

The meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M.

Those attending: Chuck S., Cliff C., Sally E., Carl B., Bob B., Chuck G., and David C. Minutes from the Trustees meeting of Nov. 14, 1981 were read and approved.

Letters of resignation from the board from Dennis M. and Mel. H were read and voted on and unanimously accepted.

Letters requesting acceptance as members to the Board of Trustees from David C. of Calif. and James N. of Nebraska were read, voted on, and unanimously approved. Jack B. of Calif. was also nominated and unanimously accepted as a member of the Board of Trustees.

A letter was read from a member of the WCNA 12 with several questions for the Board, the Board's responses to these questions were as follows: 1. A convention is a celebration, and is supported by participants and attendants, not N.A. as a whole. 2. Conventions are obliged to adhere to the traditions of N.A. 3. The method to facilitate a convention financially is to make available pre-registration forms with a space available on the form to register a newcomer should the individual so choose. 4. Fund raising functions cannot be titled "Narcotics Anonymous", and use of the resultant funds is up to the committee organizing the function. All committees must adhere to Tradition 9.

A letter was read from the World Convention Committee in Milwaukee. In response it was the Board's opinion that soliciting funds from the N.A. fellowship for a convention was a break in the Traditions. A vote was taken regarding the use of the name Narcotics Anonymous as a return address on the outside of envelopes, and it was agreed that this too is a break in Traditions.

A letter was read from a Florida N.A. member. In response it was the Board's opinion that it is a violation of Traditions for any A.A. speakers, A.A. announcements, or any literature other than N.A. approved literature to be used in an N.A. meeting. This is in keeping with Tradition 6.

A letter was read from the wife of an N.A. member. It was regarding the use of her husbands full name and address on N.A. letterhead. The Board's response was that yes, very regretfully, this was a break in the traditions and that hopefully at the next World Service Conference this matter will be corrected so that it will never happen again.

A letter from an N.A. member was read regarding difficulties in communication and assistance from the World Service Office. It was agreed that a sub-committee headed by Sally E. would write a letter requesting input regarding the W.S.O. and the Board of Trustees, that will be sent out to the fellowship worldwide. The response to this letter will then be evaluated by this committee.

A letter from the W.S.C. Chairman was received requesting the W.S.C. be extended by two days due to the large amount of business. A vote will be taken, voting forms and a copy of the letter were given to each of the trustees.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the W.S.C. The time will be announced at a later date.

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UNITY THROUGH SERVICE

February 19, 1982

A Quarterly Meeting of the World Service Board of Trustees was held on Feb. 13, 1982. Three separate input pieces, of widely divergent viewpoints, concerning the World Service Office for Narcotics Anonymous were received from the Fellowship and reviewed.

Due to the discussion and review of the recent proposed Revision to our Service Structure Manual throughout N. A. and the input received by the Board of Trustees, it has been decided to conduct a study concerning the relationship between WSO and the Fellowship world-wide. We also would like to take this opportunity to look at our relationship to the Fellowship, so a special Sub-committee has been formed with these purposes as its goal.

We are asking you the Membership to assist this Sub-committee by providing any written input, thoughts, feelings, and recommendations that you may have regarding either the WSO, The World Service Board of Trustees or both of these Service Branches of Narcotics Anonymous.

All input received will be reviewed, edited and compiled into a comprehensive, non-judgemental report as unbiased as this special Sub-committee is able to produce. The Trustees will review the report at a special meeting of the Board for the purpose of including any positive recommendations.

We ask that you promptly send any input, as we are working on a tight time schedule and hope to have a complete report including any possible recommendations, available to the Fellowship prior to the WSC Conference to be held in Santa Monica, California May 5th thru 9th.

Yours In Service,

World Service
Board of Trustees

Send input NOW, To: Sub-committee Study
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THE FOLLOWING INPUT ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM W.S.C. SUB-COMMITTEES, REGIONS/AREAS/STATES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR FELLOWSHIP REPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION AMONG YOUR GROUPS AND MEMBERS. THE ADDRESSING OF THESE ISSUES AT THE LOCAL FELLOWSHIP LEVEL MAY HELP TO PREPARE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO BETTER CARRY YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE*****

- I. That only RSR's and State Reps. be defined as voting participants (members) of W.S.C.
- II. Area and State Representatives not represented by an RSR will qualify by describing the membership from which they were elected and entrusted with carrying their constituents group conscience to the W.S.C.
- III. Letter submitted expressing concern over lack of clarification for obtaining group conscience of WSC participants. Reads as follows:

WSC Administration Committee;
The ballot attached to this letter is sent in protest to the proposed extension of WSC 1982 with the following explanations:

 1. We feel that there is no existing provisions in the guidelines for such polling of conference participants outside of the Conference itself.
 2. That the Regional "participants" of the WSC 1982 do not become participants until the commencement of WSC 1982. At such time verification of credentials can be confirmed.
 - a. Those participants of WSC 82 (one) would not be the current duly elected delegated qualified as participants of WSC 82.
 - b. That the WSC 82 Administration Committee Subcommittee Chairperson, W.S.B. of Trustees, and W.S.O., Manager, does not constitute an established quorum of the Conference.
 3. That the total number of participants of the W.S.C. cannot be established until the opening of WSC 82 itself. Therefore a 2/3 majority to amend current guidelines cannot be established until WSC 82 opens.
- IV. Recommended that the following statement be included in the forward of our directory. The World Directory is a confidential publication to be used for the purposes of N.A. only in complete abidance with the Twelve Traditions. To safeguard anonymity, it may not be used for solicitation in any form by any individual, N.A. member or Group or by any outside organization. The World Directory is to only be used for refferal purposes.

V. (1) We recommend that the WSC at the scheduled annual meeting to be held in Santa Monica in May of 1982 issue the following directives to the Board of Directory of our World Service Office, Inc. to act upon (p.22, 2&3) the described process of charge to insure that which was freely given to each of us remains available to the newcomer and old timer alike. (p.5)

The existing Board Commence the process necessary to acheive representation on the Board of Directory of WSO Inc. of the unincorporated association known as the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

(2) That process will include the following action and time table

I. Ammendment of the by laws, within three (3) months of the close of that Conference, to include expansion of the Board of Directory in number to eleven (11) members.

- A. Those members to consist of five (5) of the existing members and six (6) additional members to be selected from those determined as eligible for nomination
 - 1. Elegibility will be determined by the following requirements:
 - a. A Committment to service as demonstrated by experience working as a member of N.A. Service Committees and contribution to the continuation and growth of the Fellowship.
 - b. Willingness to serve as an active member.
 - c. The time and resources necessary for active Board participation
 - d. A minimum of five (5) years of continous abstinence from all mind altering and mood changing chemicals.
 - e. A good working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and the 12 Traditions.
 - f. The Approval of the majority of the WSC participants.
 - 2. The Board will not have a preponderance of members from any one geographical area or region.
- B. The Board may not consider a nominee as eligible unless that nominee meets All requirements for eligability, except when that Board obtains approval from 100% of the Board members, this vote must be obtained at a meeting of the Board with all members in attendance.
- C. The term of office is to be limited to 5 years. Re-election of an existing member will be considered if that member is determined to be eligible.
 - 1. The existing Board members (Limit - not to exceed five (5) members) and those added through this expansion process will draw lots to determine length of term. i.e.
 - 3 members will serve for 1 year
 - 2 members will serve for 2 years
 - 2 members will serve for 3 years
 - 2 members will serve for 4 years
 - 2 members will serve for 5 yearsEach year the Board will elect or re-elect the necessary number of members, to obtain a full compliment, from the list of those elegeable for nomination. The initial list will be provided by the WSC during the Conference in May of 1982 and a subsequent list will be provided each year thereafter.

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- D. Replacement of deceased or resigned members of the Board will adhere to the above mentioned procedure.
- (3) The full compliment of the Board of Directors as described in Item A. is to be acomplished no later than three (3) months following the close of the 1982 WSC.

Through this process and its time table we hope to maintain the UNITY which will have our Fellowship survive for your son, his daughter, and her son, etc.

VI. That the Proposed revision of the 3rd Edition of Service Manual be considered and voted on at 82 WSC as follows:

- Item #1. All material except:
Page 12 IV-6
Page 20-21 #6
Page 21 B thru page 23 #7

- Item #2. All material listed above and any other suggestions for restructuring our World Service Office re: 2nd and 9th Traditions.

Recent activities of WSO, Inc. including propaganda, posing as communication, self appointed Board of Directors and irresponsible business practices violates our 1st, 2nd and 9th Traditions.

Proposal: WSC disenfranchise WSO, Inc. and create a new service center administered by a Board of Directors elected by WSC.

Proposal: That all conference approved literature be published by N.A. and all copyrights on conference approved literature be controlled by the group conscience of our Fellowship. Because: If WSO, Inc. is an outside issue at our WSC then C.A.R.E.N.A. is an outside enterprise and every N.A. group is violating our 6th Tradition by using our existing literature.

* Only by acting as our own publisher can N.A. insure that our proven program of recovery is not adulterated by well meaning but unrepresentative individuals or corporations.

Proposal: "Official" meetings of WSC be defined as:

1. Quarum = 2/5th of participants
2. All known participants notified 90 days in advance of planned meeting
3. "Single issue" meetings (e.g., approval of new literature) may be held by means of registered mail.

