



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP REPORT

January, 1986

TO: The Fellowship
FROM: George Hollahan, Chairperson
World Service Conference

Greetings! I hope the holiday season has found you healthy and prosperous and will continue to bring you joy and happiness throughout the new year. As usual, the Conference has been busy finalizing the work of this past year, reviewing work that has not yet been completed, and planning ahead for WSC-86.

The Conference Administrative Committee, along with the trusted servants of all the Conference committees, met in early January at the WSO. We were joined by several members of the Board of Trustees, WSO Board of Directors and project coordinators, and several visitors from around the Fellowship. Our discussions were mostly directed to the actual compilation of the Conference Agenda Report and specific items of business for WSC-86. However, several committees brought forth issues of concern that could be more appropriate for discussions during the Open Forum part of the annual meeting. These issues will probably appear in the March Fellowship Report so as not to confuse them with actual items of business and still allow for enough time to discuss them adequately among your regions.

The quarterly meeting concept of the WSC, which was adopted at WSC-85, will be recommended for continuation with a few minor changes. One of these changes will be asking the Conference to allow the WSC Administrative Committee to select the actual meeting locations and make those recommendations to the Conference at the annual meeting. Our experience this past year with the proposed meeting in Boston and the unforeseen problems we encountered and the possibility of a lengthy bidding process on the Conference floor, prompted these recommendations.

TO: The Fellowship
FROM: Leah Goodrich, Vice-Chairperson
World Service Conference

I'd like to wish you all a happy new year. As we approach the annual World Service Conference, the Administrative Committee and standing committee chairpersons have just completed a two day meeting. We met at the WSO to discuss and finalize the material to be circulated to the Fellowship for Conference deliberation. That material is in the Conference Agenda Report which will be mailed to you in a few days.

Our Literature Committee has completed two pamphlets and one handbook for approval and there are some other pamphlets that will go out for the review process for nine months. More details can be found in their report.

The Hospital and Institutions Committee has a pamphlet to be voted on along with other motions regarding guidelines already in existence.

The Public Information Committee has completed a *Guide to Phonelines Service* and a *Guide to Public Information*. These have been works-in-progress for the last twenty months and the committee has done a very thorough job. The Public Information Chairperson has resigned effective the end of January and the Vice-Chairperson of P.I. will be taking over the duties of the Chairperson. The Administrative Committee will be of service in every way possible to complete any remaining loose ends. Thanks Kim, for a terrific job!

The Convention Committee has been in communication with the WCNA-16 Convention Committee and is moving right along. I just attended a World Convention Corporation meeting at the WSO and the Convention put together various motions to be decided at this WSC.

The Policy Committee is working on a long list of items including guidelines for the Conference and their Committees. Because of their complexity and shortness of time this past year in which to accomplish the work, the Policy Committee will not be proposing adoption of their current projects. Some of the work being done by Policy is shared by the Select Committee and their coordination of work has not been completed.

The Finance Committee compiled a pamphlet *Hey! What's the basket for?* It is not quite finished and won't be ready for the Conference.

The International Committee has been quite busy communicating with our Fellowship around the world. There will be issues to be discussed at WSC which will generate new ideas for the Fellowship. The I.C. has continued to open lines of communication to even more of the European N.A. communities.

There is one aspect of Conference Committees operation that needs to be more fully understood. It seems that in order to do a thorough job of producing good quality work, it takes longer than the allotted time from one Conference to the next. The work has to be in Administrative Committee possession 120 days before the Conference to get it to you 90 days before the conference. This, in effect only allows the committees six active working months. Hence, much of the work actually completed takes two years. We don't have the solution to this problem except to promote understanding of the length of time that much of the Conference work requires. I do believe that we want work done with thoroughness as well as quality and it is our responsibility to see that you as a Fellowship know this problem. As a result of this, there is a lot of work-in-progress that is not yet completed for this WSC.

Another issue of importance is the matter of quarterly meetings. This year they both went quite well and were very productive. The only problem is, they were quite expensive. In looking at the treasurer's report everyone can see that if it weren't for donations from various regional conventions, we would be in financial default. We do the best we can with what we have to work with and even so, if the Fellowship doesn't respond to the need for a steady fund flow, then we're not self-supporting through our own contributions. If you aren't aware of what World Services does for Narcotics Anonymous or why it is necessary to support our standing committees, then it's the responsibility of each member to find out. The World Service Conference directs its servants to do specific tasks which cost money. It seems as though we're looking for the job to get done but we aren't willing to pay for the necessary bills.

The services coordinated through WSC committees, include: P.I. getting facts about N.A. to national media, professional, government, and community

organizations while protecting personal anonymity; the H&I Committee links together local efforts carrying our message into jails, treatment centers and recovery houses; a monthly bulletin, *Reaching Out* shares stories from members inside and offers tips on H&I work; literature compiles pamphlets, service guides, our Basic Text and our new book on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, putting our Fellowship's experience on paper; the International Committee links the Fellowship worldwide; regional workshops put the staff of our WSO, officers of our World Service Conference and Trustees on our World Service Board in direct touch with regions through rotating seminars. Who pays for these services if we're not self-supporting through our own contributions? No one, that's who--and the addict never hears our message of recovery. I encourage you to contribute to our Seventh Tradition and encourage your local RSC to stress the importance of financial support to World Services so that no addict, anywhere need die without having had the chance to find a better way.

It is with gratitude that I look forward to our World Service Conference and hope that the spiritual guidance of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous will be with us in this coming year.

