take its inventory annually.

For the past 10 months our literature sales have been a steady decline - both within London and the UK generally. Our Literature Committee and the UK Service Office (UKSO) are looking for ways in which to improve sales. The UKSO now has its first paid worker and is certainly benefitting from that. Sadly, however, we have as yet been unable to achieve Charitable Status which in the UK is a complex and lengthy process. Nevertheless, the fellowship feels that it would be in our best interests to pursue and achieve Charitable Status.

It is worth noting that the UKSA has provided an excellent platform for communication and unity in Great Britain, and has appreciably helped the growth of meetings and the Service Structure outside London. It has helped the RSR and Alternate fulfill the task of communicating with other areas. Currently the UKSA meets on a monthly basis at different locations/areas in and around the country. With the formation of the UKSA we now have national levels of Service in H&I, PI and Literature. These committees are now making a significant and effective contribution to the way in which NA is perceived, recognised and accepted by Government bodies, other self-help groups and organisations and the public at large all over the UK.



LONE STAR REGION REPORT

Greetings from the Lone Star Region of Texas. This has been a very productive year for us with many changes taking place through-out the Region. We have added one new area this year bringing our total to ten active area's within the Region.

NA has continued to grow in spite of the fact that our geographical size limits effective communication between areas and the Region. Meetings, groups and H&I has doubled in size in many areas.

We have found on occasion that the cost of travel and long distance communication has prevented area participation in the region. Current problems have precipitated discussions in search of solution.

Our Regional Service conference meets quarterly for two days rotating locations, providing each area an opportunity to host.

FINANCE:

Due to difficulty in filling this position we elected to combine this function with our Treasury function. This has proved to be a successful transition for us.

We have stressed the need for education on our 7th Tradition and the importance of following the Fund Flow structure by offering workshops within our Region.

We still struggle to meet the financial needs of our subcommittees; It often seemed that our \$20,000 budget for '87 was more fantasy than reality, however, by the Grace of God our subcommittees are still functioning and our needs are somehow met. In addition, we have been able to send our RSR and ALT, as well as, several subcommittee chairs to WSC quarterly meetings to represent our Region and bring back the message.

LITERATURE:

The enthusiasm and dedication of our Literature chair and committee members have enhanced our knowledge, as well as, participation within the Region. We feel this is due in part to the fact that our Literature chair has actively participated in two WSC quarterly meetings and has effectively submitted input on various WLC projects.

Our regional literature committee was very excited and honored to host the World Literature review workshop in Dallas in November. Many of our area Literature subcommittee members worked long and hard in preparing their input to participate in this event. Our members that participated in this workshop came away feeling very much a part of the Literature process.

We are sorry to report that our regional Newsline entitled "Our Primary Purpose" was cancelled, after a one year trial period, due to lack of subscriptions.



H & I:

This committee chair has been extremely active this past year and has worked diligently to establish a rapport within our Texas department of Corrections. He has met with the Program Supervisor at TDC and established an application process for allowing our members to attend meetings within the prison system. We are all very excited that this long awaited event may actually take place in the very near future.

We're happy to report all H&I cans have been removed from our meetings and the concept of NA Fund Flow structure is being followed.

There have been several H&I workshops conducted this past year. These workshops have inspired a new interest and enthusiasm within our Regional population.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Our Public Information subcommittee has been very active this year in NA workshops and NON-NA events. Our Public Information chairperson has strived to initiate better communicatons throughout our region and has been very instrumental in educating the fellowship regarding P.I. issues. He attended the WSC mini conference held in Denver in October.

Our P.I. subcommittee has submitted input concerning revisions and additions to The Guide to Public Information. This committee has evolved into a truly viable resource within our region.

Current meeting list reflects approximately 300 meetings and 80 groups within the Lone Star Region.

POLICY:

This committee has finally become a fully functioning committee. The newly elected chairperson has recently completed an updated copy of our Regional Policy. Work has also been completed on proposed guidelines for hosting a Regional Service Conference. Work in progress includes proposed policy for holding a regional workshop. This region has had a great need for an active Policy Subcommittee and we are truly grateful to see progress finally being made in this area.



ACTIVITIES:

Guidelines for hosting regional activities were completed, although this committee deals with fun, there is alot of work involved.

This subcommittee was responsible for implementation of four Regional activities, which were all deemed successful, providing fun, as well as, unity within the fellowship.

REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

The 3rd annual LSR Convention "Steering Straight in '88" will be held March 25, 26 and 27th in Tarrant County hosted by the Fort Worth area. The celebration of recovery will be held at the Roadway Inn, Hwy 360 at Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011, phone: 817/640-7080 or 1-800-228-2000.

We're expecting this to be an exciting convention with a fairly large participation of members from outside our region. This convention promises to be a beautiful celebration of recovery with additions to our program, i.e., International Speaker and Youth in Recovery. In addition to a speaker from London, we will have three H&I speakers from Federal Correctional Institute, as well as, Texas Department of Corrections.

This past year we've taken certain steps to incorporate our Regional Convention subcommittee under the umbrella of our RSO. This required amending our convention guidelines to include the necessary changes.

Our convention committee has put forth tremendous effort to follow the convention guidelines and adapt to the changes as they took place this year. We have great hopes that the changes to incorporate will benefit and protect our conventions now and in the future.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

This is a new committee that was recently removed from adhoc status to a standing committee. The chairman of this committee has been very involved in the formation of Additional Needs on a World level and has participated in two mini conferences.

He is currently coordinating area involvement and establishing Additional Needs subcommittee on an area level. This newly formed standing subcommittee is currently writing proposed guidelines.



TEXAS UNITY CONVENTION:

This convention has proved to be a unifying factor for our Region and has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. It is held at Lake Whitney, Texas four times a year with the 17th Reunion held in January, 1988.

This convention continues to support the two existing Regions within the state and the WSC as well.

The convention has outgrown it's meeting facility, however, no decision has been made concerning relocation.

RSO:

Our RSO has continued to grow since moving into appropriate office accommodations. The BOD has incorporated the office, written By-Laws and established office procedures.

Gross sales of literature for the 1987 calendar year have exceeded \$71,000.00. The board voted to establish a permanent committee to sponsor the annual LSR convention. During this past year, a literature sales policy and a financial policy were approved by the BOD. A new office manager was hired. The RSO is currently investigating the lease purchase of a computer and copier.

PROBLEMS:

One of our persisting problems is lack of participation of Regional subcommittees. Largely due to geographical distance and financial constraints.

Due to above mentioned problem - one area has not been able to participate in the RSC for well over one year. As a result of our tremendous size, it has become apparent to members of the RSC that we are unable to effectively meet the needs of our individual areas, as a result of our tremendous size.

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THE MICHIGAN REGION

Greetings from the Michigan Region! In the past year our region has continued to grow in our numbers of members and groups. We have also matured in our ability to deliver services to the Michigan NA groups and in our ability to make the Narcotics Anonymous message more available.

Among the more notable events of 1987 was the addition of two new Area Service Committees, Livingston County and Sinclair County. The past year has also brought an increase in the number of meetings in the northern half of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula. Groups in these parts of Michigan are not part of an ASC. Equally important has been a dramatic increase in the amount of communication with these isolated groups. Much of this has only become possible with the assistance of the WSO Group Services Department. The help we have received in "tracking" these frontier NA groups has been invaluable and will surely contribute to the addition of new ASC's and to the availability of NA in Michigan.

During the past 20 months every new Michigan group who has sent a group registration form to the WSO has received a "Welcome Packet" consisting of a welcome letter and offer of help from the RSR and the RSR Alt., flyers for upcoming NA functions, two copies of the regional newsletter and the regional meeting list, an NA Way subscription form and a Detroit Service Office order form. This is possible because the WSO forwards to the RSR and RSR Alt. copies of the group registration forms received from Michigan groups. Six months ago when WSO Group Services began sending us copies of requests for Group Starter Kits, we expanded our practice to send a similar welcome packet to these groups as well. The resulting increase in communications and unity more than justify the work and expense.

During the 1987 July 4th weekend, we held our third regional convention in Flint, Michigan. One thousand members attended the celebration with no embarrassing incidents. In addition to the \$4,000 seed money, another \$12,000 was realized. Half of the proceeds (\$6,000) were forwarded to the WSC.

Our next convention will be held during the 1988 July 4th weekend at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Holland is located in Western Michigan, our largest and one of our newest areas. The convention, Freedom IV, features an \$80 convention package which includes all meals, lodging, and convention registration. It is our hope that the low price will attract many new faces from both outside and within our region.

Our RSC has continued to meet bi-monthly and has become more stable in the past year. We are now on the verge of having functioning sub-committees of the RSC. We have also come a long way in becoming financially accountable to those we serve. We have insisted that the RSC subcommittees submit proposed budgets

for the coming year and that these budgets be reviewed by group conscience. This process takes time to get approved budgets and necessitates that we get members involved in service who can plan. Many of our ASC's have adopted similar budgeting procedures and this should make things seem less foreign and flow smoother in coming years.

We held our second annual Regional Service Conference February 6th and 7th, 1988 in Ferndale, Michigan. During that weekend a great deal of work was accomplished. We elected a new administrative committee and heard explanations of the WSC '88 Agenda Report from two WSC committee chairpersons. We also worked on our proposed budgets described above. The total RSC budget for our 1988 conference year is over \$20,000! The proposed budget again includes travel and lodging for the RSR and RSR Alt. to attend the WSC annual meeting and three quarterly workshops. It also proposes similar expenses for the PI chair and possibly other sub-committee chairs. As stated earlier, the groups will have the final word on the matter in early April. So if on your way to Van Nuys this year, you should see two guys standing by the road with there thumbs out and WSC or bust written on their suitcases, you will know our budget didn't pass. Please stop and give us a ride.

Finally we must share a problem that seems to haunt us. At times Michigan suffers from an "Us - Them " mentality of it's own. The two alleged factions are the Metro-Detroit areas that make up the "sub-region" and the rest of the areas in the region. There are some members in the sub-region who feel isolated and feel that recovery in a large urban area is substantially different than recovery elsewhere. They charge that the "outstate" areas are not sensitive to the differences. These sentiments have spawned, for the second time in as many years, a proposal for a second region in Michigan.

Two open forums or workshops have been held in Metro-Detroit on the matter. At both workshops, members, primarily from the sub-region, talked openly about ego, power and personalities as poor motivation for a second region. The possible impact on the rest of the region was also considered. The collective view of those who participated in the workshops was that a second region was not in the best interest of NA at this 'time. There has not been any motion on this matter at a regional level. The remainder of the region (outside of Metro-Detroit) remains unaware of or disinterested in the situation and has not considered the question or participated in the discussions. Although the question on urban region in Michigan remains having an unanswered, the subject has caused a good deal of unrest. especially in the metro area.

From The Great Lakes State of Michigan, here's wishing you a good conference and clean and prosperous year.

In love, fellowship, and service,

Ron W., RSR and Guy B. RSR Alt.

