

SIXTH WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
Van Nuys California
May 1, 1981

The Sixth World Service Conference was held at the campus of Valley College in Van Nuys, California. The Conference was held May 1, 2, and 3, 1981. Chuck Gates was the presiding Officer at this Conference. Representatives from 18 States or Region were present and made reports.

This Conference was presented with progress reports on additional literature and work being done on a N.A. Book. Work was conducted on changes to the Service Structure.

Comprehensive minutes were taken of this meeting and the following pages include reports of action taken, World Service Office Treasurer report, and election of Officers and Trustees.

Treasurer for WSC '81 gave his report. Started the year out with a balance of \$2,136.79. Current balance is \$738.28. \$35.67 came in for sales of supplies left over from last year (coffee that was sold at cost to one of the regions). \$726.96 was given to the WSC Literature Committee (mailing, supplies, printing and some freight). \$50.00 was given to WSC H&I Committee. \$1,000 was given to the World Service Office on April 25, 1981..Stated he has approximately \$200.00 in outstanding bills.

Since the last WSC, 600 starter kits have been sent out. 2,000 calls have been answered. 2,200 pieces of mail have been sent out.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of the 1980 WSC. Carried.

ELECTIONS

Chuck Gates stated that the first officer to be elected would be for Chairman of the World Service Conference. Nominations were open for Chairman. Fawn Faurote nominated Steve Bice. Seconded. Doug Forsmith made a motion that nominations be closed. Seconded. Discussion. Not Carried. Nominations still open. Gene Haag nominated Bob Barrett. Bob Barrett declined. Bill Beck nominated Gene Haag. Gene Haag declined. Phil Perez nominated Jack Bernstein. Jack Bernstein declined. Joseph Proctor nominated Bo Sewell. Seconded. Bob Barrett nominated Joseph Proctor. Joseph Proctor declined. Bill Beck made a motion that nominations be closed. Not Seconded. Question came from the floor asking what the qualifications were for Chairman. Chuck Gates read the qualifications out of the guidelines in the Service Manual.. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Each nominee gave a brief talk on their qualifications.

STEVE BICE IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE WSC '82.

Nominations open for Vice Chairman. Sally Evans nominated Bo Sewell. Seconded. Bill Beck nominated Chuck Gates. Chuck Gates declined. Fawn Faurote nominated Phil Perez. Phil Perez declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried.

BO SEWELL IS THE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WSC '82.

Nominations open for Secretary. Jerry Polcaro nominated Fawn Faurote. Seconded. Fawn Faurote declined. Joseph Proctor nominated Cindy Porter. Seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried.

CINDY PORTER IS THE ELECTED SECRETARY FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Treasurer. Gene Haag nominated Fawn Faurote. Seconded. Joseph Proctor was nominated. Seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Each nominee gave qualifications.

JOSEPH PROCTOR IS THE ELECTED TREASURER FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of the Policy Committee. Phil Perez nominated Jack Bernstein. Seconded. Bill Beck nominated Fawn Faurote. Fawn Faurote declined. Bob Rehmer was nominated and seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Each nominee gave a brief talk on their qualifications.

BOB REHMER IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of the Finance Committee. Chuck Skinner was nominated. Chuck Skinner declined. Gene Haag nominated Greg Pierce. Greg Pierce declined. Bryan Scott was nominated. Seconded. Bryan Scott nominated Fawn Faurote. Fawn Faurote declined. Bo Sewell nominated Ron. Not seconded. Henry Spiegel nominated and seconded. Fawn Faurote nominated Phil Perez. Phil Perez declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Seconded. Each nominee gave qualifications.

BRYAN SCOTT IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of Public Information Committee. (Note: lost a couple of paragraphs in duplication of tapes). Picked up where Bill Kelso was giving his qualifications in running for Chairman of P.I. Committee. Henry Spiegel gave his qualifications. Larry Baker gave his qualifications.

LARRY BAKER IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMM. FOR WSC '82.

Note to Reader: Tape recorder was not running at this moment. However,

BOB BERGH IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of WSC Literature Committee. Jim Miller nominated. Seconded. Roger Teague was nominated. Seconded. Greg Pierce was nominated. Greg Pierce declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Each nominee gave qualifications.

ROGER TEAGUE IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Motion was made that the entire structure of the Board of Trustees be examined and the possibility of disbanding the present Board until some criteria and guidelines will be devised and written by the general membership.

