

Bob B. called the meeting to order.

Bob B. passed out rough draft copies of a Narcotics Anonymous Articles of Association, which he had prepared for consideration by the Board. Such Articles of Association are required by the Internal Revenue Service of The World Service Office of N.A. to receive non-profit organization status.

Bob said that the IRS rejected our tax return for 1972, due to lack of non-profit organization status. Bob and Marge D. (Jack's wife, who is keeping the W.S.O. books) had also filed to obtain Workmen's Compensation, as we need insurance to absolve the individual board members from legal liability. Also we are trying to get a tax free permit - but we can't do so without articles of either association or incorporation.

Carl B. had obtained the information needed for Articles of Association, and Bob used this to prepare a rough draft for Board approval.

Bill B. requested that this be a formal meeting, with all questions answered, before any agreement on the draft.

Carl stated that the name we use must conform on all legal documents. It can't be N.A. Association in one place, N.A. World Service Organization in another if we are dealing with one organization.

Carl also stated that we have to get the Articles in to IRS right away, so as to obtain exempt status. The organization wasn't set up properly in the first place, from a legal point of view, for such exempt status application. Now we have to correct the formal legal structure. Carl added that we don't have a tax number yet, because of the above problems.

Bill asked if we couldn't give subsistence or sustenance rather than money to our office workers, so as to avoid having to pay tax.

Carl said that we have already submitted a statement to IRS and can't back out now, or change our story, without trouble.

Ed asked how this involvement with Internue Revenue got started without prior submittal to the Board of Trustees.

Bob said that Marge D. had obtained this information from IRS. He suggested we become familiar with the AA manuals on this subject.

Bill B. made a motion that we give money to our office worker as susteneance, not as wages, and defer this issue until later; and that in the meantime we form a committee to study the issues; also that we inform IRS that we don't have a salaried employee but a person drawing expenses.

Jimmy K. pointed out that we're responsible regardless, as things are. We're personally liable now. We're talking about N.A. Central Office. We're talking about what we are or aren't responsible for.

Bill suggested we buy a liability policy to get us off the hook.

Carl said that Bob had authorized Marge to file an income tax return for N.A. World Service Office. This return shows an office employee, and our assets and expenses. Carl said he didn't know this return had been filed until after it was rejected with a request for more information.

An argument developed over the present N.A. By-Laws. These were written before WSO was formed, and applied to GSO. Are they applicable for WSO use, or are they for GSO only? Could they be submitted to IRS?

Dorothy G. wanted to know why the By-Laws can't be for all of N.A., rather than just "Southern California Region," as stated on them.

Ed M. called the question on Bill's motion.

Mel H. said he is opposed to putting the matter out to committee. He thinks 2 or 3 people should go settle it with IRS, etc.

Carl said that, as an attorney not practicing corporate law as a specialty, he's not sure what needs to be done.

Ed said he doesn't want to become a part of an organization covered by By-Laws that don't apply. Can't we get a time extension from IRS to come up with something more suitable?

Ed M. proposed an amendment to motion by Bill B., moving that we appoint a committee of 1 or 2 to go to the IRS and ask for clarification and time extension so that we can properly amend the By-Laws and prepare any other documents needed.

Bill B. accepted the amendment.

Jimmy K stated that there is an old set of general N.A. by-laws, and that he has the original copy at home.

Carl thought these may be sufficient, if submitted with Articles of Association.

Bill B. moved to add an addendum to his motion (and Ed's amendment.), to state that we have a committee of at least 3 members to sit down and make up by-laws, articles, etc. - whatever is needed - and bring it to the next meeting.

Ed M. called the question.

The motion was passed, with amendment and addendum. A committee will go to IRS and ask for clarification and time extension as needed, and a committee will make by-laws, articles, ~~and any~~ and/or any other needed documentation.

Bob and Bill will form a committee to go to the IRS to find out what is required. Carl also volunteered to go to IRS with them.

Bill volunteered to work on research for by-laws and any other papers needed. Jimmy will furnish the material he has, and do what he can.

Carl said we need legal expertise - someone specializing in Corporate Law. He suggested we consult Bruce, in AA, who has the background and has offered to help. Carl will call Bruce.

#### Agenda

Bob brought up committees of responsibilities. Trustees are keepers of traditions and chairmen of committees.

Ed brought up old business. Said there was a motion made last Board meeting to elect a new chairman for the Board at this meeting.

Bill moved to table this election. Moved that we have nominations first, at the next meeting, and the election at the following meeting, with prior notification to all trustees. Mel seconded.

Mari proposed an amendment that both nominations and election be at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion passed.

Discussion as to formation of committees of responsibilities. Chairmen will be: Finance - Carl (with Mari to assist); Public Relations - Ed (Bill will assist); Office - Bob; Publications - Jimmy; Organization - Mel.

Next regular meeting was set for July 11th. If a special meeting is needed, people will be notified. Meeting adjourned.