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To: Members Interested in WSC Policy  
From: Carl Prescott (WSO Staff)  
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Greetings!

Enclosed please find the approved minutes from the WSC Policy Committee meeting held during the World Service Conference in April, 1990. Also included are the Policy committee's working group drafts submitted to the full committee at the Arlington quarterly.

The committee is sending these in hopes of keeping you informed of ongoing committee projects. Please note that these are only drafts and not policy. They are for your information, and if possible, your input.

If there are any questions or if you would like to send input please forward it to the WSC Policy committee c/o WSO.

## WSC POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**April 23, 1990**

Tim B. (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson) opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the Twelve Traditions.

Tim raised the topic of smoking in the committee meeting. The committee voted 6/4/1 to have a non-smoking meeting.

Minutes of the committee meeting in St. Louis were reviewed. On page 2, in the fourth paragraph, references to a nominating committee should be changed to reflect a "nominations committee." The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

Tim informed the committee of the involuntary resignation of Michael V. and the appointment of Shannon L. as a replacement. The committee voted 10/0/1 to approve the appointment.

With the approval of Shannon as replacement, all voting members of the committee were present except Keith S. and Linda C.

Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) presented input to the Policy Committee's motion in the *Conference Agenda Report*. It was M/S/U Karen C./John B. to amend Motion #16 in the *Conference Agenda Report* by inserting "Standing" in front of "Committee Chairs."

The committee moved on to discuss its inventory. Several members expressed surprise that they were not informed in advance of the contents of Tim's report to the conference. Solutions to the committee's sense of frustration included developing more comprehensive guidelines, and asking the conference for work.

Tim directed the committee's attention to motions presented to the conference by regions. Votes indicated below took the form of recommendations to the conference.

#132: It was M/S/ Mitchell S. (RSR, Greater New York)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) "That regional subcommittee chairpersons be given a voice at their respective world level committees as follows: be permitted to debate, question, enter and/or second motions, present reports; points of privilege, query the chair." The committee voted 10/2 to recommend that the conference reject this motion.

#92. It was M/S/ Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) "To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*: 'Regional subcommittee chairpeople be voting members of their respective world level committees. To refer to 1991 *Conference Agenda Report* for action

at the WSC 1991." The committee voted 8 in favor of rejecting the motion, 4 to commit to the WSC Policy Committee.

- #145: It was M/S/ Michael C. (RSR, New England)/Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) "To add in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, page 49, paragraph 2E: 'Members designated by their region.'" The maker agreed to amend the motion so that it would be 2F. The committee voted 7 in favor of rejecting the motion, 5 to commit to the WSC Policy Committee.
- #97: It was M/S/ Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac)/Darwyn L. (RSR, Mississippi) "That all motions and intents committed to conference committees be automatically included in the next *Conference Agenda Report* with any committee recommendations, substitute motions, or proposals." The committee voted 5 in favor of rejecting the motion, 7 to commit to the WSC Policy Committee.
- #93: It was M/S/ Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac)/Mitchell S. (RSR, Greater New York) "That the WSC Policy Committee be assigned the task of researching all old WSC minutes for any motions from our history that continue to be in effect as policy. A system be developed to establish a key to reference these original motions to their chronological place in our history, i.e., (1) the year of WSC, (2) page number in the minutes, and (3) location on that page. These motions be inserted into the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* in their appropriate place referenced by subjects. To refer to 1991 *Conference Agenda Report* for action at 1991 WSC." The maker agreed to insert "ongoing" into the first sentence between "assigned the" and "task," and to delete the last sentence. The committee voted 1 in favor of rejecting the motion, 10 to commit to WSC Policy Committee.
- #71: It was M/S/ Darwyn L. (RSR, Mississippi)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) "That the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* include all handbooks and policies of all service branches, boards and committees. That any amendment to these be made available as an insert." Committee members discussed amending the motion so that handbooks would still be available individually. The committee voted 7 in favor of rejecting the motion, 5 to commit to the WSO BOD.
- #70: It was M/S/ Darwyn L. (RSR, Mississippi)/Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) "To dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service and give all input, past drafts, and other pertinent material to the WSC Policy Committee pending future conference action." The committee voted 2 in favor of recommending adoption, 8 to reject, and 2 members abstained.
- #19: It was M/S/ Michael P. (RSR, Oregon/S. Idaho)/ "To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, page 19, last paragraph, by replacing: 'An RSR serves on one or more WSC subcommittees' to 'An RSR may serve on one or more WSC subcommittees.'" The committee voted 8 in favor of recommending adoption, 2 to reject, and 2 members abstained.
- #138: It was M/S/ Forest B. (RSR, S. Florida/Bahamas)/Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) "To define as voting participants of WSC, RSRs or their alternates. Board of Trustees having a total of 4 votes collectively, Admin

Committee 2 votes collectively, Joint Admin 4 votes collectively, WSO BOD 1 vote, WSO Executive Director 1 vote." The committee voted 4 in favor of rejecting the motion, and 4 members abstained.

