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Footage Notes from the
CAR Discussions

TAPE ONE - SIDE A

- 000 Introductory Readings
045 Introduction by Mike P. Mid-Atlantic RSR
120 Motion 9, page 16 Dave T. WSC Chair read motion
152 Motion 10, page 18 Becky M. WSB Chair, Mitchell WSC 2ndVC
working on Translation Policy. Should Translation Committee
vote or not at WSC. The Trans Comm wants accountability.
285 Dave T. Interjected that only elected chairs vote, not the
committees themselves. [ed note: the subject came up
repeatedly of whether chairs represent the committee or just
themselves.]
324 Translation Committee - Mike P. - Seems odd that we have to
go to these lengths to form a different type committee that
doesn't vote, has no delegates, no travel. Seems difficult.

Becky M. - Advocates this structure. These were the
guidelines they were given over past two years. Participants
nominated by translation committees in different countries.

TAPE ONE - SIDE B

- 000 Translation Committee (continued)
050 Non-voting Committee Chair can make motions and address WSC.
070 Frank brings up separate issue, feeling that constituting this
committee differently breaks unity of WSC.
155 Motion 12 - page 19 - Outreach To continue Outreach
committee. Dave T. Outreach has been going past two years.
170 Working with WSO, local Outreaches and has written Outreach
Handbook. Statement at Cincinnati workshop. Need to go on,
register groups.
185 What is cost? \$1300 last year.
190 Multiple assignment of RSR's seem as cost efficient.
195 What % of Fellowship has Outreach Committees? Answer is
unknown yet they exist all over the world.
200 Note: 1300 groups are not part of any ASC.
235 30-40 page outline - no writing yet. Committee will die if
motion fails approval.
242 Ivan - WSC H&I has its own Outreach with Handbook to H&I
meetings that lack outside support.
260 End discussion.
266 Motion 14, page 25
300 Asking for survey to help make N.A. better fellowship. Poll
what is working and what is not. Major cost is data input,
dependent on how many questionnaires are put out. Plan to
select groups by random. May cost \$15,000. Will create
viable proof that N.A. works. Another estimate of cost at

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\$8,000.

345 AA Survey costs \$55,000.

TAPE TWO - SIDE A

- 000 Do we need survey or not? Helplines not answered in many places. P.I. Committees small.
- 196 One member recommended year moratorium.
- 200 What % of registered home groups will be surveyed? No clear answer.
- 203 Call for new questions only.
- 214 Where is idea of internal survey fit into hiring outside firm for creditability. We can use inside or outside.
- 224 Mickey R. RSR So. New Jersey - NJ concern about impact on members and newcomers as violation of no surveillance trust at meeting level.
- 240 Discussions ended.
- 242 Motion 15, page 25 Revisions to pamphlet "N.A. Community Resource" Some changes: Rapid growth proof of N.A. working. Grew from under 200 meetings in three countries in 1978; 1200 meetings in 11 countries in 1982; and 25,000 meetings in 60 countries in 1993. Intent is to make palatable to non N.A. members that N.A. works.
- 253 Shannon RSR TriState - Less than 14,000 registered groups with 19,000 meetings according to last survey. Where is world getting these 25,000 numbers?
- 289 Jamie-Scott Hopkins WSB - This pamphlet is misleading to professionals - we only count clean time. Professionals go by how long we have been off the streets.
- 305 Motion 16, page 26 - Change P.I. Sub Committee of WSC to ... Intent to further primary purpose of the WSC by informing the public about N.A.
- 334 Leah - How many voting members in WSC PI? Now nine members, down from eleven. One third is a quorum. Is committee working? Can is be doing that well if it is so small? Pool members elected at WSC get voted up to committee.

TAPE TWO - SIDE B

- 031 Motion 17 - A motion to approve "A Guide to Phoneline Service." Phone line guide went out last year. Being used now in many areas and regions. Carefully proofread, now reads much smoother.
- 065 Motion 21 - Nominees do not have to be present to be elected at WSC. Much work and discussion in WSC Policy and Board of Trustees on Nominations Committee. Split over Nominations Committee presenting all qualified nominees or the most qualified. WSC Policy decided to go ahead and present. One question: some members would have to spend \$5,000 to attend WSC from other countries. Something like this happened last year.

