

APPROVED MINUTES WSC 1991  
1991 World Service Conference

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1991** 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ed D., Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1990- 91.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1991**

Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) introduced Stu T. (WSO BOD Chairperson) to begin the WSO and WCC Panel Presentation.

Stu T. (WSO BOD Chairperson) provided a brief overview of his report. He introduced the members of the panel: Bill W. (Chairperson, World Convention Corporation), George H., Anthony E., and Theresa Middlebrook, the intellectual properties attorney for the World Service Office. He then introduced the other members of the WSO Board of Directors and the new Executive Director. He proceeded with his report, beginning with the joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors last June, and the decision not to renew the previous Executive Director's contract. He detailed the interim management team's approach to evaluate the operation of the World Service Office. The team evaluated policies and procedures of the office and came to the conclusion that some problems have resulted from the unclear documentation of direction given by the World Service Conference. Stu went on to talk about the sales practices of the WSO and the evolution of regional offices over the last several years. Literature distribution in other countries was also discussed at length. The financial downturn of the last year and the WSO budgeting process, were explained. Stu discussed the litigation with Creative Arts about the properties of N.A. and also, the litigation about the Basic Text. He talked about the process of the Board of Directors in protecting N.A.'s rights and property in these cases. Stu read a quote from the inside cover of an unauthorized version of the Basic Text, and emphasized the harm to the fellowship that comes from these publications.

George Hollahan, Director of Fellowship Services, described the written report from the Fellowship Services Division of the WSO, providing detail and insight on several topics. Archives, requests to reprint literature, and the functions of each department in this division were described. He gave an overview of N.A.'s growth inside and outside the U.S. George announced that the approval copy of the Spanish Basic Text went out for approval on April 11, 1991. George showed the conference examples of the various literature items being translated. He then discussed his personal concerns about the literature-approval process and its effects on the WSO's ability to remain financially stable . He also spoke at length about his perception of the fellowship's need to become unified in order to grow and flourish. He closed his presentation with an appeal for the World Service Conference to become unified in nature and purpose.

Anthony Edmondson, Division Director for the Support Services Division, described his role at the WSO to the conference. He then introduced Bob Stewart, Assistant Division Director for Support Services, and went on to provide information regarding the international shipping and handling policies of the WSO. His report described the success of the Canadian Service Office during this past year. He then went into more detail about the various departments in this division. Anthony gave the conference some information regarding the proper usage of the name and logo of Narcotics Anonymous, including the proposed covenant not to sue. He then reported on the expenses involved with WSO travel. The attention of the conference was then drawn to a chart in the report which detailed the income and

expenses of the WSO during 1990. He provided information about the manufacture of N.A. medallions and the possibility of changing the design for an interim time period until some legal issues are resolved. Anthony E. added some comments on the progress of the Tape Review committee, and the possibility of adding a "Basic Journal" to the WSO inventory. He then talked about preventive measures which are helpful in dealing with theft of fellowship funds. Anthony closed his presentation with a brief description of the role of WSO in responding to controversy and misunderstandings. He pointed out that dissemination of accurate information to those who seek it is the most useful service WSO can provide, and emphasized that WSO has been doing this over the past year.

Bill W. (Chairperson, World Convention Corporation) gave a report for the World Convention Corporation. He described activities over the past year, including the convention in Portland, and the planning for upcoming conventions in Australia, Toronto, and Chicago.

Appreciation was expressed for the written reports, and an extended question and answer period followed.

It was M/S/F George S. (RSR, Michigan)/Jeff P. (RSR-A, S. Florida) to extend the question and answer period for one hour. MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE

A roll call (#7) of voting participants was conducted by Reuben F. (WSC 2nd Vice-Chair), showing the following participants to be present: Alabama/NW Florida; Alaska; Alsask; Arizona; Arkansas; Australia; Best Little Region; British Columbia; Buckeye; California Mid-State; Carolina; Central California; Chesapeake/Potomac; Chicagoland; Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Freestate; Georgia; German Speaking Region; Greater Illinois; Greater New York; Greater Philadelphia; Hawaii; Indiana; Iowa; Ireland; Kentuckiana; London; Lone Star; Louisiana; Michigan; Mid-America; Mid-Atlantic; Mississippi; Mountain Valley; Nebraska; New England; New Jersey; New Mexico; Northern California; Northern New Jersey; Northern New York; Ohio; OK Region; Ontario; Quebec; Region of the Virginias; San Diego/Imperial; Show-Me; Sierra Sage; Southern California; Southern Idaho; Southern Nevada; South Florida/Bahamas; South West; Together We Can; Tri-State; Upper Midwest; Upper Rocky Mountain; Utah; Volunteer; Washington/N. Idaho; Wisconsin; Ed D. (WSC Chairperson); Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson); Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson); Tom R. (WSC Treasurer); Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair); Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair); Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair); Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair); Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair); Jack B. (WSB Chair); Becky M. (WSB); Greg P. (WSB); Kim J. (WSB); Garth P. (WSB); Chuck L. (WSB); Stretch G. (WSB).

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) announced a total of 80 participants present. 54 represents a 2/3 majority; 41 represents a simple majority; and 64 regions were present.

It was M/C WSO BOD "To reaffirm and ratify that the ownership of all of N.A.'s intellectual and physical properties prepared in the past, and to be prepared into the future, is held by WSO, Inc., which holds such title in trust on behalf of the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, in accordance with the decisions of the World Service Conference. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE (see Roll Call Vote #1) after the following:

Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) explained that the WSO is offering this motion as a substitution for the affirmation in the Conference Agenda Report. Shannon L. (RSR, Tri-State) requested that the WSO attorney be called upon to provide information about the effect of these motions on the status of copyright ownership.

Theresa Middlebrook, intellectual property attorney for the WSO, explained that this motion is intended to provide clarity, emphasizing the need for the conference to reaffirm and ratify that WSO is the owner of the legal rights to the fellowship literature, which rights are held in a trust on behalf of the fellowship. She pointed out that this has been established "de facto" ["by the facts"] and a clear, written conference action will be most helpful. The fact that the WSO holds the legal title to the properties, and that equitable title is held by the fellowship can be clarified further by this action. Another way to say this is that WSO holds the properties "in trust" for the fellowship. This means that WSO is a "fiduciary" and acting in a "fiduciary capacity" with respect to the fellowship. All "physical properties" belonging to WSO (such as typewriters, tables and chairs, computers) are also held in trust.

Several questions about ownership of the copyright to fellowship literature were asked, which elicited the following information. Ms. Middlebrook pointed out that the claims of some people that effective written transfer of ownership was never made for the Basic Text, are groundless in her opinion, because they have conveniently forgotten that there are two difference ways to have something become a "work made for hire": they are in subsections (1) and (2) of section 101, defining a "work made for hire" under the Copyright Law. These people point out that the individual authors that were members of the Literature Committee never signed a "work made for hire" agreement, as required under subsection (2) of Copyright Law. That may or may not be true. However, the Basic Text still qualifies as a "work made for hire" under subsection (1) of the same law, which does not require any written agreement.

Subsection 1 provides that a work prepared by an "employee" within the scope of their "employment" requires no written transfer. The U.S. Supreme Court, in the case CCNV vs Reid, 1989, clarified that for copyright purposes, the rules of agency and employment apply. Under those rules, the term "employee" is not limited to formal salaried employees; it includes anyone that the "employer" has the right to control, such as temps and volunteers. Therefore when a volunteer works on a piece of literature with similar volunteers for the good of the non-profit or public benefit volunteer organization, all the volunteer writers are considered a type of "employee". Under subsection (1) of the copyright act, the "employer" is the owner of the copyright, not the individual authors. In this case, the volunteers were working for the fellowship through the Literature Committee of the World Service Conference for the benefit of the fellowship. Therefore the "employer" for purposes of copyright was the Literature Committee of the World Service Conference. In 1982, the Literature Committee assigned the Basic Text over to the WSO, which complies with the written assignment requirements of the copyright law.

Literature written by the fellowship for the fellowship is owned by the employer, which is the fellowship as it speaks through the WSC, and administered according to the trust relationship between the WSO and the WSC. When literature is written by a traditional salaried employee of WSO, then WSO, as "employer", owns the copyright, however like all assets WSO has, even in-house WSO literature is held in trust for the benefit of the fellowship. The literature will be copyrighted as "work made for hire".

