

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Board of Trustee Meeting: Aug. 4, 1978

CHAIRMAN: *Greg Pierce*

ATTENDANCE: *Chuck Skinner, Bill Beck, Bob Barrett, Jimmy Kinmon, Mel Hellman*

ABSENT: *Cliff Kraft, Sylvia Magdaleno, Gloria Coleman, Dennis McGaughran, Carl Baggett.*

The minutes of the last meeting (Feb. 4, 1978) were read. It was mentioned that Carl Baggett's name had been omitted from the absent list. The minutes were corrected and accepted as corrected.

The following reports or items of information were presented:

1.) World Service Office report

- a) Current Balance (8/1/78) - \$426.83*
- b) Receivables about \$700.00*
- c) Inventory about \$900.00*
- d) Problem with Recovery Center, Inc. is resolved.*
- e) German translation is complete*
- f) Tax exempt status is complete*
- g) World Directory is 50% done.*
- h) Increased volumn of work has really cut into time available and in-coming mail has increased 100% in the last 6 months.*

The following items of Old Business were discussed:

- 1.) World Service Conference - Occurred as scheduled April 1st & 2nd. A general discussion on the Conference took place.*
- 2.) Group Representation Problem - This topic was again brought up and it was felt that the problem had been resolved.*
- 3.) The topic of the Region-wide project to send people to the Houston convention was discussed and it was felt that the problem had been resolved. The consensus of the Board was that; although such projects were appropriate for an*

individual group or even two or three groups together, if such action on an outside issue became a project at a Regional level (or perhaps even at the level of a large Area) it tended to become a "cause" and therefore could be a violation of our sixth tradition.

- 4.) The letter format and documentation format which were pending from our last meeting have been resolved, and these formats were incorporated into the final draft of our Trustee Guidelines.*

The following topics were considered as New Business:

- 1.) A problem which had been observed in many of our Southern California meetings was discussed. In many ways, it seems we have not kept up with the rapid expansion in this region. Many of the Group Officers who are currently serving the groups are almost totally untrained, general qualifications for electing officers have often been ignored, communication between groups has deteriorated. It was discussed that when the N.A. Tree study groups were being held and people were becoming educated, our groups and their officers became strong. It was felt that this is one of the factors which has contributed to our growth. Since that time, it seems that interest and expertise among group officers has declined. It was mentioned that the descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities in our starter kit, complete group kit, N.A. Tree, and more recent service structure work have remained fairly consistent. It was decided that a letter should be written to each registered Area Committee urging them to initiate a training program for their group officers.*

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on November 4, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. at:

*14673 Hawes Street
Whittier, California 90604
Phone: 213/944-2983*

The following action should be taken prior to that meeting:

- 1.) A letter concerning group officer training should be drafted and sent to each area committee.*
- 2.) Consider possible officers for next year.*

The following items will be discussed as part of the agenda for that meeting:

- 1.) Election of Officers*
- 2.) Trustee participation and activity*
- 3.) The World Convention*