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL REPORT

The Mid-America Region says HOWDY! Alot has gone on in the last year. Our Region has been growing in leaps and bounds. It would seem we were going to bust at the seams. Through all the growth, we have and are experiencing the difficulties that come with it.

We have had some expansion at the ASC level. One Area has devided itself into three different Areas. At present only one (Just for Today) is attending the RSC..Hopefully we will get the strength needed to pull together in this area.

Our Region had decided to send our Sub-Comm. Chairs to WSC Quarterly meetings. We sent our Literature Chair Marci W.. and our P.I. Chair Julie P. to Newark this past summer.. This helped our Region in many ways. This Fall, our Lit. Chair and I attended the Quarterly in Denver.I sat in on H&I as I am a member of that Comm. Much needed info. was brought back to our Region. The General Forum works well for funneling this info..

In December our Region was proud to host an Ad-Hoc Workshop on It Works. The turnout was moderate, but we got alot of work done. Thanks go out toWorld Lit. and the Show Me Region for their support.

In Feb. 1988 we had our first convention, there have been other Mid America Regional Conventions in the past which were put on by Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. This was the first Kansas convention. We had speakers from Georgia (Greg P.), Barbara J. from SanDiego and Mark Z. from Wichita, Ks. For our first solo I think we did pretty damn good! We are planning another for Feb. 1989.

Our 9th annual 4th of July campout at Lonestar Lake outside Lawrence was a success last year. We have kept this a FREE campout and this year will be also. This years campout will be held July 1-4 at Harvey Co. West Park just outside Newton, Ks. Fun for all! Watch for announcements in the N.A. Way.

One thing we are starting to see more of is group anniversory partys. Alot of us take great pride in out home groups. This warms my heart. Eventhough I may not be a member of another group, I still like to go and help celebrate. My home group is important to me and alot of other share this feeling.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I would like to thank John B. from Kansas City for his support as our RSR alternate. I have a feeling John will do our region and the fellowship a good job next year.

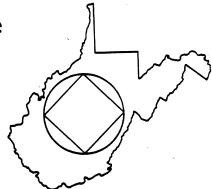
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Greetings from the Mountaineer Region! We serve all of the State of West Virginia except for small portions of the eastern and northern panhandles. There are now about 50 regular meetings and 15 H & I meetings throughout our region. We saw a number of significant developments in 1987, at both regional and area levels.

We were happy to welcome the Wheeling ASC into the Mountaineer RSC. Wheeling is the second-oldest ASC in our state, and until this year had belonged to the Tri-State RSC. We are glad to have their enthusiasm and experience. We did have one ASC fold and its groups join with other areas, but our other two ASC's, North Central West Virginia and Southern West Virginia, are going strong.

There have been several notable developments in our areas. been a good deal of work done by the areas on developing or revising their policy guidelines. The Southern WV ASC has formed an Outreach Subcommittee which is working hard to bring support to geographically isolated groups. They also have an active Literature Subcommittee which is now publishing a newsletter and which held a workshop on It Works: How & Why, and the North Central WV ASC has just formed a Literature Subcommittee. Our areas' Public Information efforts seem to be mainly in presentations, radio and newspaper PSA's, and mailings, with a limited amount of TV PSA's. have been successes as well as problems in our H & I efforts. The panel system in conjunction with periodic learning days has been implemented in the North Central area with great success. It has not worked as well everywhere, however; there seems to be particular resistance to eliminating the "open" H & I meeting and adhering to strict clean time requirements for panel membership. We are still not able to meet all the requests for H & I meetings, but fortunately we also seem to have learned not to over-extend ourselves. We are not able at this time to bring the NA message into our three largest correctional facilities. Two of these are simply too remote, and the other has numerous internal problems. have succeeded in taking a meeting into one of our largest county jails, however.

The editing of our Basic Text, the review of that edit, and the subsequent publication of the Fourth Edition produced an unprecedented response in our members, groups, and service committees. The group conscience process was seen to operate on such a large scale and in such a manner as to render comparison with past issues meaningless. It was a very spiritual experience to partipate in and see the operation of our service structure regarding a major group conscience issue, to see our Region's groups come to a unanimous group conscience decision, and to turn the result over to a Loving God.

Probably the major accomplishment of our Regional Service Committee in the last year was the formation of a Literature Subcommittee. In addition to organizing itself, the Committee had a number of very productive meetings, with a good amount of work done in several areas, ranging from

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Approval Literature, to the Fourth Edition, to WSC Literature Committee Guidelines. We do not have Regional Public Information or H & I committees at this time, but we have had a Regional Helpline for several years. Although it is not toll-free, it seems to work fairly well, and our Regional Phoneline Subcommittee is making progress toward holding regular learning days around the region.

Last year, we began the practice of holding our RSC meetings as part of two-day Regional Service Conferences, which were held at some of our state conference centers. This also provided our subcommittees a good opportunity to work, and proved to be a method of accomplishing our service work in a much more comfortable and spiritual manner.

We held two conventions again last year - our annual convention in May and a second one in November. Both went extremely well. We feel very fortunate to have available in our state the types of convention facilities which set us apart from the typical NA convention in terms of both style and price. We would like to invite everyone to join us at beautiful Cedar Lakes for the 5th Annual West Virginia Convention for Narcotics Anonymous, May 6-8. It is one of the most affordable conventions around, in one of the most naturally beautiful settings.

A discussion of our conventions brings us around to the most difficult and controversial issue confronting our region at the present time - the funding of NA services. West Virginia is not a large state in terms of population or number of meetings, and the meetings we do have are clustered in widely separated areas. We do not have the type of fund flow at the present time to support all our service expenses. Our major regional expenses are our helpline and funding for our representatives to participate in the World Service Conference. We have come to rely on our conventions to provide the funds for these expenses. Yet, as often is the case when money and spirituality meet, we have experienced uneasiness, even controversy and disunity, over the matters of money, property, and prestige which seem to be inherent in NA fund-raising activities. We seem to have started to seriously examine the relation of these activities to our Twelve Traditions, and we would greatly welcome the opportunity to hear a full discussion of these issues at the appropriate time during the 1988 World Service Conference.

In Love & Service,

Phil K., RSR

Paul W., RSR-Alt.



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

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Hello WSC:

Southern Nevada Region of Narcotics Anonymous is happy and grateful to be alive and attending one more session of the WSC. Many things have changed in Southern Nevada in the last year. Since last years conference we have nearly tripled in size from roughly 27 meetings last year to about 52 meetings this year and meeting size doubled. The Bullhead, Az. meeting of last year has grown to twelve meetings and is now functioning as its own ASC. Yes, we are now a region in the rough and not just an isolated area. We would like to thank the world for its support and the wisdom of many that has provided us with a means to grow. We have also learned more about our 7th Tradition and how following that philosphy of giving of ourselves instead of trying to make more money has provided us with the means to become more solvent. We have been able to send several hundred dollars to the conference for the first time in a long time. The region was able to put on its 2nd convention in Feb. with the help of many people from around the fellowship, for this we are grateful, and expect to be able to beld our 3rd convention in Feb. of 1989.

Many different Fellowship issues have been brought to our attention over the last year by various other regions. One of these seems to be of confusing porportions. The Fourth Edition of the Basic Text: We love it!!

Southern Nevada is happy with the operation of the service structure as we understand it through the T.W.G.S.S., with the exception of the conference decision to workshop the book "It Works: How and Why", on a fellowship wide basis, this seemed to be a great waste and total circumvention of our WLC, which has done a good job in the past with the massive workload that the conference has assigned to it. We pray to a "loving" God of our understanding that we as "Trusted" servants may serve the Fellowsip to the best of our abilities.

The past year has provided us with much growth and learning in a positive direction. With a growing fellowship (rapidly), a need for more people to become involved in service has been met to an extent. One of our areas of tribulation has been Public Information, this area seems to still be off to a shakey start even though we have formed a seperate Phoneline Committee and placed literature on its own. The problem seems to be that people feel that a need for experience is a guideline for the job. We hope that having an understanding and working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions will be enough to serve this need.

Our H&I committee feared that last years conference decisions would greatly affect the effectiveness of the committee in a negative fashion, the reverse has been true. Our H&I committee has been able to function in a very effective fashion over the last year with an intial cut in the number of hospitals and institutions meetings to now having twice as many as before and funds not being of major concern.

We are currently trying to write guidlines for Southern Nevada at a rapid pace in the beginning and now to a slow crawl for our ad/hoc committee at this time. We would like to get as much help from the fellowship as is

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possible. Being stable in our decision making process is of great importance due to the greater amount of business being brought foward. We have found that time continues to march on and rotation of service is a must for a fellowship on the grow, guidlines are a stable map for the future, Southern Nevada is proud of a NA message that is attractive to the newcomer seeking relief from the disease of addiction. We hope that Southern Nevada can be of continued service to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and that our growth is a sign to all that Narcotics Anonymous works if we let it!

We pray for continued success to WSC and the Fellowship at large.

In grateful loving service,

Steve S.

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Report to the World Service Conference , 1988

As usual, this has been a year of growth and change for us. Being a small region in a fairly isolated area we have not had the explosive growth in numbers of meetings that we have in prior years but we have grown. Although we have been recognized at the Conference since 1982, it is only in the past 18 months that we have begun to function as a region with areas. We are all settling in to our fairly new service structure and the impact that this change has had throughout our region. Due to the fact that we are small and because the RSC was the "mother" committee, the areas have looked to the regional subcommittees to carry most of the load. This has given us some continuity in service but it has also had an impact on the strength of our areas. Probobly the most important issue that we face as a region in unity. The intimacy and communication that we came to expect in one committee is now lacking and we need to find new ways to accomplish this. Rotating our RSC meetings between the areas has helped but we still have a long way to go.

We have 55 regular meetings and 12 H&I meetings covered by 4 areas and an outreach committee. Our outreach committee is fairly new and is responsible for assisting and communicating with groups that are not served by an area. With small towns scattered all over Northern Nevada and parts of California this committee will become increasingly important in fulfilling our primary purpose. It is a difficult task due to distances involved and any and all suggestions would be appreciated.

This region has had H&I meetings in the state prison system since we were in our infancy. This has always been one of our better supported subcommittees and continues to be. We had discontinued H&I cans long before the last WSC so there has been no impact on supplying literature to H&I. We have used quarterly budgets for all of our regional needs, including H&I, and it has worked well.

Our P.I. subcommittee has had an increasing number of requests and contacts from outside of the Fellowship. The mailings to professionals and for audio PSA's have been consistent for a long time and people are increasingly aware that we are here even if they are a little confused about what we are. We have wideo PSA's for the first time and they should be aired by Conference time. In our enthusiasm to carry the message we have encountered similar problems with our local medical school and the National Judicial College. Both organizations solicit participation in their "substance abuse" programs of individual N.A. members and request "recovery teachers" and personal substance related historys. The responsibility has fallen on P.I. to let them know what we can and cannot do and to try to persuade our own members to work within our structure.

Due to "It Works" we now have an active and consistent literature review committee for the first time. A lot of enthusiasm has been generated by the participation in this piece of literature and has carried on since the WLC workshop in San Francisco.

