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This issue of the *Conference Digest* covers preparations for the 1993 annual meeting of our fellowship's World Service Conference being held April 24 through May 1 in Van Nuys, California, USA, home of our World Service Office. We've summarized world service and regional motions presented for action in the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* as well as recommendations on motions committed by the conference in 1992 and some other matters addressed in the January 1993 *Conference Report*. Everything related to each area of service (conference administration, literature, WSO, etc.) has been grouped together. Please keep in mind that, unless a region is proposing a committed motion from last year's conference, the board or committee affected by the regional motion will not yet have had a chance to evaluate it. Because of the complexity of many of the issues being considered at this year's conference and the background required to present such issues, we've expanded this number of the *Conference Digest* from four to eight pages. On pages 7 and 8 we've included a sequential listing of the actual motions appearing in the 1993 *CAR*.

At about 400 pages in length--the longest ever--this year's *Conference Agenda Report* is about 70 pages longer than the 1992 edition, though it contains the same number of addenda (thirteen) and only one more motion (forty-five). A tentative schedule for WSC'93 appears in the *Conference Agenda Report*, while a draft program for the WSC'93 Development Forum is contained in the January *Conference Report*. The agenda report includes a first-ever glossary of service terms that will hopefully help NA members new to service more easily understand the proposals and issues being placed before the fellowship this year.

The 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* is available for \$13.50 including postage. While the approval form of *It Works: How and Why* is included in the *Conference Agenda Report*, *It Works* can also be purchased separately for \$5.50 including postage. The January 1993 *Conference Report* can be purchased for \$3.50 including postage. To order any of these items, use the form at the bottom of page 6.

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

As of October 1992, World Service Conference contributions had fallen about 11% short of what was required to meet the budget, and they have not increased substantially since then. For this reason, the Interim Committee canceled plans for a tentatively scheduled

February 1993 WSC "quarterly" workshop. The only all-conference workshop for CY 1992-93 was held in October in Cincinnati, where much of the material presented in this issue of the *Conference Digest* was finalized. Fortunately, money has been set aside each quarter to cover anticipated expenses for WSC'93 and travel associated with the WSC Development Forum. The Interim Committee will watch expenses very closely between now and the conference, approving only the highest priority requests. Budget figures and recommended spending priorities for CY 1993-94 will be included in the March 1993 *Conference Report*.

Interim Committee

The Interim Committee's Motion 1 suggests "that the World Service Conference engage in an inventory process, taking on no new projects during CY 1993-94." Though NA has grown tremendously in the fifteen years since the WSC started meeting on its own, the fellowship has never taken time out just to examine the way the conference, the trustees, and the WSO serve the fellowship. With so many major projects finally coming to their conclusion this year, the Interim Committee believes that the coming conference year will be a good time to inventory world services.

Motion 2 asks for approval of the revised Interim Committee Travel Guidelines. Draft travel guidelines first presented to the WSC in 1991 were committed to the Interim Committee for completion. The most notable change in the proposed guidelines is the creation of a \$40 daily travel allowance covering a variety of expenses that formerly were budgeted and accounted for separately, creating more bureaucratic paperwork than the Interim Committee felt was necessary. The committee expects the \$40 allowance to help it budget more effectively for world service travel.

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