

WSC'97 Report

A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE 1997 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Webmaster's note: Due to resource constraints, we will not have the Spanish, Portuguese, German, and French versions of the WSC'97 Report posted on the website.

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WSC'97: THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 26 April

- Development Forum session
- PI, H&I workshops
- Orientation

Sunday, 27 April

- Conference opening v Introductions
- Approval of rules of order, minutes
- New regions recognized v Approval of WSC procedures
- WSO Open House
- Board and Committee meetings

Monday, 28 April

- World Services Development Plan Presentation
- Transition Group Presentation

Tuesday, 29 April

- Board and Committee Reports

Wednesday, 30 April

- Transition Group Small Groups
- Reports concluded
- Old business begun
- Zonal Forum meetings

Thursday, 1 May

- Conference elections
- Budget presentation, discussion
- Old business concluded
- Board and Committee meetings

Friday, 2 May

- New Business

Saturday, 3 May

- Fund-Flow Discussion
- Transition Group Wrap-up
- Development Forum Wrap-up

" . . . to achieve our common goal."

WSC '97 meets in Woodland Hills, California

Regional representatives and world-level trusted servants met from 26 April to 3 May 1997 at the Marriott Hotel in Woodland Hills, California for NA's 21st World Service Conference. The theme of this year's conference was ". . . to achieve our common goal"— a phrase selected from the writings of Jimmy K., one of our fellowship's founding members.

The Interim Committee began the 1997 World Service Conference by reporting the recent acquisition of historical and archival material. The committee reported that the cost of the

archives was negotiated with Jimmy K's family, and the material was purchased for \$50,000.

Each morning, to reinforce the conference's theme, participants read excerpts from Jimmy K's writings. A number of members were quite moved by the historical and spiritual significance of one of our earliest member's thoughtfully written words—so much so that the World Service Office received a number of requests for photocopies of this recently acquired archival material. Participants therefore will be receiving copies of all of the excerpts that were read at WSC '97.

Following the opening of the WSC on Sunday morning, participants also had the opportunity to tour the WSO and see some of the archival material on display at the office. Buses were provided for participants' transportation, and modest refreshments were served during the WSO Open House. Many participants expressed their pride in our new facility, and were also very pleased with the acquisition of the early office archives that were displayed.

Issue Discussion: Fund-flow— Back-to-basics

The Issue Discussion scheduled for Thursday of the conference week was postponed due to an exceptionally lengthy Old Business session that lasted well into Thursday's activities.

However that postponement, in the final analysis, ended up providing the opportunity for conference participants to demonstrate the growing maturity of our international fellowship, and of the trusted servants who represented that fellowship during 1997.

Throughout the week, trusted servants heard the facts regarding world service funding and our service efforts' expected limitations for 1997 due to a lack of human and financial resources. In reaction, conference participants rose to the occasion in support of fellowship-wide service provision by seeking to cancel the re-scheduled discussion on Saturday morning. Instead, participants insisted upon holding an open and frank discussion about our fellowship's fund-flow system, and how it can be improved for the good of the entire fellowship.

Regional Service Representatives were forthcoming with many suggestions as to how world services, and the fellowship at large, might improve our ability to fund services at all levels within our fellowship. Among those suggestions were to develop better group-level product information; allow for direct donations through the literature order form; ask groups to send \$1 a week or \$5 a month to world services; improve services so that groups can see what they're paying for; hold conventions as world service fund-raisers; educate our membership about 7th tradition fund-flow while relying less upon conventions and literature sales; and other sincere suggestions for a back-to-basics approach to paying for our fellowship's services.

The World Service Board of Trustees' Internal Committee has been charged this year with developing a fund-flow system that works and that offers options to our members and

groups. NA members can expect regular updates as to the progress of their work. Nonetheless, conference participants' willingness to offer so many suggestions, and to return to their respective regions and begin educating local NA communities about the need to get back to basics and support our service structure, is good news indeed for our entire fellowship.

In demanding and participating in the fund-flow discussion at WSC '97, conference participants demonstrated the ability to put aside regional concerns and differences of opinion in order to work for the common good of NA.

This willingness to look selflessly at what will benefit the majority of our membership was noticeable among all participants, but perhaps most remarkable among regions whose service offices will be directly affected by the reduction in literature discounts set to commence in September 1997. The maturity demonstrated by participants at this year's conference should make all NA members proud indeed of their RSRs.