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We went through the incorporation process about a year ago and are still learning how and where that board serves in our structure. We had a member that attended the WSO workshop in Atlanta last year for service offices and corporations and will send a member for conventions and a member for offices to the workshop in Tulsa this year. We have put our plans for a service office on the back burner and have a central storage area that serves our literature distribution needs.

We held our first regional convention last July and it was a wonderful success. It was truly a "we" effort, there was a stong message of N.A. recovery from all of our speakers and we got lots of support from California. With that combination I guess we couldn't miss but it was spiritually, emotionally and financially much more successful than we could have hoped for. Due to the fact that we also have the "Stampede for Serenity" campout and fundraiser (50% automatically goes to the WSC) each year we resisted the temptation to plan another convention this year and will wait until June of 1989. The drain on time and energy for two major functions left to many other things left undone. However, the 6th annual Stampede will be held this July 14th to the 18th. Flyers will be at the Conference.

One of the benefits of having two functions was financial. We are able to take care of any needs we have locally as long as we have the bodies to do it. We send our RSR and Alternate to the Conference and the WSC quarterlys and as has always been a priority for us, we support the WSC financially.

It is sometimes overwhelming to hear what is going on in regions that are ten times our size. We used to feel very different but that has lessened. We share common problems and more importantly common solutions. As always, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the WSC trusted servants and to everyone at the WSO for all of their work and support.

In loving service -

Becky Meyer RSR Tom Rush RSR Alternate

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE (APRIL, 1988)

The Region

Greetings from the New England Region. Narcotics Anonymous is alive and well here. The growth of our Region has been fantastic, more and more addicts are finding a new way to live through our spiritual principles. We now number well over 400 groups in our Region. We have 12 Areas which encompasses 5 states: Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and New Hampshire. The Areas are: Boston, South Shore, Cape Code & Islands, Martha's Vineyard, Four Seasons, Green Mountains, Western MA, Southern ME, Central Northern ME, R.I.S.M.A., Southeastern MA, and Central MA.

The growth in our service structure has been phenomenal but I will try to comply with keeping our Regional Report to three pages. I will enclose reports from our Regional Service Office and other subcommittees to be kept on file at W.S.O. so that other Regions may benefit from our success and mistakes. It is hard to put in words the amount of love and unity that our Region is experiencing, not to mention all the hard work and devotion to service our trusted servants have shown. We had a lot of minor problems at the beginning of last year with our office, service structure and some of the Areas. As members started to mature in their personal recovery, most of these problems where overcome. It was a good feeling to be part of a loving, spiritual fellowship called Narcotics Anonymous and watch our 12th Tradition in action.

The Regional Service Office

The majority of the problems we had last year have been corrected. The R.S.O. is now a solvent entity and fully functional. We are a properly incorporated, tax exempt office. We have liability insurance, both for our office and any large functions that the fellowship choses to put on, i.e. conventions, workshops, etc. Literature is sold on a daily basis, both from the office and bulk mail. We have a full-time, paid office manager, without whose help we couldn't have come this far. We are in the process of computerizing the office and exploring what we can merchandize from the office.

The Regional Service Office Board of Directors

Our annual meeting of the BOD was held in February of 1988 with all members present. The following reports were given: Corporate, financial, Chairpersons overview of RSO progress and potential goals, implementation of telemarketing and/or mailing to help increase literature sales. The BOD is implementing a search to relocate the office. The BOD meets monthly with the annual meeting in February. Elections were held this month and all officers of the corporation were seated.

The Regional Hospitals and Institutions Committee

From the 1987 Conference the WSC H&I Committee accepted 2 nominees from the New England Region to the H&I pool and as of October, 1987, one of them is now a voting member of the WSC H&I. A new nominee will be presented to the committee this year at the 1988 Conference.

New England members of the WSC H&I Committee attended quarterlies in New Jersey and Colorado and an ad hoc committee meeting on the handbook (which additional members of the New England Region participated) in Maryland in September.

We have held a number of Learning Days and Workshops throughout the past year with good success. It has been a working resource to get more people involved in carrying the N.A. message. It has also helped in creating more "unity" through our region.

More Areas throughout the New England Region are attending our regional meetings on a regular basis and more H&I people in general.

More and more H&I meetings are starting up and the N.A. message is getting to addicts through H&I.

The panel system is being put to work throughout the New England Region to make things more "simple" and to be "a part of".

As of December, 1987, a regional committee policy has been worked on. Some policy is in effect and the work continues to develop.

There are 2 new Areas in the New England Region, Western MA and Martha's Vineyard.

Currently there is a commitment problem with a jail meeting and it has been taken on as a regional effort with a different Area doing the meeting each week.

All in all, a year of progress, growth and success for all of the recovering addicts involved in the New England Regional H&I effort.

The Regional Literature Committee

Our Literature Committee is fully functional. They are no longer preparing meeting lists for the Region. This job has been taken over by the the RSO. They also have stopped selling literature. What they have been doing throughout the year is gathering input on pamphlets such as "How It Works", are working on all approval form literature, and working as a committee giving input to the works in progress. This committee has grown tremendously over the past year with members from most Areas in our Region represented on the Committee. Work was done on reviewing the 4th Edition. There has been motions from an Area within our region to halt sales of the Basic text in our Region. This was discussed at the Regional level and it was decided that it was going to be addressed in the WSC agenda and that our Region will use this process and let the fellowship decide.

The Regional Recreation Committee

A new committee was formed in June of 1987. The first order of business was to open up lines of communication with Areas in the Region who already had committees formed, or who wanted to participate on a Regional level. This was done. Now, as a Committee, we are establishing Policy Guidelines, the purpose of the committee, and how we can best serve the recovering addict. The committee is reviewing the 12 Traditions of N.A. and how they apply to events, the committee, and policy guidelines. To sum up, the Recreation Committee is newly formed and is still trying to find out how it can best serve the addict who is recovering. This committee welcomes any and all suggestions from members, groups, Areas, Regions and/or any input on how they can better serve the needs of members in the Region.

The Regional Additional Needs Committee

This committee has grown to be a sizeable, workable committee, with most of the Areas being represented. I will list the many projects and accomplishments this committee has worked on in the past year:

- I. This years accomplishments:
 - A. Development of suggestions for Literature.
 - 1. IP#1 Easy English translation
 - a. Completed through the steps and are still reworking fine points of this. This was presented to WSC-ANC to be sent to WSC-LIT.
 - 2. Developed information for possible development into a pamphlet.
 - a. "The Addict with Additional Needs, Hope and Help Wheelchair Access".
 - b. "The Addict with Additional Needs, Hope and Help Blind Access to Literature and Meetings".
 - B. Completed collation of results of Regional Accessibility Ouestionnaire.
 - 1. Results showed that 46% of meetings are wheelchair accessible at this time, 4% offer interpreters.
 - C. Worked with other committees and functions to help make meetings and fellowship functions more accessible.
 - 1. ECCNA.
 - 2. N.E.R.C. III
 - 3. Many group and area anniversaries.
- II. 1987-1988 goals and objectives:
 - A. Begin development of other IP's into easier English.
 - B. Begin information for addition to convention guidelines on accessibility.
 - C. Develop contact list for RSO to refer individuals to other individuals, i.e. blind, etc.
 - D. We support the re-establishment of an Ad Hoc or standing WSC ANC for continued worldwide work in this issue.
 - E. Explore the acquisition of interpreters and how this can accommodate our spiritual principles.
 - F. To visit areas throughout the regional and hopefully workshop.

The Regional Public Information Committee

In the past year the Regional P.I. Committee has grown from 9 to 12 Areas. Our main concern in the new Areas is to teach them how to start a P.I. subcommittee and how it functions. We have either held, or have scheduled, P.I. learning days in these Areas to educate those already involved and to bring an awareness to those who may want to get involved.

The Region has participated in numerous P.I. functions this past year. The South Shore Area held a Community day in May with members throughout the Region in attendance. It was a real learning experience for this committee and because of the months of preparation and the closeness we felt with each other, it showed us the unity that this fellowship gives us. We participated in a Health Fair giving out literature and talking with people. We have dealt with reporters of all kinds: newspaper, TV, cable and radio. Some we have participated with and some we couldn't because they wouldn't comply with our Traditions. Most Areas have taken on commitments in the various communities pertaining to schools, treatment centers, and other public agencies. Through the unity of this Region, we are all learning and helping each other.

Right now this Committee is going through a transition period because of people fulfilling their commitments and new people taking over with little knowledge of P.I. work.

Our main objective right now is to guide and direct these areas with the best love, knowledge, and information we have and to carry out the 5th Tradition, which is our primary purpose.

The Regional Policy Committee

We had a lot of problems with this committee. It is dysfunctional. Some of the Areas within our Region have good, working Policy Committees. Hopefully, by the grace of God and a little leg work of the members of those committees, we will try to have a Regional Policy Committee in the upcoming year.

The New England Region Convention Committee

April, 1987 we held our 2nd New England Regional Convention in Springfield, MA. It was a success in every sense of the word. This year our 3rd Convention will be April 1, 2, 3 at the Marriot Hotel in Providence, RI. The present committee is documenting all phases of the services required to run a smooth convention so that the next host committee will be better prepared. Our Convention Committee receives its liability insurance through the RSO.

The Four Seasons Area is hosting the 9th East Coast Convention. This is a large undertaking, but through the grace of our Higher Power, and the commitment to service of the trusted servants within that Area, things are progressing beautifully. Lastly, we have formed a Bid Committee to host the 1991 or 1992 World Convention of N.A. We're going for it!

This is our report to the WSC for 1987/1988. Service to N.A. is service to oneself.

In loving service,

Bean Lefebvre, RSR and Bernie Pond, Alternate RSR TO: The WSC of Narcotics Anonymous

FROM: The New Jersey Regional Service Conference The NJRSC sends greetings and best wishes to the WSC for a successful and productive conference.

The past year has been "Beyond our Wildest Dreams." We hosted our second Regional Convention in Parsippany, New Jersey in May of 1987 which was well attended and a great celebration of recovery. The convention committee at this moment is preparing for the third regional convention to be held in Asbury Park, N.J. on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29,

The NJRSC has been financially sound. We have been able to share with the WSC and make several contributions, in accordance with the suggested fund flow.

The NJRSC has functioning subcommittees that include: Public Information, Hospital and Institutions, Literature, Activities, Policy, Meeting List, Historian and Archives, Convention Committee and Additional Needs (Ad-Hoc).

As of Winter-Spring 1988 we have 305 meetings throughout the state, comprising eleven area service committees. Our primary purpose of carrying the message expresses itself by the fact that Narcotics Anonymous continues to grow in the State of New Jersey.

NJRSC Report to WSC

Probably the most gratiflying function of the NJRSC is the 800-Helpline Number. Through December of 1987 the Regional NA Helpline has received 13,680 calls since its installation in January 1987. The cost of \$8,334 for operation is less than half the cost of operating 10 separate area helplines. We are grateful to help carry the message of recovery in this effective way.

