

WSC POLICY COMMITTEE COMMITTEE RECORD
APRIL 26, 1992

Mitchell S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance

Mitchell S.
Bud K.
Mary C.
Oliver N.
Shannon L.
Gene R.
Ron S.
Jon T.
John H.

WSO Staff

Steve Sigman
Donna Smylie

Several visitors were present.

Oliver N. expressed his desire to resign from the WSC Policy Committee. Oliver stated that communication had been difficult. The committee accepted his resignation.

Regional motions in the *Conference Agenda Report* that were assigned to the WSC Policy Committee were discussed:

1. Motion from Wisconsin regarding national/zonal representation: **"That WSC create a transition plan that participation at WSC will be based on national/zonal/continental representation; such plan to be included in the Conference Agenda Report '93."**

Bob J., (RSR, WI) discussed this motion with the committee.

A discussion ensued with several points being brought to light: 1) Zonal--maybe one delegate from North America to represent us at a "world" conference; 2) This item is already on the NAS agenda; 3) One person felt that this might lock us into a specific time frame; 4) Bob J. had concerns that NAS might be disband (this would be fail-safe if that happened);

Ron S. wanted to commit to NAS. Jon T. wanted to defeat this motion. Jon said it was added work for NAS plus NAS is already doing this work and wouldn't be able to meet the deadline for the *Conference Agenda Report*. Bud suggested that the WSC Policy Committee refer this to NAS as input and take the time-frame out of the motion. Shannon suggested that the motion has merit, it wouldn't bog NAS down, and it should be committed.

It was M/S/C Ron S./John H. "To recommend committing the motion to NAS." YES-5; NO-2;

2. **Mike C. (RSR, IA) presented the Iowa regional motion. "That the 1993 World Service Conference and all succeeding WSC annual meetings be held during the last week of May with the CAR published 120 days before each WSC."**

A brief discussion ensued and several concerns were brought up including: 1) the motion has been discussed in previous years; 2) concern about cutting the working time available for subcommittee work during the conference year; 3) budget concerns.

It was M/S/U Jon T./Gene R. "To recommend defeating this motion." YES-7; NO-0.

The "A" and "B" Panel discussions for the conference were discussed:

Bud gave an overview of the new Seating of Regions proposal. Gene said the area and regional surveys will be given to the Admissions Panel. Gene said that WSC Policy Committee is through with them. Jon said that WSC Policy Committee never addressed the input received from the Seating of Regions survey regarding these surveys and he doesn't feel that policy is through with the surveys. Jon feels that the policy committee needs to finish the work and then give the work to the Admissions Committee or give them the surveys as is along with the input received and let them decide. Gene wants the conference to approve the WSC Policy Committee's second motion even if the first one fails. Bud said that would be done when the motions are brought up on the conference floor--not during the panel presentation. Steve S. feels they should bring this up during the "A" panel. Gene feels that regions go through Admin anyway. Bud stated WSC Policy Committee agreed last year that seating needed to be out of their guidelines anyway. Gene stated that based on the above information the policy committee work on the Seating of Regions is completed. Shannon will moderate the "A" panel.

"B" panel: Dawn F. (RSR, Carolina Region and Multinational Development Forum representative) gave a brief overview on zonal representation discussions. Points of interest included the service structure's relevance to most other countries, duplication of services, and the frequency of world service conference meetings. Other topics mentioned were spontaneity in zonal formation, autonomy of zones, the desire for equal representation, and recognition of cultural diversity. Ron S. summarized his presentation for the "B" panel.

The committee recessed at 9:00 for a fifteen minute break, and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

The following conference motions were discussed:

It was M/S/ Mike C. (RSR, Iowa)/Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin) **"If at the end of the 92-93 conference year this task is not completed, this ad hoc will be dissolved and the project will be referred to the WSC Policy Committee for evaluation and recommendations on its status with the WSC. Also the ad hoc will be limited to a budget of \$20,000 for the completion of this task."**

Discussion centered on concerns about the unrealistic dollar amount and the motion being short-sighted. The vote to recommend defeating the motion was unanimous. YES-6; NO-0.

It was M/S/ Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin)/Mike C. (RSR, Iowa) Amends Motion #16 **"Add 3 RSRs to membership of the admission panel (outlined in addendum 11). The RSRs would be appointed by the WSC."**

The committee voted 5-yes, 1-no to recommend rejecting the motion.

It was M/S/ Tony L. (RSR, Northern California)/Bob C. (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho) **"To disband the WSC Policy Committee and assign their duties to the WSC Administrative Committee who may use ad hoc committees and RSR panels."**

Tony L. discussed motion from his region. The committee voted unanimously to recommend defeating the motion.

It was M/S/ Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial)/Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) **"Resolution - While there may be exception, as a rule: WSC committees are designed to coordinate and assist the delivery of service and the World Service Board of Trustees committees focus more on the philosophical, long range, structural and conceptual issues facing the NA Fellowship rather than on direct services."**

Ambiguity was noted, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend defeating the motion.

It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Mitchell S. (WSC Policy Chairperson) **"That the WSC Policy Committee members who are not already conference participants be added onto the appropriate mailing list, to receive all the same mailings (minutes, reports, etc.) as conference participants do."**

The committee voted 6-yes, 1-no to recommend approving the motion, pending Admin's recommendation to approve.

The committee broke at 10:05, and reconvened at 10:20 p.m. with an open forum. A brief discussion ensued on the slate of nominees. It was expressed by one member that the conference participants could make a more responsible decision with the service resumes in front of them. It was felt by some members that this would be a project for the WSC Policy Committee next year.

It was M/S/U Ron S./Mary C. to nominate Bud K. for WSC Policy Committee chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominees for WSC Policy Committee Vice Chairperson

M/S/ Mary C./John H. to nominate Jon T.

M/S/ John H./Ron S. to nominate Gene R.

M/ Shannon/ to nominate Mary C. Mary C. declined the nomination.

The nominees answered questions by the committee members. Jon T. moved to present them both to the conference and let the conference decide. After more discussion and another vote, Jon T. was elected as the nominee for vice chairperson.

Appointments and elections were deferred until the Friday meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:24 p.m.

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