The WSO has not and does not now take the position that it can do whatever it wants with the literature. WSO has and will always act according to the instructions of the WSC. The WSC will continue to have the right to control what the WSO does. In describing the "legal ownership" and "equitable ownership", Ms Middlebrook said that the equitable owner has no right to do anything with the copyright without cooperation and assistance of the legal owner. The legal owner, on the other hand, cannot do anything to the copyright which would destroy the residual value of the copyright because of the fiduciary obligation to the equitable owner. For every piece of literature, developed in the past or in the future, the equitable rights will belong to the WSC and the legal rights to the WSO. What we are

trying to do here, is to clear up the legal ownership which WSO has. Then, procedural objections will be clarified in an easier and less destructive manner. This motion, if passed, will provide a written conference action which says that the WSC said very clearly "we want all the legal ownership rights to belong to the service office which acts on our behalf." The fellowship is at no risk of the WSO taking a work for hire and distributing it outside of the fiduciary relationship with the WSC.

Stretch G. (BOT) asked to add "ratify" after "reaffirm" and change "who" to "which" in the substitute motion. The request was accepted by Stu T., Ed D., and conference participants.

It was M/S/F Forest B. (RSR, S. Florida)/Bill M. (RSR, Alaska) "To postpone until close of new business on Friday." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Carlos G. (RSR-Alt, Colorado) requested a standing vote on the motion to postpone. REQUEST FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Greg P. (BOT) asked several questions. He asked for confirmation that the difference between the substitute motion and wording in the Conference Agenda Report are to change "holding in a fiduciary capacity" to "ownership", and add "all future intellectual and physical properties". He also pointed out that the conference could revoke the rights of ownership and dissolve the fiduciary relationship, and asked what would happen then. Ms. Middlebrook confirmed his answers and pointed out that the first thing to do is clarify what happened in the past by these actions. Next is to clarify the future, by creation of a written trust document that reduces to writing the unwritten agreement between the service office and the conference that has been followed for the last nine years. Greg also stated his opinion that the opportunity for full discussion was indicated in the CAR and had not yet occurred. Greg insisted on an opportunity to discuss these matters more fully. He was encouraged to make a motion to accomplish this.

It was M/S/F Greg P. (BOT)/Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial) "To go into a committee of the whole, consisting of conference participants, Board of Directors, and office staff, for one hour for the purpose of discussing both the affirmations." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE

Theresa Middlebrook (WSO Intellectual Property Attorney) stated that a factual record does exist of the past relationship between the parties involved. What does not exist, however, is one complete clear reaffirmation of the exact intentions of the parties which will help in the future if further disputes arise. This needs to be done for the benefit of those people who do not have the time, energy, nor the interest to look back at what really happened and would rather argue that the past consists of what they believe should have happened.

Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) asked for the consent of the conference to substitute motions #112 and #113 for the affirmations listed in the WSO portion of the 1991 Conference Agenda Report. The conference responded in the affirmative BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Rudy S. (RSR, Carolina)/Mel N. (RSR, Utah) "To call the question on the substitute motion." MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

It was requested by Greg P. (BOT) to take a yea/nay vote on this matter, whether the substitute motion is conference business or if this is a matter that should be sent to the groups. It was determined by VOICE VOTE that this is conference business.

David L. (RSR, Northern New York) requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) agreed.

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) conducted the roll call vote (#1):

Alabama/NW Florida-YES: Mickey M. RSR Alt.	New Mexico-YES: Unknown
Alaska-NO: Bill M. RSR	Northern California-YES: Mark S. RSR
Alaska-YES: Lucie G. RSR	Northern New Jersey-YES: Bob F. RSR
Arizona-YES: Richard H. RSR	Northern New York-YES: David L. RSR
Arkansas-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> John H. RSR	Ohio-YES: Peter M. RSR
Australia-YES; Chris W. RSR	OK Region-YES: Unknown
Bahamas-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> Eddie H.	Ontario-YES: Unknown
Best Little Region-YES: Andy A. RSR	Quebec-YES: Mario L. RSR
British Columbia-YES: Roger K. RSR	Region of the Virginias-NO: Billy E. RSR
Buckeye-NO: Dave H. RSR	San Diego/Imperial-YES: Scott A. RSR
California Mid-State-YES: John C. RSR	Show-Me-YES: Mary C. RSR
Carolina-YES: Rudy S. RSR	Sierra Sage-YES: Gina O. RSR
Central California-YES: Howard B. RSR	Southern California-YES: Unknown
Chesapeake/Potomac-NO: Mason D. RSR	Southern Idaho-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> Richard E. RSR
Chicagoland-YES: Jim E. RSR Alt.	Southern Nevada-YES: Mitch G. RSR
Colorado-NO: Newton L. RSR	South Florida-NO: Forest B. RSR
Connecticut-YES: Sonny T. RSR	Together We Can-YES: Laura J. RSR
Florida-YES: Chris C. RSR	Tri-State-YES: Shannon L. RSR
Freestate-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> Vince D. RSR	Upper Midwest-YES: Buddy K. RSR
Georgia-YES: Unknown	Upper Rocky Mountain-YES: Unknown
German-speaking Region-YES: Uli Z. RSR	Utah-YES: Mel N. RSR
Greater Illinois-YES: Dan D. RSR	Volunteer-YES: Ned K. RSR
Greater New York-YES: Ed W. RSR	Washington/N. Idaho-YES: Unknown
Greater Philadelphia-YES: Al R. RSR	Wisconsin-YES: John H. RSR
Hawaii-YES: Unknown	Ed D. (WSC Chairperson)-YES
Indiana-ABSTAIN: Judie B. RSR	Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson)-YES
Iowa-YES: Ceven M. RSR	Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson)-YES
Ireland-YES: Trish O. RSR	Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair)-YES
Kentuckiana-YES: Brenda M. RSR	Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair)-ABSTAIN
London-YES: Paul T. RSR	Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair)-YES
Lone Star-YES: Jan C. RSR	Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair)-YES
Louisiana-NO: Rahlo V. RSR	Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair)-YES
Michigan-YES: George S. RSR	Jack B. (WSB Chair)-YES
Mid-America-YES: Pat M. RSR	Becky M. (WSB)-YES
Mid-Atlantic-YES: Rita S. RSR	Greg P. (WSB)-NO
Mississippi-NO: Marlin R. RSR	Kim J. (WSB)-YES
Mountain Valley-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> Vinnie B. RSR	Garth P. (WSB)-YES
Mountaineer-absent: Mike C. RSR Alt.	Chuck L. (WSB)-YES
Nebraska-YES: Danny K. RSR	Donna M. (WSB)-absent
New England-YES: Tim S. RSR	Danette B. (WSB)-absent
New Jersey-ABSTAIN: Jon T. RSR	Stretch G. (WSB)-YES

SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED; YES-67; NO-9; ABSTENTIONS-3; 54 of the yes votes were regions.

Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) called a dinner recess at 5:30 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

A roll call (#8) of voting participants was conducted by Tom R. (WSC Treasurer), showing the following participants to be present: Alabama/NW Florida; Alaska; Alsask; Arizona; Arkansas; Australia; Best Little Region; British Columbia; Buckeye; California Mid-State; Carolina; Central California; Chesapeake/Potomac; Chicagoland; Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Freestate; Georgia; German Speaking Region; Greater Illinois; Greater New York; Greater Philadelphia; Hawaii; Indiana; Iowa; Ireland; Kentuckiana; London; Lone Star; Louisiana; Michigan; Mid-America; Mid-Atlantic; Mississippi; Mountain Valley; Mountaineer; Nebraska; New England; New Jersey; New Mexico; Northern California; Northern New Jersey; Northern New York; OK Region; Ontario; Quebec; Region of the Virginias; San Diego/Imperial; Show-Me; Sierra Sage; Southern California; Southern Idaho; Southern Nevada; South Florida/Bahamas; South West; Together We Can; Tri-State; Upper Midwest; Upper Rocky Mountain; Utah; Volunteer; Washington/N. Idaho; Wisconsin; Ed D. (WSC Chairperson); Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson); Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson); Tom R. (WSC Treasurer); Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair); Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair); Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair); Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair); Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair); Jack B. (WSB Chair); Becky M. (WSB); Greg P. (WSB); Kim J. (WSB); Garth P. (WSB); Chuck L. (WSB); Stretch G. (WSB).

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) announced a total of 80 participants present. 53 represents a 2/3 majority; 41 represents a simple majority; and 64 regions were present.

It was M/F (WSO BOD) "That the fellowship reconsider its decision on which edition, or parts thereof (First, Second, Third, Third Revised, Fourth, or Fifth), of the Basic Text shall be produced and distributed by the WSO as the official and accepted text of Narcotics Anonymous."

