

## World Service Conference, 1998 Annual Meeting

### Saturday, 25 April 1998

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 4:52 p.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) introduced members of the WSC Administrative Committee, the WSC Interim Committee, Don Cameron (Parliamentarian), and conference committee chairs and vice chairs. Stu T (WSB Chairperson) and Rogan A (WSO Board Chairperson) then introduced each member of the WSB, the WSO board and the WCC board. Craig R (WSC H&I Chairperson), Erik R (WSC PI Chairperson), Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson), Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson), and Eddie E (World Services Translations Chairperson) introduced the members of their committees. Tim B (Transition Group Chairperson) introduced members of the Transition Group. George H (WSO Executive Codirector) introduced members of the staff and the translators.

Conference participants joined in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Paul H, Vida Moro, and Debbie Goss.

Roll call #1 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 101 participants present. 83 regions are present. 68 represents a 2/3 majority and 52 represents a simple majority. For old business, 55 represents 2/3 majority and 43 represents a simple majority.

It was M/S/C Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Mary Kay B (WSB) "To accept the WSC Rules of Order." The following correction will be made: RSR should be changed to RD throughout the document. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Leah H (RD-Alternate, Chesapeake/Potomac Region) suggested correcting the error after the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust language is changed to be consistent. Conference participants did not support the suggestion.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W Frank H (RD, Kentuckiana Region)/Nick K (RD, New England Region): "Add the words 'or their equivalent' in the appropriate places after regional service representative or RSR." AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/C Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Mary Kay B (WSB) "To approve the WSC '97 minutes." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) introduced members of the WSC Recognition Assistance Panel. She noted that the Eastern New York Region and the Imphal Region have communicated with the WSC Recognition Assistance Panel and followed the recommended process.

Jim E (RD, Greater New York Region) introduced Louis R (RD, Eastern New York Region) and Janet J (RD-Alternate, Eastern New York Region) who gave a brief overview of the development of the region. A question and answer session followed.

It was M/S/C David S (RD, Volunteer Region)/Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) "To seat the Eastern New York Region as a participant." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) introduced Favio C, (RD Uruguay Region), whose region is also requesting seating.

It was M/S/C Willie L (RD, Indiana Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) "To seat the Uruguay Region." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 7:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, 26 April 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:15 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The passage for the day from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" was read. The Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service were read.

Roll call #2 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing 105 participants present (see addendum). 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 87 regions are present. For old business, 58 represents a 2/3 majority and 45 represents a simple majority.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) noted that the conference has allowed the WCC chair and vice chair to sit on the conference floor in a non-voting capacity in recent years, and asked conference participants to allow the same participation this year. No objections were voiced.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) explained a proposal for processing old business in a way that results in improved participation and understanding. He explained the process of utilizing a Committee of the Whole session for discussion on each motion, followed by an informal show of support or lack of support so that all participants can be aware of the general feeling of the entire body before the business session begins.

Stu T, on behalf of the WSC Interim Committee, presented Motion #1 for discussion: "To implement Resolutions B and C-2 by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the World Board. Further, that elections for the World Board be held at WSC 1998 with the new corporation taking effect 12 June 1998. The current Interim Committee, World Service Office Board of Directors, and the World Convention Corporation will continue to function until 11:59PM 11 June 1998. The Interim Committee will be responsible to make necessary decisions affecting NA world services and to assist in preparing the agenda for the first meeting of the new World Board."

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened a Committee of the Whole session for the purpose of discussing *Conference Agenda Report* Motion #1 and all proposed amendments to it. Each of the following motions were presented for discussion and an informal poll was taken on each.

Motion #25: "To maintain all standing committees, i.e., World Hospitals & Institutions (H&I), World Public Information (PI), World Policy, World Translations, and World Literature."

Motion #61: "That a fully funded standing committee structure be initiated within the World Board to be elected at WSC '98. H&I, PI, Literature and Translations will each have a standing committee membership of five members. Two members of the World Board Public Relations Committee and two members of the World Board Publications Committee on the World Board will provide leadership to these standing committees. The initial nominations will come from the existing standing committees and the WSC." A substitute amendment (motion #86) was suggested that would add a time period to Motion #61 for reevaluation.

It was M/S/F Leah H (RD-Alternate, Chesapeake/Potomac Region)/Phillip C (RD, Region of the Virginians) "to change the order of the day and to go into a business session." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The Committee of the Whole session continued with the following motion presented for discussion, followed by an informal poll: Motion #33: "To postpone voting on all the Transition Group's proposals/motions until the 1999 conference."

After a lunch recess, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened the afternoon session at 1:45 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He announced continuation of the Committee of the Whole session with discussion and informal polling on the following motions:

Motion #57: "To amend Motion #1 by adding: 'Should a full World Board of 24 members not be elected at WSC '98, the remainder of Motion #1 will not be implemented until a full board is seated.'"

Motion #58: "To amend paragraph 2, section Terms to read as follows: 'The length of term for board members shall be four years. All members of the board are eligible for election for two consecutive terms.'"

Motion #66: "To amend World Board External Guidelines page 6, paragraph 2 as follows: 'To amend the term of World Board members to only one six year term.'"

Motion #53: "For the purpose of the World Board term elections, trusted servants with the least world service experience be assigned the six (6) year terms on the World Board."

Motion #73: "To amend the external guidelines for the World Board under section Removal of Officers as follows: 'Members may be removed from the board by a 2/3 majority vote. Further, the conference may remove a member by directing the chair to do so by a 2/3 majority vote for the following causes:'"

Motion #75: "No more than forty-nine (49) percent of the World Board should be in a (sponsor/sponsee) sponsorship relationship."

Xavier A and Diego B from the Ecuador Region reported that they will function as the regional representatives for the remainder of the conference. Javier C and Marco M will observe.

Motion #86: "To add the following wording at the end of Motion #61 which would make this a substitute motion due to change in intent: 'These committees will remain in place until the World Board committee system is in place and prepared to take over committee projects. The need for these committees to continue will be reevaluated by the WSC annually, to be discontinued when the Human Resource Panel & the World Pool are in place.'"

Motion #27: "To elect the members of the World Board as follows: 12 will be elected as Trustees (Guardians) and 12 will be elected as Board Members. Any member or trustee can hold any position within the World Board."

Motion #28: "That all elections of candidates to the World Board would require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote."

Motion #30: "That at least 8 members of the recently elected World Board be from outside of the USA and that at least 3 of these not be from the regions in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, or Australia."

Motion #31: "That the clean time requirement for candidates for the World Board be set at 8 years."

Motion #32: "That the length of term for members of the World Board be set at 4 years and that 6 of the 24 newly elected members serve for 2 years, 6 others serve for 3 years, 6 others serve for 4 years, and 6 others serve for 5 years."

Motion #29: "At the WSC, the World Board will have full participation rights, except for voting on all business (old, elections, and new)."

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announced the end of the Committee of the Whole session and the beginning of the business session.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #1: "To implement Resolutions B and C-2 by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in *CAR '98*) for the World Board. Further, that elections for the World Board be held at WSC 1998 with the new corporation taking effect 12 June 1998. The current Interim Committee, World Service Office Board of Directors, and the World Convention Corporation will continue to function until 11:59PM 11 June 1998. The Interim Committee will be responsible to make necessary decisions affecting NA world services and to assist in preparing the agenda for the first meeting of the new World Board." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE #2 (see addendum), resulting in YES-79; NO-6; and ABSTENTIONS-3, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #78: "Delete language in the last sentence of the Membership section: 'The executive directors(s) of the WSO...will be non-voting members of the board.'" Amendment accepted without objection.