We have reached the stage in our development when our fellowship can put aside our individual differences and work for the common good of Narcotics Anonymous. In so doing, we have truly demonstrated the coming into our fellowship's maturity represented by the occasion of our 21st World Service Conference.

The issue discussion topic for next year's WSC will be: "fund-flow& funding NA services," so members everywhere will have a chance to discuss this important issue over the coming year.

The NA Way goes international!

By adopting motions 2,3,4 and 5 from the 1997 Conference Agenda Report, conference participants have created the new *NA Way Magazine*. Now an international journal dedicated to connecting our members in a brand new way, the *NA Way* will serve more of our fellowship by providing service information, a sharing section, and recovery-oriented entertainment in five languages to members around the world.

Subscribers to the old *NA Way* will be receiving a form in the June issue enabling them to request a refund for the unused portion of their subscription. Of course, members will also have the option of "donating" that unused portion to the WSO by simply not requesting their refund.

All members, groups, and service committees currently on the mailing lists for the former *NA Way*, *Newsline*, *Conference Digest*, *H&I News* and *PI News* will be receiving their very first issue of the new international *NA Way* soon: Additionally, any member who wishes to become a new "subscriber" needs only to send a written request, along with his/her name and address, and will automatically receive the new periodical free of charge. The new editorial schedule begins in June, and, though the translated versions will arrive a bit later, English readers can expect the first issue to arrive in their mailboxes by the first of October.

A Guide To Local Services

With the overwhelming approval of Motions 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 at this year's conference, the fellowship has adopted the idea of making significant changes to our local service structure by approving *A Guide to Local Services*. While the new *Guide* itself recommends such changes as merely suggestions, members and trusted servants can, in the months to come, expect to see some new terminology being applied to our service structure.

For example, what used to be known as Area Service Representatives (ASRs) will now be referred to as Regional Committee Members (RCMs). Along the same lines, Regional Service Representatives (RSRs) will now be referred to as Regional Delegates.

In short, these changes in terminology are only a small part of the significant changes suggested by the new *Guide to Local Services*. It is therefore encouraged that all local NA communities begin the process of self-education and awareness about the new *Guide* so that we can be as prepared as possible to understand and even implement some or all of the service practices described therein.

Development Forum

This year's Development Forum provided assistance to fourteen international representatives, allowing them to attend and participate in the annual meeting. Since it first began in 1992, funding provided by the DF has helped our fellowship achieve the dream of creating international representation, better connecting our members across local, regional, and even national boundaries.

However, concern has arisen around the idea that the DF has become merely a vehicle for travel subsidization rather than a means by which to ensure that the WSC become a worldwide participatory event. Consequently, the WSC Board of Trustees and conference participants have been seeking additional ways to assist emerging fellowships.

The Development Forum wrap-up on Saturday 3 May revealed the results of small group discussions regarding the DF:

- The WSC Development Forum is regarded as valuable.
- The Public Relations Plan is helping the European Fellowship.
- There is a need for simplified translated service materials.

Representatives from Brazil, New Zealand, Colombia, and Italy were then asked to address the conference in order to share how the existence of the DF has affected their local NA communities. After the representatives shared their gratitude for the DF, other international participants lined up at the microphones to relate their own experiences and suggestions for improving the DF.

In all, many conference participants found this last sharing session quite moving, and ending the conference on this note of gratitude seemed a fitting end to a conference in which trusted servants really did seem dedicated to the WSC '97's theme: "to achieve our common goal."

World Services Development Plan

The first presentation Monday 27 April was given jointly by members of the WSC Board of Trustees, the WSO Board of Directors, and WSC Administrative Committee. The result of the combined efforts of world services, the World Services Development Plan contains the goals and objectives of the WSO Business Plan developed by the WSO Board of Directors and the Fellowship Development Plan created by the World Service Board of Trustees. Though each set of goals was developed separately, both of these plans were created with the involvement of members of both boards, the WSC Administrative Committee, and the WSO staff.

This work represents the cooperation among world services called for throughout the world services inventory project and affirmed by the adoption of the Vision Statement for World Services at WSC '96. Presented in a spirit of honesty, trust and goodwill, these combined goals from the Business Plan and Fellowship Development Plan truly represent a commitment to cooperation among world service leadership for the common good of our membership.

The purpose of this plan is to allow world services to accomplish the objectives stated in the World Services Vision Statement and World Service Conference Mission Statement.

