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WSC-82  
SPECIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
REPORT

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The committee spent many hours discussing the contents of both the report and the study that have been presented for the Committee's study. We found both to be complex and contain allegations, suggestions and recommendations in greater number than we can find time or space to respond to.

We discussed in great detail the circumstances that caused the Trustee Sub-Committee Study and response by the WSO. Our analysis is that, founded and unfounded complaints, personality differences and differing interpretations of the Twelve Traditions are the contributing factors to the problems behind both the study.

The Committee feels that a detailed analysis and response to each allegation would be lengthy and unnecessary.

Rather, the Committee feels, the errors and omissions should best be treated in the tradition of love and forgiveness. The Committee feels our hours together have been beneficial in promoting unity within the fellowship. Within this context the Committee has several recommendations for Conference consideration, that will lend to the gradual change and improvement in NA and our ability to serve the still suffering addict.

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These recommendations go to the heart of the problems that, the fear, suspicion and pride, evidenced by many of us in creating circumstances that brought the creation of this Committee.

A spirit of compromise, for the benefit of the fellowship, brought us to these recommendations.

TO BRING THE WSO TO CLOSER UNITY WITH THE GROUP CONSCIENCE OF WSC. THAT THE EXISTING BY-LAWS OF WSO-INC. MUST BE CHANGED BY DELETING PORTIONS OF ARTICLE 16, Section 16.01;

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However, this corporation is fully independent of corporate structure and no Director hereof is an interlocking Director of any other corporation, including the Narcotics Anonymous Society. Hence, no corporate resolution, vote or activity of that or any other corporation or organization will in any way influence the independent vote of any Director or member hereof, nor will the same influence the independent judgement of any Director or member to cast his vote on any issue before the Board or membership meeting of this corporation, despite the fact that coincident memberships exist between this corporation and Narcotics Anonymous Society, and in fact a condition for membership in this corporation is membership in good standing in Narcotics Anonymous Society...

FURTHER, THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE SHOULD BE ADDED TO Section 16.02:

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"All members, Directors and officers of this corporation shall be, and are, subject to, and will abide by, motions adopted, at each WSC meeting and implement decisions reached by the WSC as they pertain to operation of the WSO."

To besnvr the change we are proposing in the structure and organization of WSO, we feel it desirable to make similar recommendation for change of the organization between WSO and Trustee members has led to much of the problem.

OUR RECOMMENDATION ARE:

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1. A FIXED TERM SHOULD BE SET FOR ALL TRUSTEES (such as, 5 years) and DIRECT ELECTION OF TRUSTEES BY THE WSC.

④ 2. DIRECT ELECTION BY EACH SUCCESSIVE WSC OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE WSO CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP. EACH PERSON TO SERVE FOR 5 YEARS, (until built to 25 members).

⑤ 3. A SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY BE IMPLEMENTED FOR NA AS A WHOLE AND ALL OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES (in the form of reports) TO WSO, IN ORDER TO PROPERLY REPORT OURSELVES TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THIS MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO OUR NON-PROFIT STATUS.

⑥ 4. THE WSO WAS LEGALLY CREATED TO BE THE PUBLISHING ARM OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AS A MEANS OF ACCURATELY REPRODUCING THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY. IT IS APPROPRIATE AND ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PUBLICATIONS USED BY NA BE REPRODUCED UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF WSO.

The adoption of these recommendations would be a first step in developing a check and balance in NA, which hopefully will continue through out our entire structure.

WSO (RE: 1+2) WE ARE taking THOSE changes in obedience to herewith  
⑦ within a period not to exceed 1 year. We the WSC of NA will at that time vote to reaffirm same and hope with the power of god that these good things will be possible for us as a Fellowship to trust that which has been entrusted to us in the spirit of recovery, to replace the conditions on the changes based on the purpose of all interested parties. It is necessary let the decision come from the floor.

WSB: BY DELETING CONFLICTING LANGUAGE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION  
⑧ + INSERTING THIS LANGUAGE: THE WSC ELECT 5 members to the Board of Directors of WSO. That they take office immediately, they serve for 5 years during each successive year. The two WSO Bd. members with the longest time of service on the WSO Board leave the Bd of WSO and each successive WSC elect two members to replace those retiring directors, further that the WSO, inc. change their by laws immediately.