To: The Fellowship

From: Alabama/NW Florida Region

Greetings and salutations to the fellowship from the Alabama/Northwest Florida Region of Narcotics Anonymous. I'm sure you're all very excited, as am I, about the upcoming World Service Conference and hopefully about reading these RSR reports to the WSC. I'm afraid that after reading perhaps 30-40 of them your interest may be waning a bit, but that's one good thing about our region's name: it starts with an "A."

The Alabama/NW Florida Region comprises all of Alabama and the panhandle portion of Florida (from Tallahassee west). Our region consists of eight areas and approximately 175 meetings. Last year at this time, we had five areas and 120 meetings. As you can see, our region, like many others, has experienced astounding growth over the past year. No matter how we as individuals may feel about it, it is clear that God is working in the lives of many addicts.

In addition to this growth in the number of meetings and areas within our region, we also sprouted a new convention last year. The first Al/NWFl regional convention was held in September in Gulf Shores/Montgomery, Alabama. In spite of, or perhaps in thanks to, a hurricane which caused us to change locations in the middle of our convention, it was a wonderful success and a true celebration of recovery. Our other convention, which is actually more of a spiritual retreat, was also a great success. "Surrender in the Mountains" was held in December in northern Alabama. Thanks in part to these events, our region's donations to the WSC have increased from last year's $2 donation to a figure exceeding $1500. Our region is pleased to see this money being passed on to WSC to help it perform the grunt work we ask of it.

Along with this massive growth, our region has experienced its share of pain and controversy. There has been much discussion and debate about the formation of a convention corporation and about whether a convention committee should have a separate bank account. We currently operate from a single regional account and the new budgeting procedures we have begun to implement have been causing fear and confusion for many of us. With God's help, though, and a strong desire to serve the fellowship, things are clearing up. We are realizing that money is just another tool to help us in our service work and not something that needs to cause a lot of anxiety.

Another area in which we have experienced both pain and growth is in our subcommittees. For quite a while, our region has seen very little in the way of functioning subcommittees, and we are discovering that unity is very important here. As we draw together, our subcommittees too have begun to gel and it now appears that they may truly be a reality for us.

Our H&I and P.I. committees are still struggling, but they are beginning to serve as links for communication and coordination between our area subcommittees. Our policy committee is now a functioning body, and is providing tremendous amounts of help in assisting the RSC to run more effectively. Our literature committee is also doing relatively well. Its membership is somewhat limited, but there is much excitement about working on our assigned 9th and 10th Traditions for *It Works*, and the regional and area literature committees are working closely together as a result. Our convention committee is a mammoth body of willing addicts and seems to be doing quite well. It is interesting to me that it is so much

easier to find help for this committee than for the committees which are struggling.

Our region has a great desire to see the World Literature Committee project on our N.A. steps and traditions completed, and we want to assist in this completion in any way possible. Addicts within this region have also expressed a wish to have our N.A. meditation book finished, and made available soon. For any interested addicts out there, the second annual convention of the Al/NWFl Region will be held at the end of May in Birmingham, Alabama. Flyers will be sent to your RSRs.

On the whole, we are very pleased with our past year together. We have learned much about ourselves and each other. I hope that we can continue to prosper together in the upcoming year.

In loving service to the fellowship,

J. Scott McVoy
RSR

Eddie Atkinson
RSR Alternate

1988, our second year as a Region has been a growing year. Although our subcommittees at the regional level have not yet become very active, our subcommittees at the Area level have been carrying the load with a great deal of success.Our 2nd Annual Regional convention was very successful, and as a result we feel that our other committees will progress as well.

Being that our Region ia such a large Area, we are moving our regional meetings to different centers to help better establish them. We feel that this is a rewarding experience and will become part of the Outreach Committee.

Our Region will be holding their 3rd Annual Convention in Edmonton, Alberta, oin November 1989. Our Areas will also be holding their Area conventions throughout the summer, and they include 5th and 6th annual conventions. Further information about these conventions is available.

Last year at this time we had 5 Areas and 64 regular meetings with 17 H&I meetings. This year we 4 Areas with 82 regular meetings and 14 H&I meetings.

Money has been hard to come by, therefore we are unable to give money to the World Office. We are just starting to pay some of the expenses of our members attending our Regional meetings so it does not eliminate some of our members who have financial problems.

Our Region feels that it is our honour to have some input into the development of Traditions 11 and 12 for IT WORKS, HOW AND WHY, which is being developed for its final draft. We are excited about it and feel that our input will be helpful to the Fellowship of NA.

At the World Convention we hope to meet with the other Regions in Canada as well as the W.S.O. to plan the following :1) An all Canadian Convention

2) A meeting in Canada with participation from the W.S.O. to deal with concerns that some of our members have

3) The 1989 World Convention which is to be held in Canada.

4) A Canadian Literature Depot.

Our Region Feels we have the facilities and a very willing fellowship to host the 1992 World Convention. We will be putting in at least two bids to host the conference from our Region.

There is a great need for more participation from Canadians on subcommittees and boards, at the World level. We hope that some of our members come forward and are elected in the conference this year.

Our Region extends an invitation to All to come and visit us at our Regional Convention in Edmonton, Alberta, or at any of our Area conventions in Saskatoon, Sask., Regina, Sask., Edmonton, Alberta., and Calgary, Alberta.

Yours in Service

Bernie Lyons

R.S.R.

ALSASK REGION

28 February, 1989
FELLOWSHIP REPORT
ARIZONA REGION

Greetings from Arizona,

Our year started out with A.R.C.N.A. II--our Regional Convention which was held in Phoenix in May, 1987. It was quite a success. We made money and were able to pass on $11,581 to the W.S.C. as a result.

Next came out annual event: Festival of Recovery in June. It was held at a site on Mingus Mountain in Northern Arizona. It was a camping weekend which culminated with a Regional Meeting and election of officers. This was a popular and fun event for our fellowship.

At this point work was begun on putting together Guidelines for the Arizona Region. Much work has been done on this project, which is nearing completion. Many creative answers to common problems have been thought of. One example given to me is 1 vote for each A.S.R., and ½ vote given to other voting members. The committee is in the process of doing clean-up work now.

Incorporation is another work in progress for the Arizona Region. We have received a lot of direction and assistance from World, and due to membership changes in our fellowship, the responsibility for this project has been shared. We look for Incorporation in an appropriate level in the future.

We hold an annual Bash in Southeastern Arizona (Tucson) in August as our fundraiser for N.A.'s birthday. It is held at Mt. Lemmon. We were able to donate $983.27.

The R.S.R. and R.S.R.-Alt. attended the quarterlies in Detroit and Dallas together and shared the experience with the Region.

The concern of funding in N.A. to our Region comes up here. We have discussed individual groups sending money directly to the World in response to pleas for money. In addition to this, regional funding of R.S.R. and R.S.R.-Alt. to quarterlies, and funding of sub-committee chairs to events is a concern to our Region.

In October a Trusted Servants Learning Day was held as requested by the fellowship. It was held at the El Rio Neighborhood Center in Tucson, and was much appreciated by The Arizona fellowship.

A Roller-bash was held by the region in December. This was both successful and fun.

A.R.T.S.--The Arizona Regional Talent Show became a reality for the second time in February, 1989. This event had been riddled with growth experiences. With our faith and perseverance, the event came off well.

This year has shown changes for the Arizona Region. The meetings in Southeastern Arizona and Central Arizona continue to grow and multiply. The exchange of questions and information between all Areas and the Region is possibly our greatest accomplishment this year. There has been extreme growth in Northern Arizona, our most geographically spread out area. It has been a time to slow down for Southwestern Arizona (Yuma), with their decision to stop being an Area Service Committee, and to focus on strengthening their fellowship and groups at this time.

In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to share in the Arizona fellowship. Our Regional Convention, A.R.C.N.A. III is coming up May 26,27,28, 1989 in Tuscon, Arizona. You may contact Richard R. (602)247-2076; Jeff T. (602)841-0046; or Margaret K. (602)325-6442 for more information.

Yours in loving service,

Denise C. Massie

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R.S.R. Arizona Region

Best Little Region Service Committee

The Best Little Region includes the western half of Texas and the southeastern third of New mexico. We are a region poor in quanity (of population) and great in quality of recovery through the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

There are seven (7) areas in our region. If each area could serve a 90 mile radius, no one area would overlap another area. There are fifty (50) meetings per week in the region, not including H&I meetings. Average attendance is around twenty-five (25) recovering addicts. Our Regional Service Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis, meeting in even numbered months. In addition to the seven (7) A.S.R.'s, there are six (6) sub-committee chairs. Tere is also a chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary.

We have been in existence since August 1983, with the first meetings held in lubbock, Texas. In order to get more addicts involved in service work, we gave all TRUSTED SERVANTS voting rights in 1984, with the exception of the chairperson, The only deviation from this policy is the agenda for the World Service Conference, at which time only the A.S.R.'s vote their area conscience.

Our region had it's first convention in November 1988 in Lubbock. Our Second Annual Convention is to be held in Abilene, Texas; November 3,4,5, 1989, at The Kiva Inn.

We have expericened much growth since 1983 and are just beginning to see the work of our H&I sub-committees. Our literature sub-committee has begun to work on Tradtions 5&6 for input to "It Works, How and Why". This is generating much interest in what "literature" can really mean to the new addict as well as the addict already in service.

Best Little Region

Service Committee

We have had a policy sub-committee since 1985, giving us guideslines to follow as an R.S.C. in addition to the "T.W.G.S.S." and the Twelve Tradtions.
We are aregion small actual work done if compared to larger regions. Yet for the amount of area that we include the areas in our region do all the work and therefore make the work done at the R.S.C. easier for all of us.
My thanks to the areas and to the groups and meetings that make the Best Little Region, For without you my service would be impossiable. It is showen to me through their actions that the message is still being carried to the addict who still suffers inside and outside of Narcotics Anonymous.

IN LOVING SERVICE,

Andy A.

Andy A, (RSR-A)
BEST LITTLE REGION

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February 1989

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the British Columbia Region of Canada. This past year has been one of continued growth and expansion. Our region now consists of eight areas with two or three additional areas now in the planning stages. The total number of meetings in our region is now about 100. We are continually hearing about small loner groups in isolated areas with whom our Outreach Committee maintain contact.

Our area P.I. Committees are getting better organized in the larger areas while the smaller, newer areas are starting to turn to our recently established Regional Committee for support and information. Our Regional P.I. Committee in coordination with the two Vancouver Areas took part in a large professional conference which was attended by professionals from all over Western Canada and was deemed to be very successful.

Our recently formed Regional H. & I. Committeee is also lending its assistance to areas upon request however we still lack full support in many areas. As well we seem to have difficulty in getting meetings started in both Provincial and Federal Correctional Institutions. We do however have many meetings in detox centres and treatment centres throughout the province.

Our Regional Literature Committee is busier than it has ever been, with the number and frequency of orders growing both from areas and to World. Our Region is holding regular workshops for Tradition 5 input and plans to do the same for Tradtion 6 as well. Participation in the workshops has been good and interest from all areas has been shown.

Our quarterly Regional Service Conferences are now two day affairs, with the first day being taken up with the business of the region and the second day with work-shops, learning days and meetings held by the various sub-committees. As distances are so vast in our province and much travelling is necessary for this conference, we will be staying with quarterly meetings for the next little while anyway.

There was increased interest this year in the WSC Agenda and many areas are holding meetings to discuss areas with which they are particularly concerned. It still appears that the fellowship of our region would like to see only the RSR's voting at the World Service Conference. This is one item that has been discussed at all levels of service in our region.

Our Region will be holding its 11th Annual B.C. Convention this summer in Victora and many other areas are holding events also including Spring Clean Retreat May 12 - 14, just outside Vancouver, Camp Howdy Retreat in September in the Fraser Valley and a camp-out in Williams Lake in July.

As you can see, we are growing like the world-wide fellowship and it is our wish to carry the message so that "no addict seeking recovery need ever die."

Yours in Service,
Wendy White

Wendy White,
RSR, B.C. Region

Regional Service Representa

December 21, 1988

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RE: Buckeye Regional Service Committee Report to the 1989 World Service Conference.

Dear Chuck,

The Buckeye Region is relatively a new Region comprised of seven older, established Area Service Committees. Our geographic area is a triangular section of Ohio stretching from the south-eastern corner of Ohio to west of Cleveland and to the north-eastern corner of the state.

The Ohio Convention and statewide Hopeline are services shared with the Ohio Region. The Ohio Convention is alternately hosted by each Region. This year's convention will be held in Cleveland. The Hopeline is an 800 number that can be used in the state of Ohio. We employ a 24 hour answering service which contacts N.A. members to speak directly with the callers. The number is 1-800-451-3000.

We have four Regional sub-committees: Hospitals & Institutions; Literature; Activities; and Phoneline. Our Public Information services are handled at the area level.

This year we were able to contribute $500.00 to the operation of the W.S.C., but our financial contribution has actually been much greater as we send two representatives to each conference and quarterly meeting providing for their transportation, lodging, and meals. Our greatest source of income is convention funds and our greatest expense is representative travel.

The summer of 1989 marks the tenth anniversary of the Original Youngstown Group of Narcotics Anonymous. That is a decade of recovery the N.A. way!

Sincerely,

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
FROM: NA REGION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
RE: ANNUAL REPORT
DATE: FEBRUARY 1989

Greetings from the fellowship in the Northern California Region.

This has been an exciting year in terms of growth and changes. As our fellowship grows we continue to move ahead.

Last year it was reported that several areas within our Region had formed the California Central Valley/Sierra Regionalization Formation Committee in prospect of forming a new Region. Northern California Region is honored to have the opportunity to introduce to the Conference floor the new California Mid-State Region. During the transition of forming the new Region, unity was felt by all. The fellowship pulled together in all areas and gave their love and support to the new Region.

We now have 16 areas with well over 475 meetings weekly. There are approximately 135 H&I meetings, one of which is sponsored and coordinated by the Regional H&I Committee.

Last year we reported that the RSC met monthly, alternating on week-ends around the Region. We no longer make this a practice due to the finanical burden it was causing the areas and participants.

In the last year we have established a physical Regional Service Office in a centrally located area in the Region. The office has a monthly literature sales of approximately $10,000.00. The RSO will continue to sell literature to the new California Mid-State Region for one year as directed by the WSO.

Even though we have lots of good news to report, sometimes theres alittle bad news to share as well. The convention in 1988, which some members felt would be the largest ever, lost approximately $13,000.00 to $14,000.00. This loss was absorbed by the RSO. At the time there was a Convention Advisory Panel that over saw the convention. What has happened is that we have moved ahead in this area as well and have formed a Standing Convention Committee, which is supported by the RSO Board of Directors. Our convention this past year was a costly experience and hopefully we have learned from it. As always we continue to move ahead and find the solutions.

As the conference nears we are preparing to hold our agenda workshops throughout the Region with full participation and enthusiasm from the fellowship.

As lot of you are already aware, we have lost a wonderful member of the fellowship in Northern California. We would like to wish our dear friend Steve Lantos all the best in his endeavors. We miss you, we love you!

As RSR I will be accompanied this year at the Conference by Rick Hass Alt. RSR and Rob Cardoza Alt. RSR. We are all excited as the time grows near and look forward to seeing you all.

IN LOVING SERVICE

Sandrea Scoble

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February 27, 1989

RSR's Annual Report

Greetings from the San Diego/Imperial Region!

This past year has been one of continued growth, enhanced services and greater unity within the Region. A Major emphasis has been the decentralization of services through supporting the growth of subcommittees at the Area level. At the time of our formation, 4½ years ago, essentially all of our services were provided through Regional subcommittees. The five Areas, necessarily weak at their incarnations, have grown and now virtually all have formed H&I, PI, Activities and Literature Review subcommittees. Two have started their own newsletters.

The Region now serves 186 Groups in six Areas in San Diego County, and a handful of Groups in Imperial County and Baja California. A new Area, the Back Country Area, has been formed, joining the Beach, Central, North County, South Bay, and United East County Areas.

We now have H&I meetings in 47 facilities with all but four served directly by Area H&I subcommittees. Our Regional PI subcommittee gave a formal presentation to over 75 members of the treatment community with special emphasis on our First Step and Sixth Tradition. Our Phoneline subcommitte is manning a true "Hotline." Regional Activities has made a transformation to primarily providing coördination and support for Area activities subcommittees. The Convention subcommittee is preparing for our Fifth Annual Convention this comming June.

The only setback has been in the nonprofit status of our RSO. Due to several untimely deaths coupled with inertia within the service structure, we missed the deadline for filing federal tax-exempt forms and have now been assessed back taxes. The financial burden has not been particularly great, but our fear is what this portends for the rest of the Fellowship by drawing attention to us. Our RSO is incorporated without the N.A. name and hopefully attention will not be drawn to the Fellowship as a whole.

We join with you in the spiritual bond of unity vis-à-vis our First Tradition.

In Loving Service,

Bob

Bob MacFarlane
RSR, SD/I RSC

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Report To WSC From The Southern California Region

Greetings from the Southern California Region. Our region would like to express it's gratitude to the worldwide fellowship for allowing us to host WCNA-18 held in Anaheim, California during September 1-4,1988.

Anyone who was in attendance knows that it was a huge successful celebration of recovery. All those who attended from outside of our region brought the spirit of unity and love and some of it seems to have rubbed off. There is a lot more hugging going on around here. (smile)

Although regions have their ups and downs, we have been able to experience an incline in the amount of meetings that addicts can attend. At this time we are pleased to report that we have 438 meetings listed in our regional meeting directory as opposed to the to 395 that we announced at this time last year.

We had 14 active areas. As need will dictate, the survival and growth of the spanish speaking members of our fellowship will experience a plus due to the formation of our newest area. The Greater East Los Angeles area was developed out of the existing L.A./San Gabriel area to meet the needs of those who have been less fortunate in hearing the message in their own language. Although this area is geared towards the spanish speaking population, they welcome all members of Narcotics Anonymous with open arms. The need has been there for a long time and now we can start to meet those needs.

The four areas formed prior to WSC 1988 have continued to function as ASC's and are active within the region. They all have experienced growing pains, but have managed to work through it.

Our Regional Service Office has continued to function and grow as an office without the luxury of a full Board Of Directors. Literature sales rose from $9,000 as reported by our RSR last year, to an average of $10,630 per month. 11,000 regional meeting directories are sold during a quarter, up from 10,000. The office now has one full and one part time employee. The office suffered a setback during the year as the result of a break-in.

H&I has been very active throughout our region to the tune of 349 monthly H&I meetings. Our regional H&I committee continues to support institutional panels and act as a source of experience, strength, and hope to the area H&I committees.

Our regional literature review committee started to decline after we workshopped "It Works: How and Why", the steps portion, due to a lack of support and lack of direction. It was decided by the RSC to send the chair of the lit committee to one of the quarterlies at which time Tim came back with fire in his eyes and the literature committee has picked up a head of steam which will culminate with a regional workshop on Traditions 7,8, and 9 sometime in June.

The regional activities committee picked up the slack due to our not hosting a regional convention and we had a lot of clean fun thanks to this committee. This committee sent a large amount of money to the RSC. Which of course raises the question about our dependence on activities and conventions as a source of revenue. What happened to the Seventh Tradition?

Our regional P.I. committee dissolved due to lack of support, but area P.I. committees became real active and strong within the region, so, we are happy to report that Public Information is alive and well in the Southern California region.

Our region was invited to and participated in the local services workshop which was hosted by the Ad Hoc Committee on the N.A. Service Structure. The two participants expressed their gratitude for being a part of as well as giving a full report to the RSC.