That is: New literature could become conference approved by being sent out to Fellowship for a vote by R.S.R.'s etc. which would be collected and counted by WSC chair 90 days later instead of waiting till the next conference.

Subject: N.A. Unity thru communication

Proposal: WSC form a sub-committee to administer the publishing of a monthly magazine on recovery from addiction the N.A. way.

Subject: Our primary purpose

Proposal: That WSC P.I. committee in co-operation with WSB begin to actively encourage the medical, psyciatric and treatment community to understand and accept that addiction is a disease and that recovery from the disease of addiction is available thru N.A. This would seem to require national media coverage and contact with A.M.A.

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Further input reads as follows: W.S.C. Input for P.I. Sub-committee and P. I. Kit revision. The purpose of Public Information Committees is to inform the public of what N.A. offers: Recovery from the disease of addiction and make the public aware of how, when, and where we are available is a large part of our primary purpose.

These suggestions are our experience: effective methods to carry our message to addicts we might not otherwise reach.

- I. What can I do? How any member can help.
 - a. Ask for help: form a P.I. committee in your group, locality, or A.S.C.
 - b. Study the Traditions
 - c. Personal contact with professionals, and referral agencies
(insert sample letter)
 - d. Post announcements
(insert samples)
- II. What can our group do? Community awareness meetings.
 - a. Ask for help: form an A.S.C. with a P.I. sub-committee
 - b. Discuss the Traditions
 - c. Plan the meeting and inform the people who you would like to attend
 - d. Write a format and get qualified speakers
 - e. Follow through, Guest book, compile list and follow up.
- III. Using the media
 - a. "throw aways" samples
 - b. Newspapers
 1. PSA's
 2. Paid advertisement
 3. articles
 - c. Radio sample PSA's and paid advertisements
 - d. television
- I. What can I do? How any member can help inform the public about N.A.

Do not use your last name. We are an Anonymous Fellowship disclosing our personal identities publicly violates the spirit of all of our Traditions and discourages addicts from seeking recovery.

At your group business meeting or Area Service Committee Meeting discuss these guidelines with other members interested in helping to carry our message outside of the Fellowship. Divide the work into teams of two and complete the most basic projects first.

Draft a letter appropriately introducing N.A. to local Judges, Clergymen, psychiatrists and heads of local counseling, substance abuse, crisis intervention, and other agencies referring addicts who might seek recovery. After sufficient time has passed for these people to have received the letter, phone them in order to set up an appointment. We often provide these people with some literature and meeting lists so that they may refer addicts to N.A. We also invite them to our community awareness meetings. The following letter is a sample of what can be effective.

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Dear _____

This is to inform you that we now have a Narcotics Anonymous meeting here in _____ The N.A. program offers recovery from drug addiction. Many thousands of addicts have stopped using drugs, lost the desire to use them and found a new way to live through our program. If you know of someone with a drug problem who wants help or have any questions please call me.

Sincerely,

_____ (first name)

_____ (telephone)

Posting announcements of our local meetings in public places that addicts frequently go to can allow someone to come directly to N.A. seeking recovery.

This is a sample of an effective meeting announcement that can be hand printed on a 3½ X 5 index card or 8½ X 10 sheet of paper.

DRUG PROBLEM

Narcotics Anonymous may be able to help. . .
We meet every week at 8:30 pm in the basement
of St. Jacob's Church 3 miles north of town

There is no cost. We are under no surveillance

- VII. As our Groups, Area and Regional Service Committees do, (as funds are available) I would like to recommend that the W.S.C. adopt a policy (and so state in our Service Manual) to provide funds (as available) for travel expenses incurred by all trusted servants in performing the necessary services required at the World Service level, in that the invaluable resource of many willing addicts world wide, might other-wise be excluded.
- . . . Lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose. (A different view!)
- VIII. How does the Fellowship want the Literature Sub-Committee to serve them for the up-coming year?
- IX. Do not make language so big and complicated that the newer recovering addict can't understand and comprehend. Stay away from double talk. I believe the majority of the revisions allow for better communication and unity.

- X. In an attempt to (1) reinforce our service structure, (2) be more explicit about a procedure that is proving itself effective and to inform our Fellowship of the simple, yet effective fund flow described in part by a letter prepared and distributed by the WSC Finance Committee in 1981.

I recomend that the following "Suggested Fund Flow be included in our Service Manual under the section titled "Group" sub title TREASURER. . . (B). . .