AMENDMENT: It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #79: "Add language to the Accountability section of the World Board External Guidelines: 'The external guidelines of the World Board are amendable only by action of the WSC.'" Amendment accepted without objection.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Dana G (RD, Georgia Region)/Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region) Motion #28: "That all elections of candidates to the World Board would require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote." AMENDMENT FAILED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Dana G (RD, Georgia Region)/Karen P (RD, California Inland Region) Motion #29: "At the WSC, the World Board will have full participation rights, except for voting on all business (old, elections, and new)." AMENDMENT FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE #1 (see addendum), resulting in YES-27; NO-59; and ABSTENTIONS-2.

AMENDMENT: It was M/F Claude G (RD, Quebec Region)/Stuart B (RD, Northern New England Region) Motion #57: "To amend Motion #1 by adding: 'Should a full World Board of 24 members not be elected at WSC '98, the remainder of Motion #1 will not be implemented until a full board is seated.'" MOTION FAILED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region)/Dana G (RD, Georgia Region) Motion #73: "To amend the external guidelines for the World Board under section Removal of Members as follows: 'Members may be removed from the board by a 2/3 majority vote of the board. Further, the Conference may, by a 2/3 majority vote, direct the board to do so for the following causes:'" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

Frank H (RD, Kentuckiana Region) objected to procedures and asked for a roll call vote on Motion #73. The request for a roll call vote FAILED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #2: "To implement Resolution E by adopting the following Guidelines (as contained in *CAR '98*) for the Unified Budget for NA World Services." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY SHOW OF HANDS, after the following:

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AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Jim E (RD, Greater New York Region)/Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region) Motion #67: "To amend the Guidelines for the Unified Budget for NA World Services, section 1 as follows: 'Any new world service projects will have been thoroughly planned with an accompanying budget, timeline, and a list of prospective World Pool members necessary to complete the task, to be prioritized and approved by the World Service Conference.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

Conference participants agreed to change the order of the day and proceed with Motion #7 in order to allow board and committee meetings to accomplish their business this evening.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #7: "To approve the inclusion of the words '*Narcotics Anonymous*' in the name of the legal entity for the new World Board." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY SHOW OF HANDS.

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION: It was M/S/W Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region)/Pedro C (RD, Sweden Region) "To name the new corporation World Services, Inc." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

After miscellaneous announcements, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) recessed the session for the day at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monday, 27 April 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:10 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The daily passage from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*", the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service were read.

Roll call #3 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 106 participants present. 71 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions are present. For old business, 59 represents a 2/3 majority and 45 represents a simple majority.

Stu T, on behalf of the WSC Interim Committee, presented Motion #3 for discussion: "To implement Resolutions F & G by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the World Pool and the Human Resources Panel. Further, that elections for the Human Resources Panel be held at WSC 1998."

Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced the beginning of the Committee of the Whole session for the purpose of discussing Motion #3 and related amendments. An informal poll was taken on each of the following related motions.

Motion #62: "To amend Motion #3 under Composition as follows: 'Human Resource Panel shall consist of 6 members.'"

Motion #63: "To amend Motion #3 under Term as follows: 'The term of office for the HRP member will be four years.'"

Motion #64: "To amend Motion #3 under Composition as follows: '...elected by at least 60% of the WSC.'"

Motion #65: "To amend Motion #3 section under External Guidelines for the WP and HRP as follows: 'That the clean time requirement for HRP members be 10 years.'"

Motion #59: "To amend paragraph 3, section Nominations to read as follows: 'The Human Resource Panel will make nominations to the World Service Conference for election to the

positions of the World Board and WSC Co-Facilitators. The Human Resource Panel will be nominated by all conference participants.”

Motion #74: “Section 7, external guidelines - strike from the duties of the HRP, #7 any reference to ‘non-addicts.’”

A discussion about voting in these informal polls resulted in the decision of the conference to allow only the RD’s to participate in them.

After a break, Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole session and the beginning of the business session.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #3: “To implement Resolutions F & G by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the World Pool and the Human Resources Panel. Further, that elections for the Human Resources Panel be held at WSC 1998.” MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region)/Terry Don M (RD, Best Little Region) Motion #59: “To amend paragraph 2, section Nominations to read as follows: ‘The Human Resource Panel will make nominations to the World Service Conference for election to the positions of the World Board and WSC Co-Facilitators. Nominations may also be made for each position by conference participants but it is recommended that all prospective candidates go through the World Pool/Human Resource process. The World Service Conference will nominate the Human Resource Panel.’” AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Ross M (RSR, Ontario Region)/Cindy M (RD-Alternate, California Mid-State Region) Motion #62: “To amend Motion #3 under Composition as follows: ‘Human Resource Panel shall consist of 6 members.’” AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region)/Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) Motion #74: “Section 7, external guidelines - ‘providing the World Board with a list of individual resumes (addicts only) for appointment to serve on committee projects.’” AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) requested a roll call vote on Motion #74. Request FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #4: “To create and implement the conference positions of WSC Co-Facilitators by adopting the following guidelines (as contained in CAR '98). Further, that the WSC Co-Facilitators be elected at WSC 1998.” MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) Motion #5: “To implement a two-year conference cycle beginning at the end of WSC 2000. Prior to implementation, all changes to conference policy will be presented to the World Service Conference by the World Board.” MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Dee S (RD, Nebraska Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) Motion #55: “To implement a two-year conference cycle beginning at the end of WSC 2004. Prior to implementation, all changes to conference policy will be presented to the WSC by the World Board.” AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Emmanuel K (RD, France Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region): “To postpone Motion #5 until after the Resolution A discussion on Saturday morning.” MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-39; NO-40.

It was M/S/F Ron S (WSC Chairperson)/Bartolomeu P (RD, Portugal Region) "To postpone Motion #5 until WSC '2000." MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/F Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) "To change the order of the day and enter into the Resolution A discussion." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER. Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) appealed the decision of the chair resulting in the decision being overturned BY VOICE VOTE. Then, the Motion to change the order of the day FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) "To adopt the 1998 WSC election procedures for the World Board, Human Resource Panel, and WSC Co-Facilitators." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Phillip C (RD, Region of the Virginians)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) Motion #56: "To add language to the 1998 Election Procedures, section on membership that states: 'No anonymous nominations for the World Board be made at WSC '98.'" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-52; NO-39; ABSTENTIONS-3.

A motion to extend debate FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F George C (RD, Chesapeake/Potomac Region)/Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) "To add language to the section entitled Service Resumes and Nomination Forms that says 'challenges to nominations cannot be made until the list is posted to all conference participants.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

After a lunch break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened the session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

It was M/SF Jim E (RD, Greater New York Region)/Mark R (RD-Alternate, Mid-Atlantic Region) Motion #92: "To re-open nominations from 3pm to 5pm, 04/27/98." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE after the following:

It was M/S/F Donna M (WSB Vice Chairperson)/Shannon L (RD, Tri-State Region) "To extend debate for up to ten minutes." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

The service resume packages were handed out as Roll call #4 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants present. 69 represents a 2/3 majority; 53 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions are present.

Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) announced the next item on the agenda, presentation of the Fellowship Development Plan. George H (WSO Executive Codirector) began with an overview of fellowship development during the last 15 years. He described the "best intentions" approach to Fellowship Development through most of the 1980s, the evolution of our planning efforts during the '90s, and our recognition of the central role of the WSO in all of our efforts. George described the efforts to produce a business plan that will keep the WSO open and providing services. He also explained the Fellowship Development Plan as a series of goals and objectives that are achievable, can be measured periodically, and can also be revised as appropriate.

Mario T (WSO board) gave a presentation about the first goal (to increase and improve world service available financial resources).

Stu T (WSB Chairperson) gave a presentation about the second goal (to increase and improve world services available fellowship development tools that address recovery and service related questions and concerns); the third goal (to increase and improve world services retention of

fellowship data); the fourth goal (to increase and improve world services available human resources); and the fifth goal (to increase and improve planning for fellowship development activities and travel).

Mario T (WSO board) gave a presentation about the sixth goal (to institute a quality assurance program at the WSO); the seventh goal (to enact the necessary structural changes to allow world services to become more effective); and the eighth goal (to improve world services' written and face-to-face communication with the fellowship).

Stu T (WSB Chairperson) gave a presentation about the ninth goal (to identify new recovery material(s) needed by the fellowship and develop a plan for their creation by 1999); and the tenth goal (to develop a public relations philosophy and develop and maintain strategies that comply with that philosophy, its statements and objectives).

A question, comment, and input period ensued that included the following topics: reaching the million dollar goal in two years, fund flow in *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*, simplifying communications to increase understanding, more detailed plans, use of new technology, more effective use of media, the first stage of the overall plan, a long term vision, publishing fellowship development stories, the need for grass roots support, cash reserve, world wide registration of intellectual properties, external communications, creation of new literature in response to fellowship need, reducing our dependence on literature sales, a new process for literature development, training of trusted servants, maintaining sales and marketing plans that benefit WSO and the end user, direct donations, direct communication with trusted servants and other members, regional service offices and the WSO sales policy, the need to standardize the process of gathering fellowship information, the value of this plan as a step in making service more attractive to members, the need for service experience and service materials, improving the database and communication with groups, interfacing with regional databases, the possibility of training workbooks for trusted servants, the cost of the communications task force, updating the Fellowship Development Plan, trying to avoid cultural barriers in literature, guidelines for regions sponsoring regions, useable types of fellowship information, standardizing fellowship accounting practices, the value of regional service offices, and the importance of creating a world wide process for literature development.

After dinner break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announced the beginning of the business session at 8:00 p.m.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #6. "To approve the production of the Group Readings Wallet Card as shown in Addendum B." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #8: "To amend the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #9: "To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, by changing the name of the World Service Office, Inc. to Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. as shown in Addendum D." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #10. "To change the name of "regional service representative" to "regional delegate" and "RSR" to "RD" and remove all references to *The NA Way* wherever it appears in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:



It was M/S/F Gordon C (RD, Northern California Region)/Sam C (RD, Central California Region) Motion #80 "To divide Motion 10 as follows:

10a) 'To change the name of regional service representative to regional delegate and RSR to RD.

10b) Remove all references to *The NA Way* wherever it appears in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C." MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, and then STANDING VOTE: YES-35; NO-39; ABSTENTIONS-5.

It was M/C Rogan A (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #11: "To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, as shown in Addendum D." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/F Jon T (WSC Administrative Committee) Motion #12: "To rescind WSC '96 Motion 16 'All motions submitted to be placed in the *Conference Agenda Report* that attempt to change, amend or delete WSC Policies, shall include those policies, or sections of those policies, it attempts to amend. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide this information along with the motion." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, and then STANDING VOTE: YES-52; NO-19; ABSTENTIONS-8; after the following:

It was M/S/F Sam C (RD, Central California Region)/Vinnie F (RD, Northern New York Region) "To substitute Motion #82 for Motion #12." MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Barrington De La R (RD, UK Region)/Ross M (RSR, Ontario Region) Motion #13: "To include the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book) in the World Services Translation Committee policy on Basic Text personal stories." (WSC '97 Motion 79b) MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #3 (see addendum), resulting in YES-72; NO-9; and ABSTENTIONS-2.

It was M/W Patti L (RD-Alternate, Southern Idaho Region)/ "To reconsider Motion #12 with a roll call vote." MOTION TO RECONSIDER RULED OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/F Sonny J (RD, Lone Star Region)/Jimmy C (RD, Tejas Bluebonnet Region) Motion #45: "That the WSO begin producing and release the Basic Text and *It Works: How & Why* in CD (audio) form." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region)/Ron C (RD, Alabama/NW Florida Region) "To call the question." MOTION TO END DEBATE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Pedro C (RD, Sweden Region)/Dana G (RD, Georgia Region) Motion #51: "That the new *NA Way Magazine* should have 6 issues per year." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Pedro C (RD, Sweden Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) Motion #52: "That the price of the Basic Text and other book type items should be increased." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) recessed the conference for the day at 10:05 p.m.

## **Tuesday, 28 April 1998**

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Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that Motion #14 would be presented during WSCLC business.

It was M/POSTPONED Jon T (WSC Administrative Committee) Motion #15: "To select two issue discussion topics from the following list for discussion at the 1999 World Service Conference:

- Regions sponsoring regions:
- Strengthening the Area Service Committee:
- Attraction rather than promotion, especially in service. And recovery too:
- Importance of the commitment to a home group:
- The newcomer is the most important person in any meeting, not just a visitor:
- Improving fellowship communication:
- Resolution A, Change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives: 1) to reduce the total number of representatives 2) to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and, 3) to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process."

The motion was discussed, resulting in Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announcing that ballots for the choices in motion #15 would be prepared, handed out in a later session and collected to use for voting on the list of possible issues, after the following:

In response to a request, the following informal straw polls were taken:

- Regions sponsoring regions: STRAW POLL: YES-10.
- Strengthening the Area Service Committee: STRAW POLL: YES-27.
- Attraction rather than promotion, especially in service. And recovery too: STRAW POLL: YES-15.
- Importance of the commitment to a home group: STRAW POLL: YES-26.
- The newcomer is the most important person in any meeting, not just a visitor: STRAW POLL: YES-30.
- Improving fellowship communication: STRAW POLL: YES-36.
- Resolution A, Change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives: 1) to reduce the total number of representatives 2) to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and, 3) to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process." STRAW POLL: YES-28.

It was M/W Jimmy C (RD, Tejas Bluebonnet Region)/Steve D (RD, Montana Region) Motion #91: "That selection by the groups of issue discussion topics in the *Conference Agenda Report* become an ongoing procedure of the World Service Conference." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/D (RD, Wisconsin Region)/ Motion #39: "The World Service Conference (WSC) facilitates hospitality room refreshments at the WSC meetings for individual purchase only. The WSC will not purchase refreshments. Additionally, neither WSO staff, nor WS trusted servants, will be responsible for directly providing refreshments." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

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It was M/S/F Sonny J (RD, Lone Star Region)/Jimmy C (RD, Tejas Bluebonnet Region) Motion #46: "To adopt the following as the NA Service Prayer: 'God, grant us knowledge that we may act according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be Your work, not ours - in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction. (adapted from Basic Text, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, page xvi).'" MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted by Sonny J (RD, Lone Star Region) to change "the NA Service Prayer" to "an NA Service Prayer." no objections were voiced.