The Policy Sub-Committee gave their report. Phil Perez gave the report. He stated that his committee had met and suggested that on page 37, Item I, in the Service Structure which reads: Nominations for elected WSC positions are accepted from the Conference participants. Nominees shall be selected from the current WSC members, previous year's participants, sub-committee chairpersons. They suggest that the word member be added to that (members of sub-committees that is). MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Also suggested that a line 8 be added to page 39 which reads: All sub-committee chairman must submit a list of all sub-committee members 1 month prior to the next World Service Conference. MOTION WAS CARRIED

Phil Perez went on with his report. Another item of business was a suggestion that the name of Narcotics Anonymous only be used in the Service Structure (such as area service, regional service, service committees, WSC). This means that the name Narcotics Anonymous cannot be used in flyers for dances, conventions, etc. The symbol can be used (N.A.) on these flyers.

All sub-committees should submit their issues of business to the Administrative Committee 90 days prior to the WSC. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Motion Carried

That an Amendment Page be added to the back of the Service Structure with voted on amendments, etc. so that the Service Structure doesn't have to be re-printed and re-printed over and over again. That an amendment to that motion be added stating that "until such time that it can be incorporated into the Service Structure. Motion Carried

That no outside enterprises be listed in the meeting directories. Motion Carried

Recommended to the Finance Committee that they send out the money they have to the committees on a monthly basis, realizing that the WSC does not presently have enough money to meet all the proposed budgets, but at least they would have something coming in every month, and we can hope that more comes in in the meantime. Motion Carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of the 1980 WSC Carried.

Jim Miller moved that the WSC adjourn so that other areas and regions and Trustees in order for them to designate Proxy voting representation here. He changed the word adjourn to recess and to include sub-committee chairmen. This was made into a motion. Motion was seconded. Chuck Skinner came to the podium and stated that in the interest of unity and limited time, that this time the Alternate for the World Service Office be allowed to carry the vote as one vote is not going to make a difference at this conference, but that this issue be turned over to the Policy Committee for clarification. He asked that the motion be withdrawn and that we continue on with the Conference. Jim Miller asked if the complete motion would be written into the minutes even if it was withdrawn. Chuck Gates replied that it would. The motion was then withdrawn

Minutes were gone over from 1979 to clarify qualifications for running for Chairman of a sub-committee. Doug Forsmith presented a motion in two parts. Motion made that a nominee running for chairmanship be a member of that sub-committee for at least a year. Motion was withdrawn from the floor and tabled until tomorrow.

Motion was made and seconded to extend Conference past the 2 day period or that a special Conference session be called, upon an unanimous vote of the WSC Administrative Committee. NOT CARRIED. (as it took a 2/3 vote to carry it)

Motion made the Vice Chairman automatically succeeds the Chairman at the end of every conference and is in fact the Chairman. Seconded. Discussion Phil Perez stated that something could happen to the Vice Chairperson during the year (i.e. , he/she might get loaded, might find out that he or she is irresponsible, etc.). Jim Miller stated that he would like motion to be restated after advice from Parliamentarian in order that this be done that this Vice Chairman be automatically elected by acclamation of 2/3 majority vote of the WSC. Motion amended to read. (Parliamentarian stepped in and stated that once a motion has been seconded, it may be amended, but that once a motion has been seconded it belongs to no one). Motion made that Vice Chairman automatically succeeds Chairman at the end of every conference through election. Discussion Motion re-stated to read: Vice Chairman automatically succeeds Chairman at the end of every Conference upon 2/3 vote of confidence of WSC participants. Discussion. Chuck Skinner stated that no member should be excluded from running for any office. Bill Kelso we should leave things the way they are already in our guidelines. MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Motion was made that the Literature Committee turn their funds over to the WSC and draw their funds with permission and that in fact, that they meet their responsibility to the WSC and not just act as a free body to do any thing they want to do and to specify exactly where the funds came from And how much funds are currently in their possession?

Motion re-stated to read ALL COMMITTEES (as opposed to just Literature Committee)
Seconded Discussion

Motion amended to read: All sub-committees turn over all funds other than an prudent reserve to the WSC and draw funds as needed and to specify where funds came from and how much funds are currently in possession. Seconded Discussion.

Motion re stated to read: that all sub-committees turn over all funds other than a prudent reserve to the WSC Finance Committee and draw funds as needed and to specify where funds came from and how much funds are currently in possession. Seconded. Discussion.

Motion withdrawn and restated to read: All WSC sub-committees shall be accountable and draw funds from the WSC Finance Committee, establish prudent reserves, and to provide an immediate account in writing of current financial status before we leave this Conference. Seconded. NOT CARRIED.

Motion made that no one give any more funds to the Literature Committee until they provide some accountability. Seconded. NOT CARRIED

Motion that this Conference be postponed until such time that the Literature Committee can give a financial report Not seconded.

