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TO: Newsletters  
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FROM: Robert B. Stone

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The World Service Conference that ended on Friday April 27, 1984, adopted several motions concerning a future publication of the N.A. Way Magazine. One of those actions was to approve a proposal sent to the Fellowship as part of the "Conference" approval material proposed by the World Service Office. A copy of that proposal is included with this letter for your review. A copy of the appropriate pages from the Conference Minutes which reflect these approvals are also included.

In reading the magazine policy you will discover on page 3 the beginning explains, for A REVIEW PANEL. Paragraph 3 of this section indicates that 1/3 of the review panel is to be composed of representatives (the language used is editor, however, that may not be a universally used term). The procedure outline includes a schedule and a requirement for prior registration and publication of certain data. The language used cannot at this time be complete with structure sense of its use, never-the-less, it is important that this 1/3 of the review panel be created and begin to function. Unfortunately, whomever wrote this proposed policy did not discuss either the willingness of Newsletter Editors to perform this service or the amount of time that may be required. Even though I have no answers to those 2 questions I am instructed to proceed with them. The purpose of this letter is to alert each Newsletter to the action of the Conference to adopt a policy and to advise that I must if possible begin to have the review panel function. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. I would appreciate your response to the following proposal:

1. That all Newsletter publications would select a current or previous editor (or some other such individual heavily involved in the publication) be assigned by the Newsletter to serve as a member of the review panel. Those members of the review panel would be selected at random into three teams, each team would represent one of the review panel memberships assigned to the Newsletter editors in the policy. In this way, the spirit and intention of the policy can be implemented without having to comply with the deadline requirements shown in the policy.



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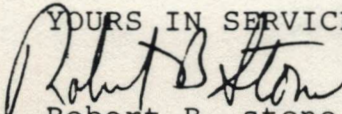
2. That all members of the review panel who are Newsletter editors, etc. would be treated equally and receive all input that would be considered for publication. It is not known whether or not any or all of the individuals from the Newsletters who would thus serve on the Review Panel have a required five years abstinence and although, the policy would seem to mandate such, if indeed the Newsletter panel participants would not have five years time. I believe the proper interpretation would be that the Fellowship would want them to participate regardless of the length of clean time.

The World Service Conference selected as its participants on the review panel, Roger T. (RSR New York City), Bill Z (Maryland and Message NewsLetter), and James Drinkwater (Former NA Trustee). The Board of Trustees have selected the following Trustee Members to serve on the review panel, John Farrell (Philadelphia), Sydney Rosen (So. Cal), and James Bohan (Maryland).

The editorial board currently has only one member, but hopefully the 2nd associate editor and the managing editor will be selected soon. The only current member of the editorial board is Jack Bernstein, appointed member from the Trustees. The World Service Conference voted to "Assign to the World Service Conference Administrative Committee authority to select the member of the Editorial Board of the NA WAY Magazine for this (1) year."

It is my intention that a 60 day screening application process will be used in the selection of an employee to be the managing editor of the Magazine. A special letter informing Regions of this, and the procedure involved will be sent in the next few days. You can see from lack of specific details that we are not prepared today to have a review panel function as it might in about a year or so. However, we must move forward immediately to continue publication of the Magazine on a regular basis. The Fellowship would like to have a member of the Newsletter (A current or previous editor or dedicated volunteer) to be appointed to fulfill the duties assigned to review panel membership, from Newsletters. Your assistance in locating such a person will be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call me.

YOURS IN SERVICE TO N.A.,

  
Robert B. Stone