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SPEAKER TAPES AVAILABLE SOON

Speaker tapes will soon be returned to the inventory of items available from the World Service Office. Tapes were removed as items in the inventory last January pending development of an appropriate tape review policy. A new policy has recently been adopted by the Board of Directors of the World Service Office that will permit re-introduction of speaker tapes. The new policy provides for a two step review process for all proposed tapes. This policy establishes an Advisory Committee composed of two members from the Board of Trustees, the Vice Chairpersons of the Literature, Public Information and Hospitals and Institutions Committees of the World Service Conference and four members of the Fellowship selected by the World Service Conference. All members of the Advisory Committee will receive from the World Service Office, copies of each tape as received by the World Service Office that are proposed for inclusion in the inventory. The Advisory Committee members will review and evaluate the tapes according to the following general criteria:

1. Adherence to N.A. Traditions
2. Content of the message
3. Logical sequence of presentation
4. Appropriate use of language with respect to the program
5. Reproduction quality of the tape including voice clarity, background noise, etc.

Advisory Committee members will discuss these matters among themselves and make recommendations for approval or rejection of each proposed tape. If two-thirds of the Advisory Committee members recommend approval of the tape, it will then be included in the next review step. Tapes that are not recommended will not be further considered. Tapes that pass this first hurdle will be reviewed by a committee known as the Review Committee.

The Review Committee will have two members of the Board of Trustees, the Chairpersons of the Literature, Public Information and the Hospitals and Institutions Committees of the World Service Conference, in addition to four members selected by the World Service Conference. The Review Committee will receive copies of the tapes that are recommended for approval by the advisory committee. This committee will then determine which of the numerous tapes that are recommended for approval will actually be included in the inventory.

In previous years, the individual tapes included in the inventory were selected by the office staff and the Directors of the WSO. This new tape policy will transfer complete control to the Fellowship. This eighteen person review process by trusted servants will be balanced geographically and the membership on the committees will overlap one year in order to develop consistency. In order to return tapes to the inventory as soon as possible, work will begin immediately to get the committees operational. Interim appointments for the members that will be elected by the Conference will be made by the Chairperson of the World Service Conference.

The Fellowship is invited to send speaker tapes to the World Service Office for consideration. According to this policy, care should be exercised to make sure that those tapes sent are of the highest quality sound recording available. Every tape submitted should be appropriately identified as to who the speaker is, when the presentation was made and who the recording was made by. A copyright release will be required before any tape can be considered. Copyright release forms can be obtained from the World Service Office. If tapes are received without a signed copyright release, the sending party will be sent a copyright release form and the tape held for further consideration pending receipt of the signed release.

The inventory of the Second Edition of the Text is dwindling. There are only 8,100 copies on hand at this time and these should be fully exhausted by mid-November. Typesetting of the 3rd Edition is complete and it has been delivered to the printing plant in Pennsylvania. It will take approximately eight weeks for the printing to be completed and delivery made to Van Nuys. Copies of the 3rd Edition should be available for sale at the end of November. There will be no price change for the 3rd Edition. The 3rd Edition is an expanded version of the 2nd Edition, containing 68 additional pages with additional stories that were approved by the World Service Conference in the Spring of 1984. All the characteristics of the Book, color, cover design and typestyle will remain the same.

Our office has, on occasion, received comments from the Fellowship concerning the desirability of having "chips" in the inventory which commemorate clean time in addition to the existing key tags. The WSO Board of Directors at their most recent meeting instructed the staff to begin negotiations with manufacturers to obtain chips that can be added to the inventory. The Board further instructed the staff to insure that color coordination be maintained for the key tags and the commemorative chips.

Concerning another item in the World Service Office inventory, a 1984 printing of the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure is currently available. This 1984 printing of the Temporary Working Guide includes material which was added by the World Service Conference this year. This includes sections concerning the N.A. Way Magazine, Literature review procedures and financial guidance. Copies of the Temporary Working Guide may still be obtained from the World Service Office at the price of \$1.50 per copy.

