

"C" and "D" work lists should be given higher priorities for development. It also asked for information about the role of local subcommittees in the literature development process. More information on the role of local literature subcommittees was sought in the second WSCLC survey, mailed in January 1993, asking respondents to rate the importance of various literature functions for the individual, group, area, region, and world.

"We believe that this information will not only help us revise our handbook in a way that is responsive to the needs and perceptions of the fellowship," the conference literature committee chairperson writes, "but will also give us a better idea of how many local literature subcommittees really are involved in the literature development process. Although we were not aware that world service inventory was a possibility for next year when we decided to undertake [these surveys], it seems clear that the information we [will] receive from [them] will assist us in inventorying our structure, processes, and communication."

WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Though the WSO Board of Directors deferred distribution of its annual report until early in April, it had one item to report immediately in the March Conference Report: The federal court file has been closed on the civil suit pressed by the World Service Office against an NA member who allegedly published and distributed an altered version of NA's copyrighted Basic Text on his own authority. The case, settled in January 1991, became active again last April when the defendant claimed the WSO had reneged on its part of the settlement. Shortly after the defendant's death in June 1992, the federal judge in the case informed the defendant's attorney that he would have until February 15, 1993 to file a motion requesting that someone else be allowed to pursue the case in the defendant's place. Contact with the court after February 15 confirmed that no motion for substitution had been filed; therefore, the case can be considered closed.

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WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

A majority of the PI committee's entry in the March Conference Report focussed on the world service inventory proposed by the Interim Committee in this year's Conference Agenda Report. "Each of us has a sackful of solutions and [each of us] wants... to help the addict who still suffers," writes the committee chairperson. "The problem is, we all have a different vision of how to accomplish our primary purpose, and [we] spend much of our time trying to convince each other of the correctness of our views. This is in total contrast to having a world services plan and then working together to carry it out."

"The conference leadership has proposed a year-long inventory process for all boards and committees," the PI chairperson continues, "in an attempt to get in touch with our fellowship's needs and our primary purpose.... It is my sincere hope that an inventory such as is being proposed will provide us with a unified direction for our world service efforts and be the crux of the next phase of growth for our fellowship."

If the inventory proposed in Motion 1 comes to pass, the WSC PI Committee will be responsible for taking its own inventory during the coming year and reporting its findings to the 1994 WSC. The committee's chair says that WSC PI will give special attention to communication efforts, committee focus, responsibilities, accountability, and financial impact to see if PI is truly being prudent and effective. The committee itself will continue to work on some projects. PI hopes to have the PI News and NA Update published twice each during the coming year. The committee will continue to develop a strategy for addressing issues related to the international development of Narcotics Anonymous. Finally, the PI committee hopes to complete work on its revision of A Guide to Public Information. A current 1993-94 WSC PI Committee workplan is available upon request.

The survey proposed in Motion 14 in this year's Conference Agenda Report is a more complex situation. While the WSC PI Committee unanimously agreed that a survey was necessary to help NA gain credibility with the professional community, support for the world services inventory motion possibly conflicts with initiating development of the survey.

WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"As hard as we try to present complete information," the WSB chairperson writes in the March Conference Report, "there always seems to be information from Conference Agenda Report workshops that we attend that indicates amendments are in order. This year is no exception." At WSC'93, the trustees will present amendments to their proposals related to NA intellectual property specifying that they are meant to apply to NA recovery literature, not service materials. Local NA communities, they said, should not be put in the position of wondering whether it's alright to adapt NA service material to their local conditions.