Since one year ago, the Fellowship in New Jersey has enjoyed a regional newsletter. The paper, "Sanity", is published monthly. The hard work and dedication of the newsletter committee has made "Sanity" an excellent tool to promote unity through communication.

The New Jersey Fellowship wishes to extend warm greetings to the first WSO outside the state of California. The N.J. Fellowship is proud to offer any assistance that the office may need. We also extend a special welcome to Willie Lubka, the PI Coordianator, WSO.

Finally, as my committment as RSR for New Jersey comes to an end after WSC 88, I would like to thank the NJRSC for allowing me to serve. The NJRSC is fortunate to have Eve F. as the trusted servant RSR for the next year.

I know that she will be an asset to WSC and the NJRSC.

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as a whole extremely enthusiatic about N.A. recovery and committed to and active in service.

The Albuquerque area has begun to experience growth not just in sheer numbers of meetings but also in a variety of other ways. The fellowship has begun to expand into outlying area around the city as well as into neighborhoods within the city which before had no meetings. The depth of this growth is profound and it has fostered a sense of love and unity not experienced before within the Albuquerque area.

The New Mexico Regional Service Committee has also grown in the past year. Not only are all service positions filled but a new regional Literature Review Committee has been formed.

As a Region we have done much in a year and so much remains to be done. We hope to conduct Regional workshops this coming year on the Traditions. We still need to work on the use of N.A. terminology and on understanding and applying our Traditions.

Yours in Fellowship,

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GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL REPORT

General Report on the State of Things To Come:

Greetings from the Greater New York Regional Service Committee. This past year has been a year of tremendous growth for us, not only in size but in experience as well. Let's start off with size; In March 1987, we were a Region consisting of seven(7) areas with 303 groups that held 380 meetings weekly. Since that time, we have grown to nine(9) areas, an increase of 29%, with 409 groups holding 524 meetings weekly, which is an increase in groups of 35% and of meetings of 38%. We now cover a geographic area extending from the New York State Capitol of Albany to Montauk Point in Long Island, including some parts of Massachusetts and also including one of the largest cities in the world. The growth has been steady with a new meeting starting on the average of every 3 days!!

Within our Regional Committee, our subcommittee system has been working diligently and growing. We have in the last year, reinstated two committees which had been virtually inactive for a period of time. These are our Policy Committee, which is presently undertaking the monumental task of compiling and reviewing all of our past reional minutes and policies, and our Literature committee which is feverishly working on several tasks including reviewing some of the changes in the Basic Text. Our long standing Hospital & Institution committee went through a major shakeup this past year with the changeover from the old system of funding involving the H&I can to having each area support their respective H&I Committees. There was a bit of confusion, initially, but the switchover went relatively smooth and the message continues to be carried into the Hospitals & Institutions on a regular basis. The number of meetings in Hospitals & Institutions has increased proportionately along with the rest of the Region but the biggest problem still remains getting enough able and willing people to carry the message into all the hospitals and institutions that request us to. Our Public Information committee continues to work hard.

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One of the highlingts, for this year, was a Multi-Regional East Coast Cooperative Meeting bringing together the Public Information Committees from New York, Conneticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in a cooperative effort. There was also the issue of an "AIDS" workshop which we'll address later in the report. Our Convention and Activities Committee continues to do a phenomenal job in putting on our annual Regional Convention and all the related fund raising efforts. Last year's convention was a great sucess, not only financially but in the fact that many, many addicts were afforded the opportunity to celebrate their recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. The financial sucess enabled us to pass on a substancial amount of funds to the World Service Conference as well as assist us in our growth. The convention sold out, last year, well in advance and as a result we contracted with several hotels in the area of the convention to handle the anticipated overflow. For those who may not know, we are holding our Regional Convention this year at the Stevensville Country Club, located in the Catskill Mountains less than 2 hours north of New York City, on May 13, 14, and 15. Come one, come all, and bring a friend.

Our Greater New York General Service Office, INc. has also experienced tremendous growth in the last year and the prospects for the future are even greater. To begin with, we have relocated our office to Richmond Hill, in the borough of Queens, a mere ½ hour from Midtown Manhattan by car and easily accessible by public transportation. In 1987, our office was selling literature at the rate of \$10,000 per month. In 1988 to date, the average sales per month have been \$15,158, an increase of 52%. This enables us to purchase literature in lots of \$40,000 and more and to keep it readily available to our areas, groups, and individuals. In the changeover in the H&I committee, our industrious committee did a very thorough

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mailing and followup to all the institutions and hospitals into which they carry a meeting, asking them to please purchase their own literature for their clients and as a result we now have a substantial number of institutions that purchase directly from our General Service Office, which enables us to concentrate more on carrying the message into their institutions. As for prospects for the future, we presently have an Ad Hoc Computer Committee which is undertaking the task of computerizing our office and our helpline. This will enable us to more efficiently service the needs of the many addicts in our region. In conjunction with this, this year we will be hiring our first paid special worker to help run our office. To date, all of the work is being done by a conscientious group of volunteer recovering addicts. One of the other tasks being undertaken by our Service Office, is to set up an umbrella corporation to handle the financial matters involved in our Regional Convention. Great Work!!!

Weild like to close our report with a few thoughts on an issue that was raised before, AIDS. Being a region that includes New York City, with a population of addicts that includes by estimate k to k million people who are infected with the HIV Virus, of which a proportionate number are in or will be coming into our fellowship, we are more than slightly concerned with this issue. Our Public Information committee started to sponsor a workshop on AIDS, but after much pressure from various sources stepped aside and the workshop went on under a different name and was sponsored by one of our area service committees. Obviously, this is not an issue for Public Information, but World H&I says the same thing and so does our fellowships Additional Needs Ad Hoc Committee. So where does this get addressed? The workshop that was held demonstrated, if nothing else, the need for addicts in recovery in our fellowship with this common need to have a place to discuss this issue and still feel part of the fellowship without ostracization. We'll leave you with this food for thought and thank you for allowing us to be of service.

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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE - 1988 NORTHERN NEW YORK REGION

The region this year saw meetings grow in number only slightly, up to about 80. However, many of these are in fact new meetings, replacing what are now properly H & I meetings. Particularly impressive is the fact that yet another city, Ithaca, now has 7 meetings a week, allowing members to do 90 in 90 in N.A.!

We held our 2nd Annual Convention this year and attendance was about 200, double the year before. For many members attending, it was an opportunity to hear, for the first time, a message of recovery in N.A. We are grateful for the members who helped to carry the message from outside of the region. Spirits have remained high about the Convention since, and we expect to have to move to a new location following this year's Convention, due to the growth in numbers. Our convention this year is July 29 - 31 at Wells College in Aurora, on Cayuga Lake.

Hospitals and Institutions has grown immensely. There are committees or at least contact lists within each area, and meetings now number about 22. Perhaps most importantly, this last year marked the first that an H & I Chair held the position throughout, giving stability and direction to the region. The H & I Chair has been communicating well with WSO and attending numerous functions outside of the region in order to learn from others' experience, strength and hope.

Public Information has been marked by a period of internal growth and awareness. In addition to giving stability to this committee, the Chair has been in touch with World P.I. and other trusted servants in various regions. P.I. has communicated to institutions our presence and message, with responsible follow-up, and slow growth has been excellent growth. The P.I. Handbook has been dusted off and picked up at long last. The Chair has been re-elected and plans on attending future non-regional functions and also holding a workshop at our 3rd Annual Convention.

Literature has been in a transition this last year, moving from being a supplier of literature to areas toward being a source of information about literature. In the early part of the year, areas picked up responsibility for their own literature, which freed the Chair up to look into the other aspects of the Literature Committee. By September, a group had been organized to go to the It Works Ad-Hoc I workshop in Baltimore. This was a great introduction to the World Literature process and everyone attending learned a great deal. The committee continues to grow, and looks forward to future work and projects. The committee and the members who attended the workshop would like to extend thanks to those trusted servants and special workers who were involved in Baltimore.

Newsletters were consistent and prolific. Twelve issues were published within 14 months. This committee has had difficulty getting support from members; five articles were reprints from The N.A. Way and unapproved literature. Part of this is due to writing talent being used in area newsletters. The newsletter is now a bi-monthly publication, primarily due to the fact that regional meetings are also and the added expense of mailing cannot be met at the present time.

The RSR attended the Conference last year as an Alternate, as well as both quarterly workshops, primarily observing Policy. The Steering Committee of the region will be seriously evaluating two-year terms - in principle, not letter - for the RSR. This would take effect following this year's Conference.

The support from the region as a whole has been great, especially after the Convention. Sadly, though, the financial aspect of our 7th Tradition lags. We are running a considerable deficit, principally due to lack of proper fund flow. It is our hope that further unity with the areas and the region will alleviate this problem.

In closing, it has been a privilege for us to learn with the Conference and other trusted servants and special workers this last year. The RSR thanks the members of the Policy Committee, and we both thank various trusted servants and special workers we talked to (or at) within world services: it is all of you who gave us hope and allowed us to add anything of value we might have brought back to the spirit of our region. Thank you.

Bill R., RSR Angela V., RSR-A



Ohio Regional Services Committee

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The Ohio Region consists of 9 Areas:

Central Ohio Area which has 39 reg. & 15 H&I mtgs.

Hamilton & Middletown Area which has 10 reg.

Greater Cincinnati Area which has 10 Mtgs.

The Miami Valley Area which has 14 reg. & 4 H&I mtgs.

The Dayton Area which has 9 reg. & 3 H&I mtgs.

The Toledo Area which has 15 reg. mtgs.

The Northern Ohio Area which has 7 reg. mtgs.

The Ohio River Valley which has 15 reg. & 5 H&I mtgs.

The Lima Area which has 6 mtgs.

The nevest area included in the Chio Region is the Lima Area which supports the Lima, Defiance, & Van Wert Area of the State. This Area was formed in February 1988.

The Ohio Regional Office is functioning well and providing a much needed service for the region. We had grown to the point where we no longer could provide Literature to the groups in the Ohio Region without utilizing an Office. Last year we had sales in excess of \$20,000.00 in Literature. The Office also provides a Centralized meeting location in the Region to hold Service meetings in since it is located in the Center of the State. Before opening the office it was nothing for addicts to have to drive 250 miles to attend the Region meetings. In following with the suggestions from WSC about operations of regional offices the Ohio RSO was Incorporated as a Not for Profit Corporation in the State of Ohio in February. We are presently going through the process of selecting the Board of Directors for the office.

The Literature Committee was active in the past year. The committee made copies of all the different versions of It Works-How, to the Areas and then held a workshop with The Buckeye Region on this book. The input from this workshop was then forwarded to the World for using in the World Workshop held in Miami. The Literature Comm. Chair also attended the first World Workshop on It Works How, held in Baltimore.

The Regional H & I Awareness Day this year is going to be held inside the Marysville Correctional Institute. This is a maximum security facility. Because of the good working relationship the Ohio H & I committee has with the State Corrections Office we have been invited to hold this learning day there.

The 6th. Ohio Convention for NA is being held in Cincinnati Ohio this Year. As were the first 5 Conventions this one will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 28, 29 1988.