The Loner Group, recently initiated by the World Service Office has proven to be a tremendous success. There are currently over 110 members of the Loner Group in locations around the globe who cannot attend meetings corresponding with members of the Fellowship who have availability of Fellowship meetings. A Loner Bulletin was initiated in August and is sent to all members of the Loner Group. For those who may have missed the first notice about the formation of this Group, the following excerpt from a letter we've received from a sponsor is the best introduction to the Loner Group that could be found. We printed it in the second Loner Bulletin and are including it here for your enlightenment.

"There seems to be something very powerful about writing to addicts seeking recovery, beyond the obvious aspect of practicing the principle of the Twelfth Step. What started out as a simple matter of carrying the message, at someone else's request, has turned into a new found pleasure and a solid tool in my personal recovery. It has been explained to me that writing these letters of fellowship can be a part of the spirituality found in steps 4, 8 and 10. It's funny that regardless of whether or not I receive a reply, I experience remarkable results in my personal recovery simply through the act of writing. Sometimes, I feel as though my words are actually intended for my Higher Power, and I am simply using a fellow addict's address."

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Loner Group, write to "Loner Group - WSO" at the address above.

The third update to the current publication of the World Directory is at the printers now and will be mailed soon. This update contains information that was received in the office after June 1, 1984 and prior to September 1, 1984. New group registrations during this period include 394 new meetings and 86 meetings that were reported to us as being cancelled. This represents an increase of 307 meetings or approximately a 10% increase during the last three months. One additional World Directory update will be printed this year. Close out for that update will be December 15, 1984. Production of that update will be available after January 15th of 1985. If you are not currently a subscriber to the update service, you can use the regular WSO order form to subscribe.

Translations of the White Book and five I.P.'s into German and French has recently been completed and forwarded to members of the Fellowship in France and Germany for proofreading. The White Book and five I.P.'s have also been translated into Italian. This work is currently at the typesetters. Typesetting should be completed soon and draft copies of the White Book and the five pamphlets will be sent to members of the Italian Fellowship for proofreading within the next 30 days. Translations of the White Book and five I.P.'s into Castilian Spanish and Portuguese is currently underway. This work should be returned to our office within a few weeks. Typesetting will then commence and initial publication of these pamphlets will be available during the month of November.

In October the World Service Office will begin to tape the entire Basic Text for handicapped members of the Fellowship. Copies of the Text on tape should be available in the early part of 1985.

The printing and distribution of the N.A. Way Magazine has proceeded fairly close to the schedule outlined in August. The September issue of the N.A. Way Magazine was mailed in September and the October issue is also in the mail at this time. Starting with the November 1984 issue, the Magazine will be mailed prior to the first day of the month. You may subscribe to the N.A. Way Magazine by using the attached W.S.O. order form. You are reminded that the N.A. Way Magazine is desirous of individual stories that members of the Fellowship have, themselves, experienced and would like to see submitted and printed in the N.A. Way Magazine. Information on submitting stories for publication can be obtained in copies of the N.A. Way Magazine.

The WSC Public Information Committee has scheduled its second workshop for Oct 19 - 21, 1984, in Ripley, West Virginia. The tentative agenda for that workshop includes a continuation of work which was begun in Boulder, Colorado. Participants will be working on the do's and don'ts for P.I. work, a revised P.I. Handbook and Hotline/Helpline guidelines.

Response to initial mailings of the Public Information questionnaire and census has been very encouraging. Tallies of the information received will be worked on at the West Virginia Workshop and results will be published as soon as possible. If you have not yet completed either a questionnaire or a census, we would appreciate your doing so as soon as possible. All responses should be mailed to the WSO at the above address.

* * * * * POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT * * * * *
From WSC Policy Committee Chairperson Bill H.

The Policy Committee had a meeting at WCNA 14 in Chicago. Topics of discussion were the "Trusted Servant," and a "Working Definition of Group Conscience." Lengthy discussion was followed by questions regarding the different concepts, and interpretations of group conscience were voiced by various members of the committee. There is still the need for input from the Fellowship on their experience, strength and hope regarding group conscience. The committee feels, however, that the questionnaire mentioned in the last Fellowship report should be delayed until the next meeting of the Policy Committee, which will be held on Friday, November 23, 1984, during the Volunteer Regional Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee. Members of this committee are urged to attend this meeting.

Because of the interrelated issues and concepts being dealt with by the Policy Committee, the Select Committee for the Service Structure and the Board of Trustees, there has been considerable communication and cooperation between these trusted servants. A unified effort is being made

to answer the Fellowship needs and there is hope that the Policy Committee can continue to be an integral part of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship's "Coming of Age."

* * * * * HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT * * * * *
From WSC H & I Committee Chairperson Bob B.

The World Service Hospitals & Institutions Committee has been moving along at a rapid pace. The H & I questionnaire has been seen by a great number of people and hospitals or institutions, but there are others who should see the questionnaire but are not on our mailing list, so, if you received one, please pass it on to someone involved in H&I. Over 100 responses have been received, mostly from institutions and hospitals. We are still anxious to receive a response from every H & I effort that has not sent one in. Please do so immediately. If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire, contact the WSO.

Next month, WSC H&I will initiate a monthly newsletter for the exchange of information within the Hospital and Institution effort of the Fellowship. We will need input from H&I people, so, if you are an H&I person or know another person who might be interested, please send us ideas and input for this. We are particularly interested in tips and ideas that work for different hospitals and institutions in the creation of meetings, keeping meetings going, involving additional staff of institutions and spreading the word about recovery among those in the institutions and hospitals. The more we share our success, the more successful others in H & I become.

In early October, WSC H&I will have a workshop at Capon Bridge in West Virginia. Some of the work to be done is to finalize the do's and don'ts of our handbook, work on an institutional pamphlet (IP) for adolescent programs and on sponsorship in an institution. Other important work will include analysis of the questionnaire responses and development of a comprehensive plan to expand H & I work within the Fellowship.

Our Committee welcomes input and ideas on all of the work being done by the Committee. A great many of our Fellowship have come into the program from an institution or hospital, and they frequently remind us, "You can only keep what you have by giving it away," so give it up!!!

* * * * * FINANCE COMMITTEE * * * * *
From WSC Finance Committee Chairperson Dale A.

The WSC Finance Committee met in Chicago during WSCNA 14. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend in Knoxville, Tennessee at the Volunteer Region Convention. For more information on that Convention call 615/525-9590.

We are continuing work on the Proposed Treasurer's Handbook. To date, we have received very little input and, as a result, may have to compile the Handbook from our committee workshops.

We have received calls concerning the WSC budget and will be addressing that issue at our November meeting. While there has been a great deal of debate and controversy over the budget which our WSC approved, the following seems quite clear: In order for the WSC to provide the services the Fellowship has indicated it wants, the Fellowship will have to pay for these services, as we must be self-supporting.

This can be accomplished through:

- A) Contributions to WSC via the suggested fund flow in the WSC '84 approved Financial Guidelines OR:
- B) Book and literature sales from World Service Office, which may prevent reduction in literature prices OR:
- C) A combination of A & B.

If none of the above occur, we will have no, or limited, WSC and WSC Committee services. The Finance Committee strongly recommends option A above. Please make WSC contributions to: WSC TREASURER, c/o WSO, at the above address.

Utilizing the suggested fund flow will, hopefully, help reduce the cost of literature and further enable the WSC Committees to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Please send us the names, addresses and phone numbers of Regional and Area Service Committee Treasurers so that we can communicate with them directly concerning the work in progress on the Treasurers Handbook. Please send this information, as soon as possible, to: WSC FINANCE COMMITTEE, c/o WSO, at the above address.

We will be sending a Finance Questionnaire to the Fellowship in November and will have a Treasurers Handbook workshop in January or February. The date and place will be announced in the Finance Questionnaire.

* * * * * FINAL WORDS * * * * *
from Bob Stone, WSO Manager

Our office received a number of letters and phone calls since the last NEWSLINE, concerning the cover story about problems with language of the Third Edition of the Text. All of the comments received were supportive of making the punctuation changes.....For those who were unable to attend the World Convention in Chicago, it was a fantastic event. The Convention Committee is to be congratulated for the superb effort. Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the Convention was the spritual renewal that attendees receive from their participation. The Washington D.C. bid was accepted for the next World Convention. For your information, the address of the WCNA 15 is: P.O. Box 2232, Washington D.C. The Trustees submitted an article for this issue of the NEWSLINE, but we were unable to include it because of the limited space.....More will be available next time.

Bob