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TO: The Fellowship

FROM: Kim Johnson, Chairperson
 WSC Public Information Committee

At the January 4, 1986 WSC quarterly meeting I submitted my resignation as Chairperson of the WSC P.I. Committee. The circumstances in my personal life that allowed me to carry out the responsibilities of a WSC Committee Chairperson have changed since I accepted the position in May of 1985.

I have served as Chairperson of this committee for twenty-one months. During that time, I have had the opportunity to participate in an awakening within our Fellowship to public information service work. The WSC P.I. Committee has become a reality rather than just a good idea. With incredible administrative and clerical support from the W.S.O., the P.I. Committee is responding to the needs of our Fellowship. The N.A. message of recovery from addiction is reaching more suffering addicts than ever before.

As I write this, the *Guide to Public Information* and *Guide to Phoneline Service* are being printed for distribution to the Fellowship. They will be voted on at WSC-86. Public Service announcements made by WSC P.I. on radio and T.V. are being aired across the country. Every week new P.I. subcommittees at the area and regional levels are being formed. Trusted servants working in P.I. at all levels of service are sharing their experience with one another. We have formed communication links that are vital to a unified public information effort.

Much has been accomplished but more work is ahead of us. The Guides will be updated and expanded as new information becomes available. Area and regional P.I. subcommittees are requesting involvement from World Services in learning days and workshops. We have started to develop materials for use by the Fellowship in cooperation with the professional community but we have much to do in that area of P.I. At the international level, we are at the question rather than the answer stage on how to proceed with P.I. service work, for expanded public service work and that momentum will carry through in the coming months and years.

My personal involvement with the work of the WSC P.I. Committee has been a blessing in my life. I am deeply grateful for all I've learned, for the love and support I have received and for the strength and wisdom so many of you have shared with me. You all have taught me to work my personal program of recovery in all areas of my life and what makes sense in my life is that I move on. I have personal, financial and emotional responsibilities that I must fulfill. I'm grateful to be clean and able to meet those responsibilities.

Bob Hollander, Vice-Chairperson of the WSC P.I. Committee, will act as Chairperson from the date of my resignation, January 31, 1986 until WSC-86. The WSC P.I. Committee is not scheduled to meet until WSC-86. Committee work will proceed under his direction.

Following is an update on work in progress and work completed:

Guides to P.I. and Phonenumber Services

Both Guides are being sent to the Fellowship for review and approval at WSC-86. The WSC P.I. Committee voted to send the Guide to Public Information out for review even though some sections have not yet been completed. It was agreed by the Committee that the demand for this Guide warranted distribution at this time with the understanding that sections will be added and revised over the coming years. In fact, the Guides are designed for continual update and revision rather than as finished products. The *Guide to Phonenumber Service* is complete although we anticipate ongoing revisions and additions as our experience in this area of service increases.

Public Service Announcements--Impact Study--San Diego

Area and Regional Service Committees across the country are ordering copies of the 30 second PSAs. The *Newsline* has reported on this in recent issues. We are learning, slowly at times, how best to go about using these tools as part of a well organized public information effort. The impact study in San Diego is providing the information we need to better understand how to proceed.

The San Diego/Imperial County Region is doing a remarkable job with the PSA impact study. And what we're learning turns out to be unexpected. (Isn't that the way it is in recovery!) It's all happening much more slowly than we'd planned. Public Service Directors at TV stations just don't do what we want them to! As of January 1, 1986, all eight TV stations in the San Diego/Imperial Region were airing the first PSA. The next PSA is being delivered to the stations for review and should be aired in early February. (That's one thing we've learned--it can take up to a month or more for a station to air a PSA.)

Although it has proved impossible to keep detailed phone logs, the Phonenumber Chairperson in San Diego reports that there has been a definite increase in the number of callers. Sixty percent of the callers responding to the PSA's were addicts, and forty percent were family members. More professionals called the phone line to get information about N.A. and this, we believe, is a result of the PSA's.

A detailed report on the impact study to date is available from the WSO. It was prepared by the Phone Line Chairperson in the San Diego/Imperial Region and clearly outlines the preparations that were made for the airing of PSA's as well as giving a step by step account of what it took to "persuade" the stations to air the spots.

We thank the San Diego/Imperial Region for their patience and dedication in this project. They are serving their region and N.A. as a whole.

In Closing

The WSC P.I. Committee is currently working on materials for use by the Fellowship in cooperation with the professional community, as well as reviewing

materials in use by areas and regions for P.I. work. Other projects are ongoing (please see November, 1985 Fellowship Report for details).

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the WSC P.I. Committee, the staff and Board of Directors of the WSO, the WSC Administrative Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the countless N.A. members who have made it possible for me to carry out the responsibilities of this position. "I Can't but We Can" has been a motto of sorts during the past year and a half and it has proved true in my service work and in my recovery. I know God works through us when we work together. I will continue to serve my God and my Fellowship wherever and whenever I can.

TO: The Fellowship
FROM: Bob Bergh, Chairperson
WSC Hospitals and Institutions Committee

During the past several years it has become more apparent that a workable set of committee guidelines was needed for WSC H&I. We have experienced many pitfalls during the past five years or so, because of the lack of continuity in the tenures of trusted servants involved and participating on the WSC H&I Committee. What became evident is the fact that many RSR's and Alternate RSR's who have attached themselves to the H&I Committee did not, or could not, find time in their personal lives because of conflicting service duties, to fulfill the tasks set forth by the committee at the time of the Conference.

During the 1985-86 WSC year, one of our Committee's highest priorities was to develop an adequate set of guidelines.

In October at the Philadelphia WSC quarterly meeting, the completion of a set of viable guidelines was accomplished. These guidelines will be included in the forthcoming Conference Agenda Report. You will note that much of the guidelines are concerned with active participation by members of the Fellowship who are actively involved in H&I service, and who have the length of service and clean time felt to be a necessary prerequisite for service to the Fellowship at a world level.