The goals of the plan include:

One: To increase and improve world services available resources in the following areas:

- A. Financial Stability
- B. Fellowship Development Tools
- C. Data Management
- D. Human Resource Management

Two: To increase and improve planning for fellowship development.

Three: To institute a quality assurance program at WSO.

Four: To enact the necessary structural changes to allow world services to become more effective.

Five: To improve world services' written and face-to-face communication with the fellowship.

Six: To identify new recovery material(s) needed by the fellowship and develop a plan for their creation by 1999.

Seven: To develop a public relations philosophy and strategy by December 1997.

These goals [greatly condensed here for brevity's sake, but the expanded version of which is available upon request] represent leadership's best thinking, based upon years of

practical experience, as to where we, as a fellowship, need to direct our attention for world level service provision.

It is also important to note that this plan has been a culmination of two groups working separately, reaching the same conclusions, and then coming together in a spirit of unity and cooperation for our common good.

Conference participants offered discussion and suggestions for the implementation of the plan, and ultimately supported this "blueprint" for future world services activity.

Transition Group

The Transition Group gave a presentation to the conference on Monday afternoon and evening. They also facilitated small group discussions on Wednesday, and presented a summary of those small group discussions on Saturday prior to the end of WSC '97.

On Monday 28 April, the TG presented their work on Resolutions A, B and C2. For Resolution A, which addressed the creation of a downsized, more consensus-oriented WSC, the group presented four different models with accompanying rationale. The models ranged from one fairly similar to our current structure (Model One) through one which called for the virtual elimination of world services as we know them (Model Four).

Monday evening, the TG presented their proposals for Resolution B and C2—the creation of a single board and a downsized standing committee structure. In this presentation, the group addressed the interrelatedness of these two resolutions; the board's and committees' accountability; the functions and duties of the board; qualifications for board members; the functions of each proposed standing committee; and the debate surrounding the amendment adopted at WSC '96 mandating a group within the board who would assume the functions of the original board of trustees.

On Wednesday morning 30 April, the entire conference broke into smaller groups in order to discuss the TG's proposals with the objective of providing the group with clear input as to the direction their work should take during 1997.

The general results of those small group discussions were presented on Saturday 3 May in the Transition Group's wrap-up session. The group stated that all of the input received would be distributed and reviewed by the group's June meeting, but there were some preliminary results that could be reported to the conference. It should be noted that the following information that the TG presented to the conference was meant to represent initial trends. It is not statistically accurate for a variety of reasons, but it was never meant to be. The small group information, by design, was meant to indicate preference and provide the group with direction—which it accomplished.

The small group input revealed that responses were not especially helpful in demonstrating a clear direction for the TG's work this year. The model to address Resolution A that conference participants stated will best serve the needs of the fellowship now was varied.

Over 30% said none or no change; approximately 11% preferred Model One; 16% wanted Model Two; 24% would like to see Model Three; 7% for Model Four; another 7% would like to see some combination of the models; and 11% would like to see the US and Canadian regions frozen at their current level now. One conclusion that might be drawn from this information would be that, while over 30% said none or no change for the present, a majority of conference participants were in favor of change of some sort.

The model participants preferred to serve our fellowship's needs in the future seemed to have a little more focus. Only 9% wanted no change; over 2% wanted Model Two; 30% preferred Model Three; 15% stated Model 3.5 (which could be either more than three or less than four); and 38% wanted Model Four.

Some recurring themes from some of the small groups were the desirability of a two-year conference cycle; that the eventual implementation of Resolution A be slow and gradual; the desirability of maintaining delegates' alternates at the WSC; that a sharing session needs to be part of the conference; that funding and cost-equalization should be an important consideration; that there should be less US dominance of the WSC; and that any new system should be sure to preserve our fellowship's copyrights safely.

The TG reported that, with regard to Resolution A, only a work plan for a model and for its transition will be presented next year, with no motions in the *CAR*.

Regarding the issue of the group within the board that will retain the trustees' function, the TG reported that approximately 20% of conference participants want to see this role assigned to the World Board as a whole, 5% wanted this assigned to another World Board committee, and 32% wanted to see this role assigned to a specific group within the World Board. The TG also received input in addition to the original small group questions that approximately 24% want to see this specific group directly elected by the WSC.

The group also believes that they erred in the manner in which they presented this issue within their report. They stated that the conference's intention to preserve the original function of the trustees had been heard loudly and clearly.