Jim Miller made a motion that the service manual be changed (on page 33) to read: The site of the next Conference be determined each year by Conference participants as the final item of Conference business Seconded. Discussion

Henry Spiegel moved that this motion be tabled Seconded. Chuch Gates stated that it takes a majority vote to have it tabled after there is already a motion on the floor A vote was called for those in favor of tabling the motion Carried Motion was tabled.

Motion made that all sub-committees submit a quarterly financial report to the Fianance Committee Seconded. Jim Miller stated that if this changed the Service Manual that it required a 2/3 vote Motion was carried.

Motion made seconded and carried to let the Finance Committee send their letter out.

Motion was made that the entire structure of the Board of Trustees be examined and the possibility of disbanding the present Board until some criteria and guidelines will be devised and written by the general membership. Seconded. Discussion Jim Miller made a motion to table this motion. Seconded He then withdrew it It was voted on and it was NOT CARRIED to table the motion.

He stated that his committee had met and suggested that on page 37, Item I, in the Service Structure which reads: Nominations for elected WSC positions are accepted from the Conference participants. Nominees shall be selected from the current WSC members, previous year s participants, sub-committee chairpersons They suggest that the word member be added to that (members of sub-committees that is). This was put forth in the form of a motion. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

All sub committee chairman must submit a list of all sub-committee members 1 month prior to the next World Service Conference. This was put forth in the form of a motion MOTION WAS CARRIED with 2/3 vote

Jim Miller made a motion that the World Service Office Board of Directors become a sub-committee of the WSC with a yearly election of officers.

Jim Miller moved that the following proposition be written into the minutes for future consideration for alternative solutions to a present problem. In order to form a viable contact and distribution center responsive to the service needs of our Fellowship as a whole, be it proposed that 1) The corporation of the WSO Inc. be dissolved 2) That this Conference establish a World Service Office as a committee of WSC and elect new directors periodically in accordance with established spirit; and 3) at this point, Jim was interrupted by Phil, who stated that all of this was an outside issue. Fawn Faurote stated that N.A. is a spiritual Fellowship and the WSO Inc. is a business entity. Joseph Proctor stated that on page 22 of the Service Manual it states that the WSO acts upon the directives of the WSC. WSO is truly a business, etc. He added that this had been brought up at last year's Conference in which Chairman then had answered in input form which stated that the WSO be moved if business can be better implemented elsewhere, that the WSC cannot order the WSO to move and that this was an outside issue and that the WSO only acts at the directives of the WSC Bill beck stated just as the Fellowship is answerable to N.A., the WSO Inc , being a non-profit organization, is answerable to State Law and Federal Law and that is why there is a difference. Bill reminded the Conference that earlier, in the WSO report, the WSO has a Board of Directors - to delineate that difference. Bill added that insofar as where the office is (state etc) he reminded Conference that we no longer operate by way of Pony Express, today we have telephones and mail, etc. It doesn't matter where it is, because wherever it is, it's going to be far away from the other people who are far away. Doug Forsmith reminded Conference of the importance of unity and that we should get it together and cease fighting.

Phil Perez went on with his report. Another item of business was a suggestion that the name of Narcotics Anonymous only be used in the Service Structure (such as area service, regional service, service committees, WSC). He clarified this by saying that this means that the name Narcotics Anonymous cannot be used in flvers for dances, conventions, etc. The symbol can be used (N.A.) on these flyers This was put forth in the form of a motion Seconded. Discussion. Bill Beck clarified this in that we cannot hold Narcotics Anonymous responsible at these events that individuals of N.A. put on. (such as in the event we hold a convention in a hotel and the hotel burns down, Narcotics Anonymous (if the name is used) would be liable It's a matter of preserving the Traditions. MOTION CARRIED

Input Form: A tentative agenda of business should be distributed 60 days prior to the World Service Conference to provide the Fellowship with issues that will be voted on at the Conference. All sub-committees should submit their issues of business to the Administrative Committee 90 days prior to the WSC. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

It was suggested by the Policy Committee that an Amendment Page be added to the back of the Service Structure doesn't have to be re-printed and re-printed over and over again. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Seconded. Greg Pierce moved that an amendment to that motion be added stating that "until such time that it can be incorporated into the Service Structure. The vote was then called for. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made that no outside issues be mentioned or listed in context with Narcotics Anonymous. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED

Motion made that no outside enterprises be listed in the meeting directories. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED

Doug Forsmith recommended to the Finance Committee that they send out the money they have to the committees on a monthly basis, realizing that the WSC does not presently have enough money to meet all the proposed budgets, but at least they would have something coming in every month, and we can hope that more comes in in the meantime. This was made forth in the form of a motion and seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.