An item that will be up for approval at WSC-86 is the pamphlet, *Hospitals, Institutions and You*, which has been out for consideration the entire year. We hope that as a Fellowship you have read and reviewed this I.P., and come prepared to vote on it.

In closing, it should be noted the WSC H&I Committee will be presenting a motion which will be an amendment to the current H&I Guidelines Section titled "H&I and Funding". The proposed amendments are contained in the forthcoming Conference Agenda Report. We felt the need for more specific wording with regard to H&I funding. The amendment clarifies who is responsible for the special funds and what they may or may not be used for. Hopefully, the proposed amendment will further clarify our role as trusted servants in H&I and service, as well as help strengthen H&I credibility.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service to the Fellowship.

TO: The Fellowship

FROM: Maggie O'Connor, Chairperson
WSC Literature Committee

The World Literature Committee has had a very good year. We had three very productive meetings during the year. At those meetings we made a lot of progress on the projects which were set as priorities for us at the World Service Conference last April. In early 1986 the World Literature Committee will be sending out three new drafts for review and four drafts for approval. Work is continuing on the seven remaining projects set as priorities in addition to the Traditions section of *It Works: How and Why*. While working together during this past year the Committee has learned a lot about applying our new Procedural Guidelines for World Literature and the benefits that those Guidelines offer us. The World Literature Committee seemed to work together better and be more productive every time that we met this year. Our most recent meeting in December was a great experience for all of us who were involved.

The World Literature Committee met in Van Nuys from December 4th through 7th. It was a very joyful and productive meeting for the Committee. We spent most of the four days reviewing and finalizing the approval draft of the Steps portion of *It Works: How and Why*. The Committee was extremely happy with the resulting draft. All material for this draft was contributed by members of the Fellowship who shared their experiences in writing for the review draft and also in taped interviews. This material was then pulled together into a beautiful and well constructed draft by the professional author who was hired to work with us. After the author was finished the draft was reviewed and revised by an ad hoc committee made up of the Literature Review Committee, several members of the Board of Trustees and several members of the WSO Board of Directors. Finally, in our December meeting the full World Literature Committee reviewed and finalized the draft.

We plan to have the approval draft of the Twelve Steps portion of *It Works* printed and distributed to the Fellowship in several months. It will be out no later than the week of the Conference in April. However, we will begin selling it as soon as it is printed which we hope will be sooner than the Conference. This first half of *It Works* will be out for an approval period of one full year. It will then come to a vote at the World Service Conference in 1987.

The World Literature Committee plans to have the approval draft of the Traditions portion of *It Works* ready for the Fellowship in early 1987. It will take that much time to develop the draft of the Traditions because we are still receiving and sorting the input. After seeing the results of using a professional author to put together the input from the Fellowship on the Twelve Steps, the World Literature Committee unanimously agreed at their December meeting to recommend that the WSO Board hire an author to help prepare the approval draft of the Twelve Traditions. Because a more than sufficient number of applicants were considered during the search for an author to work on the steps, we will not consider any additional applications for work on the draft of the Traditions. The World Literature Committee will continue to accept written input from the Fellowship on the Traditions until April 1, 1986. This input should be mailed to the World Literature Committee in care of the World Service Office.

At our December meeting the World Literature Committee also finalized two pamphlets. The approval draft of *The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation* was

evaluated and edited. We had received a lot of input from the Fellowship on the review draft of *The Loner*. In response to this input the approval draft has been revised substantially. The Committee also reviewed a pamphlet entitled *Staying Clean on the Outside*. This pamphlet was developed and written by the World H&I Committee who then submitted it to the World Literature Committee so that it can go through the standard literature process of review and approval.

The following outline gives the current status of all unapproved literature which is currently in the literature process or on the list of priorities for the World Literature Committee. Hopefully this outline format will make it easier to access this information for your future reference.

- A. Literature which will come to a vote at WSC-86:
1. *R-Physician's Viewpoint on the N.A. Program*
 2. *Self-Acceptance*
 3. *Handbook for N.A. Newsletters*
- B. Literature going out to the Fellowship for a one-year approval period in Spring 1986:
1. *It Works: How and Why - Part 1, The Twelve Steps*
 2. *Welcome to N.A.*
 3. *The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation*
 4. *Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees*
- C. Literature going out to area and regional literature committees for a nine-month review and input period beginning January 1986: (Input must be in by October 1, 1986.)
1. *R-Am I An Addict?*
 2. *Working the Fourth Step in N.A.* (Revised)
 3. *Staying Clean on the Outside*
- D. Drafts still being developed either in regional literature committees or in special committees by assignment:
1. *It Works: How and Why - Part 2, The Twelve Traditions*
 2. *In Times of Illness* (revision of *The Use of Medication in Recovery*)
 3. *Recovery and Relapse*
 4. *The Group* (revision)
 5. *To the Medical Profession* (new pamphlet)
 6. *The First Three Steps* (new pamphlet or booklet)
 7. *Resource Guide for the Trusted Servant* (new booklet)
 8. *Just For Today* (Daily Meditation Book)

The order in which projects are listed in Section D of the above outline is not a reflection of the level of priority for each project. We are trying to develop them all as soon as possible. However, because of the varying amounts of work involved for each project, some take much longer to complete than others. The World Literature Committee is still accepting input on all the projects listed in Section D of the above outline. We especially need original input for *In Times of Illness* and *Just for Today*. For more information on the type of input needed, please write to the World Literature Committee in care of the World Service Office. Please remember when submitting original material that you must include a signed

copyright release form in order for us to be able to use your material. Copyright release forms are available on request from the World Service Office.