It was M/S/F Diego C (RD-Alternate, Ecuador Region)/Richard (RD, Alsask Region) Motion #43: "That one section of our Vision Statement be modified so it reads in the following manner: 'Our vision is that one day: Every addict in the world will experience our message in his or her own language and culture, and find a new way of life.'" MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSB Motion) #16: "To approve *The Institutional Group Guide*, as shown in Addendum E." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Gordon C (RD, Northern California Region)/Sam G (RD, Central California Region) Motion #81: "To add *Behind the Walls* to the section entitled 'Some Other Recovery Oriented Publications' in the *Institutional Group Guide* (Motion 16)." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSB) Motion #17: "To approve the *Additional Needs Booklet*, as shown in Addendum F." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Frank N (RD-Alternate, Florida Region)/Joe F (RD, San Diego/Imperial Region) Motion #48: "To add the following to *TWGWSS*: 'That WSC elected trusted servants be limited to serving in WSC elected positions for a total of twelve years. Trusted servants who are currently elected to positions that would cause them to exceed the twelve year limit may fulfill their current commitment.'" MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSB) Motion #18: "To approve the *Outreach Booklet*, as shown in Addendum G." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Stu T (WSB) Motion #19: "To approve the IP, *Self-Support, Principle and Practice*, as shown in Addendum H." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Jim E (RD, Greater New York Region)/Vinnie F (RD, Northern New York Region) Motion #68: "To postpone voting on the IP *Self-Support: Principle & Practice* until WSC '99." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Ross M (RSR, Ontario Region)/Kevin H (RD-Alternate, New Jersey Region) "To add 'until a period of review and input has been completed' to Motion #68." AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: It was M/S/F Lori M (RD, Michigan Region)/Steve M (RD, Freestate Region): "To postpone Motion #19 and Motion #68 until new business." MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/F Stu T (WSB Chairperson) Motion #20: "To remove IP #24, *Hey, What's the Basket For?* from the WSO inventory." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, and then STANDING VOTE: YES-55; NO-23; ABSTENTIONS-3.

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It was M/W Nick K (RD, New England Region) "To reconsider Motion #20 and take a roll call vote." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER after objections were heard.

It was M/COMMITTED Eric R (WSC PI Committee) Motion #22: "To approve the 1998-99 WSC PI work plan proposal for revising *A Guide to Public Information* and the *Guide to Phonenumber Service* handbooks." MOTION COMMITTED, as follows:

It was M/S/C (RD, Minnesota Region)/ Motion #93: "To commit to the World Board the Goals section of the WSC PI Committee workplan proposal in Motion #22." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Frank N (RD-Alternate, Florida Region)/Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region) Motion #47: "That the 'Just for Today' video no longer be conference approved material. Further, production and distribution of this video will cease." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) asked the conference to recognize and say good-bye to a long time staff member, Julie Kirkpatrick, as she leaves the WSO after fourteen years as an employee. Julie made parting remarks and thanked everyone for their love and support.

Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) also took a moment of personal privilege to apologize for his language and manner while addressing other conference participants at a previous world services meeting in Rhode Island, USA.

It was M/C Jorge B (WSC Literature Committee Motion) #23: "To approve *The Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*, as shown in Addendum I." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #4 (see addendum), resulting in YES-74; NO-12; and ABSTENTIONS-1, after the following:

It was M/S/F Jeff S (RD, South Florida Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) Motion #50: "To postpone voting on the *Step Working Guides* but keep it as a priority literature project. The guide is to go out in its entirety to the fellowship following the 1998 World Service Conference for a six month review and input period to be placed in the 1999 CAR for approval." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Wording changes to Motion #50 were proposed but not made after an objection was voiced by Joe F (RD, San Diego/Imperial Region).

It was M/C Jorge B (WSC Literature Committee) Motion #24: "To approve the following as WSCLC's "A" work list for the 1998-99 conference year.

1. A new chapter on Sponsorship to be included in the Basic Text
2. A new chapter on Service to be included in the Basic Text
3. The addition/substitution of personal stories compiled from our worldwide fellowship in the Basic Text."

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/POSTPONED Stu T (WSB)/John S (RD, Metro Detroit Region) Motion #21: "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book), be committed to a service body who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options." MOTION AS AMENDED POSTPONED, (see below for further action), after the following:

AMENDMENT: Joao V (RD, Brazil Region) proposed the following friendly amendment: "Replace wording 'a service body' with 'the World Board' in motion #21." The amendment was accepted by the maker and conference participants without objection.

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MOTION TO POSTPONE: It was M/S/C Dana G (RD, Georgia Region)/Ron C (RD, Alabama/NW Florida Region) "To postpone Motion #21 until after discussion and voting on Motions #14, #40, #36, #24, #88." MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-50; NO-19; ABSTENTIONS-5, after the following:

It was M/S/F David C (RD, British Columbia Region)/WSC Literature Committee "To commit Motion #24 to the World Board." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

A straw poll on whether or not to have more discussion on Motion #24 resulted in conference participants moving ahead to vote on motion #24.

It was M/S/F Dana G (RD, Georgia Region)/Greg S (RD-Alternate, Show-Me Region) Motion #36: "To implement a ~~five (5)~~ four (4) year moratorium on the Basic Text, section one (1), book one (1), the first ten (10) chapters, pages ix to 103. This moratorium would begin at the end of the 1998 World Service Conference and end at the beginning of the ~~2003~~ 2002 World Service Conference." A straw poll revealed that conference participants did not support discussion on this motion. MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE. (Note: before voting, five was changed to four, and 2003 changed to 2002 in the motion as indicated by request of the maker and the consent of the conference.)

It was M/S/F Mike L (RD-Alternate, Minnesota Region)/David C (RD, British Columbia Region) Motion #14: "That the WSC direct the WSCLC to begin development of a Sixth Edition of the Basic Text as soon as the moratorium expires. The Sixth Edition should include a chapter on Sponsorship, a chapter on Service and new stories of an international fellowship. (WSC '97 Motion 102)." A straw poll revealed that conference participants did not want discussion on this motion, then MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/D Diego B (RD-Alternate, Ecuador Region) Motion #40: "That the World Board add a third book to the Basic Text that would contain four chapters entitled: God, Self, Service and Society." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

POSTPONED MOTION: It was M/S/C Stu T (WSB)/John S (RD, Metro Detroit Region) Motion #21: "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book), be committed to the World Board who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options." A straw poll revealed that conference participants did not want discussion on this motion. MOTION (#21 AS AMENDED ABOVE) CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Note: Before the vote was taken, the chairperson stated that this will include motion #24.)

It was M/S/F Barbara P (RD-Alternate, Volunteer Region)/Mike E (RD, Mid-Atlantic Region) Motion #35: "That the ~~WSCLG~~ World Board Publications Committee collect and compile personal stories from recovering addicts in NA throughout the world, to be published as an anthology. This anthology shall be completed by the World Board Publications Committee, following the World Board Publications Committee review, input and approval guidelines." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE. ('WSCLC' was changed to 'World Board Publications Committee' with consent of conference participants.)

It was M/S/F Patrick D (RD-Alternate, Iowa Region)/Terry Don M (RD, Best Little Region) Motion #60: "To place a four (4) year moratorium on all development of new literature." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Bruce K (RD, Southern California Region)/John S (RD, Metro Detroit Region) Motion #49: "To recommend that the WSC place Addendum K 'Am I too Young to be an Addict?', on the WSCLC's A-list." MOTION COMMITTED as follows:

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It was M/S/C Shannon L (RD, Tri-State Region)/Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) "To commit Motion #49 to the World Board." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-46; NO-29.