Our conference donations for the conference year totaled $5,814.61 which is down from past years. We plan to make a sizable donation in April prior to the conference.

The year has not past without controversy and problems, yet there exists a lot of clean addicts experiencing recovery in Southern California. We fully expect and are confident that our region will be well represented in World Services by our current RSR Alternate Mariasha Perman-Weisman moving in the RSR position.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to the Southern California Region for allowing me to serve as it's RSR. It has been a long year and it's time for me to move on.

In Loving Service,

Tony Dee RSR

Mariasha Perman-Weisman RSR
Alternate

Freddie Aquino Chairman
Southern California Regional
Service Committee

THE CAROLINA REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

REPORT TO THE WSC FROM THE CAROLINA REGION

Greetings from The Carolina Region

The Carolina Region is comprised of the States of North and South Carolina and part of Southwestern Virginia. We have approximately 319 meetings and 174 groups. In addition we have over 100 H & I meetings. We also serve 15 areas. We will soon celebrate our 9th year as a region.

We have had a busy year, all our sub-committee charis are eligible to attend WSC guarterlys and many elect to do so. In addition our RSR and RSR-A are also funded. At our last R.S.C. our region also decided in the spirit of tradition 7 to fund all persons from our region who by nature of their service to our region have been elected to serve on standing W.S.C. committees for the remainder of their term on the committee. We will count this as a donation to the WSC along with our other 7 tradition donations. This fiscal year our region so far has contributed $5,171 and after our next RSC in January of 89 we except a projected donation in excess of $4000.00

At this time we have several issues before that seem to be pertinent. The first being incorporation. There are several ways before the R.S.C. at this time 1) Establish a seperate enity called the R.S.O. with an elected board of directors that would rubber -stamp RSC decisions this method is being used in other areas of the Fellowship and is not without its problems. 2) Incoperating as a concerned group of individuals with this option we could obtain a 501c(3) tax exempt number. 3) Incoperate the entire R.S.C. with the A.S.R.'s acting as the Board of Directors. In our case this seems to be the most feasible method. Many people state "you cannot incoperate a spiritual entity" we ask "why not" it seems to be the most honest, straight forward route to go, that is, calling something what it really is. 4) Do nothing at all and keep operating the way we are and let the chips fall where they may. We believe this method is not being responsible and productive members of society. Anyway it happens it will be the will of the concience of the Carolina Region.

Another issue before us is that of splitting our Region. We have an ad-hoc committee at work at this determining the feasibility of this. We are a relitvely old region (9 years) and seem to be able to get along fine the way we are with the exception of it takes a great deal of time to travel to R.S.C.'s. We seem to be able to fulfill all our other commitments at present. We want to fully explore this matter and try and evaluate the situation for what it is. Are We still serving the addict that still suffers to the best of our ability? That is our main concern. If in fact we do split up how do we do it by State?, Area Codes? (for PI feasons) or by throwing darts into a map? One thing we all seem to agree on is that if we do split it will be out of love rather than resentment. An issue that seems to come up in our area's from time to time is that of smoking. Is a non-smoking meeting a special interest meeting? is nicotine a drug? aren't we a program of complete and total abstinence? What about caffine

and nicotine? Being in the tabacco capitol fo the world this is a sensitive issue. We have no answers to this and would like to hear a statement on this from our trustees.

All in all I personally am grateful to be "Carolina Clean" we do not seem to have as many problems down here as alot of the other "Civilized Regions". On a related issue I was calling around to the A.S.R.'s to try and find out about "special interest" meetings and in this whole region there are 2 meetings that fit in that criteria. We haven't had any thefts of fellowship monies, nobody traveling around claiming to know this, that, or the other, and taking computers, cash or paraphenalia. We haven't even found any "Gaps in the Traditions" like them big city fellas do.

In Loving Service,

Peter S Cole

Peter S. Cole, R.S.R. Carolina Region

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE WSC

The Chesapeake and Potomac Region encompasses the northernmost part of Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland and South Delaware. Along with the fellowship as a whole, we have experienced considerable growth in the last year. The number of regular meetings within the region totals 569. The number of H&I meetings within the region totals 154. The number of areas has increased from ten to thirteen; an addition of three areas in eight months. We have one area hotline, and six area helplines to help to carry the message to the still suffering addict. There are four area newsletters, and one quad area newsletter that are used as sources of information and successful communication tools.

In addition to the existing ASO in Baltimore, we have added an ASO in Northern Virginia. Along with housing hotlines and providing meeting space for sub-committees, these offices meet the majority of the literature needs for the region.

We will be holding our third regional convention on March 10, 11, & 12, 1989. This convention will be hosted by the Central Maryland area and we anticipate a weekend full of fun, fellowship and recovery. Next year the convention will be hosted by the Westside area and their convention committee is already hard at work. We have also developed the Board of Directors for the Convention Corporation from a concept on paper into an active and functioning committee.

Issues that appeared to be recurrent and common to the areas were: poor GSR attendance at the ASC, lack of committee support, loss of meeting places, money problems, and the fund flow system in regards to the special events committee. Clearly, our areas grapple with problems familiar to NA as a whole.

Throughout this year the RSC also confronted a few familiar concerns. For example, who should attend WSC quarterly workshops? What are the responsibilities of the RSC and its officers? What does the RSC vote on and what must go back to the groups?

A major concern of the region is the process by which Regional Motions are dealt with. One motion, in particular, that we are referring to is, as stated, "That the right of any Region to put forth agenda items for WSC consideration remain unconditional, and that these items be included in the Conference Agenda Report." This motion appeared in the back section under "Regional Motions" in the 1988 Conference Agenda Report and was referred by the WSC to the WSC Policy Committee. The C&P region opposes and is dissatisfied with the decision of the WSC Policy Committee to defeat this motion in committee. As a result, we contacted the WSC Chairperson and requested that the motion be placed on the 1989 Conference Agenda Report "Action Item List". This request is in accordance with the WSC Policy Committee's suggested process for consideration of regional motions found in the 1989 CAR. The WSC Chairperson denied our request. In his response, he stated that "the proposed section dealing with regional motions, and particularly the section allowing the conference chairperson to add regional motions to the action list, has not been approved by the conference and consequently I do not have the authority to comply with your request." The C&P region remains committed to our original motion and plans to re-introduce our motion to the conference during the Policy Committee's business.

Most importantly, and regardless of the above issues, the meetings throughout the region continue to grow. The clean time anniversaries continue to increase both in numbers celebrating and years clean, and the newcomers continue to flow through our doors. Clearly, the Chesapeake and Potomac Region is growing, the message is being carried and as our CPRCNA III logo says, we are "LIVING FREE".

With gratitude,

The Chesapeake and Potomac Region

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TO THE WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS. 2/26/89

GREETINGS FROM THE CHICAGOLAND REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

After reading last years reports to find the definative way to start this report, I found there wasn't any, so I've decided to begin by hoping this report finds everyone in good health and consistent recovery, assisted by THE GOD OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

A short history may be in order; we formed in the Fall of 1986 out of the Greater Illinois Region and attended our first World Service Conference as a Region in 1987. It was my first experience on a world level of service and I vowed never to return, but here I am looking forward to the next Conference. Well, enough about me and my shortcomings, and on with this report.

HOSPITALS and INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The participation on this committee has always been good and it shows in the number of meetings we have, 60 to 80 meetings within the city and outlying areas. The regional committee, because of this participation, is able to service a growing number of prisons and jails, federal, state and a couple of county, also a youth correctional facility has been added recently. The committee not only purchases the usual literature but all unsold N.A. Way magazines at the C.S.O. to distribute at all correctional facilities. Finally, there is a need to look into federal confidentiality laws and how they apply to the members in our H&I efforts. Another priority is the setting up of standard formats and guidelines for meetings in dual diagnostic treatment facilities, addiction & mental illness being just one example.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Slowly but surely, this committee has progressed in the last year. What has helped is a consistent chairperson and experienced members that attend the subcommittee meetings regularly. We also have two members that are non-voting members of the W.S.C. Public Information Committee. Here are some of the projects the committee is currently working on: a Spanish translation of N.A. public service announcements, a P.I. Subcommittee Statement on the Function, Purpose and Policy of the committee, a monthly C.R.S.C. Newsletter article, and the review and study of the feasibility of putting the Regional Help-line number in the area telephone directories(yellow pages). We are currently listed with Directory Assistance, in all regional locations. The P.I. Committee not only holds a regular monthly meeting, but there is a monthly phoneline orientation meeting for volunteers, in addition to the regular monthly phoneline committee meeting. On Saturday, March 11, 1989, at 1:00 PM there will be a Multi-Regional Phoneline Convention, with a speaker and dance to follow, our first as a region.

NOTE: It should be said here that the Chicago Service Office acts as a conduit of all or any incoming requests and/or information concerning the H&I and P.I. subcommittees. More on the C.S.O. later in this report.

LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE

Attendence at the Literature Subcommittee meetings has increased from three to twelve members this last year, due not only to the chairpersons consistent involvement, but the amount of work at the regional level. The region hosted two W.S.C. Ad Hoc Committee workshops on; IT WORKS: HOW AND WHY, one in January and another in July. Work on the Informational Pamphlet, IN TIMES OF ILLNESS, is up for input and review. The World Literature Committee has assigned the first three Traditions in, IT WORKS: THE TRADITIONS, to the Chicagoland Region and work is presently under way.

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The committee has done a wonderful job this last year. Last years Chicago Open Meeting was a tremendous success, as was this years. The committee has decided to have just two special events a year after suffering a large financial loss on a New Years Dinner/Open Meeting/Dance. There is talk of some Learning Days/Mini-conferences in the near future with open meetings/dances to follow.

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

This committee was formed about a year ago, but has not as yet gotten off the ground. Even though we haven't lost any money through theft, we as a region need to scrutinize our finances.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

We haven't had a chair for this committee in a year, but we've managed to approve a policy anyway. We operate under a variation of Robert's Rules and have had a workshop on them this last year.

CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

The first Chicagoland Convention will be held April 21, 22 & 23, 1989 at the Ramada Inn O'Hare, 6600 North Mannheim RD., Rosemont, Il. 60018; reservations (312) 827-5131; Chicago Service Office (312) 848-2211; CRC-1, P.O. Box 34525, Chicago, Il. 60634-0525. Thanks to a very dedicated chairperson and committee members, this should be a very good time.

GENERAL ISSUES

There are a few changes on the regional level. We now have grown to 10 areas, with the first 4 areas listed below within the city limits;

- o North City
- o Mid-City
- o South-City
- o Southwest
- o Northwest Suburban (new)
- o North Shore (new)
- o West Suburban
- o Near-West
- o Fox Valley
- o Joliet
- o South Suburban

Within the 10 areas we have 265 regular meetings, up from 193 meetings reported in last years report.

It would be wonderful to report that we have overcome all of our problems, but this is not the case. The lack of support in our service committees may be due to the fact that all our service committees are within shouting distance of one another. Another reason may be that we haven't had any service workshops in years. So most of our time is spent explaining the how and why to trusted servants that get thrust into regional and/or area service prematurely. It makes for a very long service meeting, but all in all, I have to be positive. I have to hope, that the members who are involved with the regional convention committees, will experience the joy of seeing the fruit blossom on the vine of their endeavers, and carry that enthusiasm into other service.

I couldn't close this report without mentioning the Chicago Service Office. The benefit of having a office has greatly enhanced our P.I. efforts. The C.S.O. serves as the conduit of information and/or requests that this part of the fellowship has lacked for so long. This is accomplished by an employee that coordinates and directs the info to the proper subcommittee. The C.S.O. not only serves all areas in the Chicagoland Region but other parts of Illinois and the Northwest Indiana Area as well.

I would like to close this report with something I heard at a recovery meeting the other night. This fellowship has given me everything without asking for anything in return and I Love You All for that.

Yours in Loving Service,

Jeff Wirosztko, R.S.R., and Sue B., R.S.R. Alt.
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Feb. 23, 1989
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Family,

Greetings from the Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous. We are pleased to report that the N.A. Fellowship in our Region is continuing to grow Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually.

Although we are a small Region, we have grown physically in the size and number of our groups. We now have 137 groups with many having more than one meeting held at the same location, at the same time. Recently, we also added a new Area to our RSC. The Greater Danbury Area, brings us to a total of seven Areas within our Region.

Our Hospitals and Institutions Committee has also grown to the point of 49 facilities being serviced on a regular basis. Within some of the Areas, these H&I Committees have more addicts interested in serving, than facilities to service. Our H&I Committee has been able to use these resources, to help carry the message in Areas that aren't quite as fortunate.

Mentally, our Regional Committees have grown. As stated above, our H&I Committee tries it's best to spread the message to the institutionalized addict.

Our Regional Literature Committee has grown from a committee whose main concern was purchasing and distributing Literature, to one that is now able to work on input and creation of new Literature for our Fellowship. Two workshops have been held over the past year for just that purpose, and the members of this Committee look forward to continuing work on new assignments. Our Regional Literature Chair has been able to attend WSC workshops and quarterlies and that has helped this Committee keep up with the Literature concerns of the Fellowship, World Wide.

Other projects they are working on are schedule creation and distribution and a Newsletter. It is taking time to get the newsletter off the ground, but the interest level is high for the best possible publication.

Our Regional Public Information / Phoneline Committee has also gone through growth this past year. They are now in the process of purchasing a display case, which will help this Committee inform the public of N.A. and what we offer. They are also working with other Committies to help them in carrying the message.

The Phonelines are run on an Area basis. Some of these Areas are struggling to fulfill their commitments , and the Regional PI / Phoneline Committee is helping these Areas any way they can. But, as happens in N.A., the job is getting done by the few, with the help of our Higher Power.

A New Committee has been formed within the RSC to help

FLORIDA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
MARCH 1, 1989

Love, hugs and fellowship from the Florida Region. Once again the Florida Region is growing. Since our last report two new areas have formed, bringing the total number of areas to 20. We are still meeting bimonthly and rotating our regional weekend between four geographical zones.

At the last count our region has approximately 674 regularly scheduled meetings (I guess we miscounted last year at 765 meetings). In addition, our H&I committees take 232 meetings into hospitals and institutions, an increase over 36 over last year.

Public Information has done a lot within the past year. We participated in two major events, the Annual Conferences of NAADAC and FADA. Both of these organizations are comprised of members in substance abuse fields. We also purchased an N.A. display booth from the WSO, and feel it will help us to provide a "professional" appearance when dealing with the public. 20 months ago we created a Helpline Subcommittee. This seems to have worked well, and has great participation from the areas. This allows us to spend more time on learning days and workshops; both with P.I. and Helpline, by sharing experience, strength and hope in a specific area of need.

H&I has been jamming along and will be holding the 2nd Annual H&I Awareness Weekend April 28, 29 and 30 in Ocala, Florida. It will be a weekend of speakers and workshops pertaining to H&I.

Our Literature Subcommittee continues to hold workshops around the region to review and write recovery material. We are looking forward to working on the traditions part of *It Works: How & Why.*

The year before we created a convention board and this year we incorporated our regional convention. This is the first year we are dealing with a board and host committee. Also for the first time, we are planning on taping our own meetings at the convention. FRCNA VIII will be in Jacksonville, Florida, June 30 to July 3, 1989. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the miracle of recovery at "The Gifts of Gratitude."

Our regional service office is still going strong with purchases this year that will reach over $160,000 of recovery material from the WSO. We still have a special worker in the office which has eliminated all the problems we have in the past (getting orders out in a timely fashion and communication).

Narcotics Anonymous is another year older in Florida. We have come a long way. With the help of our Higher Power we will continue to learn, grow and incorporate the spiritual principles of the program to the best of

protect us from us and guide in our responsibilities to the Region and N.A. as a whole. This is the Policy Committee. Although it is a small Committee, it has been able to handle many of the large questions assigned by the Region to help us better serve in a more orderly direction.

Our Regional Convention Committee has also grown. This past January our convention was held in the States largest facility, and once again was sold out long before the convention. This Regional celebration of recovery has grown yearly, and is expected to continue along these lines, as the Fellowship continues to grow within the Region.

This year, not only were there Recovery, Service and Spiritual meetings at our Convention, but also two open forum type meetings. One was on "How to better serve the Region" and the other on "The Appropriateness of Special Interest Meetings in N.A.". These proved to be a new experience within our Region, which brings us to our next topic.

Spiritually, our Regional Fellowship has also grown. Grown to the point that a forum on "Special Interest Meetings" became a time of shared feelings and beliefs, without inventory taking or name calling.

Our RSC has grown to where our Primary Purpose is first and foremost in our decision making, with very little politics taking place. Our Higher Power is definitely guiding us at our RSC.

Our funding and fundflow process is beginning to work within our Groups, Areas and Region. It has taken time, but we are all becoming more aware of our Seventh Tradition and its meaning when it comes to funds. Although we sometimes falter, our belief is that we will continue to grow in this area.

As you can see, The Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous is excited about our many forms of growth, and believe that with the help of every addict and our Higher Power, we will continue to grow Physically, Mentally and Spiritually.

IN LOVING SERVICE,

THE CONNECTICUT REGION
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

our ability--so that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction without hearing the message of recovery.

In love and service,

Alan Regnier, RSR
Andy Siegel, RSR Alternate

P.S. Donations to the WSC were over $16,000.00.

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To the Fellowship:

Another year has passed in the Georgia Region. The main concern this year has been finances. We have continued to operate this year below our set prudent reserve. For the past several years we have enjoyed most profitable conventions; we became dependent on these high profit margins. This year was different. We had to rely on area donations. The areas are starting to learn the fund flow. Though things have been tight, all bills and expenditures are being approved or disapproved by voting participants. We are making headway.

Growth also continues. We had two new areas, East End Area and West Georgia Area, to form this past year. We now have a total of 13 ASC's in the region.

Meetings are starting to spring up in the smaller towns. Instead of driving thirty to forty miles for meetings, one can normally attend a closer meeting of perhaps ten or fewer people. The groups are also supporting each other. The message of Narcotics Anonymous is being spread in rural Georgia. This is a beautiful thing to see.

The following is a brief description of our subcommittees.

Literature

After the present administration took over in June, 1988, the stockpile was audited and a huge past due debt was discovered. Adjustments were made and this now has been substantially reduced. We hope to have a zero balance with WSO by June, 1989. The review and input process continues with work that has been assigned. We are now working on Traditions 11 and 12. Congratulations on your hard work, literature. Keep it up.

Hospitals and Institutions

This subcommittee has grown in participants during the past year. It has become a body of experience, strength, and hope for areas to discuss achievements and problems. This committee has also done a tremendous job by putting on workshops throughout the region. H & I is coming of age in the Georgia Region.

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Public Information

This subcommittee has also grown. Workshops are being held, booths and displays for events (local, state, and national) are done, and, when funds permit, a state meeting schedule is printed. They are doing a good job despite low funds.

Helpline

The Georgia Region no longer funds a helpline, resulting in changes during the past year. Participation has grown from three to nine areas. Workshops are being held twice a month in different parts of the state. Phone lines continue to spring up throughout the state; the workshops have lent much help in this area of work. This subcommittee has done a tremendous job.

Convention

For the first time in four years, the convention was held outside the metro Atlanta area. Despite the nasty weather, flu, low funding, controversy, a late start, and a completely new setup, it was a tremendous success. Whew! You gotta' know there's a loving Spirit out there. The convention was held at Jekyll Island, off the coast of Southeast Georgia. A convention center was used this year and, yes, they want us back. They loved us. We hope before GRCNA IX we will have a convention corporation. Work is in progress to do this.