In July 1986 there was a split in the Ohio region which resuylted in the formation of the Buckeye Region. This region consisted of meetings in the upper right hand fourth of the State. To keep from duplicating services we have formned a Shared Services agreement with the Buckeye Region. In this way both regions pay 50% of the cost of the 1-800 Help Line. We also feel it would be disunifing to hold 2 Ohio Conventions in the State so the Ohio Convention alternates between the Ohio and Buckeye Regions every other year. The funds from this convention are then split with 40% going to each region with the remaining 20% going to the convention committee of the hosting Region for the next year.

The region that is not hosting the Convention has the responsibility of printing a directory of meetings of in the state. (A state Directory)

Yours in Love and Service,

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The Greater Philadelphia Region has been in existence for six years. In 1987/1988, we have experienced a great increase in our unity and level of commitment to service by members in our region. We now have 148 groups, with some groups having two or three meetings per week.

We presently have five areas--Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Tri-County, and Small Wonder (northern Delaware). We anticipate an addition of one new area this year. All areas are experiencing an increase in membership, unity, and dedication to N.A. All areas have seen more involvement in their subcommittees.

- . The Administrative Committee has begun to have JAC meetings in the months opposite the RSC meetings.
- . RSR/RSR Alt. have attended most of the ASC meetings. They also have been active on WSC subcommittees.
- . Public Information. Over the past year, Public Information (P.I.) has been responsible for three Unity Days which has helped develop the unity in our region. P.I. also attended a national conference on behalf of the WSC-P.I. Committee and two local conferences. P.I. has also taken over the responsibility for the regional meeting list.
- This P.I. began meeting every month and were involved with the WSC P.I. work on 12 traditions and P.I. The chairperson has attended quarterlies and was involved with WSC P.I.
- . Hospitals and Institutions has experienced an increase in the number of H&I meetings. We presently have 108 meetings. H&I chairperson was involved with WSC H&I and has attended the quarterlies.
- . Literature. Our regional Literature Committee has purchased approximately \$70,000 worth of literature from WSC.
- . Literature Review. Our Literature Review Committee was re-established this year. They held two workshops on the Basic Text, 4th Edition workshops on Its Works: How and Why and continued reviewing the literature in approval form.
- . Policy. Developed a draft of RSC Policy which was submitted to ASR's to be approved by May 1988.

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- . Convention. Our Regional Convention will be held March 25, 26, and 27, 1988 at the Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia. To this date, there seems to be another 20% increase in preregistrations and hotel room reservations. The Convention Committee is also developing policy for the committee's function.
- . Helpline. This year we have established a Helpline Committee in order to coorindate the functions of the area helpline committees and to explore the possibility of having a regionwide helpline.
- . Activities. A regional Activities Committee was formed to help coordinate activity functions in the region.
- . RSO. The RSO Board has grown this year to include elected members from each area. We are now actively pursuing office space.

Overall, the message of recovery in our region is becoming more in tune with Narcotics Anonymous principles.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to N.A.

In Loving Service,

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Quebec region is now in its second year of existence. Our first year was filled with many changes, mainly due to the splitting of the two existing areas at the time of the region's formation into two and three areas. We were faced with many new situations all at once. The newness of the RSC also made for various conflicts, many of them based on fear of the new level of service becoming a "controlling" unit. At times, it seemed as there would be no end to the confusion, and that the RSC would just cease to exist.

We are pleased to report that we have survived that primal stage and that we are gaining in stability. We still suffer from a lack of trusted servants at all levels. This situation will hopefully improve this year. There have been some promising signs: two learning days were held recently by two different ASCs and both were very well attended. Such events would not have attracted ten members last year. It shows a growing interest in service and a greater dedication to carrying the message than ever before.

The Quebec region is now composed of seven areas. Six of those are French and one is English. There are approximately one hundred french meetings with new ones opening up all the The French part of the Fellowship is growing at an explosive rate. There are now eleven english meetings. The English side of N.A. suffered a major setback from the starting of another Fellowship last year but is now picking up again. The sub-committees are again getting organized. Public Information is doing a lot of good work. We don't have a regional P.I. committee per se yet but we do have a regional P.I. contact person. H&I efforts are also on the increase. We should have a regional H&I committee within the next couple of months. Also this year will see the first Québec Regional Convention to be held in Montréal in October. We used to have the Montréal area Convention at that time. After considerable discussion it was unanimously voted to hold one major convention a year known as The Quebec Regional Convention. The regional Literature distribution Committee is finally off the ground. It took a while to get it going because of the lack of regional funds to buy a big enough quantity to supply the areas. We now print a regional meeting list that is updated every three months. We are hoping to be able to put together a French newsletter by the spring or early summer. This will improve communication between the French Fellowship greatly. With all this, we can now say that we no longer are an emerging Fellowship. have four years of existence here in Quebec, and the message recovery of Narcotics Anonymous is being heard throughout the province.

Addicts can reach us through our three helplines located in and operated by three different ASCs. We don't have a regional helpline except that the Montréal helpline is financed and manned by a combined effort of the four Areas that Montréal and surroundings are divided into. It is manned by addicts at the helpline office from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., by addicts at home from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. through an answering service who then takes the messages for the rest of the night. The volunteer who comes in at 10:00 a.m. then switches the helpline back to the office and returns the calls. The other two helplines are in Shawinigan and Québec city. They are private lines in member's house and they use call-forwarding to share the responsibility with other members in the Area. The one in Québec city is the newest, it got started last September.

One big concern of ours since the first French N.A. meeting opened its doors in the province of Québec has been the literature. Most of our Fellowship is French-speaking and the first translations available to us were of poor quality. We tried many different ways to remedy the situation. Finally, a translation agency was hired and they retranslated everything. But the work was far from over at that point. It became obvious that a revision of any translated material had to be done by members before being ready for publication. This is so simply because a translator is not a member, therefore does not go to meetings and has no knowledge of certain ways of saying things and expressions commonly used by the Fellowship. These are exactly what makes the literature efficient and without them the translations have no spirit.

We formed a regional Literature Revision Committee in Québec and a similar one was also formed in France. The two Committees worked on their own on the agency's translations. In October, members of both Committees got together and produced a final version which was then approved by the french members on October 24. This material is now being typeset and should be available to the french Fellowship within the next month. This will bring to completion the first half of the project which consisted of thirteen I.P.s and the Little White Book. The second half is the Basic Text. We don't foresee being done with it for another six months or so. The two Committees will then get together to produce the final draft. We have been working closely with WSO on this project and we are grateful for the assistance.

At the end of January, we held a special function to celebrate our first year of existence as a region. Although a bit late (our actual anniversary is in October), it was a success. There was a sense of unity rarely felt before as well as a lot of love in the air. We are all looking forward to another year of carrying the message better and wider. We have grown a lot from last year's experiences, both good and bad, and if nothing else, we have at least learnt to be more loving and trusting of each other.

Our still precarious financial situation does not permit us to contribute to WSC this year. We hope that next year will be more prosperous, therefore making it possible for us to give to the Conference.

To: World Service Conference

From: Regional Service Conference of the Virginians

Hello Family,

It has been a growing year for the Region of the Virginians. We have expanded by many new groups and one new area. We now have approximately 125 regular meetings and 43 H&I meetings. We have 10 areas, which are: Almost Heaven(Winchester, Va. and Martinsburg, W.VA. and surrounding areas), Appalachain (Lynchburg and surrounding areas), New River(Blacksburg and surrounding area), Penninsula(Hampton, Newport News, and Williamsburg), Piedmont(Charlottesville and surrounding area)Richmond(Richmond and surrounding area), Roanoke(Roanoke and surrounding area), Southside (Petersburg and surrounding area)Tidewater(Norfolk, Virginia Beach and surrounding areas), Bull Run(Chantilly, Dumfries, Manassas and surrounding areas). Since we cover such a large geographic area we use a weekend format for our Regional Conference. On Saturday we tackle Old Business and our sub-committees meet. On Sunday we move into New Business. Our regional meetings move around to different areas of our Region. The cost per person for food and lodging is usually about \$20.00. We have had great success with this format, allowing plenty of time answer the questions and meet the needs of our areas.

Our regional trusted servant positions are filled by people meeting the suggested Cleantime requirements, with very few exceptions. Our R.S.R. and R.S.R.-Alternate were both able to attend the WSC workshops this year, and our Region was able to fund travel and hotel expenses.

Our Regional Service Committee has been busy this year with seven standing sub-committees. Our sub-committees include, Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, Literature, Newsletter, Policy, Phoneline, Board of Directors of convention Corporation. This year our Hospitals and Institutions Committee successfully went to the new H&I meeting format, making all H&I meeting either speaker or panel discussion. Our Region has also been able to fully finance our H&I Committee since the cans were removed from the meetings. At this time, our Region has three members on the World H&I Committee, who have helped our regions efforts. We have meetings in 10 jails and State Correctional Facilities and hope for many more in the future. Our Public Information Committee has put a great deal of work into the completion of a regional meeting list, which is stored on computer disc for quick up-dates. We are active in informing the public of N.A.'s existence and in helping our areas Public Information Committees. Our P.I. Chair was able to attend one of the MSC Workshops. One of our busiest committees this year has been the_Literature Committee. Our Literature Chair attended two workshops with the WLC. We also have a member of our region on the WLC. Our Literature Committee and Region as a whole did alot of work on "It Works; How and Why" and some work on "A Guide to Service". We also had members who worked on the I.P.'s, "Unity" and "In Times of Illness". Our input was sent to the WLC. We have had some problems with our Regional newsletter, which we sell to our areas and send to R.S.R.'s around the Because of so much review and input material to work on the Literature Committee requested that the newsletter be handled by a separate committee. Therefore we are in the process of forming

a newsletter committee. This should lift the burden from our Literature Committee and allow our newsletter to flourish. Our newly formed Policy Committee has spent a great deal of time going through old minutes and documents to gather our Regional policies to date. We then drafted a set of Regional Guidelines, which have been sent out for approval and input already and are now out for approval at our next Regional Meeting. We have a member from our Region who is on the World Policy Committee who helps in adding to the confusion of Roberts Rules of Order and Regional policy. Roberts Rules are new to our Region and we are having great fun with them. We would like to express at this time that our Region has discussed opening WSC sub-committees up to participation by Regional Sub-committee Chairs.

During the past year, we also had an ad-hoc committee on Convention Corporations. This committee along with Steve Sigman from W.S.O. did alot of work on our Regional Corporation, to bring it in line with other ConventionCorporations around N.A. This proved to be a difficult, confusing and emotional task. We wish to thank Steve Sigman and the W.S.O. for sharing their experience and knowledge concerning this issue. We now have approved By-laws and are in excellent status with the S.S.C.C. and the state and federal tax authorities. We are in the process of electing a permanent Board of Directors, to replace the ad-hoc committee and our Interim Board of Directors. In the past, Que convention was responsible to the service structure through the hosting area's ASC. It was voted by group conscience to make the Virginia Convention a Regional Convention, and a permanent standing committee. This committee is in the process of working on standards and bid requirements for our convention. Speaking of conventions, our convention this year was a great success. It was hosted by the Richmond Area Service Committee. There were 650 people registered and a great celebration of recovery took place. The convention was also a financial success. Our next convention will be held in January, 1989 in Historical Williamsburg, our nations first capital. It will be hosted by the Penninsula Area. There will be registration forms available at the WSC meeting in April. Another committee that was formed this year is our phoneline committee. In the past, each area has been responsible for their own helpline. One of our areas, Almost Heaven, aquired an 800 phoneline service and offered other areas the opportunity to join them. After taking group conscience we decided to have a Regional Phoneline. We are now in the process of working on an up-dated Regional meeting list and up-dated]2 step list.