It was M/S/C Stu B (RD, Northern New England Region)/Jim E (RD, Greater New York Region) Motion #77: "To continue with the development of a sponsorship booklet as a new piece of literature. Said booklet should be given to the World Board Publications Committee with a final draft included in the CAR 2000." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSB) suggested that Motion #49 and #77 be included into Motion #21. Objections were voiced. After extensive discussion Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) asked participants to vote on the following motion: "To commit motions #49 and #77 into the motion #21 process." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Leah H (RD-Alternate, Chesapeake/Potomac Region) asked for a standing vote. MOTION CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-53; NO-21; ABSTENTIONS-2.

Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) recessed the meeting for the day at 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, 29 April 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:15 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The World Services Vision statement and the World Service Conference Mission statement were read.

Pete C (WSB and TG member) requested that the minutes reflect the following: Pete C and Jim C (RD-Alternate, Michigan Region) were absent for part of some sessions because they were assigned to a mediation team by the WSC Chairperson.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) made several announcements about the process for elections this morning. Ballots were passed out as Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair) conducted roll call #6 of voting participants, showing (see addendum) a total of 106 participants present.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) explained more about the process, and answered questions about the procedure.

Ballots were picked up as Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) conducted roll call #7 of voting participants, showing (see addendum) a total of 106 participants present. Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announced the following members of the vote counting team: Don Cameron (Parliamentarian), Frank H (RD, Kentuckiana Region), Lori Perea (WSO Staff), Matt S (WSC Policy Committee member), Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson).

While votes were being counted, a panel of WSC H&I and WSC PI Committee members gave a mock presentation about cooperation between local hospital and institution and public information committees.

The second ballot of thirty-six candidates was distributed as Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) conducted roll call #8 of voting participants, showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants present.

Roll call #9 was called to collect the ballots, showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants present.

After a break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened the session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The daily passage from *"Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts"* was read.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announced that Don Cameron, Parliamentarian, would not be available from Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to Friday 9:00 a.m. He asked for discussion about how conference participants want to proceed if twenty-four board members are not elected. After a few questions, Ron asked conference participants if they wanted to have a "what if", or "contingency plan" discussion at this time – the response was overwhelmingly negative.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) then announced that eighteen people were elected to the World Board. He asked conference participants if they wished to move into a discussion of options before the elected people were identified. BY VOICE VOTE, conference participants decided not to enter this discussion at this time.

The following results for World Board elections were then announced:

Bella A (Australian Region),  
Bob J (Florida Region),  
Cary S (Chicagoland Region),  
Claudio L (Mexico Region),  
Craig R (Carolina Region),  
Daniel S (German Speaking Region),  
David J (UK Region),  
Floyd B (Metro Detroit Region),  
Jane N (Connecticut Region),  
Jon T (New Jersey Region),  
Larry R (Hawaii Region),  
Lib E (Aotearoa New Zealand Region),  
Mario T (Australian Region),  
Mary Kay B (Carolina Region),  
Michael M (Northern California Region),  
Steve L (Southern California Region),  
Susan C (Washington/N Idaho Region),  
Tony W (Carolina Region).

It was M/S/F Jim C (RD-Alternate, Michigan Region)/Pete C (WSB and TG member) "To re-open nominations to the World Board to fill the remaining slots until Friday noon with elections on Saturday." MOTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE #5 (see addendum), resulting in YES-16; NO-70; and ABSTENTIONS-7, after the following:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Emmanuel K (RD, France Region)/Jim (RD, New England Region) "To make a new ballot from the eighteen unelected candidates from the first ballot to fill the remaining slots." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Steve M (RD, Freestate Region) asked for a voice vote of conference participants on whether or not they are okay with the board remaining at eighteen members. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of the board remaining at eighteen.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) asked if there was any objections for the voting team to continue without Don Cameron, Parliamentarian. No objections were voiced.

Ballots for Human Resource Panel and for WSC Co facilitators were passed out as roll call #10 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 99 participants present.

Ballots were collected as roll call #11 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 99 participants present.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) recessed the conference until Thursday at 9:00 a.m., with election results of Human Resource Panel and WSC Co-Facilitators to be posted when available.

### **Thursday, 30 April 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:10 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The daily passage from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" was read.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) announced the following election results. Human Resource Panel: Jeffrey S (Minnesota Region), Sonny J (Lone Star Region), and Tata M (Philippines Region). WSC Co-Facilitators: Vinnie F (Northern New York Region).

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened an informal discussion session in which participants offered suggestions regarding the fact that the Human Resource Panel and WSC Co-Facilitators positions did not receive their full complement in the previous day's elections. Ron then charged the WSC Policy Committee with the responsibility of returning later with suggestions about how to resolve the dilemma.

Tim B (Transition Group Chairperson) introduced the Resolution A workgroup: David J, Jane N, Saul A, and Susan B, who then gave a panel presentation on Resolution A. As adopted at WSC '96, it reads:

"To approve *in principle* a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:

1. to reduce the total number of representatives
2. to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and,
3. to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process."

David J gave an overview of the four models which the Transition Group had presented to the conference at WSC '97. He then reviewed WSC '97 participants' input from the small groups regarding their preferred models for now and the future. He also explained why that input prevented the Transition Group from moving forward with any specific recommendations on Resolution A, and he re-emphasized the need for grass roots support for whatever solution or activities might be proposed regarding Resolution A.

Frances M (RD, Ireland Region) requested a roll call to identify people who are in attendance due to the importance of this discussion. The request was approved by conference participants.

Roll call #12 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 102 participants present. 68 represents a 2/3 majority; 52 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions are present.

A discussion and comment period followed. Conference participants shared about the following subjects: providing information from workshops and forums to members; making Resolution A a priority; reducing the total number of representatives from the US; the cost of sending representatives to the conference; equality of representation; contradiction between saying we need to reduce the number of participants and continuing to seat more regions; concern about proliferation of US zones; a suggestion to make Resolution A the first project of the World Board; a request for a model in between 3 and 4; examining the possibility of different forms of representation for different parts of the world; a perception of being collectively "stuck" on this resolution; looking to non-US fellowships for ideas; a voice for zonal forums; a possible



decrease in the number of non-US participants as a result of zonal representation; working out details of new world service structure before downsizing; perceived contradictions in the TG report; holder of copyrights; the difficulty of communicating the "bigger picture" to our groups; a belief that Resolution A should have been implemented first; the necessity for 100% participation in a cost equalization plan; the difficult Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust issues in Model 4; the financial challenge of regional participation in world services; remembering to focus on getting addicts into meetings; remembering the functional goals of any proposed model for a downsized conference; the need to go slow and avoid reactionary decisions; recognizing the legitimacy of zonal forums; different stages of growth in different parts of the fellowship; the need to work together; delaying any cost equalization plans until the new world board is functional; illustrations of the need for a new system of representation; less representatives but more equality; and past attempts to secure funding for all members of conference committees and work groups.

After a lunch break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) called the meeting to order. The Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service were read.

The Development Forum presentation session began with Donna M (WSB Vice Chairperson) giving a brief history of the WSC Development Forum. She described the first International Development Forum from WSC '91, where the idea of funding international participants to the WSC first appeared. She described the history of that funding process, as well as some of the issues that have arisen out of Development Forum discussions over the years. She also described how the conference itself has changed as a result of some past Development Forum activities, citing Issue Discussion sessions and the joint H&I/PI panel presentation at WSC '98 as examples.