In closing, I would like to thank the Alternate RSR, Davis W., for his help. May God be with the Georgia Region.

In Loving Service,

Edgar G.

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RSR GRSC

Hi friends,

This is the annual report of the Federal Republic of Germany N.A. Region.

There are 55 N.A. meetings in the Region Federal Republic of Germany. We have three areas: Bremen, Rhein-Main, and Southwest. We have a literature committee which has been meeting regularly (once a month) during the last year. Several new members have joined the RLC. They have revised our present German literature (9 pamphlets and the White Booklet) so we now have literature in proper German. They also have started the process of translating the Basic Text. A translator has been chosen and a contract is ready to be signed. A subcommittee has been formed to work on the translations. The WSO has offered its financial assistance for this effort. By the time of the WSC '89 we should have the translation and probably some revised chapters ready. We are in contact with the WLC, informing them about our work regularly. We also started an N.A. newsletter for Germany that is published quarterly (the second issue is already released).

We also have a public information committee which has been meeting regularly (twice a month) during the last year. The P.I. Committee is in the Rhein-Main area, but responsible for the whole region. The P.I. Committee sent an information letter ("What Is N.A.?") to all places which are contacted by addicts. We also print in newspapers information about where and when to find N.A. meetings. We have information meetings in therapy centers. The committee gave information about N.A. in a radio broadcast. There are many inquiries to the P.I. Committee from private persons, treatment centers, and groups of parents of addicts.

Every year we have a beautiful N.A. convention in the region of Federal Republic of Germany. Every four months we have a Regional Service Conference.

Good-bye, friends, in love and fellowship, Volker Vitt.

HAWAII REGION

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT

March 1, 1989

Aloha family, from warm and sunny Hawaii!

The overwhelming response from all areas in our region has been a considerable increase in unity this year. The conciousness has definitely changed from one of being separate islands to one of being a viable region. Our RSC has met regularly with all areas attending and actively participating in regional service committies.

Contributing to our growth and unification has been the continued success of our Gatherings. This year the Maui fellowship hosted their first with the theme "Harvest of Recovery" which indeed it was! The Big Isle's third Gathering was a resounding success as well over Memorial Day. This May 26-29th they will host the 4th for four days/ three nights: call (808) 322-3396 for information. The regional Gathering, "Message of Love", drew over 300 members from all over the world, reminding us all of our world wide miracle of recovery - Thank you!!

This year also marked our regions first success hosting the Western States Unity Convention held in Waikiki. Pot luck/beach meetings, dances and annual events continue to being us together. We even held an ice skating party! (in Hawaii???)

All areas have experienced an increase of from 20 to 50% membership with many 1,2 and 3 year birthdays. Presently we have over 70 meetings. Each of the ASC's are solvent with many service positions being filled with new, enthusiastic, trusted servants.

Hospitals and Institutions: H & I is very active in Hawaii with the Kauai area now joining this year with their first meetings. The primary area of concern has been to increase and improve communication with facility administrations. Today there are solid meetings in each area with inmates beginning recovery inside and continuing once released.

Public Information: PI on the regional level continues to be difficult to fill. Hawaii is very fortunate in that there are groups of dedicated trusted servants on area levels. Information packets, presentations @ awareness workshops, public notices, releases and interviews with the media are the primary tools utilized.

Regional Service Office: Our RSO has experienced shaky moments this past year. The phone line volunteers continue to be difficult to find. The office serves as an important central location for committee meetings, community contacts and literature sales. With much dedication on the part of the Board of Directors and newly hired office manager many of our difficulties will be ironed out soon. Thank you all again for the sharing of your experience, strength and hope in this area.

Submitted in Loving Service,

Claudia Leslie, R.S.R.
Tom Catton, A.R.S.R.

GREATER ILLINOIS REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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Hi!! It is my pleasure to report that the GREATER ILLINOIS REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE will be three years old in June. We meet every other month on the even numbered months. We have six functions a year on the odd numbered months. We rotate the conferences and the functions to the different areas in our region so that no one has to travel all the time. We started the year with four areas in our region. We were struggling to find people to serve as officers of our conference and our committees. Our regional support was at a low. Our local fellowships were growing but support at the regional conference was dwindling. We finally filled all vacancies last month at one of the best attended conferences I can remember. Not only did we fill the vacant positions but we also had a newly formed area join our conference. And now we are five! Welcome to the Welcome Home Area which has meetings in Effingham and Vandalia, Illinois.

Our region was priviledged to have one of its areas (Heart of Illinois) host the fourth Midcoast Convention last August in Peoria, Illinois. It was a great celebration of recovery with about 450 attending. This year the excitement continues as another area in our region won the bid for MCC 5. The Lake Borderline Area will host MCC 5 at the Deerfield Hyatt July 28, 29, 30. Hope to see everybody there!

Last year we decided to try to make the WSC Agenda Report as understandable as possible. We held a Convenference (a combination convention for fun and fellowship and a conference for the business of reveiwing the agenda). It was a success. Those that attended went away feeling better able to vote on matters that effect the whole fellowship of NA. We are having another one this year at Grayslake on March 11.

Our committees have been busy this year inspite of lack of support. Our literature committee did review and input of the first six steps of <u>It Works</u>. Our policy committee has grown enough to put three years of policy motions in a packet. Our H&I and our PI committees have been working hard to support and coordinate efforts of our areas' subcommittees.

Two members of our region were elected to WS Committees. We were pleased and honored but were soon faced with a problem. Since funding for their travel expenses was not provided for by the WSC should we fund them? We formed an Ad Hoc to develop a policy to follow regarding this issue. It was a very emotional issue for many of us. As the year progressed we were unable to settle on a policy. Our funds were sufficient to either pass funds to the WSC or to pay the expenses of the two committee members but not both. The TWGS seem to say all funds left after meeting our expenses and reserves should be passed on. As a committee we felt that WSC should make provision for the travel expenses of all necessary committee members. We felt that by not doing anything they were wanting both, which is not fair to committee members whose regions cannot afford to send them. Perhaps if every region passed their funds on instead of sending everyone to the WSC quarterlies there would be funds for the committee members. We have decided to send money and hope our people get there somehow.

I have been instructed by my region to make a motion on the floor of the conference. I regret that the motion was not presented sooner so that it could go through committee but I am including it here for your information.

<u>Motion:</u> To move the WSO to Kansas City, Missouri

<u>Intent:</u> To more centralize the location of the WSO in the continental U.S. To lower rent or purchase price of necessary room for expansion needed in two years. Possible lower labor expense. We believe that now is the time to give direction to our WSO.

The last two years, first as RSRA and now as RSR, have been the most exciting and growth filled years of my life. Thanks to all addicts (past and present) in the fellowship for making this possible.

In loving service,
RSR for the
Greater Illinois Regional
Service Conference

Paul Hewerdine

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INDIANA REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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The INDIANA REGION is in its third year of existence. Two new areas have joined us (South Central and Wabash Valley) bringing the total to six areas. The Indiana Region contains approximately 171 meetings, including Hospitals & Institutions.

Due to the areas following the suggested flow of funds we were able to send the RSR to all the Quarterly meetings this past year. The prior year has been a period of growth for the region, with more addicts getting involved in the service process which means more informed addicts to help keep communication between the Areas and the Region open to keep down on some of the confusion which is sometimes associated with lack of participation.

FUNDING & FINANCE

The Funding and Finance subcommittee is in need of support, but we have been able to put on our yearly fundraiser to sent our delegates to the WSC this year. We came out with a new t-shirt design this year and all sale proceeds went toward the delegate fund. With two subcommittees becoming more active and the Literature subcommittee holding more literature review workshops, we foresee a need to raise more funds so we can continue to carry the message to the still suffering addict. So we are looking foward to next year.

We must also recognize that if it weren't for the strong area donations this year, we wouldn't of been able to send the Regional Representative to the quarterly meetings this past year.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

The Hospitals and Institutions subcommittee over the past year has had its problems with consistency, but through unity we have been able to put on a sucessful H&I learning day in the Northeast area this past September, we also compiled a list of H&I meetings for the Indiana Regional meeting directory.

If the last H&I meeting is a indication of things to come, with all area H&I chairpersons showing up, and cooperation with the PI subcommittee, this next year could be a very productive period. More will be revealed.

LITERATURE & COMMUNICATIONS

This has been a productive and rewarding year for our subcommittee. Six issues of our Regional newsletter, the Indiana Clean Times, were generated, as well as two editions of our statewide meeting directory. These two projects have developed to the point where a separate subcommittee is needed to properly handle the work without detracting from more traditional literature functions. An Ad-hoc subcommittee has been formed for this purpose.

A major goal for the subcommittee was met in holding seven workshops for review and input of literature. Members had the opportunity to share input on "It Works: How and Why", "Questions and Answers About N.A.", and "For Those in Treatment." The Literature Chairperson , along with several other members from Indiana, were able to attend both World Literature Workshops in Chicago.

We were also able to reach out to the Area Literature subcommittees, offering assistance in the approval and review processes. We welcomed one brand new Area Literature subcommittee as well as two new trusted servants in the existing ones. In conjunction with the Areas, we coordinated the effort of completing the World Literature Committee's survey on "It Works: How and Why".

Additionally, the Literature Chairperson was given the chance to attend the WSC Quarterly meeting in Detroit and participate as a general member of the WSC. This was a very educational experience and it is hoped that this opportunity will repeat itself during the coming Conference year. Other goals include a continuing series of workshops on review literature highlighted by a two day input-writing session on the Twelve Traditions. We are looking ahead with faith to another year of carrying the written message of recovery.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The PI subcommittee is in there first year, and already they have an extensive agenda. One of the first items on the agenda was to take a survey of all the areas, trying to determine where our strengths and weaknesses lie, so we can pursue dealing with our weaknesses this is still being evaluated. We are also mapping the Region to find out what Hospitals and Institutions are in need of the fellowship, so we can inform them of our existences.

The PI subcommittee is also encouraging all area PI & H&I Chairpersons to attend the Regional PI subcommittee meetings, so we can keep the doors of communication and cooperation open. The PI Chairperson is in the process of contacting neighboring regions to let them know what were doing and to find out whats going on in their regions so we aren't overlapping our efforts and wasting precious energy.

The next year will be a busy one with such items on the agenda as completion of the area surveys, PI directory format, contact letters, Regional phoneline feasability study, WSO display panel, and PI learning days and workshops.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

The Policy & Administration subcommittee started off the year by expanding I.R.S.C. to a two-day meeting so as to better serve the needs of the region. This was tried experimentally and has now been implemented as policy.

A purpose and a set of guidelines for the function of this P&A subcommittee were drawn up and approved. We also reviewed the guidelines drawn by our L&C subcommittee to oversee the production of our Newsletter and they were approved with little change.

The subcommittee spent time looking at Not-for-Profit and Tax exempt status as a region, deciding to file for a Federal I.D. number, election procedures for officers of I.R.S.C., possibly splitting the P&A subcommittee in two, and alot of budget and financial request filled our agenda and our thoughts.

The most in-depth work was undertaken by our Policy Ad-Hoc subcommittee they are compiling and reviewing I.R.S.C policies to include in a Policy Handbook for the region. Work is still progressing on this and is soon to be completed.

In closing we would like to say we are looking forward to seeing some old friends and meeting some new ones this April at the WSC.

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THE REGION IN GENERAL

1988 was a year of trying to find ourselves. One of our goals for last year was to try to open up more channels between the Areas in Iowa, with other Regions, and with World Services. We fell a bit short of this goal. Much of our time was spent on creating more policy or better defining our existing policy; partly in hopes of making our already long service meetings better serve "Our Primary Purpose". However, we have spent most of our time on the subject of policy overlooking the importance of carrying the message to the still suffering addicts. Hopefully in '89 we can get on with helping the suffering addict outside of our service meetings.

Our attendance at our Regional Service Committee Meetings (RSCM) has been very good with representation coming from every existing Area. Unfortunately, our sub-committee days that are in between our RSCMs have had ups and downs with support. We are working on a central location to hopefully alleviate this problem thus promoting continuity of service.

Although our sub-committees have had problems with service officers resigning and lack of support, there has been much work accomplished with PI leading the way. Literature has grown a lot since last year on the level of participation and work done. H&I has held their own with about the same amount of service completed. We have decided to establish our Regional Convention Committee at an earlier date since much work needs to be done before a Convention. We now elect new officers for the next Convention right after the current convention is done.

The open forum that we discussed last year started out with a two hour open discussion before each RSCM. The meetings started out with very little participation, so the starting time was moved to one hour before the RSCM. Since this change we have seen a large increase of participation which has benefited the Region by everyone sharing their experience, strength and hope.

The growth of our existing Areas was the highlight over the last year. We have seen an increase of GSR participation from groups at the Area level. Areas service committees have been better serving the specific needs of their member groups by providing meeting lists, literature, support to new groups, PI/H&I work, etc. There has been high enthusiasm from all of our Areas to unite and fulfill our primary purpose of "Carrying the Message".

Due to our ever increasing service needs the cost of running the Region has grown a lot over the last few years. This has made it more difficult to send monies to the WSC and has even put us in a bind at times such as when we send our RSRs to the World Service Conference. Because of this, topics such as fundraising have surfaced. Is fundraising against our seventh tradition or not? Meanwhile we have established tighter budgets with spending priorities so that we can better effectively serve the Areas.

Iowa 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 commitment financially as well as emotionally to make our 6th annual regional convention a success. We would like to invite you all to join us June 30- July 2, 1989 in Cedar Rapids, Ia. for Iowa Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous VI (IRCNA VI).

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H&I sub-committee is looking forward to a year of growth, love and understanding. We will continue to combine out spiritual efforts to unify all area H&I sub-committees. Our primary goal for 1989 will be to have a uniform message of NA to hospitals and institutions across the region. Other obtainable goals are:

* Regional H&I officers visit Area H&I sub-committees.
* Plan West side learning day (includes a budget and plan).
* May - learning day West.
* Review and order H&I materials.
* Plan East side learning day (includes a budget and plan).
* August - nominate officers.
* Sept - learning day East.
* Oct - elect officers.
* Nov - Review WSC quarterly.
* Nov - Confirm H&I officers to the rsx.

Important issue to consider is the 1989 Review H&I manual. We also need to stress communication in our structure from ASC H&I to RSC H&I. Through our HP we can carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

In Loving Service,
Wil O. (Chair)

P.S. Last year our sub-comm participated in a judges conference on substance abuse.

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On May 21, 1988 we held a Regional Literature Learning Day in Cedar Rapids. We discussed starting a literature committee, area stockpiles, getting literature to meetings, receiving literature and also wrote articles for our newsletter.

IP's that are up for review and input for 1988 are "Questions and Answers about NA", "For those in Treatment" and "In times of Illness." Extensive review and a review day on September 17, 1988 in Des Moines. We sent our input in to the WSO.

We took over the production of the Regional Meeting Directories and they are available for all the Areas.

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The last year has been a growing year for IRSC/PI in the terms of service completed. We started out with a lot of goals and have pretty much accomplished all of them. What we have accomplished is as follows:

* Increased World to Area to World flow of information.
* Addressed Parole Slips (see attached).
* Participated in a Judges Conference (see attached).
* Created a media contingency plan (see attached).
* Put on a Multi-regional learning day.
* Created a media package to be used at our Convention (see attached).
* Put together the history of Iowa Region PI (see attached).
* Created a list of Iowa Service officers and a method for updating it (see attached).
* Continued with our updated 12th step list to be used with any calls from around the region in conjunction with the PSA's currently being aired around the state (i.e. if any one calls we are ready to respond to that call).
* Maintained our Regional Meeting Directory and passed it on to our Regional Literature Committee for future printings.
* Developed and implemented a system to maintain Regional PI archives.
* Sent addicts to other Regional and World PI events.
* Responded to Areas requests by helping air out problems such as undercover agents going to meetings. We didn't give them any answers, rather just opened up discussion where the Areas came up with their own solutions.

We have also had some problems over the last year. Our biggest problem seems to be the same one that all NA service seems to have; the lack of participation from service officers. Many service officers get elected, then either resign or don't fulfill their commitment to service. We have had excellent support from addicts around the Region, but many times our committee has met with only one officer present.

We also have the ongoing struggle of getting information to and from our Areas. Part of this has been due to the previous problem stated (high turnover of officers and/or lack of commitment to service).

We have some goals for our upcoming year. They are:

* Get committed officers.
* Create a Regional PSA tape library for use by our Areas.
* Improve World to Area to World flow of information.
* Follow up on the P.O. slips (be consistent).
* Put on more public presentations.
* Aid smaller Areas with their PI outreach.
* Invite an increase level of Area participation in IRSC/PI. (Prompt Areas to tell us how we can best serve them)
* Stabilize the service provided by IRSC/PI (be consistent).

All in all it has been a good year for us and we look forward to 1989. We hope to continue with this growth in service provided. Most importantly we want to stabilize our service so that we can fulfill our primary purpose of "CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO THE STILL SUFFERING ADDICT".

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We had a very successful convention last year in Des Moines. We had participants from at least five other regions. We also had a good rapport with the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Most importantly we had members in attendance from every area within the Iowa region. All in all we had about 175-200 in attendance and came out better than even financially. We have really worked hard on keeping our primary purpose to that of having a successful celebration of recovery rather than having a financial success.

We learned to take the focus off of money. This led us to the decision of not having time consuming auctions. This doesn't mean that we are not financially prudent. We have only lost money on our first convention where we went $20.00 in the whole. Rather, we want to keep our focus on the reason why we even have conventions and it was not to make money.

We have also worked on having a more accurate system of accountability. Experienced bookkeeping is a must for a successful celebration of recovery. It was decided to keep our banners from year to year for display. We have been having our Regional Convention for over five years now, and believe that we are becoming experienced in having a successfull smaller Regional Convention.

We did have some problems with servants doing committee work on their own. This led to some expenses that were above our original projections. We have learned painfully that we should always work in the "WE" when doing NA service. Any changes of expenditures should always be brought to the executive committee before being approved.

Incorporation of the convention committee was once again discussed and it was decided that it was not feasible at this time. In fact it was noticed that the WSC convention guidelines stated that smaller regional conventions should not be incorporated. Those active servants on the convention committee have the general feeling that incorporation is not feasible for quite a while. Therefore the convention committee remains an subcommittee of the Iowa Regional Service Committee (IRSC).

Our next convention will be June 30-July 2, 1989 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Come join in our celebration of recovery at IRCNA VI. We have flyers today and are looking for people to help out with workshops or who would be interested in being speakers.

In Service and gratitude,
Iowa Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Dan P. (RSR/IRSCNA)

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To : The World Service Conference 1989

From : The Irish Fellowship

Date : 20th February 1989

A Chairde,

The Irish Fellowship welcomes this opportunity to send its greetings to the W.S.C. '89 with its annual report.

There is a core of spiritual growth within the Irish Fellowship which helps to carry us through our present difficulties. The question the Irish Fellowship is asking itself at present is, are we growing or are we stagnant? The Irish Region has had little or no growth at the level of new meetings in the last year. This we think stems from several causes :

1) Lack of newcomers
2) Lack of commitment to service
3) Various service position's not being maintained properly
4) Lack of unity, which brings into question

our primary purpose. There still tends to be ambivalent feelings towards the A.S.C. and the R.S.C., which appears to be a lack of support for the trusted servants in these positions.
The above issues are of concern to everyone, and we seek solutions to them.

