

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE WSC H&I COMMITTEE  
MEETING AT WSC 89**

**SESSION I  
APRIL 25, 1989 - 9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer by Barbara J. (WSC H&I Chairperson) after a moment of silence. There were 11 voting members present and 8 pool members present.

**Voting Members Present Were:** Barbara J. (WSC H&I Chairperson), Stuart S., (WSC V-Chairperson), Patty H., Dave B., Donald F., Ivan F., Mary Dawn H., Bean L., Dianna L., Fred S., and Mary H.

**Pool Members Present Were:** Tim S., Joe K., Rudy S., Doug M., Dale S., and John S., Tom C., and Dave A.

**Committee Membership:** There were two (2) resignations from the committee: Phil K. and Jim M. Both desired to remain on the recently active list of the committee. Sandra R. resigned her membership from the pool.

M/S/T "To remove Rim B."

Discussion ensued. It was decided to table in the event that Rim would be able to be contacted and verify whether he was still willing to serve. Barbara informed the committee that there were five voting positions to be filled. Discussion proceeded to pool members that the Committee felt had not met their obligations.

M/S/C "To remove Joe S. from the pool"

**Conference Report:** Barbara J. read the report that would be presented to the Conference. Barbara expressed a concern, that had been stated at the Quarterlies, of non-H&I meetings held in H&I settings that were not linked to the N.A. service structure. She informed the Committee that the WSC Chairperson was taking this matter under consideration and would determine whether an ad hoc committee should be formed to determine how greater unity with these isolated groups/meetings could be gained.

**Regional Motions:** At this time, the Committee addressed concerns of RSR's and motions submitted to the Committee. Most of the motions discussed or addressed by the WSC H&I Committee did not need further research. One motion pertained to the support of the WSC H&I Committee to countries that are newer in their H&I efforts than the U.S.

M/S/C "To draft a letter to the International Fellowship from the WSC H&I Committee extending our desire to assist them in any fashion."

Fred S. and John S. were assigned this ad hoc project. They were to report back to the Committee during the following session, if possible.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Behind The Walls:** There will be an informal gathering with the WSC Literature Committee regarding this booklet. The draft was distributed prior to the Conference. The Committee would like to extend special thanks to Patty H., Steve L., and the WSO staff for their assistance above and beyond.

**Tape Review:** The tone was a problem. The completed draft was sent to the WSO and was forwarded. A group of individuals without other Conference responsibilities volunteered to continue work on this project during the Conference.

**H&I Starter Kit:** A report was faxed to the WSO. The report, regarding input to be forwarded to the WSC Literature Committee for I.P. #18 was distributed during the session.

**Guide to Service:** The Ad Hoc on the Guide to Service sent a "thank you note" for our input. Barbara noted that based on the tone of the Conference, possibly we may wish to submit further input.

**Reaching Out Articles:** The system in place appears to be working smoothly. Presently, the Committee has been able to meet all of the deadlines.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** M/S/C "To approve the minutes as presented."

**Nomination of WSC H&I Chairperson:** Barbara J. - accepted; Stuart S. - declined

**Nomination of WSC H&I Vice Chairperson:** Stuart S., Pete C.

There were 11 voting members present. Pete C. was to be the nominee from the WSC H&I Committee.

**Amendment to H&I Conference Motion:** "To change 'Fellowship' to 'Conference'" to remain consistent with the other Conference Committees. A letter had been sent to all Committee members. This was approved by the Committee present.

At this time the Committee moved into the Open Forum of this session.

## EMERGENCY MEETING

There was a special meeting held Tuesday evening, regarding the nominee for the Vice Chairperson position to be placed on the Conference floor. A vote had been faxed in and our guidelines do allow for faxed votes. Due to the extreme closeness of the vote, and in the spirit of fairness, both nominees were placed on the slate for nomination to this position.

## SESSION II APRIL 27, 1989 - 9:30 P.M.

The session was opened by Barbara J. WSC H&I Chairperson, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by Donald F.

