

# The Voice\*

OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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## 1979 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

THIS YEAR'S WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. SINCE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF "THE VOICE" IS TO ALLOW THE VOICE OF THE FELLOWSHIP TO BE HEARD BY EVERYONE, WE DECIDED TO PRINT THIS SPECIAL ISSUE CONTAINING THE ENTIRE MINUTES OF THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT BY DOING SO, GREATER NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WILL TAKE INTEREST IN AND BECOME INVOLVED IN NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE. ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE FELLOWSHIP (LITERATURE & POLICIES TO NAME A COUPLE) ARE VOTED ON DURING THESE YEARLY CONFERENCES. JOIN WITH US IN HELPING TO KEEP N.A. GOING AND FLOURISHING.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR INPUT, YOU MAY WRITE THE 1980 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THIS COMMITTEE.

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## MINUTES

April 28, 1979 Meeting at LAVC

Conference opened at 9:39 a.m. with reading of the 12 Traditions. Chairman, Sue I., called for three volunteers to count votes.

At opening it was reminded that the following could vote: Any Trustee, Regional Delegates, Manager of the World Service Office.

Minutes of last year's conference were read and accepted.

### REGIONAL STATUS REPORTS

Northern California - Steve gave report. They have 5 areas that they handle: San Francisco Bay, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Stockton and Sacramento. These areas have roughly 35 groups.

Copies of their newsletter "Mainline" were passed out to conference participants. This was their first issue.

March 21-23 1980 is Santa Rosa's convention. From their last function's profit they elected to donate \$1,000 to WSO. An additional \$1,000 was divided equally to help the five area phone lines. \$800 was kept for future conference.

Southern California - Bryan reported that they have 5 areas, including a new one - San Gabriel Valley. Will have first annual So. Calif. Convention. Are looking for possibly of having their own Regional Office to hold business meetings, etc. Areas are supporting their region.

Houston, Texas - Have approximately six meetings a week in Houston. Brownville, Texas has a group also. They have meetings in a hospital, half-way house and a new meeting is starting in another hospital. No clubs or Central Office yet. Also having trouble communicating. Houston Convention really helped. Had an N.A. Get-Together for a day at a ranch (75 members attended). They also have word that San Antonio has clean addicts but contact is relatively poor.

Midwestern Region -

Anne Wood gave report. Their region covers Kansas, No. & So. Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. They recently held their first regional meeting and will be having a camp-out in June. They are contacting the WSO regularly. Keeping representation with WSO and WS Convention. Wichita has a clubhouse where they hold meetings and parties. Had a lot of hassles with churches and rehab. houses until they got their own club. 36 members present at their meetings on a good night. Have weekend jaunts to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Atlanta, GA -

Tommy B. gave report. Three representatives were present at WSC. Five people involved with Bo in getting together a text for N.A. Their Friday night meetings are getting 25-30, 60 and 80 members. Other group's attendance average 50-60 members. Have started an N.A. Gay Group which is doing well. One group is geared to pill addicts to better get with and help housewives and businessmen. Their clubhouse has 6 meetings a week and one marathon meeting which goes for six hours on Saturday nights. They also have two prison meetings and a phone service (a code-a-phone info service with meeting times, place, etc.). They have been in touch with meetings and members in other states. To the best of their knowledge they have 2 meetings in Tenn., 4 in Alabama, 2 in Brunswick, Ga. and the Carolinas have some meetings but also heard some of those have failed.

They will be having their 3rd Southeast Mini-convention (Sobriety on Seashore - S.O.S.) in Florida. They were invited to first meeting of Freedom Feast put on by counselors and hospitals. Have made a lot of strides into getting into hospitals, etc. Currently have a meeting at the Clubhouse and have 48 tapes of speakers they are transcribing for stories.

They have also approached the Federal Pen. for having an inside meeting.

Currently a big push for the 9th World Convention. Everything is coming along okay.

Colorado Region

Jann S. gave report. Region includes Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming. 4 groups started in Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs. Denver dance will be May 12. Whole group going to a concert May 13. They also have a softball team. Activities have really helped to unify them. Have 60 regular members in Boulder and a clubhouse. There are 7 meetings a week in clubhouse. Also have an answering service: (303)442-9203.

Have an area rep. and meetings. Everyone has a job from coffee maker to sect. Service is very much accented.

Nevada.

Bill K. Las Vegas reported on his area. They have a Wednesday and Thursday meeting, one of which has been going for two years now. One is located in North Las Vegas and the other is in town. 2 members. Mention was made of the Fitzsimmons house facility. Drug Rehab. newcomer's meeting. Hoping to get a Step group started. They have alot of trouble getting literature and people to hook up with. They have a list of 25 members' names but only 10 are active.