- #135: It was M/S/ Nathan N. (RSR, London)/ "That the conference reiterates its desire for the WSC Policy Committee to present proposals and/or requirements for the seating of regions at the WSC 1991 for fellowship discussion and input." The committee voted 12 in favor of recommending adoption.
- #85: It was M/S/ Rita S. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) "That all WSC committees have a member of that committee be recording secretary, WSO shall provide such clerical support as required by recording secretary. This included all "special task committees." The committee voted 2 members in favor of recommending adoption, 8 to reject, and 2 members abstained.
- #84: It was M/S/ Rita S. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Forest B. (RSR, S. Florida/Bahamas) "That all WSC service-related materials, handbooks, or service committee-originated literature be made available to area and regional committees for a formal one-year review and input period using WLC 1989 guidelines pertaining to review and approval for development. These materials shall be put out to the fellowship for a minimum 6-month approval vote through the area and regional committee system. Regional committee chairpersons shall be voting members of the WSC committees for these specific tasks to express the conscience of their respective regions. The WSC shall approve or disapprove these materials at the annual WSC meeting by RSRs casting a vote given to them by their regional committee chairpersons." The committee voted one member in favor of recommending adoption, 10 to reject, and one member abstained.
- #83: It was M/S/ Rita S. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) "That changes to all WSC approved guidelines, policy, service handbooks, literature must be voted on by all N.A. groups after a one-year review and input and one-year approval period." The committee voted one member in favor of recommending adoption, 10 to reject, and one member abstained.
- #86: It was M/S/ Rita S. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Mitchell S. (RSR, Greater New York) "That requests that come to WSO by phone or mail for answers to service-related questions shall be referred by WSO to the appropriate service body for a response if the answer is not printed in an approved service manual." The committee voted 2 members in favor of recommending adoption, and 10 to reject.
- #80: It was M/S/ Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey)/Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) "To complete and release *Conference Agenda Report* 120 days prior to annual WSC." The committee voted 4 in favor of recommending adoption, and 8 to reject.

Following discussion by the committee, Tim announced that he would include in his oral report to the conference the Policy Committee's support of the principle of communication at all levels of service.

Nominations were opened for committee nominations to chair and vice chair. For chair, Mariasha P-W was nominated and declined. Debbie O. was nominated and chosen by acclamation as the committee's nominee for Policy Committee chair. For vice chair, Shannon L. was nominated and declined. John B. and Mitchell S. were nominated, and John B. was chosen as the committee's nominee for Policy Committee V-chair.

Committee members elected by the Policy Committee for next year were Mariasha P-W., Gene R., and Bud K.

Mariasha asked that the committee consider over the next year who gets funded to committee meetings.

The committee members thanked Tim B. for his year of service.

#### **April 27, 1990**

Debbie O. (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson) opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the Twelve Traditions.

Debbie announced that Ann R. (WSO) would no longer be serving as the Policy committee support staff. Debbie expressed thanks to Ann as having been a valuable asset to the committee.

Debbie then thanked Tim B. (Outgoing WSC Policy Committee Chairperson) for his service to the committee.

Concerning appointments to the committee Debbie asked that those members who may wish to be appointed as voting members of the committee send written notice stating their qualifications and desire to serve on the WSC Policy Committee working groups. Debbie expressed that those submitting written input would be considered. These should be sent to WSC Policy Committee C/O WSO.

Committee Priority work is as follows;

1. Seating of new regions
2. Rotation & Continuity (by conference position)
3. WSC Policy committee guidelines

Additional work if time and resources permit;

1. Election Procedure (WSC) (Especially Nominations)
2. Format (WSC)

At this time Debbie assigned voting members to working groups

#### **Seating of new regions;**

Gene R. Chairperson

Mariasha P.W.

Gina O.

Ron S.

**Rotation & Continuity (by conference position)**

Mitchell S. Chairperson

Sonny T.

Shannon L.

Bob F.

Chris C.

**Policy Guidelines**

Bud K. Chairperson

John H.

Jim F.

The dates of the WSC meetings were announced. (July 13,14,15 in Arlington Virginia) and (October 19,20,21 in Tulsa OK) Input to the working groups for the July quarterly must be received by June 29th. Send to WSO C/O Policy Committee Attn: Carl

It was requested that past drafts and additional input be made available to the working groups. WSO staff will make that information available in its initial mailing to the working groups.

There was a question posed concerning motions which may have been committed to the WSC Policy Committee from Mountaineer Region. It was requested that these motions be researched as to their disposition.

The following motion was committed to the WSC Policy Committee on Wednesday April 25th, 1990;

It was M/S Andy A. (RSR, Best Little)/Shannon L. (RSR, Tri-State) "To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure*, page 49, #2 and #3, to read:

- A. Clean time requirements for the chairperson of the WSC Policy Committee be set at five (5) years. Clean time for vice chairperson to be four (4) years clean.
- E. All WSC Policy Committee members elected at the annual WSC have four (4) years clean.
- D The three previous Policy Committee members elected by the outgoing WSC Policy Committee have four (4) years clean.
- 3. Vacancies: the members appointed also have four years clean.

It was M/S/C Shannon L. (RSR Tri-State)/Eddie A. (RSR Alabama/NW Florida) "To commit the above motion to the Policy Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting recessed at 10:00a.m.