To date we have had four Regional meetings which were held in various parts of Ireland, which were attended by various trusted servants elected by the R.S.C. and other interested members. This committee is still in its early stages of growth, and the formation of Regional Committees is now becoming one of the main issues on our agenda.
The committee was initially financed by members passing the 'Hat' following a meeting, but more recently its funds have been received from our Regional Convention. The Irish Fellowship, though self-supporting, has very limited reserves. Different areas are now organising fund-raising committees.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION:

This is one of our most active sub-committees and the members are dedicated to spreading the message of N.A. with various PI presentations. We do not as yet have a regional PI committee, but any problems which tend to arise within the Region are dealt with in co-operation with the Dublin Area PI sub-committee. We have recently introduced a new paging system for our phone line, and this seems to be working effectively. It is worked in a rotating basis with members who have the required clean time, and the sub-committee is in the process of tackling other areas, e.g. informing the media of N.A.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Our H & I sub-committee was always one of our most active areas of service, but during the last year this service has rapidly declined. We receive no co-operation from our judicial system, despite many efforts from the Irish Fellowship, and members from the W.S.O. coming over and meeting with these people. So, taking the above into account, we have now decided to concentrate our efforts within hospitals and out-patient centres. This line of tactic appears to be working effectively. We continue to carry the message within the prison system when requested. We have one prison meeting at present and two hospital meetings in Dublin. There is also a hospital meeting in Ballinasloe. Similar to the P.I. sub-committee, we do not have an H & I Regional Committee, but the Dublin H & I sub-committee is available for the Region. We are now working and co-ordinating our efforts with the P.I. sub-committee in institutes other than prisons. Our H & I sub-committee consists of approximately 3 to 4 members, and less at times.

REGIONAL OFFICE:

Since our Regional Office has come into existence, it has worked on various items relevant to the Fellowship. Recently the Articles of Association were drawn up and they have been approved by the R.S.C. It will be only a matter of time before we become a limited company. Literature sales, etc., are dealt with by the office committee. This core group of dedicated workers are dealing with difficult issues, and at times this is not recognised.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Although in N.A. in principle we do not believe in special meetings, in Ireland we do have a women's meeting which is open to both sexes. We feel that this is a very important meeting as our problem with the scarcity of women coming into the Fellowship and staying in it continues. This meeting has helped encourage women to stay in the Fellowship.

REGIONAL CONVENTION:

This was one of our smallest Conventions to date, and yet the most successful. We had an influx of members from outside of Ireland, which was most gratifying for us, as it gave us the opportunity to share with each other. Our next Convention will be on in the last week-end of October '89, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

EUROPEAN SERVICE CONFERENCE:

Ireland was represented by four members of the Irish Fellowship. We learnt a great deal from our European friends, and we look forward to seeing them all in Barcelona. The Irish Fellowship welcomes the setting up of a European Office, and we wish Jim W. all the best in his new position.

Narcotics Anonymous has been in Ireland a little more than nine and a half years. We have come a long way from those early beginnings. We will continue to make mistakes, to learn and grow and to practice the spiritual principles of N.A. to the best of our ability, so that no addict anywhere need die from the disease of addiction without hearing the message of recovery.

In closing this report with the Serenity Prayer in our native tongue, Irish, I would like to thank the Irish Fellowship for giving me the privilege and honour of serving as their representative to the World Service Conference '89.

Go dtuga Dia an Suaimhneas dom
le go nglacfainn leis na nithe nach féidir liom a athrú,
An Misneach le go n-athróinn na nithe gur féidir,
Agus an Gaois le go dtuigfinn an difríocht atá eatarthu.

In loving service,

Stephanie A.

Stephanie A., R.S.R.

Austin C.

Austin C., R.S.R. Alternate.

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL REPORT

We hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirits. We are glad to report that the Kentuckiana Region is alive, well and growing. We have since last year welcomed another area into our region and now have approximately 90 regular NA meetings going on weekly.

We are also glad to report KRCNA II held in Evansville, was a great success. KRCNA III will be held in Louisville, KY on March 24, 25, and 26 1989.

We have a new regional H&I chairperson and a functioning committee on the regional level is in the works. Our literature committee has dispersed, but talks are continuing on the reformation of the committee based more on review and input of literature rather than literature stockpile.

Our P&I committee held its first regional learning day in Louisville, KY on January 14, 1989. It was a great success!

In Loving Service,

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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 1989

This report is on behalf of the London Region of N.A. but for this occasion other areas in the U.K. have been invited to participate to form a concience.

This year has seen a consolidation in the London Region and a lot of developement in the U.K. as a whole.

In our service structure and procedures we have taken care to lay the foundations for continued growth.

As of January 1989 there are 96 meetings in the London area and 95 outside giving a total of 191 in the U.K.This is an overall growth of 14% on last year, a net increase of 23 meetings.

We now have a number of non-restrictive special interest groups including Womens meetings, gay and lesbian meetings, an illness in recovery and an Italian speaking group.

Sadly, there is widespread apathy towards service and the'Temporary working guide to our service structure' is all too rarely seen at group level.

There are now forteen areas in the U.K., five of these in the London Region and four in the newly forming South West Region.

All the individual Areas are welcomed at the U.K. Service Assembly which meets monthly, convening every three months in an area outside London.H&I and P.I. workshops are held at these quarterly meetings as a means of sharing experience with the local fellowship.

The guidlines of the U.K.S.A. are evolving to meet the rapidly changing needs of the fellowship in the U.K. as a whole.With the emergence of a new Region we have reviewed voting procedures with the aim of including as wide as possible representation within the Assembly.

The U.K.S.A.is responsible for the U.K. fellowship magazine- 'Clean Times' and for the U.K. convention. The U.K.C.N.A.II. was a great success and profits will be used to underwrite the next convention and to carry the message in novel ways, through the setting up of special workshops carrying experience around the country and via literature.

The U.K.S.A. sub-committees liaise on a National level with institutions and press as well as supporting the fellowship locally. The U.K. Literature (Review and Input) committee meets twice a month and is busily engaged in assigned review and input projects, Anglicisation of Information Pamphlets and the preparation of a U.K. edition of our Basic Text.

The U.K.Service Office now employs a full-time special worker and continues to distribute Conference-approved literature (under licence from the W.S.O.) and prints several of the Anglicised pamphlets and the little white booklet. The role of the U.K.S.O. has gradually diversified to include acting as a vital communication link between National P.I. and H.& I. and the relevant bodies. Also in promoting group service to meetings outside London as well as its initial purpose of distributing literature.

Last year both London Region and the U.K.S.A. were able to send representatives to the E.S.C. in Paris. The U.K.S.A. representative is already in contact with the committee preparing for E.S.C.6. in Barcelona.

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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 1989

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The annual inventory-taking at Area and Regional level has been completed and is now a regular feature. Areas within London Region have held service learning days following the pattern of last years Regional event. We are now fairly solvent and able to make more frequent contributions to the W.S.C. Unfortunately this reflects not so much on the outstanding generosity of the Seventh Tradition contributions as on the energy and efforts of our Fundraising and Entertainments Committee.

Hospitals and Institutions Sub-committees hold 31 meetings and are continually negotiating more. H.&I. work is carried out at area level with areas often joining forces to carry the message. This year new H.&I. guidelines have been drafted specific to our needs. As ever H.&I. relies on relatively few individuals for an increasing number of meetings. Nevertheless they have made major breakthroughs reaching into previously closed institutions.

Public Information has produced new information packs and letters to professionals, and is gearing up to dealing actively with the National media. We enjoy excellent relationships with outside bodies including the Motropolitan Police.

Our sales of literature represent a significant contribution to Regional funds and the Literature Committee has drawn up suggested meeting outlines and new guidelines for area and group literature representatives to reflect our distribution methods. The Literature Committee is actively fullfilling its role of carrying the message in the writen form through distribution though it does not at present undertake the task of Review and Input, leaving this to the National U.K. Literature (review and input) Committee.

Although we have grown in numbers and consolidated our service structure, practices and procedures with regular inventories and annual reports, we still suffer from a lack of committed members to do service. It seems the more responsibility is taken by a few, the more dispirited they become and the less attractive service appears. We believe it is the responsibility of those in service now to share their knowledge, experence and sence of enthusiasm with those teetering on the edge of their first commitment.

We have found that it is all too easy to become preoccupied with procedural debate and in so doing lose sight of our primary purpose. Nevertheless the message is being carried, addicts are recovering in ever greater numbers. Narcotics Anonymous is ever more widely recognised by previously skeptical professionals as an effective means of recovery from active addiction.

We are therefore reminded once again of the presence of a loving God without whome we could not achieve our primary purpose of staying clean and carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

In fellowship,

Joe P. , Nathan N.

R.S.R. and R.S.R. Alternate.
London Region,
England.

THE LONE STAR REGION OF TEXAS

DATE: February 27, 1989

TO: World Service Conference

FROM: Lone Star Region of Texas,
RSR, Tim Banner
RSR Alternate, Pam Budenstein

SUBJECT: Annual Regional Report

At the end of 1988, there were 89 H&I meetings in the Lone Star Region. Of the thirteen areas, an average of ten area chairs are represented at each R.S.C. The attendance at the Regional Subcommittee meetings is generally between 15 and 20 members.

In 1988, the Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee improved its relations with the Texas Department of Corrections, opening the way for more N.A. meetings in Texas prisons. To foster this relationship, we created two new positions within the subcommittee, T.D.C. Liason and T.D.C. Co-Liason.

The H&I Subcommittee created and approved regional H&I guidelines in 1988. This process also delineated and clarified our structure and procedures.

Our goals for 1989 are to increase our involvement with T.D.C. and to focus our efforts on holding workshops and learning days within the region. When the new Hospitals and Institutions Handbook is approved by the World Service Conference, we will hold workshops around the region to facilitate implementation of its changes.

The Lone Star Region has a very strong, active Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee, and we're looking forward to growth and improvement of our services in 1989.

Regional Service Office Annual Report 1988-89

Much has changed with the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Regional Service Office. Of the seven directors that began this year, three were among the ten active at the close of the year. Only one of the directors completed his term. In an effort to get a wider representation for the Board, a letter was sent to ASC requesting nominations. Later, a resume form was developed, approved and distributed in hopes of increasing the members in the pool.

In April the office manager resigned. The principal office was moved to Dallas and Randie Ravkind was appointed Office Manager Pro Tem. Notice was sent to ASRs and area chairs announcing the opening of the Office Managers position at the RSO. The only application received was from Ms. Ravkind. An employment offer was made by the Board and accepted by Ms. Ravkind with official Personnel Policy to be developed later.

The most profitable new endeavor of the RSO may be the marketing of literature to treatment centers. Packages introducing the Service Office were sent to over 456 facilities. The response has been very encouraging. This can be one of the ways to help the office become self supporting.

At the third quarterly Board meeting, a Regional meeting directory was approved and 500 directories were printed. Most were sold by the end of the calendar year. Updating is going on and a second printing is set for April, 1989.

As the year progressed the Board with the approval of the RSC, has taken a more active roll in the operation of the Regional Convention. The main reason for this may be an increased number of Board members with convention experience. A major turning point came when the Conference agreed to change the Regional Convention Guidelines to retain convention proceeds for future Conventions. This will relieve host areas from the overwhelming task of raising funds necessary to hold a successful convention. In order to better interact with the Host Committee two Board members are present at the monthly Host Committee meetings. The Convention Guidelines are being reviewed and revisions will be recommended to the Conference. A solution to the dilemma of settling the tax liability for the Steering Straight Convention was arrived at late in the year. That situation will soon be resolved.

In October the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, along with the Office Manager attended the World Workshop or Service Offices and Conventions held in Atlanta. The Host Committee Chair also attended on behalf of the LSRCNA IV. The information and understanding brought back is constantly being used and much is in the process of being implemented.

The confusion in the book keeping cause by the transition of Office Managers and relocation of the office has been staggering, coupled with the growing demands of the convention. The Treasurer has spent countless hours untangling old financial records, filling tax statements and implimenting new procedures. Finally a financial statement and balance sheet was approved by the Board and we are now receiving up-to-date monthly records on a quarterly basis.

In August, 1988, the corporate By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were amended to remove the word "NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS."

Attached to this report is a copy of the 1988 Income Statement of Lone Star Regional Service Office.

LSRSO INCOME STATEMENT
FOR PERIOD ENDED 12-31-88

	Current Period	Year to D
Sales		
SALES	6,856.92	66,010.1
SALES RETURNS & ALLOWANCES	0.00	-887.8
NON-TAXABLE SALES	169.21	879.8
Total Sales	7,026.13	66,002.0
JAN., FEB., MARCH		18,817.5
Grand Total		84,819.6
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
PURCHASES	3,163.87	52,976.3
BEGINNING INVENTORY	12,190.19	103,226.5
ENDING INVENTORY	-9,783.98	-103,768.5
PURCHASES RETURNS & ALLOWANCES	-199.00	-495.5
Total Costs of Goods Sold	5,371.08	51,938.9
JAN., FEB., MARCH		16,763.1
Grand Total		68,702.0
GROSS PROFIT	1,655.05	16,117.6
EXPENSES		
General and Administrative		
SHIPPING EXPENSE	188.28	1,228.
BANK CHARGES	0.00	64.
INSURANCE EXPENSE	0.00	180.
EMPLOYEE BONUS	35.00	260.
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0.00	74.
BOD EXPENSES	39.24	226.
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	330.
MOVING EXPENSE	0.00	449.
POSTAGE EXPENSE	100.20	1,047.
TRAVEL EXPENSE	660.41	2,958.
UTILITIES EXPENSE	74.91	1,065.
RENT EXPENSE	375.00	3,210.
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	42.
TAXES & LICENSES	0.00	-72.
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	66.94	935.
SUPPLIES	77.95	755.
PRINTING EXPENSE	0.00	385.
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	55.96	1,601.
PAYROLL EXPENSE	1,000.00	7,600.
PAYROLL TAX EXPENSE	75.10	315.
RSC EXPENSES	-56.75	140.
Total General and Administrative	2,692.24	22,798.
JAN., FEB., MARCH		4,854.
Grand Total		27,653.
Other Income		
REGIONAL DONATIONS	-400.00	-6,000.00
CENTRAL TX AREA DONATION	0.00	-150.00
TRI-COUNTY AREA DONATION	-30.00	-255.00
OTHER DONATIONS	0.00	-542.99
INTEREST INCOME	-13.00	-56.91
OTHER INCOME	-249.52	-1,977.52
Total Other Income	-692.52	-8,982.42
JAN., FEB., MARCH		-1,767.84
Grand Total		10,750.26
Other Expenses		
OTHER EXPENSE	0.00	324.12
Total Other Expense		324.12
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-344.67	-490.58

The Lone Star Region covers 150 counties in the Eastern and Southern part of Texas and encompasses an area of approximately 200,000 square miles. The Region extends (North to South) from the Red River to the Gulf Coast and (East to West) from the Texas/Louisiana border to the Rio Grande. There are approximately 625 miles between the Witicha Falls Group in North Texas and the Laredo Group on the Texas/Mexico border. The distance between the northern most area (North Texas) and the southernmost area (Coastal Bend) is approximately 450 miles.

The Region is made up of 13 areas with 174 groups meeting 592 times a week. The total estimated membership of recovering addicts in these areas is 2,825. (See attached Exhibit No. 1). This is an increase of 3 areas, 40 groups and 650 members from last year.

Our RSC meets quarterly during the third weekend of January, April, July and October on a rotating basis in each area. Despite the size of the Region, 100% attendance of the ASRs at the RSC is the rule rather than the exception.

During the past few years, there had been discussion of dividing the Region because of communication problems engendered by the distance between areas. However, since the elections last June, the RSA Alternate and I have committed to attend one ASC each month in order to improve region-area and area-area lines of communication. As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee to investigate splitting the Region has been dissolved.

The Lone Star Regional Convention IV will be held in San Antonio March 24, 25 and 26, 1989. The Esperanza Area Hosting Committee is working hard to insure this convention will be a celebration of recovery and unity. This will be the first convention held under the new convention guidelines which place the responsibility for contracts, merchandise orders, inventory, and other similar duties with the Board of Direstors of the Regional Service Office. As always in this Fellowship, change can, and ofter does, cause problems. However, despite initial friction between the two groups, the convention continues to happen and will take place in a spirit of unity. Please come join us and the miracle of recovery in the Lone Star Region.

	AREA	PRINCIPAL CITY	HELPLINE PHONE NO.	NUMBER OF GROUPS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER WEEK	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MEMBERS
1.	Brazos Valley	Bryan-College Station	None	8	12	125
2.	General Texas	Austin	(512)480-0004	23	31	180
3.	Coastal Bent	Corpus Christi	(512)992-2113	11	16	150
4.	Crossroads	Victoria/Port Lavaca	(512)572-5500	8	9	70
5.	Dallas	Dallas	(214)699-9306	25	135	500
6.	East Texas	Tyler	None	10	38	140
7.	Esperanza	San Antonio	(512)434-0665	14	29	160
8.	Ft. Worth	Ft. Worth	(817)624-9525	20	110	375
9.	Hascona	Houston	(713)661-4200	20	120	450
10.	Heart of Texas	Waco	None	7	10	75
11.	North Texas	Denton	None	4	12	50
12.	Southeast Texas	Beaumont	None	10	23	250
13.	Tri-County	a) Galveston b) Texas City	(409)762-5605 (409)948-6844	14	47	300

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It has been another busy year for literature in the Lone Star Region. We started the year with tremendous interest in the Steps portion of the book "It Works". A WLC It Works Workshop was held in Chicago in July in which 3 members from the Lone Star Region participated. Out of this workshop came material that was the beginning of the current Ad-Hoc Process the WLC is utilizing in compiling a review form draft of the Steps. We would like to acknowledge the QUALITY work that has come of that process to date. We are grateful for the dedication and work of the members serving on this Ad-Hoc Committee.

Areas have also been at work reviewing the pamphlets "For Those In Treatment" and "In Times of Illness". Few areas completed their review & input of "Question & Answers" by the October deadline. Although communication has been greatly improved between the area and regional literature committees and attendance at quarterly regional conferences has been great. it seems that the areas are still having great difficulty generating willing members to review & input this literature.

This year has also been a year of greater participation in the WLC by our region. As a General Member of WLC, the regional literature chair was privileged to chair Step Working Groups at the Miami Quarterly and the Chicago WLC Workshop, participate in writing Step & Guideline material in Detroit, chair the Just For Today Meditation Book Group in Dallas, as well as participating on the Evaluation Committee of the WLC as an appointed member. Participation in these events has proved invaluable to our Region's awareness, knowledge, and continued inclusion in WLC writing assignments.

Currently, we have been assigned by the WLC Traditions 7, 8, & 9 to be workshoped in our region. We have tentatively scheduled our first workshop for Tradition 7 to be held in Austin in May. Two other workshops are tentatively scheduled to be held in Houston and Dallas.

We greatly appreciate the opening up of the WLC to General Members. It has allowed the regions to communicate directly with the WLC on very important literature matters that affect our region. As a committee, we are grateful to be of service.

Lone Star Region Public Information Committee

Most of our areas have telephone lines of some sort, posters hung in various community places, meeting lists and, in general, some awareness that Narcotics Anonymous exists and that freedom from active addiction is possible. We complied mailing lists and kept them updated and used on a constant basis to inform the public what we are and where we can be found. Some of our more active committees participate in encouraging various agencies to order literature to have in their offices, both from our Regional Service Office and the WSO. If a call or request comes from a non-addict organization wanting a presentation about Narcotics Anonymous, most areas have at least two people who could do a wonderful job.