In order for this motion to be considered, a description of the differences between the respective editions will be sent to each registered area and region, along with a copy of the complete Basic Text Third Edition, Revised. It is expected that the WSC will rescind the motions adopted in 1988, which adopted the Fifth Edition as the Basic Text, as well as the motion restricting any change to the text for five years.

MOTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (See roll call vote #2 below), after the following.

It was M/S/F Stu T. (WSO BOD Chairperson)/Stretch G. (BOT) "To go into the committee of the whole for one hour, with the conference population as participants, for the purpose of discussing motions 13, 14, 15 from the Conference Agenda Report. MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE after the following:

It was M/S/C Rudy S. (RSR, Carolina)/Mark S. (RSR, Northern California) to call the question on motion #13. MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Carlos G. (RSR-Alt, Colorado) requested a roll call vote on MOTION #13. The Chairperson granted the request.

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) conducted the roll call vote (#2):

Alabama/NW Florida- YES: Mickey M. RSR Alt.

Alaska- YES: Bill M. RSR

Alsask- NO: Lucie G. RSR

Arizona-NO: Richard H. RSR

Arkansas-YES: NEW REGION John H. RSR

Australia-NO; Chris W. RSR

Bahamas-YES: NEW REGION Eddie H.

Best Little Region-YES: Andy A. RSR

British Columbia-NO: Roger K. RSR  
Buckeye-YES: Dave H. RSR  
California Mid-State-NO: John C. RSR  
Carolina- ABSTAIN: Rudy S. RSR  
Central California-NO: Howard B. RSR  
Chesapeake/Potomac-YES: Mason D. RSR  
Chicagoland-NO: Jim E. RSR Alt.  
Colorado-YES: Newton L. RSR  
Connecticut-YES: Sonny T. RSR  
Florida-YES: Chris C. RSR  
Freestate-NO: NEW REGION Vince D. RSR  
Georgia-YES: Unknown  
German-speaking Region-NO: Uli Z. RSR  
Greater Illinois-NO: Dan D. RSR  
Greater New York-YES: Ed W. RSR  
Greater Philadelphia-YES: Al R. RSR  
Hawaii-NO: Unknown  
Indiana-ABSTAIN: Judie B. RSR  
Iowa- ABSTAIN: Ceven M. RSR  
Ireland-NO: Trish O. RSR  
Kentuckiana-NO: Brenda M. RSR  
London-YES: Paul T. RSR  
Lone Star-NO: Jan C. RSR  
Louisiana-YES: Rahlo V. RSR  
Michigan-NO: George S. RSR  
Mid-America- ABSTAIN: Pat M. RSR  
Mid-Atlantic-YES: Rita S. RSR  
Mississippi-NO: Marlin R. RSR  
Mountain Valley-NO: NEW REGION Vinnie B. RSR  
Mountaineer-NO: Mike C. RSR Alt.  
Nebraska-NO: Danny K. RSR  
New England-YES: Tim S. RSR  
New Jersey-YES: Jon T. RSR  
New Mexico-NO: Unknown  
Northern California-NO: Mark S. RSR  
Northern New Jersey-NO: Bob F. RSR  
Northern New York- NO: David L. RSR

Ohio- NO: Peter M. RSR  
OK Region-NO: Unknown  
Ontario- NO: Unknown  
Quebec- NO: Mario L.RSR  
Region of the Virginias-YES: Billy E. RSR  
San Diego/Imperial-YES: Scott A. RSR  
Show-Me-NO: Mary C. RSR  
Sierra Sage-NO: Gina O. RSR  
Southern California-NO: Unknown  
Southern Idaho-NO: NEW REGION Richard E. RSR  
Southern Nevada-NO: Mitch G. RSR  
South Florida-YES: Forest B. RSR  
Together We Can-NO: Laura J. RSR  
Tri-State-NO: Shannon L. RSR  
Upper Midwest-NO: Buddy K. RSR  
Upper Rocky Mountain-NO: Unknown  
Utah-NO: Mel N. RSR  
Volunteer-NO: Ned K. RSR  
Washington/N. Idaho-NO: Unknown  
Wisconsin-YES: John H. RSR  
Ed D. (WSC Chairperson)-NO  
Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson)- NO  
Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson)- NO  
Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair)- NO  
Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair)-ABSTAIN  
Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair)- ABSTAIN  
Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair)- ABSTAIN  
Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair)- NO  
Jack B. (WSB Chair)- NO  
Becky M. (WSB)- NO  
Greg P. (WSB)- YES  
Kim J. (WSB)- NO  
Garth P. (WSB)- NO  
Chuck L. (WSB)- NO  
Donna M. (WSB)-absent  
Danette B. (WSB)-absent  
Stretch G. (WSB)- NO

MOTION #13 FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: YES-23; NO-51; ABSTENTIONS-6;

It was M/F (WSO BOD) "That the WSO produce, at a reduced price, the edition of the text ratified by the WSC. The actual price of this text should be determined in view of the following factors: its affordability to the membership at large; a change in the cost and quality of the materials used in producing the book; the responsibility of the WSO to provide services from the income generated by sales of the Basic Text; and whether it includes personal stories or only the first ten chapters." MOTION #14 FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/C Carlos G. (RSR-Alt, Colorado)/Forest B. (RSR, S. Florida) to call the question. MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, and the conference moved to voting on the motion at hand. Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) ruled that the motion would require 2/3 majority vote. Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) challenged the ruling, and the conference UPHELD THE DECISIONS OF THE CHAIR for requiring a 2/3 majority vote.

It was M/S/F (WSO BOD) "That the WSC be directed to obtain a group-by-group tally of all the groups registered with the WSO, on Motions 13 and 14 above. This procedure will begin on July 1, 1991 and continue through December 31, 1991. All the registered groups shall receive a copy of a paper detailing the differences between the editions of the Basic Text, and a complete copy of the Basic Text Third Edition, Revised. In addition, each group shall receive complete information concerning the issues relevant to a reduction in the price of the ratified text."

The committee appointed to supervise this tally shall consist of the following: four RSRs, to be nominated by the entire group of RSRs in attendance at the 1991 WSC; two trustees to be nominated by the members of the World Service Board of Trustees; two WSO directors, to be nominated by the directors of the WSO; and the WSC Chairperson. Those nominated by the RSRs, trustees, and directors, respectively, are to be submitted to the World Service Conference in 1991 for confirmation by two-thirds published roll-call vote, failing which, those not confirmed shall be replaced by others nominated by the RSRs, the trustees, or the directors, respectively. Two members of the WSO staff shall also be assigned as nonvoting advisory members. The results of the group-by-group tally shall be published in the Fellowship Report, and confirmed as official at World Service Conference in 1992." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (see roll call vote #3 below), after the following.

It was M/S/C Vince D. (RSR, Freestate)/Kim J. (BOT) to call the question. MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) requested a roll call vote. Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) granted his request and reminded voting participants that this motion also requires a 2/3 majority vote. Upon challenge, Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) posed the question to the conference about motion #15 requiring a 2/3 majority vote. The conference responded in the affirmative by VOICE VOTE.

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) conducted the roll call vote (#3):

Alabama/NW Florida- YES: Mickey M. RSR Alt.	Chicagoland-NO: Jim E. RSR Alt.
Alaska- YES: Bill M. RSR	Colorado- absent: Newton L. RSR
Alsask- NO: Lucie G. RSR	Connecticut-YES: Sonny T. RSR
Arizona-NO: Richard H. RSR	Florida-NO: Chris C. RSR
Arkansas-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> John H. RSR	Freestate-NO: <u>NEW REGION</u> Vince D. RSR
Australia-NO; Chris W. RSR	Georgia-YES: Unknown
Bahamas-YES: <u>NEW REGION</u> Eddie H.	German-speaking Region-NO: Uli Z. RSR
Best Little Region-YES: Andy A. RSR	Greater Illinois-NO: Dan D. RSR
British Columbia-NO: Roger K. RSR	Greater New York-YES: Ed W. RSR
Buckeye-NO: Dave H. RSR	Greater Philadelphia-YES: Al R. RSR
California Mid-State-NO: John C. RSR	Hawaii-NO: Unknown
Carolina- NO: Rudy S. RSR	Indiana-YES: Judie B. RSR
Central California-NO: Howard B. RSR	Iowa- ABSTAIN: Ceven M. RSR
Chesapeake/Potomac-YES: Mason D. RSR	Ireland-NO: Trish O. RSR