Larry R (WSB) shared the WSB's belief that the need for funding newly developing and isolated NA communities to participate in the conference will continue until the conference agrees upon a process of cost equalization. The WSB believes that preference should be given to non-US communities until the issue of whether or not to include NA regions and communities inside the US and North America is discussed more fully and resolved. He then outlined the original criteria for funding, including: 1) that prospective developing communities must have an established service committee; 2) there has never been a demonstrated ability to fund a representative to the WSC and; 3) the community is considered to be isolated or newly developing. Larry then described the difficulty in applying the criteria as written, and the following recommendations for revisions to the eligibility and selection criteria: 1) there must be an established service committee that serves the country or region, and 2) there is an inability to fund a representative to the WSC. He discussed the benefits of these efforts and the need for continuing the current practice of fellowship development trips as a necessary component of world level fellowship development activity.

Floyd B (WSB) discussed the board's belief that Fellowship Development is the responsibility of the conference as a whole. He then opened a discussion regarding participants' feeling about the board's revised funding criteria.

Donna M and Floyd B asked for comments on the following questions. Is there support for the practice of funding global participation in a global decision making process? Do we believe that, until the WSC makes decisions about subsidization, funding participants who cannot otherwise get here is a necessity? They also asked that all comments and input be submitted to the World Board in writing.

A question, comment, and input session followed. The following subjects were discussed: actual use of funds budgeted for the Development Forum; earmarking donations; continuation of the DF; applying DF funding criteria to NA communities inside and outside the United States;

open access to DF information by regions; and limiting the period of time for funding a region's participation.

At this point Garth P (WSB), Mary K. (WSB) and Michael M (WSB) gave a presentation on Fellowship Development. They defined Fellowship Development as those efforts and activities that support the growth of the fellowship so that every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life. Mary K (WSB) shared her observation that fellowship development means development everywhere, not just in non North American NA communities.

Several individuals shared their personal experience as long time conference participants. The following topics were included: divisive national issues at the WSC and frustration with "motion sickness" by non US participants in the late eighties; the positive effect of participation at WSC on NA development in their home regions; the dramatic effect of world service fellowship development trips in bringing information and experience to their NA communities; learning what a regional conscience is; the fulfillment and honor of participation in fellowship development trips; the importance of development activities to the entire fellowship; and the positive effects of WSO support with information and subsidized literature on maintaining enthusiasm in the face of many hardships.

Michael M (WSB) then asked for comments and input on the following questions: How can the conference facilitate fellowship development? As a conference, what are we doing or should we do to help our fellowships' development? He then opened the discussion to conference participants. Conference Participants shared about the following topics: helping developing communities with their own service structure; concern for self support as it relates to the funding criteria; regions sponsoring other regions; the need for funding global decision making; US communities that are not able to fund their own participation; increasing development trips for the purpose of helping new regions learn; more careful assessment of needs; the option of partial funding; concern for communities that haven't been included in the WSC yet; the value of all regions meeting together; the leadership responsibility of WSC and development trips as one way to fulfill it; the inspirational effects of development trips; understanding the needs of a developing community; translation of service material; the possibility of funding local participation in zonal forums, and a request for a sharing session in which delegates can ask for help and guidance..

Donna M (WSB Vice Chairperson) asked participants if there were any objections to continuing with funding participants to the WSC, or to making a fixed amount as a line item in the WSC budget. No objections to either of these ideas were voiced.

Donna M (WSB Vice Chairperson) also asked if there were any objections to the proposed modifications to the funding criteria. None were voiced, although Leah H (RD Alternate CP) asked for clarification of some of the terminology.

An informal poll revealed that conference participants favor the funding criteria being applicable to all countries, rather than excluding US and Canada.

Donna M (WSB Vice Chairperson) thanked all participants and closed the WSC Development Forum portion of the 1998 World Service Conference.

After a break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) reviewed the agenda for the day and asked for a report from the WSC Policy Committee.

Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson) described the committee's discussion about what to do for a process to finish elections. She talked about the options discussed. She reported the

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recommendation to have no new nominations and use the unseated current nominees for the HRP position and the Co facilitator position. The committee also recommends utilizing the single transferable vote system to insure a result.

Questions and discussion followed, resulting in the following motion: It was M/D David (RD Tennessee) "to accept the recommendation of the WSC Policy Committee on elections for the HRP and WSC Co Facilitator positions." Conference participants objected to entering a business session at this point and the MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Conference participants agreed to the chairpersons suggestion to have a separate standing vote on the HRP recommendation and the Co Facilitator recommendation from the WSC Policy Committee.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) presented the following question to conference participants: "to accept no new nominations and hold elections for unfilled seats for the Co-facilitator position utilizing single transfer vote system." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: YES-69; NO-15; ABSTENTIONS-3.

Ron S (WSC Chairperson) presented the following question to conference participants: "to accept no new nominations and hold elections for the unfilled seat for the HRP position utilizing single transfer vote system." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: YES-54; NO-31; ABSTENTIONS-3.

Confusion and a mixed understanding was expressed, resulting in the chairperson asking conference participants the following question: Do conference participants want to re-open the HRP elections? NO, FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE, YES-50; NO-33; ABSTENTIONS-5

The chairperson announced the following Motion #15 results for issue discussion topics at WSC 1999: 1) Improving fellowship communication, and 2) Resolution A.

After miscellaneous announcements, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) recessed the session for the day at 5:50 p.m.

### **Friday, 1 May 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:07 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The daily passage from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" was read.

Ballots for the WSC Co-Facilitator position were distributed to voting participants as roll call #13 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants present.

Ballots were collected as roll call #14 of voting participants was conducted by Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants present. 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions are present. For old business, 59 represents a 2/3 majority and 45 represents a simple majority.

The WSC Interim Committee report was given by Stu T (WSB Chairperson). Mary C-V (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) presented the budget proposal for CY '98-'99.

It was M/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee) "To adopt the 1998-1999 WSC Budget and Travel Reimbursement Policy." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

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AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F George C (RD, Chesapeake/Potomac Region)/Phillip C (RD, Region of the Virginians) Motion #124: "To take \$5,000 from orientation, \$10,000 for World Board, and \$10,000 from legal and accounting line items, to hold a world services meeting." AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Mike E (RD, Mid-Atlantic Region)/Steve M (RD, Freestate Region): "To drop everything from 'To' through 'items' and add '1998-99 conference year.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Diego (RD-Alternate, Ecuador Region)/Dana G (RD, Georgia Region) Motion #41: "That at least this year the WSC include in its budget \$150 to be used towards phone calls or letters with the purpose of maintaining communication with groups on the African continent." AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Diego (RD-Alternate, Ecuador Region)/Patrick D (RD-Alternate, Iowa Region) Motion #122 as a substitute for #41: That the World Board send a message to our fellowship suggesting that, during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 1998, all groups in the world pass one special 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket to collect money to be used by the WSC to carry our message of hope and promise of freedom to the addicts in the continent of Africa. SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Diego C (RD, Ecuador Region)/Dana G (RD, Georgia Region) Motion #42: "That the WSC include in its budget at least \$150 for the current year to establish contact via telephone or correspondence with isolated NA group communities that are in the initial stages of their development like Bolivia, Poland, Eastern Europe, Russia, Malaysia and Indonesia." AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Diego C (RD, Ecuador Region)/Paul C (RD, North East Atlantic Region) Motion #123 as a substitute for motion #42: "That the World Board send a message to our fellowship suggesting that, during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 1998, all the groups in the world pass one special 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket to collect money to be used by the WSC to finance the translations of our service guides and literature." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that no one was elected to the remaining WSC Co-Facilitator position.