The group intends to place material about Resolutions B through G in the 1998 *Conference Agenda Report*.

Translations

The World Service Translation Committee had one meeting during conference week and also managed to meet with ten separate language groups to discuss local translation efforts and concerns.

The WSTC reported this year that twenty-six new translated items were completed during 1996, and that translations projects are occurring in a total of forty-two languages. In India alone, there are seven different language translations in process.

After the WSTC's report, a question and answer period followed in which participants discussed how language priorities are determined; the expense of translations; regional translations of items; and the approval process for translated literature.

Trustees

The World Service Board of Trustees distributed review forms of the *Outreach Handbook*, the *Institutional Group Guide*, and the *Additional Needs Booklet* at this year's WSC. The board intends to have approval forms of all three in the 1998 *Conference Agenda Report*, and in the meantime has distributed them to local committees for review and input. The board reported significant progress on the Fellowship Development Plan (now combined with the WSO Business Plan to form the World Services Development Plan) and the Public Relations Plan.

The board reported on the Development Forum, including the questions surrounding the DF's future. The External Affairs committee then reported on their progress over the past year, thanking the Carolina Region for their work on the *Additional Needs* draft. Members of the External Committee also described some of the progress on the Public Relations Plan. Progress here includes the Train-the-Trainer modules that have been developed to assist with our fellowship's Public Information efforts, as well as the Education on Multi-Zonal Forums information.

The big news from the External Committee, however, was that during 1996, Narcotics Anonymous received a Medal of Honor from the International Counsel on Alcohol and Addiction, recognizing NA as an international organization. The presenters also enumerated the *PI Guide* translations that have occurred in recent months, as well as the PR plan's section on strategies for starting an NA meeting in a correctional facility—a section that will prove especially helpful for fledgling NA communities where the first meetings are often begun within such facilities.

The board then gave a brief update on the research conference project that has been postponed. Concerns regarding our fellowship's relationship to professionals along with continuing regard for limited staff resources at the WSO caused the board to move cautiously in this area, postponing the conference until such time as seems advisable.

Interim Committee

On Tuesday 29 April, the Interim Committee gave its report to the conference, providing an overview of Interim's responsibilities.

The committee then reported on their goal of providing an annual report at each WSC that will give complete details regarding all fellowship development trips, zonal forum workshops, and so forth.

A member of the committee then reported on some of the problems that have arisen regarding our fellowship's use of the Internet.

The treasurer then gave an overview of the financial report, noting that, due to limited financial and human resources, the conference should not support "business-as-usual" when we have a major project such as the Transition Group's work to complete.

Conference Administration

On Tuesday 29 April the WSC Administrative Committee reported to the WSC. The committee reported that Motion 16 from WSC '96 resulted in a new and useful section of the Conference Agenda Report (the appendix), but also an untoward amount of work for WSO staff and the committee. Part of the reason for this extra work is that this was the first year the motion was implemented. The committee is uncertain as to how to proceed with the implementation of this motion for next year.

The details of the World Unity Day were reported as follows: the 1997 World Unity Day is to be held in conjunction with the world services meeting on Friday and Saturday August 29 and 30, 1997. The Unity Day meeting and phone hook-up will occur Saturday night at 7:30 Eastern Daylight Time. The cost for each "listen-only" telephone hook-up is \$50.00 for calls within the US. All registrations must be received no later than 1 August 1997. For further information about the phone hook-up, please call 818-773-9999 818-773-9999 extension 202.

The world services meeting/Unity Day celebration will occur at the Providence Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. For hotel reservations, please call 800-294-7709 800-294-7709 FREE and mention NA World Unity Day. For further information about the world services meeting, please call the WSO at 818-773-9999 818-773-9999 extension 201.

The chair also shared the committee's concern about the decline of the number of regional reports submitted for publication. He suggested the possibility of an earlier deadline for regional reports so they could be compiled and distributed at the conference instead of mailed out ahead of time. The committee plans to provide further reporting upon this issue in the coming months. He added that the committee is working on developing a standardized form for the regions to use in reporting.

As was discussed last year, all zonal forums that requested conference participant mailings did receive them. Now, however, one zonal forum is asking that all members of their steering committee receive the mailings. The chair noted that to comply with this request would be irresponsible, costly, and precedent-setting and asked that zonal forums do not request extra mailings. It was also reported that the committee believes that the conference treasurer should remain a member of the WSC Administrative Committee and also continue to serve in a voting capacity on the Interim Committee, without making a motion to change *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* at this time.

