

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP REPORT

March, 1988

To:

The Fellowship

From:

Leah Goodrich, Chairperson World Service Conference

By now every region should be well on their way to finishing examination of the Agenda Report for the Conference. This report contains some last minute information that may be helpful to some members, areas and regions. There is a lengthy and detailed report from the Literature Chairperson that gives a comprehensive background to the Fourth Edition matter. Exercise some effort to assure that areas that have taken an active interest in this matter receive a copy of his report at the earliest possible moment.

The matter of Conference finances is one that deserves special attention. While there has been disagreement among some world level trusted servants about the procedures for Conference funding, there is no doubt that money is needed to operate the activities of the Conference. There are three important tasks that the

Conference needs to address concerning finances.

Prioritizing the use of available funds: The Joint Administrative Committee, ACTING as the Conference Finance Committee should be able to sufficiently handle recommending priority spending. After all, the Joint Administrative Committee is composed of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of our committees and boards who are responsible for the work and responsible for spending the money. If the job of managing Conference spending cannot be accomplished by this group of people, God help us, because a finance committee that was composed of other people would end up controlling the activities of committees by budget control procedures.

Improving the fund flow system: The Fellowship has responded heroically to the need for additional Conference funding. When the alarm was raised last summer, there was doubt that sufficient funds would be available. As detailed in the Treasurers Report the Fellowship has met the need. The major difficulty that arose was in being able to project the availability of funds and match that with the planning necessary for proper committee operation. In several cases Committees were unable to plan sufficiently in advance for some of their meetings. From an examination of the Minutes of area and regional committees, there is ample evidence that the Fellowship still has adequate funds for their work and more than enough funds to continue funding the Conference. The Conference may take action to improve the fund flow system so that scheduling Conference work can improve.

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Evaluating the work the Conference pays to have completed: The allocation of funds to committees should be though of as an investment in the work of the committee. The Conference needs to evaluate the work committees are doing and be satisfied that all of it is of such priority that it requires funding from the Fellowship. For example it seems we spend an awful lot of money simply to write guidelines that then get changed the next year. While the Convention Corporation folks may not spend a lot of money to get their work done, they keep forwarding large amounts of guidelines to the Fellowship for review each year. The Conference might find it just as real for the Fellowship to have the Convention Corporation folks propose the issues they want in general terms or philosophical statements. If the statements were approved by the Fellowship then the Convention folks would then write the guidelines accordingly. It might save the Fellowship a lot of wasted time and probably some money.

I would like to encourage new Conference participants to attend the orientation session on Sunday afternoon. The new parliamentarian is expected to be there and it will be a good opportunity to learn more about how the work gets done. Additionally I am hopeful that voting participants will take advantage of the Monday General Forum in order to get off their chests what may be in their thoughts and concerns. It will help us be able to get the work done the rest of the

week.

I have learned from the WSO that there are some recent developments with business matters that have come up all of a sudden that need to be addressed at

this Conference. So bring your patience and understanding.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Administrative Committee and the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and members of all our committees and boards for their hard work for the Fellowship and the assistance they have provided this year.

To:

The Fellowship

From:

Chuck Lehman, Vice-Chairperson

World Service Conference

As I write this report, the annual meeting of the World Service Conference is just a few short weeks away. I am looking forward to meeting many of our first

time RSR's and also seeing old friends.

This report will be brief, by design, as we are including the regional reports in this Fellowship Report. I did want to encourage every new RSR/RSR Alt to attend the orientation meeting Sunday, April 24, 1988 at 5:00 pm. We will be going over Conference procedure and attempting to make the process of proposing motions and addressing the Conference at the microphone a little less

intimidating.

We have attempted to facilitate all requests for assistance at local/regional presentations of the Conference Agenda Report. I attended the Mid-Atlantic Convenference in February and other members of our World Service Conference committees and boards have presented the Conference Agenda Report at other regional learning days and conferences. Given the ever-increasing volume of requests, we will need to explore a more cost-effective method of presenting the Agenda Report throughout the Fellowship. Perhaps WSC-sponsored conferences presented sectionally may have merit. Maybe we could utilize the world

convention zones as a guide. In any event, it will require more study and input from the Fellowship before we could implement such a system of workshops.

Before I close this report, I did wish to comment on a situation which has caused some concern. Even though this specific incident relates to P.I., it could just as easily effect our H&I or literature efforts. Recently, we have learned that some area and regional P.I. subcommittees have taken on the task of writing informational pamphlets for use within the Fellowship to aid in the P.I. effort. The I.P.'s have apparently been developed, reviewed and approved either by the subcommittees themselves or the local ASC or RSC. The pamphlets have apparently been shared with neighboring areas and regions or similar pamphlets have originated in more than one area or region simultaneously. The pamphlets have in some cases been distributed or sold along with Conference-approved literature at our recovery meetings. Almost all of these pamphlets carry a common theme "P.I. and the Individual Member."

Obviously, there is a need for an informational pamphlet dealing with this subject, but we need to maintain the integrity of our current development and approval process for service materials, pamphlets and literature developed for use throughout our Fellowship. We should also be willing to review, and revise if necessary, the mechanism currently used for the development and approval of service tools and related I.P.'s. This has become even more apparent as we have tried to translate our current service tools into various languages. There have also been problems when members from the U.S. Fellowship have tried to develop service tools and, in some cases, recovery literature for use in other countries. While we may agree that the U.S. Fellowship should not continue to develop service tools for use outside the U.S., we may not all share the feeling that areas and regions within the U.S. should independently develop and approve service tools and related I.P.'s for their own use. [Our service tools and related I.P.'s should contain common language and broad experience. This may only be possible by utilizing our WSC Committees to develop service tools and related I.P.'s for use in the U.S.

The above discussions have been presented for your thoughts and suggestions. Your input is greatly needed and would be appreciated. In closing, may I thank the entire Fellowship for allowing me the privilege to serve as your WSC Vice-Chairperson.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Hunter, Treasurer World Service Conference

Donations received for the third quarter amounted to approximately \$32,000, down from the previous two quarters' average of \$48,000 each. Likewise, expenditures for the third quarter were approximately \$11,000 less than the previous quarter average of \$42,500. There is currently a cash balance of \$18,000, and it appears that expenditures for the fourth quarter could run as high as \$20,000 - \$25,000. In addition, the expenditures for the first quarter of next fiscal year could also run between \$20,000 - \$25,000. In order to meet our budget, which we approved last April, we will need donations of \$45,000 per quarter.

On the positive side, I would personally like to thank all of the regions, areas, groups and members who have donated funds to the WSC. I read all the

letters and notes which you include with your donations and I always feel a deep sense of love and gratitude.

We are in the process of finalizing next year's budget and we hope to mail a "tentative budget" no later than April 1, 1988. If you have any suggestions or questions please send them to the WSO, Attn: WSC Treasurer.

WSC FINANCIAL REPORT 6-1-87 to 2-29-88

SUMMARY OF CASH REC	CEIPTS:		
Donations:		Policy Committee:	
RSC's	\$ 83,843.11	Travel	2,353.80
ASC's	9,857.86	Lodging	1,311.73
Groups	4,364.21	Copying, postage	1,0110
Members	1,074.00	& phone	605.16
Conventions/fund-	1,014.00	SUBTOTAL	4,270.69
raisers	29,251.87	SUBTUTAL	4,270.00
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Other Receipts: Credit balance from		Travel	2 5 1 0 0 0
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'86-'87 WSB	137.19	Lodging	909.83
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$128,528.24	& phone	2,331.02
		Non-N.A. Events:	
CASH EXPENDITURES:		Registrations	875.00
		Literature	0.00
Admin. Committee:		Publishing Projects:	
Travel	4,344.44	Production	
Lodging	2,309.14	& postage	2,925.51
Phone	2,745.82	SUBTOŤAL	10,551.36
Copying, postage	•		•
& misc.	1,610.79	Select Committee:	
WSC Meetings:	-,	Travel	5,010.99
Room Rental	5,747.97	Lodging .	1,500.63
Copying	4,696.68	Copying, postage	1,000.00
Coffee & supplies	1,355.84	& phone	888.10
Publishing projects	983.21	SUBTOTAL	7,399.72
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SOBIOTAL	20,100.00		
H&I Committee:		Additional Needs Com	mittee:
Travel	2,708.10	Travel	2,274.07
Lodging	1,550.36	Lodging	803.25
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& phone	1,226.55	& phone	488.34
Publishing projects	1,762.23	SUBTOTAL	3,565.66
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Literature Committee:	•	Travel & lodging	9,786.48
Travel	13,649.12	Copying, postage	3,100.40
Lodging	4,374.42	& phone	1,100.70
Copying, postage	7,017.72	SUBTOTAL	
& phone	2,808.50	SOBIOTAL	10,887.18
Com. corres., mail	4,000.00		
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lit., etc. SUBTOTAL	2,671.71		
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International Ad-Hoc Com.:		
15,423.07	Travel	188.00
6,993.93	Lodging	594.89
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1,457.05	& misc.	9.60
23,874.05	SUBTOTAL	792.49
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To:

The Fellowship

From:

Biff Kramer, Chairperson

WSC Public Information Committee

Since the last Fellowship Report we have received several inquiries from phoneline subcommittees. These range from the suggestion that we form a standing phonelines conference committee, to the request for more phoneline material in the Fellowship Report and the P.I. News. I've recently had the opportunity to attend a phoneline subcommittee meeting at one region, and to attend a phoneline workshop held at a regional convention. One thing was consistent in both of these events: the phoneline chairs and vice-chairs, for the most part, had not registered with WSC P.I., -- they did not know they needed to, -and as a result were not on the P.I./phoneline mailing list, nor were they receiving the P.I. News. In the last Fellowship Report a paragraph was devoted to asking for input with regard to phonelines. Almost none has been received. The Guide to Phoneline Service does need to be reviewed and updated. However, our requests for input have gone unanswered. Hopefully, during the P.I. meeting at WSC 1988, we will be able to form a phoneline task force within the WSC P.I. Committee. For this task force to have value, we are hoping that regions will submit candidates for membership on WSC P.I. with considerable experience in phoneline service. Membership on the WSC P.I. Committee has always been open to phoneline chairs and vice-chairs if they have the backing and support of their region.

The World Service Office has received several inquiries with regard to information given at the P.I. workshop on the Conference Agenda Report in Allentown, Pennsylvania. It was stated at that workshop that motion #22 in the Conference Agenda Report did not belong there. It was asserted that this motion had not been passed by the P.I. Committee for inclusion in the Conference Agenda Report. Review of the minutes and tapes from the Denver workshop show this information to be incorrect. The section dealt with in this motion was distributed at the Newark workshop with requests for input and the understanding that action on this item would be taken in Denver. All input received was favorable, and the P.I. Committee voted to request that the Conference add this section to

the Guide to Public Information. I hope this clarifies the concerns people have

expressed about this motion.

Work continues on compiling input with regard to the Seventh Tradition. The input has been slowly but surely coming in from WSC P.I. members. These members have been selected to provide a geographical distribution of input from around the world. Once we have received all this input, we will collate this information and forward it on to the Board of Trustees. We hope to have some questions and some answers to bring to the Conference soon.

In the area of multi-regional P.I. learning days and workshops, there is a steady ongoing number of these being done. It has been our experience that this is one of the strongest public information tools we have within the Fellowship. More and more members of Narcotics Anonymous are learning how to do public information work and receiving "hands on" experience through these learning days and workshops. It is my hope that these will continue and will increase in number

in the future.

We have had numerous requests already this year for participation in national and international non-N.A. events. In adjusting our budget for the upcoming Conference year you will see that we believe an increase in participation on this level is necessary and will help us carry the message of recovery to addicts who would not otherwise receive it. In the upcoming issue of the *P.I. News* there will be an article on a recent non-N.A. event in which we participated in Hong Kong. We have found that at these types of events, we were able to carry out excellent and useful public information work. We are aware of these activities at the area and regional level taking place more and more with positive results. Some areas and regions are moving forward with plans to obtain their own table top exhibit displays for use in public information. This is an excellent idea that areas and regions may want to look at.

This brings me to another subject, the newsletter. The P.I. News is another excellent resource for all trusted servants involved with phonelines and public information. The P.I. News includes articles, letters, reports, excerpts from guidelines and contingency plans, and excerpts from phonelines and P.I. subcommittees minutes. It serves as sort of a "learning day on paper" and an ongoing sharing of experience in P.I. Every issue gets better as more people read the P.I. News and get involved with submitting materials for this publication.

In the WSC Vice-Chairperson's report, he discusses the issue of area/regional subcommittees creating pamphlets. This has come about as the result of a need for new items that address specific subjects where material is not currently available. We understand these efforts and applaud the concerns of these subcommittees. However, the overall impact of this type of work needs to be considered in the interest of unity and consistency. The Vice-Chairperson's report

discusses the need for our thought on this subject.

This discussion leads us to a problem the WSC P.I. Committee has encountered during the last Conference year. We discussed this situation at the Joint Administrative Committee meeting, and realized this is not unique to P.I. we believe the Conference needs procedures that more clearly define various types of literature and a process by which this literature may become Conference-approved. It is our opinion there are several classes of literature that are not dealt with in the present literature approval process:

1. Literature that describes the Fellowship to people unfamiliar with N.A. This is literature whose primary purpose is to inform the public of what Narcotics Anonymous is, how it works, and where they can find it. This literature is not recovery-oriented in nature.

2. Informative literature of a non-recovery nature, whose primary purpose is to inform members within the Fellowship of various facts with regard primarily to service work.

Example: The pamphlet entitled "P.I. and the N.A. Member" is primarily to inform the recovering addict what public information is,

how it works, and what they can do to contribute.

Literature that is a compilation of materials which are already 3. Conference-approved, which have been altered to create a new piece using Conference-approved language.

It is our understanding that at the present time the only method of approval available for these categories is the normal recovery-oriented literature review and approval process. It is my opinion that this creates several problems. The first is adding these items to an already over-burdened Literature Committee and giving them sole responsibility for writing any and all materials for use either in, or by the Fellowship. Secondly, the time it takes to complete these items becomes unrealistic, resulting in areas and regions taking matters into their own hands. The efforts of Conference Committees to generate materials are limited by the approval process. For example, an informational package would greatly enhance P.I.'s ability to carry the message to the public; at the present time there is no mechanism available for Conference-approval of this package.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the WSC P.I. Committee and the P.I. subcommittees around the world for their help, their input, their support and their enthusiasm. This has been an exciting and fulfilling year for WSC P.I. and N.A.'s public information work as a whole. Thank you for the opportunity you've given me to serve the in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

Hope to see you all in April. In loving service, and God bless.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Ed Duquette, Chairperson WSC Policy Committee

I trust we are all diligently reviewing the Conference Agenda Report in hopes of prosperity at WSC '88. There are at least the normal number of "hot issues" this year and I urge us all to keep our common welfare tenderly in focus. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to be involved in our future, and this future will be shaped by our decisions and our conduct. Some of us will leave Van Nuys feeling confused and disappointed, and others with confidence. I only hope we can all leave as friends.

I'm feeling a bit nostalgic as the Conference week approaches. This will be my last opportunity to serve you as Chairperson of the dynamic, innovative and relentless WSC Policy Committee. These have been two glorious years, both for the success of the Committee and for myself personally. There are some things I wish we (the Policy Committee) had done differently, but all in all I am pleased with the Committees' achievements. We have a strong base of leadership in the committee who I feel will serve us well in the years to come. Most importantly, I am privileged to have served along side some of the most talented and enthusiastic people I will ever know.

Actually, there is very little for me to report from the Committee. Our work is complete until we meet during the Conference week. I am leaving the Committee with three unfinished projects. The Committee has agreed to carry these items over into next years' agenda. These items are: the annual work schedule of the WSC, a process for support in the formation and recognition of new regions, and voting procedures used at the WSC.

There is one thing I do need to report to you in hopes of clearing up any confusion that may arise. In regard to ITEM #11 in the Conference Agenda

Report:

"Be it resolved; that only RSR's (or their equivalent) be voting participants at the WSC. Non-voting participants (WSC Officers, WSC Committee Chairpersons, Trustees and WSO Chairperson) may make motions or address the Conference."

I have been approached by a few members of our Fellowship who were concerned why the Policy Committee didn't take a stand on this issue. One member had told me he believed the committee had failed in its responsibility to show guidance and leadership for the Fellowship as a whole. Another member was concerned that I was a member of the minority voice using the Policy Committee to see this motion pass. A third related that she was confused as to why the motion was included in the Conference Agenda Report but the information about the motion was only available through a separate mailing from the WSO.

I am aware that the Trustees have sent a special report to the Conference participants regarding this motion. It is my understanding that this report will explain their concerns about the impact this motion will have on the Conference if

passed, will most probably state their recommendations.

In hindsight, I wish we had proceeded with this motion differently. It was my hope that the Policy Committee in taking a different approach, could help resolve the controversy with this reoccurring issue. This question has gone through the WSC Policy Committee several times before and has been presented and addressed on the floor of the Conference more than once. And it still remains controversial, despite our best efforts to settle it.

I presented a plan to the committee during the beginning of last year that would take a different approach. I suggested to the committee that we remain silent and allow the Fellowship to speak through us. We would seek input, both pro and con, and present this input to the entire Fellowship to resolve. I sold this approach to the committee. It was not easy. After all, it was a departure from the standard procedure that Conference committees follow. I believe that it was the committees' confidence in me that made the difference in their consent to the plan.

I still believe that by taking a stand on this issue we would have gained nothing in resolution. Perhaps we may quiet the issue for this Conference, but until we resolve this issue it will continue to come up. I have faith that when the time is right we will finally resolve this and it will probably have little to do with presentation and a great deal to do with maturity. I urge you to get a copy of the Trustees report from your RSR, if for no other reason than to obtain more information. I have always respected the Trustees opinion, they seem to provide balance where it appears little exists.

As you vote on this years' Conference Agenda Report, whether in your home group or on the Conference floor, make sure you have the best possible information. Be receptive to all discussions that arise. Feel good about your part in the process of contributing to the future of Narcotics Anonymous, no matter

what the outcome may be.

To:

The Fellowship

From:

Randy Jones, Chairperson WSC H&I Committee

Well, we are glad to report that our draft of the revised Hospitals and Institutions Handbook has been mailed out to all H&I committees registered with the WSC H&I Committee. The draft will be out to the Fellowship until July 1st. By then we would like to receive all input on the handbook. In July, at the WSC workshop, the WSC H&I Committee will review and correlate all input. From July until the October workshop we will assemble a final draft. In October we are planning on approving a final draft that will then be sent to the Fellowship for approval in the 1989 Conference Agenda Report. Please go through the handbook and workshop it in your area or region and send your input.

If your area or regional H&I committee is not registered with the WSC H&I Committee, please send in your area or regional mailing address, names of the chair and vice-chair of your committee, a list of your H&I committees and a central contact for meetings. If your committee is registered and you're not receiving communication on what's going on in the WSC H&I Committee, then please contact your updated committee information. Please send it to the WSO, c/o Anthony Edmondson, H&I Coordinator. We have found out through our recent mailing of the handbook that a lot of our mailing addresses are incorrect, so please

make sure we have the correct address.

A few members from the WSC H&I Committee and the WSC Literature Committee met in Baltimore in February to continue working on a draft on For those in Treatment. The workshop went well, with a lot of good input. We will be meeting one more time in Georgia on March 18, 1988 to finalize a draft for review and input to the Fellowship hopefully to be sent out by the July WSC workshop.

The committee will continue work on a final draft of a pamphlet on transition from correctional facilities to the Fellowship. After our draft is finalized, we will send it to the WLC to be reviewed and sent to the Fellowship for

review and input.

In closing we would like to say, please review and submit input on H&I handbook draft and send all input to WSC H&I Committee, c/o the H&I Coordinator at the WSO by July.

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To:

The Fellowship

From:

Michael Lee, Chairperson **WSC Literature Committee**

The World Literature Committee had a very successful Introduction: meeting March 18-20 in Atlanta, Georgia. As a result, there is more to report than usual at this time of year. I hope you're out there reading this!, along with all of the Regional Reports which have been included for the first time in this March Fellowship Report. This has turned out to be a very long report, parts of which I feel insecure about making, but which I hope will be helpful to the Fellowship and the 1988 World Service Conference participants.

The minutes of the Committee's December meeting in Philadelphia were

approved in Atlanta and have been distributed to WSC participants.

PROGRESS ON PAMPHLETS: Most of the time in Atlanta was spent working on "For Those in Treatment" and "In Times of Illness." The full WLC will be reviewing the work done in Atlanta between now and the WSC. Pending full committee review, we expect to make the final decision during our meetings at the WSC to send both of these drafts out in review-form for a minimum one year period. This action depends on WSC approval of the proposed WLC guidelines and

Committee approval of the "final" draft at our WSC meeting.

It should be noted that both of these drafts are rough and unfinished to a much greater extent than with past review-form drafts released by the WLC. We believe the quality is good, but not complete. Recognizing this, with the "In Times of Illness" draft in particular, we have put notes and directions in the body of the draft suggesting specific areas that need new writing and specific concepts that need development. Rather than the World Literature Committee spending a lot of time and resources writing original material to fill in these gaps and to finish or refine the material, we felt it was better to make a conscious decision to have area and regional literature committees do this work. We hope that everyone will be happy to receive materials which are really in need of work. This will allow the WLC to concentrate its efforts and resources on other priorities, such as the anticipated task of preparing the review-form version of the Twelve Steps portion of It Works: How and Why.

DAILY BOOK SURVEY: Preliminary results from the ongoing survey about the proposed daily book, tentatively titled "Just for Today", were considered by the Committee in Atlanta. Only a handful of area and regional literature committees have responded so far. Please complete this survey and send it in as soon as

possible.

Translations: Under existing WSC policy, translation of N.A. literature into non-English languages is the responsibility of the World Service Office. In Atlanta, the WLC adopted a general recommendation to WSO to include one or two members of the World Literature Committee as communication liaisons or representatives to the WSO Ad Hoc International Committee or other advisory committees which the WSO chooses to utilize in discussing general translations issues and problems. The intent is to foster communications between the WSO and the WLC regarding translations issues that have implications for general aspects of the literature creation, development and revision process. As WLC Chairperson, I have been involved in discussions with WSO staff members about some of these issues since February, 1987. A formal communication liaison from WLC would report on significant issues to the full WLC and would also permit dialogue which, we believe, would be helpful and important.

One interesting translations development worth reporting is a recent opportunity which arose to offer Spanish translations of the five approval form literature items up for consideration by the 1988 WSC. Previously, such material has not been translated or made available in any non-English language. Special circumstances made it possible in this specific case. Of course, this raises a variety of issues that are related to the material under consideration by the Select Committee: the development of continental service conferences, and restructuring both the World Service Conference and the entire literature process.

1988-89 WLC BUDGET: The 1988-89 World Literature Committee budget was submitted to the Conference Treasurer recently and will be published in a significantly different format in the proposed budget for the World Service Conference as a whole. Many of the differences are cosmetic and/or minor in nature. The real problem is with the whole Conference budgetary process, Fellowship fund flow process, the lack of a functioning "Finance" Committee, and

the whole relationship and structure of the Conference Administrative Committee and Joint Administrative Committee. We have gone around and around in the Joint Administrative Committee discussing some of these issues during this past year, and we are right back where we started from. Many of these discussions have been extremely unpleasant and difficult, because there has been very little agreement among JAC members about the nature of the problem or possible solutions. And in my view, with the Conference budget that is being submitted, we are no better off, and in fact, may be much worse off, than we were last year when the whole financial "crisis" and budget process began to be discussed. By the time of the Conference, I hope to prepare a report which discusses some of the problems I have seen from my experience as a Conference Committee Chairperson trying to spend funds and make plans to accomplish work priorities established by the World Service Conference. I understand that the Conference Treasurer plans to report on this issue also. I am hopeful that the 1988 World Service Conference will be prepared to have a serious discussion about finances and that, working together, we are able to work out long-term solutions to these problems that are not going away.

PLAN FOR THE STEPS AND TRADITIONS BOOK: In Atlanta, the World Literature Committee accepted a proposal to advance the work of developing the Twelve Traditions material in the book, It Works: How and Why. Briefly, the Committee agreed to re-publish the original blue review form draft version of the Twelve Traditions material, first distributed in January of 1985. Along with this volume of material, the Committee gave general consent to also publishing a variety of input which has been developed or on file over the last couple years. A World Literature Ad Hoc Committee meeting will take place at WSO the second weekend of April to compile this volume of input. The World Literature Committee will then be discussing this work and giving final consideration to this project during its meeting at the 1988 World Service Conference. With the consent of the WSC, publication of this review-form draft of the book would occur in October of 1988. (It would be a manuscript format somewhat similar to the blue and white/black and white version of the Twelve Steps material that has been in circulation this

past year.)

The Committee has made this plan for the following reasons. At some point, the steps and traditions will probably have to be put back together in a single approval-form draft and approved by the Fellowship, although it is possible that the Fellowship could approve the two halves of the book at separate times. The assumption, however, is that this would be undesirable, and that the Fellowship wants the How and the Why back together in the It Works book. Because the World Literature Committee expects to be working on the task of putting together a review-form draft of the Twelve Steps material during the coming year, and because it is expected that this task (pending WSC direction) will take at least one year and possibly more, the Committee is faced with the choice of getting some work on the traditions done also during the next year, or else letting the traditions sit and gather dust until the WLC has a review-form draft of the steps ready for publication. So, this plan would allow the Fellowship to work on the traditions, while the WLC is working on the steps. The plan envisions a process of switching both halves of the book back and forth, until we reach a stage of development where both parts of the book reach the approval stage. More information about this subject and the whole process and plan for working on the steps and traditions next year will be provided in the World Literature Committee report to the Conference.

BASIC TEXT - 4TH EDITION: The Committee discussed the following four subjects related to the basic text in Atlanta: (1) the Basic Text Survey of area and regional literature committees; (2) a Summary of Correspondence received to date

on the Fourth Edition; (3) the three motions from Regions [concerning literature] which appear in the *Conference Agenda Report* and which were referred to the WLC; and (4) a "List of Changes" showing each and every edit that was made in

the Third Edition revised basic text, resulting in the Fourth Edition.

(1) Basic Text Survey: The Committee considered preliminary results of the Basic Text Survey which was distributed to area and regional literature committees a couple of months ago. The decision to develop this survey originated at the June, 1987 meeting of the World Literature Committee, long before any concern about the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text surfaced. Initially, the Committee had considered the idea of proposing that the Fellowship adopt a moratorium on further revision of the basic text. Upon further consideration, the Committee decided to try using a survey to gather Fellowship input on this subject. Since then, it is clear that the publication of the Fourth Edition has changed everything, and the Basic Text survey seems somewhat lost and in confusion. The WLC's last minute December decision to include a modified version of the survey in the Conference Agenda Report unfortunately may have created more confusion.

The Committee reviewed the preliminary results of the survey without substantive discussions. Less than 50 of the nearly 300 area and regional literature committees on our mailing list have responded. All are asked to complete the survey as soon as possible, even though a modified version of the survey is going to the groups, ASC's and RSC's in the Conference Agenda Report. However, because it is clear from the preliminary results that the way the questions are structured and worded has caused confusion and different interpretations for some, please keep in mind the original purpose. Use the survey as a TOOL, as a basis for discussing how you feel about the basic text and what, if anything, should be done about it, both in the short-term and in the long-term. This was the original intent, even before the Fourth Edition: to provide a neutral, unbiased way of considering the basic text.

- (2) Correspondence Summary Report: World Services has received to date approximately sixty-five (65) pieces of input regarding the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text. In addition to the written correspondence we have received some two dozen phone calls on this issue. Each item of correspondence, showing the date and source (member, group, ASC, RSC, or other), has been shared with all members of the World Literature Committee. It also shows the geographic location, and whether the input was positive or negative or mixed. The majority of the input has been fairly general in nature, giving an overall positive or negative opinion on either the CONTENT of the Fourth Edition, the PROCESS which created the Fourth Edition, or both. The breakdown of the source of this correspondence is as follows: 25 pieces from individual members, 16 from groups, 6 from ASC's, 9 from RSC's, and 8 from others.
- (3) REGIONAL MOTIONS: As reported in the Conference Agenda Report (see page 65), the following three motions were referred to the World Literature Committee to study and recommend action:

"That upon depletion of the current supply of the Fourth Edition Basic Texts, as of WSC '88, the printing of the Fourth Edition Basic Text be halted and that the Third Edition revised Basic Text be reprinted for distribution by WSO."