All of us in the N.A. Fellowship need to constantly remember to use unapproved literature only in appropriate ways. Unapproved literature means those pamphlets and booklets which are printed on white paper and say *World Literature Committee Unapproved Literature* on the front. You may see them at your regular N.A. meetings, your area service committee or local literature committee meeting. These are new pieces of literature that are being developed and they are not yet ready for general distribution and use.

We should all know that unapproved literature is not to be used in N.A. meetings. However, it is also important to remember that it should not be distributed outside the N.A. Fellowship. Unapproved literature should never be sold or brought in to hospitals and institutions. Although most review or approval drafts are quite good, there is always the possibility that they might contain some Tradition violations or erroneous material that could distort the N.A. message. Until a piece of literature becomes N.A. Conference approved, it does not speak for the N.A. Fellowship.

If unapproved literature goes to hospitals and institutions, it will be taken as representative of the N.A. message by persons who are not members of our Fellowship. If hospitals and institutions request unapproved literature, regional offices and area or regional literature committees should explain to them that we **only distribute and sell unapproved literature within the Fellowship** for review purposes. We could then help those institutions select the literature they need from what is already Conference-approved. At this time Narcotics Anonymous has a great deal of excellent N.A. Conference-approved literature which can carry our message of recovery to suffering addicts in hospitals and institutions.

Being on the World Literature Committee this year has been a wonderful experience for me. I am very grateful to the Fellowship for giving me this opportunity to serve. It has been a powerful growing and learning experience. Other committee members have also expressed the same feelings about being on the World Literature Committee. It is truly a privilege for all of us to participate in this work of helping to carry the message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous through our literature.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Mary Banner, Chairperson
 International Committee

At the beginning of this year, the International Committee began with what seemed to be quite a few contacts in a few scattered and isolated regions of the world. Today we marvel at the growth we have seen in the Fellowship outside of the continental U.S. One of the most wonderful things has been that through diligent and continued communications, we have become good friends with many of the members of these emerging groups, areas and regions. The ongoing goal of the International Committee is to be a part of bringing together the Fellowship in all countries, and we feel we have made a good beginning. This year has seen the London Committee present a bid and be selected as the site of the first World Convention of N.A. outside the U.S.; we have shared the experiences of Ireland and Germany in putting on regional conventions; we have worked with the

Australasian Region in getting the Basic Text to members in their part of the world; Scotland, Italy, Spain and India have grown in the numbers of meetings, and we are aware that soon we will be seeing area and regional committees being formed; our neighbor, Canada, has flowered into several regional service committees, and is growing at an accelerated rate.

The past few months have seen a lot of growth and new development of N.A. in Mexico and the South American countries. New group registrations have come to the WSO from Guatemala, Argentina, Mexico, Columbia and Brazil. With these new groups we have experienced the ever present problem of translating the N.A. message. As a committee we spent a lot of time this year on the discussions of how to come up with solutions to these problems. However this is not a simple problem, and the search for solutions is a complex one. It may be an opportune time to get the input and direction from the Conference participants on HOW to proceed.

In an effort to be consistent in the interim we have talked with the WSO and come to the conclusion that Narcotics Anonymous is the name of our Fellowship, and as such should not be translated. For example, we have received correspondence from both Mexico and South America from isolated groups of addicts calling themselves "Drogadictos Anonimos," or "Drug Addicts Anonymous." They were excited to see that our Fellowship is as developed as it is, and felt that our program is appropriate for them, but our name did not make sense as they translated it. They wanted to become part of our Fellowship, but keep their current name. A similar situation existed in Quebec, Canada. Several separate Fellowships existed there with french names that we are told would loosely translate, "Prescription addicts Anonymous," "Street Drug Addicts Anonymous," etc. They realized that ours was the Fellowship that would unify them all, but "Narcotics," translated literally, meant "sleep producing drugs." One group in Mexico calls itself "Toxicomanos Anonimos," and wishes to keep that name.

Although in English speaking countries we have become familiar with our name and our principles of recovery, even in English the word "narcotics" means different things to different people. Law enforcement people use it one way, medical people use it another way, and our Fellowship uses it in still another way. It does not take too much study to see why there are problems in translating our name.

The thinking of the Committee is that the name "Narcotics Anonymous" should not be replaced by one which may carry the correct meaning, but which looks and sounds different. It should always be printed as "Narcotics Anonymous," regardless of the language. This would, in effect add a new word to those languages where the words Narcotics Anonymous have previously been translated. We have been advised to take this course by a professional translation service, who told us that such practices are common. Proper names are routinely brought to various languages without being translated. An example of this is the name "Xerox" which has become a commonly used word in almost all languages, but was an invented word, even in English. Other examples include several foreign companies that have become household words in English, such as automobile companies, or electronics companies.

This is a step in the direction of being consistent, not necessarily the right or wrong thing to do. The tools and literature of recovery are in demand all over the world, and we can not stop all work until we reach some decisions. As it has been, we have used different applications for different situations and this did not seem responsible. In some languages, such as French and Spanish, we have translated our name literally; in others, such as German and Japanese, our name has been left in its English form.

The International Committee has used some of its energies to encourage other WSC committees to work on issues that at first seemed only important to the Fellowship outside the U.S., but upon closer examination were discovered to be needs of the Fellowship as a whole. The Finance Committee has participated with us in a search to find ways to equalize the cost of Non-U.S. regional participation in world service activities. The Public Information Committee shared with us an open forum discussion at the Philadelphia meeting, which we reported in the last Fellowship Report. The results and possibilities for cooperation seem to be inexhaustible. Many new ideas and the power to carry them out seem to come through "joint committee" projects. Now more than ever the spirit of "Together We Can" in service appears to be the best and most comprehensive means of serving the Fellowship.