Mention was made that additional input not on agenda should be submitted to Chairperson, Sue I.

World Service Office Inc.

Jimmy K. gave WSO report for fiscal 78-79. 100% increase noted. Glad to hear about additional support from other groups. Have enough literature now in stock. Question from the floor came up regarding office expenses. Answered. Trustees voted \$50.00 per month to defray WSO expense. The World Service Office Inc., World Directory will add a page for new groups so notify WSO of any additions or changes. There is now a German, Spanish, French translation of little white book now in progress. Military are now taking a new view about addiction and they are taking action. Want to get groups started at every base.

WSO Report Cont.

This is a big break after 16 years of trying to get N.A. going in the military.

WSO now has federal and state tax numbers and are exempt. It was mentioned that these numbers are for use of the fellowship as a whole.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Major thrust last year was establishing guidelines, trying to remotivate members to become active.

Amendment was written: disbandment of standing committee for WS Board since they were covered at WSC.

Trustee subcommittee may be set up to help coordinate efforts with Armed Forces and disband after serving their purpose - wouldn't be permanent committee.

The floor was opened for questions. Conversations centered on procedures for nominations of a Trustee. Board of Trustees was founded in middle 1960's when N.A. almost folded to insure this wouldn't happen again.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy - no meetings of policy committee since no issues came up.

Finance - (Amy) Made profit off San Jose convention. Regional level decided on where profit would go. Decided to write newsletter and let them know about fund-raisers. Area and regional level must handle financial matters. Suggestion was to set up a "Financial Kit" to show what other areas have done so they can learn by this.

Bob B. suggested importance of tying this into the WSC and not just on area or regional areas, that these committees should be working to set up guidelines on a World Service level and not just area or regional.

Sue L. stated that finance committee should work with Administrative committee's treasurer.

Institutional - Mary L. Sick, mailed report to Chuck S. but as of conference session it had not arrived.

Public Information - Rick S. gave report. Presented copies of P.I. kit which deals with how to contact media.

Recommendations: Contact all national, state and World Health Organizations with info packet. 2) Comprise definitive guidelines concerning interaction agencies, police, law enforcement, drug recovery. 3) Distribute updated list of 12 Step names and numbers 4) Establish P.I. address for receipt of mail.

Literature Comm. - Mark McG. stated they held over 25 meetings and sent out 50 packets of literature packet. Brought 50 to WSC. Three areas to work on: I.P.s, NA Pamphlets and Service Pamphlet.

OLD LITERATURE: Review and revise where necessary.

NEW LITERATURE: Tabled until input received.

Motion made: Page 3, II, Item 3 between A & B "Duly elected subcommittee chairman" be put into - CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing ASC a vote. Withdrawn.

Motion made and accepted to recognize III, Option Two of last year's conference be put into effect: "Any Trustee, Regional Delegate, Area Rep., Delegate, Spokesman from outside California, WSC officers (excluding Chairman) and Subcommittee chairman all have a vote."

Greg motioned: Proposed guidelines be presented to conference for editing and until done so we go by procedures of last year plus allowing subcommittee chairman to vote. Motion made, seconded - CARRIED

**ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

*It was decided that the only qualifications nominees needed was to be in attendance at this year's conference. Motion was made and this was carried.*

*The following were elected:*

**CHAIRMAN - Tommy B.**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN- Chuck G.**

**SECRETARY - Fawn F.**

**TREASURER - Amy W.**

*Nominations were then held for sub-committee chairman. The following were elected:*

**POLICY - Brian**

**INSTITUTIONAL - Bob B.**

**PUBLIC INFO. - Alan R.**

**LITERATURE - Bo S.**

**FINANCE - Sue I.**

*Motion was made, seconded and carried that all subcommittee chairmen decline any delegate positions to avoid confusion over voting since they already have a vote at the WSC.*

**NOMINATIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Nominations to the Board Of Trustees are only for consideration to replace future vacancies on the Board.*

*Greg read the qualifications of a Trustee and the purpose of the Board of Trustees. The following people have been nominated:*

**Steve B.  
Hank M.  
Kevin F.  
Stu T.**

**Pat S.  
Lucille S.  
Sally E.**

**Chuck G.  
Pat M.  
Alan L.**

**Lillie M.  
Ralph M.  
Rickard M.**

## **SUNDAY MORNING**

*Motion made, seconded and carried that the new committee Chairmen for next year and the old committee chairmen from this year meet with each committee during the A. M.*

*After lunch, committee reports and/or recommendations were presented as follows:*