Kentuckiana-NO: Brenda M. RSR	Southern Nevada-NO: Mitch G. RSR
London-NO: Paul T. RSR	South Florida-YES: Forest B. RSR
Lone Star-NO: Jan C. RSR	Together We Can-NO: Laura J. RSR
Louisiana-YES: Rahlo V. RSR	Tri-State-NO: Shannon L. RSR
Michigan-NO: George S. RSR	Upper Midwest-NO: Buddy K. RSR
Mid-America- ABSTAIN: Pat M. RSR	Upper Rocky Mountain-NO: Unknown
Mid-Atlantic-YES: Rita S. RSR	Utah-NO: Mel N. RSR
Mississippi-NO: Marlin R. RSR	Volunteer-YES: Ned K. RSR
Mountain Valley-NO: <u>NEW REGION Vinnie B. RSR</u>	Washington/N. Idaho-NO: Unknown
Mountaineer-NO: Mike C. RSR Alt.	Wisconsin-YES: John H. RSR
Nebraska-NO: Danny K. RSR	Ed D. (WSC Chairperson)-NO
New England-YES: Tim S. RSR	Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson)- NO
New Jersey-YES: Jon T. RSR	Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson)- NO
New Mexico-NO: Unknown	Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair)- NO
Northern California-NO: Mark S. RSR	Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair)-ABSTAIN
Northern New Jersey-NO: Bob F. RSR	Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair)- ABSTAIN
Northern New York- NO: David L. RSR	Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair)- NO
Ohio- NO: Peter M. RSR	Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair)- NO
OK Region-YES: Unknown	Jack B. (WSB Chair)- NO
Ontario- NO: Unknown	Becky M. (WSB)- NO
Quebec- NO: Mario L.RSR	Greg P. (WSB)- NO
Region of the Virginias-YES: Billy E. RSR	Kim J. (WSB)- NO
San Diego/Imperial-YES: Scott A. RSR	Garth P. (WSB)- NO
Show-Me-NO: Mary C. RSR	Chuck L. (WSB)- NO
Sierra Sage-NO: Gina O. RSR	Donna M. (WSB)-absent
Southern California-NO: Unknown	Danette B. (WSB)-NO
Southern Idaho-NO: <u>NEW REGION Richard E. RSR</u>	Stretch G. (WSB)- NO

MOTION #15 FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: YES-21; NO-55; ABSTENTIONS-4;

It was M/S/C Barbara J. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson)/Jack B. (Board of Trustees Chairperson) to go into a committee of the whole for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing the issues surrounding the Basic Text and the issues surrounding motions 13, 14, 15. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The conference entered into committee of the whole at 7:40 p.m. Several participants emphasized the need for WSC to make a strong statement for the individuals distributing illicit books to hear, and also for the World Service BOT and WSO BOD to take guidance from. Many participants stated that it is our responsibility to give a clear message of the wishes of conference. One participant emphasized that the claims, by some, of ownership to the Basic Text are seen as absurd by many other members because the foundation of the Basic Text is the White Book, which was here long before many of the people making claims.

Another participant talked about the destructive effects of illegal publishing of N.A.'s literature on the world service budget and the resulting management paralysis. He called for using our process to effect change, instead of breaking the law and causing destruction. Several participants spoke about their region's absolute refusal to endorse the disunifying and illegal activity. Others expressed the view that the controversy would disappear if the groups could decide the issues. One participant related that her region believes that the text approved by the conference is the one to use and that before the

conference even voted on the motions today, a new version of the illegal book has surfaced. She spoke of the resulting anger when members and trusted servants feel manipulated by others who refuse to accept decisions of the fellowship. Some participants indicated that the illegal texts have not been an issue in their region, and expressed the hope for unity to be restored throughout the fellowship. Several people emphasized the support of their region for all actions of WSO, and stated that a less expensive text is not worth losing the ability to help the international fellowship in other ways.

A member of WSO staff talked about the need for clarity, emphasizing that the various motions do not make a clear enough statement to help with this recurring problem. He also stated that the member who entered into the legal agreement with WSO has honored the agreement. He asked participants to discuss the issue of a lawsuit against a member of NA or a service committee of NA, so that WSO does not leave this conference without clear direction. He urged everyone to use this opportunity to bring N.A. members together by giving careful consideration to all of our actions.

Many other participants expressed their personal perspective, some historical aspects, and their views on how to resolve these controversies. One participant shared about how our internal controversy can not only affect N.A. as a whole, but also the general public.

It was M/S/C Mike C. (RSR-Alt, Iowa)/Jim E. (RSR-A, Chicagoland) "To extend discussion for another 30 minutes." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

One participant spoke about Traditions One, Four and Twelve and the effect of the Basic Text controversy on the fellowship. He pointed out that this controversy is an example of what happens when we ignore the traditions; tragic disunity, diversion from our primary purpose, our message does not get carried, common welfare gets lost. The illegal printing has clearly affected other groups and N.A. as a whole, and personal attacks on each other have come before our principles. He expressed his hope that an answer is forthcoming about whether decision making should be done by the membership or a more experienced group of trusted servants. He called for some basic questions about ownership of N.A.'s literature and member's rights to be answered. Does WSO or NA as a whole own the literature. Does a member have the right to violate our traditions in standing up for what they believe in. The pain and tragic loss of productive energy caused by this controversy can only be resolved by focusing on our principles. Another felt that the direction for WSO to prosecute was not carried out and felt that the individual involved was now being rewarded by forcing the WSC to spend time on motions 13, 14, and 15. Several participants suggested reconsidering motions 13 and 15, with the thought that fellowship consultation will help resolve the issues. Another suggested that perhaps neither this assembly nor the groups of N.A. will resolve this controversy. He expressed faith that the members of N.A. will find resolution by applying our principles to their daily recovery. He also stressed that the WSO BOD has been empowered to protect the Basic Text, and he would be offended if they didn't do so. A member from outside the US talked about the need for a lower priced book in poor countries, and that we should find a way to meet this need without all the destruction caused by illegal printing and controversy.

It was M/S/C Jeff P. (RSR-A, S. Florida)/Stan S. (RSR-Alt, New England) "To extend the committee of the whole for enough time to allow the people at the microphones to speak." MOTION TO EXTEND DEBATE CARRIED BY SHOW OF HANDS.

One member spoke about how the group conscience of the WSC on these motions will be followed by his region even though they voted the other way. A non U.S. member of the Board of Directors spoke about seeing this controversy from a distance and the false sense of luxury in viewing this controversy as

a U.S. problem. He related that, without any guidance from the WSC, the BOD has no choice but to uphold its responsibility the best way it can determine to do so. WSC needs to make clear statements, not motions, for the benefit of the BOD who will follow. Another participant talked about the manner in which we agree or disagree with each other, and the impact of individuals living spiritual principles on this process. He encouraged everyone to admit mistakes when they are made. Someone else spoke about the core issue being one of trust, rather than a specific piece of literature.

Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that time had expired, and the conference returned to the WSO business session.

It was M/S/ Jenny D. (RSR-A, Nebraska)/John H. (RSR, Wisconsin) "That the WSC issue a statement to all registered groups, ASC's and RSC's that reads:

"The World Service Conference has one Basic Text that is conference-approved for use by the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. This is the only edition of Basic Text that is recommended for use in Narcotics Anonymous meetings, H&I committee presentations in facilities, public information committee presentations, literature committees, and all other arms of our service structure. Any person or persons, service committees, or any other arms of our service structure that participate in the production, circulation, or sale of any property that is in any way a facsimile of N.A.'s intellectual properties will be asked to immediately cease and desist their actions or consequently be held accountable to the full extent of the law.

MOTION COMMITTED to ad hoc committee after the following.

Howard offered a friendly amendment to change "will be asked" to "are asked". Accepted by Jenny D.

Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) asked for a sense of the conference about forming an ad hoc committee to consider this motion and other new motions about the same subject. He proposed that the ad hoc committee report back on Thursday night following the third election session, so that any restructured motions can be considered on Friday during new business. Hearing no objections, Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) committed motions #116, 117, and 119 to the ad hoc committee. He appointed Jenny D. (RSR-A, Nebraska) to chair the committee, Kim J. BOT, George H. (WSO), Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia), Jan C. (RSR, Lone Star), Jeff P. (RSR-A S. Florida), and George S. (RSR, Michigan).

It was M/S/W Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Pete C. (WSC H&I Chairperson). "That the WSO, in conjunction with the WSC Literature Committee, develop and publish for distribution to the fellowship, "An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous" consisting of only Conference-approved literature, as a low cost inventory item. Price to be determined by the WSO BOD."

After some discussion and attempted amendments, the MOTION was WITHDRAWN to be presented in the new business session.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1991**

Jenny (RSR-Alt., Nebraska) presented the report from ad-hoc committee on motions #13, 14, and 15. It was then M/C Ad-Hoc Committee on Motions #13, 14, and 15: "The voting participants of the 1991 World Service Conference, after much discussion and consideration of several motions, voted to issue the following statement to the fellowship:

'The Basic Text, 5th Edition is the only edition of the Basic Text that is currently approved by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous. The World Service Office Board of Directors is entrusted with the responsibility for protecting the fellowships physical and intellectual properties, including the Basic Text, and at the Board of Directors discretion, shall take legal action to protect those rights against any and all persons who choose to infringe upon this literature trust.'

MOTION CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE (Majority of those voting yes or no), THE STANDING VOTE: YES-41; NO-30. , and later by ROLL CALL VOTE: YES-68; NO-6; ABSTENTIONS-4, after the following.

It was M/ Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson) "To accept the committee's report as part of the conference record." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/ Paul T. (RSR, London) "To end debate." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/W Joe Y. (RSR-A, Greater Illinois)/ "To replace the word 'only' with 'most recent'." MOTION WITHDRAWN FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/C Sergio O. (RSR-A, Quebec)/Ed W. (RSR, Greater New York) "To call the question on motion 142." MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The conference returned to consideration of the main motion. The voice vote was inconclusive, so a standing vote was taken.

It was then M/S/C Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/ John H. (RSR-Alt. Arkansas) "To reconsider the previous motion." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT (to the motion #142 being reconsidered): It was M/S/C Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/John H. (RSR, Arkansas) "To insert the following language at the end of the first sentence of Motion #142 (renumbered as motion #999)... "for publication and sale." Hearing no objection, Ed D. (WSC Chairperson) ruled the amendment to be friendly and accepted by the maker of the motion and conference participants.

Upon reconsideration, the motion (#999) as amended CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE (see roll call vote #5 below), after the following..

A roll call vote was requested on the amended motion by Carlos G. (RSR-Alt, Colorado).

It was M/S/C Kim J. (BOT)/Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chairperson) that this motion require 2/3 majority to pass (2/3 of those voting yes or no.) MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Barbara J. (WSC 2nd Vice Chair) conducted Roll call vote (#5) on motion #999:

Alabama/NW Florida- YES: Mickey M. RSR Alt.

Carolina- YES: Rudy S. RSR

Alaska- NO: Bill M. RSR

Central California- YES: Howard B. RSR

Alsask- YES: Lucie G. RSR

Chesapeake/Potomac-YES: Mason D. RSR

Arizona- YES: Richard H. RSR

Chicagoland- YES: Jim E. RSR Alt.

Arkansas-YES: NEW REGION John H. RSR

Colorado- NO: Newton L. RSR

Australia- YES; Chris W. RSR

Connecticut-YES: Sonny T. RSR

Bahamas-YES: NEW REGION Eddie H.

Florida- YES: Chris C. RSR

Best Little Region-absent: Andy A. RSR

Freestate- YES: NEW REGION Vince D. RSR

British Columbia- YES: Roger K. RSR

Georgia-YES: Unknown

Buckeye- YES: Dave H. RSR

German-speaking Region- YES: Uli Z. RSR

California Mid-State- ABSTAIN: John C. RSR

Greater Illinois- YES: Dan D. RSR

Greater New York-YES: Ed W. RSR  
Greater Philadelphia-YES: Al R. RSR  
Hawaii- YES: Unknown  
Indiana- ABSTAIN: Judie B. RSR  
Iowa- YES: Ceven M. RSR  
Ireland- YES Trish O. RSR  
Kentuckiana- YES: Brenda M. RSR  
London- YES: Paul T. RSR  
Lone Star- YES: Jan C. RSR  
Louisiana- ABSTAIN: Rahlo V. RSR  
Michigan- YES: George S. RSR  
Mid-America- YES: Pat M. RSR  
Mid-Atlantic-YES: Rita S. RSR  
Mississippi- absent: Marlin R. RSR  
Mountain Valley-YES: NEW REGION Vinnie B. RSR  
Mountaineer- absent: Mike C. RSR Alt.  
Nebraska-YES: Danny K. RSR  
New England-YES: Tim S. RSR  
New Jersey-NO: Jon T. RSR  
New Mexico- YES: Unknown  
Northern California- YES: Mark S. RSR  
Northern New Jersey- YES: Bob F. RSR  
Northern New York- YES: David L. RSR  
Ohio- YES: Peter M. RSR  
OK Region-YES: Unknown  
Ontario- YES: Unknown  
Quebec- YES: Mario L.RSR  
Region of the Virginias- ABSTAIN: Billy E. RSR  
San Diego/Imperial-YES: Scott A. RSR  
Show-Me- YES: Mary C. RSR

Sierra Sage- YES: Gina O. RSR  
Southern California- YES: Unknown  
Southern Idaho- YES: NEW REGION Richard E. RSR  
Southern Nevada- YES: Mitch G. RSR  
South Florida-NO: Forest B. RSR  
Together We Can- YES: Laura J. RSR  
Tri-State- YES: Shannon L. RSR  
Upper Midwest- YES: Buddy K. RSR  
Upper Rocky Mountain- YES: Unknown  
Utah- YES: Mel N. RSR  
Volunteer-YES: Ned K. RSR  
Washington/N. Idaho- YES: Unknown  
Wisconsin-NO: John H. RSR  
Ed D. (WSC Chairperson)-NO  
Reuben F. (WSC Vice Chairperson)- YES  
Tom R. (WSC Treasurer)-YES  
Debbie O. (WSC Policy Chair)- YES  
Pete C. (WSC H&I Chair)-YES  
Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair)- YES  
Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair)- YES  
Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair)- YES  
Jack B. (WSB Chair)- YES  
Becky M. (WSB)- YES  
Greg P. (WSB)- YES  
Kim J. (WSB)- YES  
Garth P. (WSB)- YES  
Chuck L. (WSB)- YES  
Donna M. (WSB)- YES  
Danette B. (WSB)- absent  
Stretch G. (WSB)- YES

MOTION (#999) CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The Vote: YES-68; NO-6; ABSTENTIONS-4;

It was M/S/C Stretch G. (BOT)/Mark S. (RSR, Northern California) "To include the report from the ad hoc committee, as edited, in the record." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. The report follows:

TO: The World Service Conference  
FROM: The Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Conference Statement

During our initial meeting, this ad hoc made some decisions regarding the composition of a statement to our membership:

1. That the statement give a clear message who it comes from.
2. That the statement be worded in a manner that would not be interpreted as threatening or challenging.
3. That the statement would empower the WSO Board of Director's to act in the fellowship's behalf to protect our N.A. properties when it became necessary.

We, as a committee, recommend that the conference adopt this statement:

The voting participants of the 1991 World Service Conference, after much discussion and consideration of several motions, voted to issue the following statement to the fellowship: "The 5th Edition is the only edition of the Basic Text that is currently approved by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous for publication and sale. The World Service Office Board of Directors is entrusted with the responsibility for protecting the fellowship's physical and intellectual properties, including the Basic Text, and at the Board of Directors discretion, shall take legal action to protect those rights against any and all person's who choose to infringe upon this literature trust."

The following points were also brought up in this committee that we feel need to be addressed in some manner by our membership over the following year and be discussed, with possible solutions, at the 1992 World Service Conference:

1. Do we hold our members accountable for their actions in the same manner that we hold non-members accountable?
2. There exists a need for thorough discussion by our fellowship of Traditions One, Two, Four, and Nine as they relate to this issue.
3. Is some type of Inter-Regional Communication needed that allows a flow of experience, strength, and hope to promote healing within our membership?
4. How do we address the question of what is group conscience?
5. Are decisions made at the World Service Conference an expression of the will of our membership?
6. How can we encourage recognition and respect of the minority voice?
7. We need to discuss ways to promote healing and unity in OUR fellowship.

It should be the responsibility of this voting body of the WSC to establish some type of means to address these points throughout our fellowship. We, as a committee, do not choose to tell you how to do that. We do urge all of our membership, however, to lay the issues and questions that have plagued our fellowship on the table and open up discussion and dialogue on how to resolve the conflicts.

I would like to close this report with the following quote from Tradition Four of our Basic Text: "If a contradiction exists, we have slipped away from our principles."