We want to personally thank Willie L. for supporting us in two very successful Non-N.A. Events this year. The guest lists were incredible.

We hosted two Regional Learning Days and hope to participate in two more before July. We also opened up communication between our surrounding regions. (Lousiana Purchase, Oklahoma and The Best Little Region Regions).

The Lone Star Region has a Meeting Directory available through the RSO (with helpline numbers). Our regional service office address is 10727 Plano Road, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75238. Telephone Number - 214/349-6655.

Louisiana Purchase Regional Service Committee for Narcotics Anonymous

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DATE : 2 MARCH , 1989

TO : WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM : TODD A. - L.P.R.S.R. / ALT.

RE : ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE

Greetings from the Louisiana Purchase Region. In the past year, our region has continued to grow in number of members, groups, and A.S.C.s . We now have nine (9) Areas represented at our R.S.C. Along with this growth came our share of growing pains. As we continue to grow, our energies are becoming more focused on our Primary Purpose of providing the necessary services to enable the continued growth of Narcotics Anonymous in our Region. As time goes with surviving these internal struggles and growing pains, the things that shine through more than anything else are the amount of love and unity our region has been experiencing. As our members continue to mature in their personal recovery, it appears we are seeing more and more that disunity is a threat to our recovery, and that our problems are being overcome. Just as it is with our recovery program, our service committees and their efforts are part of a complete spiritual circle, and if it were not for this program, this process would be virtually impossible for a bunch of addicts.

Estimates of growth that I have received from our Areas are as follows : We now have thirty-six (36) H.&I. meetings per week. Some Areas struggle to a degree, with the funding for these meetings. However, they do continue to carry the message of recovery with good member support. Most of these meetings operate on the H.&I. Panel Format and a few are currently in the process of making the transition. We now have approximately 162 regular recovery meetings per week among our 108 groups. Only 3 or 4 of these are of "Special Interest" types. Estimates on the total regional fellowship stand at 930 home group members out of 1640 total members.

Several of our Regional Sub-Comm.s have been re-established in the past year and the actions displayed so far are very promising. Service Structure Learning Days are in the works as a joint effort between Regional and Area levels. This joint level effort continues to improve in other Sub - Comm. actions such as H.&I. , Public Information, Outreach, Policy, and Literature Review in order to help make dreams become realities. Enthusiasm seems to be the general feeling about our region being assigned Traditions 1 & 2 to develop for the

IT WORKS : HOW & WHY project. Other projects being participated on are the IN TIMES OF ILLNESS and FOR THOSE IN TREATMENT informational pamphlets. Our region expresses willingness and desire to be of service to this Fellowship in any other types of projects of World Services. Our regional Newsletter has been re-established this past year as well with a much more solid structure than ever before. Individual members' input continues to improve as well. Recent issues of our Newsletter, along with our Areas' and Sub - Comm.'s yearly reports will be submitted at the time of the Conference for the World level archives. Also, an updated contact information list for correspondence on our Regional and individual Areas' committees will be submitted at the time of the Conference to the W.S.C. and the W.S.O. Data Services. Our R.S.C. continues to meet bi - monthly on the 1st weekend. The location is hosted by our Areas, and rotates on a North - South schedule which works well for us, as it exposes more individual members to different levels and different types of service work, in an effort to help insure our efforts continuation as a whole.

Areas throughout our region are in the process of examining the Agenda Report for the Conference. There are many members in the region that are well informed of the current issues contained in the C.A.R., which translates into well - informed Area level workshops throughout the Region, which seems to be the best vehicle for us to arrive at the most accurate Regional conscience possible.

Our upcoming Regional Convention (LPRCNA 7) will be held "way down yonder in New Orleans". In previous years, our annual regional conventions were held on the first weekend in the month of March. In the past year, our annual schedule has changed to the last weekend in the month of May (Memorial Day Weekend). Our region invites the Fellowship to join us in celebrating " La Vie Nouvelle " (The New Life) of recovery on May 26, 27, & 28, 1989. This year's convention promises to be one of our largest ever, and in the peak of crawfish season, too. So, come on down and " Laissez Les Bon Temp Rouler " .

There has been discussion in the New Orleans Area on the opening of a Service Center. At this point, an Ad-Hoc Committee has been created to investigate the feasibility of this occuring, and is still in the process of obtaining data from World Services as well as from other regions with this type

of experience. Another item of some interest is incorporating our convention committees. The status here, too, is just obtaining information for the time being. Other items our region requests information on and feelings worth mentioning, are : progress on our Daily Meditation Book; in what ways could World Services further assist our regional needs on H.&I. funding; the outcome of W.S.C. Outreach; we would like to see a Basic Text printed that our members could purchase and use for some time before being told that it is out of date or unacceptable. We feel that the Basic Text controversy causes disunity in our Fellowship; we would like to see the IT WORKS : HOW & WHY progress to the point where our members could utilize it in working their programs; we would like to be more aware of the services provided by our World Service Conference, and World Service Office. Many times we are seeking information for our Sub - Committees and would like to know where to get it. Also, the Texarkana Area has already held their fifth annual Area Convention and the Central Arkansas Area has held their first Area Convention. Other Areas in the region have expressed an interest in Area - Level Conventions/Conferences and have inquired about obtaining specific guidelines on Area - Level events as these. This paragraph of my report was devoted to the different Areas' requests on what they would like to accomplish at the W.S.C., and at the time of the Conference, I hope to be able to meet with the proper people in an attempt to fulfil these needs.

Thanks for giving me the privilege of loving service ,

Todd Albert

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Michigan Regional Service Committee

Narcotics Anonymous

Michigan Regional Report to the W.S.C.

Dear Members:

Greetings, from the Michigan Region of Narcotics Anonymous. The year 1988 was one of contunued growth for us physically, emotionally and spiritually. We currently have over 400 N.A. meetings within our region and have many recovery oriented functions available for our membership to participate in.

Our Regional Service Committee established the formation of two new Ad-Hoc Committees. A "World Convention bid Committee" (we are expressing a willingness and hope to host the World Convention in 1993.) And what we have termed as an "Outreach Committee." Outreach was designed to be of assistance in the locating and support of isolated groups within our region. And to help form a more direct link with various service committees or other isolated groups.

The Michigan Region was host to the September quarterly W.S.C. workshop in 1988. Additionally we held our Fourth Michigan Regional Convention in Muskegon which was a great success. Attendance was listed at 865 members registered and we made a overall profit of $7,985 which went to further our primary purpose on a Regional level and additionally support our World Services.

As always, we in the Michigan Region of N.A. extend a warm greeting to all other members and would like to convey our gratitude forour service and recovery to N.A.

Sincerely,

Guy B.
R.S.R.

MID-AMERICA REGION
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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

FROM: MID-AMERICA REGION

SUBJECT: 1989 REPORT

Recovery in Narcotics Anonymous is flourishing in Mid-America and the number of meetings and members finding that recovery increased at an impressive rate during the year. We celebrated recovery in February 1989 at the Sixth Mid-America Convention in Salina Kansas. Over Nine Thousand Dollars was raised at the three day convention. Addicts from more than a dozen states attended and shared and celebrated their recovery. Planning is already underway for Mid-America Seven to be held April 6-8, 1989 at Great Bend, Kansas and the region is hopeful that Seven will be the best yet.

Western Kansas will host the Eleventh annual Mid-America Campout June 30-July 2, 1989. This campout has been held each year since 1979 and many members believe that this is the oldest, continuous summer campout in Narcotics Anonymous. Is there any region that lays claim to this other Mid-America????

Topeka Kansas celebrated the Twelfth Anniversary of the United Survivors group in February with a chili supper and dance. Meanwhile in Wichita Kansas the Women's Group celebrated their Tenth Anniversary.

Hot issues during the year in Mid-America were travel expenses and whether and when to send trusted servants to the Quarterly workshops. The region has trusted servants who serve on the WSC H&I and Policy committees who attended the quarterlies to work while the PI and Literature reps also attended once to learn. The reimbursement of the travel expenses and a policy of under what circumstances to reimburse servants was discussed lengthily and some agreement was reached which is best summarized as the region does support necessary travel to serve the fellowship.

Southeast Kansas and Northwest Kansas formed new area service committees in the last year to better serve and both these new areas were welcomed into the Region by the RSC.

Thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and to share that which was so freely given to us in Mid-America.

March 3, 1989

Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic Region. The gift of recovery continues to expand the fellowship of the Mid-Atlantic Region. We now have 180 groups in 8 areas.

The focus this year has been one of concern with changes at the World Level of NA services and with changes within our regional fellowship. First, at the world level it is our perception that the continual closing of participations at the world level of service through the restriction of participation on service committee and the formation and increased authority and influence of the joint admin committee is in violation of our traditions and spiritual principles. We again have lack of accountability by the W.S.O. and another fiasco of the 5th edition, specifically, the Table of Contents, i.e. Chapter 3 What Are We Here? The continual mismanagement and lack of accountability of the W.S.O. remains a major concern.

The movement towards consolidation of power and control into the hands of a few trusted servants without clearly defined lines of accountability is continuing to cause havoc the incursion of paid W.S.O. staff at the W.S.C. the hiring of W.S.C. officers by the W.S.O. immediately following W.S.C. service raises the question of conflict of interest, unclear lines of accountability and the appearance of impoprity.

It is our contention that problems in our services structures are not the result of the fellowship but in the few who believe they know or some how have been elected not as trusted servents but as our group conscious. We would like to see a return to open involvement on all service committees, more not less influence by R.S.R.'s, facilitating group conscious, clearer division between W.S.C. and W.S.O., the latter confining itself to conducting business and the former setting policy according to spiritual tradition and demanding accountability. We beleive that the service structure is heading in the direction of the paid rather than trusted servent. Moving toward self rather than fellowship service.

One of the symptons of the disease of addiction is the refusal to accept personal responsibility. As members of NA we believe every member needs to accept personal responsibility through the exercise of Group Conscious. We do trust that God in time will bless that which abides by spiritual principles. Organizationally as well as individually. We will in time know with certainity whether the present course of World Service is correct or as we suggess there needs to be a return to the spiritual principles that are practiced at every level but W.S.C.

"As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger then those that tear us apart,. all will be well." Regionally we are continuing to develop a regional committee structure an improved unity between areas and groups. The Annual Learning Conference was a resounding success. It is our major effort to inform the Regional fellowship of issues that will require group conscious.

In loving service,

Bob McK, R.S.R.

Bill C. A.R.S.R.

1989

MISSISSIPPI REGION

RSR REPORT

Hi family, I hope this report finds you at peace and content in your recovery. Well family, the past year has been one of active growth for the Mississippi Region. We have added two new areas to our Region, the Swampy Hollow Area consisting of the cities Hattiesburg, Laurel and surrounding towns, and the Golden Triangle Area consisting of the cities Starkville, Columbus and their surrounding towns. This brings the total number of areas in our region to five (5). The other three (3) areas are as follows:
Jackson Area consisting of the Jackson Metropolitan area,
Gulf Coast Area consisting of the most southern part of the state between east and west state lines, and
Northeast Area consisting of the cities Tupelo, Amory and the surrounding towns.

There is also talk of isolated groups in the Northwest region of our state, mainly Greenwood and Greenville, but as of yet, we have been unable to have direct and lasting communication with these groups (and if any of ya'll are reading this please call me at (601) 392-9119) but pray this is remedied soon.

Well family, that's how big we have grown. We cover approximately 2/3 of the state of Mississippi. One more town I need to mention is Meridian, they have had recovery for a while now but have never joined an area. At this writing they are deciding which area they will be joining.

Concerning our Regional Service Committee, we have also grown a great deal. We have started putting our regional subcommittees together, so for the first time as a region, we are able to offer services to our areas and groups other than just a regional convention and taking agenda votes at Conference time. Our committees that are active at this time are Policy, P.I., Activities, Convention, AdHoc Additional Needs and are presently working on Literature and H.I. subcommittees.

We also hosted a Multi-Regional workshop on Additional Needs. We have in Mississippi a facility that sets the standards for facilities that deal with addicts with additional needs. As of this writing we are in the process of setting up an H&I meeting in the facility. Not only has this facility welcomed us with open arms, but it seems that sometimes we can, with H.P.'s help, move mountains. This facility for the first time has opened up an Alcohol & Drug Unit for its clients. Needless to say we are very excited about this. To us down here it says that we as a region even if we are young and small can make a difference.

We also found out that if we assume part of the cost of this workshop, that W.S.C. would be more receptive of our needs, and they were. It makes sense if we split the cost of future workshops in our Regions and not put the burden on W.S.C. Then maybe more regional workshops with W.S.C. support are possible.

Also, family, for the first time we were able to send our RSR and Alt. RSR to the W.S.C. Quarterly Workshops. Our RSR and Alt. RSR elected to drive instead of fly which allowed them to take carloads of addicts from our region, thus exposing more of our brothers and sisters to the committee working process. It also allowed for more information to make its way back to the Region and for the RSR and Alt. RSR to work in their prospective committees.

And last but not least we are holding our first Conference Agenda Workshop on February 25th and 26th.

So as you can see we have made progress this year but we still have our problems and they are:

First of all our region is mainly rural with many small towns. It is not uncommon for a recovering addict to travel an hour or more to a meeting, let alone to an area or regional meeting. Also, we don't number in the thousands, we're lucky if we can claim three hundred recovering addicts at any given time. This affects our 7th Tradition causing us to rely on our Conventions and functions for finacial support. We don't have the answers for these yet, but with the help from a God of our own understanding we realize that all things are pssible. We would however like to see a tax plan presented at the Conference.

At this time our Region would also like to thank Dennis E. and Alan B. for all the work, patience and love they have shown us over the years. Without their love and commitment tothe Mississippi Region we would have had an even tougher row to hoe.

Well boys and girls, that's about it. Yeah, "Mississippi Burning," we're burning with the desire and our commitment to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. Ya'll come on down, you'll find the best home groups in the world and more love and recovery than you can handle!--and you just might not want to go home.

Ya'll come down, ya hear!

In Loving Service,

Darwyn L.
RSR, Mississippi Region

P.S. Our Convention is April 14 - 16 in Biloxi,
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Mountainer Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

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Hello Family, Greetings from the Mountaineer Region

In the past year, we have gained some ground in carrying our message. Meetings have started in several very rural communities and some of the meetings that were struggling are on a more solid foundation. Growth has been slow, and not without some setbacks, but it has been steady.

On the Regional level we have three active subcommittees: PSA/Phoneline, Activities, and Literature.

PSA/PHONELINE- We do not have an 800 number but we are investigating. Our phoneline is an answering service that receives calls and then places calls to members whose names are on a provided list to respond to these calls. The service will accept "collect" calls but we are not advertising to call collect. One area also has its own separate service.

ACTIVITIES- Our Activities Subcommittee is responsible for arranging and coordinating all regional service meetings, our main convention, and a second convention we host in the fall. Our conventions have traditionally been held at a 4H facility so they are economical and relaxing in the natural beauty of West Virginia.

This last fall we tried a new approach for our convention. We charged no registration fee and passed the basket at our three speaker meetings. If you preregistered you could attend for $37, meals and dorm lodging included. We sold no t-shirts or other merchandise. We did have speaker tapes but we made no profit from these. We received more than enough in 7th Tradition contributions to pay for coffee and other start-up costs. It worked and we plan to do it again this fall. PS: Not a single indigent package was requested.

LITERATURE- Our Literature Committee is responsible for updating the regional meeting schedule and to input any review and approval literature. They have finished smaller assignments and are dedicating this year to Traditions 1, 2, and 3, as assigned by the WLC.

We have no regional service office and we do not see a need for one in the near future. Our Regional Service Committee meets quarterly and is a two-day format. On the first day, our subcommittees or any special meetings take place. The second day is for our Regional Service Committee meeting - we can usually wrap it up within five or six hours.

Our main problem is carrying the message into correctional facilities. We have several institutions in very rural settings. One has no NA community within a hundred miles and all attempts to bring H & I efforts to these facilities have failed completely or fizzled out. We have hope to initiate a meeting this year at Alderson Federal Women's Prison.

Our RSC could only manage a $300 donation to the WSC this year. There is one group, however, in the region that donates directly and regularly to the WSC. While a $300 donation does not sound like much, if RSR and RSR Alternate travel and other expenses to four WSC meetings are counted as a donation, we spent a very large percentage of our total budget supporting the WSC.

In closing, we want to share with you that NA is alive and growing in West Virginia. We wish to thank everyone who gives their time, energy, and love to Narcotics Anonymous.

In Gratitude,

Mountaineer Region
Paul Workman, RSR
Scott Holt, RSR Alternate

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
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REPORT TO THE W.S.C.

1989

GREETING'S FROM SOUTHERN NEVADA TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

The Southern Nevada region of NA is alive and recovering. We haven't experienced as large an amount of growth as last year but we believe in terms of time and recovery we are much stronger. This past year we celebrated many two year and over Birthdays. This shows us that addicts who once felt the need to go elsewhere, no longer have this need, there is recovery in Narcotics Anonymous in Southern Nevada.

This last year has had it's share of controversy. There have been a lot of changes in our service structure due to new area guidelines, and we are still adjusting. One of the major changes is having all our subcommittees, our J.A.C. and our A.S.C. all meet on the same weekend. As we know with all change comes some fear and resistance, but the early returns are good, so stay tuned.

One issue that has caused considerable controversy is clubhouses. The issues involved are:

1. There is a concern over the amount of rent at these facility's being a financial burden on the region.

2. The staffing of clubhouses by NA members.

3. Weakening of our service structure ie. We have seen clubhouses enable groups to exist without having responsible group level trusted servants. We have also seen needed manpower siphoned away from regional service committees.

4. Problems within the fellowship concerning unity, us vs them.

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As was mentioned in last years report about us being a region in the rough; due to difficulties caused by lack of communication a formal region was never realized with the C.A.N. area. Part of the reluctance to officially become a region with the C.A.N. area was in fact due to Southern Nevada's interest into opening formal lines of communication with the Sierra Sage region, which we are happy to report has been done. We have had two such meeting's with Sierra Sage in the Spiritual Center of Nevada, Tonopah. Currently we have done the footwork of communicating, discussing and debating on the possibilities of unifying the State of Nevada. If the C.A.N. area has misinterpreted our intent we apologize for any misunderstandings that may have occurred. Whatever comes of this we are in the hands of a loving and caring Higher Power, and we know more will be revealed.

Southern Nevada established this year a NA Birthday Speaker and Spaghetti Dinner, and was honored to have Bob R. and Becky M. speak. Hopefully, as is suggested in TWG'SS this will be our yearly area fund raiser to forward to the W.S.C. treasurer.

January 27, 28 and 29, we held SNCNA III. Our convention was a financial and spiritual success. We had a large turnout from California and a strong message of NA recovery. The only problem from our convention is money related. It seems we don't do well with excess funds and sometimes have a problem with our fund flow system. We hope by the time W.S.C. meets we will have passed along excess funds, as we realize the need to support all our services and NA as a whole.

Discussion of the possibilities of opening an area service office have been taking place. We have been in contact with W.S.O. and are very cautiously addressing this issue. We are also in the process of discussing an outreach committee, and a policy committee.

In closing we would appreciate any and all experience strength and hope from the other regions of NA

We remain your loyal trusted servants, in loving service.

Frank Szabo
R.S.R.

Mitch Giagni
R.S.R. Alt.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT

Greetings from the New England Region!