### **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

*The following objectives were presented:*

1. *Establishment of a temporary P. O. Box:  
N.A.  
P. O. Box 3968  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402*
2. *Bank Account #0535 059588 - Wells Fargo Checking  
Balance as of 4/9/79: \$233.38  
Steve B. and Amy W. sign  
Need to put in non-profit number still.*
3. *Mailing list kept of:  
A) Regions that are established  
B) Subcommittee Chairmen  
C) Newsletters  
D) Groups*
4. *Appropriate letters for financial support sent to A, C, and D of above number three item.*
5. *Get projected budgets from each committee and W. S. O.*
6. *Present overall projected yearly budget and actual quarterly financial statement.*
7. *Set up quarterly meetings to review budgets, records and objectives.*
8. *Suggestions on fund raisers for support of W. S. O. and to regions, areas and groups.*

*Projected financial budget was given. It was also stated that it is important to have a strong W. S. O. with good office equipment (specifically, a good typewriter and Xerox machine) so that they could operate efficiently. Steve B. wanted to know if there were any other expenses incurred by any of the W. S. C. committees. None stated so.*



### INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Unable to give report since it was not yet received in the mail. Report from previous committee of last year funding for committee being done through W.S.O.

Sue stated the importance of each committee being self-supporting and to present financial report to WSO. Thanked WSO but said it's time we stand on our own two feet.

### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Hank M. discussed establishing of a set procedure or policy to start from this point on and that we go with it. Suggested that we make a motion that guidelines be accepted as is with the exception of two changes:

- 1) Page 3, item 2: Participants of WSC consist of: change to include A and duly elected committee chairpersons.
- 2) Page 9 amendments: at and add last four words of those members present.

Policy committee doesn't have a budget. Stated that their purpose should be the helping of all committees and to help coordinate the WSO.

Suggested that GSR's have a vote at area committee

### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Regarding defining regions on a map form: the Administration Committee's responsibilities would be to get a map going with assistance from WSO. Greg referred us to definition of a region which is found on page 11 in the blue packet.

Recommendations: WSO Guidelines to change page 3 #3 to include: subcommittee chairmen be included and along with RSOs to add words: or state representatives. Request from floor to say "in absence of a duly elected Regional Delegate the conference will recognize a qualified replacement from that region." Motion was made, seconded and carried that this be accepted as part of proposed guidelines.

Motion was also made, seconded and carried to have page 1 #5 now read: "All presentations, motions, statements, etc. will be made from the podium and restricted clearly by the chairman.

Rich B. motioned that we accept proposed guidelines to be accepted as permanent set of guidelines for WSO. Seconded and CARRIED.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented P.I. Kit to conference.

Motion made, seconded and carried that under section 4 on page 7, item B be deleted (referral services). Page 8, section 4, item B deleted.

Page 11 (additions) Motion made, seconded and carried to add the following:

II Letters

- 1) D) Counselors (psychiatric, educational and Industrial)  
E) Public Defenders  
F) District Attorneys  
G) Judges
- 2) ADD:  
G) Mental Health Agencies  
H) Insurance companies  
I) Probation and Parole Departments and officers.

Page 9, motion made to delete 4th paragraph except the first sentence.

Motion then made to accept P.I. Kit as amended. Seconded, CARRIED.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mark McG. said there were six (6) recommendations to be made to conference.

Recommended Proposed I.P. to conference "For The Newcomer" be published through WSO. Greg felt we couldn't do this at this time and felt we should publish it subject to approval after representation from the fellowship.

Chuck S. made motion we accept literature packet as is to be published and distributed to fellowship as a whole then brought back to 1980 conference and voted on as a whole. A 45-minute discussion followed.

Motion was then made to accept packet, including recommendations made by committee, as WSC approved literature. Seconded, CARRIED.

Vote challenged.

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Bob withdrew his motion to split up packet. Rick made motion to take vote to see if conference should handle or if this should go back to the groups. Voted as conference business.

Chuck's original motion (bottom on page nine of these minutes) was made, seconded and CARRIED.

Bob motioned that in the packet the I.P.'s and general information be deleted and be sent back to the groups for comment and final approval by the groups. Mark seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Greg moved that conference recommend to literature committee that they take into consideration distributing literature to fellowship as a whole for a one year period before bringing it to a conference vote. Greg withdrew motion.

Rick made motion that new literature input be sent to the Literature Committee and not WSO. Not seconded.

Bo spoke a little on text being worked on for N.A. and stressed formation of literature committees all over the world.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve will send full report later

EXPENSES	-	\$ 170.84
BALANCE	-	60.00

Greg suggested committees should go to Treasurer for funds.

Conference adjourned.