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- 190 Desmond, TriState Chair - Will implementation help avoid going
through 23 ballots to elect 2nd VC of WSC debacle?
- 205 Elaboration on nominees who can't be funded to WSC. One,
their region pays for them to attend in advance of their
nomination or election. Two, Region doesn't have the money to
pay and the individual has to pay. Current process requires
that an individual or region has to reach a financial level to
participate.
- 226 Last year's nomination of a member from Australia failed as
they weren't present.
- 237 Purpose of motion to legitimize non presence - i.e., if
several or many regions paid for or encouraged their nominees
to attend, it would result in a huge waste of funds.
- 242 One member complained that the word 'slate' in the motion
reminded him of labor unions. Problem with Nomination
Committee in discussion by the Policy Committee and the Board
of Trustees reached deadlock when it came down to the question
of whether a limitation of four qualified nominees per
position and five were nominated, they would have to decide
who were the most qualified. The Policy committee wanted to
put the motion out for discussion and consideration as this
problem area will not go away.
- 252 Motion 22 - "Be it resolved..." RSR working groups
encouraged. Has been done past few years.
- 308 Much discussion about funding. One RSR brought up the exact
wording needs to include intent as this gets lost once motion
is carried and set in TWGGS. Point that this resolution will
not go in TWGGS and is not policy. Later, someone gave an
example of a resolution that was put in TWGGS therefore making
it as much policy as a motion.
- 335 Mike P. - Resolution not binding according to Robert's Rules.
- 340 So - exact wording is important because affirmation passed at
WSC'92 are now in TWGGS. Need intent clearly stated in
resolution because it changes things.

TAPE THREE - SIDE A

- 028 Do you want to send a message to the leadership that we want
RSR's involved? [note: this is one of the unusual references
that indicate that there is a 'separate world' of N.A.
leadership beyond the WSC world and the N.A. Fellowship
world.]
- 031 If this is not a motion, why is it called a motion and
numbered?
- 132 Question of succession if RSR from a given region working on
a project might have alternate continue...
- 148 The resolution is a MOTION.
- 152 12:30 AM February 6th - two motions left Doing well to finish
on time.
- 157 Motion 23, page 34. 2 year WCNA Dave B. from WSO and Anthony

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- WCNA coordinator. Presented several times over past three years. Didn't want to change until all zones had hosted.
- 236 Will two year Double cost or cut in half?
- 240 Big jump to emphasize goodwill over finance.
- 254 Mickey R. - Could WCNA be managed more by hosting region than direct management.
- 265 Motion 13 - H&I tape of mock presentation. Ivan from H&I worked on this for four and a half years. Committee satisfied.
- 284 Would tape bear translation? Emotions don't translate well.
- 302 Close out Friday Session.
- 305 Start Day Two - Saturday February 6, 1993 Motion 8 - BOT and Interim Committee. Becky and Jamie from WSB.
- 315 Becky - Intended to be a resolution relating to practical experiments with dual membership between WSO and WSB. WSB seeking better vehicle for obtaining direction and not being locked into motions. Problems with number of meetings to attend for dual members. Excessive work load possible. Don't want to get locked into what is known as dual membership.
- 349 Becky - "This motion may be another band aid and probably won't hit the floor in this form."

TAPE THREE - SIDE B

- 000 Becky wanted question discussed.
- 034 What is financial impact?
- 048 Why aren't financial impacts given in the CAR?
- 050 Imaginary figures are misleading and inaccurate. Didn't have time to get accurate figures. Financial impact amounts were a JAC phenomenon. There were three problems: 1) Not having accurate figures. 2) Not enough lead time. 3) Not being able to give the WSO side of the problem in the presentation.
- 059 Are there benefits from the one year of dual membership that we might want to do again? Jamie - Not a total success. Better for communications between the two boards. Put a strain on single member.
- 122 Motion 7, page 13 Public Relations statement of purpose.
- 240 Jamie - Don't have plan at moment. If Fellowship say no to the internal survey, this could be whipped out straight away.
- 248 Denver - Mountaineer RSC - At group level, this motion may go against the 11th Tradition. Motion 7 may replace Addendum M.
- 324 What are current WSC PI objectives and how would passage of motion 7 affect these objectives?
- 330 This is a public relation for N.A. as a whole, not just WSC PI.
- 334 Motion 6, page 11 To delete from WSB operating procedures "represent" to "strive to represent" This is a clarification of a motion committed to the WSB at WSC'92.
- 342 Announcement to do Motion 3 then Motion 4 and then Motion 5.
- 345 Motion 3 FIPT - Beck, Jamie and Mike P.

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TAPE FOUR - SIDE A

- 000 Used to say WSC was TRUSTOR (Owner) Becky - Changed to say
the Fellowship is the Trustor (Owner) expressed through WSC.
Fairly drastic change in process. This was the major change
since the FIPT was presented last year. Literature and
copyrights are Held in Trust for the Fellowship.
- 084 What discussion in working group to suspend rules of order at
conference to vote on this motion this year. (This part not
clear to me. See note at 250.)
- 152 Becky - California has the toughest consumer laws in the
nation. They are always looking out for the beneficiary.
- 163 Trust laws are done at the state level.
- 188 B-12 - Detailed discussion of what is covered in trust. i.e.,
all recovery literature, service marks, trade marks, logos and
copyrights.
- 250 Does BOT or WSO want the FIPT passed this year? Becky - No
big push or sense of urgency to push this through.
- 260 B-13 Individual who take part in the creation of those
properties will do so as employees of the trustor whether
salaried or volunteer with full knowledge of the commissioning
and controlling interests of the Trustor.
- 277 Federal Government has volunteer employees. Becky, "Figures."
- 288 What if a group decides to write a piece? Is that property
of the Trustor automatically? (page B-4)
- 344 Only RSR's vote on changes in literature or approval process.

TAPE FOUR - SIDE B

- 000 Wade Allen
- 012 Origin of Trust - "We became aware of this fact that there was
a huge legal loophole that we had overlooked. We did not have
a written document anywhere stating how we hold copyrights."
- 060 Motion 4 - Addendum C Internal Use of Intellectual Properties
within N.A.
- 070 Scott - New Jersey RSR - Felt that Motion 31 Regional Motion
"Members of the Fellowship..." requires a group tally. May
withdraw motion due to the changes in the FIPT. Important
issue was that Fellowship owns literature and that's why we do
service work.
- 095 Becky on group tally. RSR is established and voice of
Fellowship.
- 167 Becky - As owners of Literature, Fellowship group if they need
to should be able to reproduce that literature to carry our
message.
- 172 We should not be in the role of police.
- 177 Shannon - Didn't see how we had been police on copyrights.
- 190 Shannon - Does this flexibility jeopardize our copyrights?
- 191 Mitch - This internal use policy was made for the rule and not
exception.
- 198 Mike P. - Issue here is trust, reciprocal.

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- 200 Becky - No matter what legal protection we take, our only protection is our own Fellowship.
210 Becky - Internal use doesn't jeopardize the copyright.
228 Jamie - Definition of group
232 Jamie - Threat of copyright problems instills fear in group in other countries who have to print and copy our literature.
244 Mike P. - Removed specific reference to "registered group."
248 Mickey R. - Real issue isn't what's going to happen in a court of law, it's what's going to happen in the Fellowship. As former distributor of 'Baby Blue' he is real familiar with this.
252 Baby Blue outside internal use policy.
275 Mickey - Addressed issues of cost where groups might want to put literature into an institution.
290 Discussion of reimbursement policies and per deims.

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- 000 Becky - Prioritizing is improvement. Budgeting didn't work. JAC always made cuts in the budget.
086 Break till 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

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140 Resume - Motion 18, page 28 to approve IW:H&W
146 Dalton - Historical process - out for review last year. November 92 review form. [Note: did anyone see this review form?]
168 Move on to Motion 19, page 29 To approve WLC "A" list 93-94
1. Step Working Guides?
2. H&I and the N.A. Member.
200 N.A. History
212 Least prioritized piece on list is history.
292 Serenity Prayer Motion 1 - Interim Committee 93-94 Couldn't hear clearly on tape.

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- 000 Couldn't hear tape clearly until 165
165 New Jersey Regional Motions
180 Motion 24 - WSC 3 year moratorium on lit to begin in final approval of It Works.
230 Don't dissolve existing system of local literature committees and have to restart in a few years.
238 "... time out to restructure the top of the service structure." [Note: this is the second expression to slip out that there is another agenda going on and the "Interim" may be a discontinuance of the old structure and the start of something that no one knows about yet...]
270 New York
275 Seemed to pit committees against committees.

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- 296 Motion 29 - New Jersey - "Recovery and Relapse" original I.P.
335 Motion 30 - To prevent WSC from creating ad hoc that goes on
forever.

TAPE SIX - SIDE A

- 000 Motion 38 - Ad hoc to get CAR professionally edited into plain
English condensed.
118 Motion 28 - Original idea to combine IP's into one H&I
package. Got out of hand and resulted in costly booklet. All
the IP's together cost \$1.50.
125 Spiritual and practical... Helps addicts and the Office can
sell them and make a whole bunch of money.
135 Motion 33
168 Idea that H&I chair represents H&I committee and votes H&I
conscience is not clear to some members.
170 Dave T. WSC Chair - His thoughts as chair to administrative
committee not represent group conscience of committee. Dave
doesn't understand others who see it other way.
185 Motion 34 and 35
190 Concern about accountability.
305 Motion 36 That Guide to Service go out for at least a full
year for review. Paul for C&P RSC
310 Motion 39, page 84 Jamie on motion 39. God without gender
big issue in Australia, England as well as Buddhist and
Islamic countries. Most of these members don't feel God has
a specific gender. Interesting discussion.

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- 000 Buddhists don't relate to God - Capitalization in recognition
of dogma.
027 How does moratorium affect these changes? Dave T.
075 God talk on Higher Power - This is a soft example of a
possible change dealing with gender.

[Note: Entries are either reasonable synopsis of what was said or
put in quotes if attempt at a verbatim excerpt was made.]