We now have 13 active Areas, all of which are very functional. We expect to have a new Area from South Rhode Island which is in the process of forming at this writting. Geographically, we basically cover five states. Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Maine, and New HampshireWe also have some groups from Canada, New York, and Connecticut represented in our Region. At last count we have upwards of 460 groups.

We have expierenced a considerable amount of growth this year in both our membership as well as Spiritually. We have come of age, and yet have a long way to go.

This year has not been with out it's problems, to say the least. However, we have become unified in the sence that we are able to identify and solve our problems. Our Sub-Committees are all well represented and fully functioning. I will give a brief synopsis of what has transpired in the past year, what work is in progress, and our plans and goals for the future. (I was told to do it in 3 pages, SMILE!!!)

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS

Members of this Committee have been very active the past year. We have 3 members represented at the W.S.C. H&I Committee. Over the past year we have held numerous learning day's and workshops. This Committee was actively involved in working on the new proposed H&I Handbook. We took great pride in the work we have been able to accomplish. All areas are represented on this committee. The feeling here is that this is due to the learning day's and workshops we have had throughout the region. Another project we have is establishing regular H&I learning day's in our areas to stress our 1st Tradition, Unity and Cooperation. Our goal is to have all H&I meetings represented by an area H&I sub-committee and all H&I sub-committees active at a regional level.

LITERATURE

Our literature committee is starting to pull together and work as a team. We have alot of members who are new to service and it's a joy watching their zeal as they TACKLE the assignments they are given. In the past year we have worked on "How It Works", a couple of I.P.s and the World Literature Committee has assigned our region traditions 4-5-6 to workshop, record our input, and forward the information to W.L.C. We look forward to corelating and putting it together. We are happy to have been asked to participate and be a part of this project.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Only a few of our larger areas have additional needs committees. Last year this committee was large and active, gathering input on how to more effectively serve the need's of addicts who are impaired in any manner. Wheel chair accessibitity in meetings has been

ADDITIONAL NEEDS CONT.

researched and made available to the fellowship. Since this has been done the committee is floundering, looking to the W.S.C. for guidance and direction on how to continue and what direction to take.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

This committee has been hard at work this year filling many commitments and community day's throughout the region. The region is in the process of researching the accessability of P.S.A.'s on public access cable T.V. The Boston Area P.I. Committee has built a display booth identical to the one for sale at the W.S.O. for a cost of $99.00. The display booth design is available to any areas in our region who would like to construct their own. We also have a ad-hoc committee developing a "Welcome to New England Region P.I. sub-committee handbook." This committee is also discussing goals and priorities for the future. Most areas also have each others P.I. phonenumbers and are communicating on a constant basis.

N.E.R.S.O. INC.

Our Service Office has had it's share of problems over the past year. I will cover this briefly. We had to eliminate our full-time employee position, we now have a part-time employee. The office is now open form 12:00 to 4:00PM, five days a week, Monday-Friday. The B.O.D. has formed a ad-hoc committee with-in the board itself, that handels decisions needed to be made to maintain smooth operations of the office. A new Fund-Flow structure is in place and we are becoming stable, AND are starting to see the light of day.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The annual yearly Board of Directors meeting was held with all 25 directors in attendance, elections were held for the year! The annual corporation report was given and discussed, literature sales, plans and goals for the immediate future, and also the possibility of merchindising was also discussed. In anyone would like a more detailed financial report contact the N.E.R.S.O. INC. The following is a breakdown of the fiscal year 1988 broken down.

literature sales	$106,465.35
donation R.S.C.	11,481.12
total	$117,946.75
Expenses	(116,695.89)
Balance	$ 1,250.87

AD-HOC CONVENTION COMMITTEE

As most people know we suffered a financial set-back with our last convention in 1987. This severly impacted our service structure and our 7th tradition. In the past we had counted on the projected revenue of between $12,000 and $15,000 dollars to fund our trusted servants in the performance of their duties. We send part of that money to the W.S.C. This has been a good learning expierence for for us. After all the finger pointing and casting of aspersions

CONT. AD-HOC CONVENTION COMMITTEE

was done, we were able to come together as a Region and clear up that out-standing debt. We did this on the positive side, we have a committee work hard all year writting convention guidelines to protect us from this happening again. We are in the process of voting on these guidelines, the future looks bright for our celebration of recovery.

POLICY COMMITTEE

This committee has been diligent in trying to meet the needs of our members. We commit alot of motions to the committee and they have had their work cut out for them. Along with all the things we direct them to do they have been working on the updating of the R.S.C. by-laws. Acouple of rough drafts have been presented and we are almost ready to accept these guidelines and by-laws. (more will be revealed)

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

This committee is well represented at the regional level. They are a hard working and inovative committee. A large role has been played in helping the region to meet it's financial responsibilities. They have correlated many functions, dances, talent shows, plays, and have also implemented many sporting events for members of our fellowship. We have timed alot of these activities to coinside with learning days, workshops, and our own Regional Service Meetings.

PHONELINE COMMITTEE

Members of this committee have been very active in the past year. We have been having learning days, orientation meeting once a month for members of the fellowship who want to become active on this committee. We now have the help-line covered by another addict and when this is unable to be done a answering service is now in place to pick up any calls that come in. This seems to be working well, we now are able to answer the majority of the calls that come to the office. This committee faced some problems a year ago, through becoming unified we have been able to pull together and now feel we are better serving the fellowship as a whole. This committee attends workshops when available and have been participating in workshops. We have been very productive this year and hope to continue to do so. This has been a learning year and a very growing year for this committee.

All in all it's been a productive year for our Region with alot of our members represented on World Level Committees. We no longer feel isolated in New England, we are overjoyed at being part of such a caring and loving fellowship. We are looking forward to a productive W.S. Conference in 1989.

This will be my last term as a R.S.R., it's been a joy and a pleasure to serve with a great bunch of recovering addicts.

in Loving Service,

Bean Lefebvre

Bean Lefebvre R.S.R.
Michael Columb R.S.R.-Alt.

Narcotics Anonymous

NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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"...that no addict seeking recovery need ever die."

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 1989
TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
FROM: NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
RE: REGIONAL REPORT '88/89

GREETINGS TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS!!

The NJRSC is pleased to report we are growing up as well as just growing. To date, we have an estimated 350 groups carrying the message of recovery in NA at more than 370 meetings per week. Keeping track of our rapid growth is nearly impossible. This is an approximate 20% increase in meetings since last year. We now serve 13 Area Service Committees/Conferences.

The formation of Regional JAC has begun a process to attempt to streamline our lengthy RSC meetings and work on budgetary considerations. Progress is noted.

Our CONVENTION COMMITTEE is revamping guidelines, that with the consent of our groups will change our current site location and committee selection "Bid Process" to the "Zone System". This year our 4th Celebration of Recovery will be held in the County of Essex Area on May 19, 20, 21, 1989 at the Vista Hotel, Newark, NJ.

The AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE & LEGAL ~~BS~~ AFFAIRS (real name) has begun to explore our possible impending tax responsibilities as well as the feasibility of opening an RSO. Changes will be made to our Convention Corporation By-Laws accordingly.

Our HELPLINE received 19,994 calls in 1988 at a cost of $13,279.41.

The NJRSC, which covers the small but greatly diversified state of New Jersey, has provided many NA members with a variety of ACTIVITIES. To name a few include Ski-Weekends, the Powerless in the Pines Campout, Rockin' in Recovery Battle of the Bands and a multi-regional 24-48 hour Scavenger Hunt. All are sponsored by ASC's and many are annual events. A Regional Activities Information Line keeps all apprised of upcoming events. (201) 780-5295

Our MEETING DIRECTORY currently lists 360 meetings. We print 3 times per year. Our last printing was 55,000 for Winter/Spring 1989. Much controversey abounds over our Regional Fellowship's decision to remove designations of "special interest" meetings. MORE WILL BE REVEALED

NJRSC REGIONAL REPORT Cont...

POLICY has given our RSC meetings a somewhat mature air with the compilation and further developement of existing guidelines. Particular attention has been paid to voting procedures both at our RSC meetings and just how our groups wish their voice be heard at WSC. A clear group conscience shows that this year our conscience will be tallied by number of groups pro/con. Abstentions are not considered as no votes, but as abstentions.

The HISTORIAN & ARCHIVIST recently received archives dating back to Day 1 of what once was New Jersey Area Service. Another cherished memento turned over this year was an H&I can. Yes, the money was still in it and though way-laid for several years has now joined the usual fund flow.

Involvement of members in the ubiquitous IT WORKS process has spawned much developement in a functioning LITERATURE COMMITTEE. Shortly, we begin work on our assigned traditions. Workshops have and will be held to work on other current review form literature.

Supported by a seperate committee our "SANITY" NEWSLETTER continues to carry the message. Current subscribers are 260 members. Possible syndication of the ever popular comic strip "Nicky Newcomer" with other regional newsletters has been discussed.

Much of our HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS work is handled in our areas. There are a roughly estimated 140 H&I meetings throughout the Region reaching into a wide variety of facilities.

PUBLIC INFORMATION is busy with mass-mailings, speaking commitments, etc. Also work is done to help coordinate areas where most PI projects get carried out. Some of these ongoing projects are billboards, bus/train posters & bumper stickers.

NOMINATION: Enclosed with this report please find the Nomination Form for our noiminee to the World Literature Committee with supporting documentation of our Regional Motion to nominate.

MOTION: To be presented at WSC a motion is being prepared concerning the printing of a pamphlet of the Steps portion only of the Basic Text for H&I use.

At this time, in an ongoing NJRSC tradition, we introduce our RSR-alternate, Deb B., not a stranger to the WSC. We know she will follow in the footsteps of our current RSR and those before her. (WATCH OUT POLICY!)

With great anticipation, happiness, joy and freedom I await WSC "89. May the Force be with us. I remain In Loving Service,

Eve Folkenflik
Regional Service Representative

Hello! from the New Mexico Region of N.A.

This has been a year of growth for the New Mexico fellowship. But, with growth has come mistakes. It does seem we must all make our own, growing at our own pace.

Our Regional meetings rotate between areas, to support the local fellowships and our service structure, We do not have a lot of money at this level..its not a big thing for us. Our priorities are, to serve our region first (first things first) and then move any excess on, according to our guidelines.

We still host a campout in the mountains in july, this will be our sixth one.

Now for our big news!

Two years ago we hosted the Western States Unity Convention. That was our first convention. We are happy to announce we will be hosting our first regional convention April 21,22, and23 of this year. We invite all addicts to come share the miracle of recovery with us. It is truly a gift. For more information or registration forms, call me.

Speaking of miracles,we have a new area! Las Cruces (Lower Organ Mountain Area) joined our region last july. We welcomed them with hugs, as they had previously been a part of the El Paso area and members of The Best Little Region. With the help of our Higher Power, we continue to grow as a region, because we can do together, what we cannot alone.

The Albuquerque area is researching the feasibility of an area office. The task is time-consuming but there is no rush, if its meant to be, it will be.

The other two areas, High Hopes and North Star continue their growth.

We hope all of the areas, groups and addicts are enjoying recovery. Communication between areas is still a problem. The burden of improving this rests with the trusted servants and the members of N.A.

This year has been a growing experience for me. It is a gift to serve N.A. as R.S.R. and not a burden.

yours in service,

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Greater New York Regional Service Committee
Report to the World Service Conference

Greetings from the Greater New York Regional Service Committee. This has been another year of growth in our region. Physically we increased from 409 groups with 524 meetings to **591 groups** with **735 meetings.** A **44% increase** in groups and a **40% increase** in meetings. We have grown from 9 areas last year to 11 areas. All this growth,despite the loss of the groups in Massachusetts, when they decided to join another ASC in their state.

The spiritual growth is seen by the increase in communication between the RSC and the ASCs, and between the RSC and the WSC. This is a result of our new regional policy of sending regional committee chairs to the WSC workshops and by the RSC Administrative Committee joining the RSR and Alternate in attending ASCs.

With the increase in growth, the RSC has also been able to donate **$9,755.28** in 1988 to the WSC.

Our **helpline** has been receiving approximately **3,000 calls** per month. The helpline is currently housed in our Central Office and is covered by addicts when possible, supplemented by an answering service. Though the entire region is served by the helpline, at least one of our more outlying areas has already implemented an area helpline. Our answering service will be replaced by a computer over the next 6 months.

H&I currently holds **342 meetings**, making the GNYRSC the largest H&I region in the world. Area H&I Learning Days have been held on a rotating basis and much of our region has converted to the panel system. Our H&I chair and members of the committee have given input to the new H&I handbook. Our H&I committee is strong, and well-connected to the Fellowship.

The **policy committee** has created a new format for our regional meeting, which includes three weekends a year, rotating from area to area. As well as enabling our business to be conducted more efficiently, these weekends will provide an opportunity for area members to participate in an open forum and interact with members of the region.

Our **literature review committee** has worked hard on giving input to the World Lit Committee on works in progress, such as "Illness in Recovery", "For Those in Treatment", "Questions & Answers about NA", and "The NA Starter Kit".

The **PI committee** participated in the Northeast Conference on Addictions, a United Jewish Appeal conference and other professional conferences and health fairs. One of our open NA meetings was featured in a New York Magazine article along with several other fellowships and we were featured in an 11 o'clock

news story. We are in the process of putting PSAs on the air, despite the falling apart this year of ECCPIC (the East Coast Cooperative PI committee).

We are sorry to see the WSO-PI office in New Jersey closing, but feel grateful to have had the support and easy access to the WSO that we have had over the past year. As New York is both a media center as well as an international center, having an office so close by really helped us with the many requests we get that fall beyond the scope of regional PI work.

Conventions & Activities has done an outstanding job of supporting our region, through fund raisers, and in particular our annual convention, which alone has provided us with over 50% of our year's operating budget.

This year we will be celebrating our recovery at an even larger convention, to be held at the **Concord Hotel from April 28th through April 30th.** Those burnt-out conference participants in need of some rest, relaxation, rock n roll, and good old NY hospitality/electricity are welcome to join us after the conference.

We have incorporated our convention this year. This has become a formidable task and the transition period has been long and tedious.

The Greater New York Regional Service Office Inc. has exploded this year, almost doubling last years sales to a total of **$225,000.** The growth of our region can also be shown by the sale of **200,000 regional meeting lists.** We have also hired a paid worker to assist in our literature sales.

As our literature sales have increased, our board has had to become more sophisticated. This year all the directors attended the WSO Tulsa workshop on regional offices and brought to our region a lot of useful knowledge. This has been a challenging year; the directors have met the challenge and have earned the respect and trust of the region.

Our region is diverse in attitude and make-up. It ranges from an area which won't recognize a woman's meeting to areas in which AIDS common needs meetings exist within the service structure. We have purists and we have meetings called Clean and Sober. As our region matures in recovery we learn to have love and acceptance for what we may not like or agree with.

It's a very exciting time to be a trusted servant in New York. There is no longer a feeling of "us" and "them". It has been replaced by "WE".

In Service and Gratitude,

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The Northern New York Region (NNYR) has been growing at a rapid pace in the three and a half years since we changed from a combined area/region to five areas served by a single region. There is an increasing sense of commitment to the principles of Narcotics Anonymous; as a region we are growing in our understanding of the first step and first tradition. As a result, newcommers are getting clean and staying clean without feeling the need to go elsewhere to recover and people with substansial clean time are making a commitment to recovery and service in NA in greater numbers than ever.

The history of our regional convention is an example of our increasing unity--our third convention finished with a profit which gave our fourth convention a good place to start. We are close to outgrowing our present convention site and there are plans in the works of rotatating the convention from area to area. Our second convention was attended by more people from outside the region than from Northern New York; our third convention's attendance reflected our region's growth in size and enthusiasm. A larger number of our region's members are traveling to other regions to share in service experience and celebrations of recovery. The 4th NNYR Convention will be held July 28 thru 30 at Wells College in Aurora, NY.

Due to the large growth of area service committees, there subcommittees, and emphasis on home groups, we have had increasing trouble with the continuity of service at the regional service committee. Our regional literature committee has been struggling all year; fortunately there is a growing interest in area service committtees to do more with our literature process than to just make the literature available to members. This is in part due to our region being asked to write input for traditions 1 and 2 in "It Works: How and Why." Our steering committee has finished its first year in operation and is offering us chances to learn more about service. Our H&I committee held a Learning Day that was very successful--H&I efforts at the area levels has changed considerably. The newsletter was erratic and was well received when it was available. Our PI committee was remarkably productive--a Learning Day was held that had more adddicts in attendance than at our first regional convention. Our PI chairperson was in contact with area PI chairs and other trusted servants throughout the year.

A growing understanding of our seventh tradition as it applies to funding services made it possible for the RSR and RSR-Alternate to attend some quarterly workshops. For the most part our activities are supporting our celebrations of recovery and the donations of members make possible our service. We have overcome financial troubles and have been able to make donations to the World Service Conference more frequently and in larger amounts than in previous years. We are proud to support the conference that serves us.

We anticipate further growth in our fellowship as the Buffalo Area is hosting the 10th East Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (ECCNA) June 23 thru 25 at University at Buffalo, Amherst Campus in Buffalo, NY.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ONTARIO, CANADA REGION

Life in NA during the past year in this north-eastern part of Canada has been very exciting and sometimes painful. It can be best described as a period of accelerated growth, change, maturity and financial success! This is the first time we are sending a report and in order to appreciate our present structure, it would seem appropriate to share a letter regarding our history.

"In 1984 NA groups were springing up in various cities throughout Ontario. As these groups became aware of each other and began communicating, the idea of forming a region began to emerge. In November 1984, the first Ontario Regional Service Committee meeting was held in Toronto with six cities represented."

Presently, we have eight areas representing seventeen cities, with a total of about one hundred and twenty-five meetings within the Ontario Region. Our newest area, the Eastern Lake Ontario Area (Belleville, Kingston, Lindsay and Peterborough), joined us at our last meeting. Most of our areas have five meetings or less. NA in London, Ottawa and Toronto continues to experience incredible growth and as a result, they have provided for most of the financial support to the region.

Toronto acted as the host for our first regional convention, ORCNA1, last May. The result was beyond our wildest dreams; over six hundred addicts caring and sharing and nearly $11,000 in profits! Thanks to all who participated. ORCNA2 is scheduled for May 12-14 in Canada's capital, Ottawa.

Ontario's Regional Literature Committee has also had a very successful year, processing over $35,000 in orders and making $6,000 in contributions to the RSC. The turn-around time for orders to the WSO is ten to fourteen days and to our areas about a week. In addition, our Regional Literature Chairperson participated in the WSC Literature Workshop in Chicago and has attended most of the WSC Quarterlys as a voting member of that committee. The most visible benefit from his participation has been the emergence of Area Literature Review Committees in London, Ottawa and Toronto.

Our new Public Information Chairperson has been hard at work acting mostly as a liaison between Area PI Committees and the WSC PI Committee. Sarnia acted as the host area for our first Regional PI Workshop in January. Participation included members from the WSC PI Committee in the Michigan Region, chairpersons from all our Area PI Committees except one and many other interested members.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ONTARIO, CANADA REGION

Toronto did experience an unfortunate situation with regards to its Helpline. A woman called in and during the conversation the man taking the call gave his home number. Two months later she called him at his home, during which time he had relapsed and been removed from the Helpline. Mention has been made of rape and sexual assault, but no charges were laid and on a more positive note both are back at meetings. This incident has reinforced the need to follow guidelines more closely, hold Helpline workshops with regularity at the area level and to not move ahead too quickly by accepting the pains of growth.