Often we feel that solutions to problems should be implemented immediately, and we have taken somewhat hasty action to get short term relief. When we have elected to proceed with these hasty actions, we find that we have crippled ourselves or do not have the necessary tools to complete what we started. Many of the issues which the International Committee would bring to the floor of the WSC in April would appear to be still in need of research and direction. We feel at this time that we can probably be most effective by trying to get a sense of direction from the Fellowship and proceed with developing the ways to move in that direction before we ask the Fellowship to adopt policies that affect us worldwide. This process will obviously be slower, but in our opinion will be a more clear and effective way to respond to the needs of the N.A. groups emerging outside of the U.S.

This year has seen many N.A. members traveling to all parts of the world. This committee is in the process of sending out a letter to the Fellowship, by way of the *Newsline*, with suggestions to assist us in being of maximum service to the addicts we will be meeting. We hope this will be of benefit to both the addict giving and the addict receiving the N.A. message of recovery. We have developed this letter through our personal experiences and the experiences of addicts who have shared with us. The WSO International Committee Coordinator has kept a complete file of contacts in countries which we have been advised that N.A. meets. If you are making plans to visit a country and are uncertain as to where you might find a meeting, please give the office a call and we will be happy to share what information we have with you.

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TO: The Fellowship

FROM: Lee Manchester, Chairperson
 WSC Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has devoted itself this year to two projects. This report will fill you in on the status of one of them. It is an informational pamphlet still in the process of development. It is currently titled, *Hey! What's the Basket For?* The IP addresses the funding needs of our service structure. It is intended to perform three specific functions.

The IP's first function is to clarify the funding of N.A. services by the introduction of a new concept. Our current funds-flow scheme for financing service operates on the assumption that the surplus, if any, of one level of service will be sufficient to become the primary source of operating cash for the next

level. This has two negative effects. One is that the preceding level feels guilty if it cannot make a substantial contribution to the next level, even if it uses its money effectively and responsibly to serve the Fellowship. Some committees even curtail important service activity so that they may have a surplus to pass. Another is that, all too often, succeeding levels are simply not afforded sufficient funds to operate and are forced to resort to fund-raisers, special cans, and the like, all of which tend to make it look as if N.A. is far more interested in the member's money than it actually is. The performance of service funding needs to be clarified.

The Traditional ethics of service funding also need to be clarified. It is not practical to expect every decision of every committee at every level of service to be voted on by every N.A. group. Yet if we do not ask the groups for this kind of direct advice, how do we establish the accountability of these service boards and committees to those they serve? Most other anonymous Fellowships have established the ultimate authority of the group by tying service operations directly to group financial support. If the service structure begins to operate in a way that is clearly out of line, its supply lines are cut by the groups. Under our present system, however, this is not possible. Each level of service is responsible only to the immediately preceding level (the Conference, for example, is financially accountable only to the regions). We may wish to consider some changes in this kind of funding system if these are its results.

What the Finance Committee came up with was an adaptation of a very simple scheme providing for direct group support of the area and region as well as of N.A. World Services. The concept of the plan is common to many organizations and can be identified as the 60:30:10 Plan. Like our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, this has been borrowed from Alcoholics Anonymous and adapted to the particular needs of N.A. It provides for a regular, even flow of financial support to every level of service without the bottlenecks which occur in our current system. It also provides for direct accountability to and the ultimate authority of the N.A. group. In both ways it helps establish the stability of our service structure by basing it firmly on the stability of the Fellowship as a whole.

The second specific intent of the pamphlet is to describe exactly what it is that is being funded. Most N.A. members have at least a passing knowledge of what goes on in their area, and quite a few have a pretty good idea of how their region functions. But hardly anyone but the hardest of service junkies has any idea of what N.A. World Services are about. It is with this in mind that a major portion of the pamphlet attempts to describe what is done at the world level, how the work is divided up, and how the money is managed. The spirit of giving away what we've been given in order to keep it lives right at the core of our Fellowship-- but unless we know what it is we're giving to, most of us are reluctant to do so. Clarifying what basket money does at the world level will surely draw the financial support needed to provide the necessary services in a way consistent with our principle of "attraction rather than promotion."

The third specific aim of the pamphlet is both to encourage and limit contributions to N.A. World Services. Obviously with a shift from support provided out of regional surpluses to support from the groups, we will need to encourage giving in a variety of ways. But we also need to protect the service structure from dependence on large individual contributions, as well as protecting the overzealous N.A. member from giving more than what is healthy for either his pocketbook or his ego. The pamphlet spells out a number of ways the individual member and the N.A. group can support N.A. World Services, and also establishes some very conservative limits for such giving.

In the joint Administrative Committee meeting held in Los Angeles the first weekend in January, this pamphlet was discussed at some length. Enough questions came up about how the 60:30:10 plan would effect N.A. services, and about how

effectively the pamphlet itself would serve to inform and encourage N.A. members in service contributions, that it was decided not to present the pamphlet for approval in its present form. Instead, having already been sent out of the Finance Committee, further work on the piece will be done between now and the annual meeting of the Conference by members of the Administrative Committee. The result of that cooperative effort among world service participants will be presented with the Finance Committee report at the annual meeting itself.

TO: The Fellowship
 FROM: Bobby Bonds, Chairperson
 WSC Convention Committee

The WSC Convention Committee, during its meeting in Philadelphia in October of 1985, agreed to turn over responsibility of all its activities to the World Convention Corporation of Narcotics Anonymous (WCCNA). Reports on this and subsequent actions of the Committee and the Corporation have been published in recent reports and issues of the *Newsline*.

Because of this changeover, the WSC Convention Committee does not have a formal report to the Fellowship. Instead, we are including here a letter to the Fellowship from WCCNA about the upcoming world convention in London.

All final matters of the WSC Convention Committee, including motions, will be presented to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report.

Thank you for your support.

TO: The Fellowship
 FROM: World Convention Corporation of N.A.

The members of the Board of the recently formed World Convention Corporation of Narcotics Anonymous would like to take this opportunity to communicate to the Fellowship about the progress and activities for the 1986 World Convention in London. Many of you reading this will have already learned of the reason for the formation of the corporation. Letters and articles giving all the details are available in pages 32-41 of the November Fellowship Report and also in the most recent *Newsline*.

Before we get to the details of this report there is a special message for anyone who has received a copy of a flyer that includes some incorrect information about the London World Convention. IF AN 8.5" X 11" ONE PAGE FLYER WITH THE HEADING "LIVE FROM LONDON 86" HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE IGNORE IT. THAT SHEET WAS A PART OF THE LONDON COMMITTEE'S BID PACKAGE AND IT HAS INADVERTENTLY SHOWN UP IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. IT DOES NOT REFLECT ACCURATE INFORMATION AND SHOULD NOT BE USED TO INQUIRE ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS. IF ANYONE HAS

ALREADY MAILED ONE TO EXPOTEL, PLEASE ADVISE THE WCCNA, C/O WSO.

The intent of this report is to bring the Fellowship up-to-date on what arrangements have been made and also about certain problems encountered which require Fellowship support.

AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

First and probably foremost in everyone's mind is the question of travel arrangements. Calls from around the world make clear that people are willing and anxious to begin plans early and many of us have already begun to put money aside for the trip to London. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of adjustment while the prospects for mass transportation arrangements were studied.

This will be the first time a world convention is held outside the United States and we hope to provide the best information possible so that members can concern themselves with having fun rather than worrying about travel and lodging. A lot of time and research went into various possibilities for providing air travel to London. There was much talk about setting up special N.A. air charters and many other ideas about transporting the Fellowship to London. It became very apparent that, with the amount of time available, the safest and most feasible option would be the use of a carefully chosen agency that could meet the needs of the Fellowship, whether those needs be for individual members or groups of members and also, whether or not the members planned on going straight to London and home again or wanted to take an extended vacation to visit other parts of Europe.

In our efforts to find professional transportation assistance we chose to use a bid process, whereby letters were sent to eight different travel agencies throughout the country asking them to provide a variety of relevant information about their company and prior services. The agency that has been chosen has demonstrated the most extensive background in handling organizations and needs similar to ours. Their approximated price schedules were comparable to the others and the fact that they had offices around the country with toll-free and emergency numbers was, of course, very appealing. To our knowledge, this agency is not connected in any way with any member of the Fellowship.

The name and phone number of the designated travel agency is Cardillo Travel Systems and they offer toll free reservation service at either of these two numbers:

Within California dial 1-800-421-7338

Outside California, including Hawaii and Alaska dial 1-800-421-7337

This information is provided as a service to members who may not have the time to make their own reservations or may not be familiar with making travel arrangements. Of course, there is no requirement that members use Cardillo and individuals may want to shop around. However, the Fellowship would benefit by the use of a central agency because it would allow a simple way to check on the number of people planning to attend. It will also simplify the coordination of hotel accommodations and allow members to send one check in U.S. currency to Cardillo, rather than one to Expotel, in English sterling for hotels and another to a travel agency for airfare.

A final consideration is that by having a high volume of reservations made through one agency, the convention will gain a number of free airfares which will

help defray the cost of transporting speakers to the convention if that is decided on by the London Host Committee.

Although one travel company is recommended, it does not preclude members from using other travel providers or arranging air charters on their own. After some study it was concluded that for air charters to be arranged by World Services would be too difficult, and very expensive to administrate. One of the principle reasons is that so many members will be leaving early or staying longer in Europe to do some sight seeing as this may be their only opportunity to do so for a while. If areas of regions decide to arrange air charters, extreme care must be exercised so that the money and needs of our members are properly cared for. The air charter business can be risky because not all companies and travel providers are financially reliable businesses.

PASSPORTS:

Anyone planning to travel outside the U.S. should apply for a passport immediately. Information from the State Department's Los Angeles office does not lead us to believe that any member will be denied a passport because of prior criminal convictions. However, they strongly encourage early application so that additional documentation can be provided if necessary. Contact your local State Department office to find out where to apply in your area. A certified birth certificate, naturalization certificate or previous passport is required to begin your application. Although it would be very unusual for a state or federal probation or parole department to flag an application, any member on parole or probation is strongly advised to contact his/her P.O. prior to making an application.

HOTEL AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES:

We are extremely grateful to the London Host Committee for the groundwork they accomplished in making arrangements for hotel and program facilities. Things in Europe are quite a bit different from what U.S. convention committees are accustomed to and it came as quite a surprise to learn that members would have to be lodged in facilities away from the location where the convention will actually be held. Hotels in England are generally constructed without the large meeting room facilities that we need. It is not common practice in London for hotels to accommodate large conventions and the manner in which large numbers of rooms are reserved for large groups of people is also much different. Hotels usually allow independent companies to make the arrangements for large groups rather than using their own staff. Companies called groundhandlers are usually the contracting agent for organizations who desire to reserve blocks of rooms. The London Host Committee reached an agreement with the largest company of this type to assist with WCNA-16. The company, called Expotel, keeps a year round block of about 1,000 rooms in hotels throughout the city. That is the company through which hotel accommodations for the Fellowship will be made. It is also standard practice for travel agents to utilize groundhandlers when preparing travel arrangements for their clients on an individual basis. The travel agency suggested here has been advised of the agreement with Expotel and will coordinate lodging with them.

This does not preclude members or their own travel agents from making arrangements directly with hotels or through other groundhandlers. However, only those reservations which are made through Expotel can be assured of the rates shown on the registration forms and in the hotels where the majority of N.A. members will be staying. It is most likely that no matter how our members choose

to make their travel arrangements, they will end up going through Expotel, for hotel accommodations.

The instructions to, and agreement with, Expotel have resulted in the following accommodations being blocked for the dates of the London convention:

The Ladbroke Hotel (adjacent to the conference center) has 200 rooms available.

The London West (within 15 minutes of the conference center) has 100 rooms available.

The University (also within 15 minutes) has 300 rooms available.

There are an additional 100 rooms available at two other hotels if necessary.

Members desiring to stay adjacent to the conference center, in the Ladbroke, should make reservations immediately to guarantee themselves one of the 200 rooms available.

The University rooms are all private rooms, but only some of them have private baths.

When you receive flyers, you will find that the London West and the University room rates include breakfasts. A continental breakfast is coffee, juice and croissant, while an English breakfast is a full coffee, juice, toast, egg and meat breakfast.

The cost of rooms will vary from 12.5 English pounds per night at the University to 54 pounds per night for a regular hotel room.

The currency rate changes daily, but at the time of this report (January), one pound equals about \$1.50 U.S.

The hotel adjacent to the conference center will accommodate the hospitality room and some of the smaller meeting rooms. The conference center itself, Wembley Center, will house the main meetings and banquet.

FUNDS AND CASH FLOW:

The Fellowship as a whole has been experiencing such dramatic growth during the past several years, that the number of members attending conventions has risen to a point which was bound to require a change in how our world conventions were arranged. Convention or conference centers will be needed because we will have outgrown the facilities of even the largest single hotels. Our meeting space requirements have been increasing beyond the capacity of what most hotels can provide.

The London World Convention will be arranged in that manner because of the difference discussed earlier in the accommodations of European hotels. The necessity of renting Wembley Center for our meeting space means spending extra money. In the past, much or all of our meeting space requirements could be offset by having enough people register at the hotel. Because this is not possible in London we have to pay for the meeting facilities on our own regardless of where or how many people stay in the hotels offering special rates.

Along with that comes the requirement that all major expenditures must be paid in advance. Although this may not be customary in the United States, it is the way business is done in England. Because of this business practice, we won't have the luxury of making final payment for meeting space and banquets at the end of the convention. These expenses must be paid in full prior to the first day of the convention. The schedule for the Wembley Center is:

\$2,793.00 due on February 28, 1986

\$4,653.00 due on May 28, 1986

\$9,307.50 due on July 28, 1986

In addition to this, the banquets must be paid entirely not less than seven days prior to the banquet.

Another factor which will affect the cost vs. revenue for WCNA-16 is the predicted drop in attendance due to the cost of traveling out of the country. Historically speaking, attendance dropped way off when the World Convention left California because of the fact that the majority of the members of the Fellowship were no longer close enough to drive to the convention. It took several years before attendance at the World Conventions held outside California began to match or exceed those held in California. With this being the first World Convention held outside the United States, the amount of drop off is unknown and nearly impossible to forecast. It is reasonable to suspect there will be considerable drop off because of the additional transportation expense, and lack of convenience that has been afforded when members could easily drive from their homes to the convention.

The World Service Conference adopted a motion at the 1985 meeting which requested that WCNA-15 (Washington D.C.) pass on 66-2/3% of their net proceeds to help fund future World Conventions. Although the committee for WCNA-15 had indicated its willingness to support that motion, it has been advised by lawyers to deposit the net proceeds from WCNA-15 in a special holding account until their tax exemption questions are resolved. That process could take several months and we cannot be certain that the contribution from WCNA-15 will arrive in time to assist with the financial dilemma facing WCNA-16.

When the Fellowship decided that the World Convention needed to be a responsible part of the N.A. service structure, it truly became our World Convention. When potential problems arise, it is our responsibility to try to resolve them.

In the past years World Conventions, although planned and hosted for our entire Fellowship, were largely the responsibility of the hosting city. The success or failure of the convention laid squarely on the shoulders of the hosting committee. They had complete liability for any financial losses and total authority for the distribution of any net proceeds. It was certainly not an enviable situation for the hosting cities, areas and regions.

The situation is different now and this cash flow problem is not London's problem alone, it is the Fellowship's problem and we must try to resolve it together.

There are three options for obtaining the necessary revenue when it is needed: 1) Increase the registration fee from \$30.00 to \$60.00; 2) Request that other N.A. conventions assist by selling WCNA-16 merchandise at their conventions, in conjunction, of course, with their own merchandise; and 3) Request that other service committees, in the course of their normal fund-raising activities, donate the proceeds, or part of the proceeds, of one dance, activity, etc. to support the World Convention.

We are all strongly committed to the concept that WCNA should be self-supporting without the need for fund-raisers and at the same time be priced so every member of our Fellowship can attend.

Unfortunately, WCNA-16 brings with it certain differences which may force us to modify the position until such time as we have sufficient funds to provide the required funding of future World Conventions.

We believe that option #1 is self defeating and would hurt rather than help the projected shortfall in funds.

In light of the above, the WCCNA Board of Directors has agreed and proceeded with the implementation of option #2, "That all N.A. Conventions

scheduled to occur between now and August 15, 1986 agree to handle and market WCCNA-16 merchandise." Letters to regional convention committees, including a copy of this letter have been mailed. We hope to begin receiving affirmative responses from those committees soon. WCCNA further agreed that option #3 or other alternatives be discussed only in the event that merchandising efforts do not result in the necessary funds.

In years gone by this dilemma would have been the sole responsibility of the hosting committee. Now, we are all responsible, through the service structure for the Convention. Although it is not desirable, it is necessary for us to request financial assistance as needed. We must ensure its success. We must be willing to register early, purchase the merchandise and assist with fund-raising if needed.

OVERALL:

Other than the projected financial shortfall, WCNA-16 is progressing very well. The Host Committee members are hard-working, energetic, trusted servants. The Fellowship in London truly possesses the spirit of N.A. and will serve as excellent hosts for the membership worldwide.

It has been most gratifying to feel the warmth and openness with which London greeted corporation advice and support. As we said earlier, the Host Committee really had things under control and made working together easier. Two members of the London Host Committee, David and Vivianne, are on the Board of WCCNA and we had the good fortune to have David in attendance at the January 4, 1986 meeting of the WCCNA.

It sounds like we can expect a wonderful convention and a fantastic experience in a country where most of us have never been. The members in London and throughout Europe are as anxious as those of us in the U.S. to share in this special celebration of recovery.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

If you wish to list an event, send us a flier or note at least two months in advance. Include title, location, dates, contacts.

ALASKA: Mar 14-16; 2nd Annl Anchorage Alaska Conv, Anchorage Alaska Airport Inn, 3333 International Airport Rd, Roger (907) 248-9418

CALIFORNIA: Mar 7-9; 8th Annl Northern Cal Conv, Monterey Conference Center; 8th Annl NCCNA, PO Box 223115, Carmel, CA 93922

COLORADO: July 4, 5, 6; WSVC 3, Stouffers Concourse Hotel, Denver, P.O. Box 816, Boulder, CO 80306; Janice (303) 388-4777; Pam (303) 893-0580; John (303) 642-3273; Gary (303) 830-2640

GEORGIA: Feb 20-23; GRCNA V; NW Area Marriott, I-75 & Windy Hill Rd, Marietta, 30062; Ed (404) 436-0311; Tom (404) 429-0239; Bob (404) 589-0697

HAWAII: Feb 14-16; Camp Himelani on Island of Oahu, NA Round Up, P.O. Box 23436, Honolulu, HI 86808; (808) Mark 373-9774; Richard 261-1037

LOUISIANA: Mar 7-9; LA RCNA; Bossier-Sheraton Inn, 2015 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City; LA 71111; (318) Bob 686-2270; Marlene 865-0856; Dale 425-7951

MASSACHUSETTS: Mar 28-30; 1st Annl New England RCNA; The Westin Hotel, Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116; Brian P. (617) 452-7875

MICHIGAN: Jul 3-6; RCNA of Michigan; Freedom II; Mich. Inn, Southfield

MISSISSIPPI: Apr 4-6; MRCNA IV; Hilton, Biloxi, MS; Lisa (601) 392-7267; Renee (601) 362-0897; Donna (601) 862-7334

NEVADA: Feb 7-9; 1st S. Nevada Conv for NA; Showboat Hotel, Las Vegas; (702) Corby 737-7357; Anita 382-3550; Dave 870-1357; Box 70591, Las Vegas, NV 89170

NEW JERSEY: May 9-11; The Berkley Carteret, Sunset and Ocean, Asbury Park; Kandi (201) 988-9451; Suzanne (201) 325-1143; Joe (201) 623-6352

NEW YORK: Jun 27-29; 1st Annl Northern New York RCNA; Wells College Campus, Aurora, NY; Mel (315) 548-3610; Ilga (607) 273-8884

OHIO: May 23-25; ORCNA IV Conv; Hollenden House, E. Superior; ORCNA IV, P.O. Box 29517, Cleveland, Ohio 44129; (216) Joe 671-3316 Tommy 352-2042

OKLAHOMA: Mar 7-9; Fourth Annl Mid-America Convention; MAC-64 E. Woodward, Tulsa OK 74114; Sherilyn D., 918-742-1471; Mary Mc. 918-583-3463

PENNSYLVANIA: Jun 20-22; 7th East Coast Convention; Bloomsburg Univ ; 7th ECCNA, Box 211, Taylor, PA 18517; (717) Ron 457-0587; Rich B. 457-9751

2) Feb 28-Mar 2; 2nd Annl Learning Conf; George Wash. Motor Lodge, Route 22 & 7th street, Allentown; (215) Kristen 867-6827; Barry 433-5866; Bill 398-8438

TEXAS: Mar 28-30; 1st Lone Star RCNA; Austin Hilton Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752; (512) Jimmy 443-7215; Vic 448-2144; Tary O. 443-0136

WASHINGTON: Feb 28-Mar 2; First Wash/N Idaho RCNA; Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, 1320 Bdwy Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402; US 800-325-3535; Canada 800-268-9330

WEST VIRGINIA: May 9-11; West Virginia Conv for N.A. III; Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley; (304) Paul 342-7506, Danny 925-7088, Phil 292-0896

LONDON: Aug 28-31; World Convention-16, Wembley/Conference Center; Registration in the U.S.A., Vida (818) 780-7951, P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409; Registration outside U.S.A., P.O. Box 667, London, England NW8-7JW

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE: April 28/May 2; Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, CA; Registration: Vida (818) 780-7951, P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409