Some of regions concernsare how to serve such a large, widespread geographic area. We need to work on outreach services that are financially, and physically feasable. We are looking into ways to improve our service to the areas and groups we serve. Another problem we have been dealing with is an agreeable way to count abstention votes. Any experience, strength or hope on these issues would be greatly appreciated.

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In loving service,



SHOW-ME REGION

To: W.S.C. 88

From: Bobby H., Show Me Region

Re: Annual Report to the Conference

Greetings from the Show Me Region! We send our sincere wishes that you are doing well in your recovery.

I would like to begin my report with a one word description of our fellowship in the last year. That word would be maturity. Our fellowship, in the Show Me Region, has gained much ground in all areas of development. We now have working committees at the Regional Service level which in the past have been in name only. Our trusted servants have gained experience as well as personal growth and that maturity is showing loud and clear at our Regional Conferences. We have developed and implemented our Regional guidelines and are starting to run our conference in a much more organized manner. We are very grateful to have been able to participate at W.S.C. 87, and in all three quarterly conferences. We were able to send our R.S.R. and R.S.R. Alternate, as well as one committee chairperson, to all of Trusted the quartly conferences. This has helped us. servants understand the workings of a world-wide fellowship. We are also grateful to be able to support the conference this year, finally at this time I would like to give a short summary of our Regional Committee actions for 1987-88.

P.I.

Although our public information committee started actions quite late it has nonetheless had a lot of success. We put together two workshops and tried to get a better understanding of what we are supposed to do. We had these III8 West High Springfield, Missouri 65803

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workshops in some of the weaker areas in our region in hopes of creating an atmosphere of unity with the committee as well as to addicts that could participate, within the fellowship at large. This was a success as at least 30 addicts showed up to learn about traditions in P.I. and how to set up a P.I. committee. We opened the door for continuing communication in P.I. work with the region. We also have prepared a motion to submit to W.S.C., P.I. to create a new P.S.A. as we felt that we needed a P.S.A. that represented N.A. as a whole in a meeting setting.

H&I

Our H & I committee has also done a wonderful job. Considering the size of our region it is very difficult to communicate ideas and even more difficult to implement these ideas. H & I has concentrated mostly on identifying what institutions are not currently being served and how we could go about reaching them. They have created a fund which the weaker areas can abtain assistance for literature and are currently getting a list of addicts willing to speak in institutions. This committee has not been very active in the past and are actually just getting off the ground.

Literature

Our literature committee deserves a great deal of credit for a job well done. Considering that as of W.S.C. 87 we had no active Literature committee there has been a tremendous amont of work done in the last year. We have concentrated mostly on "It Works", we have reviewed and created input to the conference in Kansas City and Chicago. We took an active part in both conferences as addicts traveled hundreds of miles just to be a part of it. At this time I know I can speak for the literature committee in expressing my sincere thanks to the AdHoc committee for How & Why, for having a conference close enough to us that we why, for having a conference close enough to us that we could participate. It has indeed enriched the lives of a lot

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of addicts. We now understand what dedication and love goes into our literature. It has made our literature committee much stronger with a bond of unity to withstand the problems that we are to face in the future. We are now reviewing the changes in the basic text, as well as making our concerns known on all approved material for W.S.C. 88.

Although we have no activity committee at the Regional level, I would like to share some of the many activities in our region during the last year. First our regional

convention was a success with over 400 addicts participating in a celebration of recovery, we raised over \$3000.00 which enabled us to carry out the many services in our region. Summer is a fum time in our region as there are many campouts, float trips, dances, etc. to choose from. The most talked about however was the High On Life Picnic where over 500 addicts attended and the Flight to Freedom picnic were close to 200 addicts attended. Summer is not the only time to celebrate recovery though, as the 3rd annual Unity Conference in December was a huge success this year. Plans are already being made to expand on the Unity Conference idea to include more and to possibly become a three day event. Many other dances, conferences and workshops, etc. were held and met with a lot of enthusiasm by our ever expanding fellowship.

With all the good news I have shared with you a certain amount of problems also come with the package. We as a region and a fellowship as a whole have experienced great pain in our ability to communicate. Age old problems such as language in meeting, tradition violations and irresponsibility in trusted servants, as well as some fairly new problems severly affect our ability to carry the message. We have and are now experiencing problems with such issues as open & closed meetings, special interest meetings,



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language in meetings such as using other fellowship terminology and our relationship with Naranon and Families Anonymous. We are aware that the board of trustees have put out opinions on some of these issues but it seems some individuals are intent on using there autonomy to rationize their continued use of outside literature as well as affiliation with other organizations. With some of the other problems such as special interest meetings there doesn't seem to be any clear group concience. We can only hope that our ultimate authority will guide us though these difficult times.

Although no accurate count has been taken I think I can safetsay that our region has grown at a low figure of 25 to 30 percent in the past year, both in the number of groups as well as addicts attending. In closing I would just like to say that the Show Me Region is alive and well and continuing to fulfill our primary purpose that no addict need die without first having the opportunity to recover in Narcotics Anonymous.

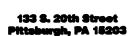
In Loving Service,

Bobby H. A.S.R.

John C. Alternate G.S.R.

Tri-State Regional Service Committee of

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



" . . . directly responsible to those they serve."

REPORT FROM THE TRI-STATE REGION

Last year, we had 10 areas: Pittsburgh Area, South Hills Area, Mountain Valley Area, Beaver Valley Area, Wheeling Area, Columbian County Area, Laurel Highlands Area, Southwest Area, Butler Area, and Erie Area. At the close of this year, we have had two areas chose to join other regions. The Wheeling Area service chose to become a part of Mountaineer Region and the Mountain Valley Area Service chose to become a part of the Mid-Altantic Region. Unfortunately, the area is not longer functioning; However, our Outreach Regional Chairperson is contacting and trying to regain support for the remaining meetings in the ex-Mountain Valley area. We, presently, have union with 10 areas: the prior areas of the Tri-State and also the addition of Central Western Pennsylvania Area Service and Steel Valley Area Service.

The following table is the growth of the region by area:

Area	Last Year	Presently
Pittsburgh	40	45
South Hills	20	17
Beaver Valley	9	11
Steel Valley	7	7
Butler	16	13
Central Western PA	6	9
Southwest	12	6
Laurel Highlands	10	8
Erie	6	15
Columbian County		4
TOTAL GROWTH OF REGION	133	135

Our region geographically covers Western PA, part of West Virginia (Steel Valley), part of Ohio (Columbian County and Steel Valley), and New York. Jamestown, New York has recently choose to join the Erie area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of February 1st, we had \$12,792 in the office account (TSRSO, INC.) and the prudent reserve of \$500 in the regional account (TSRSCNA). Since February 1st of last year, we have donated \$4,500 to WSC. We are currently in the process of formulating the budget.

ACTIVITIES

Our Regional Activities Committee has established a policy of having a function after each RSC meeting. Our regional activities committee is also responsible for providing a monthly calendar of events within the region and occasionally bordering regions.

TRI-STATE REGIONAL REPORT--PAGE TWO ADDITIONAL NEEDS (UNDER AUSPICES OF H&I)

The additional needs work is being developed in this region. Currently, we are attempting to code our meeting lists for wheelchair accessibility. We have Braille literature and tapes for members that are visually impaired. We have been in contact with some national organizations dealing with the issues of the hearing-impaired community. We have referred these agencies to WSO. We are currently attempting to infiltrate the culture of the hearing-impaired via the agencies dealing with the deaf and hard of hearing. We are establishing one H&I meeting in a hearing-impaired facility. We are currently investigating placing the message of Narcotics Anonymous on the local TTY services. Many of the efforts of meeting the needs of our members that are physically impaired are done in cooperation with the Public Information committees within the local vicinity.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REGIONAL OFFICE)

The office is operating at a slow and steady pace. The committee is taking direction from the region and making positive steps to ensure growth. Our office is presently moving towards hiring a special worker. The office is opened Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 for literature sales. There is a policy to be voted on in April for all sub-committees chairpersons to have a key to ensure that all regional subcommittees can met at anytime.

CONVENTION

Last year, our convention was a huge success. Our convention this year will be held at the Vista International Hotel located in downtown Pittsburgh. This is our sixth convention and each has grown. The convention, this year, will be held on October 28-30. We are receiving complimentary coffee from the hotel and there are more than enough willing members to serve on the committee. The cut-off date for room reservation is October 1, 1988. The hotel has seven (7) handicapped rooms.

HELPLINE

We have three (3) operating "helpline" phone services. There is the regional helpline service, Beaver Valley's helpline service and Columbian County utilizes the Ohio helpline number. Some of the problems that were recently solved were a few people answering the calls and establishing callers in a close geographically range. The resolution to these problems were workshops and involvement of the Fellowship. The helpline provides a telepatch service. Beaver Valley and the region's phone lines are operated by an answering service. We do accept collect calls and long distance calls. The requirement to be active on the helpline is six months cleantime and a workshop per year. Workshops are available upon request.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

At the beginning of last year, we had 42 H&I meetings in our

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region. At the close of this year, we have 47 H&I meetings operating. In January 1987, we had five (5) operating H&I subcommittees and two (2) areas operating H&I meetings through the ASCs. Currently, we have nine (9) operating H&I sub-committees and one (1) ASC operating an H&I meeting through their local structure. During the last year, our regional H&I sub-committee has developed H&I guidelines and have developed a functioning operating procedure of holding workshop/learning days between the quarterly RSC meetings and attending area H&I sub-committees in an effort to create unity.

OUTREACH

Our outreach committee has been active and enthusiastic. The outreach committee has been establishing contacts with the groups that have not been able to send a GSR to the local area service meetings. The committee has also been establishing contact with the ex-Mountain Valley area.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Our P&A committee is presently working with the Board of Directors on establishing regional archives and a operating budget for the regional office.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

We currently have five area Public Information sub-committees operating in the Tri-State region. The areas that have functioning Public Information committees are: Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley, Butler, South Hills, and Columbian County. Each of these P.I. committees receive the P.I. news from WSO. At this time, our region is operating without a "formal" regional P.I. chairperson, but workshop/learning days are available to each area upon request through the expertise of the regional trusted servants.

PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

Disunity is a continous battle within the Tri-State, but is steadily improving and one of the aids was the group conscience workshop. However through prayers, practicing the 24 spiritual principles in our daily lives, and maturity, we are growing and trust that we will continue to evolve. We just hope and continue to pray for the day that disunity is no longer an external symptom of the Fellowship.