H&I

The WSC H&I Committee chairperson introduced the members of the committee present and acknowledged the members not present. The committee's workload during 1996 included the *Institutional Group Guide* (worked on in conjunction with the World Service Board of Trustees); a Learning Day Packet, and addressing the accuracy of languages that the H&I guide is translated into—Spanish, German, Portuguese, and French. It was also noted that an Italian translation of the H&I guide is needed.

The committee also worked on referral letters for facilities and has fine-tuned the *Reaching Out* review process. They also reviewed the Train-the-Trainer modules being developed for Public Information efforts during the previous conference year.

Literature

The literature chair gave an overview of the Step Working Guides project, explaining that due to budget constraints the committee has not been able to work on the Sponsorship project. As reported in the March Conference Report, the WSCLC believes that they need to collect recovery stories in every language where NA exists today. However, they are not sure what to do with this collection of stories once they receive them. Do the stories become a new Book Two for the Basic Text? Or do they become a new book in their own right? One idea has been to collect stories and translate them into English and then translate them back into other languages so that more people can participate.

The committee also reported on the work done with WSC Policy Committee on updating the WSCLC handbook. Several areas that are being worked on include quorum, nomination forms, and several other areas of the literature handbook.

The chair then addressed the issue of future and possible disbanding of WSC standing committees. He believes that the moratorium on the Basic Text should end and he believes that it does end at the beginning of the 1998 WSC. He stated that personally he believes that two new chapters of our text should be developed: *Sponsorship* and *Service*. In fact, participants at this year's conference directed that the following motion (#102) appear in the 1998 CAR: "That the WSC direct the WSCLC to begin development of a Sixth Edition of the Basic Text as soon as the moratorium expires. The Sixth Edition should include a chapter on Sponsorship, a chapter on Service and new stories of an international fellowship."

Public Information

The WSC Public Information Committee gave an overview of the Development Forum session and the cooperative effort with H&I.

They then described the process for the work on the *PI Handbook*. They informed the conference that the *Public Information and the World-Wide Web* resource paper would be

distributed to conference participants later in the week as a work-in-progress draft not for general distribution. The phoneline technology resource paper was distributed to conference participants during the week as well.

The vice-chairperson then gave a report on the IFNGO in Jakarta that he attended. He spoke about the need for Public Service Announcements for other cultures and languages. He noted that we do have PSAs available at the WSO in English.

Policy

The WSC Policy Chairperson introduced the members of the committee and then gave a review of the workload for the past year. She spoke about the World Service Conference orientation presentation, the WSC resource table, clean-time requirements for the World Convention Corporation, and the issue of proxy vote or participation via absentee voting.

WSO Board of Directors

The WSO Board chairperson introduced the members of the WSO Board of Directors. He also recognized Janis E and Bob M because they have completed their terms and are not seeking re-election. He thanked them for their dedication and service.

The WSO Board report provided some background about the downturn in sales and the effect it has had on the office. The downturn in cash flow forced the BOD to look at the reality of downsizing the WSO staff. The board has worked on standardizing the cost of goods and as a result has made two item pricing adjustments. It was also noted that without significant cash flow the WSO will not be able to support fellowship services.

The board then reported on *The NA Way*, the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT), the staffing reduction and staff planning, the Business Plan, and the Sales Policy.

The board reported also having had some difficulty protecting our trademark in various countries, and there has been some difficulty with recovery literature appearing on the internet. To assist with copyright protection, the board has added a banner on all book length pieces for ease of legal protection. There have been several changes to vendor licensing agreements to help enforce quality control. The board is also researching charging a vendor fee that will help pay for staffing costs.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) then gave some background about the reduction in staff. Last year the office added four staff, Becky M, Assistant Executive Director, Jeff B and two members of the group services staff. The office had two people who retired, Dottie Radatz and Steve Lantos; and two resignations, Lee Manchester and Carlos Martinez. The conference also saw the retirement of long-term employee Vida Moro. With the unexpected and deeply mourned death of Debbie Goss, along with the staff lost as the result of the downsizing in March, the WSO saw an overall loss of seven employees during 1996-97.

In September of this year WSO income had dropped significantly and management started looking at ways to reduce operating costs. Office management knew at the end of 1996 that they would have to reconfigure the staff in order to maximize efficiency given our financial picture.

Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) then continued the presentation: In February, the Executive Management of the WSO, working with the WSO board, initiated a process called the Emergency Action Plan, and they started to implement it in order to offset the financial downturn the office was experiencing.

In order to effect the necessary changes, they tried to identify the positions that could be abolished but at the same time ones that would not totally reconfigure the structure of the WSO, thus hoping to minimize the effect on the delivery of services. This resulted in a reconfiguration that consolidated the previous teams and also identified a variety of core services which include fellowship services, administrative activities, production and distribution, order entry and customer service, and shipping and receiving. The other direct result of this reconfiguration was that five WSO employees had to be let go.

After this report, a moment of silence was called to remember Debbie Goss, the World Service Office employee who passed away in April.

After a break, board members returned to the podium to present an overview of the business plan and financial report along with an update on the sales policy. It was pointed out that the reduction in the discount structure would result in an overall reduction by an average of 1/5 of bulk purchasers' current discounts. The board realized that this may hurt some areas but the overall goal was to keep our primary service center up and running.

Finally, a member of the board gave a report on the cost of goods and our distribution network.

World Convention Corporation

The WCC Chairperson introduced the members of the WCC Board of Directors in attendance. He then mentioned the WSO/WCC Workshop held in Denver this past year that allowed the WCC to directly interact with regions and assists them with questions about legal issues, facility issues, hotel arrangements for regional conventions.

The chair then reported that the *Convention Guidelines* are out of date and do not supply much help for regional conventions. This is a project that will need significant work and due to the financial constraints may not be a priority project. The corporation was hoping to get direction from the conference on this matter.

Motion #26 directed the WCC to include common needs meetings at the World Convention. The members of the corporation decided not to work on Motion #84 since Motion #26 would supersede the New Zealand Motion #84.

The 1997 work plan was also discussed. A revised work plan and budget was submitted. Left-over WCNA-26 merchandise is available at a reduced price for purchase. The WCC vice-chairperson then talked about the next World Convention, including the registration flyer (in various languages). The site for WCNA-29 [2002] will either be in Orlando, Montreal, or Atlanta. A decision will be made later this year. WCNA-28 [2000] will be held in Cartagena, Columbia. A video on the city of Cartagena was then shown to conference participants.

CY 1996-97 Financial Summary

The following is a summary of World Service Conference fiscal activity beginning 1 June 1996 and ending 15 May 1997. It is not a complete WSC financial report. For a complete set of CY 1996-97 financial statements for the WSC, write WSC Treasurer, Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409 USA.

Opening balance \$ 177,736

Contributions 425,660

Interest income 1,215

Expenses (442,640)

Closing balance \$ 162,007

Contributions

Members \$ 7,128

Groups 10,031

Areas 24,900

Regions 327,951

Conventions/Events 35,567

Unity Day 12,028

Other 8,055

Total contributions \$ 425,660

Expenses

Travel \$226,757

Bank charges 437

Consultants 6,851

Copying 2,071

Equipment 9,013

H&I stockpile 6,646

Meeting space 12,534

Parliamentarian 1,258

Postage 44,018

Telephone, fax 34,946

Translating 26,737

Non-NA events 10,154
Miscellaneous 11,218
Total expenses \$ 442,640

Note: Expenses for CY 96-97 include \$31,367 in carryover expenses from CY 1995-96.

CY 1997-98 budget

World Service Meetings

Annual meeting \$ 95,000
Development Forum 25,000
World service meetings 23,800
Translation meetings (2) 27,600
WSB meetings (3) 27,500
Interim Committee meetings (2) 11,000
Leadership Orientation 0
Board & committee liaisons 4,100
Total world service meetings \$214,000

Administrative expenses

Bd & com phone and copying \$ 18,000
Bd & com mailings Conference calls 18,000
Misc office supplies 2,500
Total administrative \$ 38,500

Public relations

Professional events (non-NA) \$ 11,500
Total public relations \$ 11,500

Publications

Conference Agenda Report \$ 6,500
PI publications 1,200
Reaching Out 6,500
Conference Report & Digest 6,000
Publications translations 12,000
Total publications \$ 32,200

Fellowship dvlpmnt, add nds

CAR workshops \$ 8,000
Fellowship asst/dev travel 15,000
Zonal forum/wkshp attendance
Add needs workshops
Expanded WSB meeting (1)
Total fellowship development \$ 23,000