At present we have no Hospitals and Institutions Chairperson; there are active committees at the area level serving about fifteen institutions. One of the more encouraging aspects in the formation of the Eastern Lake Ontario Area is the fact that one third of Canada's inmates are centered here, most long-term.

This is also the first year our membership will have active participation in the WSC Agenda Report. On March 18 we held our first Regional Agenda Workshop, with Ed Duquette and George Hollahan acting as co-chairpersons. Their input was much appreciated by all who attended and the experience very valuable for the future!

Some other highlights regarding our region include:

Toronto will act as the host area for our region in bidding for the World Convention in 1992.

Policy and guidelines are becoming a priority more out of necessity than anything else.

A decision to pay for all RSC committee members travel expenses which should encourage more support.

A decision NOT to centralize our meetings and to continue offering our support to areas throughout the region.

Comparing literature orders processed by the WSO and our Regional Literature Committee to see where NA exists that we don't about and begin an OUTREACH program.

Finally, many people from the WSO and WSC deserve special mention for all their encouragement and support. Suffice it to say, "Thank you to all!"

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Fellowship Report

Oregon Southern Idaho

Mary Dawn E. RSR

Hello Family,

It has been a busy year for our region, we have gained and lost meetings, added a lot of new members, and gained two new areas, the Clackamas area and the Eastern Oregon area. As always, we have grown sporadically and spiritually.

In the past year we have had several regional activities, workshops, retreats, conferences, dances and parties all of which have promoted unity and reached out to the suffering addict. Our regional convention in Eugene was a great success thanks to the support of the fellowship. We've printed a regional helpline card to encourage inner-regional interaction. We have had, as all families do, conflicts and struggles, but we work through things and remain united.

One major conflict is the great distances we have to travel from one area to another, another is how we spend our money. We try to be prudent, spiritual and fair at all times and all in all we work together quite well. We are, and have been, in the black financially all this year. (Thanks, God)

We have held agenda workshops region wide and have made a concerted effort to get the agenda out to the fellowship a whole. We are busy working on our regional convention in August and the world convention in 1990.

Michael and I are pleased to represent the friendliest,

most spiritual, most unified region in the world, and we would like to encourage all of you to attend both our regional convention in Boise in August, and the world convention in 1990. You'll be glad you came.

Love in Service,

Mary Dawn E.

RSR Oregon So. Idaho

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QUEBEC REGION ANNUAL REPORT
1989

We began our third year of existence last November. We then held our Regional Administrative Committee elections and for the first time in our still short history, all the positions were filled. We now have a brand new committee since none of the outgoing trusted servants were eligible for another term or reelected.

We now have nine ASC's and soon a tenth will be formed. Groups are opening not only in the big centers but all over the province. We now have 143 meetings in our region. There is a growing demand for information on the traditions and people are beginning to be really concerned about carrying the message the N.A. way.

In our opinion, two of the main reasons for that enthusiasm were our First Regional Convention that was held last October and the new French literature.

The Convention was a big success in all aspects. We would like to extend our thanks to all who gave us support. Our unity was greatly reinforced by that event and it gave many members the incentive to get involved. Our financial success has permitted us to make our first major contribution to WSC (in US dollars...!!!).

The Basic Text should be available in French this summer. Everyone (french) is really excited about that. It will surely allow us to grow even more.

New sub-committees have been formed and some are in formation at the regional level. We now have a Regional P.I. Committee. H&I and Helpline should be established at our next regional in March. We have also started a bi-monthly Regional newsletter.

As you all know, zone 7 was selected for holding the World Convention in 1992. This makes our region eligible for hosting WCNA-22 (and of course the ideal site). We have formed an Ad Hoc Bid Committee in order to prepare our bid for July 1989. The city of Montréal has been chosen by the region for the host city to be proposed in the bid. It would certainly be a great privilege to welcome the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous to it for the 22nd World Convention.

Our region is showing all the signs of keeping its steady growth rate. This year has been our best so far and more will be revealed...

Lyne Rancourt
RSR

SHOW-ME REGION

Greetings from the Show Me Region of Narcotics Anonymous. I am grateful for having the privilige of giving this particular report, as it marks the year in which we celebrated our fifth anniversary as a Region. We are the offspring of the Mid-America Region. At the time of formation, we had three Areas; Ozark in southwest Missouri, Columbia-Jefferson Cityin the center, and Greater St. Louis. We have been blessed with much growth. We are now a Conference of eleven Areas; six entirely in the state of Missouri, one in the southeast corner of Kansas, metro Kansas City in both, two in the southern quarter of Illinois, and one sharing member groups in both Illinois and Missouri. We have experienced two new Areas forming out of Greater St. Louis, the reuniting of Kansas City's two Areas which existed in two different Regions, the dissolving of an ASC and another forming out of a portion of the remainder, and lastly an Area becoming two with the new Area joining another Region. Additionally, many new meetings have started in our outlying rural areas, some with our help and some on their own asking for subsequent help. The opportunities to serve have been abundant.

Along with our growth and opportunities, we have also experienced our portion of problems and pain. The formation of new Areas has often left us in conditions where our services fell short of what we desired. Shortages of willing trusted servants, incomplete commitments, actions taken in haste, personalities before principles, lack of financial support, and general confusion have been frequent results. Often, both the new and parent Areas have suffered and the effects seen only in the longer term. However; renewed effort and commitment and more careful inventory of actions to avoid making s imilar mistakes has seemed to yeild a track of growth in our troubled Areas. We feel we are not only growing physically, but also in our commitment to serve and carry the message.

Given the situations of formation and restructuring, it is very difficult to statistically show the growth of our Region. We currently have 147 Groups, 233 Meetings, and 35 H & I Meetings. Of the unchanged Areas that reported comparison statistics; there were 11% more meetings than last year and 26% more addicts attending meetings per week.

Our basic Committees have continued to function effectively for another year. The H & I and PI Committee Chairs are once again fulfilling their commitments; a problem that plagued us in our initial years. They started the year working jointly on an Information Days project coming later to the conclusion that they were not realistically ready to undertake this venture. They have redefined their direction and both are now concentrating on education. The Literature Committee saw a smooth transition to its Vice-Chair this year, when the Chair relocated for employment at the WSO. They have continued to review and input the work in progress and set goals for work on our assigned Traditions. The practices of sending our Chairs to one WSC quarterly and continuing to hold workshops of the Committees between the RSC,s appears to raise interest and commitment.

We continue our efforts to establish a Regional Service Office. We are currently reviewing by-laws of incorporation while trying to stabilize the committee with representatives from each Area. Written bids for the physical location of the Office will be considered at our next RSC. The financial impact of starting a RSO on the rest of our services is one aspect that we believe should be inventoried and meditated upon by any Region considering such a move.

We have formed, at least on a temporary basis, an Activities Committee. They have attempted to establish a Regional Calendar of events and have been charged with coordinating, organizing, and supporting all Regional activities excepting the Convention. The RSC has also assigned this Committee the task of examining the feasability of broader support of our Regional trusted servants. The scope of function and definition of purpose relative to this Committee has met with much debate in our RSC.

Lastly, we continue to gather in multitudes to celebrate our cleanliness and recovery. SHRCNA III saw the coming together of 450+ addits from eleven states and the District of Columbia. We were blessed with an atmosphere of caring, sharing, loving, and uplifting of the spirit. We plan to gather again at the Hilton Inn of the Ozarks in Springfield, Missouri on June 9, 10, & 11 of this year for celebration of number IV. Come join us!

We also continue to celebrate in our rural areas with numerous campouts and picnics. The High on Life Picnic sponsored by our Ozark Area and the Flight to Freedom Campout sponsored by our Little Egypt Area showed particular success this year with 500+ and 250+ in attendance respectively.

This year also saw the expansion of of a multi-Area learning and celebration day into a Regional function. Throughout the day approximatey 400 addicts and/or family attended and $1100 was generated, primarily from the music and dancing late into the evening.

In closing, we send you our love and hope this finds you enjoying your cleanliness and recovery.

In Loving Service

Stan Meinert

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RSR Show Me Region

Report to the World Service Conference, 1989

As is the case in our own personal recovery, growth is some times hard to perceive except over time. At the Conference in 1986 we reported that our emerging Region had 39 regular and 8 H&I meetings. We currently have 62 regular and 18 H&I meetings. As another measure of growth: in 1985 we distributed $4,100.00 worth of literature within our Region and in 1988 we distributed $9,900.00 worth of literature. This growth has caused some problems and has emphasized the need for active service committees. One of our Area H&I committees has six requests for H&I meetings which are on hold due to lack of man power. Our Out Reach committee is responsible for assisting and communicating with groups which are not served by an Area Service Committee. This is becoming an increasingly larger task because these groups are increasing in numbers and are scattered in rural and isolated areas of Northern Nevada and parts of California.

A feeling of Unity has become stronger within our little Region of deserts, mountains and recovering addicts. The membership of our Regional Service Committee and its subcommittees is becoming more "cosmopolitan" although the influence of our largest Area predominates. Our four Areas are growing stronger, although some faster than others. More and more our ASC's are assuming the responsibilities of "hands on" service from the Regional committees that have handled this in the past. One of our Areas put on the *High Sierra Blast* that included a day of skiing in the Sierra Nevades. This event was well supported by our local Fellowship and members from Northern and Southern California. Another of our Areas has started six new H&I meetings and another recently did a PI presentation to 15 Parole and Probation officers of which 14 had never even heard of N.A. With more work being accomplished by the Area committees communication continues to be a problem. The rotation of the RSC meeting to each Area and the attendance of the RSR/Alt at the ASC meetings has helped to improve communication between our Areas, the Region as a whole and our World Services.

None of the Areas have have expressed an interest in Literature Review, although all are active in literature distribution. Regional literature distribution is handled by a person separately assigned to that task. Literature Review and input continues to be handled by our Regional Literature committee which developed primarily from the efforts put forth on the Steps portion of our book *It Works: How and Why*. During work on this project the committee was very active and enthusiastic. Although there was a lag in enthusiasm, when Regional input and communication was no longer desired on that project, there seems to be an increased interest with the assignment of the Traditions. The Regional Literature committee is currently engaged in a project to assist and encourage the formation of Area Literature committees to try to get more of our Fellowship involved in this process.

In addition to the growth of our existing Areas we have participated in two informal conferences with the Southern Nevada Area to investigate common areas of cooperation and to improve communication. One of the problems seems to be the almost nine hours driving time between Reno and Las Vegas with not very much in between. These conferences have resulted in the following proposal presented to our RSC: "Should the Sierra Sage Region investigate the feasibility of extending its boundaries to include the Southern Nevada Area as an additional Area to the Sierra Sage Region?"

The Sierra Sage Region put on the *Sixth Stampede for Serenity* campout. This event was very successful with 50% of the proceeds donated to World Services. To many of us in our little Region "our Stampede" has become synonymous with our recovery. This event has been cancelled for the coming year. It was our experience in 1987 that two major events in the summer puts too much of a drain on energy, finances and man power and our other services more directly related to our primary purpose, suffer. On the positive side this event had also outgrown the campground in which it was held and it was felt that energy would be better spent locating a larger more suitable facility. Our Second Convention *Freedom Through Recovery* will be held at the 1000 room Nugget Hotel facility in Reno's sister city of Sparks, Nevada, July 28-30, 1989. The planning for this event is well under way and much interest and excitement prevails. We still have a heavy reliance on special activities to finance our service efforts which concerns some members, but we have not been able to provide any solution to this problem, if it is a problem.

The Sierra Sage Region continues to support World Services financially and with man power. We have recently renewed our desire to support the WSC and as an example of this support budgeted monthly contributions. 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

Tom Rush
RSR

Ron Eller
RSR Alternate

TRI-STATE REGION

C.Y. 1987-1988

Area	Meetings	Groups	H&I	P.I. Committees
Pittsburgh		45	*	functioning
South Hills		17	*	functioning
Beaver Valley		11	*	functioning
Steel Valley		7	*	
Butler		13	*	annual mailing
Central Western Pa.		9		
Southwest		6	*	
Laurel Highlands		8		
Erie		15		
Columbian County		4	*	functioning
Total		135	47	five functioning

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Area	Meetings	Groups	H&I	P.I. Committees
Pittsburgh		56	23	functioning
South Hills		20	5	functioning
Beaver Valley		14	7	functioning
Steel Valley		7	1	
Butler		14	2	annual mailing
Central Western Pa.		10	1	
Southwest		7	2	
Laurel Highlands		11		
Erie		6		
North East	7	12		functioning
Total	7	157	41	five functioning

Description: The Tri-State region is seven (7) years old. Its geographical range of Western Pennsylvania, a small section of Ohio and West Virginia. The meetings located in Jamestown, New York are no longer in existence. There are four meetings in the Johnstown Area that is concurrently deciding if they will join the Tri-State. This would be the farthest point towards Central Pennsylvania.

SERVICE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Activities: Our activities committee is responsible for a regional calendar and to coordinate activities to follow the quarterly RSC Meetings. The committee presently ahs no Chairperson.

B. Additional Needs Ad Hoc: The additional needs committee has been established since July. The committee has begun to coordinate efforts with external agencies. This has led the committee into many discussions with the BOT, WSO External P.I. Coordinator, and the Additional Needs Committee. Concurrently, the committee is establishing a database system to provide information to the members groups, and areas. There has been investigation with a TTY service and the meeting lists are currently being coded for wheelchair accessible and partial accessiblity. The committee is also working on placing the meeting list on tape.

C. Board of Directors (Regional Office): We have five (5) at-large BOD members and three area representatives. Although there are a large number of vacanies, the BOD has worked diligently to guide our region through the legal matters that we found ourselves exposed to. Our regional office is four (4) years old and we are currently addressing the issue of sales tax.

D. Convention: I am not aware of the financial gain to our region, but am aware that we were able to exceed our costs. The Convention's elections are now through the BOD with the sole exception of Chairperson. This enabled our region to get event insurance. The Convention this year will be held at the Hyatt Hotel on November 3-5, 1989. The costrof rooms is $65.00 per evening.

E. Helpline: The Helpline Chair has been the sole Administrator of the Committee. He has held two workshops at least per quarter. He is investigating the cost effectiveness of our phone system and earlier this year, investigated the TTY service for the Additional Needs Committee.

F. Hospitals and Institutions: Our regional H&I has been vacant until January. Mike R, from the Steel Valley ASC, is the Chairperson has demonstrated an extreme willingness and effort to coordinate and establish a functioning H&I committee.

G. Literature: Our literature committee has been reviewing the Traditions assigned as well as addressingthe items in the CAR with their recommendations

H. Outreach: The Outreach Committee consists of five members. Outreach is responsible for supporting struggling ASCs and determining whether groups that have stopped sending representation to the ASC are still meeting.

I. Policy and Adminstration: The P&A Committee has established regional guidelines that will be presented to the ASRs in draft form in the Spring. An Ad Hoc on the feasibility of Shared Services has been formed. The archives system is established. The budget is still being addressed P&A has begun an orientation of the ASRs prior to the RSC and continues to take a regional inventory. There has been much discussion on the voting procedure for the CAR and we will be beginning to try new methods that will allow us to gather the most information.

J. Public Information: We have a functioning regional P.I. for the first time in several years. Many workshops have occurred. There is tenatively a regional P.I. workshop scheduled for May 10, 1989.

K. Spiritual Retreat: Our Spiritual Retreat exceeded its cost by approximately $1,000 last year. This year, it will be held at McKeever Center, Mercer, Pa. The dates are June 2-4. Pre-registeration cost is $35.00 and after April 30, $40.00 Registration can be made through the Regional Office Address to the attention of the Spiritual Retreat Committee.

In greatest sincerity, thank you for your time and interest.

Keep Shining,

Mary Hexsung, RSR

UPPER MIDWEST REGION: 1989

Once again it is conference-time: time to reflect on a year in the life of Narcotics Anonymous in the Upper Midwest Region; time for all the RSR's and their Alternates to hurriedly compose and mail off their reports.

At first it appeared that our report was going to be rather negative. We found ourselves scratching our heads, wondering aloud, "Hey, what did we do this year?" The initial answers to that question were, "I don't know." "Not a damn thing," and so on. On the surface, the Upper Midwest RSC donated some money to the WSC, and had some meetings, and sponsored some events, but beneath that, we were wondering what went on.

For starters, our region celebrated its first full year as an international region. The Winnipeg (Manitoba) area has, to a large degree, quit coming to the RSC, shoulders shrugged, asking, "Yeah, OK, what do we do next?" Their Public Information committee has begun to serve as an example for others. Their bid for the Sixth Upper Midwest Regional Convention was accepted. This convention will be held June 10, 11, 12, 1989, at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. If you are desirous of more information contact Stephanie at (701) 235-3570, or UMRSC, PO Box 5393, Fargo, ND 58105-5393. While the Winnipeg area has a difficult time filling positions, there exists in the area a core group of mature and dedicated servants who make sure that things continue to happen. 'Tis truly exciting to see an area develop out of virtually nothing and take off.

Our existence as an international region is very challenging. The flow of traffic across the border is impeded by customs agents who, while sometimes sparking our resentment and hostility, are simply trying to protect their country from the "menace" that our past records might indicate we are. Whatever input those who have experience in this regard would certainly be appreciated.

Another newer area that is experiencing growth is the Southern Minnesota Area. Once a part of the Twin Cities Area (Minneapolis, St. Paul, and suburbs), they have now been providing services for over a year to the southern part of Minnesota, and are otherwise an active participant in the RSC. They are another example of the Area-Sponsoring-New-Area phenomena. There were groups which wished to form a new area, not out of resentment, but because they thought they could better serve their geographic location; the area they were formed from consistently provided assistance and support; today the Southern Minnesota Area stands on its own, a part of the Upper Midwest rather than an extension of another Area.

Another new area which has sprung from the Twin Cities Area is the South Suburban Fireside Area. They are still in an early developmental stage, trying to define how they can serve their groups as an Area, and how they provide services that complement the efforts of the Twin Cities Area in that urban mess that is Minneapolis/St. Paul.

It is also important to note that there are seven groups in Western Wisconsin that are a part of the Twin Cities Area. They are much closer to the Twin Cities than any population center in Wisconsin, and may, in the near future, form the eleventh area in the Upper Midwest.

There is every indication that the Twin Cities Area will continue to grow. The number of groups has doubled in the past two and one half years, a third ASC, aside from the aforementioned Wisconsin possibility, is in the early early stages of formation.

Probably the biggest news in the Upper Midwest is the formation of a Service Office in the Twin Cities Area. The office has been developing over the past four years, with dedicated members committed since the inception of the idea. The intent of this office, while developed originally as an area office, is to serve the entire Upper Midwest. The entire Upper Midwest has yet to embrace this office as of this writing, but is rather trying to define how a regional service office fits into NA in the Upper Midwest. This office provides a literature stockpile, serves as a location for service committee meetings, and as a contact point for Public Information inquiries. It is supported strictly by monies generated from the sale of its services and receives no Seventh Tradition monies.

With the opening of the office, much of the Region is examining and trying to reach an understanding of how the office relates to NA as a whole. Some people are having a real struggle with this, as was previously stated, the Upper Midwest has yet to embrace the office as a RSO.

We are consistently challenged by time, and the great distance we have to travel in our region. We added to that challenge the border with another country. It is only with great willingness and dedication spawned by gratitude that anything at all happens in the Upper Midwest. As we mature, we become acceptable, responsible and productive members of society. Oft-times this means jobs or families hampering the sort of service involvement our burgeoning Fellowship requires. This makes growth slower, but maybe that is exactly the right speed.

