

World Service



Conference Report

WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Greetings from the WSC PI Committee. Other than Resolution Group activities and basic services, the WSC has not sanctioned any actions for this past conference year. However, our committee has been involved in preparing for the resolution phase of the world services inventory. We were able to give verbal and written input to the Resolution Group, as was the rest of the fellowship. Two of our committee members, Jeff S. and Bob F., served on the Resolution Group. We would like to thank the Resolution Group as a whole for all of the hard work done in such a short period of time.

We learned from our work in the inventory phase that our committee lacked vision and clear goals about public information worldwide and how we function as a committee. We found that a lack of clarity within our internal policies has led to confusion and hindered our progress. At the WSC meeting this year in Greensboro, North Carolina, we will finalize our committee vision and mission statements. We also hope to present needed revisions to our internal policy. We are confident that the work we have put into these statements and policy changes over the last three years will lead us into the next century. The committee believes the time has come to fulfill its primary purpose.

We have submitted a motion in this year's *Conference Agenda Report* to revise *A Guide to Public Information* and *A Guide to Phonenumber Service*. The motion itself best outlines the reasons for this request to the NA Fellowship. We believe this is the highest priority facing WSC Public Information today. *A Guide to Public Information* has not been changed since WSC '91 and *A Guide to Phonenumber Service* since the complete revision in 1993. Over the last three years, members of our fellowship concerned with public information efforts repeatedly have told our committee of these deficiencies. Many technological changes have taken place concerning phonelines since *A Guide to Phonenumber Service* was accepted at WSC '93. It has been very frustrating for our committee to be told by the fellowship that our guides are outdated and be powerless to facilitate any changes.

On January 26, 1996, the WSO released to the World Wide Web (WWW) the official Narcotics Anonymous Home Page. The location of the page is: <http://www.wsoinc.com>. It is very informative and presented in a professional manner. Congratulations to the WSO staff involved with this project. More will be revealed as we move into the future with the use of this media to help carry the message of our program to the fellowship and the rest of

the world. As can be imagined, the use of the Internet in PI efforts is just one of the things that needs to be addressed in *A Guide to Public Information*.

For your information, please note that *NA Update: A Newsletter for Professionals* has become a cooperative effort between WSC PI, the WSB External Affairs Committee, and the WSO. This publication has been well received by the professionals and our committee is satisfied with its quality. Additionally, this past year, two editions of the *PI News* were published. Our efforts are to focus this publication back to its original intent: the PI efforts that concern the fellowship. As one of our communication avenues with the fellowship, we intend to use it to the best of our ability.

We would like to thank the fellowship for the opportunity given us to serve.

Tony Walters, chairperson

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