Other

H&I literature stockpile \$ 6,000
Unity Day 5,000
Total other \$ 11,000

World service projects

Transition process \$ 120,000
Literature committee projects 24,600
Public information 2,500
Policy 0
Carryover expenses 0
Unbudgeted (H&I) 0
Unbudgeted (Fell. Devel.) 0
Unbudgeted (Archives) 0
Total world service projects \$ 147,100

Total \$ 477,300

Election results

WSC administrative officers

- Chair: Ron S (New Mexico)
- Vice chair: Jon T (New Jersey)
- 2nd vice chair: Mary C-V (Idaho)
- WSC treasurer: Paul H (Delaware)

Conference committee officers

- Lit chair: Jorge B (New York)
- Lit vice chair: India T (Minnesota)
- H&I chair: Craig R (N. Carolina)
- H&I VC: David J (Pennsylvania)
- PI chair: Erik R (Hawaii)
- PI vice chair: Cynthia E (California)
- Policy chair: Lib E (New Zealand)

- Policy VC: Steve R (Pennsylvania)

Trustees

- Michael McD (California)
- Tony W (South Carolina)

WSO board 1-year terms

- Bob L (California)

WSO board candidates pool

- Joe P (UK)

WSC Literature Committee members

- Cindy M (California)
- Muhammad A (Illinois)
- Vinnie F (New York)
- Steve M (Maryland)
- Bess H (Germany)

WSC Policy Committee members

- Roy J (Michigan)
- Barb P (Minnesota)
- Gwen M (Illinois)
- Denver W (Maine)
- Epharin W (New Jersey)

Motions

Format note: The following are all the motions approved at WSC'97. Vote counts are shown for motions for which standing or roll call votes were taken.

LITERATURE

Motion #10: "To approve the WSCLC's 'A' worklist for the 1997-98 conference year: (1) Step Working Guides; (2) Sponsorship Booklet."

Motion #102. To commit Motion #102 to the *CAR*: "That the WSC direct the WSCLC to begin development of a Sixth Edition of the Basic Text as soon as the moratorium expires. The Sixth Edition should include a chapter on Sponsorship, a chapter on Service and new stories of an international fellowship."

H&I

Motion #8: [Amended by adding one "Don't" to each section] "To replace the existing 'Do's and Don'ts' in the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook for treatment facilities (pages 28-29), correctional facilities (pages 40-41), and psychiatric hospitals/forensic units (pages 47-48) with [specific language as stated in the 1997 CAR].

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Motion #9: "To approve the WSC Public Information Committee work plan proposal to complete work on the *Guide to PI* and continue the work on the *Guide to Phoneline Service*."

POLICY

Motion #11: To approve Addendum 3A, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*." ROLL CALL VOTE YES-74; NO-6; AND ABSENTIONS-2.

Motion #12: "To remove wording from the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* that is redundant and/or inconsistent with *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* by amending the . . . sections in the 1996 TWGSS [as stated in the 1997 CAR]."

Motion #13: "To change the name of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* to *A Temporary Working Guide to Our World Service Structure*."

Motion #14: "To amend the 1996 *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* by replacing references to ASR, Area Service Representative, RSR, Regional Service Representative. And Representative with RCM, Regional Committee Member, RD, Regional Delegate, and Delegate respectively." ROLL CALL VOTE. YES-58; NO-22; ABSTENTIONS-4.

Motion #15: "Replace the content of *The Group Booklet* with the chapter, 'The NA Group,' pages 26 through 46 of *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*."

It was M/C WSC Policy Committee "To ratify the appointment of Rich Silva to the WSC Policy Committee."

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

Motion #2: "To discontinue the current format of *The NA Way Magazine*, publication ceasing upon the completion of the June 1997 issue, with current subscribers having the option of receiving a refund of the unused portion of their subscription money."

Motion #3: "To delete the section entitled "The NA Way Magazine" from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 1, pages 31-32."

Motion #4: "To delete the section entitled "The World Service Conference Digest" from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 5, page 36.

Motion #5: "To commence publication of the new *NA Way Magazine* format by adding the following [specific] language [as stated in the CAR] as a new third paragraph to the section entitled "The World Service Office" which begins on page 9 of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition:"

Motion #6: "To remove Section 12 from the FIPT Operational Rules, page 20, Article IV, and replace it with [specific language as stated in the 1997 CAR]. . . ." This motion was divided by parliamentary procedure, but both sections of the motion were adopted.

