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Preparations for this April's annual meeting of NA's World Service Conference in Los Angeles are well under way, according to the *March Conference Report*. "Even though we have eight full days to meet together," writes the conference chairperson, "we will surely not have enough time for all of us to say what we want to say. I don't know why, it just always works out that way.... Any participant who needs to talk will have the opportunity to do so. We only ask that everyone use care and respect in the time they use to speak." Conference leadership hopes that an orientation program being conducted the evening before the conference opens will help new participants navigate their way through the WSC's perilous parliamentary seas and across the conference floor to the microphone.

Plans for the two-day development-forum portion of the WSC'93 agenda are nearly complete, according to the trustee chairperson. The conference will break down into small groups, as it has for the past two years, for discussions of issues affecting NA growth around the world. The trustees will ask some RSRs to serve as leaders for the three discussion group sessions this year, others to give short presentations on specific topics at the beginning of each group session. Toward the end of the week, the full conference will engage in a dialogue about where to go next with world development discussions and planning.

Planning meeting produces specifics, budget for proposed CY 1993-94 world services inventory

The combined leadership of NA's world services met in Los Angeles over the weekend of February 18-19 to develop the specifics of a plan for inventorying conference, trustee, and WSO goals, resources, and procedures. The inventory, proposed in Motion 1 of the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report*, would be conducted during the coming conference year. A March 3 Interim Committee report on the planning meeting described the plan's components and timetable:

During the first six months of the new conference year, eight multiregional forums would be held in various locations around the world, allowing the fellowship-at-large to take part in the world services inventory. At the same time, an inventory core group drawing members from all branches of world services would meet to develop outlines for boards and committees to use in inventorying

themselves. The core group would also brainstorm ideas on how to evaluate board and committee inventories and how to combine and cross-reference them in an overall evaluation of world services.

Once the forums had been conducted and the evaluation outlines had been developed, a world services meeting would be held where the individual boards and committees could take their own inventories. Some extra funding would be provided to each world service body to help with travel costs for this event. Then, between December 1993 and March 1994, the inventory core group would meet two or three times to review the separate board and committee inventories, evaluate world services as a whole, and prepare reports allowing conference participants to review the core group's findings. At WSC'94, the conference itself would sort out the inventory findings and develop resolutions for change, growth, and reorganization to address the needs identified in the inventory process.

Costs for the eight forums, the world services meeting, the four core group meetings, and the training materials to be developed by the core group are projected at \$111-thousand. Costs for the basic functions necessary to keep world services in operation while the inventory is going on are estimated at about \$172-thousand, bringing the total projected CY 1993-94 budget to nearly \$283-thousand. Projected WSC donations should pay for \$243-thousand of that, with a \$40-thousand pledge from the World Service Office covering the remainder.

"If not us, who?" concludes the Interim Committee in its report. "If not now, when? There is no one outside of us (world services) that can do this, and this is certainly as good a time as any, perhaps better than any other, to do what we must: evaluate what works and what does not. For the sake of our fellowship, for the sake of the still-suffering addicts in and out of our rooms, we must!"

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