It was M/S/F Nick K (RD, New England Region)/Louis R (RD, Eastern New York Region) Motion #125: "That when the World Board begins to consider projects it prioritizes the Convention Handbook Project that is outlined in the WCC 1997 Annual Report." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Wally I (RD-Alternate, South Florida Region)/Ron C (RD, Alabama/NW Florida Region) Motion #83: "To substitute for Motion 34: 'To table the following proposal to the world board for budgeting and timeline considerations: To assemble a panel consisting of one member from each zone to work together in guiding us through Resolution A. Further, the members will be selected by the individual zones The timeline for the world board to report to the conference would be loosely set for the conference year 2000, also changes to develop the proposal would be in order so long as the intent stays the same.'" MOTION WITHDRAWN, after the following:

It was M/S/C Emmanuel K (RD, France Region)/Ron B (RD, Australian Region) "to substitute motion #98 for #83": MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-50; NO-34.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) Ron B (RD, Australian Region) Motion #98: "To commit Resolution A to the World Board as an ongoing project. The World Board will report back to the 1999 WSC." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Pedro C (RD, Sweden Region)/Louie M (RD, Connecticut Region) "To change 1999 to 2000." AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Joe F (RD, San Diego/Imperial Region)/Sonny J (RD, Lone Star Region) Motion #112: "Add to *The NA Way Magazine* updated information on items that will be included in the next *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Barrington De La R (RD, UK Region)/Thomas D (RD, German Speaking Region) Motion #109: "To amend *Temporary Working Guide to Our World Service Structure* page 26, paragraph 2, by replacing ninety days with: 180 days. The sentence would now read: 'The *Conference Agenda Report* is distributed 180 days prior to the opening of the conference.'" MOTION WITHDRAWN with the consent of conference participants, after the following:

AMENDMENT: M/D Louie M (RD, Connecticut Region) "Add language to say 'beginning after CY '2000.'" AMENDMENT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Thomas D (RD, German Speaking Region)/Barrington De La R (RD, UK Region) Motion #110: "That the *Conference Agenda Report* should be fully translated into the six main languages (Swedish, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian) and distributed at the same time as the English version." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Jim C (RD-Alternate, Michigan Region)/Gene J (RD-Alternate, Wisconsin Region) Motion #121: "That the World Board and the Human Resource Panel present their internal guidelines for ratification at WSC '2000." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Stu T (WSC Interim Committee)/Michael M (WSB) Motion #126: "That all resumes submitted beginning in December 1997, that meet the minimum qualifications of five years clean time, be included in the World Pool." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Rogan A (WSO Board Chairperson) presented the WSO report. A question, answer, and comment period followed, covering the following topics: the coffee table book sales plans; *Step Working Guides* price and availability; Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust registrations in new countries; recommendations about executive codirectors for the WSO; 1997 balance sheet; cost of organizing the Jimmy K archival material; "collection letters" to fellowship customers; dedication of staff; recommendations from RG for an external performance audit at WSO; production cost for *The NA Way Magazine* and the need for a separate line item for this publication; list of licensed vendors; other aspects of the archive projects; future expenses associated with the archive material; public knowledge of compensation for WSO executive codirectors and other employees; language on the cover letter for the financial audits; full text of the report on WSO executive codirectors; sales policy changes and relationship with Hazelden, projected changes in human resources; and sales of "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" in French.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) asked conference participants to recognize and applaud Dee Price (WSO Receptionist) as she will be retiring after twelve years in May.

Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) reported that the website address will change effective 1 July 1998 to [www.na.org](http://www.na.org). He also talked about a secure services link (SSL) connection being established on the internet by the end of the year, the new WSO database and beta-testing

beginning around September, validation of links to the WSO website, marketing efforts at non-NA events and in the correctional setting.

Donald G (World Convention Corporation Chairperson) gave the WCC report and provided up-to-date information about the world convention in San Jose this year. A question and answer period followed, covering: cost of the entertainment at the upcoming convention, room availability, flyer distribution and design, and negotiations in Colombia.

It was M/S/C Barrington De La R (RSR, UK Region)/Michael M (WSB) Motion #119: "To amend TWGWSS page 31 under WS Translation Policy, section Personal Stories 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read as follows: 'The NA Basic Text is translated from English into other languages including the Queen's English, in such a way as to achieve the same purpose.'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #6 (see addendum), resulting in YES-97; NO-1; and ABSTENTIONS-1, after the following:

It was M/D Greg S (RD-Alternate, Show-Me Region): "to postpone Motion #119 to WSC '99." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/C Barrington De La R (RSR, UK Region)/Ron B (RSR, Australian Region) Motion #120: "To authorize the World Board to evaluate and approve proposals to produce fellowship approved literature in Queen's English version." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Sergio R (RD, Panama Region)/Emmanuel K (RD, France Region) Motion #97: "That the World Service Office mint anniversary medallions in Spanish." MOTION WITHDRAWN with consent of the conference. Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) agreed to investigate the idea.

It was M/S/W George C (RD, Chesapeake/Potomac Region)/Carolyn G (RD, Arizona Region) Motion #89: "That the WSO make available the early editions of (our) Basic Text, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition revised, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, and copies of the draft/working documents to such text(s) as an historical collection for purchase by individuals or groups." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

Stu T (WSB Chairperson) gave a report for the World Service Board of Trustees.

It was M/S/W John H (RD, Carolina Region)/Mary Kay B (WSB) Motion #105: "That the Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following Identity Statement as part of the Group Readings inventory item.

#### IDENTITY STATEMENT

In Narcotics Anonymous, we are presented with a dilemma. When NA members identify themselves as "addicts and alcoholics," "cross-addicted," or talk about living "clean and sober," the clarity of the NA message is blurred. To speak in this manner suggests that there are two diseases; that one drug is separate from the rest. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction between drugs. Our identification as addicts is all inclusive, allowing us to concentrate on our similarities, not our differences.

The above statement is offered in the spirit of NA unity. Please remember this request is not made in order to rule, censor or dictate behavior. We make this request in order to provide an atmosphere of recovery, where we can hear the simple, unconfusing, and life-saving message of Narcotics Anonymous."

After discussion, a challenge to the process, and a request for a ruling from Michael McD (WSB), Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER. Willie L (RD, Indiana) objected to the ruling, and John H (RD-Alternate, Wisconsin Region) suggested using TWGWSS, page 8, section C-2 as a method to determine if this motion should be sent to the groups. Then, MOTION WITHDRAWN with consent of conference participants.

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Ron S (WSC Chairperson) gave the WSC Administrative Committee report and announced deadlines for CAR motions, issue discussion papers, and regional reports.