Motion #7: To add the following language to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property, 'Guidelines for Use of NA Trademarks': 'Narcotics Anonymous trademarks should not be used on locally developed recovery literature.'

Motion #25: [Committed] "To direct the World Service Office to increase the size of the 'Just For Today' poster to approximately 150% of its current size."

Motion #33. "That detailed accounts receivable information be provided in the World Service Office Annual Report. This information should include an aging sheet providing a breakdown of totals which are 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, and more than 90 days past due. Also, that the report list the names of regions and/or regional offices with a past due balance greater than five percent of the total outstanding accounts receivable as shown on the balance sheet."

Motion #41. [Committed for the purpose of receiving a report about this issue] "That the WSO BOD eliminate one of the Executive Codirector positions at the WSO."

Motion #78. [Committed] "To delete the word 'Europe' from the title "World Service Office- Europe.'" By request of the WSO board chairperson, conference participants voted to COMMIT Motion #78 to the WSO board.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Motion #1: "That the World Service Conference be held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office."

Motion #23: "To amend the motion previously adopted by the 1992 World Service Conference (*Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, page 26, tenth motion down) by adding the following language at the end: 'When requested by the conference, the designated representative of any zonal forum will be allowed to address the conference, make reports, and answer questions pertaining to specific information. Any zonal forum with a registered address with the WSO will receive the same mailings as conference participants.'"

Motion #30: "To change the review and/or revision provision of the World Service Conference Mission Statement as stated in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, page 14, footnote #5, by deleting the language 'by future World Service Conferences,' and replacing it with 'through the Conference Agenda Report.'"

Motion #40 [Committed]. "To direct the WSC Administrative Committee to include the financial impact, staff and resources, to the WSO with all conference agenda motions."

Motion #48. "That the World Service Conference place issue discussion topics into the *Conference Agenda Report* and final two topics be selected by the fellowship. Topics are to be submitted by RSRs at the 1997 World Service Conference and placed in the 1998 *Conference Agenda Report*."

Motion #89. [Committed as input only] "That a person be assigned the responsibility, whether hired or a volunteer, of translating all one or two page documents at the next WSC into Spanish, as they are produced in English, for handing to the Latin American representatives as the business meeting continues." [Also committed to WSO Board]

Motion #79B. [Committed to the 1998 CAR] 'To consider the following proposal: To include the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book) in the World Services Translation Committee policy on Basic Text personal stories.'"

TRANSITION GROUP

Motion #16: [Committed] 'To distribute the *Conference Agenda Report* at least one hundred fifty days prior to the annual WSC.'" **STANDING VOTE: YES-52; NO-30.**

Motion #19 [Committed] "To direct all world service boards and committees to investigate and propose alternative ways to complete their work in such a way as to reduce their travel expenses by twenty-five percent of their 1996-97 budget levels. This reduction in travel expenses will be presented by the Interim Committee during the budget session at the 1998 WSC annual meeting. This will effect the 1998-99 WSC budget of the WSO and WCC." **STANDING VOTE: YES-42; NO-35; ABSTENTIONS-0.**

Motion #103. [Committed] "Amend 1996 TWGSS, page 26, 10th motion by adding to the end of the sentence: 'That Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous CANA be recognized as a non-voting participant on the conference floor.'"

Motion #87. [Committed] "That the WSC approves in principle, subject to group conscience and approval within the respective participating regions, seating two (2) voting representatives from the Midwest Forum, in lieu of regional delegates, by WSC 2000."

INTERIM COMMITTEE

"To adopt the WSC 1997-98 budget as presented." ROLL CALL VOTE YES-79; NO-2; ABSTENTIONS-2

Motion #95. [Committed] "To review editorial process available and expand language regarding the process which will be used for the new *NA Way Magazine*."

WCC

Motion #76. That the WSC hereby ratifies the WCC Board election of Rhonda Richetta as the "Past Host Committee Chair" board member, pursuant to TWGSS, Addendum 10, page 48.

Motion #67. [Committed] "That the World Convention Corporation have contracted with a reasonable amount of ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters at least four months before WCNA."

Motion #68. [Committed] "That the assistance which will be available for addicts at WCNA be more specifically listed on WCNA registration form.

Newly-seated Regions

- **Cost Rica Region**
- **Norway Region**

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