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The World Service Conference concluded the 1985 meeting on Friday May 3, after having accomplished a tremendous amount of work. The Regional Service Representatives will be making reports on the work completed to their fellowships in great detail, but we thought there were a number of items that involve the Office that should receive special comment that the Fellowship would like to know about. This issue of the NEWSLINE will be directed to some of those issues.

* * * * * Medallions * * * * *

The Conference voted to adopt a specific medallion and authorize its sale and distribution through the World Service Office. The option selected by the Conference was that of a medallion currently in circulation by a member of the Fellowship. The medallion selected was not changed by the Conference. The individual involved has released, unconditionally, her rights to the use of the design and transferred ownership of the medallion design to the World Service Office.

The World Service Office has initiated action to begin production of medallions. It is necessary, however, that competitive bids be obtained before an agreement can be reached as to which company will be authorized to produce them for us. After an agreement has been reached, it is anticipated that production and delivery to the World Service Office will take about 90 days.

The individual who had been selling these medallions does not have any left and our office is unable to provide any for sale at this time. The Fellowship should be aware that medallion orders should not be forwarded to us until they are in stock. It is reasonable for us to expect this can be accomplished by early September. A price has not been established, but will be included on a revised order form to be produced and made available in August.

We have already received inquiries on the subject of whether or not they will also be made with silver or silver plating. No consideration has been given to this at present but the office would appreciate input on this subject.

* * * * * Basic Text * * * * *

The Conference has instructed the World Service Office, "to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular/plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the Literature Review Committee for acceptance and approval prior to printing and distribution."

In order to accomplish this, the World Service Office would like to receive information from members of the Fellowship who believe they have the skills, talent, and background necessary to accomplish this task. Every effort will be made to use a member of Narcotics Anonymous for this work.

The World Service Office will not print an edited version unless the Literature Review Committee and the Board of Trustees have reviewed and concurred with the changes made. The Office recognizes the Basic Text is the fundamental publication of our Fellowship, and if there is any reservation or conflict on this issue, the office will withhold publication until the matter is fully and satisfactorily resolved.

Individuals interested in performing this service should send a resume of their personal literary experience, examples of their work, and a short biography to the World Service Office, attn: Office Manager. Selection of the individual to do this work will be made during the summer months and involve the Literature Subcommittee Chairperson, members of the Board of Trustees, and the World Service Office.

* * * * * Public Service Announcements * * * * *

The World Service Conference Public Information Subcommittee presented four public service announcements that can be used on television. They were produced as a joint project of the P.I. Subcommittee and the World Service Office and were received with resounding approval. It is anticipated these public service announcement tapes will be available for distribution through the World Service Office in June, 1985. A special flyer will be prepared and included with the next NEWSLINE, which will give all of the specific details. If your public information committee desires to have these available in early June, please contact your local television station where they will be used to determine what size of video tape they require for their equipment.

The special flyers for public service announcements will be available as soon as the price for each item has been determined. Consideration should be given to the related matters that were discussed in the last issue of the NEWSLINE, when area and regional Public Information Subcommittees consider obtaining these for use.

* * * * * Literature Racks * * * * *

The World Service Office has continued to receive requests for literature racks that groups can obtain for displaying literature. Literature racks will be helpful for groups in their own meetings and for distributing literature in other places where permission can be obtained to provide literature for the general public. The Office would like input from the Fellowship on this subject. Literature racks can be made very inexpensively of cardboard material, or a little more expensively of wire mesh metal. It is our estimation that racks can be obtained for any size display we desire, but we need input on how many pamphlets should be able to be displayed at one time on a single rack. Please send us a note if you have suggestions or ideas on this subject.

* * * * * Tape Review * * * * *

The tape review process announced in the Newslines some months ago has developed slowly. We have decided that there are not enough people involved in the Advisory Committee which is the first stage of the review process.

At the World Service Conference, a large number of N.A. members were nominated to serve in the tape review process. The office requested concurrence of the Conference to include all those nominated in the review process, rather than selecting only a few of those nominated. The Conference concurred with this request. Letters are being sent to all nominees and we anticipate their involvement in the near future.

We anticipate that tapes may be available in our inventory within the next 90 days. More information will be provided in the next Newslines.

* * * * * Workshops * * * * *

The Conference decided to conduct workshops for all of the Conference Committees simultaneously at the same location during two or three separate weekends. During the year, these quarterly workshops will provide opportunity for World Service Conference work to be accomplished in closer communication and coordination among the various Committees.

The first workshop has been scheduled for the weekend of July 19, 20, and 21, 1985. It will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, and begin with a special Narcotics Anonymous meeting on Friday night. During Saturday and Sunday, the committees will conduct five hour workshop sessions with opportunity to break for lunch and dinner. Four or five of the committees will meet at a time. Members of the World Service Conference Committees should begin to make travel arrangements now to obtain the lowest fares for transportation. The exact location in Kansas City, Missouri has

not been determined, but will be available to committee participants shortly.

* * * * * From The Board of Trustees * * * * *

"Every N.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Not only is there an obligation but a duty of every recovering addict to support both through effort and monies the things that will help N.A. grow.

It is sad that in our efforts to recover we take great reversals of attitudes and actions, from high-rolling, grandiose, free-spending people to tight, selfish individuals with great rationalizations and justifications for our actions.

With this pious and noble attitude we point at others or say "let George do it; he is more qualified and has more money."

We forget that every one of us had to support our own habits by whatever means we could find. If we could give just a small percentage of the monies or efforts we spent for drugs, how well we would be able to carry the message of recovery to those many unfortunate addicts who have not yet found N.A.

Just think for a moment how much could be accomplished if every addict in N.A. would pledge one cent a day to one service arm of N.A. Greater numbers of people would hear the message of N.A. and be given a chance of recovery.

It seems that in our recovery, memory returns very slowly. We forget where we came from, the way it was, and how we obtained the message of recovery. It was freely given, but there was work and money involved that came from somewhere.

There is work being performed by people who feel that sense of responsibility to their fellows. Phone calls cost money, the printed material that is given away for free costs money, the rent must be paid at a central location so we may be located by those seeking recovery. When the phone rings we want someone to be at the other end; they must be paid. The postage for the letters you write and responses to those letters also cost money.

Remember the work you don't see being done is usually being accomplished by a mere few that ask very little in return. Those few cannot do it alone, without the help of all members in the Fellowship doing some small part, contributing toward their recovery and the recovery of those to come.

The survival of N.A. depends on us all. That little something we don't give might be the difference between one addict dying or surviving. That addict could be you.

Bob B.
Trustee

* * * * * Closing Comments * * * * *

We are unhappy to report that Jimmy K. is again seriously ill, and currently confined to a hospital bed. He is always pleased, however, to receive letters from friends in the Fellowship. It would be helpful to write to him at:
P.O. Box 1523, Sun Valley, CA 91353.

Please do not call, as the family is already receiving more phone calls than can be handled.

There is no doubt that the Office is willing to change how we do things and is pleased to receive suggestions that will help us help the Fellowship. We appreciate the ideas and suggestions we get and apply them whenever possible. One of these suggestions resulted in the printing of the Steps, Traditions, the Serenity Prayer and the N.A. Prayer on a parchment type paper large enough and suitable for hanging on the wall of your meeting place. We now have these for purchase as a set for \$4.50. These will appear on the new order form now being prepared.

The new order form will also have changes in format resulting from suggestions from the Fellowship.

Yours in service

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop on the 'B' and a trailing flourish on the 'b'.