

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
DRAFT ONE
APRIL 25, 1992 & MAY 1, 1992**

Sunday, April 25, 1992

Trustees Present:

Becky Meyer, Chair
Garth Popple, Vice Chair
Greg Pierce
Pete Cole
Jamie Scott-Hopkins
Kim Johnson
Chuck Lehman
Donna Markus
Stu Tooredman
Steve Bice
Danette Banyai

Trustees Absent:

Bob McKendrick
Jack Bernstein

WSO Staff:

Hollie Arnold

A closed session was held prior to the opening of the WSB meeting with several members of the WSO Board of Directors to discuss the lawsuit. This lawsuit asserts that the WSO is in contempt of the original order of January 1991. It attempts to enjoin world services from dealing with the Fellowship Literature Trust Document. Our attorneys contend there is nothing to prevent world services from pursuing motion #8 in the CAR as scheduled. The Interim Committee will be dealing with the attorney and will keep everyone updated.

Becky opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 7:00 PM.

Becky advised everyone that Jack B. will not be here this week as his significant other is expected to deliver their child "at any minute." Bob McK. will not be here as his mother-in-law has been hospitalized and is very ill. Kim J. will be here only for the first few days of the conference as her mother is very ill and in the hospital.

The first item of business was to discuss items to be included on the agenda for today's meeting. Two primary topics were identified for discussion: Motions referred to the WSB which have already been presented for discussion during the conference and development of a motion to amend the budget priority lists, if needed.

Becky then advised the trustees that the WSO Board has been in contact with their lawyer about the lawsuit. The main concern from members and RSRs relates to questions they have about language in the Literature Trust Document giving the WSO power "to encumber, mortgage or pledge." Our counsel has advised us that this is only standard language which is contained in any California trust document. She

recommends resolving this issue by adding an additional clause stating the WSO will never encumber, mortgage or pledge the copyrights, name or logo.

Discussion then turned to whether a motions to amend the conference budget is necessary. Rather than presenting nominees to the WSB, the WSB would like to have the funds available for full board funding, but would use the available excess funds to provide for attendance of committee members during WSB meetings.

The following language was developed to provide for this situation. "That the WSB be given authority to make line item adjustments to their budget to allow for participation by non-trustee committee members." Becky was given the latitude to discuss this request with Barbara Jorgensen and how to word the motion as an amendment to the budget priority lists. There was unanimous agreement by consensus.

Becky then shared her of the priority for the trustees over this next year. As has occurred over the past two years, multinational development will again be a priority. She would like to use a portion of the Friday WSB meeting to discuss how we want to continue with worldwide development over this next year.

Also, Darwyn L. (Additional Needs Panel member) is here and has brought the *NA White Book* translated into American Sign Language on video tape. Darwyn then informed the trustees that the interpreter and several deaf members will be here on Friday, and the ASL video tape will be shown at that time. He also shared that he is working with the University of East Carolina in Greenville, North Carolina to develop ASL video translations of the Basic Text. He would like to get the ASL interpreters from Lone Star and Carolina together to discuss conceptual issues. Also, he would like to make presentation at non-NA event in Denver, July 3 - 5, 1992 since the entire event is geared to addiction and recovery within the deaf community. Becky agreed to advise the conference of the ASL video, and will also have the event in Denver discussed in the PI panel. Darwyn then expressed his appreciation and support to the trustees for his attendance at the Additional Needs Awareness Workshop in Johnson City, TN and gave a short report about the positive aspects of the workshop. Kim expressed her appreciation to Darwyn and indicated she would like to see the External Affairs Committee give continuing support to these issues over next year. She indicated she would like to see Additional Needs become a priority of the trustees. Chuck then indicated that a request has been given to the World Convention Corporation regarding ASL interpretations during the World Convention, and the WCC is investigating both American Sign Language and International Sign. Darwyn related their have been requests from the deaf to have workshops signed instead of just main meetings. Questions were then asked of Darwyn about the Denver PI presentation about who needs to go and how can this be facilitated? He shared that either himself or a PI person could do the presentation, but they would need to take along an ASL interpreter. Becky then shared that the reason the non-NA events panel is being presented under the auspices of the WSC Admin. Committee is so that direction can be obtained from the World Service Conference on what events to do and what direction to go.

Kim then shared that she will be able to stay all week as her relatives medical status has improved. Bob McK.'s mother-in-law has passed away so he will not be attending the conference. He has been Federal Expressed all the information about the lawsuit.

Discussion then turned to assignments for the panel discussions during the conference. Since Kim is here, but Bob will not be attending, the previous assignments for the prejudice panel will be changed. It was agreed that the External Affairs Committee will make the final decision of who will be on this panel.

Steve Bice will be on the Traditions panel.

Becky will be on the Interim Committee panel.

Donna and Chuck will be on the Funding panel.

Chuck will be on the WSO/WCC Special Interest panel.

Danette and Stu will be on the panel discussing Tax Issues.

The Ad Hoc NA Service panel will include Becky.

Garth will be on the JAC Panel.

Donna will participate on the Translations panel.

Trustees participating on the Non-NA Events panel attendance will be determined by the External Affairs Committee.

The trustee panel on WSB Procedures and Guidelines will include Chuck, Jamie, Becky.

The panel on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document will include Becky, Stu, Tim B., and Bob McD.

The Prejudice panel will be comprised of Kim, Danette, Darwyn, Wallace (RSR-A, Freestate) and Lynn R. (RSR Australia)

The Participation and Decision making panel will include Pete, Stu, two RSRs, and Garth will moderate.

The trustees participating on the Policy Committee panel on National/Zonal representation will be Jamie and Chuck.

The Combined PI/H&I panel will be attended by either Kim or Pete.

Danette will be on the PI Video panel.

The next topic of discussion was to develop recommendations for the motions referred to the WSB. The following recommendations were agreed upon:

- #53 Withhold the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document--REJECT 10/0/0 There was considerable discussion on the legal issues surrounding this document.
- #55 Fellowship reconsideration of decision of which edition of Basic Text shall be produced and distributed by WSO as the official and accepted text of NA--REJECT 9/0/2
- #56 That the WSCLC develop an IP on additional needs--COMMIT TO WSB 10/0/1
- #58 Delete Section 4,C from WSB Operational Guidelines regarding assistance in determining the direction of the WSO--REJECT 10/0/1

- #59 To amend by inserting in Section 3,C of WSB Guidelines an additional qualification stating "nomination by the WSC"--REJECT 10/1/0
- #60 Amend WSB Guidelines to allow for a maximum of 15 trustees--REJECT 8/0/3
- #65 RSR only vote--REJECT as previously discussed in Montreal
- #66 Non-voting members may make motions and/or address the WSC provided that motions are seconded by an RSR or duly elected alternate--REJECT as was previously discussed in Montreal
- #67 Delete 'Approve' and insert 'Review for one year prior to WSC '93 before voting to approve the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust--REJECT as this was already discussed in motion #53
- #73 Election of WSB Chair and Vice Chair by the WSC--COMMIT TO WSB 11/0/0
- #76 Amend the trust document by striking word 'three-fourths of voting conference participants' and inserting 'two-thirds of voting conference participants' on page 29, Article VI, section 2, #6 of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust--ADOPT 9/0/2
- #82 Simplified Intellectual Property Trust Statement--REJECT 9/2/0
- #83 Funding assistance for regions worldwide to attend the WSC is needed and possible--COMMIT TO WSB 11/0/0
- #86 Resolution to define the roles of WSC Committees and WSB Committees--COMMIT TO WSB 10/1/0
- #87 Disband the Ad Hoc on NA Service and assign their responsibilities to WSB--REJECT 9/1/1
- #89 That all subcommittee chairs, WSC Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, trustees, WSO BOD Chair and all non-RSRs withhold their vote during any regional motion concerning RSR only vote--There was concern that this motion may be ruled "out of order" by parliamentarian. If found to be in order, REJECT 11/0/0

Everyone was informed that Donna will not be at the conference after Wednesday, so will not be at WSB meeting on Friday.

Everyone said "Thanks, Greg!" for his many years of service on the World Service Board of Trustees.

Becky then indicated she would like to ask the invited MDF participants to the Friday trustee meeting.

There has been a request from WSC PI for several trustees to meet with them during their committee meeting on Friday, probably in the afternoon. The trustee meeting will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday. The tentative agenda will be discussion of plans for next year, follow-up on the MDF and additional needs. The open forum portion of the meeting will be from 3:00 PM until closing. Also, the MDF participants will be invited to attend at 9:00 AM.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Friday, May 1, 1992

Trustees Present:

Becky M., Chairperson
Garth P., Vice Chairperson
Jamie S-H.
Greg P.
Chuck L.
Stu T.
Danette B.
Steve B.
Kim J.
Pete C.

Trustees Absent:

Donna M.
Bob McKendrick
Jack B.

Additional Needs Panel:

Darwyn Langley

WSO Staff:

Hollie Arnold
Lee Manchester

New Trustees:

Barbara Jorgensen
Bob Smith

Visitors: MDF Participants and Conference Participants

The meeting was opened by Becky M. at 11:45 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Becky and all the trustees heartily welcomed Barbara Jorgensen and Bob Smith as new trustees. Thanks were voiced to Greg P. for his service as trustee. Greg commented on his thirteen years as a trustee, and stated he still feels like he will be part of the World Service Board of Trustees. Jack B. was also thanked for his many years of service on the World Service Board of Trustees.

Becky made the full board aware of a concern brought to her by the RSR from the German-Speaking Region. His concern is in reference to the mention in our October 1991 minutes of a letter received by the European Resource Group. Becky stated she plans to write a letter to the German-Speaking Region explaining how their letter became a part of the trustee's discussion in October.

A motion was presented by the WSB and WSO Board after hearing the concerns during the panel session about the lack of adequate review time on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document. This motion asked that this document be committed back to the WSB and an RSR working group to solicit, review, and factor in, where appropriate, additional input on the document. It will then be re-released in the 1993 CAR.

An open forum was then held allowing for both the invited MDF participants and other participants from outside the continental US to share their thoughts on the events of conference week. A full report on the MDF will be released after the conference. There was much positive and emotional sharing of gratitude and support for the efforts of the trustees and world services in general for providing the

opportunity for the MDF to occur. All those present were asked to think about the events of this week after returning home and to provide written input back to the WSB for future planning for events of this nature. Some specific comments were as follows:

- "The information that I'll take home is more important than my participation here."
- "This week has shown me that people do care, no matter where they are from. I would like to have more ability to impact the agenda, as well as be involved more in group discussions."
- "Feel that NA really is worldwide now."
- "Feel that some of the prejudice is starting to go away. My country has questions about HIV and recovery, as this is a big problem and they don't know how to deal with it."
- "Not sure that my country will respond very positively if I tell them the WSC needs money, so I'll have to share with them how I felt this week. I'll be encouraging them to have a fundraiser."
- "I got too much information in too little time. Have felt like a 'little kid' due to the language barrier and my inexperience. My local fellowship is very small and basic; we don't even vote anymore but discuss issues until we reach consensus."
- "Would like more time to work on solutions, instead of just discussing problems. Written translations of CAR would help. Agree that we need to look at the AIDS issue, maybe by putting a story in the Basic Text from someone dealing with this disease."
- "Very impressed with the week. While I understand and appreciate the translations difficulties I remain very optimistic at our cooperative efforts. Would like to see WSO/WSC take on a more universal approach."
- "The most important thing I learned this week is that we are united and connected with all of world services. Would also like translations of routine communications like the *Newsline* and *Conference Digest*."
- "The opportunity I had to attend a local H&I panel was of more impact than sitting in committee meetings. Attending the local NA meetings was also great."
- "Would like to have beginners packet to explain when and where we are supposed to be; maybe have an early morning meeting to help in coordinating the day. Also would have liked for local PI and H&I to put on 'learning day' type events."
- "This week has shown me how much work we have to do and how big we can grow."
- "Have been really touched by the support we have received this week. Feel like we are really part of the worldwide fellowship now."

"Never imagined last year that it would work this fast to have all of us here together. There are no boundaries in NA."

There was general agreement from the trustees that there is a need for more translations assistance. The suggestion was made that everyone attending this meeting take home with them the feeling of "together, we can" which has been so evident this week. Several of the trustees shared that this week has renewed their sense of purpose and increased their enthusiasm for continuing as trustees. Much appreciation was expressed to all the participants from throughout the world, as this week has shown that "we are all the same" by sharing experience, strength and hope with each other. One trustee suggested finding a way to look at the contradiction between group/panel discussions and parliamentary procedure. All attending were reminded that this year's conference has just begun the process for continuing change and growth as a worldwide fellowship.

An Open Forum was then held to allow for questions from members for the trustees. Most of the discussion centered on HIV and how HIV is an outside issue but that addicts with HIV is not. The WSB agreed to address this issue during the upcoming conference year.

Darwyn L, Additional Needs Panel member, previewed the American Sign Language video tape of the NA White Book for everyone at the trustee meeting at 2:30 PM. He informed the trustees that the deaf members from Houston who were planning to attend had changed their plans and will not be coming. These members had decided not to come as they did not feel "Good enough" to attend and participate in the conference. Darwyn reminded everyone of the isolation these members live in all the time. Additionally, the translator also will not be attending the remainder of the WSC either since the deaf members are not coming.

The trustee meeting recessed at 3:05 PM with the Serenity Prayer, at which time all the trustees went to the WSC PI Committee meeting as invited.

The trustee meeting reconvened at 4:40 PM to discuss pending business prior to the new business session tomorrow.

The first item discussed was the need to make a decision soon on how to respond the NJ PI Survey request. Concern is evident regarding aspects of the survey such as how the data will be collected. Additionally, the members, groups and areas in NJ thought the WSB had given approval for this survey to occur, which is not correct. There is also no way to be certain of how this data will be used or who the surveyors are connected with. A decision was made to contact the surveyor/researcher to discuss the survey process, and to advise him that NA can't cooperate with him as it is an outside issue. Also, the groups could be advised that they can cooperate with his survey but that it is entirely voluntary.

The next item discussed was the motions referred to the WSB for discussion during the new business session.

- #112 PI video funding, development and production--REJECT 8/0/0
- #116 WSC confirms use of contract writers who are NA members and who work within our literature development process--RECOMMEND IT BE PROPOSED FOR CONFERENCE ACTION SO CONFERENCE CAN DECIDE.
- #119 WSC meeting every two years--COMMIT TO AD HOC NAS 8/0/0
- #120 WSB Internal Affairs and WSC Policy to review WSC elections procedures and make recommendation--ADOPT 8/0/0
- #122 Directing the WSC Policy committee to create an elections procedure reflecting input from the 91 and 92 RSR working groups, as well as input from the WSC, BOD, and WSC Admin for approval at the 93 WSC--REJECT 8/0/0
- #125 WSC affirms zonal forums, as service oriented sharing sessions providing more communication, cooperation and growth between NA communities--ADOPT 8/0/0
- #126 Resolution (previously adopted on 4/30) affirming that there are no "foreign" languages or countries and that English is the working language of the WSC--ADOPT AS AMENDED by deleting English as the working language of the WSC--8/0/0
- #127 Amend TWGSS by replacing language resolving that the portion of the WSC known as the MDF shall be referred to in the future as the Development Forum of the World Service Conference--ADOPT 8/0/0/
- #128 WSB to prepare a paper on the history of the Basic Text.--REJECT as is already available--8/0/0 Will include this information in conference summary report.
- #129 Formation of an Outreach Ad Hoc Committee at world level--REJECT and present substitute motion that WSB establish an outreach panel functioning under the auspices of the WSB Internal Affairs Committee
- #130 Develop a Ways and Means Committee to oversee financial responsibilities of the WSC and to make decisions affecting world services when the conference is not in session--REJECT 7/0/0

Items for inclusion in the WSB report for tomorrow were then developed. These include the Traditions project (Draft is out and the approval plan), and that we will be looking at our internal system including communications, information sharing and how the trustees handle business. Additionally, reporting will be done on the ASL translations/review process and how the trustees can work with the translations committee to expedite the process.

Trustee assignments were then made with Danette being assigned as the Associate Editor of *The NA Way*. Garth requested that Pete C. replace him as the WSB liaison to the Tape Review Committee. Pete has also requested that he be assigned to *The NA Way* review panel. Becky will also ask Steve B. if he would like to be assigned to this review panel.

Assignments were also made to the NJ Survey panel of Danette, Stu and Bob S.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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May 14, 1992

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Dear friends,

We have received your letters regarding the bulletin on "PI and the Traditions" in which you expressed your displeasure with the development of the article. While we do not agree with your interpretation of the article, we do support your right to disagree with some of the statements included in the bulletin.

In closing, we are pleased that you have found hope and recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. We wish you well in your future service efforts. Please feel free to contact us for any further assistance we can provide.

In fellowship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Meyer'. To the right of the name, there are some initials, possibly 'HA'.

Becky Meyer, Chairperson
World Service Board of Trustees

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RE: THE ARTICLE IN NA "NEWSLINE" JAN
1992 BY, WSO B of TRUSTEES, EXTERNAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL.

(1) WE DO NOT CONSIDER OURSELVES 'PART OF'
ANY COMMUNITY OTHER THAN OUR NA
COMMUNITY, BECAUSE TO BECOME 'PART OF' WOULD
IMPLY SERVICE & NOT SERVILITY TO THE
IDEOLOGY OR IDEOLOGIES OF THAT COMMUNITY.
THE PROCESS OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE VEILED
CODEWORDS IN YOUR ARTICLE IS NOT SOMETHING
WE CONSIDER BENEFICIAL TO NA, ALTHOUGH IT
MAY WELL SERVE THOSE ~~WAYS~~ WAYS OTHER THAN,
OPPOSITE TO OR HOSTILE TO THE NA WAY. JUSTIFYING
THE WAYS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS EQUALS IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT.

(2) WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND
WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE 'OTHER'
ORGANISATIONS YOU MENTIONED, BECAUSE WE
FEEL THAT YOUR HEART LIES WITH THOSE
ORGANISATIONS. WE NOTICED HOW YOUR LANGUAGE
BECOMES VIVID AND EXCITED ('OTHER ORGANISATIONS' - GREAT
EFFECTIVENESS - "MORE POWER TO THEM") WHEN SPEAKING OF
OTHER ORGANISATIONS BUT WHEN SPEAKING OF NA YOU
CHOOSE RATHER PLUNDANE WORDS. NA IS AT
BEST "USEFUL" BUT OTHER ORGANISATIONS ARE "GREAT".

(3) YOU DID NOTHING TO ENHANCE OR ILLUSTRATE
THE NA WAY, WHILE YOU DID A GREAT DEAL
TO EXTOLL THE ALLEGED VIRTUES OF 'OTHER ORGANISATIONS'.
YOU WERE THUS MOTIVATED BY DEFECTS OF
CHARACTER. ABOVE ALL, YOU CONFUSE HUMANITY

WITH SERVILITY. AS WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTY
IN CARRYING THE NA WAY, BECAUSE WE KNOW
THAT IT'S ONLY THE NA WAY ~~IS THAT~~ WE ARE

~~SAFE TO ENDORSE~~ ~~FOR~~ ~~OUR~~ ~~OWN~~ ~~SAFETY~~

ABOUT, YOUR ARTICLE ACTUALLY ATTACKED OUR
EFFORTS AS IT MADE US FEEL THAT THERE
WAS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE NA WAY, AT
BEST IT HAS PARITY WITH A WHOLE VARIETY
OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS; SO, WE SAY TO OURSELVES
CARRYING THEIR WAY IS ABOUT THE SAME AS
THE NA WAY. YOU SEEM TO HAVE MISSED
THE POINT. WE CARRY THE NA WAY BECAUSE
OF ITS SPECIAL MEANING TO ADDICTS. WE

CARRY A PHILOSOPHY, YOU OFFER US A NOTION,
ONE THAT REDUCES NA TO THE SLAVE OF
A PROFESSIONAL CASTE. WE BELIEVE THAT
BECAUSE WE HAVE A PHILOSOPHY, WE SHOULD
BE STRAIGHT AND PLAIN AND DEFEND THAT
WHICH WE LOVE; WE FEEL THAT YOUR NEEDLESS
OBSESSION WITH GOOD PUBLIC - GOOD COMMUNITY
RELATIONS, IS NOTHING MORE THAN A LOOPIHOLING
AND OBSCURING PROCESS TO MAKE NA PALATABLE
TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO
~~WANT~~ REQUIRE A SPINELESS, PASSIVE NA —
THE BETTER TO SUIT THEIR CONCERN FOR
MONEY, PROPERTY AND PRESTIGE, ~~AND THEIR~~ ^{FOR PARTICULAR} ~~WAYS~~
AND ALSO TO PROPAGANDISE THEIR PARTICULAR WAYS.

(4) YOUR USE OF THE TERM "COMMUNITY" IN
SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS, EVINCES THE
CONFUSED AND CONFUSING ARGUMENT IN
YOUR ARTICLE. WE COULD NOT UNRAVEL

A MEANING HERE, BECAUSE WE FEEL SURE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. YOU RESORT TO ENGLISH WORD AND PHRASE USAGE TO ESCAPE THE COMPLEX, PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION THAT THE TERM "COMMUNITY" INVOLVES.

(5) YOUR ARTICLE HAD ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRITUAL TIREDNESS. YOU SEEM SATED AND BEREFT OF INSPIRATION. YOU SHOW NO SENSE OF THE MOTIVATIONAL POWER OF NA OF ITS INSPIRATION, ITS MYSTERY AND MAGIC. YOU SEEM ONLY INSPIRED WHEN YOU TURN TO THINGS OUTSIDE NA. BECAUSE OUR NA PROGRAMME OF RECOVERY FROM DRUG ADDICTION IS CENTERED ON THE GOD OF OUR UNDERSTANDING TO ^{WHOM} ~~WHO~~ WE APPLY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRECEPTS IN THE PREFACE TO OUR BLUE BOOK WE CAN AND NEVER SHOULD IMPOSE ANY LIMITATION ON THE POWER OF THAT GOD TO HELP US IN NA. YOUR ARTICLE UNDERMINED THE VALUE OF OUR FAITH IN NA BY EXCLUDING ANY SENSE OF THE POWER OF OMNIPOTENCE.

(6) NA HERE, IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE FROM ALL CLASSES & MANY DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES. RATHER THAN ^{SERVE TO} UNITE US ALL IN SERENITY AROUND THE NA WAY, YOU INTRODUCED THE KIND OF UNNECESSARY & CONTROVERSIAL IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE THAT UNDERMINES OUR SERENITY AND RAISES UP ONLY THE ^{INFLATED} IDEOLOGY OF EGO. ~~GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS~~ BY SERVING NA AND NOT THE COMMUNITY WE UNITE OURSELVES. THE NOTION OF SERVING "THE COMMUNITY" OR "THE COMMUNITY

~~THE~~ ~~COMMUNITY~~ ~~AT~~ ~~LARGE~~ ~~IS~~ ~~A~~ ~~POLITICAL~~ ~~IDEOLOGICAL~~ ~~QUESTION~~ ~~FROM~~ ~~WHICH~~ ~~WE~~ ~~ACCORDING~~ ~~TO~~ ~~OUR~~ ~~TRADITIONS~~ ~~SHOULD~~ ~~ABSTAIN~~ ~~BECAUSE~~ ~~OF~~ ~~ITS~~ ~~DIVISIVE~~ ~~ELITIST~~ ~~AND~~ ~~POWER-BROKING~~ ~~CONSEQUENCES~~.

Comments made by NA 'SPOKESMAN' (RE BUDDHIST METHOD OF TREATING ADDICTION) IN LONDON 1990, BEAR THIS OUT.

(5) WE SERVE NA AND CARRY THE NA MESSAGE TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS. WE CO-OPERATE WITH ANYONE AS LONG AS IT HELPS US TO CARRY THE NA WAY, BUT WE DO NOT CARRY THEIR WAY. As such then we in NA are a community, BUT ARE NOT PART OF ANY COMMUNITY OUTSIDE. WE REGARD THIS AS A SPIRITUAL REALITY.

FOR EXAMPLE we meet in AN INSTITUTION THAT IS PART OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. BUT WE, THE NA COMMUNITY, CONCEIVE OF OURSELVES AS SEPARATE FROM THAT COMMUNITY; IN TERMS OF PHILOSOPHY, WAY, ORGANISATION, AND AIM. OUR AIMS ARE NOT THE SAME AS "OTHER ORGANISATIONS." OUR AIM IS THE NA WAY AND NO-ONE ELSE, NOT EVEN THOSE WHO HELP US, ACTUALLY EMBODIES THAT WAY. THERE IS A DANGER, INHERENT IN YOUR ARTICLE, THAT NA MIGHT BE SEEN TO BE PART OF A SOCIAL CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS. THIS DANGER MORAL

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(7) IS FRAUGHT WITH POLITICAL CONSEQUENCE IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF A CONFORMIST NATURE.

(8) Some Q's re "GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS" - "GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS".

(a) WHAT if 'our community' is BIGOTED, YET OFFER US A PLACE TO MEET. SHOULD WE PEND OUR PHILOSOPHY TO GET A MEETING GOING? COULDN'T THAT CONSTITUTE GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

(b) WHAT if AN NA MEMBER IS ENGAGED IN A PROTEST CONCERNING ABUSE AGAINST A TREATMENT CENTRE, WHICH IS FRIENDLY TO NA, COULDN'T GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEAN NA SHOULD TAKE A POSITION RE PROTEST BY ITS MEMBERS AGAINST DRUG INSTITUTIONS.

(c) If TWO of 'our communities' are in CONFLICT BUT one is FRIENDLIER TO NA THAN THE OTHER, DO WE IDENTIFY MORE WITH THE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY, THUS RUNNING THE RISK OF PARTISANSHIP AND RISKING THE HOSTILITY OF THE OTHER. (IN THE CONTEXT of THE N. of IRELAND AND ITS INTER-COMMUNITY STRIFE, YOUR ARTICLE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS DRAWING NA INTO the CONFLICT, BY obliging NA TO DEFINE ITS INVOLVEMENT WITH BOTH COMMUNITIES AND THUS WITH THE IDEOLOGIES of BOTH COMMUNITIES, WHEREAS THE SIMPLE TRADITION-BASED SPIRIT FREES NA FROM THESE

... AND IT TALKS US TO CARRY THE NA MESSAGE TO ADDICTS ONLY.

~~THE ONLY THING WE'LL GET FROM COMMITTEES MAKING STUDIES OF "OUR COMMUNITY" ETC WILL BE THE KIND OF CLICHE - RIDDEN CONTENTIOUS, CHILDISHLY NAIVE PROFOUNDMENTS ON COMPLEX PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL & PHILOSOPHICAL REALITIES WHICH NA COMMITTEES ARE NOTED FOR, AND WHICH ULTIMATELY WEAKEN RATHER THAN STRENGTHEN THE NA WAY.~~

(9) YOUR ARTICLE DID NOTHING TO FACILITATE US IN CARRYING THE NA WAY. THE VERY WORST PART WAS THAT YOU SEEM TO DERIVE GREATER LIFE FROM ORGANISATIONS OTHER THAN NA. YOU DON'T SHOW MUCH CONCERN FOR AN ACTIVE NA CARRYING ITS OWN MESSAGE. YOUR OVERALL CONCERN SEEMS TO BE TO REDUCE NA TO ^{BECOME} A SMOOTH, FLEXIBLE, APPEASING SERVANTS OF ANY ORGANISATION (PROFANAL OR OTHERWISE) THAT CAN RUB TWO BITS OF LOGIC TOGETHER.

AS THE ONLY PROBLEM WE HAVE CARRYING THE NA WAY AT THE MOMENT IS THE BADLY-WRITTEN, PROPAGANDIST RUBBISH ~~LIKE~~ LIKE THIS ARTICLE, EMANATING FROM THE WSO & T'S, WE THINK THOSE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD RESIGN.

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(10) - THE ONLY THING WE'LL GET FROM COMMITTEES MAKING STUDIES OF "OUR COMMUNITY" ETC WILL BE THE KIND OF CLICHE - RIDDEN CONTENTIOUS, CHILDISHLY NAIVE PROFOUNDMENTS ON COMPLEX PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL & PHILOSOPHICAL REALITIES WHICH NA COMMITTEES ARE NOTED FOR, AND WHICH ULTIMATELY WEAKEN RATHER THAN STRENGTHEN THE NA WAY.

(11) You TALK ABOUT NEUTRALITY ON OUTSIDE ISSUES. FINE. BUT THEN YOU ENCOURAGE US TO GO TO 'OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' - who, it should be remembered, do not practice anonymity, serenity, or the Higher Lower concept of NA. You talk about ^{avoiding} controversy but then you encourage us to go to 'other organizations' and study ways other than, and controversially different from, if not hostile to, the NA way.

You tell us we have "a lot to learn" from "other organizations". Do you mean the religious and secular control ideologies and organisations around here? We hope not. Do you mean the pseudo-psychology of those who exploit our programme for money, property and prestige. We should think not. We joined NA and found a new freedom. For some of us that freedom became political. We do not stay in NA to be told by a weak-minded and spiritually-atrophied committee, (who speak in the same grey, authoritarian schoolteacher tone that we ought to go and study beneath the giant egos. NA for us is separate so that individual addicts can be truly free; for us that means a true and active neutrality re all ideologies save NA ideology, and certainly not the bogus neutrality which associates NA ~~is~~ with "other organizations" and in favour of "other organizations". To us, you are a disgrace. You may be ADDICTS in NA (or are you?) but we can't think that we have little philosophy in common.

(12) 5 of our meetings here, including one prison meeting

Have declared that NA here is separate from what you call "community." Some of us begin to think that NA is becoming nothing more than a lackey - centre for the 'other organisations', and as a result that we should set up a rival Fellowship with a philosophy of freedom.

(13) If your article was intellectually dishonest, it did not spell ^{out} what was meant by terms like "other organisations" "community" etc. and what you promoted in one part of your article e.g. involvement with 'other organisations' you obscure in another part e.g. "Having no opinion on outside issues." You want, it seems to us nothing more than the positive involvement with other organisations but absolutely no criticism. For us, that means that NA comes to be a philosophy and becomes a slave to "other organisations." You say if we like you say, identify with "other organisations," we take on an opinion re outside issues. We want neutrality but not neutrality - in - favour of anything outside NA.

(14) We CARRY the NA way to addicts. It is we who do the essential 'carrying'. We need to emphasise this, - for it is this which gives us life, while you offer us the moral opium of a ~~deadly~~ ^{deadly} deference to BUREAUCRATIC AND ESTABLISHMENT CONTROL IDEOLOGIES AND ALSO "THEIR" CORRUPTED REVISIONS of 12-STEP IDEOLOGY. Our way is SEPARATE FROM THEIR WAY, AND IN THAT for us, lies the GUARANTEE of our freedom.

Yours sincerely
Richard D.

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May 22, 1992

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Dear Johnny,

We have received your letters sharing your displeasure with the information you read in the WSO Annual Report. While we do not agree with your interpretation of the report, we do support your right to disagree with the information in the report. At the same time, we are saddened by your obvious anger with world services in general and individual world level trusted servants in particular. If you have any suggestions for changes in world services, we would like to hear from you.

In closing, we are pleased that you have found hope and recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. We wish you well in your future service efforts as we agree that NA is needed now more than ever. Please feel free to contact us for any further assistance we can provide.

In fellowship,

Becky Meyer, Chairperson
World Service Board of Trustees

I would like to make amends for my words and actions within were very insulting please refer to my last letter, sent the day before this one. And I forever hope that I will never ATTACK those who cannot fend for themselves by being FACE TO FACE. As I feel that its weak and a person with very low self worth would behave in this manner. My letter was indirect as I felt resentments towards Jamie Scot Hopkins who I now hear is a TRUSTEE. THIS I feel is TOTALLY wrong as long before Jamie came on or into NA, there was alot of hard work done service wise by some other members who I have had the privilage to recover with even thou some are not around today. I also no that with my own personality to deal with I could not take a position of this nature. So I leave it in the hands it belongs too. But spending time in the past with these addid I did see other sides to there CHARACTER. Ok keep it simple Johnny, I listened to a tape that I have of the WSO members meeting with grateful Dave about the illegal Book. I have my own opinions and I would side up to DAVE. Now on this tape I heard Chuck + Jamie express there Anger also there's two, I also read the latest ANNUAL Report and written issue's on this, two things came to mind. ONE I remember the days when we spent many hours days weeks + months to participate with the book + also fit in time to do ones normal work out. Jamie HAS STRONG feelings so do I Jamie was still out there using when we were spreading the message of recovery to those like him. His feelings I feel are not honest as I also feel protective towards the fellowship and any other issue's about N.A. And with my past Back ground if any body made a violent or Verbal attack they would be dealt with. Today I still find it hard when my love for this Fellowship is under threat. By those who abuse it for there own needs. Now that I have some time on my hands I can go back to our service committee meetings And deal with my own personal ideas of service within unity.

I have always been in touch with Betty Kimmom since dear old Jimmy DIAD also some other concerned members. We are not trouble makers. Just people who SPEAK OUT PTO

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AND OTHERS DO NOT LIKE THIS KIND OF PERSON, BECAUSE
IT MAKES THEM LOOK AT THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN MOTIVES.
I HOPE I HAVE MADE SENSE. YES WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY
FROM BACK IN EVEN MY OWN SHORT 12 YEARS OF CLEAN
RECOVERY FROM A MANS HOUSE AND THE BOOT OF A CHAIR FOR
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AND N.A. IS NEEDED EVEN MORE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE.
EVEN IN ENGLAND WE HAVE CITIES + TOWNS WHO DO
NOT HAVE N.A. RECOVERY. HOPEFULLY I CAN BE OF SUPPORT
TO CARRY THE MESSAGE YOURS IN SERVICE JOHNNY H.

TO OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS. THE BOARD of Directors 1992
1. TRUSTEE'S, I HAVE READ THE N.A. ANNUAL REPORT. AND FOUND it
very interesting at what our workers DO, ALSO IN THE REPORT IT
THANK'T THE NA WORKER FOR THERE WORK + DEPECATION AND REAS-
being they have now Finished work MANY TIMES I HAVE phoned
THE EUROPEAN OFFICE LONDON ENGLAND, AND NOBODY WAS THERE IN
OUR course the worker got back to me this happened many time
hopefully our new workers will be more there and Active. I
would like to say Thanks to those NA members worldwide
who work for free and also are very dedicated. MORE S
I feel than our paid workers. And these members are and
will have good healthy Recovery if one has to be Judge-
-mental. ALSO for some years now since you have had
two members from England on your selected boards
I wonder as you did get these members in the early
days of Recovery and they are now at the stage of Rec-
-covery were honesty + change seem to be the key to
ON going Recovery + freedom.

I'm in touch with BETTY KIMMON
and other such loyal N.A. members who for many REAS-
-ons are gratefull to our late Jimmy K, and as time
goes on THE TRUTH of how this old man who with
a few others kept N.A. alive and Really help't to make
it what it is today. I HAVE A VIDEO TAPE FROM JIMMY
SHOWING THE HISTORY + EARLY DAYS of N.A. I'am
also doing something on this area for ENGLAND
+ EUROPE. AS AA HAVE A BOOK AA COMES OF AGE. I
feel a History of N.A. would be very welcome and
many addids that I chat with Day to Day feel the same
also we can look at the truth of some of the Ruthless
POWER STRUGLES FEARS and MALIPULATIONS of certain
members within the High RANKING of N.A. How also
members were and still are RECRUTED to certain stan-
-dards of N.A. and NA polycyst I did confront these issues
and still see lies + malapulation. By this event. ALSO
with the illegal Book as you call it. I was behind this
Book myself and in + still am in contact with these
members. I did Form a committee without contrerevsey
to look at and keep in mind that a cheaper Book
could + should be more AVAILABLE. And it also made
NA MEMBERS LOOK AT ISSUES. ON + BEHIND THIS P.T.O

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WHEN WE Give Freely we
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living from a programme given
freely then we must make an
effort to help more. Most of
us were Homeless, broke
and the spirit was bankrupt.
T Times the world will try us
thru a better person. yes
I look at WHAT you ENEM. how you work and your
spirit within. ONE CANNOT keep taking with out giving.
I spent 3 days at Irish convention. IN 72 hours I Rotted
6 hrs WHY N.A SERVICE. IT FELT Good to Give.

I HAVE a tape from last year of when the High Ranking
So called NA members Had a meeting with DAVID GRATFULL.
AN INTERESTING TAPE. JAMIE SCOT HOPKINS said on this tape
that the STABLE DOOR is open, ect ect. yes I WAS NOT ONE who
BOLTED but a member INTERESTED and CONCERNED. MYSELF and
some others HAVE printed a certain number of these Books
and FOUND it NO HARDSHIP at ALL also we GAVE them away
FREE FREE FREE FREE
FREE to New comers + those short of a CASH FLOW. AND
within my heart felt no guilt. I still keep my ears to the
ground and hopefully we will find away to Help us
in this small Rocky periode But I will never ever Rest
on the abuse of FUNDS past + present. And I have an IM-
-ventory from Back in 84 to the abuse of our Fare +
Hotel accomadation, + THEFT of NA FUNDS.
Yours JOHNNY H.

interest in Tape Review. Becky will clarify this with Pete as he is already assigned to *Reaching Out* and *The NA Way* Review Panel.

Discussion ensued on whether or not to assign the trustee dual member at this time. It was decided that since Garth and Becky will both be attending the WSO Board meeting the weekend after the trustee meeting, that this discussion can be postponed until the trustee meeting. Bob feels the member best suited for this assignment is either himself or Stu. Becky indicated that the two members who have expressed an interest are Bob and Chuck. Becky expressed concern about assigning a current WSB committee chairperson to this position. It was felt that an assignment of this sort should only take place after full discussion within the board.

The tentative agenda for the June meeting will be as follows:

Thursday 9-6--Traditions Review

Thursday 6-9:30--Agenda Review, workload development and priority development

Friday all day--Committee meetings

Saturday morning--Committee meetings

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning--Full Board meeting

Kim then requested that a full External Affairs committee conference call be held for preliminary discussions prior to the trustee meeting. This will be discussed on the Interim Committee call next week, 5/28.

George reminded all that they need to make plans to complete all of their work during their August and November meetings so they will be prepared for the CAR, unless they also plan to have a meeting in December. This would require considerable pre-planning for all meetings for the year. He raised the question of whether non-trustees will be included in this planning process or only be included in the actual project development. There was general agreement that this pre-planning needs to occur. It was felt that bringing in WSC admin and committee chairs, along with directors, will be a definite advantage in the planning stages. George informed the trustees that he plans to assign staff to assist after July 1, and that the WSO is looking at a staff reconfiguration to assist in completion of tasks this year. Bob shared that he feels that trustees need to spend some time at the beginning of the June meeting in discussing process, ethics, etc. to assist in the workload for the entire year.

Becky closed the call at 8:10 PM by asking for input on the agenda, the planning process, or any other topics, by early next week. Each WSB Committee chair was asked to complete a rough draft of project planning forms by next week for each project.

broach the subject with the Interim Committee of bringing in conference committee vice chairs, as well, to provide for continuity of service. The inclusion of non-trustees as committee members was also seen as helping to fill the pool of possible future trustees with experienced members. As it stands presently the committee membership is as follows:

Internal Affairs Committee: Stu T., Becky M., Jamie S-H., Chuck L., Barbara J., Bud K.

External Affairs Committee: Kim J., Donna M., Pete C., Danette B., Garth P., Bob S., Ivan F., Rogan A.

Literature Review Committee: Bob McK., Steve B., Mary J. with Jack B. and Greg P. as advisory members.

Becky reminded all that Mary Kay B. (WSO BOD Chair), Dave T. (WSC Chair), Mitchell S. (WSC 2nd V-Chair) and Tim B. (WSO BOD Dual Member), will be attending. Mary Kay will be asked to External Affairs, Dave to attend Internal Affairs, Tim to attend Internal Affairs and Mitchell to either Literature Review or Internal Affairs.

A short discussion was held on including non-addict trustees on trustee committees. Kim J. indicated she would like to invite Mike B., past non-addict trustee, and another as yet unknown non-trustee from Southern CA (to defer travel costs) to attend an External Affairs meeting to assist with long range planning due to their experience within the treatment community and Mike's past experience with WSC PI during his service as trustee. A suggestion was made to have discussion of including non-addicts in WSB committees for full board participation during the June meeting. Bob would like to have the latitude to bring in non-trustees as short term committee members to work on specific projects, not as full-time committee members.

Joe and George then gave a short update of the legal position. They indicated that our lawyer has filed a response and we are awaiting a response from the judge and Mr. Emmons (the other lawyer). Hopefully, this response will be forthcoming within the next two weeks, or so.

Next up for discussion was whether Greg P. will be attending the June meeting. Since he is now on *The NA Way* Editorial Board, Andy M., Editor, has requested his attendance so they can also meet with Danette to discuss the goals and direction for the magazine. Bob then indicated his desire to fill the assigned trustee position on the Editorial Board. He will discuss this with Danette prior to making a decision. Since the Traditions review will also be occurring during the June meeting, Becky will ask if the WSO could cover a portion of Greg's travel expenses since his primary reason for attending would be to meet with Andy regarding the magazine.

Garth has indicated he wants off of the Tape Review final panel. Barbara J. has requested this assignment. Garth indicated that Pete has also indicated his

Full Board Considerations:

- Completion of approval drafts of Traditions 1-6 and 7-12
- Review of the Steps portion of *It Works*
- Planning for the Development Forum at WSC '93

Internal Affairs Committee:

1. Input and Review of the *Guide to Service*
2. Description of WSB/WSC Committees and their roles
3. WSC Format and conference process
4. Election Procedures
5. WSB Internal Systems
6. Network support programs
7. Basic Service materials development (as staff allows)

External Affairs Committee:

1. Cooperation with WSC PI/H&I
2. Public Relations Policy for NA
 - A. Development of workplan for next few years
3. Non-NA Events
4. NJ Survey
5. CDC Follow-Up
6. H&I/Corrections Interaction
7. Additional Needs
 - A. Informational Pamphlet
 - B. Braille literature
 - C. WCC taping of ASL/ISL translations
 - D. ASL video translations of existing literature

Literature Review Committee:

1. Prejudice Article
2. Funding concerns--direct group contributions/world services funding
3. Literature Development process
4. HIV article

Discussion then returned to committee assignments for the next year. Barbara J. will be assigned to the Internal Affairs Committee as a result of her experience in WSC Administration. Bob S. will be assigned to the External Affairs Committee. In response to a question from Becky, Bob shared that he plans to keep both Greg P. and Jack B. on as non-trustee members of the committee. A review of Traditions One - Six will be done during the June meeting, with a review of Traditions Seven - Twelve and all Twelve Steps will be done in August or September. Mary J., WSC Lit Chair, will also be included as a member of Lit Review. Also Bob would like to be able to bring in other members with expertise in specific areas such as prejudice and funding as these issues are discussed. Ivan F., WSC H&I Chair, and Rogan A., WSC PI Chair, will be included as members of External Affairs and Bud K., WSC Policy Chair, will be included as an Internal Affairs member. All the WSB Committee chairs requested that Becky

**WSB STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
MAY 18, 1992**

The call opened at 6:00 PM. Present on the call were Becky M. (Chairperson), Garth P. (Vice Chairperson), Stu T., Kim J. and Bob McK. (at 6:15 PM) Present from the WSO were George Hollahan, Joe Gossett, and Hollie Arnold.

Becky presented a brief agenda for the call:

1. Workload for the WSB from the WSC
2. Division of work among WSB Committees
3. Trustee Committee Assignments
4. Non-Trustee Assignments to WSB Committees
5. June Meeting agenda

Kim and Garth then shared their understanding of the workload for the External Affairs Committee this coming year. Becky then shared her understanding of the workload for the next year as assigned by the WSC by adopted or committed motions. Minimal discussion of committee assignments was held but further discussion was deferred until Bob joins the call.

Tentative plans for the June meeting were made. The primary focus of the meeting will be to prioritize work for the trustees for the upcoming year. Kim shared her belief that External Affairs need to take a long range view of public relations by developing a time line, agendas, etc., and that they could take the entire year on this one issue. She would also like to see considerable effort put into the Additional Needs panel this year, focusing on outreach efforts and planning along with ASL video evaluations. She suggested breaking Additional Needs out as a separate panel for discussion by the full board instead of assigning it to a specific committee.

A discussion of how to divide the tasks between the WSB committees ensued. Considerable discussion was held on whether to absorb the Literature Review committee into the other two committees, and use LR for ad hoc assignments, as needed. It was suggested that considerable pre-planning be done no matter what the final decisions are on committees or assignments to provide some leadership and direction for the WSB. It was also suggested that both the Additional Needs and Development Forum assignments be given to one particular group (not necessarily the same group) for the entire year so they are given the attention they need. Stu then shared that he expects to follow the same basic plan by giving individual assignments for initial development which are then reviewed by the committee prior to presentation to the WSB. As a result of the preceding discussions, the following preliminary agendas were developed:

WSB Meeting Agenda
June 18-21, 1992
DRAFT ONE

Thursday, June 18

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Traditions 1-6 Review

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

WSB Meeting Opens

Agenda Review

Trustee Assignments to WSB Committees

Inclusion of non-addicts on WSB Committees

Review of Workload for '92-'93 year

Priority Development

Project Planning Forms

Development Forum Discussion

Traditions Review Plan Discussion

Introduction for "It Works" Review Discussion

Steps Review Discussion

Friday, June 19

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Internal Affairs Committee

Input and Review of Guide to Service

WSC Format and Conference Process

WSB/WSC Committee Roles

Election Procedures for WSC

WSB Internal Systems

Lit Trust working group coordination

Network Support Program

Basic Service Related Materials

External Affairs Committee

Public Relations Policy Development

Cooperation with WSC H&I/PI

NJ Survey

H&I/Corrections Interaction

CDC Follow-Up

Non-NA Events

Additional Needs

Braille literature

Additional Needs IP

WCC taping of ASL/ISL Translators

ASL video translations of existing literature

Development plan for the year

Literature Review

Prejudice article follow-up

HIV article

Funding world services article

Literature Development process

Coordination with WSCLC on release of approval form of "It Works"

Saturday, June 20

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Continuation of WSB Committee meetings

1:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Committee Reports

Internal Affairs Committee

External Affairs Committee

Literature Review Committee

WSC Report

Interim Committee Report

WSO Report

WCC Report--Chuck L.

Business Plan Committee--Bob McK.

PI/Video Group Report--Danette B.

Tax Alternatives Group Report--Danette B.

Translations Committee Report--Becky/Donna

Sunday, June 21

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Continuation of Committee/WSC/WSO Reports

New Business

Dates for WSB Meetings for this year

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 The JANUARY 1992 issue of the N.A. NEWSLINE-VOL 7-#1 contains on
 pages 7 to 10 a lengthy statement asserting a large number of
 notions said to be about NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS and its supposed
 "relations" with something [UNDEFINED] called "THE COMMUNITY".

The italicised heading is attributed to something called the
 "W.S.E. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE". The nature and makeup of
 that particular committee is not disclosed either. We would be
 grateful to find out who these people are and what they are doing
 when they are not drafting statements in the name of N.A. that
 make a mockery of the whole spirit and message of our fellowship.

If this "STATEMENT" is indeed "INTENDED TO STIMULATE THOUGHT AND
 DISCUSSION" then it has succeeded in doing so,-its only area of
 success. The semi-disclaimer at its start is disingenuous;- let
 whoever is plotting these dangerous [we would say suicidal]
 changes in the whole nature of NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS stand over
 their actions.

To answer each and every one of the ridiculous statements that
 pepper the article would be an Augean task. Nonetheless we
 feel obliged to answer some of the more outrageous notions:-

"OUR COMMUNITY RELATIONS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FELLOWSHIP'S
 GROWTH AND SURVIVAL". What is the "COMMUNITY" referred to here
 and 34 [THIRTY FOUR!] other times in the course of the article?
 -Obviously NOT the Narcotics Anonymous community. The state
 perhaps? But which state? Which country? Somebody's local
 town, city, street, family? And what are the "RELATIONSHIPS"
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Narcotics Anonymous needs "RELATIONSHIPS" with other "COMMUNITIES" like it needs holes in its head! We have sadly witnessed such "RELATIONSHIPS" subvert, pervert and undermine our fellowship, stunt its growth and threaten its survival. We have been forced to fight the importation into the fellowship of the conflicting philosophies and codewords of outside institutions, particularly the so-called "DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTERS" with their attendant psychological, political and religious coercion and their cultish mish-mashes of "THE TWELVE STEPS" [which twelve is never really specified]

"RELATIONSHIPS", whatever they may be, with "THE COMMUNITY", whatever it may be, are at best unnecessary and useless and at worst diluting of our own distinct and unique philosophy.

We are surprised, but also grateful, that the authors actually acknowledge that our primary is the carrying of the message to the addict who still suffers. We're very glad to hear it!

NOTE THOUGH:-WE carry the message, not anybody else outside N.A.

And the only message we carry is the Narcotics Anonymous message -not any other messages, however much they may appeal to the authors. And we carry our N.A. message "TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS"-not to his or her family, employer, employees or to the "COMMUNITY".

We provide "PUBLIC INFORMATION" but aimed solely at the addict.

The statement goes on to assert:--"OUR MEMBERS WILL INVITE FRIENDS,
FAMILY MEMBERS AND CO-WORKERS WHO SEEK RECOVERY TO ATTEND OUR
MEETINGS". Only if they have a desire to stop using, we hope.

N.A. is for addicts and the recovery we seek is N.A. recovery.

We should not have to point that out but we feel obliged to do so.

It is both inaccurate and defeatist to state that "MOST ADDICTS
WILL ONLY HEAR OF US THROUGH MEDIA REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS,
PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL, OR DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY AT LARGE". In our experience nearly all our newcomers
hear of us through our own posters, flyers and meeting lists or
directions given by members of N.A. [i.e. ourselves]. Perhaps
the authors need to work on this area themselves and cease
relying on the outsiders mentioned or on "MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY AT LARGE". Incidentally, is this "COMMUNITY AT LARGE"
different from "THE COMMUNITY" mentioned earlier?

Next comes the extraordinary assertion that "TO FULFILL OUR
PRIMARY PURPOSE, WE WILL NEED TO SEEK GOOD, COOPERATIVE
RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY AROUND US. WE CAN'T FULFILL THAT
PURPOSE ON OUR OWN". Speak for yourselves, whoever or whatever
you are, because you do not and cannot speak for us! We need
nothing of what you are seeking and we are fulfilling our primary
purpose quite well without it!

In our N.A. P.I. work we NEVER acknowledge that we are "PART OF"
anything called "THE COMMUNITY AROUND US". We are autononmous,
except in matters affecting other N.A. groups or N.A. as a whole.

That is our group"s only community,-the community of N.A.

Individual members may consider themselves to be members of other
communities if they so wish, but we as a group have no opinion
on that.

For example, some members might consider themselves to belong to the farming community or the community of the unemployed or the poor or the rich or the single or the married or the bearded or the clean-shaven. What members choose to hold in common outside N.A. is their own business.

Next, at last, comes what may be a definition of what the authors mean by "COMMUNITY";-"A MUCH GREATER ENDEAVOR,-HUMAN SOCIETY".

We could write a book on the question of what "HUMAN SOCIETY" might be, if such a thing really exists at all. But that would be outside our purpose as a Narcotics Anonymous group.

Why introduce such contentious philosophical concepts here? At best it is irrelevant and a distraction; but in fact we strongly suspect that it is part of a new and sinister family of code-words and code-phrases being infiltrated into Narcotics Anonymous by those whose hearts lie elsewhere.

"HUMAN SOCIETY" is a concept which is of no concern whatsoever to N.A. as a fellowship. It is yet another outside issue on which we have no opinion. Please stop trying to suck us into such public controversies.

If "COMMUNITY RELATIONS" are any indicator of N.A. spiritual condition they are a bad sign. Are we to take it that the authors cannot see themselves in the "PROPER SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE" of Narcotics Anonymous and instead feel obliged to "RELATE" to some outside "COMMUNITY"? If so let them come clean and stop calling themselves an N.A. committee.

Believing that they can somehow improve the fellowship's spiritual condition through "PUBLIC RELATIONS" represents the height of arrogance, not humility. To whom, apart from the suffering addict, do the authors want to "TEACH" N.A. and why?

Just when did N.A. become a "SOCIAL MOVEMENT"? N.A. is not a "SOCIAL MOVEMENT" by any stretch of the imagination.

Narcotics Anonymous is NOT out to change society. That is just another outside enterprise. Do we have to point out that the FIFTH, SIXTH and TENTH traditions are specifically designed to prevent us ever becoming "A SOCIAL MOVEMENT"?

Are the authors inviting us, as a fellowship, as groups and as individual addicts, to join them in some grotesque ongoing ritual suicide? If so our reply is a loud and resounding NO! Thanks, but no thanks! We will never join you in self-destruction, or sign your suicide pact. Our N.A. traditions are NOT negotiable!

What exactly is N.A. supposed to learn "FROM THE SOCIETY AROUND US"? As individual addicts we may each learn whatever we wish but as a fellowship we have nothing to learn from any outside "SOCIETY", however much "AROUND US" it may be.

Who are the "OTHERS" who are said to "HAVE DONE MANY OF THE SAME KINDS OF THINGS WE SEEK TO DO"? We know of no-one who has ever attempted to do what we do in Narcotics Anonymous. We do know of several institutions, organisations and corporations who have tried and failed to steal the twelve steps and take over N.A. and who still seek to hijack our meetings for their own ends of money, power, prestige and social control and conformity.

These parasites constantly seek to blur the total distinction between our Narcotics Anonymous program and their own "PROGRAMS".

But for all their efforts they manage only a negligible "success rate" and none at all by their own unaided efforts.

In a strange way though the authors may be right about one thing -we can indeed learn something from those outsiders,-we can learn what NOT to do! Their recurring failures are examples to us.

What are "THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO ADDICTION" that "REQUIRE OUTSIDE HELP" and what form of "OUTSIDE HELP" do the authors have in mind?

Narcotics Anonymous is not "BUT ONE TOOL FOR ADDRESSING ADDICTION".

N.A. is no kind of a "TOOL" at all. N.A. is a fellowship which addresses ADDICTS, not addiction, in so far as it addresses anything at all. We are not interested in "THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO ADDICTION". We are interested in the ADDICT and nothing else.

Narcotics Anonymous has no social agenda and can never have one.

It may be true that "IN MANY COMMUNITIES, A VARIETY OF ORGANISATIONS OFFER HELP TO ADDICTS SEEKING RECOVERY", but so what? The authors do not enquire any further into the nature of the "HELP" being offered. Rest assured it is NOT Narcotics Anonymous recovery!

We note that the "COMMUNITIES" are here referred to in the plural -presumably more than one community is now implied, but we are still left in the dark as to what exactly these "COMMUNITIES" are.

Let us remind the authors that Narcotics Anonymous is NOT in fact an "ORGANISATION" at all,[C.F.-Tradition Nine],despite the recent proliferation of committees, sub-committees, ad-hoc committees and the myriad other infestations of bureaucracy.

As stated in the N.A. leaflet "Who, what, how and why" many of us did indeed seek "-help through medicine, religion and psychiatry-",but- "None of these methods was sufficient for us."

Perhaps the experiences of the article"s authors are different:-

Perhaps they personally have found what they consider to be better alternatives to Narcotics Anonymous. If so let them say so.

We will not criticise such choices here but we do feel that the N.A. NEWSLINE is hardly the place for their dismal critique of our fellowship,-which for us remains our unique lifeline.

We addicts are the sitting ducks of "SOCIETY",-the perfect targets for every passing fad in social control, coercion and brain-washing. We are a ready-made population of guinea-pigs for each new generation of "Mad Scientists" to experiment on.

They have tried imprisonment, torture, mutilation and execution out on us in the past, and sometimes still in the present. But nowadays their methods of control and dominance are usually more subtle. "Jails, institutions and death" can still be our end, but Narcotics Anonymous can save us from that appalling triangle.

The deadliest of that deadly trio may now be the institutions.

What happens when the forces of social, religious and familial control pursue the addict out of the institutions and into the very heart of Narcotics Anonymous,-into our groups" meetings?

N.A. then becomes itself an institution and ceases to be N.A.

If N.A. does become institutionalised, through increasing its bureaucracy and the transformation of our N.A. meetings into "aftercare" groups, it will not even be necessary for outside institutions to take us over. We will have done the job for them,-through our inaction, lack of vigilance and a misplaced "tolerance" that is not real tolerance at all, but complacency, laziness and cowardice.

The "RECOVERY" being sought by people in a variety of outside organisations is NOT and never can be N.A. recovery; and N.A. recovery is the only kind of recovery we are interested in here.

Those "OTHER" organisations pressurise addicts into seeking after forms of "RECOVERY" that frequently do not involve abstinence from all drugs. For example;-despite being the only drug actually mentioned by name in our literature, ALCOHOL is often not seen as a drug at all by such "OTHER" organisations and the clear stance of Narcotics Anonymous on alcohol is fudged, glossed over, ignored

They encourage, and sometimes openly force, addicts to use drugs p8
such as thiorazine and an array of anti-depressants, denying that
they are mood-altering in any way and encouraging their deluded
"patients" to do the same at N.A. meetings, which of course turns
the meetings into mere charades,-which is exactly what they want.

Next comes a sentence that seems to be a stark illustration of
the authors' state of mind,-"WE DON'T PRETEND TO HAVE CORNERED
THE RECOVERY MARKET". It is hard to believe that an N.A.
committee could issue such a statement in the N.A. NEWSLINE.

Again we are forced to point out what should be obvious;-

Narcotics Anonymous is not in any "MARKET". We sell nothing.

We are not in competition with anyone, much less trying to
"CORNER" anything. Recovery cannot be bought or sold. We know,
some of us have tried. We carry the N.A. message for no reward
except the continuation and enrichment of our own recovery.

Then we are told again what the authors think humility should be.

In our experience humility is a favourite code-word of those who
seek to control and coerce the thoughts and behaviour of others.

We find it best to limit ourselves to defining what humility is
for ourselves, and not fixing its definition for anybody else.

In the present context we would suggest that humility means NOT
seeking to occupy ANY place "IN OUR COMMUNITY" as a fellowship.

-And we avoid playing "ROLES" of any kind,-"USEFUL" or otherwise.

Again we ask who are these "OTHERS WHO FOCUS ON ADDICTION AND
RECOVERY"? What "ROLE" are they "PLAYING"? Why mention them?

Are the authors trying to say that they have found nothing at
all in Narcotics Anonymous that is unique and not available
elsewhere? Is that the "MESSAGE" they are carrying through their
"EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE"? If so, how long has this utter
travesty and betrayal of N.A. principles been going on?

For the rest of the article the authors turn from euphemisms to platitudes:- Of course we do not make "OVERBLOWN CLAIMS ABOUT NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS". Whoever said we did? In fact, we do not make any claims at all. We relate our own experience. We speak for ourselves, not for any "COMMUNITY" or outside organisations.

The authors do not specify under what circumstances or for whom they believe the Narcotics Anonymous program will not work. Pity.

"ALL WE SAY IS THAT, IF SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY HAS A DRUG PROBLEM, N.A. MAY BE ABLE TO HELP"? We say nothing of the kind!

Let the authors speak for themselves! What Narcotics Anonymous says is clearly set out in the blue book and elsewhere.

We are NOT concerned with "SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY". We are concerned with addicts,-who are often outcasts from, or even victims of, anything that might be termed "THE COMMUNITY".

As for finding "A HEALTHY PRODUCTIVE PLACE IN SOCIETY", let us remind the authors that "Social acceptability does not equal recovery". It may come as a by-product or side-effect of our recovery, but it is at best a bonus and not a primary objective.

How exactly are the authors going about gaining "THE GOODWILL OF THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT REFER ADDICTS TO US"? By the writing of other articles like the one in N.A. NEWSLINE perhaps?

By underhand compromises of N.A. principles, by endorsements of doctors, clinics, brainwashing institutions and gurus perhaps?

We have "but one ultimate authority- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience". Him, and no other!

We are an anonymous fellowship,-not a secret society. We do not need or want any introduction services. We are not so snobbish!

In our experience the "WILD, EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS" are made by those who seek to force N.A. into a shotgun wedding or marriage of convenience with the forces of authoritarianism on the outside, particularly the so-called "Twelve Step" treatment industry.

Later the authors quote the basic text and-"THE MESSAGE THAT AN
ADDICT,-ANY ADDICT, CAN STOP USING DRUGS, LOSE THE DESIRE TO USE
AND FIND A NEW WAY TO LIVE,-THAT IS ALL WE HAVE TO GIVE". Amen!

-But note those words:-"ANY ADDICT". Any addict,-no exceptions.

Why should it be "IMPORTANT THAT OUR P.I. COMMITTEES TAKE THE
TIME TO CAREFULLY STUDY THEIR COMMUNITIES"? Whatever for?

The "NEED FOR WHAT N.A. HAS TO OFFER" the addict is all too
obvious in our experience and needs no study by P.I. committees.

Publicizing the "N.A. SOLUTION TO ADDICTION THROUGHOUT THE
COMMUNITY" is no part of our work at all. Carrying the N.A.
message to the addict who still suffers is a different thing.

"N.A. HAS A PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IT'S N.A.'S RESPONSIBILITY
TO MAINTAIN THAT PLACE." What place? What community? And just
how are you maintaining it? Such efforts would seem to be at best
a waste of time and at worst another travesty of our traditions!

"WE DO NOT TAKE POSITIONS AS AN ORGANISATION ON ANYTHING OUTSIDE
OUR OWN SPECIFIC SPHERE OF ACTIVITY." If only that were true!

What is the whole article you have written and published in this
issue of the N.A. Newslines except the almost endless taking of
"POSITIONS AS AN ORGANISATION ON ANYTHING" and almost everything
"OUTSIDE OUR OWN SPECIFIC SPHERE OF ACTIVITY"? You are doing it!

N.A. is a fellowship, not an organisation. Check Tradition Nine.

"WE DO NOT EVER TAKE STANDS ON SECONDARY ADDICTION-RELATED ISSUES"

-Don't you? You could have fooled us! What exactly have you
been doing throughout your lengthy article or whatever it is?

"WE BELIEVE OUR SOLE COMPETENCE IS IN PROVIDING A PLACE WHERE
SUFFERING ADDICTS CAN IDENTIFY WITH OTHERS LIKE THEMSELVES WHO'VE
EXPERIENCED SUBSTANTIAL RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION." O.K. provided
we remember that that place is spiritual as well as physical and
has our Narcotics Anonymous Steps and Traditions at its center.

"TO REMAIN FREE FROM THE DISTRACTION OF CONTROVERSY WE FOCUS OUR ENERGY ON WHAT WE DO BEST AND ONLY THAT." Glad to hear there is something you think N.A. does well. A sharp contrast to your defeatist, apologetic, belittling and pessimistic tone elsewhere.

"P.I. WORK, HOWEVER, IS NOT USUALLY THE KIND OF ADDICT TO ADDICT PERSONAL SHARING THE FIRST PART OF THE EIGHTH TRADITION REFERS TO" -We cannot understand what you mean by this. The first part of the Eighth Tradition reads-"NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS SHOULD REMAIN FOREVER NONPROFESSIONAL,...-" What's the connection with P.I.?

And what exactly is a "COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER"? Is this a new idea? How does a "COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER" differ from a plain old-style "SERVICE CENTER"? Why add this new "COMMUNITY" tag?

The article then goes on to repeat its main contentions all over again. -"GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS ARE" most certainly NOT "VITAL TO THE FULFILMENT OF N.A.'s PRIMARY PURPOSE". Who needs them?

We have absolutely NO "RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUR MESSAGE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE". We need to carry it only to other addicts.

And of course we have absolutely no responsibility as a fellowship "TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY" in any way whatsoever, much less "AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE". Narcotics Anonymous has never undertaken to serve any other "COMMUNITY" except that of addicts.

We approach each addict as an individual. We never reduce him or her to the level of a mere component of some "COMMUNITY".

We have nothing to learn from "OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY" and "WE HUMBLLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PLACE" only "IN THE COMMUNITY" of Narcotics Anonymous and in no other "COMMUNITY".

In N.A. we are apart from all other "COMMUNITIES" -larger or otherwise. That separation, that independence, that difference, is our great protection from and wall against the "COMMUNITY"

AROUND US" which offered us little but continuing pain and death p11

"COMMUNITY" or "COMMUNITIES", "LOCAL", "AROUND US", "AT LARGE",
whatever, wherever it is, you can keep it! We'll stay with N.A.

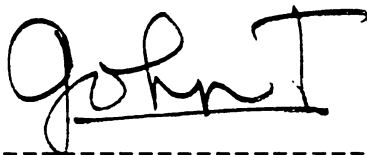
"HUMILITY" does not mean "HUMILIATION". If the authors really
feel that they have so much to be humble about let them speak
for themselves and their "COMMUNITY", whatever it is, and not
for the rest of us in Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

Dark forces constantly seek to corrupt Narcotics Anonymous, water
down our traditions and break our spirit by destroying our unique
spirituality. They would leave only a dry dead husk with maybe
just the initials "N.A." written on it, their meaning forgotten.

They would reduce Narcotics Anonymous to a mere subsidiary of
their sinister "TREATMENT" movement, a pathetic second-rate
branch office where craven knee-jerking lackeys and slaves might
be allowed to play at being real free individualistic human beings.

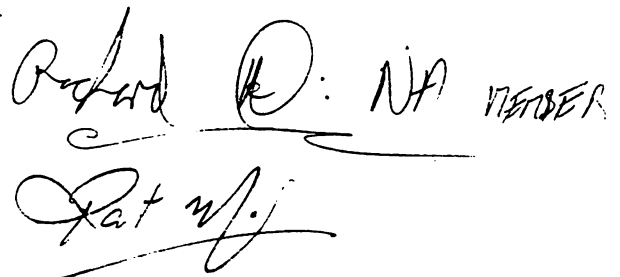
Whenever we take refuge in "toleration" of their lies we are just
tolerating their evil and bolstering their intolerance of N.A.
Traditions. When we hide behind "open-mindedness" we are closing
our minds to our N.A. message and spirituality. Above all, when
we claim "humility" as the excuse for our silence and inaction
we are behaving like Charles Dicken's character Uriah Heep, who
was so proud of always being "so humble". We are proud of N.A.

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May

- 1 World Service Conference
- 2 World Service Conference
- 3 STAFF RETURN
- 4 LATE STAFF RETURN
- 29 NAS Meeting - Tentative
- 30 NAS Meeting - Tentative
- 31 NAS Meeting - Tentative

NOVEMBER 1992

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June

- 12 Translations Meeting
9:00am WCC MEETING TORONTO
- 13 Translations Meeting
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- 14 Translations Meeting
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- 18 9:00am WSB MEETING
- 19 9:00am WSB MEETING
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July

- 10 NAS Meeting - Tentative
- 11 NAS Meeting - Tentative
- 12 NAS Meeting - Tentative
- 24 ECC ANTWERP
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August

- 7 Steps Meeting - Tentative
WSO/WCC WORKSHOP ORLANDO
- 8 Steps Meeting - Tentative
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- 9 Steps Meeting - Tentative
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- 14 Trads. Meeting - Tentative
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- 20 WSCLC Meeting - Tentative
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October

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- 10 Steps Meeting - Tentative
- 11 Steps Meeting - Tentative
- 29 WSCLC Meeting - Tentative
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31 WSCLC Meeting - Tentative

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DATE: May 29, 1992

TO: World Service Board of Trustees
World Service Office Board of Directors
World Service Conference Administrative Committee
Past Trustees

FROM: Hollie Arnold, WSO staff

Hi everyone! I hope you have all recuperated from the WSC and are ready to start the new year. I look forward to working with each of you.

There are several items in this package. To start with is a copy of the **world services calendar** for this next year. You will note that the only trustee meeting shown is for June. The setting of dates for the remainder of your meetings will take place at that June meeting. A copy of the **final election results** from WSC is next FYI.

Draft minutes from the trustee meetings during WSC are next. *Please review these and send any input to me by June 12.*

Minutes from the WSB Steering Committee are next. These include individual assignments to trustee committees so you will probably want to review those to see where and with whom you will be working over the next year.

The **draft agenda for the June meeting** reflects the decisions made by the steering committee. *If you have any revisions or additions to the agenda, please let me know ASAP.* Support materials for the agenda will be pulled together over the next week and will be sent to you (hopefully) by June 5 so you will have plenty of time to review it before the meeting. There may not be much since you have not yet met this year.

Becky has requested that everyone read the Traditions material prior to the meeting, make notes and jot down comments in preparation for the Traditions review on Thursday.

A list of adopted motions and committed motions from this years conference is also included FYI. You may want to look at the motions committed to the WSB this year to assist in focusing your discussions during the June meeting.

Copies of the **Interim Committee minutes** from May 7, May 11 and May 18 are next. These are FYI so you can keep abreast of the decisions made so far.

A letter from Rogan and Susan (WSC PI) is next. Following that is a **memo from Jeff H.** in Chicagoland. Both of these are FYI.

Last are two letters which Becky has already responded to. Copies of the original letters and her responses are included to keep you up to date on what we have been receiving. If you have any questions or comments on this correspondence, please contact either me or Becky.

If you have not yet made travel arrangements for the June trustee meeting, please contact Jeff here at the office ASAP. There is presently a sale on airfares, so we need to take advantage of the reduced prices if at all possible.

To those of you who will be here in June, I'll see you then. To everyone else, I hope everything is going well for each of you. Take care!

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To: World Service Board of Trustees
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WSC Administrative Committee

From: Rogan Allen (WSC PI Committee Chairperson)
Susan Blaue (WSC PI Committee Vice-Chairperson)

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended the WSC PI Committee meetings during the World Service Conference. The committee was challenged to focus its efforts in order to be an effective component of world services. Your support, encouragement, and direction was very instrumental to that end.

Your comments helped considerably during the 1992 project phase of our discussions which yielded six projects we believe encompass all of the subjects that were addressed.

1. **Grassroots PI:** Focusing on group, area, and regional PI.
2. **Internal Survey:** Investigation of a scientifically based survey of our fellowship.
3. **Guides/Guidelines:** Revision of *A Guide to Public Information* and the committee internal guidelines and conference policies.
4. **Worldwide PI development:** Helping the international NA communities, and additional interface with professional agencies/non-NA events.
5. **H&I/PI Cooperation:** Several projects regarding our service to addicts in treatment, corrections, and prisons.
6. **Publications:** *NA Update*, a newsletter for professionals, the *PI News*, and article submission to international publications. *This working group will also compile committee member recommendations regarding long range planning.*

We very much look forward to continuing communication. Currently the WSB External Committee, and the liaisons from the WSC Administrative Committee and a WSO Board of Directors receive our monthly mailings. Please feel free to comment on our work individually or as a service board or committee. Your input is valuable to the committee's effort.

INPUT TO THE WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Jeff Hildebrandt, RSR-Alt. Chicagoland

RE: A Multi-Cultural Perspective

The work the Multinational Development Forum has begun is encouraging and consciousness-raising. However, are we limiting the scope of what we want to do by thinking in "national" terms, by country and border lines.

Perhaps, approaching development from a *Multi-Cultural* perspective we may find growth beyond the United States as well as within.

For example, it may take years to get group meetings on a consistent basis in the country of Poland. Travel and translations will take time. In the city of Chicago, we have the largest population of Polish-speaking people outside of Warsaw. Here is a prime opportunity for *Multi-Cultural* Development.

It is a fact that some countries began meetings when someone from the United States left with the NA message and started meetings in these countries. Case in point, the RSR from the Netherlands and the Philippines.

Look around the room, there is little diversity in US representation and this will only change when we begin to expand within the US to develop *Multi-Culturally*. To do this we need to address this type of development.

Motions Carried at WSC '92

It was M/S/C Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson)/Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) to adopt the WSC Rules of Order. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, after the following amendment;

It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee to amend the WSC Rules of Order. The WSC Administrative Committee proposes the following motion to amend the WSC Rules of Order pg. 3 item C1, E-VI by adding a number 5 which states: "Those present voting YES or NO. Also to amend pg. 4 item C1, 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

The following regions were seated as voting participants at WSC '92: North East Atlantic, Northern New England, Brazil, Le Nordet, Colombia, India, Spain, Portugal, Peru.

It was M/S/C Jim E. (RSR, Chicagoland)/Roy D. (RSR, Buckeye) "To amend the TWGSS, page 32, by deleting the language of motion carried 4-25-89, and replacing it with the following language: [the motion adopted on Saturday that states: 'To make tapes of the conference available for sale.']" MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees "To amend Addendum 4 of the '92 CAR by deleting of 3-F in its entirety." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees "To amend Addendum 4 by deleting the word *drugs* from Item 3.B." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/C/ World Service Board of Trustees "To amend Addendum 4 by replacing the sentence, *There is a separate election for each trustee position*, in Item 3.E with the sentence, *There is a separate election for trustee positions.*" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees "To delete the section identified in the 1991 Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure (pp. 13-16) as "The Board of Trustees," and to replace it with the procedures shown in Addendum 4, "World Service Board of Trustees Operational Procedures," which will become policy of the World Service Conference. Any change to these procedures must be made by the WSC and requires a two-thirds vote." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE and STANDING VOTE YES-77, NO-7, ABSTENTIONS-8; after the following:

It was M/S/C Mike C. (RSR, Free State)/Danette B. (WSB) "To amend by inserting in section 3C of the WSB Operational Guidelines an additional qualification stating: 6) nomination by a World Service Conference participant. AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C "Amend Motion #10 of the '92 CAR, as follows:

**Trial, one-year dual membership on
the World Service Board of Trustees and
the WSO Board of Directors**

Purpose

The purpose of dual membership between the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Office Board of Directors is to facilitate the development of a shared perspective and understanding of the issues which affect each entity, as well as to enhance the fundamental relationship between the two service boards. By designating fully participating members who will develop a proprietary interest in the affairs of both service boards, we will build into the memberships of both entities individuals whose participation will encourage a more global perspective and enhance the inherent link between the two boards. Further, dual membership will assist both service boards in becoming better attuned to all of the affairs associated with NA world services and will help eliminate unilateral considerations of issues and projects.

Procedures

1. At its June 1992 meeting, the World Service Board of Trustees shall designate one trustee who shall begin serving immediately as a fully participating member of the WSO Board of Directors until the opening of WSC '93.
2. At its June 1992 meeting, the WSO Board of Directors shall designate one director who shall begin serving immediately as a fully participating member of the World Service Board of Trustees until the opening of WSC '93. *This director shall not vote as a trustee at WSC '93.*
3. At WSC '93, the WSB and the WSO board shall jointly present a report on the one-year dual membership trial. That report may include recommendations defining dual-membership positions, selection procedures, and terms of service on a permanent basis."

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees To approve Addendum 6, "World Service Board of Trustees Internal Guidelines." Any changes to the WSB Internal Guidelines would be reported to conference participants in the next scheduled issue of the Conference Report. The WSC may reverse any such change by a majority vote. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee "To continue the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service for the 1992-93 conference year, its task to be completed by WSC'93." **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

It was M/S/C WSC Administrative Committee "To approve the booklet, 'Twelve Concepts for NA Service' (Addendum 2)." **MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (#3 below)**

It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee "To continue the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service for the 1992-93 conference year, its task to be completed by WSC'93." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Joint Administrative Committee "That the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of WSC standing committees be funded to attend a minimum of two World Service Board of Trustees meetings each conference year." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Joint Administrative Committee "To dissolve the Joint Administrative Committee and delete from the Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure the following paragraphs (1991 edition, pp. 21-22):

"Joint Administrative Committee. The Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) is composed of the following trusted servants: chairperson, vice chairperson, second vice chairperson, and treasurer of the conference; the chairperson and vice chairperson of each of the conference standing committees; the chairperson and vice chairperson of the WSB; and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the WSO board, who are all voting members of this committee. The Joint Administrative Committee meets at least twice each year. The first meeting is held within forty-five days after the close of the annual World Service Conference meeting. This first meeting is for the purpose of familiarizing new members with the procedures used in accomplishing WSC committee responsibilities, setting dates for reports and reviewing the work of each committee, etc. This meeting facilitates the smooth transition of committees and the conference from one year to the next, as well as coordination of efforts within the committees and boards of world services.

"The last scheduled meeting of the Joint Administrative Committee is held in early January. The January meeting is an opportunity for the chairpersons to jointly review the material being included in the Conference Agenda Report. The Joint Administrative Committee should exercise prudent judgment in recommending changes to clarify reports or proposals, or adding motions or additional reports.

"All matters of conference budget (policies, development, review, and reporting) are the responsibility of the JAC. When the JAC meets to discuss WSC financial affairs, it will be chaired by the WSC treasurer."

and all other references in the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure to the Joint Administrative Committee. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Interim Committee #7. "That the fiscal responsibilities for the World Service Conference be assigned to the Interim Committee. The committee shall be composed of seven members:

- * World Service Conference treasurer, in an advisory capacity;
- * World Service Conference chairperson and (first) vice chairperson, as voting members;

* World Service Board of Trustees chairperson and vice chairperson, as voting members; and,
* WSO Board of Directors chairperson and vice chairperson, as voting members. Further, the Interim Committee shall make necessary decisions affecting NA world services when the World Service Conference is not in session, mindful of priorities previously established by the World Service Conference. The Interim Committee shall report its actions throughout the year in the Conference Report." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/C Leah H. (RSR-A, Chesapeake/Potomac)/John S. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) "To include in the CAR an easy to read glossary of WSC terms." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Tony W. (RSR, Australia)/Lynn R. (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand) "That the WSC coordinate a world unity day." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. X

It was M/C WSC PI Committee "To amend TWGGS, Public Information Section, Item Three, Paragraph One, by deleting the number '16' and replacing it with 'no more than 10,'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C (WSC Literature Committee) "To add to the supplemental reading list at the end of In Times of Illness Chapter 10, 'More Will Be Revealed' from the Basic Text. This annotated reference listing would state: 'More Will Be Revealed' (Basic Text, Chapter 10)--This chapter contains a variety of recovery related topics. Among them is a discussion of the use of medication in recovery." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/C (WSC Literature Committee) #13. "To approve the booklet, 'In Times of Illness' (Addendum 7) as amended." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #14. "To approve 'Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts' (Addendum 8) as amended." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (0 nays, 1 abstention), after the following.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C (Mitch G. (RSR, Southern Nevada)/Harry L. (RSR, UK) "To Amend, 'Just For Today: Daily Meditations For Recovering Addicts,' page 41, paragraph 1, the sentence which reads 'we would dance, drink, and do drugs until the sun rose' by inserting the word 'other' before the word 'drugs.' If amended, it would then read, 'We would dance, drink, and do other drugs until the sun rose.'" With no objections heard, the amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment by the WSC Literature Committee and the conference

It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #15. To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's "A" work list for the 1992-1993 conference year:

- 1) The steps portion of It Works: How and Why.
- 2) The step writing guides.

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/C (Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chairperson) #29. To include the IP #6 "Recovery and Relapse" into the next printing of the Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous. **MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #111 "to substitute motion #25 to read 'the conference shall not vote on any proposals to change existing conference-approved NA literature unless such changes have appeared in the *Conference Agenda Report*.'" **SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

AMENDMENT: Ron D. (RSR, Central California) "to amend to the substitute motion by adding the word 'recovery' between the words "NA" and "literature."

It was M/S/C Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin) "That the WSC adopt guidelines allowing all members of the WSO Board of Directors a seat on the floor of the WSC. Except for voting, all other conference participation privileges will be granted. They will continue to have one (1) vote collectively at the WSC as expressed through their chairperson or in the absence thereof, their vice chairperson." **MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 VOICE VOTE.**

It was M/C WSC Policy Committee/ "To adopt the Procedure for Seating of Regions at WSC and the Admissions Panel policy (Addendum 11)." **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Berthold T. (RSR, Le Nordet)/Mike C. (RSR, Iowa) "Delete the word 'admissions' and replace with 'WSC Recognition Assistance' Panel." **AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

It was M/C WSC Policy Committee "To delete certain portions of the statement of purpose contained in the WSC Policy Committee guidelines (TWGSS'91, p. 40) as follows:

~~"The purpose of the Policy Committee is twofold, the first of which is to evaluate suggestions in conference policy or procedure and proposed changes or modifications to the service structure. The second purpose of this committee is to compile information on requests for the addition of new regions within a state, province or country, according to the need for improvement of services and/or communication with the local structure. This information is to be included in the Conference Agenda Report."~~ **MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY.**

It was M/S/C Rick G. (RSR, North East Atlantic)/Jerry T. (RSR, Northern New England) "That the responsibility for implementing the expenditures on the Discretionary Priority 'B' List be given to the Interim Committee, with instruction to follow the ranking established by the Conference, until such time as funds are exhausted." **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 VOICE VOTE** after the following: X

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic) "To add 'the fixed "A" List' to the above motion between 'expenditures on the' and 'discretionary'".
AMENDMENT ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY.

M/S/C Becky M. (WSB Chairperson)/Chuck L. (WSB) "To strike everything after Interim Committee." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Kim J. (WSB)/Becky M. (WSB Chairperson) "resolved that, as Narcotics Anonymous is a worldwide fellowship whose primary purpose transcends national boundaries, cultural barriers, and linguistic differences:

1. For both the general purposes of NA world services and the specific purposes of the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous, there are neither "foreign" languages nor "foreign" countries.

2. The World Service Conference has elected to use English as a the working language of its plenary and committee meetings, records, and primary reports."

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/C Kim J. (WSB)/Becky M. (WSB Chairperson) AMENDS TWGSS by replacing language on p. 34, para. 3. Resolved, that the portion of the World Service Conference annual meeting known as the Multinational Development Forum shall be referred to in the future as World Development and Unity sessions.
MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C ????????? "Replace the words 'World Development and Unity Sessions.' with 'Development forum of the WSC.'"
AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Paul T. (RSR, Spain)/Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial) "The World Service Conference affirms that zonal forums, as service-oriented sharing sessions that provide means by which NA communities can communicate, cooperate, and grow with one another, are valuable components of NA. We support the continued work of the zonal forums that exist today worldwide and encourage any further efforts NA communities may take to support one another." MOTION CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Jamie S-H. (WSB) "That the policy committee and the BOT Internal Committee be directed to review the WSC election rules and procedures and recommend possible changes which would afford greater participation by all NA communities." MOTION CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C World Services Translation Committee "To approve the implementation of Addendum 1, 'World Services Translation Committee and Policy,' for an additional year; and to direct the Translation Committee to bring its recommendations concerning both its status and its guidelines to WSC'93."
MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Eduardo M. (RSR, Brazil)/Becky M. (WSB Chairperson) "To add to the motion #2 the following language after the words 'WSC '93': taking into consideration all the input received from local translation committees. With no objections, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

It was M/S/C John W. (RSR-A, Southern California)/Lynn R. (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand) "That regional motions be inserted as Addendum #1 in the CAR and be assigned (in parentheses) the same number in the CAR as when presented on the floor of the conference." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/ Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial)/Pat M. (RSR, Mid-America) "To create an ad hoc committee of the conference called the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee with the following description: X

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

1. PURPOSE.

The WSC Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee acts as a resource to outreach subcommittees in their efforts to develop and sustain N.A. Groups and to encourage their involvement in NA service. WSC Outreach designs simplified summaries of existing service materials and provides guidance for N.A. communities to develop and help themselves. WSC Outreach works closely with the World Service Office to assist in the formation of new Outreach subcommittees. WSC Outreach tasks include:

A. To gather information on outreach efforts in N.A. and pass along this information to areas and regions requesting it.

B. To register area and region Outreach subcommittees providing a network for outreach communication.

C. To develop and maintain an Outreach Handbook.

D. To coordinate outreach subcommittees in their efforts to help NA communities develop.

2. MEMBERSHIP.

Committee membership shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and 3 members to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson.

Motion as amended (two friendly amendments) CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chairperson)/Pat M. (RSR, Mid-America) to the main motion: At least one member will be a WSC H&I member. Motion accepted as friendly amendment. X

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/ Jim F. (RSR-A, Nebraska)/ "At least one member will be a WSC PI Committee." Accepted as a friendly amendment. X

Peter M. (RSR, Ohio)/Mary J. (WSC Literature Chairperson) "That the WSC confirms the use of contract writers who are NA members and who work within our literature development process to draft and edit NA literature." MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (see below), after the following:

Motions Committed at WSC '92

WSC Administrative Committee:

It was M/S/ Clifton I. (RSR-A, Mountaineer)/David J. (RSR, Tri-State) "That the WSC Admin Committee complete work on the 'treasurer's handbook' as was stated at WSC 1990."

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) "That the WSC adopt guidelines stating that the members of the WSC Administrative Committee have one (1) vote collectively at the WSC expressed through their Chairperson or in the absence thereof, their Vice Chairpersons. All other conference participation privileges will continue to be granted."

Ad Hoc NAS:

It was M/S/ Berthold T. (RSR, NE Quebec)/Pat M. (RSR, Mid-America) "That the World Service Conference meets once every two years rather than annually."

It was M/S/C Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) "To commit to both WSC Administrative Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service motion #119." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Mike W. (RSR, Michigan)/David J. (RSR, Tri-State) "That the WSC direct the WSO to add the three paragraphs that follow the traditions in our Basic Text, (That are on pg. 58 of the Fifth Edition) to the traditions group reading card."

It was M/S/ Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson)/Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) "to commit to WSC Administrative Committee to be placed in the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 VOICE VOTE.

Interim Committee:

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) "To amend by inserting at the end of the second sentence which reads 'The committee shall be composed of seven members' the statement, 'of whom are all elected directly by the conference.'"

It was M/S/ Stan S. (RSR, New England)/Kevin B. (RSR, Mountain Valley) "That the WSC agree to assist in the funding of regions worldwide to attend the annual WSC if needed and if possible."

It was M/S/ David J. (RSR, Tri-State)/Mike C. (RSR, Mountaineer) "That the WSC Administrative Committee develop a proposal for inclusion in the 1993 C.A.R., a proposal for funding all WSC committee and board voting members travel to all WSC quarterly and regular meetings of those boards and committees." It was M/S/C Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) "To commit to the Interim Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/ Eduardo M. (RSR, Brazil)/Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic) "The WSC through their H&I, PI Committee, the W.S. Board of Trustees, and WSO will be represented at the III Brazil Region Conference and Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in Rio de Janerio on October 10th, 11th, and 12th."

It was M/S/ Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson)/Paul T. (RSR, Spain) "To commit the above motion to the Interim Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

WSB:

It was M/S/C Becky M. (WSB Chairperson)/Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chairperson) #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 incoming RSR's from} Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic), Mitch G. (RSR, Southern Nevada), Mike W. (RSR, Michigan), Bob S. (RSR, Ontario), and Jeff P. (RSR, S. Florida) to the working group, mentioned in the above motion

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Mike C. (RSR, Free State) "To amend by striking out the words 'three-fourths of voting conference participants' and inserting the word 'two-thirds of voting conference participants' on page 29, Article VI, section 2, #6 of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust." MOTION REFERRED TO THE WORKING GROUP BY VOICE VOTE.

For the WSB Operational Procedures: It was M/S/ Danette B. (WSB)/Stu T. (WSB) "To replace the words 'All the members of NA' with 'the World Service Conference.'" It was M/S/C Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) "To commit the amendment to the World Service Board of Trustees to be reworked and presented at 1993 World Service Conference." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Mitchell S. (WSC Policy Chairperson) "To amend by inserting a section under #3 of the Board of Trustees Operational Guidelines starting at the 1993 WSC stating that "the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of the Board of Trustees are directly elected each year by the World Service Conference voting participants at its annual meeting." All appropriate changes will be made to their internal guidelines to reflect this. It was M/S/C Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin) "To commit to the World Service Board of Trustees". MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/R Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial)/Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) "Resolution - While there may be exception, as a rule: WSC committees are designed to coordinate and assist the delivery of service and the World Service Board of Trustees committees focus more on the philosophical, long range,

structural and conceptual issues facing the NA Fellowship rather than on direct services."

It was M/S/C Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois)/Joe L. (RSR, Florida) "To commit to the World Service Board of Trustees". MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin)/ "That the WSC direct the World Service Office to produce and stock braille literature, specifically, the White Book, Newly Revised."

It was M/S/C Mike C. (RSR, Mountaineer)/Becky M. (WSB Chairperson) "To commit the above motion to BOT Additional Needs Panel." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Lynn R. (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand)/Tony W. (RSR, Australia) "To change election procedures to not require attendance at conference for nomination to Board of Directors for WSO or WCC." It was M/S/ Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Tony W. (RSR, Australia) to commit to WSC Policy Committee and BOT Internal committee with input from WSO Board of Directors. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

WSO:

It was M/S/ Dawn F. (RSR, Carolina)/Pete C. (WSB) #18. "Carolina Regional Service Committee moves that the WSO be moved to the Carolina Region. If this is not possible, that the WSO BOD explore the possibility of moving the WSO to a location in the Eastern or Southeastern area that would be more cost effective."

It was M/S/C Dawn F. (RSR, Carolina)/Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin) "To commit the motion to the WSO BOD with instructions to take the following motion: 'Have the WSC form an ad hoc committee to research and explore the possibility of moving the WSO to another site or establish branch offices. Suggested research sites are: (2) Eastern USA, (2) Mid-Western USA, (1) Upper West USA, in addition to outside the USA.' as input." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Jim E. (RSR, Chicagoland) "That the WSC strongly recommends to the WSO Board of Directors to look into the formation of an electronic bulletin board computer system for the expressed use of the fellowship and reports back with their findings."

It was M/S/ David L. (RSR, Northern New York)/Jerry T. (RSR, Northern New England) "That the WSO Board of Directors establish one standard price for all literature sold to the fellowship."

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Mitchell S. (WSC Policy Chairperson) "That the conference strongly recommends to the Board of Directors that they change Article 7, Officers, of their bylaws to reflect the direct elections of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors by the World Service Conference voting participants at its annual meeting."

It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Jim E. (RSR, Chicagoland) "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."

AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION: It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) Intent: To help generate increased sales of the soft-bound Basic Text to the market, and create price differences between the soft-bound and hard-bound editions more in line with general publication marketing practices.

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 CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

It was M/S/ Lynn R. (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand)/Tony W. (RSR, Australia) "To change election procedures to not require attendance at conference for nomination to Board of Directors for WSO or WCC." It was M/S/ Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Tony W. (RSR, Australia) to commit to WSC Policy Committee and BOT Internal committee with input from WSO Board of Directors. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

WSCLC:

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/ #31. "To insert in The Group Booklet under the section "How Can Our Groups Solve its Problems?", page 17, 6th line from the top, after the sentence ending "...in all our affairs.", the sentence that states, "When we collectively apply the insight received from that spiritual awakening to our group's problems, we call that group conscience."

It was M/S/C Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin)/Pat B. (RSR, New Mexico) "To refer to the WSC Literature Committee with specific instructions to consider this motion when *A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous* is considered or The Group Booklet is up for revision."
MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

With no objections stated, Motion #51 (regarding a GSR pamphlet) was referred to WSC Literature Committee to consider when *A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous* is completed." (#51. It was M/S/ Bill B. (RSR, California Mid-State)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)

"That the WSCLC (or appropriate committee) create an IP called 'What is a GSR.'" Intent: To have GSR service information readily accessible to the fellowship.)

It was M/S/ Tony L. (RSR, Northern California)/Mary J. (WSC Literature Chairperson) "To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998." 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 CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

WSC Policy Committee:

It was M/S/ Jerry T. (RSR, Northern New England)/Rick G. (RSR, North East Atlantic) "That the WSC create and fund a participants 'Resource Panel' comprised of six RSRs at the completion of their term or past RSRs to be elected by the WSC. This panel would not be connected to any other WSC committee or board but would act in an informational capacity to RSRs and RSR-Alts in matters pertaining to the WSC."

9. Participation in an upcoming meeting of 12 step fellowships (June 12, 13, 14 in San Pedro) **APPROVED to send one WSO staff member. WSO will fund this participation.**
 10. The PI video group is meeting on June 13. This meeting was authorized by the previous Interim Committee. **APPROVED, Discretionary item #11.**
 11. WSB Steering Committee phone call. **Approved \$500 - \$750, administrative expense.**
 12. Darwyn L. to attend a conference (hearing impaired) in Denver, in July. **Approved \$1000, Discretionary item #5.**
 13. Conferenc call with NJ PI survey. **Approved \$150, administrative expense.**
 - 14 Staff training with Eileen Palmer? If so, Joe needs to have a meeting with her in San Francisco before the June WSB meeting. **POSTPONED.**
- IV. Interim Committee date and August funding requests will be considered on a future Interim Committee call.
- V. Mary Kay's FAX number is 703-632-0606
- VI. **Deadline for conference summary reports is May 18.** It was decided to include discussion of the Interim Committee's interpretation of the budget priority listing in the Interim Committee summary report.
- VII. Non-NA events:
- ICAA Glasgow, Scotland. **Funding denied, to be re-evaluated at a later date.**
- IFNGO - **abstracts will be sent, participation undecided**
- WFTC - **Funding denied**
- The call ended at 9:10 p.m. PDT.

June WSB (4 chairs, 2 admin, 1 dual member, BOD chair funded by BOD) - \$4625

June WSO (1 dual member, 1 admin, 1 WSB chair) - \$1500
Discussion of funding the dual member's travel will be on a future agenda.

Total = \$115,735

Discretionary Item #3 - MDF reserve - 0 (skip this quarter and put \$10,000 next time)

- C. After extensive discussion, the Admin. committee decided that funds would better serve the fellowship if only one quarterly is scheduled, in the second quarter of the conference year. This will allow more of the discretionary items to be funded, which conference participants seemed to want. The boards and committees will still be able to get most of their work done. The committee then approved "B" above, \$115,735 for the first quarter.
- D. The following specific requests were then evaluated, with committee action as noted.
1. Request for WSC Translation Committee conference call on May 24 including Vivianne, Paris-French, Quebec-French, and two WSO staff members. **APPROVED**, cost unknown, administrative expense.
 2. Request for the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service to meet on May 29-31 in Van Nuys. **APPROVED**, Discretionary item #6.
 3. Request for the WSC Translation Committee meeting on June 12, 13, 14 in Van Nuys. **APPROVED**, \$8000, Discretionary item #2
 4. Walter Johnson's request for a June or July meeting about the Business Plan. **APPROVED**, cost not known, funded by BOD.
 5. Request from Ontario RSC for a world PI member to attend their July 18 multiregional learning day. **POSTPONED** pending more information from Ontario RSC.
 6. Request from New Mexico for John Everett and someone else from the H&I pool to attend the first New Mexico H&I Learning Day to be held during the Narcotics Anonymous Western States Unity Convention July 3-5, 1992. **DENIED**, the multiregional nature of this event at a convention was not clear.
 7. Request from Tri-State Region for two trusted servants (Dave T. and Chuck L.) to be funded to their general service workshop focusing on the 12 Concepts and the *Guide to Service* in July. **DENIED** (not a multiregional event)
 8. Request for Carl Prescott and Freddie Aquino to attend the learning weekend for H&I and PI in Wichita, KS on September 18-20. **POSTPONED** until 2nd quarter expense decisions are made.

2. Other actions of the conference (i.e. Recognition Assistance Panel, Interim Committee, Translations Committee) were not added to the fixed list. Their position on the discretionary list will have to be used as guidance.
3. Discretionary items #14, 22, 25, & 26 were separated out in a confusing way, resulting in unclear guidance to the Interim Committee. For budgeting purposes, #14 will include the others.

III. Funding requests were evaluated from two perspectives.

A. WITH a "quarterly" in July or August:

Fixed

WSC Workshop - \$18,600
 WSC '93 - \$10,925
 Conf Report, Digest, & Translation - \$4725
 WSC'92 minutes mailing - \$1000
 Administrative Expenses - \$9,625
 2 WSB meetings - 19,860

Discretionary

Item #1 - Steps meeting - \$5000
 Item #1 - Traditions meeting (@August WSB mtg) - \$500
 Item #2 - Translations Committee meeting - \$8,000
 Item #3 - MDF reserve ? - \$5000
 Item #4 - ECC travel - \$8500
 Item #5 - Additional Needs panel attendance at event - \$1000
 Item #6 - Ad Hoc NAS 2 meetings - \$15,400
 Item #7 - Translation of service periodicals - 0
 Item #8 - Interim Committee meeting - \$4,000
 Item #9 - WS Translation Committee additional items - \$1500
 Item #10 - H&I Literature Stockpile - \$2250
 Item #11 - PI Video Project approved, expense will be WSO - 0
 Item #12 - Conference Committee Newsletters - \$3325
Total = \$119,210

B. WITHOUT a "quarterly" in July or August:

Subtract 18,600 and ADD the following

Fixed Item #5 - WSCLC meeting funding - 9,000

Discretionary Item #14 - Meeting exchange:

**INTERIM COMMITTEE PHONE CALL
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992, 4:00 P.M. PDT**

Participants: Dave T., Becky M., Garth P., Mary Kay B., Randy J., Mitchell S., Tom R., Ron S.

WSO staff: Steve S., Donna S., Hollie A., George H., Joe G., Anthony E.

I. By consensus, the committee agreed:

- A. Becky M. will be the chairperson for the first quarter since she has experience from last year's Interim Committee.
- B. For Interim Committee decisions, to strive for agreement between four of the five voting members. When necessary, three voting members in agreement will suffice so decisions can be made on weekly chairpersons call and in emergencies, provided that each arm of service (WSC Admin, WSB, WSO) is represented.
- C. Ron S. (WSC Treasurer) serves as an advisory member. Mitchell S. (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) is not a voting member of the committee, but will be included on Interim phone calls in the same spirit that vice chairs were last year. In Dave's absence, Mitchell will serve as the Interim Committee voting member from WSC Admin. or in Admin.'s place on the weekly call, as needed.
- D. Copies of the minutes from both Interim Committee and weekly administrative phone calls will be sent to all members of the Interim Committee.
- E. The weekly administrative phone call (Becky, Mary Kay, and Dave) will be held each Monday at 4:00 p.m. The Interim Committee phone call will be on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

II. A general discussion of the 92-93 budget resulted in agreement:

- A. To consider funding requests, cash on hand, and projected income on a quarterly basis. Financial updates will be provided by Ron for each Interim Committee phone call.
- B. One-fourth of the anticipated expense for WSC'93 (\$10,925) will be put into reserve each quarter.
- C. Total funds available for the first quarter = \$125,000 (\$51,000 cash on hand plus \$74,000 projected donations). The committee agreed to prioritize and approve anticipated expenditures up to a total of \$120,000. Last year, they began with \$56,000 cash on hand with \$25,000 taken out as expenses prior to beginning the new fiscal year.
- D. Interpretation of the fixed and discretionary lists is necessary:
 - 1. The conference removed JAC from the fixed list, but did not replace it with committee chair attendance at WSB meetings.

<p>WEEKLY INTERIM COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL, MAY 11, 1992</p>

Present: Becky M., Dave T., Randy J.
WSO: Joe Gossett, Hollie A.

The call opened at 4:00 PM with a discussion of the agenda. The primary topic for discussion was the conference call of last week and the discomfort felt by the members regarding the decisions made on that call. All were in agreement that financial decisions were made without adequate preparation. After further discussion, the decision was made to gather pertinent historical information on how financial decisions were made during the first Interim Committee meeting last year, when and/or how much money was held in reserve during the year, and minutes from the call last week. This information, along with notes from Becky outlining her concerns, will be distributed to the Interim Committee members by FAX or overnight mail, and another phone call will be scheduled.

It was decided to approve funding for the two events which must have tickets purchased immediately or travel costs will rise significantly. These two events are the Ad Hoc NA Service meeting (#6) and the Translations Committee meeting (#2). Any other expenditures will be deferred until after the next call.

Becky asked Joe to let Walter know about the video group meeting and the translations meeting in June, since they both will be held on the same weekend and Walter is a member of each group.

Randy informed all that the WCC is three short on members but will not be adding anyone until their meeting in June. Dave indicated he will be at the June meeting and will also be attending WCNA in Toronto so will be available to help out during the convention. Becky shared that Chuck will be unable to attend the June meeting. Randy shared that he does not see that the WSB needs to send anyone in Chuck's place. In keeping with bringing all other WSO travel plans to the Interim Committee, Becky feels it would be advantageous for the Interim Committee to know of scheduled WCC meetings even though they are funded by the WSO.

Dave will discuss the quarterly meeting with the other members of Admin. and Anthony to determine a date and location so this information can be included in the Admin report.

Becky will discuss the previous Interim Committee call with the WSB Steering Committee to advise them of what was discussed.

The call closed at 4:50 PM.

Monday, May 18, 1992--Minutes

Present: Becky M., Dave T., Mary Kay B.

WSO Staff: Joe, George, Anthony, Steve S., Hollie

I. Funding Requests

A. Greg and Jack to traditions portion of June and August WSB meetings.--
Postponed until next week

B. WSC Administrative Committee phone call - 1 hour this week--
Approved.

C. Video Group--

Questions and concerns regarding the PI Video Project were briefly discussed. Walter J. has resigned from the video project. Susan B. is the acting leader. Some members of the group are feeling confusion about the project and the workplan. The meeting is scheduled and airline tickets have already been purchased. A second professional may have been consulted. Three approaches have been discussed: 1) dramatic; 2) documentary; and 3) docu-drama. Other questions were: When would the WSO be able to pay for the video? When is the meeting scheduled and how will it be staffed? George indicate that he is uncertain what the plan is for the video project, because WSO staff was not involved in the last meeting (at the conference).

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the three chairs to send a letter to the PI Video Group for the purpose of obtaining more information: What is the agenda for the upcoming meeting? At the end of the meeting, what will have been achieved? Becky, with staff assistance, will draft a letter and fax to Mary Kay and Dave for review and input. The finished letter will be sent out with the three chairs signatures.

II. Preparatory discussion for next Interim Committee phone call:

Mary Kay is still not comfortable with the decisions made on the last Interim Committee conference call. A brief discussion ensued and concerns were expressed. Some of the questions were: 1) Do we have sufficient information to make decisions for August events? 2) How much money do we actually have? Anthony informed the three chairs that the WSC has a \$38,000 credit with the WSO. After all the WSC '92 expenses are paid the WSC will still have a \$7,000 credit with the WSO. The WSC has received \$22,725.60 donations for the month of May. Enclosed is a copy of the WSC average income and expenses from 06/90 thru 04/92.

WSO staff questioned what the Interim Committee plans to do with the *PI News*, *Reaching Out*, and the H&I literature stockpile. There was agreement to go ahead with these because of their position on the discretionary spending list.

Further discussion resulted in consensus of the three chairs that there is a need for an Interim Committee meeting to establish criteria for decision making.

Pending the WSB steering committee phone call, airline tickets will be purchased for the WSB meeting, to include one Admin member, four WSC committee chairs, and one member exchange.

III. Other

A. Winston G. (RSR, Volunteer Region) has requested a copy of the lawsuit that was available at WSC '92 for everyone to read. He points out that this is a public document and was available to conference participants, so it should therefore be available to him now. **OK to send copies of the complaint.**

B. Work Plan--Joe indicated the need for project forms to be completed in order to proceed with WSO work plans and staffing decisions.

Dave will talk with the Admin Committee about informing the committee chairs and vice chairs regarding "project forms".

C. *Conference Summary Report*

Becky will write this report for the Interim Committee when the committee's direction becomes clearer.

Call ended at 5:45 p.m.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE AVERAGE INCOME AND EXPENSES

<u>MO/YR</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>COPYING</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
06/90	4,830.67	13,616.16	1,644.26	521.50
07/90	18,111.83	20,998.27	1,208.10	1,076.75
08/90	38,384.85	25,957.66	875.26	2,782.45
09/90	14,774.55	18,993.65	1,623.13	798.65
10/90	27,039.10	29,459.36	653.89	1,294.20
11/90	51,348.30	7,786.64	1,183.77	867.45
12/90	28,296.17	1,813.47	759.20	613.05
01/91	6,263.77	8,846.04	2,451.94	2,935.95
02/91	16,195.49	12,393.27	515.47	902.20
03/91	12,630.31	21,978.13	1,342.11	2,043.00
04/91	21,967.66	21,016.43	0.00	3,522.50
05/91	12,438.83	20,928.75	994.64	3,745.75
06/91	14,406.09	1,190.75	1,264.06	3,233.95
07/91	16,216.95	13,419.77	819.31	3,005.75
08/91	38,421.40	11,991.52	971.10	1,219.10
09/91	15,750.68	13,345.02	1,170.97	2,232.50
10/91	31,606.11	12,760.05	1,490.76	862.50
11/91	27,126.31	16,721.06	1,686.18	2,052.30
12/91	18,952.46	17,304.52	1,124.25	2,638.25
01/92	46,955.22	35,509.74	2,654.13	1,378.10
02/92	9,251.49	27,971.69	1,528.47	1,176.85
03/92	31,463.27	26,207.66	882.36	1,774.25
04/92	3,827.33	30,253.59	3,752.71	3,505.45
AVG	22,011.25	17,846.23	1,330.26	1,920.98