"That the World Service Conference direct the World Service Office to immediately cease the publication and sale of the Fourth Edition of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, and immediately begin publication and sale of the Third Edition revised of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous."

"That any changes in the book Narcotics Anonymous (The Basic Text) be made only by Fellowship-wide group conscience."

The Committee discussed these motions in Atlanta and feels that it is not appropriate to recommend any action at this time. The Committee feels that at this point that it is a matter for the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole to resolve as it sees fit at the 1988 World Service Conference.

(4) List of Changes: Since the publication of the Fourth Edition in November, a handful of requests have been received for a "List of Changes" showing each of the edits made in the Third Edition revised which resulted in the Fourth Edition. We have been unable to provide this information in this form. Some members in Pennsylvania produced an unofficial list of changes that has been distributed widely. This did not come from the World Literature Committee, and it is our understanding that this list had some errors and omissions. The WSO is in the process of compiling an accurate, "official" list, at my request, and the Committee in Atlanta was supportive of doing this. This list will be available to the World Service Conference.

To understand the reason why we haven't had a list before now requires a better explanation of the actual, mechanical process of the Literature Review Committee in reviewing and approving the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text prior

to publication (in accordance with the 1985 WSC motion).

As I said, the Literature Review Committee (LRC) did not have a "list of changes" when it reviewed the Fourth Edition. The Literature Review Committee did not follow a process of discussing each edit, change by change. The individual Literature Review Committee members, instead, reviewed double spaced

manuscript copies of the basic text.

Two manuscripts were available for review (in August 1986 when this took place). One manuscript was of the Third Edition (unrevised) which had been given to the professional editor to edit. The editor was given the Third Edition, and NOT the Third Edition revised with all of the Little White Book changes, because the edit itself happened early in the summer of 1986 before the Third Edition revised had been published. This manuscript contained all of the handwritten edit marks which the editor made. The second available manuscript was a copy of the Fourth Edition with all of the edits incorporated. Both manuscripts contained some typographical errors. Both were made available in August 1986, shortly after the process for reviewing the edit was discussed by the Literature Review Committee at the Quarterly Conference Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Some members of the Literature Review Committee used both manuscript copies to study the changes. Others used only the Fourth Edition manuscript, comparing that proposed Fourth Edition manuscript to the actual Third Edition book, similar to the way some members have done a line by line comparison of

their Third Edition and Fourth Edition books since then.

For the record, I would like to describe my personal involvement in reviewing the edit, and then describe how the LRC discussed and approved the edited book. I stated above that the Literature Review Committee did not discuss each edit, change by change. We did not have, nor did we choose to create, a list of changes that would have lent itself to this kind of process. Even if we had had such a list, because there were hundreds of changes which were viewed as grammatical or technical in nature, we didn't question each change or see a need for discussion. Instead, our general approach was to review the book using one of both of the manuscripts described above, and to bring up for discussion only those edits which any individual felt did involve some conceptual change.

Personally, I used both manuscripts and my Third Edition book to review the edit. I spent about 80 hours in early August, which I once thought was a lot,

but looking back, probably wasn't enough. As a result, I prepared a seventeen (17) page report to the other members of the Literature Review Committee (I was WLC Vice-Chair at the time). In that report, I identified fifty (50) edits that I was concerned about. I wrote:

"Although it seems like a lot, I went through the manuscript twice and cut out a number of edits which I had marked the first time. I have tried to be critical, but, - I hope - not overly critical, in

my work. You will be the judge of that."

"For the record, it is worth stating that I had nothing to do with writing any part of the Basic Text, and so, to the extent possible as a member of Narcotics Anonymous, I feel I am not prejudiced about changing Book One of the text. My concerns fall into two major categories: edits which have changed or weakened meanings significantly or awkwardly; and edits which are inconsistent with the White Book, Newly Revised."

"I am not objective about editing personal stories. Therefore, I am raising no concerns and am basically not reviewing Book Two..."

"Finally, I feel very strongly that the Foreword and Introduction to the book written by the World Literature Committee which gave birth to our text should not be edited or changed. I believe that this material has become part of the history of our fellowship and reflects the non-professional development of N.A. literature by addicts who were extremely dedicated to carrying our message. For these and other reasons, I would hope we leave the Foreword and Introduction in the original form."

Although I identified a significant number of edits that I was concerned about, I never for one moment thought that the 1985 Conference motion was being "violated" by any of the specific edits or by the edit as a whole. Even with most of the edits I was concerned about, I could see a grammatical reason why the sentence was being changed, I just had a problem with how it was accomplished. Also, even with the large number of edits that I raised for discussion, there were others that I did not notice (such as a couple of the deletions that I did not catch in the manuscript) or other edits which I did not see a problem with at the time.

Other members of the Literature Review Committee would probably tell you stories of their own individual efforts and experience. After the individual review process, a series of telephone conference calls were scheduled in which each members' individual concerns with specific edits were discussed. As a result of this process, many edits which had been made by the professional editor were restored to the original form. There was a group conscience process that went on in the Committee that resulted a decision to accept or reject each edit about which there was concern. I missed all but one of these calls, as I remember, because of my trip to the London World Convention and because I was not notified of the times of certain telephone meetings. However, I also know that the Committee made no additional edits of its own that were not indicated by the professional writer.

The Literature Review Committee also had final discussions about approving the Fourth Edition at the Quarterly Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in October 1986. At that time, however, virtually all of the discussion got rapped up in two issues that, at times, were somewhat emotional and controversial, and on which the Committee was divided. The Committee never divided on any specific edits, or the edit as a whole. However, division did occur on the issue of making the edit consistent with the Little White Book Newly Revised, which had just been approved six months earlier at the 1986 World

Service Conference. The Committee also entered into a discussion about future revision of the Basic Text, and the possible need to make various conceptual changes in the book, totally separate from the edit, through the normal review and approval process, at some point in the future. Both of these issues were reported in the November 1986 WLC Fellowship Report, and have been re-quoted by me since then in my November 1987 Fellowship Report. The White Book issue was resolved by last year's 1987 World Service Conference, and was the reason why publication was delayed until November of 1987.

The reason why I bring up this point about the LRC being divided over these two issues is because, looking back in hindsight, I believe it was significant in the whole decision making process. Our attention was on those issues, and it was somewhat emotional as I say, and not on the basic issues of the edit itself.

However, there were a great many things that I was angry and upset about in World Literature during that year that I was Vice Chairperson. The basic text was not one of them. I felt that I was part of a group that had been given responsibility by the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole to complete a specific task: approve an edited version of the N.A. Basic Text. I surrendered my will to the will of that group and I felt OK, complete acceptance, about all of the decisions that were made. My feelings about this were constant. Once the LRC accepted and approved the edit, I accepted and approved it also, and became concerned with going ahead with publication as soon as possible, despite any earlier concerns that I had had about individual edits. I made an issue out of a great many things at the 1987 World Service Conference, but felt no reason to do so with the basic text. I felt their was a common, unified understanding.

From April of 1987 on through the summer of 1987 while publication of the Fourth Edition was taking place, as Chairperson of the World Literature Committee I could have forced a re-examination of the whole Fourth Edition issue by the newly elected Literature Review Committee. Or I could have sent the book to the newly elected World Literature Committee and asked them for a second opinion. Or I could have sent the book to each member of the Board of Trustees for their review. Or any of these members or boards could have asked for a copy

of the book prior to publication (which no one did).

But we were already very busy as a Committee doing new work and trying to create a new atmosphere, cleaning up past mistakes and addressing problems and issues (such as our guidelines) that had been festering for a long time. Our theme was a new start. If every year, the new committee were to come in and reconsider and re-examine every issue and aspect of the work of the old committee from the previous year, nothing would ever get done. And so I decided that it would be a mistake to reopen the issue with any part of the new committee. And as far as sending the book to the Trustees, in my judgement it seemed to me that the language of the original 1985 motion had been very clear. It had said that the book was to be accepted and approved by the Literature Review Committee. It did not say by the Trustees, or by the LRC and the Trustees. And so I exercised my authority as WLC Chairperson and made the decision NOT to send the book to the Trustees.

In September of 1987, after the WSO made the mistake of publishing the wrong version of the approval form copy of It Works: How and Why in the "blue and white" manuscript, another opportunity presented itself to reconsider publication of the Fourth Edition. Bob Stone, who still had reservations about the original 1985 motion and about going ahead with publishing a book that the Fellowship as a whole had not seen and reviewed, suggested to me that the issue be re-opened. I told him "No" in September, and again in October when he formalized his concerns in a letter to me dated 9/28/87 that was also copied to some other Conference participants. I told Bob that at this point we were

obligated to follow the 1985 WSC motion, which the 1986 and 1987 Conferences had all had an opportunity to change, but which the Fellowship did not change.

And so publication took place in November of 1987.

Because of the reaction that came with the publication in November - the disunity and the controversy and significant concern - in hindsight I have regretted certain decisions that I made. If a larger group of World Service Conference participants had been involved in re-examining the issues prior to publication, in retrospect the problems probably would have become apparent in world services prior to publication and the whole Fellowship would not be wrestling with this now, at least not in this way. I always knew there would be some who would not like the edit and that there would be a reaction. But I never imagined it would be like this, or that some members would feel that the 1985 Conference motion had been violated.

The thing that troubles me more than anything else about all of this is the fear and mistrust and anger that some members now have toward the World Literature Committee or world services in general. I don't know if any of this will help or not. But I have felt compelled to explain in this great detail more of the specifics of how all of this came about. From what I hear, most are now concerned at this point with the solution, not with the problem, but I feel a responsibility to have more fully explained in this report what happened and why. Because of how things developed in November 1987, it was not appropriate or possible for much of this information to be provided then. I am still coming across members who believe that the Literature Review Committee and/or the WSO and/or others engaged in a deliberate and willful effort to conceptually change our book against the Fellowships group conscience. Out of fear, or mistrust, or lack of understanding, or whatever, it pains me greatly that even one member of Narcotics Anonymous could ever believe such a thing and the danger such fear could do in the future. And so for these and other reasons I have written this report in this way.

Out of all of the input I have seen, an article I came across in a Regional Newsletter a few weeks ago, stimulated me to write an article in response. Although it is not entirely fair because I am not reprinting that article here, I have decided to attach my response to this Fellowship Report. I wrote the article in such a way that you can see what some of the articles concerns were. This article contains additional things that I as Chairperson now feel it is necessary to say in anticipation of the resolution of this matter at the 1988 World Service Conference. Response to my November Fellowship Report was positive, and I hope that all this that I have written will also be helpful, constructive, and accepted in the spirit of loving service in which it was written.

Thank you very much for the privilege of allowing me to serve you as WLC Chairperson. I've done the best I can and know how, under extraordinary circumstances that have been very difficult for me. After the WSC, I expect this will be the last you will hear from me for quite awhile (yeah!). I am looking forward to having my own life back, and working on myself and my recovery.

Thank you for everything.

An Open Letter from the WLC Chairperson in response to a regional newsletter article

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

I recently was given a copy of the February/March 1988 issue of your WONDERFUL regional newsletter, which I very much enjoyed reading. I think it

was great that you published the part of my November Fellowship Report dealing with the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text, along with the serious and thoughtful "Discussion of the WSC Literature Committee Report" written by "Anonymous". In the spirit of open dialogue, I would like to respond to a number of issues raised in that article, point by point, and hope you will print my response.

Point One: The fact that the original 1985 motion to edit the Basic Text came from the World Literature Committee and "was not brought by an RSR" [Regional Service Representative] is criticized. `Anonymous' implies that this goes against the "traditional N.A. service structure" and that "somehow the membership was not involved directly" and that the need for the edit should have

been addressed first.

The Basic Text was approved by the Fellowship at the 1982 World Service Conference. Even then, it was recognized that the book needed to be edited. It was approved despite weaknesses because of desperate and overwhelming need. Input to change the book conceptually (and grammatically) existed from the time the book was approved. It was kept on file without a clear understanding of what would happen to it (the WLC Procedural Guidelines which provided for literature revision at five year intervals were not approved until 1985). Part of the compromise which was involved in approving the book was an understanding that it would not be "set in stone", that it could "always be changed". After the book was actually published in April of 1983, additional input to change the book in a wide variety of ways began to be received in a continuous stream that is still flowing to this very day.

World Service Conference committees always act on the basis of Fellowship input. Sometimes it is specific and direct, sometimes it is general and contradictory, and sometimes a <u>synthesis</u> of Fellowship input is required. Judgement, experience, accountability and group conscience are always involved when the trusted servants of a Conference Committee carry out the responsibilities and provide the services which the Fellowship delegated by creating the service structure. (Tradition Nine: "N.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards and committees directly responsible to

those they serve.")

The World Literature Committee was acting on the basis of Fellowship input which had been received between 1982 and 1985 when it proposed the motion to edit the Basic Text to the 1985 World Service Conference. The membership had been involved. Also, historically and traditionally, RSR's have expected Conference Committees to make recommendations and originate motions

in this way.

When the specific motion was proposed in 1985 on the floor of the WSC, one RSR did suggest that the motion should be referred to the Fellowship. But the Conference specifically considered, and overwhelmingly rejected, doing this. In hindsight, perhaps this was a mistake. Clearly, the Basic Text and other N.A. literature directly affect the Groups and members in ways that some world services do not. Fellowship review of the specific motion might have uncovered the problems in the proposed process. But in 1985, I believe the feeling of the Conference was: we have waited three (3) years to have the book edited, do we want to wait another whole year to ask the Groups a question we have already heard the answer to? The Conference said, NO! The need for the edit was addressed first.

In the traditional N.A. service structure, the Fellowship has empowered the Conference to make these kinds of judgements routinely. The service manual suggests that RSR's be given a vote of confidence to make decisions on matters that come up during the Conference with the best interests of those they serve always in mind. We elect the best members we can, give them our trust, and then

let go and let God. Does this process conflict with our spiritual principles? No, in my opinion, it does not - the Conference needs to be allowed to continue to exercise discretion. The Fellowship must clarify how group conscience applies to world services, what responsibilities and authority are delegated, and then let go. The Fellowship always retains the Ultimate Authority to change or correct ANYTHING that is later revealed to be wrong, mistaken, or contrary to what our membership wants. If we wrongly interpret the direct responsibility of Tradition Nine to mean direct control by the Groups, then the service structure we have created is doomed to failure.

Point Two: The article by "Anonymous" discussed the specific language of the 1985 WSC motion at length and made the point that it did not lend itself to "casual interpretation by most addicts". First of all, casual interpretation of anything in world services can be difficult: careful study, information, and experience are often required to fully understand complex issues that often cannot be oversimplified, no matter how much the Fellowship might want to "keep it simple". This is one of many communication problems. What are the solutions? Secondly, the dictionary breakdown of the definitions of the words in the

Secondly, the dictionary breakdown of the definitions of the words in the motion illustrate rather clearly how virtually all of the changes in the Fourth Edition were viewed as authorized and legitimate by members who made up the Literature Review Committee - who were acting in good faith, with no ulterior motives whatsoever.

However, in **HINDSIGHT**, it is clear that "Anonymous" was not alone in understanding the motion to mean one thing, while others interpreted it to mean something entirely different. It appears to me that there was a wide difference of opinion in the Fellowship and among Conference participants about (1) what the language of the motion actually meant and about (2) the extent of the "grammatical errors" in the book. This, in itself, amounted to a major miscommunication - a common, human problem. How many times have you seen a Group or service committee vote on something, then have to vote again because of misunderstanding?

Unfortunately, it seems to me now, that the nature of the miscommunication was so complete and total that it helps to explain why the 1986 and 1987 World Service Conferences failed to uncover it, why there was no UPROAR or UPSET until after the Fourth Edition was published. All members were going along in an attitude of surrender and trust, but, in some cases, with radically different interpretations of what the Conference motion allowed and what a "professional edit" would do. Again, this is where it must be admitted that if the motion had gone out to the Fellowship for review in the Agenda Report, or if the issue had been forced more directly than it was, more widespread debate might have revealed the different perspectives. But attempts were made to raise the issue with no result.

I'd like to say a couple things about the word "grammar", for example. In retrospect, it is clear that many members did not understand the definition that "Anonymous" provided: "The system of word structures and word arrangements of a given language at a given time." The word "syntax" concerns the rules for arranging words - syntax is a part of grammar. A large class of grammatical errors are, in fact, errors involving syntax. To correct a large class of grammatical errors in the Third Edition, it was known from the beginning that the motion meant changes in sentence structure throughout the text. But many members did not recognize this. Furthermore, many members lack sufficient knowledge of grammar in general to recognize grammatical errors in N.A. literature. Quite honestly, many members of the World Literature Committee lack this knowledge.

POINT THREE: "Anonymous" makes several errors in fact regarding the role of the World Service Office (WSO) in this matter: "...The WSO is the party that

is being directed to revise the book. My understanding of our service structure includes a belief that the WSO is not a part of our service structure. The WSO is a corporation ... I am confused as to why the WSO would be directed to revise our most important piece of literature, bar none."

In the first place, the editing process was not thought of as a "revision" by anyone at anytime. The Fourth Edition is NOT a revision of the basic text. THE EDIT WAS NOT A PROFESSIONAL REWRITE, as "Anonymous" also asserts.

Second, the WSO's role in this matter was to enter into a legal contract, hiring a temporary employee (a special worker, in accordance with Tradition Eight) to professionally edit the basic text. This is one of the reasons we have service centers, as opposed to only service committees, to assist us as a Fellowship in providing services where legal issues such as contracts and the management of employees are involved. The process of interviewing and selecting the individual who was hired to do the edit was a cooperative one, involving members of the WSO Board of Directors and staff, the World Literature Committee, and the WSC Administrative Committee.

The approval of the Fourth Edition manuscript was the sole responsibility of the members of the Literature Review Committee, as the motion specified. Disag

reeing with this process is one thing.

IT WAS A BAD PROCESS AND A BAD MOTION: But these issues were widely publicized in the Newsline and the Fellowship Report. The World Service Conference had two years and two annual meetings to change that process, and it

did not change the process.

In the third place, WSO is most definitely part of the service structure. Confusion about this is not new - this misconception has been causing considerable problems in the Fellowship. The World Service Office Board of Directors have recently found it necessary to propose changing language which has contributed to this confusion in the Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure (see the

1988 Agenda Report).

Five years ago, in violent controversy over the sections on Traditions Four and Nine in the Basic Text, some members argued that the service structure itself was NOT part of N.A. Through an exhaustive group conscience process, the Fellowship resolved this issue by removing wrong language from the text which made this untrue statement. The service structure is part of N.A., in accordance with Tradition Nine, because WE - the Fellowship - have created all of the service boards and committees presently in existence, including the World Service Office. How could something we created that is directly responsible to us NOT be a part of us?

The World Service Office is managed by the World Service Office Board of Directors, which are elected and directly responsible to the Fellowship through the World Service Conference. The World Service Office is an Eighth Tradition Service Center ("Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our Service Centers may employ special workers.") whose relationship to the Fellowship is described by Tradition Nine. The fact that the WSO is a legal corporation has nothing to do with the spiritual principles which are involved. To argue that WSO is not part of N.A. is like arguing that your hand is not part of your arm. There is a connection. If the WSO were not a part of N.A., how could it hold the copyrights and publish Narcotics Anonymous literature? If WSO were not a part of N.A., by its very existence we would be lending the N.A. name and also financing an outside enterprise in violation of Traditions Six and Seven. But spiritual principles are not in conflict. WSO is a part of Narcotics Anonymous, and the Twelve Traditions are a set of consistent, inter- related spiritual principles.

The Issue of Conceptual Problems in the Basic Text: "Anonymous" raised several questions about this issue, writing: "I wonder why the Literature Review Committee, or the professional editor, felt there was any reason for concepts to be addressed at all...It seems...a bit arrogant on the part of someone to assume that they could improve on the concepts that the book already presented, whatever the form ... having decided that the conceptual changes could not be handled without totally rewriting the book, why didn't they simply abandon the project altogether? Why was it that the Fellowship had not felt a need to address these 'conceptual' problems? Is it possible that they were not important?...Regarding one of the specifics...what kind of 'Tradition Problem' was the brevity of Chapter Six? What does that mean? What does the length of any chapter have to do with an edit?" I would like to discuss these questions and clear up some of the confusion I feel is underneath some of these statements and that my previous Fellowship Reports may have contributed to.

LET ME SAY FIRST: EDITING THE BASIC TEXT WAS A TOTALLY SEPARATE ISSUE FROM ANY "CONCEPTUAL PROBLEMS."

In the first place, the Literature Review Committee was ALWAYS 100% CLEAR that the motion did not allow conceptual changes in the Basic Text. This is why the Literature Review Committee did not make conceptual changes in the text to bring it into alignment with the Little White Book, Newly Revised, delaying publication of the "Fourth Edition" for what turned out to be one full year until after the 1987 World Service Conference could resolve the matter.

The reason why the issue of "conceptual problems" even came up in conjunction with the editing process was because of what the Literature Review Committee members found as the professional editor's work was carefully reviewed. To review the edit required many, many hours of individual effort carefully studying and analyzing each change in the text, line by line. We did not have a master list of changes, but instead followed a process of comparing two manuscript copies. It was the first time since the approval of the book that World Literature Committee members had looked so closely at the Basic Text, individually and together. Through this process, in our judgement we found many items in the book which we felt should be brought to the attention of the Fellowship. WE KNEW we had no authority to change anything like this in the text, but we felt we had a responsibility to make the Fellowship aware of statements which we felt might be untrue, inconsistent with N.A. philosophy or our Twelve Traditions.

The length of Chapter Six (The Twelve Traditions Chapter), had nothing to do with the edit, but rather was pointed out as one of several possible reasons to undertake a major revision of the basic text. The issue was whether or not this particular chapter really does provide enough of the "basic" information about each of our Twelve Traditions, whether or not we someday have more information in separate books and/or pamphlets. The length and content of the material on Traditions Ten, Eleven, and Twelve were noted in particular. Perhaps some of these examples were not explained well enough. But the bottom line is that they were separate from the edit. If the Literature Review Committee had wanted to act on arrogance or self-will and consciously disregard the group conscience of the Fellowship, there would have been a number of specific conceptual changes that this group of members could have made. But, of course, as trusted servants, this did not occur. There was considerable reluctance to even open up the issue of possible future revision of the basic text by discussing it and asking for Fellowship input in the November Fellowship Report (and later reports). But it is up to the Fellowship to set the priorities of the World Literature Committee, and to tell us

what books and pamphlets we should be working hardest on. We have a

responsibility to seek this kind of input and direction from the Fellowship.

IN CONCLUSION: "Anonymous" makes the point that there is a problem with too many "issues" and projects going on in Narcotics Anonymous today, that we need to focus our attention as a Fellowship, that there is only so much that we can keep up with as individual members. I wanted to agree entirely with "Anonymous" on these points. But it seems to me that as a Fellowship, we have a tendency to act like individual addicts and "want it all now". If there are too many issues going on, we have to take responsibility for this as a Fellowship. We are responsible. The issues don't come out of thin air, or out of world services, they come out of real problems that have confronted us and out of our common desire to carry our message to more and more addicts. When we hear voices demanding that we "hurry up" a particular project or service, we are all responsible to consider the fact that we may need to "slow down". I am convinced that many of the problems having to do with the basic text had to do with the constant time pressures that we seem to impose upon ourselves. I am equally concerned that we may live out the insanity of repeating this kind of mistake if we are not aware of this problem in how in the future we go about dealing with the Basic Text, the step and tradition book, our other literature, and other major projects like the Guide to Service. Both in Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, and with the problems we create and solve in our service effort, there is no "us and them", and what this really means is that we are all responsible.

(P.S.: I love you, and the privilege to have served you. I care.)

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To: The Fellowship

From: Vince Daley, Chairperson

WSC It Works Ad-Hoc Committee

The January workshops in Chicago, San Francisco and Fort Lauderdale were very productive as we finished going through all the input from the Fellowship. A minor loose end came up in March as we received a lot of material from the United Kingdom. Still, it's better late than never, and we are including this material on our single master list of changes. Actually, this was a pleasant surprise as we were not aware the United Kingdom was laboring so hard on our book. We are very grateful for their efforts. The single master list of changes is nearing completion and will be ready to hand over to the World Literature Committee at the Conference.

This recent development brings us to a total of nine world workshops, including: Baltimore, Sidney, Seattle, Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, San Francisco, Fort Lauderdale and London.

Many regions and area literature committees located throughout the world worked hard at contributing to our book by providing a forum where our members could provide input for it. As a result, approximately eighty new area and regional literature committees have been formed over the last year. This is very exciting, because all of us have gained valuable experience and skills writing and developing our literature. We are approaching three hundred registered area and regional literature committees. If we keep developing and sharing our skills, and we stay united and work together as a Fellowship on our book, the end result is

going to be very special and unique. This has been a tremendous year of growth and of coming together.

This committee feels we have, to the best of our ability, fulfilled the goals and direction given to us by WSC '87. Therefore we will be requesting that this

committee be dissolved by the Conference at WSC '88.

We want to express our gratitude and thank all our members who have worked so well and so hard on our book over the years. And we want to thank you for being patient. Perhaps if there is a history or a story of the development of our book *It Works: How and Why* it would be like that of the oak tree. Its strength lay in the fact that it grew so great and strong because it grew so slowly and well.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bill Zimmerman, Chairperson

WSC Additional Needs Ad-Hoc Committee

Because Additional Needs met for the last time this year in Denver, this is going to be a very short report. We have completed our task for this year and we await your direction for next year. The World Service Office and this committee continues to accept group questionnaires. Thank you for letting us be of service.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Leah Goodrich, Chairperson

WSC Select Committee on the Service Structure

At our March meeting we examined many of the basic ideas and concepts which may be applicable to our service structure. We looked at those developed by other Twelve Step Fellowships as well as concepts we have developed in our experience. The basis of most of our discussion concerned our experience with the Traditions. What became most apparent was how little information has been recorded over the years regarding our own experience and that which had been written down was not readily available for reference. In our discussions we were able to resolve, to our satisfaction as a committee, some of the many recurring philosophical issues confronting our service structure. Some of our resolutions were the result of our complete agreement but with others we were unable to establish a clear consensus at this time.

The committee has believed for some time now that we had arrived at a point in our work that to go any further without wider consultation and discussion would be inappropriate. The ideas and concepts we have been discussing concern all of us throughout our Fellowship. The subject of our deliberations concerned our basic philosophy of service and the possible development of a foundation of principles that coincide with our Traditions to specifically guide our service efforts. Questions which we addressed included: the purpose, function, and responsibility of our service structure, how our trusted servants are guided in fulfilling their responsibilities, how our Traditions are applicable to service, what is N.A., what is N.A. as such, who is an N.A. member, what is group conscience, how is group

progress in the future.

autonomy related to the expression of an ultimate authority, what does direct responsibility imply, and how does self-support relate to the service structure. As a result of our deliberations we have developed some consensus responses as a committee, which will be presented in our report to the WSC in April for further discussion from the participants. It has become clear that a common understanding of the purpose and function of our service structure is needed. The basic responsibilities of our groups and members, as well as those of our trusted servants, service boards and committees needs to be well established, defined, and presented in any guide to service in N.A. During our report at the WSC, we will request the chairperson to allow us to go into a committee of the whole for a comprehensive discussion of these issues and the responses developed by the committee.

There are several other important issues that are more of a structural nature that we request further consideration of. We published in the September, 1987 Fellowship Report our thoughts on a plan about our evolving worldwide structure. This plan has received in general, a lot of favorable support and we will continue to work in this direction. However, we would also like to get a consensus from the WSC to continue work in this direction. The development of each continental conference structure will take time and we don't expect the plan to be initiated until the early 1990's. In relationship to each continental conference our committee has been discussing the feasibility of having a single, larger, centralized Board (25-30 members) to have the chief responsibility of administering continental service affairs (in much the same way as our three service arms WSC Admin., WSB, and WSO do now while the Conference is not in This is in addition to the conferences themselves. There are several options to this plan and we have not settled ourselves on any one option. Members of this central board could divide their responsibilities into more specific areas of concern, such as: several members (6 or 7) would be responsible for office management, others could be assigned to work with the service departments and/or ongoing WSC Committee responsibilities, but all together would be jointly responsible for all continental service affairs. This particular option resembles somewhat the plan outlined in the N.A. Tree. Please consider these ideas and be prepared to discuss the subject during our report.

Terminology is also a concern of the committee. With all the confusion resulting from some common practices in our Fellowship we are trying to make things more clear and descriptive. One of the solutions we discussed would be to use the term "conference" instead of "committee" when describing ASC's and RSC's. Our other great concern was for the term group conscience. Over the years it has been loosely used to describe and/or justify just about everything we do. We hope to have some more discussions about these things and will report our

We would like at this time to thank all the committees and/or members who have taken the time to input the current draft of the Guide to Service. It is our expectation that the amount of input will begin to increase as we get closer to a completion date. If the WSC decides favorably on our motion to amend our work schedule for the coming year, we will meet at least five times, with two-three day meetings. Upon completion of our work we will publish a draft and present it for whatever approval process the Fellowship desires. Until that time we will need the full support of the Fellowship to successfully complete our work.

There is one other issue in particular that received overwhelming support of all committee members. This concerned changing the name of our committee to reflect a better understanding of our purpose within the Fellowship. We will discuss this further and offer some suggestions for the WSC participants to consider during our report.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Rehmar, Chairman

World Service Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met in Van Nuys on the weekend of February 6 and 7. We spent a large portion of our meeting time discussing the Conference Agenda Report. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the WSO Board of Directors were also

present and provided us with updated information about WSO activities.

On Friday, before the meeting of the Board, the three ad-hoc committees met independently for the purpose of reviewing their work and formulating reports to the Board. As I reported last time, these committees were formed to make initial evaluations in three areas; a long form of the Twelve Traditions, Tradition Seven and P.I., and the role of trustees. Recommendations on the need for a long form of the Twelve Traditions along with concepts for service will be forwarded to the Select Committee. A draft concerning Tradition Seven should be completed by conference time and will be turned over to the P.I. Committee. Work on the role of trustees has begun with an evaluation of the guidelines for the BOT in the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure and will continue over the next several months.

In our extended discussion of the Conference Agenda Report, several areas of concern were discussed and noted. Motion #11 is the cause of our greatest concern. The Board of Trustees decided unanimously to prepare a special report to the Fellowship regarding our serious concerns with this issue. The nature of the issue and the timing of our report made our decision especially difficult. However, we concluded that this action was necessitated by our guidelines and that our responsibility was to notify the Fellowship of our concerns, along with the broader issue of participation, in relationship to the Twelve Traditions. This

report has been mailed to all regions, areas, and conference participants.

Each year as the World Service Conference approaches, some trusted servants and members of Narcotics Anonymous report finding themselves in some confusion regarding some aspects of our world service efforts. While this can be troubling or frustrating, it is also an important opportunity for all of us to reexamine the spiritual principles which guide our lives in recovery and service. It is sometimes easy to get caught up in service issues and lose the focus of our spiritual program. Fortunately for all of us, we have the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to help guide us through what sometimes seems to be a hopeless search for unity. Our experience has taught us that each and every one of us is responsible to continue our efforts to further our common welfare so that we can, with God's help, find true solutions to our problems. This is something that is much easier to say than to do. However, we can concentrate on our commitment to live and reflect our spiritual principles in all of our actions, thus dedicating our efforts to current and future members.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Stone, Office Manager

World Service Office

Although there has been controversy enough concerning the publication of the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text, it is necessary for the Office to inform the Fellowship that still another problem has been discovered. The Office was informed on February 25th, by a member that in their copy of the Fourth Edition, second printing, two paragraphs of text were omitted from the bottom of page 87. A check of the second and third printing copies in the office verified the two paragraphs were not there.

An immediate investigation was conducted to discover what had occurred and what could be done to correct the problem. The Fourth Edition was initially typeset in the summer of 1987. From this was produced the Fourth Edition, First Printing. The problem we are now discussing was not present in the First Printing. However the First Printing had another problem. There was too great a variance in the density of the print. While this may have gone unnoticed by most members it is generally undesirable and an effort to correct it was immediately started.

The correction required that the entire Text be re-typeset. This was accomplished in November 1987. We followed the routine procedure for this and the paste-up was proof read before it was sent to the printer. Photographic negatives are made of each typeset page and the "plate" is made from these negatives. It appears likely that the missing paragraphs had glue on both sides and became stuck to the back of the previous page. This went unnoticed by the photographic department of the printer. From these photographic plates an initial print, called a blue line, is made of the text. The blue line was then sent to the WSO for review.

Because the text was proof read, word for word, just prior to having the past-up sent to the printer, it was not again proof-read word for word. Historically, the blue line has been examined only for accuracy of the alignment on the printed page. Since we had not had this problem before, this was the routine we have followed for each of the last twenty times we have printed the book. The blue line was examined for this aspect, as well as other minor marks on the blue line which indicate scratches on the photographic negative. A number of individual marks and realignment requirements were noted and the blue line was returned to the printer.

After the blue lines were returned to the printer, the book was then printed and shipments were made. The Office began distributing copies to purchasers as soon as the books were received on January 20, 1988. Approximately 40,000 copies of the Basic Text were printed with this problem. A subsequent printing with the same problem occurred during early February and was received by the Office on March 2, 1988. By that time, the Office had learned of the problem so none of the books was shipped.

It was decided that the missing paragraphs would be printed on gummed label material and inserted on the appropriate page. The labels were printed and work began on March 7, 1988 to correct all books on hand at the time,--about 16,000 copies. An additional 28,000 copies have subsequently been received and are being corrected as orders for them are processed.

The Office initiated a program to identify all book purchasers whose books are missing these paragraphs. During the last week of March, all of these book purchasers were sent a letter explaining the problem and including the self adhesive labeled paragraphs in question. Instructions were included in the letter

to insert the paragraphs in the appropriate space. It is anticipated that more than 95% of all books with these paragraphs missing will be identified and the paragraphs added. We responded as quickly as possible so as to minimize the impact of the problem.

The Office asks all members who have Fourth Edition Texts to check page 87 to see if there is an unusual blank space at the bottom of the page. If this is

the case, contact the Office to request the printed label.

We have kept track of expenses related to the correction of this error and will provide a report in writing to the Conference when it meets in April. The Office is embarrassed that such an error could occurred. Nevertheless we acknowledge that errors do occur and as our Tenth Step to the Fellowship, we apologize for this error. Corrective action has been taken to require a word-forword proofreading at every stage in future printings.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Jim Wymore, Chairperson

World Service Office

As a result of past discussions concerning the use and control of the N.A. name and logo by vendors within and outside the Fellowship we took action in 1985 to obtain trade mark and copyright registration on behalf of N.A. We are pleased to report that we believe we are, at this point, properly protected in areas

concerning the use of the N.A. logo and the name Narcotics Anonymous.

This matter was recently discussed at the March workshop for conventions and offices. It was disclosed at that time that there still needs some effort to fully bring some rational order to the commercial use of the N.A. logo and bring these commercial companies into a better relationship to the legal use of N.A. properties. As a result, it was requested that offices and conventions committees who may currently be doing business with individuals or companies who manufacture items for sale to our members or others that contain the N.A. logo or variations of the N.A. logo should send the names and addresses of those individuals to the World Service Office. It is the intention of the Office to communicate to these individuals concerning the rights of the Fellowship and their commercial use of properties owned by Narcotics Anonymous. As this report is copied and distributed throughout the Fellowship, we are hopeful that other members who have knowledge of persons or companies using the N.A. logo in a commercial way will communicate to our Office that names and addresses of those individuals. Fellowship-wide assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

We are not asking for individuals not currently engaged in such business to initiate the production of items containing the N.A. logo or facsimiles thereof. We would prefer to discourage new vendors. We will keep the Fellowship informed of

developments as they occur.

The Conference will select members to serve on the N.A. Way review panel for the coming year. This is an important aspect of the publication of the magazine. Regions are reminded to bring names of individuals who are willing and able to serve in this capacity. There has been constant turn-over in the membership of the committee, in part because those who frequently are nominated do not have a strong background in English. Many have been general service volunteers but find the work requires a higher level of skill in the rules of

grammar and punctuation than most of us have. Please seek out members with

strong English skill for nomination to the magazine review panel.

In 1983, the WSO withdrew from circulation the speaker tapes that had been included in the inventory of the Office. During the intervening years, the Office evolved with Conference consent a tape review process and has reviewed a vast number of tapes that could be entered into the WSO inventory. This process has been successful. There are currently eighteen tapes in the inventory. More tapes are being reviewed by the committee. The committee as usual, struggles from year to year because the membership is not consistent and the size of the committee fluctuates.

RSR's are reminded to bring nominations of members of their regions who are interested in participating in the tape review process. We have found, during the last two years that we have been able to utilize all of the members who are nominated to this review process, as there is a relatively high turn-over in members. The general requirements are that the individual be willing to listen to several hours of tapes each month, make written evaluations of the tapes, and participate in conference telephone calls to discuss tapes with other members of the review panel. Through this process, we can effectively review the material

and bring to the Fellowship tapes of high quality.

Throughout this period of time, there has been a continuing controversy concerning the sale of tape recordings for specific events, usually conventions, by vendors who tape recorded the events at the requests of the sponsoring committee. There has been considerable discussion on this subject over the years in an effort to evolve a clearer understanding of the appropriate relationship to this practice and the spiritual Fellowship. Through these many discussions it has finally become fairly clear that a reasonable course of action can be found to permit the taping of these events, making opportunity for vendors to make a reasonable profit from this service and also provide an opportunity for the Fellowship to protect its ownership rights to these presentations.

During the last eighteen months, a draft recording contract agreement has been evolving from discussions through the Office and in the Fellowship. Copies of this recording agreement draft were made available at the recent workshops for conventions and offices. This agreement generally establishes the rights and relationships of the sponsoring service committee to retain ownership of the tape recordings made at these events. It also makes provision for vendors to record these events as a service to Narcotics Anonymous and make a profit while doing so. The agreements, however, make clear provision for the retention of ownership rights, sale rights and distribution rights of these speaker tapes after the event is over and retention of these rights by the sponsoring committee.

The Office encourages the Fellowship to obtain copies of this agreement prior to further discussion concerning your conventions. We are hopeful that the Fellowship will utilize this method in the future so that the Fellowship maintains appropriate control, ownership and distribution of tapes wherein members share

their personal lives, experience, strength and hope.

The transition from open and unrestricted duplication and sale by commercial companies of N.A. recovery tapes to a more spiritually based system will cause some difficulties, especially for those individuals whose primary motive is to make money, rather than serve the spiritual Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. However, we believe that the transition can be accomplished in a reasonable period of time without any substantial disruption to the service that members desire.

In a related matter, the tape review process continues to review tapes submitted by members and committees. Nearly all of these tapes were made of conventions and convention activities. Very few tapes have been received from members that are recordings of their local groups or special meetings of area or regional events. This is fine, although it has denied the Fellowship the opportunity to review and include tapes generated under non-convention atmospheres. From time to time the Office has been asked about this and we have encouraged area committees or regions to obtain, at their expense, an acceptably high quality tape recorder to make their own individual recordings of some meetings and speakers. These could then be introduced into the tape review process. Most tapes that have been submitted by individuals where recordings were done by themselves, tend to have been accomplished on tape recorders of very poor quality. As a result, most often these tapes have not been found acceptable because of excessive background noise and other poor quality recording characteristics.

The Fellowship would be well served by the opportunity to include more of these local meeting tapes, but it is necessary to improve the quality of the tape recorders in order to make this a viable alternative.

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The AlSask Region is made up of 2 Canadian Provinces - Alberta and Saskatchewan. These provinces are largely rural, with only a few large urban centres. The main industries are farming, ranching and oil. The Region has been in existence for 1 year. This is our first report, as well as our first attendance at the World Service Conference.

To date we have had one Regional Convention, with very successful results. We are now in the process of forming our Regional Subcommittees. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but fortunately, we also have a lot of willing and dedicated members.

The H & I and P.I. Subcommittees have met on a few occassions, and are in the process of formulating policy. The Literature Subcommittee is presently working on a Regional Newsletter and a Regional Directory, as well as setting up a centralized Literature depot.

Our Region consists of 5 areas:

Calgary
Edmonton
Regina
Saskatoon
Wainwright/Lloydminister

The Calgary Area will be holding its fifth Area Convention this fall, and will be sponsoring the second Regional Convention this summer. This area is experiencing very rapid growth and all Subcommittees are active. Presently there are 17 regular meetings and 3 H & I meetings in this Area per week.

The Edmonton Area is also growing rapidly, with fully functional Subcommittees. The third Area Convention will be held in June, 1988. At present there are 13 regular meetings and 5 H & I meetings per week in this Area.

The Regina Area has 16 regular meetings and 6 H & I meetings per week, including those held in the cities or Moose Jaw and Estevan. The fourth Area Convention will be held in Regina in August, 1988. This Area has fully functional Subcommittees, with a very active Convention Subcommittee.

The Saskatoon Area has 5 regular meetings and 3 H & I meetings per week. This Area has just undergone a major reorganization, and a lot of time and effort has been spent by members to ensure an ongoing successful area. The first Annual Area Convention is planned for this summer.

The Wainwright/Lloydminister Area is relatively new, being in existence now for approximately one year. Although this Area covers alot of territory geographically, and its membership is relatively small, the members are doing their best to keep the Subcommittees active. Presently, there are 3 regular meetings per week in this Area.

As well as the meetings outlined above, there are at least 20 groups in the Region which are not yet affiliated with the Area in our Region. We are in contact with these groups and, as we form our Outreach Subcommittee, we hope to bring them into the appropriate Area, or form new Areas if necessary.



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One of the major difficulties encountered in our Region includes the vast area to be covered. The Region encompasses roughly 500,000 square miles, with a total population of 3 million people. Travel to Regional Conventions and meetings is in excess of 600 miles for some members. As well, members in rural areas must travel large distances just to attend regular meetings.

In spite of the difficulties, there is rapid growth in the Region, including the outlying areas. Members seem more than willing to overcome the problems posed by the travel to attend NA meetings and functions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Upper Mid-West Region for all of the assistance they have given us - especially with regard to the formation of our Areas and our Region. Their members have travelled great distances to participate in workshops, and to support our Conventions through attendance and supplying speakers.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the World Service Office for their distribution of literature and information. But especially, we are grateful for their role in facilitating contact with other NA groups; giving our members a feeling of unity and hope of recovery through Narcotics Anonymous.

Yours in Recovery and Fellowship

Benie Lyons

Bernie Lyons, R.S.R. AlSask Region

ARIZONA REGIONAL REPORT TO THE W.S.C.

Greeting from the growing, changing Region of Arizona. With growth and change comes controversy, and with that controversy, we are coming closer to the ideal being shown to us by our Trusted Servants on a world level. Another principle which we are trying to emulate is living by our convections, based upon the group conscience. Arizona applauds the W.S.C. for taking stands on difficult issues and drawing upon a loving God for spiritual direction and guidance.

This year is best portrayed chronologically and I will attempt to do so as briefly and thoroughly as possible. Thank you in advance for letting me be of service.

May 1987

- I. Arizona H & I stumbled over the changes proposed and ratified by the W.S.O. After a brief period, however, all Area and Regional H & I subcommittees agreed to follow the approved guidelines.
- II. K.F.Y.I. aired the first of three radio broadcasts featuring members of N.A. exclusively, discussing recovery, the N.A. way. We wish to thank W.S.O. for their guidance and support, and we applaud the panel members, both in Phoenix, and in Tucson for their dogged adherence to the Traditions.
- III. The First Arizona Regional Convention of N.A. was held May 22nd thru 24th in Tucson. We wish to thank Chuck L., Leah G. and Pepe A. for sharing their experience, strength and hope, and helping to make our first endeavor a success on all levels. A.R.C.N.A. II is planned for Memorial Day weekend, 1988, in Phoenix, and I wish to use this opportunity to invite you to share in our recovery-and our sun!

June 1987

- I. Convention summary was given. New Convention chair people were elected.
- II. Nominations were held for Regional positions.
- III. The newsletter redoubled efforts to highlight pertinent N.A. recovery material by expanding the reprints of N.A. Way articles and statements of Board of Trustees.

July 1987

- I. Another Twelve Step fellowship in Arizona reprinted in their Newsline, the article from the N.A. Board of Trustees re: the emphasis on the disease of addiction rather than the specific substance.
- II. A new Area was formed in Northern Arizona and welcomed as a member of the Arizona Regional Service Committee.
- III. P.I. committee created a new phone line in Phoenix which has been adequate ever since.

August 1987

- I. Third Annual Arizona Regional Bash was held on Mt. Lemon. The event was well attended and, as always, fellowship and recovery were available and evident to all.
- II. Elections were held for R.S.C.
- III. Two hundred copies of Reach Out will be made available quarterly thru the Regional H & I committee.

September 1987

- I. The R.S.C. started the ball rolling to educate and inform the fellowship re: the 7th Tradition and the financial concern expressed at the July workshop of the W.S.C. This project continued with repeated articles in the Area Newsletter.
- II. Festival of Recovery was held in Flagstaff, Arizona in the newly formed Northern Arizona Area. Again, the event was a fellowship success.

October 1987

We learned through painful experience the folly of contracting printing work to members of our fellowship. Regional Meeting Lists were 6 months late, due to the backlash of missing information, and broken promises. As of March 1988, we are still receiving bills.

November 1987

- I. H & I finally closes bank account.
- II. Arizona R.S.C. received, what has come to be known as the Buckeye Letter. After careful scrutiny re: content and intent, the Region quickly voted to draft a letter supporting "It Works" and the W.S.C. Literature Committee's ability to prioritize our fellowships needs based upon the group conscience.

December 1987

Arizona celebrated recovery through the rough holiday season by holding several Area Narathons.

January 1988

- I. Arizona held a well attended Regional workshop on "It Works". The devotion to the talk at hand was electrifying, and the unity expressed carried through to the speakers meeting held that night. Pepe A. returned to Arizona to share at the largest speaker meeting/dance yet experienced in Arizona.
- II. Fourth Edition of the Basic Text was well received by the Arizona Fellowship.
- III. Formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Needs.
- IV. Much controversy concerning incorporating and link to R.S.O.

February 1988

- I. R.S.C. chair to appoint a printing chair.
- II. A.R.C.N.A. II fundraiser- Pasta dinner- huge success.
- III. A.P.A.C. convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona, with a booth representing and manned by members of N.A. San Diego aided Arizona in this endeavor by sending literature an a representative, Dr. Bob M., who also graciously consented to speak at the February Fundraiser for A.R.C.N.A. II.

It just doesn't look as catastrophic on paper as it felt while we were all living it. That's amazing! It works like my sponsor said it does!

See you at A.R.C.N.A. II Tom Boscarelli R.S.R. Arizona Regional Service Committee



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Regional Service Representative Report to the World Service Conference 1988.

The past year has seen much growth in our Region with meetings increasing at a great rate. Our membership is spread over an area greater than the USA - from Perth in the state of West Australia to New Zealand in the east a distance of some 5,000 kilometers from Cairns in the North to Tasmania in the south -some 3,000 kilometers. The ability of the service structure to unify our far flung NA communities has been a major factor in the strength and growth throughout the Region. The RSC meets in Sydney which is home to the largest of our NA communities. Thanks to communication and support provided through the service structure and the dedication and commitment of trusted servants in the areas, NA communities in all parts of our Region have consolidated and their service committees have grown in experience and maturity. Many of these ASC's have accomplished this even though there are hundreds or even thousands of kilometers separating them from other NA communities. This fact has made it a lot harder to draw on other NA communities both in terms of support for meetings and experience in service. There has been much help with the latter through the constant communication maintained by WSC through WSO.

We held our N.S.W. convention in October which was attended by both Sydney Rosen of the Board of trustees and Biff Kramer, chairperson of WSC PI. A PI learning day was held at this time attended by Sydney, Biff and also another trustee, Mario T. This was well attended and we would like to express our gratitude toward both Biff and Sydney for taking the time to come over and share their experience with us. We had more international guests at this convention than ever before including four members from Hawaii and a few from continental USA. We would like to thank all of these visitors for coming over and we hope to see many more.

We currently hold RSC meetings bi-monthly. We have never been able to afford to transport all the ASR,s to every RSC because of the great distances and therefore cost involved. We have overcome this by transporting all the ASR's to the RSC twice a year (costs met by the asc's) - in April for the WSC agenda and in October for the election of office bearers. At other RSC's we place motions on an agenda until the following RSC to allow all areas to send in their votes. Motions which are deemed either housekeeping or urgent are dealt with immediately. This process has always caused us problems but given our resources it was the best solution. Our seventh tradition funds have increased dramatically over the last couple of years allowing us to consider holding our RSC quarterly and transporting all ASR's to every RSC.

This method of operation is still in the pipeline at the moment but central to it's implementation is <u>COST</u> <u>EQUALIZATION</u> <u>OF</u> <u>ASR</u> <u>PARTICIPATION</u> <u>EXPENSES</u>. We consider that every area has an equal right to participate at the RSC but obviously it would be totally impractical to move the RSC thousands of kilometers around the Region. (A situation very similar to WSC.) The only alternative is to share the costs of putting on the RSC equally amongst the participants. We see all the above moves greatly improving the efficiency of the RSC and doing a lot to improve unity throughout the Region.

Our Regional Office has been operating for just over a year. The office is responsible for the distribution of literature and associated business matters. The office also does the distribution and accounting for our magazine ("NA Today"). We are currently looking at other ways in which the office can serve our Region. We are currently formulating a Regional review committee for Ausralasian tapes which we envisage will be sold by the office. The agreement between WSO and our office is in the final stages. Bob Stone has been over here for the last couple of weeks and has been of immense assistance; sharing with us his experience with service and giving us some insight into the operation of both WSC and WSO. We would like to offer our thanks to world services for enabling Bob to visit us and generally making us feel a lot less isolated. Thanks a lot and keep up the great work. We are considering doing a Regional newsletter similar to Newsline so that we can quickly disseminate information through all members in the Region thus encouraging well informed group conscience decisions and a greater input by our members.

Another first for our Region, and maybe the world, was a PI project which involved a staged NA meeting for radio. This was a great success and was done with very careful attention to the traditions and to maintaining editorial control.

We held our first world workshops on "It Works" one of which were attended by Sydney R. There was some confusion as to what exactly was required but our input was forwarded to the world adhoc committee and difficulties were resolved. We have been having problems in the area of H&I with the number of meetings actually shrinking and a large turnover in the membership of our H&I committees. Hopefully we will be able to remedy this in the coming year. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

We submitted a bid for the 1989 World Convention. A lot of work was put into this by our "World Convention Bid Ad-hoc Committee" and we thought their effort was a credit to our Region.

Within our Region there is a significant number of members who are concerned about the gender specific terms used in the steps. As a result of these concerns the Region decided to allow these members to form an ad-hoc committee to gather input on this issue. They are gathering input on how members feel about this issue and possible alternatives. When this input has been compiled the RSC will make a decision as to whether or not to forward this input to the WLC - the probable course of action. This issue and how to deal with it takes on even greater significance when attempting to translate our principles into other languages and cultures.

The discussions initiated in the Newsline about the difficulties in translating our program to other cultures has sparked a great deal of interest in our Region as it is quite possible that given our geographical proximity to Asia we are certain to play a major role in the development of NA in this area of the world.

Although we have achieved much over the past 3 years, since becoming a Region, there is still a lot to do in terms of consolidation. Communication and effective operation of our Regional services is very much an ongoing concern. It is always the "little" things which cause the biggest problems - the letter that goes unanswered or the literature order that goes astray - it is these things that seem to have the greatest effect on the impression that our Regional services give to the areas. We would like to enable our Regional trusted servants to visit our areas a lot more. The quarterly RSC meetings, if adopted, should help with all these problems.

Our growth so far has been staggering and this translates to many addicts finding a new way to live - this is always the most important consideration and to this end it is working.

In loving service,

Garth Popple RSR.

John Standen Alt RSR.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



. 15 February 1988

R.S.R. Report

Like the rest of N.A., the B.C. Region is growing and maturing rapidly. I counted over 50 meetings on our various Area meeting lists and I know there are more than that scheduled. The newness of our Region and inexperience of most of our member Areas is still apparent, especially in our subcommittees. The Chairpersons seem unsure of what to do and how to form and activate their committees.

We are currently restructuring our Outreach Committee to better serve the needs of the northern and interior towns of British Columbia. We know there are groups established in Prince George and Williams Lake, and have heard rumours of meetings in many other communities which are not connected to the service structure. We envision replacing our single Outreach Committee Chairperson with a co-ordinator or Chairperson in each of four sections of British Columbia. In this way we hope to foster the growth of N.A. throughout the province.

It has recently been discovered that the name Narcotics Anonymous and the initials N.A. were never copyrighted in Canada. Consequently, Narcanon, an arm of Scientology, legally publishes and distributes literature under the trading name of N.A., and there is nothing we can do about it. Also there is a renegade group in Winnipeg which has published a book and pamphlets under the name of Narcotics Anonymous. It is possible that they hold the copyright to the name in Canada. W.S.O. has been contacted in this regard and an investigation is underway.

A situation which had come to light about two weeks before WSC '87 is still not completely resolved. A member who had relapsed called the N.A. Helpline in Vancouver on several evenings and asked that all calls be directed to his phone number. member had been removed by the P.I. Committee from the list of approved pager carriers for the Helpline and was taking calls at night without our knowledge. He has been charged with sexually assaulting a young woman who had called N.A. for help, and goes to trial on this and similar charges in May 1988. N.A. was not charged with him because a computer printout from our answering service (which is considered an impartial third party) showed that N.A. had notified them of the name of the authorized pager carrier every night. The relapsed member had phoned the answering service and hijacked our calls. If he is found guilty by the courts, the victim could sue N.A. for damages, and we have been advised that her lawyer is urging her to do so. To prevent any future recurrence, a system of code words was implemented with the answering service. A new system is contemplated.

"that no addict seeking recovery need ever die"

15 February 1988

R.S.R. Report

Profanity in the name of a group is causing controversy; whether or not to list the "No Shit" group in N.A. directories has been hotly debated in Area and Regional meetings along with related questions such as, is shit a swear word, and does it reflect negatively on N.A. as a whole? To date, the issue has not been resolved. Some members are looking to W.S.O. for quidance.

In October 1987, we proudly hosted the Pacific Northwest Convention for the first time since its inception as the annual convention for the Pacific Northwest Region ten years ago. When the Pacific Northwest divided three years ago, the convention was kept as an annual event to foster unity among the original member areas. We believe, and as the 600 attending members will testify, it is fulfilling this purpose proving that the border is just an imaginary line.

Recovery through service,

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To Worldwide Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

Greetings from the Fellowship of Northern California.

This has been a year marked by growth and progress. We have faced many challenges and neither success nor failure has deterred our adherence to our first tradition; our commitment to unity.

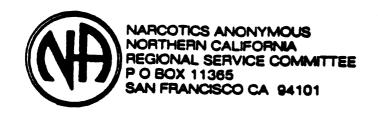
At the present time, there are over 538 regular N.A. meetings held each week and the number just keeps on growing. There are 172 H&I meetings held in local, state, and federal institutions; including San Quentin. Our region covers more than 18,000 square miles and is made up of 20 areas. Most of our areas have an active ASC and operate a telephone help line along with area H&I and P.I. committees.

Our RSC meets monthly alternating on weekends around our region and at a fixed site centrally located. We have active participation from all our areas. In the last year we have formed a Policy and Guidelines sub-committee to deal with our need to have updated policies and guidelines; an Activities sub-committee to deal primarily with assisting the host areas to deal with our rotating RSC meeting; a Literature Review sub-committee to work on input for the current review and approval items. Our H&I committee has been very active and our P.I. committee has prepared a pamphlet entitled PI and the Member for approval at the WSC.

We have established a RSO with a 9 member BOD and a monthly literature sales of over \$9,000 every month. Through the RSO our Convention Advisory Panel oversees our Regional convention held each year in March. We expect this years convention, held in Oakland, to be one of the largest in NA history. Unfortunately we were not this well prepared to host WCNA-18. Surrendering to the will of a loving God has enabled us to grow and to learn from this experience.

One of the more exciting projects this year was the formation of a California Central Valley/Sierra Regionalization Formation Committee to look into the prospect of the formation of a new Region. We had hoped to be able to present them to you at this years conference but in the spirit of prudence it will most likely be next years. There has also been discussion in some other areas about splitting our region into smaller, more manageable regions. In the spirit of unity we are moving very slowly in this direction.

At this writing we are preparing to host 5 conference



agenda workshops throughout the four quadrants of our region. We are prepared to distribute 300 Agenda Reports to the members of our fellowship in the hope that an informed fellowship can best form a meaningful group conscience.

We have done away with our RSR board, (too cumbersome), but we have decided to elect two RSR alternates in order to better circulate information around our large fellowship. Steve Lantos and Sandrea Rinehart are the alternate RSR's.

We all are looking forward to a productive conference.

Sincerely, In loving service,

RSR Northern California Region

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL REPORT WSC 1988

Greetings from Southern California! It seems as though it was just a few months ago since I last wrote a RSR report to the WSC and yet a year has gone by and here we go again. This is my second year as RSR representing the Southern California Region, and as I tell my friends "I didn't get it right the first time so they are making me do it over again!". Anyway, on with the report.

The biggest news is that for the second time in three years we have fostered a new region which will be attending the conference for the first time this year. The new Central California Region was formed out of what was our northernmost boundary. This includes Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern County and central California up to San Luis Obispo. This new regionalization will provide much-needed support to the groups and recovering addicts in central California. This new regional formation was an ongoing process over the last two years. Our support and love go out to our neighbor region to the north.

Closer to home, our region is experiencing continued growth and in spite of losing some meetings and 4 areas to the Central California Region, will still have 14 active areas with 395 meetings a week. This compares to 14 areas and 365 meetings at this time last year (before Central California region). One of our largest areas, the Inland Empire Area, has divided up into 4 new areas and has become very active. We are seeing strong support at the RSC from our areas and have almost outgrown our RSC meeting space.

Our Regional Service Office has finally started to function as a viable office. After a rocky couple of years we now have an office that the surrounding community is becoming aware of and that the local fellowship is using. Sales of literature have increased steadily over the past year. The average monthly literature sales is \$8500 to \$9000, most of which is direct sales to the areas. We are going through about 10,000 regional directories every three months. We recently obtained a computer and are in the process of computerizing the inventory and accounting. In July we hired a member who works about twenty hours a week to staff the office. If you get a chance drop by and say hello to Sharon at the RSO.

As for the subcommittees at the region; some are doing very well and some are struggling. H&I has continued with good growth and support. We are currently supporting approximately 150 H&I panels throughout the region. The transition from being financially supported by the cans to being supported by the Seventh Tradition has gone smoothly with little problems at the region and only isolated problems at the area.

P.I, on the other hand, has almost ceased to exist at the Regional level. Most of the work being done is at the area level. It seems to be that some of the services that have been traditionally provided by the region are being shifted back to areas. Most of our older areas get greater support with more experienced members than we are able to get at a Regional level. Also the areas are in better contact with the local community, are maybe better suited to provide services than a Regional committee. We are looking into restructuring our regional P.I. committee, which may include combining P.I. and a region wide helpline service.

Literature has come back to life in the past year with the help of a solid core group of dedicated members. The literature committee has been working on several projects in conjunction with the WSC literature committee. They are currently formulating plans for a regional newsletter. We had several area wokshops on it Works How and Why throughout the summer and fall and in December we held a regional workshop over a weekend to collate the input. We had great response and some good input was put together on this book. Everyone I spoke with said that it was very rewarding personally and they felt very good about the work that was done. We are looking forward to getting this book out for approval.

Regional activities have continued to provide us with dances, camp outs and good clean fun on a regular basis and along with area activity committees there is something happening every weekend.

As most of you know Southern California is hosting the WCNA-18 over the Labor Day weekend in Anaheim. A lot of work has already gone into this celebration of recovery and we are looking forward to seeing you all out here in September.

In closing I would like to say that it has been my privilege to serve as the RSR of the Southern California region and would like to thank all the members of our region for their support and trust in me. I came into this fellowship without any hope and convinced that I could never recover from active addiction. What I have received in my recovery has been "beyond my wildest dreams". I am greate ful to have been able to find NA and that I stayed around long enough to let the miracle happen.

In loving Service.

Bob G., RSR

Tony D., RSR Alt.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

REPORT TO WSC 87/88

San Diego/Imperial Regional Service Committee 4689 Felton Street San Diego, California 92116 (619) 584-1007

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All in all it's been a growing year, with the attendent pains of growth; and much yet undone. We look forward to seeing you all in Van Nuys, and extend a hearty invitation to come enjoy sun, fellowship, and recovery in San Diego.

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CHICAGOLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

RSR Report

February 1988

As a region, we have grown and learned a lot in the past year. Some of our highlights are what follows.

Hospitals and Institutions

We have brought our meetings in line with World H&I recommendations and tried to educate our members and the institutions that we work with about the necessity of these guidelines. Our committee is also informing the World about some of our concerns. The NA message is being carried into our local jails, and the state and federal prisons also. This is one committee that we always get bood participation from the areas.

Public Information

We still do not have a functioning phoneline committee, but the Chicago Office has a part time employee to co-ordinate volunteer functions. The PI committee handled many non-NA events including some presentations at national orginizations where we co-operated with WSC PI.

Literature

There is no real regional newsletter committee, but we do have someone who is willing, so we hope to have a newsletter of our own soon. The Literature committee is attempting to get people involved in reviewing and inputting our literature, but they usually only get 2 or 3 people at the meetings. Areas are holding workshops that seem to get more participation, but that input does not always get passed on to the region. There is a lot of discussion about literature, but not very much involvement to do something about it. We hosted a World "It Works" workshop Jan 22-24 and learned the correct and easy ways to review and input. Members from other regions shared their experience and did most of the work.

Recreation and Finance

For our annual Chicago Open Meeting, they decided to have a formal dinner dance; because it will take place after this report, I do not know how it did. Our Recreation Com. is largely a 1 man operation because we do not get co-operation from our area chairs, so we only have a few regional activities. Another result of non-participation is that we often have several functions on the same day and that we often find out about upcoming events 2 or 3 weeks in advance, making it impossible to let other areas or regions know what is going on.

We have decided to seperate the Finance Committee to oversee all of our money matters: region, sub-committee, etc.. Everytime we hear of areas or regions losing money, we wonder if no one has ever heard of bank accounts with multiple signatures. So far, we have been lucky.

Policy and Administration

We are attempting to follow the WSC's direction in terms of policy for running our regional service meeting and to educate our servants about parlimentary procedure: including the 24 Principles, NA service handbooks, and Roberts Rules. There is

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a problem getting some of our regional officers to attend our Policy meeting. Despite this problem, we will continue to host workshops on policy and parlimentary procedure for all addicts who wish to know more.

General Issues

Several areas have set high quorums of GSRs who must be in attendence for them to conduct area business and they are often unable to conduct business as a result; and the groups, committees, and the members suffer because of good intentions.

We have had a small growth in carrying the message to our large Spanish speaking population. It has gone from 1 meeting (which was listed as bi-lingual, but usually it had no one who could speak Spanish) to 3 Spanish speaking meetings, enabling us to help addicts who had to go to another fellowship to hear the message of recovery. It has been like starting NA all over again; with tradition violations, meetings turning into group therapy, reading other literature, etc.. Now some bi-lingual NA members are regularly attending and sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

Our ad-hoc committee on Special Interest was dissolved due to lack of interest and participation.

We had a problem with some dance clubs that had recovering members saying that they were hosting NA dances or NA meetings but there was no connection to any NA organization and the problem has been resolved.

Tere were long debates at area and region meetings about the names we give to our meetings and research shows that the best recommendation is to keep recovery in mind when naming a meeting.

Chicagoland gained 1 new area and 2 areas grew out of existing areas; giving us 9 areas with 193 meetings and over 50 H&I chairs. The Chicago Service Office moved to a bigger and better loca-

tion and our phone numbers changed too. See below.

A convention committee was finally established and they hope to host the first Chicago convention April 14-16, 1989. It has taken us this long to get over our exhaustion from our last convention (WCNA 14). We also plan to continue to support the Mid Coast Convention which will ge held in Peoria IL August 5-7, 1988.

And we were able to send our RSR and 2 sub-committee reps to the WSC quarterly in Denver to further the reason we became a region in the first place, to improve our communication with the rest of Narcotics Anonymous.

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March 1st, 1988

Greetings to the World Fellowship from the Region of Colorado.

It is a pleasure to report that in the past year, we here in the region that happens to be a mile high, (in places) have experienced a standy growth both in the number of meetings and members as well as in our continuing maturity as a region. We were able to successfully hold our first regional convention in Colorado Springs in October of this last year. There, many of us who have been active in service for many years in our state, were able to see how far we have really come. It also gave our fellowship a chance to experience the feeling of unity on a regional level as never before. This year, (at press time) it appears that we are moving the dates of our convention to the first weekend in August, allowing these who come to participate to enjoy the spectacular weather that we have in Colorado at that time of the year. So if you have a chance, come to Boulder, Colorado in August and celebrate recovery with us all.

It is now possible to attend N.A. meetings in every ski resort in the state, with towns such as Telluride, Crested Butte and Durango now holding successful meetings in addition to the meetings already held in resort towns such as Aspen, Vail, Steamboat Springs and Breckenridge. In fact, it seems that much of our growth is taking place outside of the metro corridor (Ft. Collins to Pueblo) which stretches the length of our region. Groups are springing up all over the state independent of any concerted efforts by service committees or sub-committees. Almost as if the principles work without any help from us at all. (is there a lesson in this for us?)

Anyway, in closing, things are going well in Colorado N.A. We have experienced a growth rate of roughly fifty percent but more important, more addicts than ever are hearing the message of N.A. recovery; That no addict need die without having had the chance to recover in Narcotics Anonymous

With Much Love

DATE: 22 February, 1988

TO: WSC Administrative Committee

FROM: Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous

RE: Regional Reports to the WSC

The Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous is continuing to grow. We now have 107 N.A. meetings and 39 H&I meetings. In the past year a new area was formed which brings us to 6 areas in the Connecticut region. Each area has its own phoneline.

The regional service committee still meets on a monthly basis. The region hosted 2 learning days and 1 agenda report day. We also had our 3rd regional convention with 2,000 recovering addicts participating. Plans are now in the making for a regional news letter.

Although at times our fund flow has been slow, we have been able to make a steady contribution to the WSC, as well as meet the needs of the region. We still, at times, lack the addict power, but the service still gets done with the help of our Higher Power.

Yours in Loving Service,

The Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous

TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: FLORIDA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

RE: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE

DATE: MARCH 1, 1988

Love and Hugs from the Florida Region. Since our last report at WSC '87 our Fellowship has grown in leaps with no bounds.

Two new Areas have formed since last year - bringing the total number of Areas in the Region to eighteen. The Areas come together bi-monthly for the Regional Service weekends. The Region is still divided into 4 geographical zones to facilitate the rotation of the RSC's. We held our first Regional Service Conference outside the continental United States in June hosted by the Bahamas Area.

The Region now has approximately 765 regularly scheduled meeting - an increase of 285 meetings in only 10 months. In addition, our H&I committees take 196 meetings into Hospitals and Institutions. The 60% increase in regular meetings and a 25% increase in H&I meetings shows us that the message of Recovery is reaching the addict who still suffers.

The Regional Committees continue to grow and mature. They are becoming what "The Guide to Service" talks about — a place where the Areas come together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. We are involved in carrying our message to the public and the fellowship through Public Information and Helpline; to the hospitals and institutions through H&I; the reviewing and formulating of literature with our Literature Committee and the celebration of recovery through the regional convention. The Region has just formed an Additional Needs Adhoc Committee. This committee has be formed as a place where the Areas and Groups can bring their questions and situations dealing with how to better our message of recovery to the addicts with additional needs.

It has been a year of Public Information. A new enthusiasm for reaching the addict who has not yet heard our message has been awakened. The Committee has working on many things including: radio talk show interviews, bus benches, billboards, Area Learning Days, Community Awareness Days and it has a Multi-Regional Learning Weekend scheduled for later this month.

An H&I Awareness Weekend was held in January. It was a weekend of sharing and learning on how to better carry the message into hospitals and institutions. The H&I Committee is looking at making this an annual event. A number of hospitals and institutions have started buying literature from our office thus alleviating the Area committees of suppling it.

The Region has created a Convention Board. One of its functions is site selection. The Region has been divided into three zones for the purpose of hosting the Convention. The Convention will be rotated from zone to zone each year. The Board is also looking into incorporation of the Convention and all that entails - more will be revealed.

FRCNA VII will be at Stouffer's Hotel and Resort in Orlando. The dates for the Convention are July 1 thru July 4. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the miracle of Recovery and have fun-fun-fun at "BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS"!

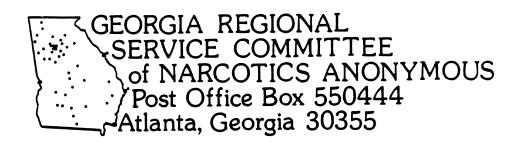
As to the finances of the Florida Region - the Regional Service Office has purchased roughly \$160,000.00 dollars worth of literature from the World Service Office and the contributions to the World Service Conference from Regional Service Committee were in excess of \$20,000.00. The Seventh Tradition is working today..

The Regional Service Office is the distribution point for our literature. We now have a full time paid employee in the office. The problems we have experienced over the past couple of years (getting orders in a timely fashion, receiving regional minutes, etc.) have all but vanished. The office ships literature throughout the Region, Puerto Rico and a number of islands in the Caribbean.

Narcotics Anonymous is another year older in Florida. We have come along way from those early days. With the help of our Higher Power we will continue learn, grow and incorporate the spiritual principles of the Program to the best of our ability; that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction without hearing the message of recovery.

IN LOVE AND SERVICE.

JAY VENNER RSR ALAN REGNIER ALT RSR



GEORGIA REGIONAL REPORT MARCH 1, 1988

Currently our Regional Service Committee serves the fellowship which exists primarily within the boundries of the state. Member groups bordering South Carolina, of the newly-formed Central Savannah River Area, are also recognized. This addition brings the total number of areas in our region to eleven. We have approximately two hundred and sixty weekly meetings, not including hospitals and insitutions, with new groups continually registering with the World Service Office.

Lack of support is an expressed concern throughout the region at all levels of service. For years the RSC has met on a monthly rotation basis between the areas. Drawing on the experience of fellow regions, we now meet bimonthly in a centralized location in order to encourage greater support. This change has also allowed for the collective conscience of group members versus what was once more the "true" vote of confidence given to ASRs.

Activities Committee - In years past this committee has been responsible for coordinating all regional activities, fundraisers and annual events including our convention. The formation of a standing Convention Committee during the past year was intended to relieve this committee of what has grown to be a major undertaking, and to therefore allow the committee's purpose to become more general. Unfortunately, these services have suffered from lack of support. At times, this committee has been a one-person committee, when functioning at all, or the responsibility of the Administrative Committee due to the vacancy of even a chairperson. The annual "N.A. Birthday," celebrating thirteen years of recovery in Georgia, and the annual WSC fundraiser were both a success in terms of fellowship and unity, but the funds generated didn't sufficiently cover their costs. Most of the funds generated for the RSC by this committee were raised in times of financial distress.

Auditing Committee - This newly-formed standing committee was formed in hindsight. Only after the misappropriation of \$3,658 in funds were we forced to look at the responsibility we have as a whole to help our trusted servants to be accountable. It is our hope that we will never have to grow so quickly and painfully in the future. For the most part, what originally seemed to be more than a misfortune to many, with the help of a loving higher power became in many aspects a much-needed unifying experience.

Convention Committee - At the time of this report, I suspect many are still waking daily with the "post-convention blues." The Georgia Regional Convention VII came to a close only two days ago. This year's convention was hosted by the Northeast Georgia Area. There were some 1,600 registered members in attendance. This may very well be the last year that we are able to accommodate this activity in a single facility. Although the funds generated were considerably less than originally projected, the overall experience and success of this celebration is priceless. Many long hours were invested by the GRCC. The commitment was evidenced by the perseverance of those involved and little turnover in subcommittee chairpersons. Efforts were coordinated with areas throughout the region in pre-convention activities and fundraising. There was a willingness and enthusiasm unmatched in any other area of our regional services. But ultimately the accomplishment was in the responsible attitude of those in attendance. Maybe this is a turning point... we actually were invited back to the hotel! Much appreciation and gratitude to all who made the hopes of many... a reality.

Helpline Committee - For many months this committee has been non-functioning. In January our statewide 800-number service was discontinued and the status of continuing to provide the RSC-funded metro Atlanta helpline service is pending the vote at our next RSC. This service had become more of a general information source provided through the answering service than the 12-step tool it was originally intended to be. Repeated difficulty was experienced in attempts to get N.A. members to respond to calls. The total cost incurred during the 1987 year was \$6,780, which was approximately 60% of the total seventh tradition contributions from our ASCs. This in itself diluted our ability to carry the message more effectively through other services. Many ASCs are in the process of investigating the options available to provide this service at the area level.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee - We have approximately sixty H&I meetings in the Georgia Region. This decrease is due in part to the transitions resulting from the '87 WSC motion to close H&I meetings to outside participation. Most agree that this suggestion has provided for a clearer representation of N.A. through H&I. Although some areas within the region are strong in their efforts, the regional committee continues to suffer from lack of support. Workshops and learning days have been utilized to inform the fellowship of the needs and rewards of carrying the message through H&I. This is an ongoing goal of our committee, in hope that more members will get involved. We hope to review and input the new H&I Handbook draft in the next few months. We anticipate growth and unity in our committee in the upcoming year as we continue to carry the message of N.A. to those of us who might not otherwise know that there is another way.

Literature Committee - This committee has held seven regional literature workshops on the book It Works - How and Why, part one, generating input on the introduction and Steps 1-7, as well as general comments for the outline. Additional input on Steps 8 and 11 was submitted from area literature committees. Our chairperson attended the world workshop in Miami. Input has been compiled to suggest changes to the WLC guidelines, and WSC '88 approval-form literature has been reviewed. We were fortunate to have representatives attend the Newark and Denver quarterlies. Our stockpile has increased from an average inventory of \$1,500 to more than \$4,000, thus allowing us to supply all the areas and generate some funds, as well. A new regional newsletter that reaches approximately 300 members has helped us to better inform the fellowship of the service opportunities and activities in the Georgia region. We are grateful to those committed members who consistently serve diligently in their efforts to carry the message through literature.

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Policy Committee - The undertakings of this committee have evolved in quite a process during the last year. The average length of service experience of those actively involved in the Georgia Region is still quite short. Two regional workshops have been held to collectively establish the much-needed written guidelines, now approved, which have aided us in more effectively accomplishing our primary purpose as a service body. The attendance by our World Policy Chair at the first of these provided valuable input and spirit. Participation by members of the region who were more active in our region's formative days was welcomed and appreciated. In the upcoming year, policy hopes to encourage participation on this committee in order to become a more effective resource to the RSC and to our areas. Currently the structure of the committee itself is being formalized to better specify its purpose and needs.

Public Information - With the exception of the chairperson, this committee also has had little or no support during the last year. As is the case many times, members with other commitments have pulled together to participate in regional P.I. events. We were represented at the Southeastern School and at the annual Southeastern Conference on Alcohol and Drugs. This committee has now taken on the responsibility of printing our regional meeting list on a quarterly basis. This was once the responsibility of the regional vice chair. Hopefully, through communication, members will become willing to serve. A learning day is tentatively planned to assist in this effort.

In closing, I would like to express the gratitude I feel for the opportunity that has been given to me to grow and learn, with the support of many members' experience, strength and hope. "As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well," has a much deeper meaning in my life today.

Yours in service,

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Debbie Churchwell, RSR

Georgia Regional Service Committee

Narcotics Anonymous

HAWAII REGION WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT March 1, 1988

The fellowship of Hawaii wishes to extend a warm Aloha to all fellow N.A. . s.

This year the Hawaii fellowhsip has grown by leaps and bounds. Our newly formed region has solidified and unified with all five areas represented at each bi-monthly meeting. The number of meetings has nearly doubled, from 35 to 62, with new meetings soon to come. Our statewide fellowship has also probably doubled from 300 to 600. Our RSC has been fully functioning as a Region, unifying four of the islands of Hawaii in our primary purpose, a long awaited goal. Following are reports on each of our areas:

BIG ISLAND: Membership has grown by at least 25% and several members have recently celebrated 1 year of recovery in N.A. The ASC is solvent and supports a hotline. They have an active H&I committee with three institutional meetings. A P.I. committee is active and a literature committee is in the forming. The Big Island staged a successful weekend Gathering of the Fellowship Memorial Day weekend near the Black Sands beaches of Kalapana, which was well attended by members from all our areas. A second Gathering is planned for Memorial Day, 1988. Call (808) 969-6644 for registration info.

HONOLULY AREA, ISLAND OF OAHU: Honolulu has experienced tremendous growth this year. Meetings have grown from 10 to 19, including four morning meetings with attendance from 10-25. All ASC offices are filled by committed members. When new positions are open interested members are asked to share their qualifications. Willingness to follow N.A. traditions is strongly emphasized. As a result the Honolulu ASC and regular meetings demonstrate unity of purpose in carrying the N.A. message and "self esteem" in Narcotics Anonymous.

ISLAND OF KAUAI AREA: The Kauai fellowhip has grown from 3-7 meetings weekly. A year ago the meetings had 2-5 people, now attendance is averaging 20-25. Kauai has had the most phenomenal growth in the state. The ASC has met regularly since September, 1987, and their ASR has attended RSC for 1 year. Kauai uses the R.S.O. on Oahu for their hotline and the ASC is on its way to becoming solvent. Kauai had its first successful function—a New Year's meeting and free dance. They've celebrated several 1 year recovery birthdays and members are enthusiastic to be of service and to start new meetings.

ISLAND OF MAUI AREA: Maui has experienced inspiring growth from 5 small meetings to 11 well attended meetings, all self supporting. Their ASC has grown from a small group with no regular meeting to a regular well attended monthly meeting, including an active P.I. committee and a newly formed H&I. They are financially solvent and able to pay the ASR's way to RSC.

WINDWARD AREA, ISLAND OF OAHU: Our Windward area has five solid well-established meetings that are able to absorb attendance by several treatment programs. The ASC is solvent and sends excellent financial donations to RSC. All ASC offices are filled and H&I involvement is strong. The Windward ASC sponsored an Open House turkey dinner on Thanksgiving which was well attended and greatly appreciated by the fellowship.

Following are reports on our Regional Sub-Committees:

P.I.: As a result of the continued support of the U.S. attorney general in Hawaii, we were asked to make a presentation to 33 countries at a forum sponsored by the United Nations and the U.S. Information Agency. 26 local N.A. members attended and sat 2 to a table with representatives of 3 countries during the banquet. Three members, an Asian-American, an Irishperson, and a local teenager, shared their experience. NSO sent literature and group starter kits. Response was very positive.

P.I. also reached many professionals through a literature display at the Pacific Institute on Chemical Dependency, and a presentation at the Honolulu Community College, plus a spot on a popular radio show. Our PSA's continue to be aired on local TV.

H&I.: H&I has been very active and supports 8 institutional meetings with basic speaker-discussion formats. Attendance ranges from 3-30. We have 4 meetings on Oahu, 2 on Maui. (one attended by 3-10 juveniles, and 2 on the Big Island.

SOCIAL: Social committee has contributed to the unity of the fellowship with various dances, our annual July 4 boat cruise, and Xmas Narathon. The Narathon included an Xmas potluck turkey dinner and fellowship providing a family atmosphere and enjoyed by many. It also included excellent recovery meetings.

The Social committee sponsored our 4th annual Gathering of the Fellowship at Camp Erdman, Oahu, in February. For the first time we had beautiful weather. Attendance was about 200 for the weekend and at least 300 for the Saturday night meeting and dance. Visitors came from Japan, Australia, Canada, and at least a dozen states. The Gatherings seem to just keep getting better.

This year Hawaii is hosting the WESTERN STATES UNITY CON-VENTION, JULY 1, 2, and 3 at the WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER HOTEL. This is Hawaii's first bonafide convention and we look forward to 350-400 participants from the fellowship at large. The Convention will be followed by our annual July 4 Boat Cruise, so "Y'all Come!" If you'd like to speak at a meeting, send tapes to 44-637 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe, HI, 96744. REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE: Our RSO has functioned for three years now. We were able to give our office manager a much deserved raise this year. He sells literature from this office at a rate of \$250 to \$270.00 per month. A member gave the office a copy machine this year and we purchased a new typewriter. Our rent was increased by \$50.00 permonth. The phone is answered by volunteers—we are never 100% covered, but have an answering service to take up our slack. Our RSO continues to be a viable part of N.A. Hawaii.

Submitted in Loving Service,

Carolyn Reyes, R.S.R. Claudia Leslie, A.R.S.R.



Greetings from the Indiana Region,

we have learned alot and grown a great deal since we formed a region one and a half years ago. I.R.S.C. is serving four areas, with a total of 119 meetings. All of our subcommittees are working to communicate better with our areas, so that we can better carry our message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. Following is a brief look at their activities and accomplishments.

Funding and Finance

The F& F subcommittee held two regional functions, to help send the RSR and the RSRA to the WSC. In the past year we decided to no longer have 50/50 raffles and to no longer put N.A. on our T-shirts.

Hospitals and Institutions

The H & I subcommittee is very new in our region. It was formed in December of 1987. We started by inviting all the areas to send anyone interested in H & I work to the meeting. We plan to compile a list of all the H & I meetings in our areas, and supply the world service H & I with this updated regional list. We are also planning a regional H & I learning day workshop, to be held sometime in 1988.

Literature and Communications

The literature committee produced six issues of our newsletter, the Indiana Clean Times, this year. And they mana and to coordinate production so that all areas within the region could gain experience with this project. They also produced two editions of a state wide meeting directory, and initiated an update program to keep current meeting information available between editions.60 treatment centers, in locations currently without N.A. meetings were provided with statewide meeting directories, literature and starter kits. They corresponded with all areas in the region, providing information on literature up for approval at W.S.C. '88 and provided assistance when necessary. There was a second annual Literature Conference held, which featured a question and answer session about the review and input process and the relationship between the area, retion and world Literature committees. They also had three regional workshops on It Works: How and Why Part I. The input generated was forwarded to the world workshop in Chicago.

In closing, we are looking forward to another year of growth and fellowship in regional service for Narcotics Anonymous.

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THE REGION IN GENERAL

1987 was a year of growth in Iowa. Our Perional Service Committee has examined its role in how to better serve our member Areas. Our goal has been to open channels of communications between Areas in Iowa, other regions, and World Services. Through taking our regional inventory we hoped to become less of a "director" and respond more appropriately to the Area's needs. We have stressed our committment as a service committee to make ourselves more available as a resource for information and quidance. Towards this end we have increased our efforts to become more visible around the region as well as the surrounding regions.

We have helped unify our common cause by sponsoring several learning days within the Iowa region. We have sent representatives to participate in the planning of a multi-state

P.I. learning day to be held in the Chicagoland Region. We are proud to say that the Iowa Region is now an active member of the Mid-Coast Convention Committee. Trusted servants from Iowa have traveled to be a part of two WSC quarterly workshops and we support World Services through 'actively participating WSC Sub-Committees.

Iowa Regional Service committee members have become more willing to travel among the various areas within Iowa. These efforts add up to better communications and we have reaped the benefits of unity in purpose.

Towa currently has around 150 regular N.A. meetings throughout the state. We carry the N.A. message to those in institutions in approximately 30 H&I groups. Iowa has 11 active ASCs who join together in our annual celebration of recovery. We have renewed our committment financially as well as emotionally to make our 5th annual regional convention a success. We would like to invite you all to join us July 1,2,3, 1988 in Des Moines, Ia. for IRCNA V.

AREAS OF CONCERN:

One of our most heated discussions occurred around the signing of attendance slips for people on probation or parole. It was generally agreed that to sign these slips at regular N.A. meetings is tantamount to affiliation and a violation of our traditions. Furthermore, as stated in our Whitebook, "... we are under no surveillance at any time". This issue was referred to the PI sub-committee in hopes of unified solution.

The length of our RSC meetings have progressively gotten longer due to the increase in input. The Possibility of two day RSCs was discussed and it was decided that RSCs of this length would prohibit attendance. As a result we rearranged our RSC schedule so as to deal with the WSC agenda items more efficiently. Our new schedule is to meet during the third week of Feb, April, Aug, and Nov. We have also asked our RSRs to go around to all different areas within the region while WSC agenda items are discussed. Hopefully the RSR participation will reduce confusion and time spent at the RSC meeting.

Emotional issues created time consuming disagreements at our RSC meetings. Also, members who were not either an ASR or a RSC officer could not speak out. It was decided to have a two hour open forum before each RSC meeting where any and all can speak out on any issue.

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Much of our committee's work in the first half of '87 was spent planning a Regional H&I learning weekend. Our committee found we learned just as much, in fact probably more, planning the event as from the actual event itself. Our initial program had to be scrapped when we learned it including workshops and lectures with professionals addressing us. After all of the wrinkles were ironed out we ended up having a successful two day workshop with addicts from four states in attendance.

Another major issue dealt with whether or not all areas are following WSCs guidelines concerning H&I meetings. It was found that all did not meet those guidelines. Some meetings were basically open meetings with the Seventh Tradition being taken. Those matters were addressed by their Area H&I committees and corrected.

Two of our short term goals are to get a Regional Meeting List in every hospital and institution within the Region. We are also constantly updating our Regional H&I Meeting List.

We also had a committee officer attend the WSC quarterly workshop in Denver. Hopefully this will happen more often.

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We have recently reorganized and are having problems with support and direction. There are very few active area literature committees.

Our primary responsibilities at this time are the Iowa Regional Newsletter, and the compiling and distribution of the Iowa Regional Meeting Lists.

We are planning a learning day on how to review literature and how to support our newsletter.

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In the last year we have expanded our communications with the WSC and Area PI committees. This has lead us to more involvement and active participation. Because of this increased participation we have been able to: 1) have workshops 2) have learning days, 3) create 12 step directories, 4) send representatives to other regional PI functions, and 5) research 1-800 numbers.

We had a workshop on how to have learning days. We got a lot out of this and have forwarded the information that we gained to the WSC/PI.

We had a learning day in November that was attended by over 50 people. This was very educational for all. We have decided to have these regularly.

We update our 12 step list quarterly. This is used along with a map of the region for whenever we get 12 step calls into our existing help—lines. An update of how our existing system works will be forward to the WSC/PI.

Recently we have sent a couple of servants to the ChicagoLand Region. We are supporting a multi-regional learning day that they are sponsoring April 16, 1987. We are looking to be involved in more multi-regional learning days such as this so that "WE" can more successfully fulfill "our primary purpose".

Research has been done on a 1-800 number. After making up a flowchart we found out that we were not in a position to have one. We will forward all of this information to the WSC/PI also.

We have also made up a history of PI within the Iowa Region. This will be forthcoming soon.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

We had a very successful convention last year in Waterloo. We had participants from at least five other regions. Many had a fun celebration of recovery. We also had a good rapport with the Hotel and Convention Center in Waterloo.

We learned to take the focus off of money. This led us to the decision of not having time consuming auctions. We have also worked on having a more accurate system of accountability. It was decided to keep our banners from year to year for display.

Incorporation of the convention committee was discussed and it was decided that it was not feasible at this time. Therefore the convention committee remains an adhoc sub-committee of the IRSC.

Our next convention will be July 1-3, 1988 in Des Moines, Iowa. Come join in our celebration of recovery at IRCNA V.

In Service and gratitude,
Iowa Region of Narcotics Anonymous

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TO: THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: NA REGION OF IRELAND

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 1988

Greetings to the WSC from the NA fellowship in Ireland. It is great to be again involved in the worldwide group conscience decision making process and also to discover again that we as a fellowship are not alone or unique in our situations or our problems. As a fellowship we are sometimes in danger of suffering from the same defects of character which we suffer from as individuals. In Ireland, being a small island nation we are in particular danger of becoming insular or inward in our thinking. We are fortunate indeed that the first Tradition solves the problem of national boundaries and encourages us to unite with other groups of recovering NA members wherever they may be.

The 35 NA meetings in Ireland are served by 2 Area Service Committees. Four groups in the southern part of the country form the Munster area. The Dublin ASC serves the 24 meetings in our capital city which this year celebrates its 1,000th anniversary. The remaining groups in various towns throughout the country are in regular contact with the area committee in Dublin. We have held several 'Regional weekends' which have been aimed more at promoting unity than at promoting structure. These weekends have however developed a certain structure of their own. National service efforts have tended to be carried out by the Dublin ASC but there is now a need for a more formal contact and shared input on decision making beween the various areas and groups. The next workshop will just have occured as you read this report and is directed at establishing a Regional Service Committee.

SERVICE OFFICE: The Irish Service Office was established 18 months ago and slowly taking shape. The office is situated in Dublin but is responsible for providing NA literature to the entire country. Up until now it has been convenient for the office to be answerable to the area committee in Dublin and to send minutes and request input

from the Munster ASC. However it seems clear that this is one reason for a regional committee to be actually formed. The Office has not been incorporated as a limited company yet but we are working towards that end.

<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION:</u> We have been making good progress in this area. Several committed members have been responsible for ensuring that NA is an option which professionals and addicts themselves are aware of. During the year we have participated in or hosted several public meetings and have been featured or interviewed in press, radio and on national television.

A major problem which we encounter is the 'street' drug associations of our name. We are aware of a huge prescription drug problem in our community. A more appropriately named non 12 Step organization has more success attracting these addicts. In an effort to remove the emphasis in our name from 'drugs of choice' we are more and more identifying ourselves simply as NA.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Our H&I committee continues to serve with just a few committed members. The number of prison meetings has actually fallen by one in the last year. Part of the problem comes from within the prison system itself. We are grateful to WSC trusted servants coming here and speaking to the prison authorities for us. Unfortunately the real cause appears to be the inability or unwillingness of the general membership to become involved. We have lots of recovering addicts, many of whom are cleared to do prison meetings, but it continues to be the same small group of members who keep our H&I committments going.

<u>CONVENTION:</u> We held our third annual convention in October which continues because of its relatively small and personal size to be amongst the best available. This year's convention will be held as usual on the last weekend of October.

WSC '-88 REPORT FROM IRELAND

TREASURY:

When I read about how the seventh Tradition evolved I saw that it was intended that we should always remain poor with just enough money available to keep going. Using this interpretation we have never yet actually had a money problem. Unfortunately a money problem is never far away. Fundraisers seem to be an inevitable feature of our existance for the moment particularly for special circumstances.

<u>PHONELINE:</u> We use a professional answering service which operates 24 hours a day. It refers callers to the nearest meeting or to a member's home number. This is proving to be a very effective and inexpensive form of phone service.

PROBLEMS: Many of our problems effect our society as a whole as well as our fellowship. Unemployment is currently running at 25% in the general population. This causes a lot of our members to emigrate when they have sufficient clean time. The result is that we are carrying the message but carrying it to Britain, the US and Australia. Unfortunately corresponding immigration rarely occurs. We are left with the same small number of old timers while many of our old timers celebrate their anniversaries overseas. The end to this problem is a long way off.

The number of women in our fellowship is still relatively small. This may in part be due to the general perception of narcotics abuse as being a problem confined to young men. We are hopeful that our use of just the NA logo in our PI efforts will encourage more interest from outside this narrow interpretation.

It is reassuring when reading through some of last year's regional reports to see that the problem of trying to get people involved in service occurs in lots of other places too. It often seems like an uphill struggle to those involved in service here. Seeing it happen in other regions and seeing the problem surmounted helps us to come to believe that a power greater than ourselves is at work. This is one of the great benefits of communication at world level.

WSC '88 REPORT FROM IRELAND

In NA we discover (often in spite of ourselves) that we are not alone. Through the World Service Conference we discover that, as autonomous regions, we are also not alone.

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REPORT OF JAPAN NA

2年前、日本はRSRを初めてこのカンファランスに送りました。それ以後海外との交流は活発になりましたが、未だ多くの問題を抱えています。

一つは、NAの翻訳出版物が未だ正式に発行されていないということです。私達は1986年のワールドサービスカンファランスに参加したとき、WSOから翻訳会社で翻訳されたものの監修を委託されました。日本に帰りアメリカ人のメンバーを含めて翻訳コミティを編成し、翻訳の監修を始めました。

私達はNAの持っている考え方や、言葉の 持っているニュアンスを大切にし、注意しな がらこの翻訳の監修にあたりました。十数年 前、日本ではある一人の医師がAAの出版物 を翻訳しましたが、それは使い物になりませ んでした。なぜなら彼はアルコール中毒者で もAAメンバーでも無かったからです。私た ちが生かされている目的は、どんなに経験豊 かな医師や心理学者にも出来ないことで、我 々には出来る事があるからです。同様のこと が翻訳に対しても言えると思います。

また、AAで既に使っている言葉でも良いものは良いものとして取り入れました。なぜなら同じ意味でありながらNA固有の言葉を作ることは、未だ苦しんでいる仲間やビギナーにとっては只混乱を来すだけですから。

監修の結果、全面的に我々の手が入り真っ赤になりましたが、これは決して日本が勝手に作り替えているわけではありません。

昨年、3種類のパンフレットのゲラ刷りが 私達の手元に届きましたが、誤植がありました。漢字は同じ発音でも十以上の文字がある 場合が多く、それぞれの文字は異なった意味 を持っています。したがって一つの文字の打 ちまちがえで文章全体のもつ意味が変わって しまう場合も有り得るのです。また、一部分 が落ちていました。こちらで監修したものか らまた更に変わってもいました。大きく扱わ

years ago, Japan region sent its first RSR to the WSC, and since then our sharing with the oversea regions increased tremen-But the problems of the dously. Japan Region did not decrease ac-In Japan NO official cordingly. translation of NA literature published yet. When we attended the WSC in 1986, we were entrusted by the WSO with the work of editorial supervision on the translation being done by a translation firm in USA. Upon returning to we formed а translation committee including an American NA member and started the process of editing.

₩e worked editing on the great material while paying a the NA concepts respect to We had good examples expressions. to follow from the 12 Step fellowship for the alcoholics.

Over ten years ago, in Japan a medical doctor translated a literature for AA but it could not be used by the fellowship. He was not able to communicate the core of the message because he was neither an AA member nor an alcoholic.

We believe we have a special purpose in life, something even the experienced medical doctors or psychologists cannot do.

We in translating NA literatures decided the to use Japanese words that AA fellowship has been using very successfully. Creating something different just for the sake of being different simply confuse the people who are in need of recovery program from the addiction.

When the editing was done, the draft was covered with red-ink, indicating much changes and modifications. It was not because we wanted to rewrite our own, but to be more true to the NA experience.

41 Last year, galley proof sheets

はならない活字が小さく扱われ、小さくて 良い活字が大きくなっていました。3種類の パンフレットのフォーマットが統一されてい ませんでした。海外でしか見られないような 文字で印刷されていました。その様なわけで 印刷に入らないように直ちにWSOに連絡を しました。そして、昨年のカンファランスの 後、WSOのスタッフと一緒に翻訳会社を訪 同し、今後の対応について話し合いましたが、 その後進展していません。

WSOは、ロスの翻訳会社と日本との間に 入っていろいろ苦労してくれました。そして、 これらの主な原因はWSOではなく、翻訳会 社に誠意が欠けていることが翻訳会社を訪問 して判りました。

そして今後のスムーズな進行のためには今までとはやり方を変えることが必要だと考えます。

もし出来ることなら、私達は翻訳会社の日本 支社のスタッフと直接話し合いをすること、 また翻訳会社の日本支社のスタッフが我々と 一緒に一つのテーブルにつき翻訳の監修にあ たることを望みます。そしてWSOは我々と 日本支社の動向をロスの翻訳会社から逐次報 告を受けていれば、把握できるのではないで しょうか。

日本人の文化や習慣、考え方等は、欧米のそれとは違うものがあります。例え夫婦でも他人の前ではキスしません。まして男性同志でのハグなどは日本人には想像もできないことです。海外のNAミーティングに出たことのあるメンバーはハグのもたらす親近感はとても強いものがあり良いものであることを十分承知しています。しかし日本のNAがハグを取り入れたならば、誤解を受けることは間違いありません。

of three NA pamphelts were sent We checked carefully back to us. again and found places that needed further changes and corrections. Especially Chinese characters needed careful attention. with the same times readings. could different there be ten Chinese characters. each having different meanings. Therefore a wrong character use of a would change the meaning of a sentence Also some Charateres used were no longer being used in Japan. Some section and some of missing, changes were not accepted. of letters used were not uniform. When we found all these problems in the gally proof, we contacted the WSO and requested to stop the process of printing.

Last year after the WSC, we went together with the WSO Staff members to the translation firm in order to discuss the future steps. The WSO tried their best as gobetween for the Japan Region and the firm in L.A. After visiting the firm, we realized a lack of sincerity on the part of the firm was much of the cause for these difficulties.

Now we feel a need to change in order to procede to the next step. We would like to deal directly with the staff of the Japanese branch of the firm and work together with them in editing the translation drafts.

And the progress report can be made to the WSO by the Firm in L.A. This could make the process much more smoothly.

Japanese customs and ways processing thoughs are different from the West. For example. couple, even married, refrain from kissing in the public. For a man to hug another man cannot be even imagined in the Japanese society. Yet those of us, who have experien-NA fellowship ced overseas lot of received а hugging can agree how close one feels to the

日本人は宗教に関してはほとんど無関心で、 other fellowmembers 結婚式か葬式のとき以外は関係ないものと思 っています。多くの日本人は、クリスマスに はプレゼントを交換し、クリスマスケーキを 家に買って帰りますが、これが日本の仏教徒 なのです。日本人は仏教の影響を強く受けて いることは確かですが、仏教に対して信仰心 はほとんど無いと思います。

私達はNAは宗教ではないことを知ってもら うためにいろいろな方法をとってきました。 その一つはP・Iワークショップです。ワ ークショップに出席した専門家は、NAが宗 教ではないことを確認しているはずです。回 復を望んではいるがNAは宗教ではないかと 疑問を持っている薬物依存者に会えば、彼等 はそつど宗教ではないことを説明してくれま す.

もう一つは、我々のミーティング場の一つ に福祉事務所の会議室を組み入れています。 なぜなら、福祉事務所は宗教団体には部屋を 貸してくれないからです。福祉事務所をつか っていることは、宗教ではないという証明に もなるわけです。

NAのステップと伝統には神とかハイヤー パワーと言う言葉が使われていますが、私達 はこれを他の言葉に置き換えるつもりはまっ たくありません。それは薬物依存者がNAプ ログラムに従って回復していく中でかならず 感じるものであり、宗教ではなく霊的なもの であり、もっと大きなものであることを感じ、 理解するでしょう。その大きなものをGOD と呼ぼうがDOGと呼ばうが、ハイヤーパワ ーと名付けようがミラクルパワーと名付けよ うが大した問題ではないのです。

NAの道は宗教とは関係のない、信仰の道な のです。私達は、日本独自のプログラムを作 ることは絶対に避けたいのです。

because hugging. In fact for me it is But when it such a good feeling. it will is practiced in Japan, surely be misunderstood.

Most Japanese are said to be indifferent to his or her religion. They think of their religion only for their weddings and for their funerals. Many Japanese exchange gifts during the Christ-mas season and bring home Christ-It is true that the mas cakes. Japanese people are influenced by Buddhism, because of the Japanese And they are Buddhists. culture. But most of them are Buddhists in name only and do not profess Buddhist faith.

In order to imform the public that NA is not religious we have been using PI workshops, which are very effective. We beleive those professionals who attend these PI workshops understand that NA religious. Their questions doubts have been clarified repeatedly by the stories from those addicts who are seeking for recovery even though they themselves may not be clear about the NA being religious or not.

Another means to clarify the nature of NA is the use of a meetng hall in the Public Welfare Office for the NA meeting. Since the Public Office has a rule not rent its facility to religious activities, holding meeting in such a place would mean that NA is considered religious.

In the Steps and the Traditions of NA words such as "GOD" and "Higher Power" are used. Japan NA intends to use these words in the translation. It is simply because we beleive those concepts will be understood by the addicts as they recover in the NA fellowship. Those words are not religious terms as commonly used but symbolize something BIGGER and DEEPER than what they have known before.

そしてこのままで良いのだということを、1 3年前に始まった日本語のAAグループが着 実な実績で証明してくれています。

日本人は、旧い意味での謙虚さを大切にし、 自己主張をすることを余り好みません。従っ て欧米のミーティングでよく見られるような、 話したい仲間が手を上げ話すというようなこ とは苦手です。私達のミーティングでは、そ の日のスピーカーが次に話す仲間を指名する 方法をとっています。

日本人固有の文化や習慣、そして宗教的な要素などはステップの実践には支障はないと思うが、12の伝統を守っていく上では、その様な日本固有のものを考慮しなければならないでしょう。

確かに日本人には独特の文化や習慣、考え方などがあります。また英語が話せないと言うハンディキャップもあります。しかしそれが私達なのです。それらを私達は認め、受け入れた上でNAプログラムを実践していたでいるとなっていますが出来ないことは当然なわけで、プログラムの本質的なものは変えずに、日本人につが多いようにミーティングのやり方やグループの選替をアレンジして行くことが必要だとのではます。だからこそ我々のやっていることがNAの道から外れないように絶えず海外のグループや仲間と交流する必要があると思いなってくるのです。

最後に、出版物の面で英語を話せないRegionに配慮していただくことはとても有難いことだと思います。しかし必要に応じて出版物の文章を変えることがNA全体の成長に繋がるならば、私達のことを考えないで積極的に変えていっていただく事を望みます。

They are of spiritual "GOD" it be called Whether "HIGHER POWER" "DOG", or named it or"MIRACLE POWER". will obstacle for pose a major recovery in the Japanese NA. way is a spiritual way, and univer-Our conviction reality. "GOD" or use "HIGHER POWER" in the also rooted successful history of the Japanese 12 Step which was program for alcoholics. introduced 13 years ago.

Japanese seem to treasure "humility", though being understood and practiced falsely, shy away from expressing oneself in public. We have seen those NA meetings in the West where members raise their hands when they would like to share their stories. in Japan, a member who has been designated as a speaker for the day will call on his next speaker. How the groups are run and meetings are conducted might vary depending on the cultural factors. But the way of living NA Steps, we beleive. knows cultural no differences.

are colored We, the Japanese, with our own particular and ways of thinking. And we are limited in our ability to share ourselves. more than not able to communicate in English. We cannot do the same things as our fellowmembers of the But all these accepting differlimitations ences and we trying our best to live out the NA way of life, without loosing the essentials of the NA. And doing so we feel more than ever the need to keep in touch with the wider NA fellowships, the NA groups overseas and in particular the World Service Conference.

Finally I would like to mention one thing about publication of NA the materials for non-English speaking regions. We are grateful for the special attention care shown to us on matter. But please let us not hold なぜなら私達もNA全体の一員であり、NAの道がよりしっかりすることは、私達の喜びでもあるわけです。私達はNAの道を私達のペースで歩んで行きます。

私達にNAの道を示してくれた、また私達の現状をよく理解して私達と一緒にNAの道を歩んでくれた海外の仲間に、私達は心からの感謝を捧げます。

以上

you back from making necessary changes in the literature as the needs arise. If a sentence needs to be changed in order to better express the NA ideals, please do so. The growth of the total NA fellowship is our growth and our joy. Japan NA will follow the NA worldwide fellowship, though it maynot be as fast as someone wishes it but as surely as all of us can own it.

I would like to close this report with our words of gratitude to each one of you who have shown us the NA way and in particular to those of you who have patiently chosen to walk the NA way with us.

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Japan RSR, Kiyoshi O.



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



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KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

TO: World Service Conference Committee

FROM: Kentuckiana Regional Service Committee

RE: Annual Report To The Conference

DATE: February 25, 1988

Greetings from the Kentuckiana Region! I am going to attempt to keep this short and simple, unfortunately I don't even know where to begin. Our Region is experiencing a lot of growing pains, but somehow these pains actually feel good. We're grateful to know that where there is pain there is growth. Most of the pain comes from our Regional Service structure. At present there are some Trusted Servant postions that remain unfilled.

Our Region has a good flow of literature due to excellent service from our Regional Literature Committee and the communication and cooperation with WSO. All of the H & I, PI works is still being done at the area and group level.

We now have five functioning areas in our region. They are Kentucky Survivors area, Louisville, Kentuckiana, Western Kentucky, and the newly formed Owensboro area. Individually, each areas is struggling in one way or another with problems; however, where one area is lacking, the other areas are not and as a region we are learning and growing from each other.

We are proud to report that we are growing, with new groups and meetings being formed regularly. Last year we reported there were about one hundred and forty meeting per week in our region. Today there are well over two hundred meetings per week. It feels good to know that with the guideance of a loving Higher Power we are doing some things right.

We are holding Regional Service Committee meetings about every six weeks. Areas Service Meetings are held every month. We are hopeful within the near future to have participation to form committees and provide proper service to our area. All the opportunities for growth is being turned into positive action for Narcotics Anonymous.

The area and groups are forming workshops to review the 1987-88 World Conference Agenda. We are having good participation in the collection of Group Consciences this year; showing that the Second Tradition works if we show interest in the fellowship.

Our financial flow from groups to areas to the region has improved a lot this year. Our region has been able to donate \$650.00 to the WSC this year.







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The Louisville area hosted the Third Annual Tradition Learning Day. We appreciate the support we received from surrounding regions. This Learning Day helped to bring about more unity to the region and much better understanding of the traditions.

Last year the Western Kentucky Area held the first Kentuckiana Regional Convention. It was a big learning experience for our region, but an exciting way to celebrate our recovery. The Kentuckiana Area will be hosting the second convention. This will be April 1, 2, & 3, 1988 in Evansville, Indiana.

KRSCNA remains to be supportive to WSC, WSO and the NA Fellowship as a whole. We would like to thank the WSC for all of the support throughout this past year.

All in all it has been a good year. Our Higher Power has brought us together, although sometimes lacking in numbers, the trusted servants that do serve our region and areas are capable and committed. As long as we stay responsible and productive, and remember our common welfare, with God's help we will grow.

In Loving Service,

Deanie Fugua

R.S.R.-Kentuckiana





REPORT TO WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 1988

LONDON REGION

This last year has been an exciting one in terms of the growth of NA both within the London Region and the UK as a whole. We have experienced certain changes within our Service Structure that have taken a long time to execute, involving committment, effort and much painstaking research. We are now at the point where we are beginning to feel the benefits of these changes and of course in making some mistakes we have learned some lessons!

By the early Summer of 1987 the London Region had become very large, with more areas outside Greater London affiliated to the Region than within. For several months we had been devoting much of our time and energy to the formation of the UK Service Assembly (UKSA), and we realised that we were in danger of falling short of our primary purpose: that of unifying the many areas within our region and carrying the message of recovery through our sub-committees and our groups. As a result of this, 2 or 3 months after the formation of UKSA those areas outside Greater London withdrew from the Region and supported the UKSA. This gave London Region the opportunity to fully concentrate on fulfilling the basic function of a region.

Conscious of our "lack of direction" the London Region, 4 of the 5 areas within it and some of the sub-committees took inventory in the latter half of 1987. This was obviously a beneficial process for all concerned and much was learnt. Sadly however, the most consistent problem faced by our areas, sub-committees and the Region is a lack of support and the way in which 'Service' perceived by the fellowship in the London Region. It is not generally considered "cool" to be seen to be involved in Service, in fact the reverse is true. For this reason, all of those committees mentioned fail to get the support they deserve or need to operate with the utmost effect and efficiency; which is not to say that they do not work to the best of their ability. The fellowship continues to grow both in London and the UK, currently we have:

- 84 per week in London
- 92 per week outside London, UK-wide
- We also have a total of 33 H&I meetings operating on a regular basis.

Many of our areas and committees have held workshops in the last year to explain their particular role in the Service Structure; the London Region is holding a Service Learning Day in Mid-February. We believe that much of the cause of this general apathy to service lies in ignorance or knowledge merely of the negative aspects of service - i.e. it is time-consuming, and a general assumption that "someone else" will do it (the fellowship is now large enough for such reasoning to seem justified

In July 1987, the Region elected to send the RSR and Alternate to the European Service Conference in Frankfurt, Germany. It was a productive conference, with the decision to print a European Newsletter and preliminary discussions on the idea of establishing a European Service Office - which cater to the needs of the European fellowship. Certainly, since this last conference there has been greater communication amongst the European fellowship and the London fellowship is looking forward to the next ESC in Paris, France.

In September 1987 the London Region funded the first ever UK Convention, which was held in Bournemouth. The Region was able to use the invaluable experience gained from hosting the World Convention in 1986. The UK Convention was a great success, and the fellowship in Bournemouth has grown considerably since hosting that Convention. This year, under the auspices of the UKSA, we hope to hold a second UK Convention. An ad-hoc committee is currently looking into the feasability of establishing a Convention Corporation and guidelines for future conventions.

There has, in this last year, been a better communication and liaison between our Regional sub-committees than ever before. The Region is indebted to our Fundraising & Entertainments Committee and our Literature Committee, without whose efforts we would not have been able to support our Office, let alone underwrite a convention and send representatives to WSC and ESC.

In January 1988 every Regional Committee, the ASR's, RSR and Chairperson produced an annual report as an overview of the past year. The Region now aims to do this at the end of each year and also to take its inventory annually.

For the past 10 months our literature sales have been a steady decline - both within London and the UK generally. Our Literature Committee and the UK Service Office (UKSO) are looking for ways in which to improve sales. The UKSO now has its first paid worker and is certainly benefitting from that. Sadly, however, we have as yet been unable to achieve Charitable Status which in the UK is a complex and lengthy process. Nevertheless, the fellowship feels that it would be in our best interests to pursue and achieve Charitable Status.

It is worth noting that the UKSA has provided an excellent platform for communication and unity in Great Britain, and has appreciably helped the growth of meetings and the Service Structure outside London. It has helped the RSR and Alternate fulfill the task of communicating with other areas. Currently the UKSA meets on a monthly basis at different locations/areas in and around the country. With the formation of the UKSA we now have national levels of Service in H&I, PI and Literature. These committees are now making a significant and effective contribution to the way in which NA is perceived, recognised and accepted by Government bodies, other self-help groups and organisations and the public at large all over the UK.



LONE STAR REGION REPORT

Greetings from the Lone Star Region of Texas. This has been a very productive year for us with many changes taking place through-out the Region. We have added one new area this year bringing our total to ten active area's within the Region.

NA has continued to grow in spite of the fact that our geographical size limits effective communication between areas and the Region. Meetings, groups and H&I has doubled in size in many areas.

We have found on occasion that the cost of travel and long distance communication has prevented area participation in the region. Current problems have precipitated discussions in search of solution.

Our Regional Service conference meets quarterly for two days rotating locations, providing each area an opportunity to host.

FINANCE:

Due to difficulty in filling this position we elected to combine this function with our Treasury function. This has proved to be a successful transition for us.

We have stressed the need for education on our 7th Tradition and the importance of following the Fund Flow structure by offering workshops within our Region.

We still struggle to meet the financial needs of our subcommittees; It often seemed that our \$20,000 budget for '87 was more fantasy than reality, however, by the Grace of God our subcommittees are still functioning and our needs are somehow met. In addition, we have been able to send our RSR and ALT, as well as, several subcommittee chairs to WSC quarterly meetings to represent our Region and bring back the message.

LITERATURE:

The enthusiasm and dedication of our Literature chair and committee members have enhanced our knowledge, as well as, participation within the Region. We feel this is due in part to the fact that our Literature chair has actively participated in two WSC quarterly meetings and has effectively submitted input on various WLC projects.

Our regional literature committee was very excited and honored to host the World Literature review workshop in Dallas in November. Many of our area Literature subcommittee members worked long and hard in preparing their input to participate in this event. Our members that participated in this workshop came away feeling very much a part of the Literature process.

We are sorry to report that our regional Newsline entitled "Our Primary Purpose" was cancelled, after a one year trial period, due to lack of subscriptions.



H & I:

This committee chair has been extremely active this past year and has worked diligently to establish a rapport within our Texas department of Corrections. He has met with the Program Supervisor at TDC and established an application process for allowing our members to attend meetings within the prison system. We are all very excited that this long awaited event may actually take place in the very near future.

We're happy to report all H&I cans have been removed from our meetings and the concept of NA Fund Flow structure is being followed.

There have been several H&I workshops conducted this past year. These workshops have inspired a new interest and enthusiasm within our Regional population.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Our Public Information subcommittee has been very active this year in NA workshops and NON-NA events. Our Public Information chairperson has strived to initiate better communicatons throughout our region and has been very instrumental in educating the fellowship regarding P.I. issues. He attended the WSC mini conference held in Denver in October.

Our P.I. subcommittee has submitted input concerning revisions and additions to The Guide to Public Information. This committee has evolved into a truly viable resource within our region.

Current meeting list reflects approximately 300 meetings and 80 groups within the Lone Star Region.

POLICY:

This committee has finally become a fully functioning committee. The newly elected chairperson has recently completed an updated copy of our Regional Policy. Work has also been completed on proposed guidelines for hosting a Regional Service Conference. Work in progress includes proposed policy for holding a regional workshop. This region has had a great need for an active Policy Subcommittee and we are truly grateful to see progress finally being made in this area.



ACTIVITIES:

Guidelines for hosting regional activities were completed, although this committee deals with fun, there is alot of work involved.

This subcommittee was responsible for implementation of four Regional activities, which were all deemed successful, providing fun, as well as, unity within the fellowship.

REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

The 3rd annual LSR Convention "Steering Straight in '88" will be held March 25, 26 and 27th in Tarrant County hosted by the Fort Worth area. The celebration of recovery will be held at the Roadway Inn, Hwy 360 at Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011, phone: 817/640-7080 or 1-800-228-2000.

We're expecting this to be an exciting convention with a fairly large participation of members from outside our region. This convention promises to be a beautiful celebration of recovery with additions to our program, i.e., International Speaker and Youth in Recovery. In addition to a speaker from London, we will have three H&I speakers from Federal Correctional Institute, as well as, Texas Department of Corrections.

This past year we've taken certain steps to incorporate our Regional Convention subcommittee under the umbrella of our RSO. This required amending our convention guidelines to include the necessary changes.

Our convention committee has put forth tremendous effort to follow the convention guidelines and adapt to the changes as they took place this year. We have great hopes that the changes to incorporate will benefit and protect our conventions now and in the future.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

This is a new committee that was recently removed from adhoc status to a standing committee. The chairman of this committee has been very involved in the formation of Additional Needs on a World level and has participated in two mini conferences.

He is currently coordinating area involvement and establishing Additional Needs subcommittee on an area level. This newly formed standing subcommittee is currently writing proposed guidelines.



TEXAS UNITY CONVENTION:

This convention has proved to be a unifying factor for our Region and has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. It is held at Lake Whitney, Texas four times a year with the 17th Reunion held in January, 1988.

This convention continues to support the two existing Regions within the state and the WSC as well.

The convention has outgrown it's meeting facility, however, no decision has been made concerning relocation.

RSO:

Our RSO has continued to grow since moving into appropriate office accommodations. The BOD has incorporated the office, written By-Laws and established office procedures.

Gross sales of literature for the 1987 calendar year have exceeded \$71,000.00. The board voted to establish a permanent committee to sponsor the annual LSR convention. During this past year, a literature sales policy and a financial policy were approved by the BOD. A new office manager was hired. The RSO is currently investigating the lease purchase of a computer and copier.

PROBLEMS:

One of our persisting problems is lack of participation of Regional subcommittees. Largely due to geographical distance and financial constraints.

Due to above mentioned problem - one area has not been able to participate in the RSC for well over one year. As a result of our tremendous size, it has become apparent to members of the RSC that we are unable to effectively meet the needs of our individual areas, as a result of our tremendous size.

Report to the 1988 World Service Conference Annual Meeting from

THE MICHIGAN REGION

Greetings from the Michigan Region! In the past year our region has continued to grow in our numbers of members and groups. We have also matured in our ability to deliver services to the Michigan NA groups and in our ability to make the Narcotics Anonymous message more available.

Among the more notable events of 1987 was the addition of two new Area Service Committees, Livingston County and Sinclair County. The past year has also brought an increase in the number of meetings in the northern half of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula. Groups in these parts of Michigan are not part of an ASC. Equally important has been a dramatic increase in the amount of communication with these isolated groups. Much of this has only become possible with the assistance of the WSO Group Services Department. The help we have received in "tracking" these frontier NA groups has been invaluable and will surely contribute to the addition of new ASC's and to the availability of NA in Michigan.

During the past 20 months every new Michigan group who has sent a group registration form to the WSO has received a "Welcome Packet" consisting of a welcome letter and offer of help from the RSR and the RSR Alt., flyers for upcoming NA functions, two copies of the regional newsletter and the regional meeting list, an NA Way subscription form and a Detroit Service Office order form. This is possible because the WSO forwards to the RSR and RSR Alt. copies of the group registration forms received from Michigan groups. Six months ago when WSO Group Services began sending us copies of requests for Group Starter Kits, we expanded our practice to send a similar welcome packet to these groups as well. The resulting increase in communications and unity more than justify the work and expense.

During the 1987 July 4th weekend, we held our third regional convention in Flint, Michigan. One thousand members attended the celebration with no embarrassing incidents. In addition to the \$4,000 seed money, another \$12,000 was realized. Half of the proceeds (\$6,000) were forwarded to the WSC.

Our next convention will be held during the 1988 July 4th weekend at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Holland is located in Western Michigan, our largest and one of our newest areas. The convention, Freedom IV, features an \$80 convention package which includes all meals, lodging, and convention registration. It is our hope that the low price will attract many new faces from both outside and within our region.

Our RSC has continued to meet bi-monthly and has become more stable in the past year. We are now on the verge of having functioning sub-committees of the RSC. We have also come a long way in becoming financially accountable to those we serve. We have insisted that the RSC subcommittees submit proposed budgets

for the coming year and that these budgets be reviewed by group conscience. This process takes time to get approved budgets and necessitates that we get members involved in service who can plan. Many of our ASC's have adopted similar budgeting procedures and this should make things seem less foreign and flow smoother in coming years.

We held our second annual Regional Service Conference February 6th and 7th, 1988 in Ferndale, Michigan. During that weekend a great deal of work was accomplished. We elected a new administrative committee and heard explanations of the WSC '88 Agenda Report from two WSC committee chairpersons. We also worked on our proposed budgets described above. The total RSC budget for our 1988 conference year is over \$20,000! The proposed budget again includes travel and lodging for the RSR and RSR Alt. to attend the WSC annual meeting and three quarterly workshops. It also proposes similar expenses for the PI chair and possibly other sub-committee chairs. As stated earlier, the groups will have the final word on the matter in early April. So if on your way to Van Nuys this year, you should see two guys standing by the road with there thumbs out and WSC or bust written on their suitcases, you will know our budget didn't pass. Please stop and give us a ride.

Finally we must share a problem that seems to haunt us. At times Michigan suffers from an "Us - Them " mentality of it's own. The two alleged factions are the Metro-Detroit areas that make up the "sub-region" and the rest of the areas in the region. There are some members in the sub-region who feel isolated and feel that recovery in a large urban area is substantially different than recovery elsewhere. They charge that the "outstate" areas are not sensitive to the differences. These sentiments have spawned, for the second time in as many years, a proposal for a second region in Michigan.

Two open forums or workshops have been held in Metro-Detroit on the matter. At both workshops, members, primarily from the sub-region, talked openly about ego, power and personalities as poor motivation for a second region. The possible impact on the rest of the region was also considered. The collective view of those who participated in the workshops was that a second region was not in the best interest of NA at this 'time. There has not been any motion on this matter at a regional level. The remainder of the region (outside of Metro-Detroit) remains unaware of or disinterested in the situation and has not considered the question or participated in the discussions. Although the question on urban region in Michigan remains having an unanswered, the subject has caused a good deal of unrest. especially in the metro area.

From The Great Lakes State of Michigan, here's wishing you a good conference and clean and prosperous year.

In love, fellowship, and service,

Ron W., RSR and Guy B. RSR Alt.

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL REPORT

The Mid-America Region says HOWDY! Alot has gone on in the last year. Our Region has been growing in leaps and bounds. It would seem we were going to bust at the seams. Through all the growth, we have and are experiencing the difficulties that come with it.

We have had some expansion at the ASC level. One Area has devided itself into three different Areas. At present only one (Just for Today) is attending the RSC..Hopefully we will get the strength needed to pull together in this area.

Our Region had decided to send our Sub-Comm. Chairs to WSC Quarterly meetings. We sent our Literature Chair Marci W.. and our P.I. Chair Julie P. to Newark this past summer.. This helped our Region in many ways. This Fall, our Lit. Chair and I attended the Quarterly in Denver.I sat in on H&I as I am a member of that Comm. Much needed info. was brought back to our Region. The General Forum works well for funneling this info..

In December our Region was proud to host an Ad-Hoc Workshop on It Works. The turnout was moderate, but we got alot of work done. Thanks go out toWorld Lit. and the Show Me Region for their support.

In Feb. 1988 we had our first convention, there have been other Mid America Regional Conventions in the past which were put on by Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. This was the first Kansas convention. We had speakers from Georgia (Greg P.), Barbara J. from SanDiego and Mark Z. from Wichita, Ks. For our first solo I think we did pretty damn good! We are planning another for Feb. 1989.

Our 9th annual 4th of July campout at Lonestar Lake outside Lawrence was a success last year. We have kept this a FREE campout and this year will be also. This years campout will be held July 1-4 at Harvey Co. West Park just outside Newton, Ks. Fun for all! Watch for announcements in the N.A. Way.

One thing we are starting to see more of is group anniversory partys. Alot of us take great pride in out home groups. This warms my heart. Eventhough I may not be a member of another group, I still like to go and help celebrate. My home group is important to me and alot of other share this feeling.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I would like to thank John B. from Kansas City for his support as our RSR alternate. I have a feeling John will do our region and the fellowship a good job next year.

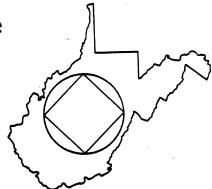
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Greetings from the Mountaineer Region! We serve all of the State of West Virginia except for small portions of the eastern and northern panhandles. There are now about 50 regular meetings and 15 H & I meetings throughout our region. We saw a number of significant developments in 1987, at both regional and area levels.

We were happy to welcome the Wheeling ASC into the Mountaineer RSC. Wheeling is the second-oldest ASC in our state, and until this year had belonged to the Tri-State RSC. We are glad to have their enthusiasm and experience. We did have one ASC fold and its groups join with other areas, but our other two ASC's, North Central West Virginia and Southern West Virginia, are going strong.

There have been several notable developments in our areas. been a good deal of work done by the areas on developing or revising their policy guidelines. The Southern WV ASC has formed an Outreach Subcommittee which is working hard to bring support to geographically isolated groups. They also have an active Literature Subcommittee which is now publishing a newsletter and which held a workshop on It Works: How & Why, and the North Central WV ASC has just formed a Literature Subcommittee. Our areas' Public Information efforts seem to be mainly in presentations, radio and newspaper PSA's, and mailings, with a limited amount of TV PSA's. have been successes as well as problems in our H & I efforts. The panel system in conjunction with periodic learning days has been implemented in the North Central area with great success. It has not worked as well everywhere, however; there seems to be particular resistance to eliminating the "open" H & I meeting and adhering to strict clean time requirements for panel membership. We are still not able to meet all the requests for H & I meetings, but fortunately we also seem to have learned not to over-extend ourselves. We are not able at this time to bring the NA message into our three largest correctional facilities. Two of these are simply too remote, and the other has numerous internal problems. have succeeded in taking a meeting into one of our largest county jails, however.

The editing of our Basic Text, the review of that edit, and the subsequent publication of the Fourth Edition produced an unprecedented response in our members, groups, and service committees. The group conscience process was seen to operate on such a large scale and in such a manner as to render comparison with past issues meaningless. It was a very spiritual experience to partipate in and see the operation of our service structure regarding a major group conscience issue, to see our Region's groups come to a unanimous group conscience decision, and to turn the result over to a Loving God.

Probably the major accomplishment of our Regional Service Committee in the last year was the formation of a Literature Subcommittee. In addition to organizing itself, the Committee had a number of very productive meetings, with a good amount of work done in several areas, ranging from

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Approval Literature, to the Fourth Edition, to WSC Literature Committee Guidelines. We do not have Regional Public Information or H & I committees at this time, but we have had a Regional Helpline for several years. Although it is not toll-free, it seems to work fairly well, and our Regional Phoneline Subcommittee is making progress toward holding regular learning days around the region.

Last year, we began the practice of holding our RSC meetings as part of two-day Regional Service Conferences, which were held at some of our state conference centers. This also provided our subcommittees a good opportunity to work, and proved to be a method of accomplishing our service work in a much more comfortable and spiritual manner.

We held two conventions again last year - our annual convention in May and a second one in November. Both went extremely well. We feel very fortunate to have available in our state the types of convention facilities which set us apart from the typical NA convention in terms of both style and price. We would like to invite everyone to join us at beautiful Cedar Lakes for the 5th Annual West Virginia Convention for Narcotics Anonymous, May 6-8. It is one of the most affordable conventions around, in one of the most naturally beautiful settings.

A discussion of our conventions brings us around to the most difficult and controversial issue confronting our region at the present time - the funding of NA services. West Virginia is not a large state in terms of population or number of meetings, and the meetings we do have are clustered in widely separated areas. We do not have the type of fund flow at the present time to support all our service expenses. Our major regional expenses are our helpline and funding for our representatives to participate in the World Service Conference. We have come to rely on our conventions to provide the funds for these expenses. Yet, as often is the case when money and spirituality meet, we have experienced uneasiness, even controversy and disunity, over the matters of money, property, and prestige which seem to be inherent in NA fund-raising activities. We seem to have started to seriously examine the relation of these activities to our Twelve Traditions, and we would greatly welcome the opportunity to hear a full discussion of these issues at the appropriate time during the 1988 World Service Conference.

In Love & Service,

Phil K., RSR

Paul W., RSR-Alt.



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Hello WSC:

Southern Nevada Region of Narcotics Anonymous is happy and grateful to be alive and attending one more session of the WSC. Many things have changed in Southern Nevada in the last year. Since last years conference we have nearly tripled in size from roughly 27 meetings last year to about 52 meetings this year and meeting size doubled. The Bullhead, Az. meeting of last year has grown to twelve meetings and is now functioning as its own ASC. Yes, we are now a region in the rough and not just an isolated area. We would like to thank the world for its support and the wisdom of many that has provided us with a means to grow. We have also learned more about our 7th Tradition and how following that philosphy of giving of ourselves instead of trying to make more money has provided us with the means to become more solvent. We have been able to send several hundred dollars to the conference for the first time in a long time. The region was able to put on its 2nd convention in Feb. with the help of many people from around the fellowship, for this we are grateful, and expect to be able to beld our 3rd convention in Feb. of 1989.

Many different Fellowship issues have been brought to our attention over the last year by various other regions. One of these seems to be of confusing porportions. The Fourth Edition of the Basic Text: We love it!!

Southern Nevada is happy with the operation of the service structure as we understand it through the T.W.G.S.S., with the exception of the conference decision to workshop the book "It Works: How and Why", on a fellowship wide basis, this seemed to be a great waste and total circumvention of our WLC, which has done a good job in the past with the massive workload that the conference has assigned to it. We pray to a "loving" God of our understanding that we as "Trusted" servants may serve the Fellowsip to the best of our abilities.

The past year has provided us with much growth and learning in a positive direction. With a growing fellowship (rapidly), a need for more people to become involved in service has been met to an extent. One of our areas of tribulation has been Public Information, this area seems to still be off to a shakey start even though we have formed a seperate Phoneline Committee and placed literature on its own. The problem seems to be that people feel that a need for experience is a guideline for the job. We hope that having an understanding and working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions will be enough to serve this need.

Our H&I committee feared that last years conference decisions would greatly affect the effectiveness of the committee in a negative fashion, the reverse has been true. Our H&I committee has been able to function in a very effective fashion over the last year with an intial cut in the number of hospitals and institutions meetings to now having twice as many as before and funds not being of major concern.

We are currently trying to write guidlines for Southern Nevada at a rapid pace in the beginning and now to a slow crawl for our ad/hoc committee at this time. We would like to get as much help from the fellowship as is

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possible. Being stable in our decision making process is of great importance due to the greater amount of business being brought foward. We have found that time continues to march on and rotation of service is a must for a fellowship on the grow, guidlines are a stable map for the future, Southern Nevada is proud of a NA message that is attractive to the newcomer seeking relief from the disease of addiction. We hope that Southern Nevada can be of continued service to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and that our growth is a sign to all that Narcotics Anonymous works if we let it!

We pray for continued success to WSC and the Fellowship at large.

In grateful loving service,

Steve S.

RSR Southern Nevada



Report to the World Service Conference , 1988

As usual, this has been a year of growth and change for us. Being a small region in a fairly isolated area we have not had the explosive growth in numbers of meetings that we have in prior years but we have grown. Although we have been recognized at the Conference since 1982, it is only in the past 18 months that we have begun to function as a region with areas. We are all settling in to our fairly new service structure and the impact that this change has had throughout our region. Due to the fact that we are small and because the RSC was the "mother" committee, the areas have looked to the regional subcommittees to carry most of the load. This has given us some continuity in service but it has also had an impact on the strength of our areas. Probobly the most important issue that we face as a region in unity. The intimacy and communication that we came to expect in one committee is now lacking and we need to find new ways to accomplish this. Rotating our RSC meetings between the areas has helped but we still have a long way to go.

We have 55 regular meetings and 12 H&I meetings covered by 4 areas and an outreach committee. Our outreach committee is fairly new and is responsible for assisting and communicating with groups that are not served by an area. With small towns scattered all over Northern Nevada and parts of California this committee will become increasingly important in fulfilling our primary purpose. It is a difficult task due to distances involved and any and all suggestions would be appreciated.

This region has had H&I meetings in the state prison system since we were in our infancy. This has always been one of our better supported subcommittees and continues to be. We had discontinued H&I cans long before the last WSC so there has been no impact on supplying literature to H&I. We have used quarterly budgets for all of our regional needs, including H&I, and it has worked well.

Our P.I. subcommittee has had an increasing number of requests and contacts from outside of the Fellowship. The mailings to professionals and for audio PSA's have been consistent for a long time and people are increasingly aware that we are here even if they are a little confused about what we are. We have wideo PSA's for the first time and they should be aired by Conference time. In our enthusiasm to carry the message we have encountered similar problems with our local medical school and the National Judicial College. Both organizations solicit participation in their "substance abuse" programs of individual N.A. members and request "recovery teachers" and personal substance related historys. The responsibility has fallen on P.I. to let them know what we can and cannot do and to try to persuade our own members to work within our structure.

Due to "It Works" we now have an active and consistent literature review committee for the first time. A lot of enthusiasm has been generated by the participation in this piece of literature and has carried on since the WLC workshop in San Francisco.

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We went through the incorporation process about a year ago and are still learning how and where that board serves in our structure. We had a member that attended the WSO workshop in Atlanta last year for service offices and corporations and will send a member for conventions and a member for offices to the workshop in Tulsa this year. We have put our plans for a service office on the back burner and have a central storage area that serves our literature distribution needs.

We held our first regional convention last July and it was a wonderful success. It was truly a "we" effort, there was a stong message of N.A. recovery from all of our speakers and we got lots of support from California. With that combination I guess we couldn't miss but it was spiritually, emotionally and financially much more successful than we could have hoped for. Due to the fact that we also have the "Stampede for Serenity" campout and fundraiser (50% automatically goes to the WSC) each year we resisted the temptation to plan another convention this year and will wait until June of 1989. The drain on time and energy for two major functions left to many other things left undone. However, the 6th annual Stampede will be held this July 14th to the 18th. Flyers will be at the Conference.

One of the benefits of having two functions was financial. We are able to take care of any needs we have locally as long as we have the bodies to do it. We send our RSR and Alternate to the Conference and the WSC quarterlys and as has always been a priority for us, we support the WSC financially.

It is sometimes overwhelming to hear what is going on in regions that are ten times our size. We used to feel very different but that has lessened. We share common problems and more importantly common solutions. As always, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the WSC trusted servants and to everyone at the WSO for all of their work and support.

In loving service -

Becky Meyer RSR Tom Rush RSR Alternate

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE (APRIL, 1988)

The Region

Greetings from the New England Region. Narcotics Anonymous is alive and well here. The growth of our Region has been fantastic, more and more addicts are finding a new way to live through our spiritual principles. We now number well over 400 groups in our Region. We have 12 Areas which encompasses 5 states: Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and New Hampshire. The Areas are: Boston, South Shore, Cape Code & Islands, Martha's Vineyard, Four Seasons, Green Mountains, Western MA, Southern ME, Central Northern ME, R.I.S.M.A., Southeastern MA, and Central MA.

The growth in our service structure has been phenomenal but I will try to comply with keeping our Regional Report to three pages. I will enclose reports from our Regional Service Office and other subcommittees to be kept on file at W.S.O. so that other Regions may benefit from our success and mistakes. It is hard to put in words the amount of love and unity that our Region is experiencing, not to mention all the hard work and devotion to service our trusted servants have shown. We had a lot of minor problems at the beginning of last year with our office, service structure and some of the Areas. As members started to mature in their personal recovery, most of these problems where overcome. It was a good feeling to be part of a loving, spiritual fellowship called Narcotics Anonymous and watch our 12th Tradition in action.

The Regional Service Office

The majority of the problems we had last year have been corrected. The R.S.O. is now a solvent entity and fully functional. We are a properly incorporated, tax exempt office. We have liability insurance, both for our office and any large functions that the fellowship choses to put on, i.e. conventions, workshops, etc. Literature is sold on a daily basis, both from the office and bulk mail. We have a full-time, paid office manager, without whose help we couldn't have come this far. We are in the process of computerizing the office and exploring what we can merchandize from the office.

The Regional Service Office Board of Directors

Our annual meeting of the BOD was held in February of 1988 with all members present. The following reports were given: Corporate, financial, Chairpersons overview of RSO progress and potential goals, implementation of telemarketing and/or mailing to help increase literature sales. The BOD is implementing a search to relocate the office. The BOD meets monthly with the annual meeting in February. Elections were held this month and all officers of the corporation were seated.

The Regional Hospitals and Institutions Committee

From the 1987 Conference the WSC H&I Committee accepted 2 nominees from the New England Region to the H&I pool and as of October, 1987, one of them is now a voting member of the WSC H&I. A new nominee will be presented to the committee this year at the 1988 Conference.

New England members of the WSC H&I Committee attended quarterlies in New Jersey and Colorado and an ad hoc committee meeting on the handbook (which additional members of the New England Region participated) in Maryland in September.

We have held a number of Learning Days and Workshops throughout the past year with good success. It has been a working resource to get more people involved in carrying the N.A. message. It has also helped in creating more "unity" through our region.

More Areas throughout the New England Region are attending our regional meetings on a regular basis and more H&I people in general.

More and more H&I meetings are starting up and the N.A. message is getting to addicts through H&I.

The panel system is being put to work throughout the New England Region to make things more "simple" and to be "a part of".

As of December, 1987, a regional committee policy has been worked on. Some policy is in effect and the work continues to develop.

There are 2 new Areas in the New England Region, Western MA and Martha's Vineyard.

Currently there is a commitment problem with a jail meeting and it has been taken on as a regional effort with a different Area doing the meeting each week.

All in all, a year of progress, growth and success for all of the recovering addicts involved in the New England Regional H&I effort.

The Regional Literature Committee

Our Literature Committee is fully functional. They are no longer preparing meeting lists for the Region. This job has been taken over by the the RSO. They also have stopped selling literature. What they have been doing throughout the year is gathering input on pamphlets such as "How It Works", are working on all approval form literature, and working as a committee giving input to the works in progress. This committee has grown tremendously over the past year with members from most Areas in our Region represented on the Committee. Work was done on reviewing the 4th Edition. There has been motions from an Area within our region to halt sales of the Basic text in our Region. This was discussed at the Regional level and it was decided that it was going to be addressed in the WSC agenda and that our Region will use this process and let the fellowship decide.

The Regional Recreation Committee

A new committee was formed in June of 1987. The first order of business was to open up lines of communication with Areas in the Region who already had committees formed, or who wanted to participate on a Regional level. This was done. Now, as a Committee, we are establishing Policy Guidelines, the purpose of the committee, and how we can best serve the recovering addict. The committee is reviewing the 12 Traditions of N.A. and how they apply to events, the committee, and policy guidelines. To sum up, the Recreation Committee is newly formed and is still trying to find out how it can best serve the addict who is recovering. This committee welcomes any and all suggestions from members, groups, Areas, Regions and/or any input on how they can better serve the needs of members in the Region.

The Regional Additional Needs Committee

This committee has grown to be a sizeable, workable committee, with most of the Areas being represented. I will list the many projects and accomplishments this committee has worked on in the past year:

- I. This years accomplishments:
 - A. Development of suggestions for Literature.
 - 1. IP#1 Easy English translation
 - a. Completed through the steps and are still reworking fine points of this. This was presented to WSC-ANC to be sent to WSC-LIT.
 - 2. Developed information for possible development into a pamphlet.
 - a. "The Addict with Additional Needs, Hope and Help Wheelchair Access".
 - b. "The Addict with Additional Needs, Hope and Help Blind Access to Literature and Meetings".
 - B. Completed collation of results of Regional Accessibility Ouestionnaire.
 - 1. Results showed that 46% of meetings are wheelchair accessible at this time, 4% offer interpreters.
 - C. Worked with other committees and functions to help make meetings and fellowship functions more accessible.
 - 1. ECCNA.
 - 2. N.E.R.C. III
 - 3. Many group and area anniversaries.
- II. 1987-1988 goals and objectives:
 - A. Begin development of other IP's into easier English.
 - B. Begin information for addition to convention guidelines on accessibility.
 - C. Develop contact list for RSO to refer individuals to other individuals, i.e. blind, etc.
 - D. We support the re-establishment of an Ad Hoc or standing WSC ANC for continued worldwide work in this issue.
 - E. Explore the acquisition of interpreters and how this can accommodate our spiritual principles.
 - F. To visit areas throughout the regional and hopefully workshop.

The Regional Public Information Committee

In the past year the Regional P.I. Committee has grown from 9 to 12 Areas. Our main concern in the new Areas is to teach them how to start a P.I. subcommittee and how it functions. We have either held, or have scheduled, P.I. learning days in these Areas to educate those already involved and to bring an awareness to those who may want to get involved.

The Region has participated in numerous P.I. functions this past year. The South Shore Area held a Community day in May with members throughout the Region in attendance. It was a real learning experience for this committee and because of the months of preparation and the closeness we felt with each other, it showed us the unity that this fellowship gives us. We participated in a Health Fair giving out literature and talking with people. We have dealt with reporters of all kinds: newspaper, TV, cable and radio. Some we have participated with and some we couldn't because they wouldn't comply with our Traditions. Most Areas have taken on commitments in the various communities pertaining to schools, treatment centers, and other public agencies. Through the unity of this Region, we are all learning and helping each other.

Right now this Committee is going through a transition period because of people fulfilling their commitments and new people taking over with little knowledge of P.I. work.

Our main objective right now is to guide and direct these areas with the best love, knowledge, and information we have and to carry out the 5th Tradition, which is our primary purpose.

The Regional Policy Committee

We had a lot of problems with this committee. It is dysfunctional. Some of the Areas within our Region have good, working Policy Committees. Hopefully, by the grace of God and a little leg work of the members of those committees, we will try to have a Regional Policy Committee in the upcoming year.

The New England Region Convention Committee

April, 1987 we held our 2nd New England Regional Convention in Springfield, MA. It was a success in every sense of the word. This year our 3rd Convention will be April 1, 2, 3 at the Marriot Hotel in Providence, RI. The present committee is documenting all phases of the services required to run a smooth convention so that the next host committee will be better prepared. Our Convention Committee receives its liability insurance through the RSO.

The Four Seasons Area is hosting the 9th East Coast Convention. This is a large undertaking, but through the grace of our Higher Power, and the commitment to service of the trusted servants within that Area, things are progressing beautifully. Lastly, we have formed a Bid Committee to host the 1991 or 1992 World Convention of N.A. We're going for it!

This is our report to the WSC for 1987/1988. Service to N.A. is service to oneself.

In loving service,

Bean Lefebvre, RSR and Bernie Pond, Alternate RSR TO: The WSC of Narcotics Anonymous

FROM: The New Jersey Regional Service Conference The NJRSC sends greetings and best wishes to the WSC for a successful and productive conference.

The past year has been "Beyond our Wildest Dreams." We hosted our second Regional Convention in Parsippany, New Jersey in May of 1987 which was well attended and a great celebration of recovery. The convention committee at this moment is preparing for the third regional convention to be held in Asbury Park, N.J. on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29,

The NJRSC has been financially sound. We have been able to share with the WSC and make several contributions, in accordance with the suggested fund flow.

The NJRSC has functioning subcommittees that include: Public Information, Hospital and Institutions, Literature, Activities, Policy, Meeting List, Historian and Archives, Convention Committee and Additional Needs (Ad-Hoc).

As of Winter-Spring 1988 we have 305 meetings throughout the state, comprising eleven area service committees. Our primary purpose of carrying the message expresses itself by the fact that Narcotics Anonymous continues to grow in the State of New Jersey.

NJRSC Report to WSC

Probably the most gratiflying function of the NJRSC is the 800-Helpline Number. Through December of 1987 the Regional NA Helpline has received 13,680 calls since its installation in January 1987. The cost of \$8,334 for operation is less than half the cost of operating 10 separate area helplines. We are grateful to help carry the message of recovery in this effective way.

Since one year ago, the Fellowship in New Jersey has enjoyed a regional newsletter. The paper, "Sanity", is published monthly. The hard work and dedication of the newsletter committee has made "Sanity" an excellent tool to promote unity through communication.

The New Jersey Fellowship wishes to extend warm greetings to the first WSO outside the state of California. The N.J. Fellowship is proud to offer any assistance that the office may need. We also extend a special welcome to Willie Lubka, the PI Coordianator, WSO.

Finally, as my committment as RSR for New Jersey comes to an end after WSC 88, I would like to thank the NJRSC for allowing me to serve. The NJRSC is fortunate to have Eve F. as the trusted servant RSR for the next year.

I know that she will be an asset to WSC and the NJRSC.

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as a whole extremely enthusiatic about N.A. recovery and committed to and active in service.

The Albuquerque area has begun to experience growth not just in sheer numbers of meetings but also in a variety of other ways. The fellowship has begun to expand into outlying area around the city as well as into neighborhoods within the city which before had no meetings. The depth of this growth is profound and it has fostered a sense of love and unity not experienced before within the Albuquerque area.

The New Mexico Regional Service Committee has also grown in the past year. Not only are all service positions filled but a new regional Literature Review Committee has been formed.

As a Region we have done much in a year and so much remains to be done. We hope to conduct Regional workshops this coming year on the Traditions. We still need to work on the use of N.A. terminology and on understanding and applying our Traditions.

Yours in Fellowship,

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GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL REPORT

General Report on the State of Things To Come:

Greetings from the Greater New York Regional Service Committee. This past year has been a year of tremendous growth for us, not only in size but in experience as well. Let's start off with size; In March 1987, we were a Region consisting of seven(7) areas with 303 groups that held 380 meetings weekly. Since that time, we have grown to nine(9) areas, an increase of 29%, with 409 groups holding 524 meetings weekly, which is an increase in groups of 35% and of meetings of 38%. We now cover a geographic area extending from the New York State Capitol of Albany to Montauk Point in Long Island, including some parts of Massachusetts and also including one of the largest cities in the world. The growth has been steady with a new meeting starting on the average of every 3 days!!

Within our Regional Committee, our subcommittee system has been working diligently and growing. We have in the last year, reinstated two committees which had been virtually inactive for a period of time. These are our Policy Committee, which is presently undertaking the monumental task of compiling and reviewing all of our past reional minutes and policies, and our Literature committee which is feverishly working on several tasks including reviewing some of the changes in the Basic Text. Our long standing Hospital & Institution committee went through a major shakeup this past year with the changeover from the old system of funding involving the H&I can to having each area support their respective H&I Committees. There was a bit of confusion, initially, but the switchover went relatively smooth and the message continues to be carried into the Hospitals & Institutions on a regular basis. The number of meetings in Hospitals & Institutions has increased proportionately along with the rest of the Region but the biggest problem still remains getting enough able and willing people to carry the message into all the hospitals and institutions that request us to. Our Public Information committee continues to work hard.

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One of the highlingts, for this year, was a Multi-Regional East Coast Cooperative Meeting bringing together the Public Information Committees from New York, Conneticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in a cooperative effort. There was also the issue of an "AIDS" workshop which we'll address later in the report. Our Convention and Activities Committee continues to do a phenomenal job in putting on our annual Regional Convention and all the related fund raising efforts. Last year's convention was a great sucess, not only financially but in the fact that many, many addicts were afforded the opportunity to celebrate their recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. The financial sucess enabled us to pass on a substancial amount of funds to the World Service Conference as well as assist us in our growth. The convention sold out, last year, well in advance and as a result we contracted with several hotels in the area of the convention to handle the anticipated overflow. For those who may not know, we are holding our Regional Convention this year at the Stevensville Country Club, located in the Catskill Mountains less than 2 hours north of New York City, on May 13, 14, and 15. Come one, come all, and bring a friend.

Our Greater New York General Service Office, INc. has also experienced tremendous growth in the last year and the prospects for the future are even greater. To begin with, we have relocated our office to Richmond Hill, in the borough of Queens, a mere ½ hour from Midtown Manhattan by car and easily accessible by public transportation. In 1987, our office was selling literature at the rate of \$10,000 per month. In 1988 to date, the average sales per month have been \$15,158, an increase of 52%. This enables us to purchase literature in lots of \$40,000 and more and to keep it readily available to our areas, groups, and individuals. In the changeover in the H&I committee, our industrious committee did a very thorough

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mailing and followup to all the institutions and hospitals into which they carry a meeting, asking them to please purchase their own literature for their clients and as a result we now have a substantial number of institutions that purchase directly from our General Service Office, which enables us to concentrate more on carrying the message into their institutions. As for prospects for the future, we presently have an Ad Hoc Computer Committee which is undertaking the task of computerizing our office and our helpline. This will enable us to more efficiently service the needs of the many addicts in our region. In conjunction with this, this year we will be hiring our first paid special worker to help run our office. To date, all of the work is being done by a conscientious group of volunteer recovering addicts. One of the other tasks being undertaken by our Service Office, is to set up an umbrella corporation to handle the financial matters involved in our Regional Convention. Great Work!!!

Weild like to close our report with a few thoughts on an issue that was raised before, AIDS. Being a region that includes New York City, with a population of addicts that includes by estimate k to k million people who are infected with the HIV Virus, of which a proportionate number are in or will be coming into our fellowship, we are more than slightly concerned with this issue. Our Public Information committee started to sponsor a workshop on AIDS, but after much pressure from various sources stepped aside and the workshop went on under a different name and was sponsored by one of our area service committees. Obviously, this is not an issue for Public Information, but World H&I says the same thing and so does our fellowships Additional Needs Ad Hoc Committee. So where does this get addressed? The workshop that was held demonstrated, if nothing else, the need for addicts in recovery in our fellowship with this common need to have a place to discuss this issue and still feel part of the fellowship without ostracization. We'll leave you with this food for thought and thank you for allowing us to be of service.

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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE - 1988 NORTHERN NEW YORK REGION

The region this year saw meetings grow in number only slightly, up to about 80. However, many of these are in fact new meetings, replacing what are now properly H & I meetings. Particularly impressive is the fact that yet another city, Ithaca, now has 7 meetings a week, allowing members to do 90 in 90 in N.A.!

We held our 2nd Annual Convention this year and attendance was about 200, double the year before. For many members attending, it was an opportunity to hear, for the first time, a message of recovery in N.A. We are grateful for the members who helped to carry the message from outside of the region. Spirits have remained high about the Convention since, and we expect to have to move to a new location following this year's Convention, due to the growth in numbers. Our convention this year is July 29 - 31 at Wells College in Aurora, on Cayuga Lake.

Hospitals and Institutions has grown immensely. There are committees or at least contact lists within each area, and meetings now number about 22. Perhaps most importantly, this last year marked the first that an H & I Chair held the position throughout, giving stability and direction to the region. The H & I Chair has been communicating well with WSO and attending numerous functions outside of the region in order to learn from others' experience, strength and hope.

Public Information has been marked by a period of internal growth and awareness. In addition to giving stability to this committee, the Chair has been in touch with World P.I. and other trusted servants in various regions. P.I. has communicated to institutions our presence and message, with responsible follow-up, and slow growth has been excellent growth. The P.I. Handbook has been dusted off and picked up at long last. The Chair has been re-elected and plans on attending future non-regional functions and also holding a workshop at our 3rd Annual Convention.

Literature has been in a transition this last year, moving from being a supplier of literature to areas toward being a source of information about literature. In the early part of the year, areas picked up responsibility for their own literature, which freed the Chair up to look into the other aspects of the Literature Committee. By September, a group had been organized to go to the It Works Ad-Hoc I workshop in Baltimore. This was a great introduction to the World Literature process and everyone attending learned a great deal. The committee continues to grow, and looks forward to future work and projects. The committee and the members who attended the workshop would like to extend thanks to those trusted servants and special workers who were involved in Baltimore.

Newsletters were consistent and prolific. Twelve issues were published within 14 months. This committee has had difficulty getting support from members; five articles were reprints from The N.A. Way and unapproved literature. Part of this is due to writing talent being used in area newsletters. The newsletter is now a bi-monthly publication, primarily due to the fact that regional meetings are also and the added expense of mailing cannot be met at the present time.

The RSR attended the Conference last year as an Alternate, as well as both quarterly workshops, primarily observing Policy. The Steering Committee of the region will be seriously evaluating two-year terms - in principle, not letter - for the RSR. This would take effect following this year's Conference.

The support from the region as a whole has been great, especially after the Convention. Sadly, though, the financial aspect of our 7th Tradition lags. We are running a considerable deficit, principally due to lack of proper fund flow. It is our hope that further unity with the areas and the region will alleviate this problem.

In closing, it has been a privilege for us to learn with the Conference and other trusted servants and special workers this last year. The RSR thanks the members of the Policy Committee, and we both thank various trusted servants and special workers we talked to (or at) within world services: it is all of you who gave us hope and allowed us to add anything of value we might have brought back to the spirit of our region. Thank you.

Bill R., RSR Angela V., RSR-A



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The Ohio Region consists of 9 Areas:

Central Ohio Area which has 39 reg. & 15 H&I mtgs.

Hamilton & Middletown Area which has 10 reg.

Greater Cincinnati Area which has 10 Mtgs.

The Miami Valley Area which has 14 reg. & 4 H&I mtgs.

The Dayton Area which has 9 reg. & 3 H&I mtgs.

The Toledo Area which has 15 reg. mtgs.

The Northern Ohio Area which has 7 reg. mtgs.

The Ohio River Valley which has 15 reg. & 5 H&I mtgs.

The Lima Area which has 6 mtgs.

The newest area included in the Chio Region is the Lima Area which supports the Lima, Defiance, & Van Wert Area of the State. This Area was formed in February 1988.

The Ohio Regional Office is functioning well and providing a much needed service for the region. We had grown to the point where we no longer could provide Literature to the groups in the Ohio Region without utilizing an Office. Last year we had sales in excess of \$20,000.00 in Literature. The Office also provides a Centralized meeting location in the Region to hold Service meetings in since it is located in the Center of the State. Before opening the office it was nothing for addicts to have to drive 250 miles to attend the Region meetings. In following with the suggestions from WSC about operations of regional offices the Ohio RSO was Incorporated as a Not for Profit Corporation in the State of Ohio in February. We are presently going through the process of selecting the Board of Directors for the office.

The Literature Committee was active in the past year. The committee made copies of all the different versions of It Works-How, to the Areas and then held a workshop with The Buckeye Region on this book. The input from this workshop was then forwarded to the World for using in the World Workshop held in Miami. The Literature Comm. Chair also attended the first World Workshop on It Works How, held in Baltimore.

The Regional H & I Awareness Day this year is going to be held inside the Marysville Correctional Institute. This is a maximum security facility. Because of the good working relationship the Ohio H & I committee has with the State Corrections Office we have been invited to hold this learning day there.

The 6th. Ohio Convention for NA is being held in Cincinnati Ohio this Year. As were the first 5 Conventions this one will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 28, 29 1988. In July 1986 there was a split in the Ohio region which resuylted in the formation of the Buckeye Region. This region consisted of meetings in the upper right hand fourth of the State. To keep from duplicating services we have formned a Shared Services agreement with the Buckeye Region. In this way both regions pay 50% of the cost of the 1-800 Help Line. We also feel it would be disunifing to hold 2 Ohio Conventions in the State so the Ohio Convention alternates between the Ohio and Buckeye Regions every other year. The funds from this convention are then split with 40% going to each region with the remaining 20% going to the convention committee of the hosting Region for the next year.

The region that is not hosting the Convention has the responsibility of printing a directory of meetings of in the state. (A state Directory)

Yours in Love and Service,

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The Greater Philadelphia Region has been in existence for six years. In 1987/1988, we have experienced a great increase in our unity and level of commitment to service by members in our region. We now have 148 groups, with some groups having two or three meetings per week.

We presently have five areas--Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Tri-County, and Small Wonder (northern Delaware). We anticipate an addition of one new area this year. All areas are experiencing an increase in membership, unity, and dedication to N.A. All areas have seen more involvement in their subcommittees.

- . The Administrative Committee has begun to have JAC meetings in the months opposite the RSC meetings.
- . RSR/RSR Alt. have attended most of the ASC meetings. They also have been active on WSC subcommittees.
- . Public Information. Over the past year, Public Information (P.I.) has been responsible for three Unity Days which has helped develop the unity in our region. P.I. also attended a national conference on behalf of the WSC-P.I. Committee and two local conferences. P.I. has also taken over the responsibility for the regional meeting list.
- This P.I. began meeting every month and were involved with the WSC P.I. work on 12 traditions and P.I. The chairperson has attended quarterlies and was involved with WSC P.I.
- . Hospitals and Institutions has experienced an increase in the number of H&I meetings. We presently have 108 meetings. H&I chairperson was involved with WSC H&I and has attended the quarterlies.
- . Literature. Our regional Literature Committee has purchased approximately \$70,000 worth of literature from WSC.
- . Literature Review. Our Literature Review Committee was re-established this year. They held two workshops on the Basic Text, 4th Edition workshops on Its Works: How and Why and continued reviewing the literature in approval form.
- . Policy. Developed a draft of RSC Policy which was submitted to ASR's to be approved by May 1988.

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- . Convention. Our Regional Convention will be held March 25, 26, and 27, 1988 at the Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia. To this date, there seems to be another 20% increase in preregistrations and hotel room reservations. The Convention Committee is also developing policy for the committee's function.
- . Helpline. This year we have established a Helpline Committee in order to coorindate the functions of the area helpline committees and to explore the possibility of having a regionwide helpline.
- . Activities. A regional Activities Committee was formed to help coordinate activity functions in the region.
- . RSO. The RSO Board has grown this year to include elected members from each area. We are now actively pursuing office space.

Overall, the message of recovery in our region is becoming more in tune with Narcotics Anonymous principles.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to N.A.

In Loving Service,

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Quebec region is now in its second year of existence. Our first year was filled with many changes, mainly due to the splitting of the two existing areas at the time of the region's formation into two and three areas. We were faced with many new situations all at once. The newness of the RSC also made for various conflicts, many of them based on fear of the new level of service becoming a "controlling" unit. At times, it seemed as there would be no end to the confusion, and that the RSC would just cease to exist.

We are pleased to report that we have survived that primal stage and that we are gaining in stability. We still suffer from a lack of trusted servants at all levels. This situation will hopefully improve this year. There have been some promising signs: two learning days were held recently by two different ASCs and both were very well attended. Such events would not have attracted ten members last year. It shows a growing interest in service and a greater dedication to carrying the message than ever before.

The Quebec region is now composed of seven areas. Six of those are French and one is English. There are approximately one hundred french meetings with new ones opening up all the The French part of the Fellowship is growing at an explosive rate. There are now eleven english meetings. The English side of N.A. suffered a major setback from the starting of another Fellowship last year but is now picking up again. The sub-committees are again getting organized. Public Information is doing a lot of good work. We don't have a regional P.I. committee per se yet but we do have a regional P.I. contact person. H&I efforts are also on the increase. We should have a regional H&I committee within the next couple of months. Also this year will see the first Québec Regional Convention to be held in Montréal in October. We used to have the Montréal area Convention at that time. After considerable discussion it was unanimously voted to hold one major convention a year known as The Quebec Regional Convention. The regional Literature distribution Committee is finally off the ground. It took a while to get it going because of the lack of regional funds to buy a big enough quantity to supply the areas. We now print a regional meeting list that is updated every three months. We are hoping to be able to put together a French newsletter by the spring or early summer. This will improve communication between the French Fellowship greatly. With all this, we can now say that we no longer are an emerging Fellowship. have four years of existence here in Quebec, and the message recovery of Narcotics Anonymous is being heard throughout the province.

Addicts can reach us through our three helplines located in and operated by three different ASCs. We don't have a regional helpline except that the Montréal helpline is financed and manned by a combined effort of the four Areas that Montréal and surroundings are divided into. It is manned by addicts at the helpline office from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., by addicts at home from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. through an answering service who then takes the messages for the rest of the night. The volunteer who comes in at 10:00 a.m. then switches the helpline back to the office and returns the calls. The other two helplines are in Shawinigan and Québec city. They are private lines in member's house and they use call-forwarding to share the responsibility with other members in the Area. The one in Québec city is the newest, it got started last September.

One big concern of ours since the first French N.A. meeting opened its doors in the province of Québec has been the literature. Most of our Fellowship is French-speaking and the first translations available to us were of poor quality. We tried many different ways to remedy the situation. Finally, a translation agency was hired and they retranslated everything. But the work was far from over at that point. It became obvious that a revision of any translated material had to be done by members before being ready for publication. This is so simply because a translator is not a member, therefore does not go to meetings and has no knowledge of certain ways of saying things and expressions commonly used by the Fellowship. These are exactly what makes the literature efficient and without them the translations have no spirit.

We formed a regional Literature Revision Committee in Québec and a similar one was also formed in France. The two Committees worked on their own on the agency's translations. In October, members of both Committees got together and produced a final version which was then approved by the french members on October 24. This material is now being typeset and should be available to the french Fellowship within the next month. This will bring to completion the first half of the project which consisted of thirteen I.P.s and the Little White Book. The second half is the Basic Text. We don't foresee being done with it for another six months or so. The two Committees will then get together to produce the final draft. We have been working closely with WSO on this project and we are grateful for the assistance.

At the end of January, we held a special function to celebrate our first year of existence as a region. Although a bit late (our actual anniversary is in October), it was a success. There was a sense of unity rarely felt before as well as a lot of love in the air. We are all looking forward to another year of carrying the message better and wider. We have grown a lot from last year's experiences, both good and bad, and if nothing else, we have at least learnt to be more loving and trusting of each other.

Our still precarious financial situation does not permit us to contribute to WSC this year. We hope that next year will be more prosperous, therefore making it possible for us to give to the Conference.

To: World Service Conference

From: Regional Service Conference of the Virginians

Hello Family,

It has been a growing year for the Region of the Virginians. We have expanded by many new groups and one new area. We now have approximately 125 regular meetings and 43 H&I meetings. We have 10 areas, which are: Almost Heaven(Winchester, Va. and Martinsburg, W.VA. and surrounding areas), Appalachain (Lynchburg and surrounding areas), New River(Blacksburg and surrounding area), Penninsula(Hampton, Newport News, and Williamsburg), Piedmont(Charlottesville and surrounding area)Richmond(Richmond and surrounding area), Roanoke(Roanoke and surrounding area), Southside (Petersburg and surrounding area)Tidewater(Norfolk, Virginia Beach and surrounding areas), Bull Run(Chantilly, Dumfries, Manassas and surrounding areas). Since we cover such a large geographic area we use a weekend format for our Regional Conference. On Saturday we tackle Old Business and our sub-committees meet. On Sunday we move into New Business. Our regional meetings move around to different areas of our Region. The cost per person for food and lodging is usually about \$20.00. We have had great success with this format, allowing plenty of time answer the questions and meet the needs of our areas.

Our regional trusted servant positions are filled by people meeting the suggested Cleantime requirements, with very few exceptions. Our R.S.R. and R.S.R.-Alternate were both able to attend the WSC workshops this year, and our Region was able to fund travel and hotel expenses.

Our Regional Service Committee has been busy this year with seven standing sub-committees. Our sub-committees include, Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, Literature, Newsletter, Policy, Phoneline, Board of Directors of convention Corporation. This year our Hospitals and Institutions Committee successfully went to the new H&I meeting format, making all H&I meeting either speaker or panel discussion. Our Region has also been able to fully finance our H&I Committee since the cans were removed from the meetings. At this time, our Region has three members on the World H&I Committee, who have helped our regions efforts. We have meetings in 10 jails and State Correctional Facilities and hope for many more in the future. Our Public Information Committee has put a great deal of work into the completion of a regional meeting list, which is stored on computer disc for quick up-dates. We are active in informing the public of N.A.'s existence and in helping our areas Public Information Committees. Our P.I. Chair was able to attend one of the USC Workshops. One of our busiest committees this year has been the_Literature Committee. Our Literature Chair attended two workshops with the WLC. We also have a member of our region on the WLC. Our Literature Committee and Region as a whole did alot of work on "It Works; How and Why" and some work on "A Guide to Service". We also had members who worked on the I.P.'s, "Unity" and "In Times of Illness". Our input was sent to the WLC. We have had some problems with our Regional newsletter, which we sell to our areas and send to R.S.R.'s around the world. Because of so much review and input material to work on the Literature Committee requested that the newsletter be handled by a separate committee. Therefore we are in the process of forming

a newsletter committee. This should lift the burden from our Literature Committee and allow our newsletter to flourish. Our newly formed Policy Committee has spent a great deal of time going through old minutes and documents to gather our Regional policies to date. We then drafted a set of Regional Guidelines, which have been sent out for approval and input already and are now out for approval at our next Regional Meeting. We have a member from our Region who is on the World Policy Committee who helps in adding to the confusion of Roberts Rules of Order and Regional policy. Roberts Rules are new to our Region and we are having great fun with them. We would like to express at this time that our Region has discussed opening WSC sub-committees up to participation by Regional Sub-committee Chairs.

During the past year, we also had an ad-hoc committee on Convention Corporations. This committee along with Steve Sigman from W.S.O. did alot of work on our Regional Corporation, to bring it in line with other ConventionCorporations around N.A. This proved to be a difficult, confusing and emotional task. We wish to thank Steve Sigman and the W.S.O. for sharing their experience and knowledge concerning this issue. We now have approved By-laws and are in excellent status with the S.S.C.C. and the state and federal tax authorities. We are in the process of electing a permanent Board of Directors, to replace the ad-hoc committee and our Interim Board of Directors. In the past, Que convention was responsible to the service structure through the hosting area's ASC. It was voted by group conscience to make the Virginia Convention a Regional Convention, and a permanent standing committee. This committee is in the process of working on standards and bid requirements for our convention. Speaking of conventions, our convention this year was a great success. It was hosted by the Richmond Area Service Committee. There were 650 people registered and a great celebration of recovery took place. The convention was also a financial success. Our next convention will be held in January, 1989 in Historical Williamsburg, our nations first capital. It will be hosted by the Penninsula Area. There will be registration forms available at the WSC meeting in April. Another committee that was formed this year is our phoneline committee. In the past, each area has been responsible for their own helpline. One of our areas, Almost Heaven, aquired an 800 phoneline service and offered other areas the opportunity to join them. After taking group conscience we decided to have a Regional Phoneline. We are now in the process of working on an up-dated Regional meeting list and up-dated]2 step list.

Some of regions concernsare how to serve such a large, widespread geographic area. We need to work on outreach services that are financially, and physically feasable. We are looking into ways to improve our service to the areas and groups we serve. Another problem we have been dealing with is an agreeable way to count abstention votes. Any experience, strength or hope on these issues would be greatly appreciated.

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In loving service,



SHOW-ME REGION

To: W.S.C. 88

From: Bobby H., Show Me Region

Re: Annual Report to the Conference

Greetings from the Show Me Region! We send our sincere wishes that you are doing well in your recovery.

I would like to begin my report with a one word description of our fellowship in the last year. That word would be maturity. Our fellowship, in the Show Me Region, has gained much ground in all areas of development. We now have working committees at the Regional Service level which in the past have been in name only. Our trusted servants have gained experience as well as personal growth and that maturity is showing loud and clear at our Regional Conferences. We have developed and implemented our Regional guidelines and are starting to run our conference in a much more organized manner. We are very grateful to have been able to participate at W.S.C. 87, and in all three quarterly conferences. We were able to send our R.S.R. and R.S.R. Alternate, as well as one committee chairperson, to all of Trusted the quartly conferences. This has helped us. servants understand the workings of a world-wide fellowship. We are also grateful to be able to support the conference this year, finally at this time I would like to give a short summary of our Regional Committee actions for 1987-88.

P.I.

Although our public information committee started actions quite late it has nonetheless had a lot of success. We put together two workshops and tried to get a better understanding of what we are supposed to do. We had these III8 West High Springfield, Missouri 65803

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workshops in some of the weaker areas in our region in hopes of creating an atmosphere of unity with the committee as well as to addicts that could participate, within the fellowship at large. This was a success as at least 30 addicts showed up to learn about traditions in P.I. and how to set up a P.I. committee. We opened the door for continuing communication in P.I. work with the region. We also have prepared a motion to submit to W.S.C., P.I. to create a new P.S.A. as we felt that we needed a P.S.A. that represented N.A. as a whole in a meeting setting.

H&I

Our H & I committee has also done a wonderful job. Considering the size of our region it is very difficult to communicate ideas and even more difficult to implement these ideas. H & I has concentrated mostly on identifying what institutions are not currently being served and how we could go about reaching them. They have created a fund which the weaker areas can abtain assistance for literature and are currently getting a list of addicts willing to speak in institutions. This committee has not been very active in the past and are actually just getting off the ground.

Literature

Our literature committee deserves a great deal of credit for a job well done. Considering that as of W.S.C. 87 we had no active Literature committee there has been a tremendous amont of work done in the last year. We have concentrated mostly on "It Works", we have reviewed and created input to the conference in Kansas City and Chicago. We took an active part in both conferences as addicts traveled hundreds of miles just to be a part of it. At this time I know I can speak for the literature committee in expressing my sincere thanks to the AdHoc committee for How & Why, for having a conference close enough to us that we why, for having a conference close enough to us that we could participate. It has indeed enriched the lives of a lot

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of addicts. We now understand what dedication and love goes into our literature. It has made our literature committee much stronger with a bond of unity to withstand the problems that we are to face in the future. We are now reviewing the changes in the basic text, as well as making our concerns known on all approved material for W.S.C. 88.

Although we have no activity committee at the Regional level, I would like to share some of the many activities in our region during the last year. First our regional

convention was a success with over 400 addicts participating in a celebration of recovery, we raised over \$3000.00 which enabled us to carry out the many services in our region. Summer is a fum time in our region as there are many campouts, float trips, dances, etc. to choose from. The most talked about however was the High On Life Picnic where over 500 addicts attended and the Flight to Freedom picnic were close to 200 addicts attended. Summer is not the only time to celebrate recovery though, as the 3rd annual Unity Conference in December was a huge success this year. Plans are already being made to expand on the Unity Conference idea to include more and to possibly become a three day event. Many other dances, conferences and workshops, etc. were held and met with a lot of enthusiasm by our ever expanding fellowship.

With all the good news I have shared with you a certain amount of problems also come with the package. We as a region and a fellowship as a whole have experienced great pain in our ability to communicate. Age old problems such as language in meeting, tradition violations and irresponsibility in trusted servants, as well as some fairly new problems severly affect our ability to carry the message. We have and are now experiencing problems with such issues as open & closed meetings, special interest meetings,



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language in meetings such as using other fellowship terminology and our relationship with Naranon and Families Anonymous. We are aware that the board of trustees have put out opinions on some of these issues but it seems some individuals are intent on using there autonomy to rationize their continued use of outside literature as well as affiliation with other organizations. With some of the other problems such as special interest meetings there doesn't seem to be any clear group concience. We can only hope that our ultimate authority will guide us though these difficult times.

Although no accurate count has been taken I think I can safetsay that our region has grown at a low figure of 25 to 30 percent in the past year, both in the number of groups as well as addicts attending. In closing I would just like to say that the Show Me Region is alive and well and continuing to fulfill our primary purpose that no addict need die without first having the opportunity to recover in Narcotics Anonymous.

In Loving Service,

Bobby H. A.S.R.

John C. Alternate G.S.R.

Tri-State Regional Service Committee of

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



" . . . directly responsible to these they serve."



REPORT FROM THE TRI-STATE REGION

Last year, we had 10 areas: Pittsburgh Area, South Hills Area, Mountain Valley Area, Beaver Valley Area, Wheeling Area, Columbian County Area, Laurel Highlands Area, Southwest Area, Butler Area, and Erie Area. At the close of this year, we have had two areas chose to join other regions. The Wheeling Area service chose to become a part of Mountaineer Region and the Mountain Valley Area Service chose to become a part of the Mid-Altantic Region. Unfortunately, the area is not longer functioning; However, our Outreach Regional Chairperson is contacting and trying to regain support for the remaining meetings in the ex-Mountain Valley area. We, presently, have union with 10 areas: the prior areas of the Tri-State and also the addition of Central Western Pennsylvania Area Service and Steel Valley Area Service.

The following table is the growth of the region by area:

Area	Last Year	Presently
Pittsburgh	40	45
South Hills	20	17
Beaver Valley	9	11
Steel Valley	7	7
Butler	16	13
Central Western PA	6	9
Southwest	12	6
Laurel Highlands	10	8
Erie	6	15
Columbian County		4
TOTAL GROWTH OF REGION	133	135

Our region geographically covers Western PA, part of West Virginia (Steel Valley), part of Ohio (Columbian County and Steel Valley), and New York. Jamestown, New York has recently choose to join the Erie area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of February 1st, we had \$12,792 in the office account (TSRSO, INC.) and the prudent reserve of \$500 in the regional account (TSRSCNA). Since February 1st of last year, we have donated \$4,500 to WSC. We are currently in the process of formulating the budget.

ACTIVITIES

Our Regional Activities Committee has established a policy of having a function after each RSC meeting. Our regional activities committee is also responsible for providing a monthly calendar of events within the region and occasionally bordering regions.

TRI-STATE REGIONAL REPORT--PAGE TWO ADDITIONAL NEEDS (UNDER AUSPICES OF H&I)

The additional needs work is being developed in this region. Currently, we are attempting to code our meeting lists for wheelchair accessibility. We have Braille literature and tapes for members that are visually impaired. We have been in contact with some national organizations dealing with the issues of the hearing-impaired community. We have referred these agencies to WSO. We are currently attempting to infiltrate the culture of the hearing-impaired via the agencies dealing with the deaf and hard of hearing. We are establishing one H&I meeting in a hearing-impaired facility. We are currently investigating placing the message of Narcotics Anonymous on the local TTY services. Many of the efforts of meeting the needs of our members that are physically impaired are done in cooperation with the Public Information committees within the local vicinity.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REGIONAL OFFICE)

The office is operating at a slow and steady pace. The committee is taking direction from the region and making positive steps to ensure growth. Our office is presently moving towards hiring a special worker. The office is opened Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 for literature sales. There is a policy to be voted on in April for all sub-committees chairpersons to have a key to ensure that all regional subcommittees can met at anytime.

CONVENTION

Last year, our convention was a huge success. Our convention this year will be held at the Vista International Hotel located in downtown Pittsburgh. This is our sixth convention and each has grown. The convention, this year, will be held on October 28-30. We are receiving complimentary coffee from the hotel and there are more than enough willing members to serve on the committee. The cut-off date for room reservation is October 1, 1988. The hotel has seven (7) handicapped rooms.

HELPLINE

We have three (3) operating "helpline" phone services. There is the regional helpline service, Beaver Valley's helpline service and Columbian County utilizes the Ohio helpline number. Some of the problems that were recently solved were a few people answering the calls and establishing callers in a close geographically range. The resolution to these problems were workshops and involvement of the Fellowship. The helpline provides a telepatch service. Beaver Valley and the region's phone lines are operated by an answering service. We do accept collect calls and long distance calls. The requirement to be active on the helpline is six months cleantime and a workshop per year. Workshops are available upon request.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

At the beginning of last year, we had 42 H&I meetings in our

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region. At the close of this year, we have 47 H&I meetings operating. In January 1987, we had five (5) operating H&I subcommittees and two (2) areas operating H&I meetings through the ASCs. Currently, we have nine (9) operating H&I sub-committees and one (1) ASC operating an H&I meeting through their local structure. During the last year, our regional H&I sub-committee has developed H&I guidelines and have developed a functioning operating procedure of holding workshop/learning days between the quarterly RSC meetings and attending area H&I sub-committees in an effort to create unity.

OUTREACH

Our outreach committee has been active and enthusiastic. The outreach committee has been establishing contacts with the groups that have not been able to send a GSR to the local area service meetings. The committee has also been establishing contact with the ex-Mountain Valley area.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Our P&A committee is presently working with the Board of Directors on establishing regional archives and a operating budget for the regional office.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

We currently have five area Public Information sub-committees operating in the Tri-State region. The areas that have functioning Public Information committees are: Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley, Butler, South Hills, and Columbian County. Each of these P.I. committees receive the P.I. news from WSO. At this time, our region is operating without a "formal" regional P.I. chairperson, but workshop/learning days are available to each area upon request through the expertise of the regional trusted servants.

PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

Disunity is a continous battle within the Tri-State, but is steadily improving and one of the aids was the group conscience workshop. However through prayers, practicing the 24 spiritual principles in our daily lives, and maturity, we are growing and trust that we will continue to evolve. We just hope and continue to pray for the day that disunity is no longer an external symptom of the Fellowship.

God Bless you all,

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UPPER MIDWEST REGION REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE MARCH 1988

GREETINGS FRIENDS

This time of the year up here on the tundra we normally greet each other with stories of the latest blizzard and the dream of spring on it's way. Ah for that wonderful time of the year when spring and the southern winds bring us 40 and 50 degrees above zero. Joy and new life then begins to replace this frozen land. The year has passed incredibly fast, it seems hard to believe that we are already approaching Conference time.

Traditionally these reports have been full of creative optimism. We have learned at the regional level that if reports describe only the positive no solutions can be offered for the unknown problems. This report will attempt to honestly describe our joy in service as well as the difficulties that we are experiencing. Our hope is that if you have solutions or have faced similar difficulties, you will share with us what you know.

This has been the year of the "Inventory" for the Upper Midwest Region. Our Regional Committee meets every other month. We have met five times since the last report to the conference was drafted and have the last meeting on the second weekend of March. Over the weekends that we have met many long hours of, at times, heated emotional discussions have resulted in very few tangible results. Some of this accounting was taking place evan before the Conference last year. We began this year dredging up the age old theme in our region of creating several regions from the massive land mass now known as the Upper Midwest Region. We have faced and struggled with this issue for a number of years now and it consumed a large portion of open discussions early in the year. We really accomplished very little in this discusion except to come to the conclusion that we are not yet ready to make that move and more about what degree of maturity we will need in order to create two new regional committees. At times, with issues like this one we become so immersed in the controversy that we commit suicide as a decision making group. We loose track of the unity and trust for one another imperative in any decision making group. In Narcotics Anonymous where our lives depend on these principles the danger is evan greater. Some further discussion has been prepared for the <u>NA WAY</u> and so I will leave the regional division question at that.

Ironically our region increased in land mass this year. Ironic because one of the largest problems is the difficulty of traveling to the outer reaches of our region. Winnipeg, which has the only known NA meetings in the Province of Manitoba has decided to form an Area and join the Upper Midwest Region. We now have the honor of being an international region. We would be interested in any experience you might have in overcoming border difficulties. Border crossing to attend RSC meetings for the Winnipeg addicts has required special papers for addicts who have criminal records. Each time that our RSR has traveled across the border his entire car has been searched. Experience has shown that this can provide a wonderful opportunity to share our message of recovery from addiction with someone who regularly comes into contact with addicts. It also has the tendency to provide the searchee with a wonderful opportunity to work on resentments against authority. Rumor has it that short hair makes no difference at all. "You are going to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting?" "We got a live one here Sam". Already though the border is beginning to understand.

Winnipeg is a community that has had meetings of "Narcotics Anonymous" for many years. When the Upper Midwest Region was first forming in 1982 Winnipeg was a part of the Region, although no area was established there. It seems that Narcotics Anonymous was seen as a need but it was veiwed as being quite immature and the old thing about if you really want recovery it must be based in the "Other Fellowship" or O.F. as it is affectionatly called here. Before we had an NA basic text Winnipeg NA wrote to the GSO of Alcoholics Anonymous and asked for permission to print a part of the their book in a slightly altered form. The recovery book took the form of a thin grey paperback book printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and bound with a spiral. Somewhere around the time our <u>Basic Text</u> was first printed a period of disappearance began. Winnipeg is a city of over 600 thousand people and from time to time addicts from throughout the world would show up at the meetings. Peices of our liturature were left and during the past few years some addicts from within the groups began to ask the right questions, found out how to contact the WSO and several regions came to see how they could help. Winnipeg now has an area with a full compliment of servants and Sub-committees. This recovery book, "the grey edition", that was used for years has been difficult to let go of and there are still groups that do not want to get involved in the Area. Folks in Winnipeg call it "going with the World". The song "We are the World" begins to play in the background.

Other new areas have been formed in the past year. In southern Minnesota a new area was formed toward the end of last summer. Being a sparsely populated area in terms of NA meetings, there is much distance to travel between towns with NA meetings. NA has been closely tied with AA so the task of the

core group committed to seeing NA grow has many obstacles to overcome. One of our members who is fairly new in recovery accepted a speaking engagement at the Southern Minnesota Area Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, where he was asked to make a presentation on Traditions in Narcotics Anonymous. At the last minute the Public Information Committee became involved and a potentially dangerous situation was handled in as appropriate of a way as possible. A member of the Regional Public Information Committee addressed the audience with an informational format. Although we would not have sought out this contact it resulted in a better understanding of both fellowships and it seems that positive results have come from it. Most had very positive things to say about NA and though I do not think that many left convinced to join NA, one old timer asked if it would be okay for him to follow the NA traditions, call himself an addict and start a meeting for the "drug addicts" in his town.

In the suburbs of Minneapolis a new area has formed called the Fireside Area. Not very much information is available at this time as the have yet to come to an RSC or to communicate with the UMRSC except through a few individual members who are members of the Twin Cities Area. Older areas have had some struggles. Western Dakota seems to be experiencing declining energy. The oil fields that once brought on a boom town influx of addicts are now empty. NA continues although a slowing of growth is evident. Many communities it seems would rather ignore that there is a problem than to support a viable recovery program for addicts. Other areas are growing and working through the pain and joy of carrying the message.

All things considered there is growth and new ideas emerging in the Upper Midwest. An example of a new idea is the type of decision making process that has been adopted by one of the area committees. After a study of decision making techniques, Consensus Decision Making seemed to fit the traditions best and be the vehicle that would especially create an atmosphere of unity. It was described as a process that would take more time but create and win/win scenario rather than the old parlimentary win/loose scenario. When a vote is taken one point of view wins and one looses. Consensus decision making eliminates voting. But put in perspective, there was little that we did right that wasn't by consensus. So Robert's Rules have been thrown out and this new systme instituted. There is plenty of information on this process so there is no need to take up your time with that discussion here. A good research book is Joining Together. David Johnson is the Author and it is published by Prentice Hall. This has worked wonderfully for one area. Meetings lasted from 8am to 5pm without completion of bussiness in the past; at the last meeting under the present systme the meeting lasted only a few hours and there was time for opinionated discussion when the work was through.

We have ten areas now in this region. Five of these areas are in Minnesota three in North Dakota and one in South Dakota and one in Manitoba. There are 150 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous in these 10 areas as well as 50 H&I meetings. There are also an estimated twenty meeting that we have no real contact with. It is difficult to estimate the exact number of addicts who consider themselves members of NA in our Region as there are quite a few members who do not consider their home fellowship to be NA but who attend for the tired old idea "that we come to NA to deal with our drug problem" and that we go to other fellowships to deal with our other drug problems (like alcohol). A very rough estimate would be about 1500 addicts who have made their home fellowship NA.

We have six functional sub-committees in the Upper Midwest. Liturature, H&I, Public Information and Convention have been standing committees for quite awhile now. New committees were formed this year when our old Admin Committee Policy/Finance split into two committees. The finance committee is chaired by our treasurer and attendance is required by subcommittee chairs and other Admin committee members. It's primary task is budgeting. The leadership that has been provided by the Treasurer in this effort has been unparalleled. We have been gifted with the energy of quite a few new additions to the Regional committee this past year that has allowed us a better focus on communication and trust. Policy became a separate standing committee and has only recently been formed. There is a chair and quite a few addicts who are excited about this committee.

Our region provided the money this year for the first time to send one car for trusted servants to the WSC conference quarterly meetings. One committee that has taken advantage of this is our Liturature committee. The results in this committee seem to be a new attitude of "we can make a difference". Having a chair person who is excited about writing has began to move some of the pens of the Region.

The Public Information committee is defining it's role as the facilitator of communication between the Areas. Participation has been good by Area chairs at the past few Regional meetings and so far the three hours that is allocated to committee work is often filled by area reports and concerns. Unified goals are being set and there is an attempt being made to provide much needed education in the Area of Public Information. Some conflicts have arisen when one member of this committee has attempted to move the committee in directions that it was not yet prepared to go. There is some problems with information overload as the WSC PI committee attempts to bring this regional committee up to date and involved in the development process.

H&I has traditionally been an exciting favorite committee to be involved in, and still is. Presently there is a vacancy in the chair position as the chair resigned at the last RSC. Another loss came to the committee when a former chair who remained involved and a real support since his term as chair, moved to California. This seems to be a far too frequent process for trusted servants up here. We can't think of what the south would have that we don't. Funny they always move in the middle of the winter.

The Convention committee is really starting to swing into action these days as our 5th Reginal convention draws near. It is a special year for many of us as it is our fifth convention and one of those servants who moved to California is returning as the main speaker. This year's convention will be held at St. John's University just west of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Convention cost for the weekend will be \$23.00 which includes the entire package except for the rooms, which will cost \$11 for a double or \$16 for a single. June 10,11 and 12 are the dates of the convention. You may write for tickets to Upper Midwest Region

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See you there! Another event that is held annually by our region is the Camp Vermillion Retreat. The site for this NA event is a wonder to behold. The crisp, fresh air and the deep cool clean lakes allow for an almost unavoidable sense of serenity. The Bon-fire meetings and deep spiritual fellowship are unparalleled. There is plenty of room if you would like to come and experience this with us some time. Look for further details in your NA Way. Or write to the above address for more information.

We did hold a formal inventory process in November for our Regional committee. In allowing an open forum of sharing members of the committee where able to discuss fears and mistrust in an open way. This process took much time and was emotional. There were some good results, evan though it seems that coupling the spoken inventory with a written one could have been more productive. Through this process we coame up with eight things that we will discuss in an ongoing inventory process over the upcoming RSCs. The list is as follows:

Communication

Group Conscience (we differ in the way we understand the development of group conscience)
Area Needs (We feel there needs to be more sensitivity)

Time Management

Out Reach

Proceedure (too much meaningless time spent)

Too much too soon (jumping before we know where we are going)

Superiority (the old I'm better than you syndrome)

So far it seems that this is a good process. We were listened to by people who mean a great deal to us, each other.

It is exciting to be at Conference time again. We trust that the openmindedness, honesty and willingness that we talk about so much in the program will be with all of you. Until we meet again my friends, May God hold you in the Palm of Her hand.

The Upper Midwest Regional Committee

Mark Danielson RSR Chuck Dube Alt-RSR

UTAH REGIONAL REPORT FOR 87/88 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

In the Fall of 1983, a small nucleus of Utah NA groups from across the state joined together to establish the Wasatch Front Area Service Committee. We followed the "Temporary Working Guide To Our Service Structure" and enacted comprehensive bylaws. Subcommittees were formed, including Public Information, Hospital and Institutions, Literature, and Fun and Fund Raising. Among our first priorities were the establishment of hot lines to handle 12-step calls and the publication of a quarterly newsletter, "N.A. Times." During our first year, we purchased sound equipment and began holding monthly rock and roll dances to entertain and carry the message of recovery. We held our first Camp- vention that same year and will be conducting our fifth annual 3-day camp-out in August, 1988.

As our area grew, the decision was made to form a region. In the Fall of 1986, we emerged as the Utah Region of NA. Many of the functions previously handled by the area were now coordinated and supported by the region. Throughout our development, we sought and received input from World Service, and they continue to be a valuable resource. Recently, the Utah Region expanded to include the Snake River Valley Area consisting of 16 groups from around southern Idaho. We are in the process of changing our name to reflect their involvement. We now have 48 weekly NA group meetings across a five-area region and numerous institutional and monthly speakers meetings. We began

prison meetings in 1984 and now sponsor four a week at the Utah State Prison.

A seminar is being planned to discuss the 12 Traditions and Hotline and other 12-step work. In January, we offered a half-day workshop entitled "Rewards and Responsibilities of NA Service," which included the duties of group chairman, secretary-treasurer and group service representative. It was well attended, informative and fun.

Other activities our region and areas have initiated are occasion dances, costume balls, softball and volleyball leagues, weekly bowling and game nights, and after-meeting food and fellowship. In preparation for our first regional convention, we are expanding our annual campvention and inviting the NA world to join us in the Wasatch Mountains August 11th through the 13th to celebrate recovery. The theme will be UTAH (Unity, Trust, Acceptance, Honesty) and will feature three days of outdoor delight with all sorts of meetings, dancing, food, fishing, hiking, daily children's programs, and other assorted merrymaking. Consult the "NA Way" or "NA Newsline" for more information.

We are increasing our Public Service Announcements and considering the feasibility of opening a central office. We participate on the Governor's Board, Utah Federation for Drug Free Youth, and plan to continue hosting NA meetings at the annual University of Utah School on Alcoholic and Other Drug

Dependence. We have made financial and literary contributions to World Service from the time we were an area and shall continue to do so.

We of the Utah Region are ineffably grateful to the World Fellowship of NA for our recovery, joy of living, and newfound freedom. On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Utah and the Snake River Valley Area, I say thanks and offer this regional report to the World Service Conference 87/88.

In loving fellowship,

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VOLUNTEER REGIONAL REPORT 1987-88

Greetings from the Volunteer Region to the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous. It is with heartfelt gratitude and love that this report is given on our experience, strength and hope over this past year.

Our Region has experienced tremendous growth over the past year. We have added two new Areas, bringing the number of Areas in the Region to five. The Chattanooga Area re-joined after a period of lack of involvement. We also added the Upper East Tenn. Area which had been in existence for a couple of years prior to joining the Region. Our Region is extremely grateful that we continue to grow which allows us to carry the message of recovery to more suffering addicts.

As a result of our continued growth, we have had two Areas change their names to more accuately reflect the geographical areas they cover. The Memphis Area has expanded and is now called the West Tenn. Area. The expansion of the Nashville Area is reflected in their new designation as the Middle Tenn. Area. The Knoxville Area is considering a name change also but this has not yet taken place. These name changes were very necessary due to the continued growth of meetings in the smaller, outlying cities. Our Region has grown from just about IOO meetings weekly to over I4O meetings per week. We are adding an average of 4 to 5 new meetings each month. This does not include our H & I meetings.

All of our Areas have held several functions this year. We had Anniversary Celebrations of 8 Years in the Mid. TN Area and 7 Years each in the Knoxville and West TN Areas. There have been Service Learning Days held in each area to encourage participation by our members in all areas and levels of service. These have been well attended and have helped encourage a more concise, clear message of N.A. recovery which has continued up until this time. Our Volunteer Regional Convention held over this past Thanksgiving Weekend was a huge success. There were approximately 800 addicts in attendance that represented 27 states. This event was haosted by the Knoxville Area and proved to be a unifying force for the growth of this Area. Our Regional Convention this year will be held in the Upper East TN Area in Johnson City. Please come celebrate Thanksgiving with your recovery family up in the mountains this year.

The Volunteer Region has been putting a lot of effort into getting our subcommittees functioning this year. We recently have (finally) filled all of our chairperson positions and enthusiasm is running high. We began rotating our RSC meetings again and this has increased participation by members outside of the Mid. TN Area. As this is occurs, we are finding that the work of our subcommittees is being accomplished in a much improved manner. Our H & I efforts have been done mainly on an area basis. We have meetings in approximately 50 facilities, including the State Prison System. This is a major accomplishment for our Region. The use of a Panel System has worked exceptionally well. Our P.I. efforts are just beginning on a Regional level. Our new P.I. chairman has just concluded his term as Area chairman in Middle TN. He brings with him a tremendous amount of experience and enthusiasm. Our Literature Subcommittee (also newly formed) has been in contact with WIC and intends to be active both within the Region and on a world level. We also have just formed a Policy Subcommittee as well as an Activities Subcommittee. Even with most of our subcommittees being newly formed, we have accomplished much in carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Our Region has been financailly secure this year. We have been able to assist in the P.I. and H & I efforts in several of our Areas. We have funded the attendance at the annual WSC meeting this year as well as both WSC Quarterlies. In addition, we have been able to donate \$3000.00 to the WSC.

We are discussing the feasability of opening a Regional Service Office. We plan to send our Regional Chairman to the workshop on RSO's in Tulsa, OK this March. This is an issue which will need much discussion and prayer before a final decision is reached. More Will Be Reavealed.

All in all, this has been an exciting year in the Volunteer Region. We have had our differences but by using the Spiritual Principles of this program we have been able to resolve (or at least discuss) the issues. We are a dynamic and vital Region that is very grateful to be involved in the growth of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

Love In The Spirit

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Similar to NA as a whole, the Wisconsin Region has experienced significant growth since the last report. We have not been without controversy, and occasional pain, but believe we are strengthened in our recovery through service to our fellowship.

Several legal loose ends were tied up this past year. We have learned what is required to be a more mature, acceptable group to society as a whole, and the government in particular. Wisconsin State NA Convention (WSNAC), Wisconsin Regional Service Office (WRSO), and Mid-Coast Convention (MCC) have all become incorporated as non-profit organizations. We have had to accept wording which goes against most of our interpretations of our Traditions, such as president, vice-president, board of directors, etc., but since this is required in order to become respectable, responsible and productive members of society, we cheerfully continue onward.

The convention corporations have as board members those who have served on previous convention committees, so as to better serve the current convention committes in an advisory capacity with their combined experiences, strengths, and hopes. The MCC will accept requests from adjacent Regions to participate, if the requesting Region agrees to send a representative to serve on the board of directors for one year to qualify for making a bid on the convention's location. Iowa Region has agreed, so MCC now comprises Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa Regions.

In March of '87 at Atlanta, GA, four representatives of the WRSO attended WSO office workshops. Again in March of '88 at Tulsa, OK, our WRSO and WSNAC will send members to the WSO office and convention workshops.

WRSC sent two representatives to the WSC quarterly workshops in Newark, NJ, our RSR-A and our World H & I Committee member. At the Denver, CO WSC quarterly workshops, four Region members attended. Our RSR, RSR-A, Region Literature Chair, and H & I Committee member participated in various capacities.

We are pleased to announce that a Region Additional Needs Committee has been formed, and one Area has also formed their own Additional Needs Sub-Committee, in order to better serve these current and future members.

WRSC held an "IT WORKS" Workshop in December, results were sent with representatives to the Chicago WLC Workshop in January.

A new phone line has been established in our outlying North Central Area, the cost of which came from a successful Area Fund Raiser. This is the third phone line in our Region.

As the result of one Area's Outreach Sub-committee efforts, another Area was recently formed in the Region. This new Area is on the western Wisconsin state border, and had considered joining another Region until invited to ours.

After much internal controversy, the WRSC began two day Regional Conference Meetings. We had been meeting bi-monthly on the third Sunday, and are now meeting that Saturday also. Committees meet on Saturday, with the Conference held on Sunday. It is believed that more will be accomplished using this plan.

A multi-Regional PI Workshop is planned for July, 1988, hopefully with World Service participation. Madison, Wisconsin is the tentative location, more will be revealed.

A three day Governor's Conference on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse was held the end of February in Madison, the State Capital. Badgerland Area members volunteered to staff the display at all times, and were the only people staffing a display at the event. All other displays were set up and left unattended, defeating any goal of carrying a personal message. We wish to thank Willie of the World Service Office for his help in obtaining an excellent professional display from the Chicago Region. Literally hundreds of government and professional attendees at this conference were favorably impressed with NA, and our message of recovery, because of this very successful effort.

WRSC worked with an Area which had treasurer problems, and set-up an Area inventory with the RSR to facilitate. It was the consensus after the inventory meeting that this Area needed to solve its own problems, but the Region can help with needed support.

One Area facilitated a train trip for the Region's members en masse to travel to WCNA-17 in New Orleans. They met en route with members from Michigan Region, and Chicago, combining over 60 members on the "Recovery Train"! 102

A current Wisconsin Regional meeting list was published in February, 1988, and was available at the Governor's Conference mentioned above. It will be updated as needed from time to time.

I personally wish to thank the members of the WRSC for their help and support during my year as RSR. In particular, I especially want to thank our RSR Alternate, John Halvorson for his energy and enthusiasm in helping with the many tasks this sometimes almost overwhelming position requires. I pray that he has an Alternate as valuable to him as he has been for me.

Your Grateful Servant,

Donald M. Folberg, RSR Wisconsin Region February 28, 1988



Feb. 25.1988

Greetings from the fellowship of the Washington Northern Idaho Region,

Our Region continues to grow. We presently consist of 15 areas, containing 272 groups and 50 H&I meetings. Our rate of growth seems to be stabilizing somewhat as we enter our fourth year of existence.

The functioning of our service structure continues to improve with increasingly active participation. Our standing and select subcommittees have accomplished much during the last year. Some of the highlights of their work are described below.

Activities

Our activities committee focused their efforts on building Region-wide support, developing committee guidelines and publishing a monthly Regional calendar of events.

Public Information

P I sponsored our first Multi Regional Learning Day Event, coordinated the implementation of our NA PSAs, and represented our Fellowship at a national Employee Assistance Program conference.

Hospitals and Institutions

The Regional H&I committee worked this last year to assist the area committees with the changes in H&I funding. New literature distribution guidelines were developed to meet the needs of those areas who are financially unable to meet the requests of the facilities they serve. Literature

The literature committee developed its own internal guidelines which are waiting approval by the RSC. By far the biggest single event in literature last year was the "It Works How and Why" workshop held in Seattle in November. We were all grateful to be a part of this effort. Outreach

Our outreach committee has experienced an improvement in the consistency of its membership. The committee continues to seek the most effective way of fulfilling its stated purpose. Policy

The policy committee has suffered from a lack of support. In spite of this they have done significant work on their own guidelines as well as several other issues. However, due to lack of a quorum much of this work was unable to be finalized. While the committee continues to seek a broader base of support a revision of their voting structure has permitted the completion of at least a portion of their years work.

Other significant events within our Region included the formation of a Convention corporation and the adoption of a motion sending a minimum of 5% of our gross quarterly receipts to the WSC. Our select committee to gather information on a Regional office has once again protected us from ourselves, as we have gone another year without finding the need to start an office.

We are grateful to be submitting another bid to host the World Convention for Narcotics Anonymous in Seattle.

Yours in brevity.

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