**Members present were:** Barbara J., Stuart S., Patty H., Dave B., Donald F., Ivan F., Mary Dawn H., Bean L., Diana L., Fred S., Bob McD (BOD representative), and Mary H.

**Pool Members present were:** Timmy S., Dale S., Joe K., Rudy S., Doug M., Dave A., Tom C., and John S.

**New Pool Members present were:** John C., Wendy F., and Rob C.

**The following were also placed in the Nominee Pool:** Laura J., John Mac., Jill O., Steven B., Dennis C., Jean M., Walt P., and Shemus Mc.

The motion regarding membership that had been tabled in a previous session was brought from the table. Discussion ensued.

M/S/C "To remove Rim due to failure to adhere to guidelines."

M/S/F "Move to suspend all business to discuss voting procedures" Intent: To discuss the reoccurrence of a faxed vote. This was withdrawn.

**Pool Members Eligible For Voting Membership:** Dave H., Joe K., Rudy S., Steve D., Dave A., John E., Dale S. and Tom C. John S. (who was also eligible) and Tom C. stated a desire to remain pool members based on their geographic location.

Members "drawn from the hat" to the Committee were: Dave H., Joe K., Rudy S., Steve D., Dave A., and John E.

**Election of Secretary:** Mary H. was elected through acclamation

**Behind the Walls Process:** To add the language "not for use in N.A. meetings". This will be processed through the WSC Literature Committee or the JAC. Barbara was given a vote of confidence.

M/S/C "To forward motion regarding new process to the Conference."

**Letter to the International Fellowship:** The letter was read. Discussion followed. It was determined that the letter was appropriate for all H&I committees.

M/S/C "To give a copy to the letter to all RSR's."

**Amendment to the Letter:** "At the earliest possible time or the next meeting of the Committee" to "at the earliest time possible."

M/S/C "To suspend business to allow Stephanie, RSR Ireland, to address the Committee."

Stephanie outlined some of the problems within Ireland which related to the Criminal Justice System in several parts of the country. Many of the issues were common ones and a number of the Committee members agreed to sit down and share their experience, hope and strength.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Guidelines and Do and Don'ts at Regional Events:** Dave B., (Chairperson), Fred S., Randy J., Donald F., Joe K., Dave H. and Laura J.

**Reaching Out Committee Assignments:** Patty H. (Chairperson), Mary Dawn H., Terry R., John M., John H., Steve F., Shemus Mc., Jill O., Brain W., and Rob C.

**Behind the Walls:** Stuart (Chairperson), Bean, Diana, Steve D., John S., Wendy, Fred S., Patty H., and John E. Appointee: Jane N. former member of WSC Literature Committee.

**Starter Kit:** Mary H. (Chairperson), Zena, Joe K., Donald F., Dale S., Ivan F., John K., Walt P., Rudy S., Tom C., and John C.

**Tapes:** Ivan F., (Chairperson), Dave A., Timmy S., Diana L., Steve B., Dale S., Doug M., Valerie A., Dennis C. and Jean M.

**Internal Guidelines:** Discussion ensued regarding removing our internal guidelines from the handbook to allow it to be a more consistent piece of work.

M/S/C "To table this issue until the next meeting"

With this the session was closed.

**Attachment:** Letter to the Fellowship, resulting from the request by the RSR from London.

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TO: The Fellowship  
FROM: WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee  
DATE: April 28, 1989  
RE: *Hospitals & Institutions Handbook*

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As of the 1989 World service Conference, the revised Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Handbook has been approved.

The World Service Conference Hospitals & Institutions Committee is aware of some of the difficulties experienced in some N.A. communities, in their efforts to carry the Narcotics Anonymous message to those addicts seeking recovery from active addiction in an H&I setting.

To those of you who wish to utilize the Handbook, but find it falling short of being able to meet your needs, the WSC H&I Committee wants to extend itself in aiding you to adapt and/or supplement the Handbook for your use. To this end, we invite you to send your concerns and/or suggestions to us in care of the H&I Project Coordinator at the above address. We will address all concerns thus received at the earliest time possible.

It is our hope that through this type of communication and cooperation, more H&I subcommittees may form and be able to fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose.