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TO: Interested WSC Policy Committee members
FROM: Donna Smylie, WSO staff
DATE: July 10, 1992
RE: Draft from RSR participation working group

Enclosed is a draft from the WSC Policy Committee RSR participation working group. This working group met in Chicago on June 13-14, 1992 and will be meeting again at the end of August. This working group encourages and is seeking input. Any input you have should be mailed to Steve Sigman at the World Service Office by August 15th.

TO: WSC Policy Committee

FROM: Shannon Lynagh, John Haiverson, Mary Chant, Jim Edgren

DATE: June 17, 1992

RE: RSR Participation

Our work group met in Chicago on June 13-14, 1992. Mike Pojin was unable to attend, but provided input by phone to Shannon prior to the meeting. Jon Thompson called us both Saturday and Sunday.

We began discussing the direction and anticipated disposition of our work -- CAR proposal, January *Conference Report* issue presentation, both, neither. We also discussed the possibility of Committee input to the *Guide to Service*. By Sunday afternoon we had narrowed our focus to reporting on current utilization of RSRs/Alternates, suggesting some improvements, and adding establishing review panels of RSRs for the Interim Committee and the CAR. We also hope to develop an issue for the *Conference Report*.

Currently RSRs participate in world service in various ways.

1. As representatives of their regions, at the conference and "quarterly (ies)". This year there were about 148 RSRs and Alternates attending the conference; we expect about 120 at the "quarterly".
2. As members of RSR work groups between conferences. This year there were 27 volunteers to serve in this capacity.
3. In work groups/ad hoc committees during the annual conference.
4. On longer-term ad hoc committees, such as NAS. One RSR is serving on NAS this year.
5. As members of WSC standing committees. Approximately 24 RSRs and Alternates serve as voting members of standing committees.

Earlier versions of the *TWGSS*, *Service Manual*, and *Tree* had conference committees composed of RSRs or delegates and Trustees. Some committee guidelines also called for participation by Trustees and Directors, but this is not current practice.

Current NAS drafts of the "National Services in the U.S." chapter of *GTS* propose trustee committees and delegate review panels. In-progress WS drafts indicate a changed function for WS, with representation at a triennial WS meeting/assembly on a national, continental and/or zonal basis.

There are some obstacles to clearly defining RSR participation in world services:

1. Department of Redundancy Department: overlapping, duplicative functions of trustee committees, conference committees, and BOD.
2. If RSR/delegate review panels were instituted, would they be structured to review committees and boards or projects?
3. Lack of clear consensus on role of RSRs/Alternates.
4. Number of RSRs available (according to number serving on committees and volunteering for work groups. *NOTE:* number probably affected by the next item).
5. Lack of coherent financial planning and inequitable funding of RSR participation.

For instance, WS will cost about \$1,830,000, not including WSO's administrative and literature production/distribution functions. About \$300,000 will come from donations to WSC. Staff support costing about \$1,300,000 will come from WSO sales. Approximately \$230,000 will come from either regional funding of RSRs/Alternates and WSC Committee and "pool" members, or members funding their own participation.

The current funding scheme all but eliminates participation by RSRs from outside North America at "quarterlies", hence on "world" service committees.

We recommend some changes for the 1993-94 conference year.

1. Institutionalize RSR work groups as a resource for WSC Admin and other conference committees and boards.
2. Establish a review panel for the Interim Committee composed of RSRs/Alternates.
3. Establish a system for a panel of RSRs/Alternates to participate in compiling the *Conference Agenda Report*.

Our work group will detail these proposals before our full committee meeting.

Until some of the problems in the previous section are addressed, it will be difficult to propose additional RSR participation.