

## WSC Policy Committee

April 21, 1991  
Committee Record

Debbie O. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serentiy Prayer.

### Attendance

Debbie O.  
Mitchell S.  
Chris C.  
Bob F.  
John H.  
Bud K.  
Gina O.  
Mariasha P.-W.  
Gene R.  
Ron S.  
Jon T.

### WSO Staff

Steve Sigman  
Donna Russ

Roll call was taken by Debbie.

Debbie went over the agenda for this meeting:

1. Approve minutes from the October quarterly meeting.
2. Review the panel presentations.
3. Discuss future of the WSC Policy Committee
4. Nominees for chairperson and vice chairperson

Jon T. made amends to this committee for not standing up for the work it has done in regards to the seating of the Bahamas Region. A brief discussion followed. Some of the feelings were that disunity forms new regions and does not solve internal strife.

It was M/S/F Gene R./Gina O. to accept the minutes as presented. A brief discussion followed. One member felt the minutes were inaccurate and that further review was needed. Another member felt the minutes needed much more detail. The minutes were *not* approved.

It was M/S/C Ron S./John H. to keep minutes in the committee. Motion carried unaminously.

Shannon L. gave the panel presentation on rotation and continuity. A lengthy discussion followed. One member felt the committee should present this proposal conceptually and stay out of the numbers game. Another member asked if this would be setting limitations and that perhaps the conference committee chairpersons and vice chairpersons should

make this decision. The committee utilized the following straw polls to give Shannon direction on how to present this to the conference.

**STRAW POLL:** Those in favor of having the number of years presented with the terms of office: Yes-5; No-4;

**STRAW POLL:** Those in favor of Shannon reading the entire rotation and continuity proposal to the conference: Yes-1; No-10;

Gene R. gave the seating of new regions panel presentation. A lengthy discussion followed with several opinions being expressed. Questions arose regarding a need for an admissions committee and if so, what purpose it would serve that the current policy committee is unable to at this point in time? Would the policy committee be willing to serve as an admissions committee? Who would be best qualified to serve on an admissions committee?

**STRAW POLL:** To have Gene read word-for-word from the *Conference Agenda Report*. Yes-5; No-4;

**STRAW POLL:** To have synopsis of proposal in the *Conference Agenda Report* presented. Yes-10;

**STRAW POLL:** Does this committee want to present this seating of new regions packet to the conference this year for a vote? Yes-9;

The consensus for the seating of new regions panel presentation was to give a short history, a detailed synopsis, make reference to the surveys (area, regional, and group) and leave in the section on the admissions committee. Overall view on the admissions committee issues was to let the conference decide and submit the following motion on the seating of new regions to the conference during new business:

"To approve, in principle, the proposal on page 47 of the *Conference Agenda Report* for "Seating of New Regions."

Intent: To find out if the conference approves, conceptually, of this proposal.

A break was taken from 10:20 p.m. until 10:28.

Feelings of frustration with this meeting was expressed by one member. This member felt that the meeting got off on the wrong foot starting with the minutes controversy and then the possible disbanding of the WSC Policy Committee.

Debbie said the disbanding needs to be discussed. A lengthy discussion ensued and several committee members expressed unresolved feelings. One member expressed a concern that this committee generates tasks in order to have a purpose. Feelings of anger, frustration, and resentment were voiced. Feelings of being proud to be on the policy committee were also expressed. Some members felt an uneasy "undercurrent" to the meeting, and the chairperson encouraged people to be direct in stating feelings and perceived problems, so

that resolution could be achieved. One member expressed frustration and disappointment, stating that several inferences had been made to problems within the committee but no clarification of these problems had been given yet. After more discussion with no resolution resulting, Steve Sigman reminded the committee that clear direction had still not been given to WSO staff regarding preparation of the minutes and the amount of detail to be included. Further discussion produced no agreement, and it was then M/S/C Shannon/Chris "to move on with the meeting." Yes-10; No-0;

Bud K. presented the panel presentation on the proposed policy committee guidelines. A brief discussion ensued. Some members felt that the funding section would be the primary reason the guidelines might not be passed. The chairperson advised the committee not to "sell out" what they believed in.

It was M/S/C Bob F./Gina O. to nominate Mitchell S. as Policy Chairperson. Mitchell S. was elected by acclamation.

It was M/S/C Gina O./Marisha P.-W. to nominate Gene R. for Policy Vice Chairperson.

It was M/S/C Jon T./Chris C. to nominate Bud K. for Policy Vice Chairperson.

It was M/S/C Gina O./Chris C. to close nominations.

Each nominee stated their qualifications and willingness, and the voting was conducted by written ballot. After two rounds of voting, Bud K. was elected Vice Chairperson.

Debbie announced that three members will continue serving this year, and asked for willingness to serve. Mitchell advised the committee that Susan V. would like to continue to serve but is in the hospital at the present time. Other nominees were: Bob F., Shannon L, Gene R., Gina O., Susan V., and Ron S. The vote was conducted by written ballot and the results showed Gene R., Gina O., and Ron S. being elected by the committee.

The committee reviewed the WSC motion list, and restated its desire to have Mitchell present the motion asking for approval, in principle, of the seating of new regions proposal.

A letter from Chesapeake and Potomac regional policy subcommittee was reviewed and will be kept as input. The letter suggested that the seating of regions proposal was not sufficiently inclusive, that new regions should be full participants of WSC immediately upon acceptance, and that there is no need for an admissions committee. Also the letter expressed agreement with the rotation and continuity proposal.

Debbie praised the policy committee for accomplishing its work on a small amount of money (\$1,100) during the past conference year.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

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