In Love, Hope, and Trust,  
Jenny D., Ad Hoc Chair

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1991**

It was M/S/C Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Pete C. (WSC H&I Chairperson): That the WSO, in conjunction with the WSC Literature Committee compile and publish for distribution to the fellowship, "An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous" consisting of only conference-approved literature, as a low cost inventory item. Price to be determined by the WSO BOD. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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## 1992 CAR

### Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

At the 1991 World Service Conference, two motions were passed concerning publication, distribution, protection, and ownership of NA's literature and intellectual properties.

*"To reaffirm that the World Service Office, Inc. is the exclusive publisher and distributor of all World Service Conference-approved literature, including all books, pamphlets, handbooks, and other intellectual and physical properties, as directed by the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous through the World Service Conference."*

*"To reaffirm and ratify that the ownership of all of NA's intellectual and physical properties prepared in the past, and to be prepared into the future, is held by WSO, Inc., which holds such title in trust on behalf of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, in accordance with the decisions of the World Service Conference."*

Prior to the conference in 1991, a working group began preparation of a "trust" document describing how the properties of the fellowship are administered and the procedures to follow to affect future changes. This group was composed of the then-chairperson of the WSO board, the then-vice chairperson of the WSB, a WSO staff member, and several interested NA members. The basis of the work centered on the relationship between the WSC and the WSO and reflected past actions of the WSC, WSB, and WSO board in reference to the development, approval, printing, and distribution of conference-approved NA literature. It was also consistent with the current WSO bylaws. Early on in the process, we made a decision that this document should only reflect current practices; any changes to our service structure and/or decision-making processes should be made separately, especially those concerning the relationship of the WSC to the fellowship at large.

Several conference calls were held and written input was distributed among the group members. The input and discussions indicated that a stalemate existed and that a compromise was not attainable to satisfy both sides without significant changes to the existing service structure. This was reported to the WSO Board of Directors at its June meeting. The WSO board then decided that its work was done and that it would be more appropriate for another group to handle this project. The WSC Administrative Committee then assumed oversight of the document and recommended that the WSB Internal Affairs Committee handle the final review. After further review and clarification, the document was presented to a combined world services meeting attended by the trustees, directors, and WSC Administrative Committee members in October 1991. The consensus of the combined meeting was to present the document in the *Conference Agenda Report* as a motion from the World Service Board of Trustees.

The trust document was mailed to all conference participants in early December 1991 so that it would have more time for review and discussion in the fellowship. That document is duplicated in this report as Addendum 3.1

The motions passed by WSC'91 afforded the fellowship immediate protection of its properties. The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust follows those actions through by establishing a clear policy for the operation and administration of NA's intellectual properties. It is the consensus of the World Service Board of Trustees that this document is now finished and ready for WSC approval. Postponement of its approval will not provide any particular advantage, but we stand ready to accept the postponement of consideration of the trust if the WSC is clearly not prepared to approve it.



The World Service Board of Trustees therefore recommends that the World Service Conference adopt the following motion:

**#8. To approve Addendum 3, "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust."**

*Intent: To establish a trust that defines how the intellectual properties of the NA Fellowship are to be administered and protected.*

*Financial impact: No direct financial impact.*

**WSC 1992 APPROVED MINUTES**

1992 World Service Conference Annual Meeting

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1992**

The 1992 annual meeting of the World Service Conference was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Harvey Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

**Roll Call # 1**

Alabama/NW Florida - Unknown  
Alaska - Unknown  
Arizona - Daniel B.  
Arkansas – John H.  
Aotearoa New Zealand – Lynn R.  
Australia – Tony W.  
Best Little Region - Unknown  
British Columbia - Unknown  
Buckeye – Roy D.  
California Mid-State – Gene R.  
Carolina – Dawn F.  
Central California – Ron D.  
Chesapeake/Potomac – Bill Z.  
Chicagoland – Jim E.  
Colorado – Carlos G.  
Connecticut – Chris H. (alt.)  
Florida – Joe L.  
Free State – Mike C.  
Georgia - Unknown  
German Speaking – Uli Z.  
Greater Illinois – Joe Y.  
Greater New York – Marjorie K.  
Greater Philadelphia – John S.  
Hawaii – Rich M.  
Indiana – John R.  
Iowa – Mike C.

Israel - Shraga I.  
Japan – Roy A.  
Kentuckiana - Unknown  
Lone Star – Jimmy H.  
Louisiana – Rahlo V.  
Michigan – Mike W.  
Mid-America – Pat M.  
Mid-Atlantic – Mike P.  
Mississippi – Marlin R.  
Mountain Valley – Kevin B.  
Mountaineer – Mike C.  
Nebraska – Dan E.  
New England – Stan S.  
New Jersey - Jon T.  
New Mexico – Pat B.  
Northern California – Tony L.  
Northern New Jersey – Bob F.  
Northern New York – David L.  
Ohio – Peter M.  
OK Region - Unknown  
Ontario – Bob S.  
Pacific Cascade – Tom M.  
Quebec – Sergio O.  
Region of the Virginians – Billy E.  
San Diego/Imperial – Scott A.  
Show-Me – Jon S.

Sierra Sage – Vance R.  
Southern California – Jim S.  
Southern Idaho - Unknown  
Southern Nevada – Mitch G.  
Tri-State – David J.  
UK – Harry L.  
Upper Midwest – Mike B  
Upper Rocky Mountain -  
Unknown  
Volunteer - Unknown  
Washington/N. Idaho – Bob C.  
Wisconsin – Bob J.  
Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson)  
Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson)  
Tom R. (WSC Treasurer)  
Mitchell S. (WSC Policy Chair)  
Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chair)  
Rogan A. (WSC PI Chair)

Mary J. (WSC Literature Chair)  
Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chair)  
Becky M. (WSB Chair)  
Greg P. (WSB)  
Kim J. (WSB)  
Garth P. (WSB)  
Chuck L. (WSB)  
Donna M. (WSB)  
Steve B. (WSB)  
Danette B. (WSB)  
Pete C. (WSB)  
Stu T. (WSB)  
Jamie S-H. (WSB)

**82 Participants - 63 Regions**

Alaska - Lucie G. (not on roll)  
South Florida - Jeff P. (not on roll)  
Utah - Unknown (not on roll)

Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) announced a total of 82 participants present. 55 represents a 2/3 majority; 42 represents a simple majority; and 63 regions are present.

It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee "to amend the WSC Rules of Order pg. 3 item C-1, e-vi by adding a number 5 which states: 'Those present voting YES or NO.' Also to amend pg. 4 item C-1, e-viii by replacing the first item with the following 'In matters of procedure, the set of members used to determine the number of votes required for adoption shall be those voting YES or NO (5).'"

AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) announced that a federal law suit had been filed against WSO, WSB, WSC Administrative Committee, and several individuals. It alleges that World Services is in contempt of the federal judge's court order and did not comply with the settlement agreement from last year, and asks that the WSC be enjoined from acting on the literature trust document (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust). The suit also asks for a beneficiary trust membership committee to be set up and to meet throughout the year at WSO's expense, and seeks to prevent the WSO from selling literature. She stated that our attorney is studying all the paperwork, and we hope to have further information later in the week.

It was M/S/F John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Ted L. (RSR-A, Region of the Virginians) "That only those regions requesting seating that have submitted written requests that were in the CAR should be allowed voting participation at the 1992 WSC." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Jamie S-H. (WSB)/Garth P. (WSB Vice Chairperson) "That the conference affords the specially invited delegates full participation, including a vote, at this conference, without formal seating. This motion would not seek to change TWGSS but establish a special procedure for WSC '92." MOTION POSTPONED as follows:

It was M/S/C Jim S. (RSR, Southern California)/John H. (RSR, Arkansas) "To postpone the vote on the motion to a definite time, until after seating of new regions." MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) announced that the two regions with reports in the '92 CAR would be considered first for seating by the conference.

It was M/S Jamie S-H. (WSB)/Garth P. (WSB Vice Chairperson) "That the conference affords the specially invited delegates full participation, including a vote, at this conference, without formal seating. This motion would not seek to change TWGSS but establish a special procedure for WSC '92." MOTION WITHDRAWN as follows:

It was M/S/C Jamie S-H. (WSB)/(second not recorded) "that the motion be withdrawn." MOTION TO WITHDRAW CARRIED by majority VOICE VOTE.

??????? Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) announced a total of 99 possible voting participants for 1992 (78 regions, 21 other participants). He also informed the conference that, as a result of new regions being seated, the current roll call has risen to 93, with 74 regions and 19 other participants responding. [These are the real totals ; 99 possible voting participants for 1992 (80 regions, 19 other participants)]

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) called a recess for lunch at 12:17 pm.

## MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Barbara J., Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1991-92, at 9:00 a.m.

### Roll Call # 2

Alabama/NW Florida- Unknown  
Alaska - Unknown  
Alaska - Lucie G.  
Argentina - Raul C.  
Arizona - Daniel B.  
Arkansas – John H.  
Aotearoa New Zealand – Lynn R.  
Australia – Tony W.  
Best Little Region- Unknown  
Brazil - Eduardo M.  
British Columbia- Unknown  
Buckeye – Roy D.  
California Mid-State – Gene R.  
Carolina – Dawn F.  
Central California – Ron D.  
Chesapeake/Potomac – Bill Z.  
Chicagoland – Jim E.  
Colombia - Jorge M.

Colorado – Carlos G.  
Connecticut – Chris H. (alt.)  
Florida – Joe L.  
France - Christian G.  
Free State – Mike C.  
Georgia- Unknown  
German Speaking – Uli Z.  
Greater Illinois – Joe Y.  
Greater New York – Marjorie K.  
Greater Philadelphia – John S.  
Hawaii – Rich M.  
India - Peter P.  
Indiana – John R.  
Iowa – Mike C.  
Israel - Shraga I.  
Japan – Roy A.  
Kentuckiana- Unknown  
Le Nordet - Berthold T.

Lone Star – Jimmy H.  
Louisiana – Rahlo V.  
Michigan – Mike W.  
Mid-America – Pat M.  
Mid-Atlantic – Mike P.  
Mississippi – Marlin R.  
Mountain Valley – Kevin B.  
Mountaineer – Mike C.  
Nebraska – Dan E.  
New England – Stan S.  
New Jersey Jon T.  
New Mexico – Pat B.  
North East Atlantic - Rick G.  
Northern California – Tony L.  
Northern New England - Jerry T  
Northern New Jersey – Bob F.  
Northern New York – David L.  
Ohio – Peter M.  
OK Region- Unknown  
Ontario – Bob S.  
Pacific Cascade – Tom M.  
Peru - Ricardo S.  
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Tri-State – David J.  
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Wisconsin – Bob J.  
\*Netherlands - Dave G.  
\*Sweden - Jan S.  
\*Philippines - TaTa M.  
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Jamie S-H. (WSB)  
[New Region]  
\* never voted but needed to make 99 in roll call

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) announced a total of 96 participants present. 64 represents a 2/3 majority; 49 represents a simple majority; and 77 regions are present.

Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chairperson) gave the World Service Office financial report. Bob updated the conference about recent developments regarding his tenure as Chairperson of the WSO Board of Directors. He advised the conference that he had recently applied for the position of accountant at the WSO, and will become a WSO employee in approximately two weeks. In light of these developments, he had asked the WSO board about the appropriateness of his continuing to serve as the chairperson of the board during the conference. The WSO board agreed unanimously that he should continue to serve in his present capacity for the balance of the 1992 World Service Conference. He then presented the WSO financial report. Following the verbal report, a question and answer session ensued.

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the conference at 2:05 p.m.

### Roll Call # 3

Alabama/NW Florida- Unknown  
Alaska - Unknown  
Alaska - Lucie G.  
Argentina - Raul C.  
Arizona - Daniel B.  
Arkansas – John H.  
Aotearoa New Zealand – Lynn R.  
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British Columbia- Unknown  
Buckeye – Roy D.  
California Mid-State – Gene R.  
Carolina – Dawn F.  
Central California – Ron D.  
Chesapeake/Potomac – Bill Z.  
Chicagoland – Jim E.  
Colombia - Jorge M.  
Colorado – Carlos G.  
Connecticut – Chris H. (alt.)  
Florida – Joe L.  
France - Christian G.  
Free State – Mike C.  
Georgia- Unknown  
German Speaking – Uli Z.  
Greater Illinois – Joe Y.  
Greater New York – Marjorie K.  
Greater Philadelphia – John S.  
Hawaii – Rich M.  
India - Peter P.  
Indiana – John R.  
Iowa – Mike C.  
**Israel - Shraga I.**  
Japan – Roy A.  
Kentuckiana- Unknown  
Le Nordet - Berthold T.  
Lone Star – Jimmy H.  
Louisiana – Rahlo V.  
Michigan – Mike W.  
Mid-America – Pat M.  
Mid-Atlantic – Mike P.  
Mississippi – Marlin R.

Mountain Valley – Kevin B.  
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Northern New York – David L.  
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Jamie S-H. (WSB)  
[New Region]  
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Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) announced a total of 93 participants present. 62 represents a 2/3 majority; 47 represents a simple majority; and 74 regions are present.

**[These are the real totals; 88 possible voting participants (71 regions, 17 other participants) 59 represents a 2/3 majority; 45 represents a simple majority; and 71 regions are present.]**

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1992**

The meeting was called to order by Barbara J., Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1991-92, at 8:15 a.m.

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) read a statement from Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chairperson) which advised the conference that there was no legal reason not to proceed with the consideration of motion #8 as originally scheduled. (See 1993 WSC Minutes Supplement, item #1, at the end of this document for a verbatim transcript of the notice received regarding this issue.+) She indicated that, based on the panel discussions concerning the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, the WSB intends to immediately follow the making of motion #8 with a motion (#103) to commit it to the WSB and an RSR working group. She asked Becky M. to introduce the motions.

+1992 WSC Minutes SUPPLEMENT #1.  
WSO Board Of Directors Chairperson's statement

"NOTICE TO: Attendees of the World Service Conference  
FROM: Bob McDonough,  
Chairperson  
World Service Office, Inc.  
DATE: April 28, 1992

On April 22, 1992, papers were filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of David Moorhead. These papers seek to hold the World Service Office in breach of the Settlement Agreement and in contempt of the Consent Order entered in the litigation in Philadelphia on January 4, 1991, and further seek to reopen that litigation in an effort to prevent a vote by the 1992 World Service Conference on Motion Number 8 which relates to the creation of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. Our counsel has advised that there is no reason not to consider Motion Number 8 in the normal course of business as it is reached on the agenda.

Our attorneys have reviewed the filed papers and have assured us that the claims against the World Service Office are utterly groundless. As of this date,

there has been no hearing set on this matter. We wish to stress that all times, the World Service Office has complied with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order entered in that litigation.

Our attorneys will be taking the appropriate actions to defend the World Service Office in this matter.

We will keep you apprised of further developments as they arise."

Becky M. (WSB Chairperson) prefaced the introduction of the motion #8 and #103 by reconfirming the WSB's belief, as stated in the 1992 Conference Agenda Report, that the motions passed by WSC '91 afforded the fellowship immediate protection of its properties and the trust document will follow through on those conference actions by establishing a clear policy for the operation and administration of NA's intellectual properties. Becky reiterated the WSB position that consideration of the document should be postponed if the WSC is not prepared to approve it. She indicated that considerable input about the time-frame for review of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust has been received this week, and it is clear that additional time is needed for the fellowship to consider the document.

It was M/S World Service Board of Trustees, motion #8. "To approve Addendum 3, 'The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust.' MOTION COMMITTED as follows:

It was M/S/C Becky M. (WSB Chairperson)/Bob Mcd. (WSO BOD Chairperson), motion #103. "To commit motion #8 to the World Service Board and a RSR working group to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson to solicit, review, and factor in, where appropriate, additional input on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust for presentation to the fellowship in the 1993 Conference Agenda Report." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) appointed the individuals who will be RSRs at the 1993 WSC annual meeting, from Mid-Atlantic Region, Southern Nevada Region, Michigan Region, Ontario Region, and S. Florida Region, to serve on the working group mentioned in the above motion.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1992**

It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Jim E. (RSR, Chicagoland) motion #35 "That the World Service Conference send back to the fellowship for consideration the following motion: That the WSO produce a low cost version of the Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, 5th Edition utilizing measures one, two, three, four, and five detailed in the 1991 WSO "Report Concerning the Motion for a Low Cost Basic Text." Said motion to be included in the 1992/1993 Conference Agenda Report, along with the above cited measures from the WSO 1991 report, for action at WSC 1993." MOTION COMMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION: Substitute motion for motion #35: It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) "That the WSO implement the proposal outlined in measure three of the WSO 1991 'Report Concerning the Motion for a Low-Cost Basic Text,' which involves a reduction of the production standards and costs in the softbound Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, 5th Edition, and subsequent publication in the mass market paperback format at a retail price of six dollars and fifty cents [\$6.50] .  
SUBSTITUTE MOTION (AMENDMENT) COMMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

It was M/S/C John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) "To commit the two motions above to the WSO Board of Directors. MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Tony L. (RSR, Northern California)/Mary J., (WSC Literature Chairperson) motion #70, "To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998." MOTION COMMITTED as follows: It was M/S/C Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Tony L. (RSR, Northern California) "To commit motion #70 to WSC Literature Committee with instructions that it appear in the 1993 CAR." MOTION TO COMMIT WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1992**

It was M/S/F John S. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia)/Jeff P. (RSR, S. Florida), motion #128 "That the BOT prepare a position paper on our history. This paper shall include the following:

1. History of Basic Text from conception to present day.
2. How our members can handle the situations that are continually arising from the printing of the illegal Basic Text.
3. Insure that a true history is reflected in this paper, the minority viewpoint shall be included."

MOTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (see below), after the following.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Rahlo V.(RSR, Louisiana)/Mike C. (RSR, Mountaineer) "That the paper be included in the 1993 Conference Agenda Report in the section dealing with the Basic Text."

AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF SIMPLE MAJORITY, BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Tom M. (RSR, Pacific Cascade)/Jim S. (RSR, Southern California) "To commit the main motion to the World Service Board of Trustees." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following: Bill Z. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) asked for reconsideration of the amendment, asserting that the amendment passed. Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson) ruled that the amendment failed and that another vote was not in order. A show of hands revealed that the amendment did indeed fail by approximately 22-yes and 43-no, and sustained the chair's decision.

Bill Z. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) requested a roll call vote on the main motion (#128).

### **Roll call vote (#8):**

Alabama/NW Florida - Unknown NO

Alaska - Unknown NO

Alsask - Lucie G. Abstain

Argentina - Raul C. NO

Arizona - Daniel B. NO

Arkansas – John H. Yes

Aotearoa New Zealand – Lynn R. absent

Australia – Tony W. Yes

Best Little Region- Unknown NO

Brazil - Eduardo M. Yes

British Columbia- Unknown NO

Buckeye – Roy D. Yes

California Mid-State – Gene R. Yes

Carolina – Dawn F. NO

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Chesapeake/Potomac – Bill Z. Yes

Chicagoland – Jim E. Abstain

Colombia - Jorge M. NO

Colorado – Carlos G. Yes

Connecticut – Chris H. (alt.) NO

Florida – Joe L. NO

France - Christian G. NO

Free State – Mike C. Yes

Georgia- Unknown NO

German Speaking – Uli Z. Abstain

Greater Illinois – Joe Y. Yes



Greater New York – Marjorie K. Yes  
Greater Philadelphia – John S. Yes  
Hawaii – Rich M. NO  
India - Peter P. absent  
Indiana – John R. Yes  
Iowa – Mike C. Abstain  
Israel - Shraga I. absent  
Japan – Roy A. NO  
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Washington/N. Idaho – Bob C. NO  
Wisconsin – Bob J. NO  
Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) NO  
Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson) NO  
Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) absent  
Mitchell S. (WSC Policy Chair) NO  
Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chair) NO  
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Mary J. (WSC Literature Chair) NO  
Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chair) NO  
Becky M. (WSB Chair) NO  
Greg P. (WSB) Abstain  
Kim J. (WSB) absent  
Garth P. (WSB) NO  
Chuck L. (WSB) NO  
Donna M. (WSB) absent  
Steve B. (WSB) absent  
Danette B. (WSB) NO  
Pete C. (WSB) absent  
Stu T. (WSB) NO  
Jamie S-H. (WSB) Abstain

YES-25; NO-48; ABSTENTIONS-11;

**[These are the real totals; Yes 27 , No 44 , other 26 ]**

Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) gave an updated report on the previously discussed legal action. She indicated that the petition for injunction was probably going to be withdrawn, since the attorneys have been informed that motion #8 had been committed for further work.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
World Service Office, Inc. vs David Moorhead  
Civil Action No. 90-7631  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 29, 1992

Before the Honorable Louis H. Pollak, S.J.

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July 22, 1992

Re: World Service Office, Inc v. David Moorhead  
S & L File No. 17047

Dear Scott,

I have been advised that my client David Moorhead has died on July 14, 1992. Since his death, I have been contacted by several concerned Fellowship Members who are willing to step forward as a substituted party defendant to proceed on David's behalf under Federal Rule 25. The necessity of continuing this action would be for the Court to monitor the WSO compliance with the January 1991 Settlement Order and the April, 1992 Motion to Commit the Intellectual Property Trust Document as done under the Court's supervision.

Over the last weekend, I met with several members of the Fellowship and had the opportunity to hear at great length the dissatisfaction with the manner in which the World Service Office has proceeded with compliance under the Motion committing the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. The Motion quite specifically requires that the World Service Board and a RSR-Working Group "solicit" additional input on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust for presentation to the Fellowship in the 1993 Conference Agenda Report. There has been no know effort made to schedule any workshops, there has been no know mailings submitted to the RSR's respecting the manner and procedure that the home groups can submit review and input for the Trust Document nor has the NA Way or World mailings even mentioned solicitation of input. George Hollahan in his letter to me of June 3, 1992, sets forth a deadline for input of October 1, 1992, however, provides no instruction on how input can be submitted and to whom. I am concerned that your client is not acting in good faith. Please have your client advise as to what steps are being taken to solicit input and how input can be received.

Further, in George Hollahan's letter dated June 3, 1992. Mr. Hollahan provided me with copies of draft "Minutes" of several pages of day Four of the WSC and also several pages of day Five of the 1992 WSC. I also received a cassette tape of the proceedings that took place at the conference on Wednesday morning, April 29, 1992. I was literally shocked by the representation made by your clients that their legal counsel had instructed them that the Moorhead legal action had no affect whatsoever on their ability to go forward with the submission and approval by the Ccnference of the World Service Board of Trustees Motion No. 8, "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust". I do not understand whether this claim by your clients is indicative of the lack of communication between legal counsel and the WSO, a simply blatant disregard for the authority of the Court while a legal action in the nature of a Motion for Preliminary Injunction was pending. This concern is compounded when one considers the strong feelings Judge Pollak expressed initially and were again clearly evident during the Court conference call session held the morning of the vote on the Motion to approve the Intellectual Trust Document. (I enclose a copy of the transcript).

Finally, last week I received an Order entered by Judge Pollak in a drafted form setting forth that my client's Motion for Expedited Proceeding be denied. Was this Order generated by your request without advance notice to me or was it Court generated? In any event, Judge Pollak correctly modified the Order to add the words "as moot" to the denial of the Preliminary Injunction and Expedited because of the result of the conference vote on Wednesday, April 29, 1992. I would be suspect that the Court will entertain a conference call to be made aware of the progress of your client receiving input and the documented disregard for the authority of the Court under the continuing jurisdiction. Please advise as to your availability.

Very truly yours,

Greg B. Emmons

Greg B. Emmons and Associates, PC

## 1992 CAR

### BASIC TEXT MORATORIUM

During the 1992 World Service Conference, the following motion was committed to the WSC Literature Committee: "To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998." Specific instructions that this motion appear in the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* were given to this committee by the conference.

As was the case at last year's conference, the WSCLC unanimously supports extending the moratorium. Our primary reason for supporting this motion is its effect on translation efforts. We believe that changes to the Basic Text at this point in time would have a negative impact on local NA communities that are currently in the process of translating the book. We know that the translation of this piece is a major undertaking and believe that it is unwise to further complicate that effort by changing the piece while it is already in various stages of the translation process.

We would like to make clear that our support for the extension of the moratorium does not imply that translation committees must strictly adhere to the stories in the Basic Text. Rather, we support their continued freedom in altering the present stories to make them culturally applicable or generating their own personal stories.

Further, there is only a small file of input requesting Basic Text changes. Since the Fourth Edition was revised, one conference motion (1989) was considered out of order and one (1991) was committed to the WSCLC. In addition, committees and individual members have submitted nine requests (1987-91) for changes directly to us. Last year, we requested that members of the fellowship send us proposals for Basic Text changes. So far, we have received no response to that request. Because of limited interest in further refining this book at this time, we believe that our resources may be expended more productively elsewhere.

We request that the conference adopt the following motion:

**20. To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998.**

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will delay changes to the book Narcotics Anonymous for an additional five years.*