God Bless you all,

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UPPER MIDWEST REGION REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE MARCH 1988

GREETINGS FRIENDS

This time of the year up here on the tundra we normally greet each other with stories of the latest blizzard and the dream of spring on it's way. Ah for that wonderful time of the year when spring and the southern winds bring us 40 and 50 degrees above zero. Joy and new life then begins to replace this frozen land. The year has passed incredibly fast, it seems hard to believe that we are already approaching Conference time.

Traditionally these reports have been full of creative optimism. We have learned at the regional level that if reports describe only the positive no solutions can be offered for the unknown problems. This report will attempt to honestly describe our joy in service as well as the difficulties that we are experiencing. Our hope is that if you have solutions or have faced similar difficulties, you will share with us what you know.

This has been the year of the "Inventory" for the Upper Midwest Region. Our Regional Committee meets every other month. We have met five times since the last report to the conference was drafted and have the last meeting on the second weekend of March. Over the weekends that we have met many long hours of, at times, heated emotional discussions have resulted in very few tangible results. Some of this accounting was taking place evan before the Conference last year. We began this year dredging up the age old theme in our region of creating several regions from the massive land mass now known as the Upper Midwest Region. We have faced and struggled with this issue for a number of years now and it consumed a large portion of open discussions early in the year. We really accomplished very little in this discusion except to come to the conclusion that we are not yet ready to make that move and more about what degree of maturity we will need in order to create two new regional committees. At times, with issues like this one we become so immersed in the controversy that we commit suicide as a decision making group. We loose track of the unity and trust for one another imperative in any decision making group. In Narcotics Anonymous where our lives depend on these principles the danger is evan greater. Some further discussion has been prepared for the <u>NA WAY</u> and so I will leave the regional division question at that.

Ironically our region increased in land mass this year. Ironic because one of the largest problems is the difficulty of traveling to the outer reaches of our region. Winnipeg, which has the only known NA meetings in the Province of Manitoba has decided to form an Area and join the Upper Midwest Region. We now have the honor of being an international region. We would be interested in any experience you might have in overcoming border difficulties. Border crossing to attend RSC meetings for the Winnipeg addicts has required special papers for addicts who have criminal records. Each time that our RSR has traveled across the border his entire car has been searched. Experience has shown that this can provide a wonderful opportunity to share our message of recovery from addiction with someone who regularly comes into contact with addicts. It also has the tendency to provide the searchee with a wonderful opportunity to work on resentments against authority. Rumor has it that short hair makes no difference at all. "You are going to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting?" "We got a live one here Sam". Already though the border is beginning to understand.

Winnipeg is a community that has had meetings of "Narcotics Anonymous" for many years. When the Upper Midwest Region was first forming in 1982 Winnipeg was a part of the Region, although no area was established there. It seems that Narcotics Anonymous was seen as a need but it was veiwed as being quite immature and the old thing about if you really want recovery it must be based in the "Other Fellowship" or O.F. as it is affectionatly called here. Before we had an NA basic text Winnipeg NA wrote to the GSO of Alcoholics Anonymous and asked for permission to print a part of the their book in a slightly altered form. The recovery book took the form of a thin grey paperback book printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and bound with a spiral. Somewhere around the time our <u>Basic Text</u> was first printed a period of disappearance began. Winnipeg is a city of over 600 thousand people and from time to time addicts from throughout the world would show up at the meetings. Peices of our liturature were left and during the past few years some addicts from within the groups began to ask the right questions, found out how to contact the WSO and several regions came to see how they could help. Winnipeg now has an area with a full compliment of servants and Sub-committees. This recovery book, "the grey edition", that was used for years has been difficult to let go of and there are still groups that do not want to get involved in the Area. Folks in Winnipeg call it "going with the World". The song "We are the World" begins to play in the background.

Other new areas have been formed in the past year. In southern Minnesota a new area was formed toward the end of last summer. Being a sparsely populated area in terms of NA meetings, there is much distance to travel between towns with NA meetings. NA has been closely tied with AA so the task of the

core group committed to seeing NA grow has many obstacles to overcome. One of our members who is fairly new in recovery accepted a speaking engagement at the Southern Minnesota Area Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, where he was asked to make a presentation on Traditions in Narcotics Anonymous. At the last minute the Public Information Committee became involved and a potentially dangerous situation was handled in as appropriate of a way as possible. A member of the Regional Public Information Committee addressed the audience with an informational format. Although we would not have sought out this contact it resulted in a better understanding of both fellowships and it seems that positive results have come from it. Most had very positive things to say about NA and though I do not think that many left convinced to join NA, one old timer asked if it would be okay for him to follow the NA traditions, call himself an addict and start a meeting for the "drug addicts" in his town.

In the suburbs of Minneapolis a new area has formed called the Fireside Area. Not very much information is available at this time as the have yet to come to an RSC or to communicate with the UMRSC except through a few individual members who are members of the Twin Cities Area. Older areas have had some struggles. Western Dakota seems to be experiencing declining energy. The oil fields that once brought on a boom town influx of addicts are now empty. NA continues although a slowing of growth is evident. Many communities it seems would rather ignore that there is a problem than to support a viable recovery program for addicts. Other areas are growing and working through the pain and joy of carrying the message.

All things considered there is growth and new ideas emerging in the Upper Midwest. An example of a new idea is the type of decision making process that has been adopted by one of the area committees. After a study of decision making techniques, Consensus Decision Making seemed to fit the traditions best and be the vehicle that would especially create an atmosphere of unity. It was described as a process that would take more time but create and win/win scenario rather than the old parlimentary win/loose scenario. When a vote is taken one point of view wins and one looses. Consensus decision making eliminates voting. But put in perspective, there was little that we did right that wasn't by consensus. So Robert's Rules have been thrown out and this new systme instituted. There is plenty of information on this process so there is no need to take up your time with that discussion here. A good research book is Joining Together. David Johnson is the Author and it is published by Prentice Hall. This has worked wonderfully for one area. Meetings lasted from 8am to 5pm without completion of bussiness in the past; at the last meeting under the present systme the meeting lasted only a few hours and there was time for opinionated discussion when the work was through.

We have ten areas now in this region. Five of these areas are in Minnesota three in North Dakota and one in South Dakota and one in Manitoba. There are 150 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous in these 10 areas as well as 50 H&I meetings. There are also an estimated twenty meeting that we have no real contact with. It is difficult to estimate the exact number of addicts who consider themselves members of NA in our Region as there are quite a few members who do not consider their home fellowship to be NA but who attend for the tired old idea "that we come to NA to deal with our drug problem" and that we go to other fellowships to deal with our other drug problems (like alcohol). A very rough estimate would be about 1500 addicts who have made their home fellowship NA.

We have six functional sub-committees in the Upper Midwest. Liturature, H&I, Public Information and Convention have been standing committees for quite awhile now. New committees were formed this year when our old Admin Committee Policy/Finance split into two committees. The finance committee is chaired by our treasurer and attendance is required by subcommittee chairs and other Admin committee members. It's primary task is budgeting. The leadership that has been provided by the Treasurer in this effort has been unparalleled. We have been gifted with the energy of quite a few new additions to the Regional committee this past year that has allowed us a better focus on communication and trust. Policy became a separate standing committee and has only recently been formed. There is a chair and quite a few addicts who are excited about this committee.

Our region provided the money this year for the first time to send one car for trusted servants to the WSC conference quarterly meetings. One committee that has taken advantage of this is our Liturature committee. The results in this committee seem to be a new attitude of "we can make a difference". Having a chair person who is excited about writing has began to move some of the pens of the Region.

The Public Information committee is defining it's role as the facilitator of communication between the Areas. Participation has been good by Area chairs at the past few Regional meetings and so far the three hours that is allocated to committee work is often filled by area reports and concerns. Unified goals are being set and there is an attempt being made to provide much needed education in the Area of Public Information. Some conflicts have arisen when one member of this committee has attempted to move the committee in directions that it was not yet prepared to go. There is some problems with information overload as the WSC PI committee attempts to bring this regional committee up to date and involved in the development process.

H&I has traditionally been an exciting favorite committee to be involved in, and still is. Presently there is a vacancy in the chair position as the chair resigned at the last RSC. Another loss came to the committee when a former chair who remained involved and a real support since his term as chair, moved to California. This seems to be a far too frequent process for trusted servants up here. We can't think of what the south would have that we don't. Funny they always move in the middle of the winter.

The Convention committee is really starting to swing into action these days as our 5th Reginal convention draws near. It is a special year for many of us as it is our fifth convention and one of those servants who moved to California is returning as the main speaker. This year's convention will be held at St. John's University just west of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Convention cost for the weekend will be \$23.00 which includes the entire package except for the rooms, which will cost \$11 for a double or \$16 for a single. June 10,11 and 12 are the dates of the convention. You may write for tickets to Upper Midwest Region

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See you there! Another event that is held annually by our region is the Camp Vermillion Retreat. The site for this NA event is a wonder to behold. The crisp, fresh air and the deep cool clean lakes allow for an almost unavoidable sense of serenity. The Bon-fire meetings and deep spiritual fellowship are unparalleled. There is plenty of room if you would like to come and experience this with us some time. Look for further details in your NA Way. Or write to the above address for more information.

We did hold a formal inventory process in November for our Regional committee. In allowing an open forum of sharing members of the committee where able to discuss fears and mistrust in an open way. This process took much time and was emotional. There were some good results, evan though it seems that coupling the spoken inventory with a written one could have been more productive. Through this process we coame up with eight things that we will discuss in an ongoing inventory process over the upcoming RSCs. The list is as follows:

Communication

Group Conscience (we differ in the way we understand the development of group conscience)
Area Needs (We feel there needs to be more sensitivity)

Time Management

Out Reach

Proceedure (too much meaningless time spent)

Too much too soon (jumping before we know where we are going)

Superiority (the old I'm better than you syndrome)

So far it seems that this is a good process. We were listened to by people who mean a great deal to us, each other.

It is exciting to be at Conference time again. We trust that the openmindedness, honesty and willingness that we talk about so much in the program will be with all of you. Until we meet again my friends, May God hold you in the Palm of Her hand.

The Upper Midwest Regional Committee

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UTAH REGIONAL REPORT FOR 87/88 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

In the Fall of 1983, a small nucleus of Utah NA groups from across the state joined together to establish the Wasatch Front Area Service Committee. We followed the "Temporary Working Guide To Our Service Structure" and enacted comprehensive bylaws. Subcommittees were formed, including Public Information, Hospital and Institutions, Literature, and Fun and Fund Raising. Among our first priorities were the establishment of hot lines to handle 12-step calls and the publication of a quarterly news-letter, "N.A. Times." During our first year, we purchased sound equipment and began holding monthly rock and roll dances to entertain and carry the message of recovery. We held our first Camp- vention that same year and will be conducting our fifth annual 3-day camp-out in August, 1988.

As our area grew, the decision was made to form a region. In the Fall of 1986, we emerged as the Utah Region of NA. Many of the functions previously handled by the area were now coordinated and supported by the region. Throughout our development, we sought and received input from World Service, and they continue to be a valuable resource. Recently, the Utah Region expanded to include the Snake River Valley Area consisting of 16 groups from around southern Idaho. We are in the process of changing our name to reflect their involvement. We now have 48 weekly NA group meetings across a five-area region and numerous institutional and monthly speakers meetings. We began

prison meetings in 1984 and now sponsor four a week at the Utah State Prison.

A seminar is being planned to discuss the 12 Traditions and Hotline and other 12-step work. In January, we offered a half-day workshop entitled "Rewards and Responsibilities of NA Service," which included the duties of group chairman, secretary-treasurer and group service representative. It was well attended, informative and fun.

Other activities our region and areas have initiated are occasion dances, costume balls, softball and volleyball leagues, weekly bowling and game nights, and after-meeting food and fellowship. In preparation for our first regional convention, we are expanding our annual campvention and inviting the NA world to join us in the Wasatch Mountains August 11th through the 13th to celebrate recovery. The theme will be UTAH (Unity, Trust, Acceptance, Honesty) and will feature three days of outdoor delight with all sorts of meetings, dancing, food, fishing, hiking, daily children's programs, and other assorted merrymaking. Consult the "NA Way" or "NA Newsline" for more information.

We are increasing our Public Service Announcements and considering the feasibility of opening a central office. We participate on the Governor's Board, Utah Federation for Drug Free Youth, and plan to continue hosting NA meetings at the annual University of Utah School on Alcoholic and Other Drug

Dependence. We have made financial and literary contributions to World Service from the time we were an area and shall continue to do so.

We of the Utah Region are ineffably grateful to the World Fellowship of NA for our recovery, joy of living, and newfound freedom. On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Utah and the Snake River Valley Area, I say thanks and offer this regional report to the World Service Conference 87/88.

In loving fellowship,

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VOLUNTEER REGIONAL REPORT 1987-88

Greetings from the Volunteer Region to the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous. It is with heartfelt gratitude and love that this report is given on our experience, strength and hope over this past year.

Our Region has experienced tremendous growth over the past year. We have added two new Areas, bringing the number of Areas in the Region to five. The Chattanooga Area re-joined after a period of lack of involvement. We also added the Upper East Tenn. Area which had been in existence for a couple of years prior to joining the Region. Our Region is extremely grateful that we continue to grow which allows us to carry the message of recovery to more suffering addicts.

As a result of our continued growth, we have had two Areas change their names to more accuately reflect the geographical areas they cover. The Memphis Area has expanded and is now called the West Tenn. Area. The expansion of the Nashville Area is reflected in their new designation as the Middle Tenn. Area. The Knoxville Area is considering a name change also but this has not yet taken place. These name changes were very necessary due to the continued growth of meetings in the smaller, outlying cities. Our Region has grown from just about IOO meetings weekly to over I4O meetings per week. We are adding an average of 4 to 5 new meetings each month. This does not include our H & I meetings.

All of our Areas have held several functions this year. We had Anniversary Celebrations of 8 Years in the Mid. TN Area and 7 Years each in the Knoxville and West TN Areas. There have been Service Learning Days held in each area to encourage participation by our members in all areas and levels of service. These have been well attended and have helped encourage a more concise, clear message of N.A. recovery which has continued up until this time. Our Volunteer Regional Convention held over this past Thanksgiving Weekend was a huge success. There were approximately 800 addicts in attendance that represented 27 states. This event was haosted by the Knoxville Area and proved to be a unifying force for the growth of this Area. Our Regional Convention this year will be held in the Upper East TN Area in Johnson City. Please come celebrate Thanksgiving with your recovery family up in the mountains this year.

The Volunteer Region has been putting a lot of effort into getting our subcommittees functioning this year. We recently have (finally) filled all of our chairperson positions and enthusiasm is running high. We began rotating our RSC meetings again and this has increased participation by members outside of the Mid. TN Area. As this is occurs, we are finding that the work of our subcommittees is being accomplished in a much improved manner. Our H & I efforts have been done mainly on an area basis. We have meetings in approximately 50 facilities, including the State Prison System. This is a major accomplishment for our Region. The use of a Panel System has worked exceptionally well. Our P.I. efforts are just beginning on a Regional level. Our new P.I. chairman has just concluded his term as Area chairman in Middle TN. He brings with him a tremendous amount of experience and enthusiasm. Our Literature Subcommittee (also newly formed) has been in contact with WIC and intends to be active both within the Region and on a world level. We also have just formed a Policy Subcommittee as well as an Activities Subcommittee. Even with most of our subcommittees being newly formed, we have accomplished much in carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Our Region has been financailly secure this year. We have been able to assist in the P.I. and H & I efforts in several of our Areas. We have funded the attendance at the annual WSC meeting this year as well as both WSC Quarterlies. In addition, we have been able to donate \$3000.00 to the WSC.

We are discussing the feasability of opening a Regional Service Office. We plan to send our Regional Chairman to the workshop on RSO's in Tulsa, OK this March. This is an issue which will need much discussion and prayer before a final decision is reached. More Will Be Reavealed.

All in all, this has been an exciting year in the Volunteer Region. We have had our differences but by using the Spiritual Principles of this program we have been able to resolve (or at least discuss) the issues. We are a dynamic and vital Region that is very grateful to be involved in the growth of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

Love In The Spirit

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Similar to NA as a whole, the Wisconsin Region has experienced significant growth since the last report. We have not been without controversy, and occasional pain, but believe we are strengthened in our recovery through service to our fellowship.

Several legal loose ends were tied up this past year. We have learned what is required to be a more mature, acceptable group to society as a whole, and the government in particular. Wisconsin State NA Convention (WSNAC), Wisconsin Regional Service Office (WRSO), and Mid-Coast Convention (MCC) have all become incorporated as non-profit organizations. We have had to accept wording which goes against most of our interpretations of our Traditions, such as president, vice-president, board of directors, etc., but since this is required in order to become respectable, responsible and productive members of society, we cheerfully continue onward.

The convention corporations have as board members those who have served on previous convention committees, so as to better serve the current convention committes in an advisory capacity with their combined experiences, strengths, and hopes. The MCC will accept requests from adjacent Regions to participate, if the requesting Region agrees to send a representative to serve on the board of directors for one year to qualify for making a bid on the convention's location. Iowa Region has agreed, so MCC now comprises Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa Regions.

In March of '87 at Atlanta, GA, four representatives of the WRSO attended WSO office workshops. Again in March of '88 at Tulsa, OK, our WRSO and WSNAC will send members to the WSO office and convention workshops.

WRSC sent two representatives to the WSC quarterly workshops in Newark, NJ, our RSR-A and our World H & I Committee member. At the Denver, CO WSC quarterly workshops, four Region members attended. Our RSR, RSR-A, Region Literature Chair, and H & I Committee member participated in various capacities.

We are pleased to announce that a Region Additional Needs Committee has been formed, and one Area has also formed their own Additional Needs Sub-Committee, in order to better serve these current and future members.

WRSC held an "IT WORKS" Workshop in December, results were sent with representatives to the Chicago WLC Workshop in January.

A new phone line has been established in our outlying North Central Area, the cost of which came from a successful Area Fund Raiser. This is the third phone line in our Region.

As the result of one Area's Outreach Sub-committee efforts, another Area was recently formed in the Region. This new Area is on the western Wisconsin state border, and had considered joining another Region until invited to ours.

After much internal controversy, the WRSC began two day Regional Conference Meetings. We had been meeting bi-monthly on the third Sunday, and are now meeting that Saturday also. Committees meet on Saturday, with the Conference held on Sunday. It is believed that more will be accomplished using this plan.

A multi-Regional PI Workshop is planned for July, 1988, hopefully with World Service participation. Madison, Wisconsin is the tentative location, more will be revealed.

A three day Governor's Conference on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse was held the end of February in Madison, the State Capital. Badgerland Area members volunteered to staff the display at all times, and were the only people staffing a display at the event. All other displays were set up and left unattended, defeating any goal of carrying a personal message. We wish to thank Willie of the World Service Office for his help in obtaining an excellent professional display from the Chicago Region. Literally hundreds of government and professional attendees at this conference were favorably impressed with NA, and our message of recovery, because of this very successful effort.

WRSC worked with an Area which had treasurer problems, and set-up an Area inventory with the RSR to facilitate. It was the consensus after the inventory meeting that this Area needed to solve its own problems, but the Region can help with needed support.

One Area facilitated a train trip for the Region's members en masse to travel to WCNA-17 in New Orleans. They met en route with members from Michigan Region, and Chicago, combining over 60 members on the "Recovery Train"! 102

A current Wisconsin Regional meeting list was published in February, 1988, and was available at the Governor's Conference mentioned above. It will be updated as needed from time to time.

I personally wish to thank the members of the WRSC for their help and support during my year as RSR. In particular, I especially want to thank our RSR Alternate, John Halvorson for his energy and enthusiasm in helping with the many tasks this sometimes almost overwhelming position requires. I pray that he has an Alternate as valuable to him as he has been for me.

Your Grateful Servant,

Donald M. Folberg, RSR Wisconsin Region February 28, 1988



Feb. 25.1988

Greetings from the fellowship of the Washington Northern Idaho Region,

Our Region continues to grow. We presently consist of 15 areas, containing 272 groups and 50 H&I meetings. Our rate of growth seems to be stabilizing somewhat as we enter our fourth year of existence.

The functioning of our service structure continues to improve with increasingly active participation. Our standing and select subcommittees have accomplished much during the last year. Some of the highlights of their work are described below.

Activities

Our activities committee focused their efforts on building Region-wide support, developing committee guidelines and publishing a monthly Regional calendar of events.

Public Information

P I sponsored our first Multi Regional Learning Day Event, coordinated the implementation of our NA PSAs, and represented our Fellowship at a national Employee Assistance Program conference.

Hospitals and Institutions

The Regional H&I committee worked this last year to assist the area committees with the changes in H&I funding. New literature distribution guidelines were developed to meet the needs of those areas who are financially unable to meet the requests of the facilities they serve. Literature

The literature committee developed its own internal guidelines which are waiting approval by the RSC. By far the biggest single event in literature last year was the "It Works How and Why" workshop held in Seattle in November. We were all grateful to be a part of this effort. Outreach

Our outreach committee has experienced an improvement in the consistency of its membership. The committee continues to seek the most effective way of fulfilling its stated purpose. Policy

The policy committee has suffered from a lack of support. In spite of this they have done significant work on their own guidelines as well as several other issues. However, due to lack of a quorum much of this work was unable to be finalized. While the committee continues to seek a broader base of support a revision of their voting structure has permitted the completion of at least a portion of their years work.

Other significant events within our Region included the formation of a Convention corporation and the adoption of a motion sending a minimum of 5% of our gross quarterly receipts to the WSC. Our select committee to gather information on a Regional office has once again protected us from ourselves, as we have gone another year without finding the need to start an office.

We are grateful to be submitting another bid to host the World Convention for Narcotics Anonymous in Seattle.

Yours in brevity.

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