Starting with line 14

After paying its bills any remaining fund should be placed in a group bank account and a reserve adequate to run the group for one or two months. After this "prudent reserve" has been established, all excess funds should be diverted to the Area Service Committee. The A.S.C. will, after meeting it's obligations, determine a "prudent reserve" and forward the balance of it's funds to the Regional Service Committee. The Regional Service Committee will follow suit and send the remainder of it's funds on to the World Service Conference. The W.S.C. will, after meeting it's obligations, determine a "prudent reserve" and give the balance to W.S.O. Where there is no A.S.C. a group should send their funds to the R.S.C. Where there may be no A.S.C. or R.S.C. the group should send the funds on to the W.S.C.

I also recommend that the applicable portion of this process be re-stated in each of the following sections of our Service Manual:

A.S.C. TREASURER

R.S.C. TREASURER

W.S.C. TREASURER

- XI. Proposed revision of the Third Edition of our Service Manual specifically pertaining to Page 15, I, item 2. "The site of the next conference is set at each W.S.C. Conference" I can not tell whether The Site in this statement is referring to close proximity to the W.S.O. or if The Site is referring to any site in the world. If it is referring to any place other than a close proximity to the office, I would disagree. I feel, if for no other reason than our stability, we need to have our service conference and our office in the same location every year. The Service Conference, unlike our conventions, are not celebrations but are conferences pertaining to the business of N.A. So many of our present problems are a direct result of competition between the different service arms, regions and personalities. The added competitiveness of different areas seeking to obtain the next conference for their own areas are un-necessary. The idea of a nomadic conference would make this member feel very uneasy about the future of N.A. business. We need the stability of knowing where we have been, where we are now and where we will be in the future.

- XII. We, as a group, would like to see the word, "recovered", stricken from all N.A. literature. This word could be replaced with the word "recovering". We refer to the inference that we, as addicts, have "recovered".

We object to the word "honest" in the 3rd Tradition also, because which one of us was honest when we first came to.

- XIII. I just received your "World Service Fellowship Report"; Congratulations and Thank you. It is a great idea and we need it up here in the "boonies", our service tree is non-existent after the group.-----Business-----Traditions

If I am not mistaken there is no approved literature on the 12 Traditions. I personally feel and know what they mean, but my group steering committee doesn't know shit about Traditions. I need something N.A. Approved that can back me up in my arguments. I always get out-voted (I am GSR) on the issue of whether to have A.A. announcements at our N.A. meetings. I know they should be kept out of our meetings, but if I could show them something approved it would help. This is a real urgent matter for all the groups in our area. A.A. and N.A. cannot be molded like that. The N.A. Big Book contains Traditions, but that won't be approved for awhile. I see an immediate need for a simple outline of the Traditions to be approved and therefore used by N.A. groups all over the world. Without the Traditions, the Group fails; without the Group, the addict dies!

- XIV. Proposed Service Manual: Page 24. . .Who approves the guidelines for the new sub-committee before it is presented to the WSC conference for approval? I feel that some clarity is needed.
- XV. Proposed Service Structure - WS Committee - Sections 1-VIII (pgs. 15-25)
No where could I nor anyone else in the mini-conference workshop I was chairing find the definition of a quorum for the Conference. We realize that the WSO-SC has a quorum of 4/5th and that a special session requires 3/4ths of participants of last conference, but what a quorum say to conduct business on the 3rd day of a 5 day conference. Clarify please.
- XVI. Proposed Service Manual - World Service Committee - VII Special Sessions of WSCC (p. 25). It is not stated clearly, nor explained by the four things listed to be in the letter, whether we are speaking about a letter from WSC Chair to Regions or from Regions to Chair. It needs clarification.
- XVII. Please place the attachment material as input into the 1982 WSC. Thanks. It deals with some issues concerning the Approval Form Book of N.A. The most major issue being "Responsibility for Recovery."
This is early input is sent because the very first "Review Material" for the suggested N.A. Book was also in need of improvement. Gratefully, at that time, the N.A. Fellowship saw the need for improvementalso, despite the suggestion by the N.A. Literature Committee personnel that now is the time, "We need our book now."
While this input isn't suggesting any major revisions, it does suggest the need to deal with some real issues between now (the WSC) and the actual publication of the N.A. Book.
Waiting two years for a revision will not deal with the issues needing addressing. Somehow, once things get into print, they become mystified into law. The improvements are really a decision on our part of the validity of "We can do what I can't" as the development of a Higher Power and one addict talking to another addict suggests or some recovery house formula.

XVIII. Dear Fellowship, A simple way to deal with the issue of "Responsibility in Recovery" is changing the emphasis or focus to PARTICIPATION. We can do this by inserting in place of the disturbing lines about "Responsibility for Recovery" something along these lines: We participated in drug addiction regardless of the moral issue as to who's responsible for it --now let's participate in our recovery. The real root of recovery is participation. Responsibility is a symptom. Participate by staying clean. