

NEWSLINE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Since our last report, we have processed ten vendor requests. We consider vendors to be anyone who makes use of fellowship intellectual property for commercial purposes. If you believe you fall into this category, please contact Anthony Edmondson at the World Service Office to receive essential information.

In addition to routine processing, we've been kept busy answering the types of questions that inevitably arise when new procedures are introduced. A great deal of confusion has centered around where and when a vendor may sell merchandise once approval to do so has been granted by the WSO.

To clarify: Permission from WSO to sell products based on fellowship intellectual property *does not* grant vendors authority to sell merchandise at NA conventions. The authority to grant or deny permission to sell merchandise at a local convention *always* rests with the local convention committee.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

We'd like to thank all of you who expressed your concern after the recent earthquake in Southern California. Your response to our plight was welcome indeed!

Several of our staff members suffered severe damage to their homes or had to move. However the World Service Office itself came through the earthquake with minimal damage. Several computers and file cabinets fell over but only one monitor was damaged beyond repair. Our main computer survived intact and no essential records were lost. A skeleton crew worked during the week following the earthquake to ensure that literature orders were shipped; all orders were processed within forty-eight hours. Although WSO carries earthquake insurance, regular operating funds were used for repairs because the damages weren't extensive enough to warrant filing a claim with the insurance company.

The earthquake demonstrated our need to update our emergency preparedness plan. We've stocked emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries, water, and first aid kits for years. However our experience with the Northridge quake tells us that we should stock more of these essential supplies. Utilities were out for several days and emergency gear was either in short supply or nonexistent

for more than a week following the earthquake. We have already installed rechargeable flashlights in key locations throughout our offices. We also plan to procure a portable generator and other equipment necessary to restore or relocate operations should another major quake hit.

We will keep you posted as we continue to improve our disaster plan. Any questions should be directed to Bob Stewart, our safety officer.

ANNUAL WSC IN ATLANTA

The annual meeting of the World Service Conference will be held 29 April through 8 May 1994 at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza-Ravinia in Atlanta, Georgia.

After our initial experience two years ago staffing the first-ever World Service Conference outside California, we feel confident about staffing this year's WSC in Atlanta. A great deal of work--in recent years at least as much as any large convention--goes into planning and holding the WSC each year. As this report was prepared we had determined the number of staff members to send, arranged their conference work schedules, coordinated meeting schedules within the hotel, and arranged for the provision or shipment of necessary office equipment.

During business sessions of the conference, staff will record minutes on computer files and type and print new motions, amendments, and a variety of other information

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on transparency paper so that it can be viewed by conference participants on overhead projectors. Staff members will also be assigned to operate the overhead projectors, tape recorders, and photocopy machines. The nomination and election booth will be open and staffed until elections are completed.

Some literature and miscellaneous merchandise will be available in the on-site "WSO-East." As is usually done during the WSC, someone will be on hand to update group and service committee registrations.

During development forum and RSR working group sessions as well as conference committee and board meetings, staff will be present to record minutes and/or provide information on how proposed projects or business can potentially impact WSO.

Several bilingual staff members will sit on the conference floor to simultaneously translate conference proceedings for Spanish-speaking RSRs and delegates.

In addition to all of this, we must leave sufficient staff in Van Nuys to maintain normal WSO operations. We've provided this information in an effort to inform *Newsline* readers who might not otherwise be aware of the scope of staff support required for such an event.

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE SERVICE UPDATE

We reported in the January 1994 *Newsline* that WSO would be installing a voice mail system on several incoming lines. Although we still plan to do this, we have been unable to move forward as quickly as we had hoped. Management staff is reviewing proposals and hopes to make a decision soon. We will inform you of any progress on this in the August 1994 *Newsline*.

O'JAYS, TEMPTATIONS TO HEADLINE WCNA-24: WCC COORDINATOR HIRED

The Twenty-Fourth World Convention of NA promises to be a special celebration of recovery. Saturday night's concert will feature the O'Jays and the Temptations. A flyer for WCNA-24 is included with this mailing of the *Newsline*. It is important to note that the only way to make hotel reservations for WCNA-24 is by using the form on the flyer. Please register early as rooms are expected to sell out quickly; 1 August 1994 is the deadline.

We are pleased to announce that Mike Polin has joined our staff as WCC coordinator. An NA member from Pennsylvania, Mike comes to us with years of experience in service ranging from RSR to WSC Policy Committee member. His professional experience as owner/operator of an entertainment booking agency in addition to his experience with NA conventions will surely prove valuable.

MOTION #39

The World Service Conference has asked that last year's WSC Motion #39 be discussed as widely as possible in whatever settings seem appropriate. WSO is providing at least one setting in *The NA Way Magazine*.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with this discussion, Motion #39 is in actuality an entire set of complex issues surrounding the wording in our steps and traditions where God is referred to as "He" or "Him."

Motion #39 itself was presented by the Australia Region and discussed at the 1993 World Service Conference. It sought to make the following changes to our steps and traditions: *Step Three*: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a God of our understanding. *Step Seven*: We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings. *Step Eleven*: We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with a God of our understanding, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out. *Tradition Two*: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

As you can see, what has been suggested in Motion #39 is that where God is referred to as "He," we instead only say "God."

After some discussion by a conference working group, it was decided that the issues underlying Motion #39 were bigger than the language used in the motion and should be discussed in depth by the fellowship for an extensive period of time. Conference participants decided to send both the motion and the working group's recommendations out to the fellowship.

The working group recommended that the fellowship consider the following questions when talking about Motion #39:

1. Does the language of the steps and traditions truly reflect the principles of the program?
2. If not, what language does the fellowship feel would better reflect those principles?

The NA Way Magazine wants to know how you feel about this issue. The staff and trusted servants responsible for this magazine have pledged to keep access to a monthly forum on the Motion #39 debate as open as possible. The magazine will publish your thoughts and feelings on the specific wording in Motion #39, other suggestions for changing the steps and traditions, or opinions that the steps and traditions should not be changed at all. Please share with other *NA Way* readers your views on this very important matter. Direct all comments to:

The NA Way Magazine
PO Box 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409
USA
FAX (818)785-0923

NA GROUP REGISTRATION AND UPDATE FORM MEETING INFORMATION

Area: _____ Region: _____
 Meeting day: _____ Time: _____
 Type of meeting: _____
 Check if the meeting is open or closed
 Location: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State/province: _____ Country: _____
 Check if your meeting place is wheelchair-accessible
 Check if your meeting has an American Sign Language
 interpreter

GROUP MAILING INFORMATION

The following information is necessary for any communication with your group. Please list the information for the contact person or group postal box. Check here if this is a postal box used only by your group.

Group name: _____
 ASC or contact name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State/province: _____
 Postal code: _____ Country: _____

MAIL TO WSO, BOX 9999, VAN NUYS, CA 91409 USA

PRODUCT INFORMATION

A gift edition of *It Works: How and Why* is under development. This book will serve the same purpose as the gift edition of *Just For Today* and will be priced accordingly. We will keep you apprised of further developments.

1994 NA Phonenumber Directory

Incoming phone calls to WSO requesting local phonenumber numbers are on the rise, leading us to believe that many are unaware of the *NA Phonenumber Directory*. Updated and published annually, the directory alphabetically lists NA phonenumber numbers for all countries.

It's perfect for use when traveling and is very helpful in H&I and public information work. \$1.93 each.

NA GROUP REGISTRATIONS SOUGHT

In the January 1994 *Newsline*, we stressed the importance of maintaining an accurate database. Several groups have responded and we'd like to offer our thanks.

We plan to publish in the WSO annual report a chart depicting the group registrations we have on file. The breakdown will also show the percentage of groups for which we have no current address within each region. Nearly every region has some percentage of its groups without addresses. We recognize that these figures only show groups for which we had an address at one time. We have no way of knowing how many groups have never registered at all. If you have not yet registered your group,

area, or region, we'd like to ask you to do so as soon as possible.

INSIDE WSO

Accounting Team

The Accounting Team has been busy closing out the financial records for 1993, compiling information for the WSO annual report, and integrating the financial activity of WSO-Europe into the Van Nuys operation's systems. The Accounting Team recently met with the manager of WSO-Europe to discuss European literature distribution, putting the final touches to a plan to process all orders through the Van Nuys office, yet ship literature from the European office. This system allows for more detailed reporting of WSO-Europe's financial activity.

Tom Rush, formerly a WSO board member, has been hired as Accounting Team leader to replace Bob McDonough, who departed in January 1994 to return to his home state of Texas, USA.

Fellowship Services Team

The Fellowship Services Team is pleased to report the hiring of a new staff member to work in translations. The position vacated by Anki Serour in January 1994 was vacant only until 10 February when we hired Susan Pines, a native Hungarian who was reared in Canada. Susan is fluent in Hungarian, French, and English.

The Fellowship Services Team is responsible for providing staff support for the annual WSC Development Forum and is currently making final arrangements for that event.

With Sylvia Cordero's recent transfer from Fellowship Services to the Accounting Team, Eileen Perez is now handling all Spanish-language group services correspondence. Sylvia's transfer also left only one employee handling data entry. We are evaluating whether another is needed at this time.

Publishing Team

In the January 1994 *Newsline*, we reported that the Publishing Team had been able to implement publishing standards for the White Booklet, *Behind the Walls*, *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous*, *The Group Booklet*, and all of our informational pamphlets.

Following this report, we received several calls expressing concern that the editorial standards listed in that report were the only ones used for editorial work at WSO. We informed the callers that those standards were only applied for the purpose stated above. For all of our periodicals and new literature, we use an in-house style manual along with *The Chicago Manual of Style*, *Fowler's Modern English Usage*, and the Tenth Edition of *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*.

CALENDAR

CANADA

ALBERTA: June 3-5; 9th Edmonton Area Convention; info (403) 421-4429; EANA-9, Convention Committee, Room 200-9930-106 St., Edmonton, Alberta
 2) June 17-19; 3rd Alask Northern Lights Area Campout; Fort McMurray; info (403) 743-8144; Campout, PO Box 5183, Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4V9
BRITISH COLUMBIA: May 27-29; 14th Spring Clean Gambier Island Campout; info (604) 322-5967 or (604) 732-1689; VASC, PO Box 1695 Str. A, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2P7
NOVA SCOTIA: Aug. 5-7; 5th Nova Scotia Area Convention; Truro; info (902) 443-2428; NSACNA, PO Box 65, Halifax Central, Nova Scotia B3J 2L4
QUEBEC: July 1-3; 4th Canadian Convention; St-Hyacinthe; info (514) 755-2777; CCNA-4, CP 47518, Plateau Mont-Royal, Montreal, Quebec H2H 2S8

GERMANY

HESSE: May 20-22; 11th Germanspeaking Convention; PO Box 11 10 10, 64225 Darmstadt, Germany

NETHERLANDS

NORTH HOLLAND: July 22-24; 11th European Convention and Conference; info (31) 20-665-9810; ECCNA-11, Postbus 11976, 1001 GZ, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

UNITED KINGDOM

SCOTLAND: May 20-22; 3rd Scotland Convention; Edinburgh; SCNA-3, PO Box 235, Edinburgh, Scotland EH6 8JW

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA: May 27-29; 8th Arizona Regional Convention; Tucson; info (602) 290-6710; ARCNA-8, PO Box 35055, Phoenix, AZ 85069
 2) July 15-17; 3rd California/Arizona/Nevada Area Convention; Laughlin; info (602) 754-4260; CANAC-3, PO Box 1085, Bullhead City, AZ 86442
ARKANSAS: June 17-19; 10th Beaver Round-Up Campout; Yellville; info (501) 925-1123; BRC-10, PO Box 23, Lowell, AR 72745
 2) July 1-3; 6th Central Arkansas Area Convention; Little Rock; info (501) 666-1485; CAACNA-6, PO Box 250516, Little Rock, AR 72205
CALIFORNIA: June 10-12; San Diego/Imperial Regional Convention; San Diego; info (619) 272-7005; rsvns. (619) 239-4500; SDICRSO-CC, 2260 El Cajon Blvd #184, San Diego, CA 92104
 2) June 10-12; California Mid-State Regional Convention; Visalia; info (209) 625-5057; CMRCNA, PO Box 2561, Visalia, CA 93279
 3) June 11; Westside Area Birthday Meeting & Dance; Culver City; info (310) 390-0279
 4) June 12; Westside Area Bluesfest; Culver City; info (310) 390-0279
CONNECTICUT: May 21; 11th Annual "Pigs in Space" Pig Roast; Quassy Amusement Park; info (203) 344-8296; Pigs in Space, 69 Grand Street, Middletown, CT 06457
 2) June 3-5; 8th Greater Waterbury Area Family Campout; E. Canaan; info (203) 542-6025; GWANA-8, PO Box 1075, Woodbury, CT 06798
FLORIDA: May 27-30; 4th Gold Coast Area Convention; Pompano Beach; info (305) 832-9518; GCNA-4, Box 23325, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307
 2) June 30-July 4; 13th Florida Regional Convention; Jacksonville; info (407) 897-2003
 3) Oct. 6-9; 2nd South Florida Regional Convention; Fort Myers; info (813) 575-7751 or (305) 445-4606; SFRCNA-2, PO Box 70155, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307
GEORGIA: July 22-24; 12th Piedmont Area Anniversary; Macon; hotel (912) 474-0871
HAWAII: May 27-30; 8th Annual Big Island Gathering; info (808) 322-1607
IDAHO: May 20-22; 5th Southern Idaho Regional Convention; Idaho Falls; info Convention Committee, PO Box 3704, Idaho Falls, ID 83403
ILLINOIS: May 27-30; 8th Kickapoo River Run Primary Purpose Area Campout; rsvns. (217) 351-1678; helpline (217) 373-2063
INDIANA: May 27-30; North Central Indiana Area Convention; info Milford Convention, PO Box 1052, Elkhart, IN 46515
IOWA: July 1-3; 11th Iowa Regional Convention; Des Moines; info (515) 244-2277; hotel (800) 532-1466; IRCNA-11, PO Box 764, Des Moines, IA 50303
KANSAS: Aug. 12-14; 6th Just For Today Campout; Thunderbird Marina; rsvns. (913) 238-5696; info (913) 762-5108
LOUISIANA: May 27-29; 12th Louisiana Regional Convention; Alexandria; rsvns. (318) 442-9000, (800) 523-9724; LFCNA-12, PO Box 762, Montgomery, LA 71454
MARYLAND: Sep. 1-4; Twenty-Fourth World Convention of NA; info WCNA-24, PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409 USA
MASSACHUSETTS: May 6-8; 7th Martha's Vineyard Area Celebration of Recovery; info (508) 627-6049 or (508) 693-7155; MVACCNA-7, PO Box 2754, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
MINNESOTA: May 27-30; 11th Upper Midwest Regional Convention; Detroit Lakes; info (701) 234-9330; UMRCNA-11, PO Box 174, Fargo, ND 58107-0174
MONTANA: June 24-26; 6th Montana Gathering; Missoula; info (800) 984-6668; Gathering, PO Box 1260, Lolo, MT 59584
NEW HAMPSHIRE: June 24-26; 4th Granite State Area Fellowship in the Field Campout; Bethlehem; info (603) 432-0166; Campout 4, PO Box 4354, Manchester, NH 03108
NEW JERSEY: June 10-12; 9th New Jersey Convention; Cherry Hill; info (908) 442-4679; Convention Committee, PO Box 272, Summerville, NJ 08876
 2) Aug. 19-21; 4th Northern New Jersey Regional Convention; Parsippany; info (201) 676-4481; NNJRCC-4, PO Box 5064, S. Hackensack, NJ 07606
NEW YORK: May 20-22; 9th Greater New York Regional Convention; info (718) 398-0012; rsvns. (800) 431-3850
NORTH CAROLINA: May 20-22; 4th Twin City Area Convention; Winston-Salem; rsvns. (800) 325-3535; info (910) 759-2315; Twin City Area Convention, PO Box 12475, Winston-Salem, NC 27117-2475
 2) July 22-24; 1st Durham Area Convention; Durham; rsvns. (919) 683-OMNI; info (919) 682-3777
 3) Aug. 19-21; 4th Carolina Regional H&I Awareness Weekend; Charlotte; info (910) 273-4204; rsvns. (704) 392-1200
OHIO: May 27-29; 12th Ohio Convention; Cincinnati vicinity; info (513) 820-2947; OCNA-12, PO Box 0541, Cincinnati, OH 42501-0541
OKLAHOMA: June 17-19; 13th Clean & Crazy Campout; Lake Tenkiller; info (405) 521-8531; Clean & Crazy Campout, 500 East Steinson #20, Norman, OK 73072
OREGON: May 6-8; Mid-Willamette Valley Area Convention; rsvns. (503) 370-7888; ASC, PO Box 13232, Salem, OR 97309
SOUTH CAROLINA: May 27-29; Greenwood/Anderson/Pickens Area Convention; Clemson; info (803) 225-9674; rsvns. (803) 654-4450; GAPANA, PO Box 6031, Anderson, SC 29623
TENNESSEE: May 20-22; 6th Multiregional Barbeque and Campout; Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, N. of Memphis; rsvns. (901) 452-1091
UTAH: June 3-5; Alpha Group Celebration of Recovery Convention; Vernal; info (801) 722-3934; Celebration of Recovery, 493 500 E 87-11, Rossvelt, UT 84066
WASHINGTON: July 1-3; 10th Western States Unity Convention; Seatac; rsvns. (800) 228-9290; WSUC-10, 17650 140th Ave SE, Box B6-373, Renton, WA 98058-6814
WEST VIRGINIA: May 6-8; 11th West Virginia Convention; Ripley; info (800) 766-4442; rsvns. (304) 372-7860; Mountaineer RSC, PO Box 2381, Morgantown, WV 26502-2381
 2) July 29-31; 8th Almost Heaven Area Convention; Shepherdstown; info (304) 725-6812; AHACNA-8, PO Box 3329, Martinsburg, WV 25401
WYOMING: May 21; 4th New Freedom Group Sheridan Unity Day; info (307) 672-2914; New Freedom, PO Box 6207, Sheridan, WY 82801