It was M/S/F Ron S (WSC Administrative Committee)/Cindy M (RD-Alternate, California Mid-State Region) Motion #108: "To amend TWGWSS by deleting 'Temporary Working' from the title of our world service guide." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Carlos G (RD, Colorado Region)/Steve H (RD, Wisconsin Region) "To change the motion as follows: remove the word 'temporary' and keep the work 'working.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Steve D (RD-Alternate, Montana Region)/Frank H (RD, Kentuckiana Region) Motion #102: "That regional annual reports that are not received at the WSO by the March *Conference Report* deadline be included in the following *Conference Report*." MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Jimmy C (RD, Tejas Bluebonnet Region)/Steve D (RD, Montana Region) Motion #91: "That selection by the groups of issue discussion topics in the *Conference Agenda Report* become an on-going procedure of the World Service Conference." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Bartolomeu P (RD, Portugal Region)/Thomas D (RD, German Speaking Region) Motion #114: "That each zonal forum be allowed to seat a non-voting participant (excluding making and seconding motions) at WSC 99." (Bartolomeu clarified non-voting to mean the ability to speak but not make, second, or vote on motions.) MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/D Gary L (RD, OK Region) "To postpone Motion #114 until WSC '99." MOTION TO POSTPONE DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Ron B (RD, Australian Region) "Requested a roll call vote." Request FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

After miscellaneous announcements, Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson) recessed the meeting for the day at 6:15 p.m.

### **Saturday, 2 May 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Ron S, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1997-98, at 9:10 a.m. at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The daily passage from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" was read.

After several announcements, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) re-opened the WSC Administrative Committee business session.

It was M/S/F Sam G (RD, Central California Region)/Gordon C (RD, Northern California Region) Motion #113: "To amend the motion carried 5/29/96 in TWGWSS page 21, paragraph 1 by adding the following language: 'Additionally the World Board will provide the necessary assistance and information requested by the maker.'" MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #7 (see addendum), resulting in YES-40; NO-45; and ABSTENTIONS-8. The roll call vote showed 79 regions present.

It was M/S/C Tom F (RD, Southern Nevada Region)/Charlotte S (RD, Iowa Region) Motion #107: "To hold nominations and elections for any vacant seats on the World Board at WSC 1999. Nominations to be brought by WSC participants." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

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It was M/S/C Bartolomeu P (RD, Portugal Region)/Ron B (RD, Australian Region) Motion #115: "To have a space on the agenda at WSC 99 for a zonal forum report session." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Dean W (RSR, Upper Midwest Region)/Stu B (RSR, Northern New England Region) Motion #116: "That zonal forums have non-voting participant rights on Resolution A discussion only but not offer motions or seconds." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER, after the following:

AMENDMENT: Richard B (RD, Alsask Region) proposed the following friendly amendment "Change the wording to say 'one representative from each forum.'" Friendly amendment withdrawn after objections were voiced.

It was M/S/F Steve H (RD, Wisconsin Region)/Jim C (RD-Alternate, Michigan Region) Motion #118: "To amend WSC Co-Facilitators Guidelines, page 17 by:

- I. deleting 'Co-Facilitators' and replacing with "Facilitators'
- II. by adding the section 'Duties of the WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Facilitator:'
  - A. Assist the WSC Facilitator in presiding over the business meeting of the WSC
  - B. Communicate with the World Board as necessary in order to be prepared for the conference meeting.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Eddie E (World Services Translations Chairperson) introduced the committee and gave the translations committee report. Joe P (WSO board) described the translations process and outlined the projects and recommendations to be given to the World Board.

Lib E (WSC Policy Chairperson) introduced the members of the committee and gave the report for the policy committee, noting the items that the committee is passing on to the World Board.

It was M/S/F Donna W (RD-Alternate, Carolina Region)/Ken D (RD-Alternate, Region of the Virginians) Motion #94: "To replace the terms regional delegate (RD) and regional committee member (RCM) with the terms regional service representative (RSR) and area service representative (ASR) wherever they occur in our service literature." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Mike M (RD-Alternate, San Diego/Imperial Region)/Sonny J (RD, Lone Star Region) Motion #111: "That a region submitting a motion to the CAR be allowed a maximum of 250 words to explain the reasoning of their motion." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Brian K (RD-Alternate, Ontario Region) suggested "up to 100 word intent." Suggestion withdrawn after objections were voiced.

Craig R (WSC H&I Chairperson) gave the H&I committee report and introduced the members of the H&I committee.

After a lunch break, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) opened the session for the afternoon.

Erik R (WSC PI Chairperson) introduced the PI committee and gave the PI report.

It was M/S/F Mahipal C (RD, India)/Ron B (RD, Australian Region) Motion #103: "That the Just For Today video be designated: 'For professional use only.'" MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSCLC, gave the WSCLC report, and then answered questions.

It was M/S/F Wally I (RD-Alternate, South Florida Region)/Leah H (RD-Alternate,



Chesapeake/Potomac Region) Motion #100: "To add to *TWGWSS*, page 11 in the section on literature the following policy language: 'That all proposals for the creation of new literature shall be proposed through the *Conference Agenda Report*.'" MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/D Francine B (RD-Alternate, Quebec Region) "To add 'shall be reviewed and inputted and then' to Motion #100." AMENDMENT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/D Dana G (RD, Georgia Region) "To commit Motion #100 to the 1999 *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Leah H (RD-Alternate, Chesapeake/Potomac Region) requested a roll call vote. Request FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Jim H (RD, Upper Rocky Mountain Region)/Epharin W (RD, New Jersey Region) "To reconsider Motion #111." MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: YES-43; NO-30; ABSTENTIONS-3.

The authors of the Fund Flow issue papers that were mailed with the *Conference Agenda Report* were then asked to present highlights from their papers for discussion. Charles A (RD, Mountaineer Region), Vinnie F (presenting for Western New York Region), and Epharin W (RD, New Jersey Region) each shared for approximately ten minutes. Questions, comments, and personal experience followed, including the following topics: cost of refreshments at meetings, how a small area can play a part, following the model of one's sponsor, accountability, freedom to make our own decisions, remaining unencumbered by outside influences, survival of Narcotics Anonymous, stigma of talking about money, commitment to individual sharing at the group level, power of personal example, power of the lone voice, asking the "tough" questions during elections, ways of attracting people to discussions of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition subjects, the importance of staying aware of wasted funds, visible results of increased donations, passing on enthusiasm, basing budgets for subcommittees on seventh tradition donations, meeting needs vs. meeting wants, donating a fixed percentage of the group's revenue, donating for each year clean, donating as a way of making silent amends, the use of prudent reserves for worst case scenarios only, and "show-me" philosophies for the use of funds.

Twelve participants were nominated for the annual Mic-Hog Award. After two rounds of voting by applause, the award was presented with enthusiasm to Mike E (RD, Mid-Atlantic Region).

In recognition of the world service structure to be implemented as a result of conference actions this week, Ron S (WSC Chairperson) expressed his personal appreciation to all those trusted servants that will not be continuing in a world service position for their dedication and service.

Ron S gave "Certificates of Appreciation" for service to the chairperson of the Transition Group and each WSC board and committee for presentation to each person who will not be continuing in a world service position. All members of the Transition Group, each WSC board and each WSC committee were personally thanked by the respective chairperson and conference participants.

Conference participants thanked all members of the WSO staff, Don Cameron (Parliamentarian), Lazaro A (Translator) and Memo (Translator) for their services to the conference.

Ron S, (WSC Chairperson) adjourned the 1998 WSC meeting at 5:20 p.m.

*Note: Where appropriate, it is stated that a motion or amendment "carried by 2/3 majority" or "failed for lack of 2/3 majority" vote. The record shows "carried" or "failed" to denote a simple majority vote.*

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