The natural limitations imposed by regional size, distance of travel, and lack of light-speed transportation make the attraction of good human resources difficult. We in the Upper Midwest are still gazing into a rather cloudy crystal ball entitled "division into smaller regions." We look with great caution, knowing that to gaze upon the sun causes blindness. It is impossible to know fully God's will for us; as of yet, we are without the power to carry it out.

Thus endeth our report for the year 1989. We have faith that we will continue with a loving Higher Power beside us throughout.

In Fellowship,

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Chuck Dube-RSR
Rick Westby-RSR-ALt

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To: World Service Conference

From: Richard L. Mann, RSR

Date: Feb, 25, 1989

RE: March Fellowship Report

Smiles & hugs to fellow NA members & friends,

I find myself in an unenvyable position and yet one where learning experiences are bountiful. Having been chosen as the RSR Alt. a few short months before WSC '88, I was unable to attend the Conference and,with little prior knowledge, plunged into the duties of RSR upon the expiration of the former RSRs term. It seems like a one year term as RSR is too short a time to get settled in and actually get anything done.

In the past year the Upper Rocky Mountain Region has continued to grow, both in numbers and in clean time experience. We have taken on more and larger responsibilities and endeavors. The problem of long traveling distances, sometimes envolving a 10 or 12 hr. drive one way, continues to hamper communications and unity. In spite of this handicap, an increase has been noted in Region wide participation of many unifying events.

Montana has experienced a surge in growth reporting at least 7 new Group registerations sharing at 14 new meetings. Wyoming lists 4 new Groups holding 10 meetings. Western South Dakota has done some reorganization and reports 5 meetings in Rapid City. Finally, the panhandle of Nebraska lists 2 new Groups with 2 meetings each. In addition to the Groups who have sent in their registeration forms , there has been some talk of several other new Groups in the process of forming.

Annual camp outs and fund raising dances seem to be the main events of the Region. The URMR held it's 2nd Annual campout during August's forest fire season, in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Serenity Seekers,of Area III, held their 3rd annual campout, during June, at Lake Oliver, Ne. Several other Groups have held small campouts throughout the summer and expect to continue the tradition during the summer of '89.

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Dances have been held in many areas,on most every holliday occasion, with the folks in Cheyenne, WY putting together some of the most talked about fun times in their section of the Region. In January of '88, the Scottsbluff, NE Group hosted a very successful workshop on "Learning How to Share". November of '88, saw Rapid City, SD hosting the second "East visits West", South Dakota mini-Convention, which represented two differant Regions, of one state,getting together to have fun and fellowship and work towards some unifying goals. During the months of Jan. & Feb., the Groups of Area III, have put on a two part workshop on the 12 Steps, where the first 6 steps were chaired by 6 Scottsbluff members in Cheyenne, WY and the last 6 steps were chaired by 6 Cheyenne members in Scottsbluff, NE.

I'm sure that there have been many other work shops, campouts, and the like,that haven't been specifically mentioned. Many Groups have held dances,and small workshops on the review and input literature, as well as approval form literature. I apologize for any exclusions, and commend all involved.

The largest responsibility that the URMR has ever taken on is to host the Western States Unity Convention VI. The Executive Committee has put together a package of fun and fellowship which includes a western style Bar-B-Q, a golf tournament, horse shoes, and many merchandise items that are affordable to everyone. The entire Region is working on getting the support of friends and members of NA from all over the Western United States. Fund raisers are numerous, throughout the Region, including raffles in all of the Groups for one registeration packet. Other upcoming events include a St. Patrick's Day Dance, on March 17th, in Cheyenne, WY and the 1st Annual Montana NA Gathering coming up on April 29th in Helena, MT.

P.I. projects have been trodding along in most groups, ranging from meeting lists posted on public bulletin boards,meeting announcements published in local papers, to letters of introduction being sent to professionals with a followup workshop. Radio stations are announcing meetings across the Region and many Areas are working towards a goal of a Region wide phone line in conjunction with a tv PSA. All that is needed is a bit more time where our numbers have grown enough to support and man a 24 hr phone service.

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Several H&I type meetings are also being held throughout the Region. A meeting is trying to get started in the Womens Correctional Facility in Lusk, WY and the Rawlins State Penitentiary has been meeting on and off all year. members from towns within 150 mile radius are trying to support these meetings but they are too few and too far away to do it full time. Several meetings are being held in V.A. hospitals, treatment facilities and the such. Groups in Cheyenne and Evanston, WY are having meetings in their local county jails.

With continued growth in members and cleantime longevity, we look forward to the time in the future when Montana will form their own Region and South Dakota will unite as a state wide Region. Traveling distances and centers of activity might still prohibit these formations but the experience is growing all over with new Groups forming in many small towns.

I'm reminded of the first Tradition in which the common welfare of NA must come befor personal recovery. Not what suits me but what will help others the most. NA can go on without me but I can't go on without NA.

In Loving Service,

Richard L. Mann

Richard L. Mann, RSR

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Fellowship Report 88/89

We are pleased with our activities and accomplishments during the year; they have included the following:

1. Revising the Regional Service Committee By-Laws.
2. Hosting a three day summer Campvention with national participation.
3. Conducting learning days on a variety of subjects.
4. Initiating television PSAs after strengthening the Hotline.
5. Publishing quarterly newsletters with diversified input.
6. Sponsoring monthly dances to carry the message of recovery and raise funds.
7. Contributing quarterly to WSO.
8. Forming a Literature Review Committee.
9. Participating in the WSC Tape Review Process.
10. Increasing the number of institutional meetings.
11. Having representation at workshops and learning days outside the Region.
12. Convening monthly RSC meetings in various Areas.

Our plans for the coming year include hosting the Sixth Annual Utah Regional Campvention in August 1989, contributing to the World Service Literature Committee, cooperating with all other World Service Committees, Supporting WSO, continuing involvement on the World Service Tape Review Committee, and furthering our efforts to the carry the message of recovery from addiction.

In loving service,

Mel

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TO: World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous

RE: Yearly Report of 1988 in Volunteer Region

I am a grateful recovering addict and my name is Doug M. I am also the RSR for the Volunteer Region and grateful to be a member of Narcotics Anonymous in Tennessee today. I would like to apologize for this report being a couple of days late to be in the *Fellowship Report.* This is due to my moving to Nashville a couple of months ago and being unable to have all my paperwork at the same place at the same time.

I was able to attend the Conference last year in a (somewhat) acting Alternate RSR position. This was due to a dear friend of mine, Gailla F., being unable to attend. She had to (soon after that) resign her position due to physical problems. I attended the next quarterly in the position of (somewhat) acting RSR due to our RSR being unable to attend. Also, Buddy A. went as the acting Alternate RSR. We were both nominated and elected to these positions by the fellowship soon after that. I am very grateful for the trust and confidence put on myself during the last year and this has allowed me to grow a great deal in my own recovery.

The past year in the Volunteer Region has been a good year for growth of the fellowship. We have had some problems, but the good outnumbers the bad 10 to 1.

When I was elected to the position of RSR, the fellowship was going through some growing pains. We were almost between printings of our Basic Text. The fellowship had a few problems with not being able to get enough of the Text in some areas, but that was very shortlived and we soon had no problem getting texts.

Our convention went very well as a whole. The fellowship in the Mountain Area of N.A. was pretty small and it was hard on them sometimes to get all the work done. But they, with the help of other recovering addicts across the region, did a great job. We had a couple of problems with some things being broken, but that usually happens anywhere there are a number of people anytime, even if they aren't addicts. I believe the message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous was carried well at our convention in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Our region has been following the traditions and trying to adhere to the service structure. Below is listed some of our treasurer's reports from June 1987 - February 1989.

June 1987		*October 1988*	
Beg. Balance	$8304.25	Donation WSC	$5000.00
Expenses	2507.57		
Deposits	3324.78		
New Balance	9121.11		
Debit P.I.	2000.00	*February 1989*	
Debit H&I	2500.00	Beg. Balance	2876.07
Hotel VRC	3128.18	Income	6831.18
Prudent Reserve	1000.00	Expenses	4488.21
Over Reserve	492.93	End Balance	5319.04

The fellowship in the Volunteer Region just recently looked into the possibility of having a regional service office. Our regional chairperson, along with some other friends and trusted servants, attended the workshop

supported by the WSC in Atlanta, Georgia, back a few months ago, to learn about this proposed project. The VRSC Office Ad Hoc Committee decided that this was a little soon for an office in our region. I really wanted the office to become a reality for our region, but I guess it is not our Higher Power's will just yet.

Also, we just at our last RSC re-formed a working H&I Committee. This was largely due to the support of Rick A., Joe S., and all the other H&I kind of folks like myself in the Volunteer Region. We have a large number of working H&I meetings across the region, and well working area committees, but the need was great for a working H&I committee on a regional level.

I would like to express my gratitude again at the quality of recovery that I am starting to see across the region and the world in Narcotics Anonymous. My sponsor just celebrated his 10 year anniversary and if I live until May 15, I will celebrate my 8 year anniversary. This just goes to show me that there is quality recovery all across the globe today in Narcotics Anonymous.

In very grateful loving service,

Doug M., RSR
Volunteer Region

TO THE WSC

GREETINGS FROM THE EVER GROWING AND CHANGING WASHINGTON NORTHERN IDAHO REGION;

WE ARE GROWING AND OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS PROVE IT. WE HAVE INCREASED FROM 230 TO 334 THIS YEAR. IN OUR REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE WE HAVE 75 NON-SMOKING MEETINGS, 33 CLOSED TO ADDICTS ONLY, 27 LITERATURE STUDY, 10 SPECIAL INTEREST, 7 LISTED AS SMOKING AND 4 MEETINGS THAT OFFER CHILDCARE. WE ALSO HAVE HAD 1 NEW AREA FORM, BRINGING OUR TOTAL TO 16. ALL THIS GROWTH HAS LED TO STABILITY. EACH OF OUR AREAS IS GROWING STRONGER, NEW MEETINGS BEING THE SIGN OF THAT.

OUR REGION IS ALSO GROWING OLDER IN SERVICE MEMBERS. MOST OF OUR AREAS ARE RUN INEVITABLY BY TWO YEAR OLDS, AS WAS OUR REGION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. NOW THOSE TWO YEAR OLDS HAVE STAYED LONG ENOUGH TO GROW IN THEIR PERSONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNICATE SOME OF THAT GROWTH TO THEIR SERVICE POSITIONS AND TEACH OTHERS ALONG THE WAY. THIS HAS AIDED THE STABILITY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. WE ARE FINALLY BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE ENOUGH SERVICE MEMBERS TO HAVE EVERY POSITION FILLED WITH WILLING, DEDICATED RECOVERING MEMBERS. WHAT WE HAVE FACED IN THE PAST IS NOT ENOUGH PARTICIPATION BECAUSE WE WERE STILL TOO SMALL. THE URGE WAS TO SPLIT EVERYTHING UP WHEN WE BECAME LARGER. NOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR FOUR YEARS, NO INDIVIDUAL MEMBER NEEDS TO DO EVERYTHING. THE KINGDOMS ARE NOT AS IMPORTANT TO US AS THEY ONCE WERE.

IN THE CHANGE DEPARTMENT;

THERE WERE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE REPORT ABOUT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE WSC. THIS CONCERN INSPIRED SOME ACTION. WE HAVE MODIFIED OUR DONATION PLAN TO BE 5% OF GROSS DONATIONS AND WHATEVER IS LEFT OF DONATIONS AFTER QUARTERLY BUDGET LEVELS. WE REFER TO THIS AS PART OF OUR NON-DEFICIT SPENDING PLAN. WE KNOW WHAT OUR ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR A QUARTER WILL BE BASED ON PAST DONATIONS IN A SIMILAR QUARTER AND WILL ONLY APPROVE BUDGETS NOT TO EXCEED THAT LEVEL. THIS INCOME EXCLUDES ANY DONATIONS FROM CONVENTIONS. THAT TOTAL IS USED AS THE PRUDENT RESERVE LEVEL FOR THE DONATION TO THE WSC.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE IMPACT THAT REPORT HAD ON OUR REGION IS THAT THE ASRS TOOK THAT CONCERN BACK TO THEIR AREAS AND FROM THERE TO THE GROUPS. THIS TRANSLATED INTO THE GROUPS BECOMING MORE INTERESTED IN WHERE THEIR DOLLAR WAS GOING AND PROPOSED WAYS TO SPEND THAT MONEY MORE EFFECTIVELY. ALL IN ALL A HEALTHY AWARENESS. THERE WAS ALSO MUCH DISCUSSION AS TO WHAT PURPOSE SENDING THE RSR AND ALTERNATE TO THE QUARTERLY WORKSHOPS SERVES. THIS WAS SEEN BY SOME AS A WASTE OF 7TH TRADITION DONATIONS. THIS DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR AGAIN.

OUR CONVENTION CORPORATION IS STILL TRYING TO BECOME A WORKING PART OF THE SERVICE STRUCTURE. WE HAVE RUN INTO THE CONFLICT OF SERVING TWO MASTERS, THE STATE AND THE FELLOWSHIP. THIS IS A FINE LINE WHICH IS NOT EASILY WALKED OR UNDERSTOOD.ANOTHER CHANGE WAS MADE REGARDING OUR CONVENTIONS. GROUP CONSCIENCE HAS DECIDED OUR CONVENTIONS WILL BE NON SMOKING EVENTS. THUS KEEPING OUR CONVENTIONS AS HEALTHY AS OUR RECOVERY.

IN CLOSING, WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THE MEANING OF " TRUSTED SERVANT" MAY BE DEFINED DIFFERENTLY FROM ONE ADDICT TO ANOTHER. SOME OF OUR AREAS HAVE EXPERIENCED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY BROUGHT ON BY TOO MUCH "TRUST". WHILE OTHERS HAVE DRIVEN MEMBERS AWAY WITH NOT ENOUGH. WHEN WE SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, WE ARE SHARING WHAT WORKS FOR US AND WHAT HAS WORKED AGAINST US. THIS IS THE MOST BENEFICIAL PART OF BEING A REGION. WE HAVE ACTIVE COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AD HOC COMMITTEES WHICH TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS, SEND OUT REPORTS, CONDUCT MEETINGS, ETC. ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF BEING A PART OF A REGION IS RISKING TO SHARE WHAT IS AND ISN'T WORKING AT HOME AND BEING ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS. I NOT SURE HOW OTHER REGIONS WORK, BUT MY GUESS IS THAT SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OCCUR OVER THE LUNCH BREAKS WE TAKE DURING THESE INTERMINABLE BUSINESS MEETINGS. OUR BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE A TWO DAY EVENT THEY START FRIDAY NIGHT WITH ALL REPORTS AND CARRY THROUGH SATURDAY WITH THE REST OF THE BUSINESS. WE MEET ONCE A QUARTER AND THIS SEEMS TO BE ALL MEETINGS WE NEED. ONCE AGAIN OUR REGION IN ALL ITS WISDOM HAS SEEN FIT NOT TO OPEN A OFFICE THIS YEAR.

YOURS IN LOVING SERVICE

ANDY ANDERSEN, R.S.R. & JERRY MATTICH R.S.R. ALTERNATE

WISCONSIN
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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TO: World Service Conference

FROM: John Halverson
Wisconsin Regional Service Representative

DATE: February 28,1989

RE: Regional Report of Events in Wisconsin Region
88-89 Conference Year

Dear Trusted Servants and Interested Members of N.A.,

Our past year has been full of both exciting and enriching growth. Our region has two new areas; one evolved from a set of meetings that have existed for over 7 years. With their only connection to the outside world of N.A. being California, they are just coming to terms with how a local service structure can help their groups. Another Area has split for the second time, bringing our Regional Area count up to 8. This growth hasn't been without the normal "growing pains", but with H.P. to help it is all for the better.

We are now in our first full year of a two day Regional Conference. This arrangement seems to finally be coming together. Our biggest hurdle was and always will be participation in service. What needs to be done is being done and those who need to be doing it, are.

We have had one H&I Multi-Regional Learning Day. We received participation from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Minnesota. All of the people there exchanged useful information, experience, strength and hope. This event seemed to be one of many that are binding the Midwest Regions together more. Hopefully we are going to have representatives in Missouri for their H&I Multi-Regional Learning Day. H&I in our Region is getting into new institutions all the time, Areas have seen the need to support their local H&I.

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The Public Information Committee has 2 co-chairs and has just has a Learning Day. We have put on a presentation for the "Governers' Conference on Alcohol and Other Drugs" for teachers and other government officials. This has given experience to many people in the trials and tribulations of doing P.I. work. From this and one Area presentation we are BOLDY GOING WHERE NA WAS NOT KNOWN BEFORE!!! We are sending Representatives to Iowa for their Multi-Regional Learning Day also.

Our Literature Committee has gone through a few chairs,one stolen by W.S.O. -- Thank you very much, HA-HA!! Our Region helped compile input from Areas and was able to participate in the Chicago Literature Conference on "It Works". We are already looking forward to working on the Traditions that we were assigned. Every Area now has a Literature Chair-person and they are already asking what can they do. One Area is creating input for a new IP.

The issue of additional needs has been very influential on our Fellowship. Meetings that could were listed with the wheelchair symbol on meeting lists. We have been in contact with people who lobby in government for handicapped people with problems dealing with addictions. They helped us contact the handicapped people in question so we could tell them what we are all about. The Milwaukee Office now has a TDD machine on it's phoneline. This hasn't been used alot yet, but we are getting the word out to the people who can't hear and have TDD machines. We have also purchased some material from Kent State University that are "pictograms" adapted from the 12 Steps. We are going to see if they can be used to help translate N.A. Literature for people who can't read well.

Our Region is connected with two Convention Board of Directors. The Mid-Coast Convention Board of Directors has been approached by Michigan and Missouri about joining them and presenting bids to host the Mid-Coast Convention.The Iowa Region accepted last year to participate in the bidding process. This Conventions' By-Laws are set up to be a floating Convention for the Midwest and with 2 more states requesting to be involved our dream is becoming a reality. The WSNAC Board of Directors now also is up to Directorship, of 15 members, which was found to be more workable than the previous "7" and has completely gone over it's by-laws. The planning of both Conventions is going smoothly. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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Our Region has been fortunate enough to be able to fund a number of Representatives to the World Conference Quarterlys this year. This has brought up a number of issues. None of which have been resolved or could be discussed adequately in this report. Generally they were issues like participation vs money spent, how does our Region benefit from involvement, and our lack of participation in the working of issues dealing world wide.

The realization of this lack of involvement has motivated our ASRs to initiate ideas. This is where (all of a sudden)all those motions came from in the back of the Agenda Report-C.A.R. The major issues brought up there have been stewing in our Region for some time and have just been brought to light. This motivation, initiated by ASR is finding its way to Area Services also not waiting for Committees' to pull th strings but pulling their own. Kind of neat, der hay?!

Whats in store for the future? Only H.P. knows for sure but with the trends of the past in mind things are getting better all the time. With the support of all the people involved in Service today in the Wisconsin Region, the Wisconsin Region is exploring the feasibility of hosting the World Convention of 1992. Knowing we need to have a bid together by July 1990 we know its never too soon to start.

With all the growth I've been honored to be a part of in the Wisconsin Region I can't extend my gratitude enough. The Trusted Servants that I have been in contact with touched me both personally and Service-wise. All of you know who you are, from the Chairs of all the Committees helping be responsible to those we serve, to the people were just there when I needed you. I hope in the days to come I will still be able to be an instrument of H.P.'s will in service to Narcotics Anonymous.

Love & Hugs,

John D. Halverson

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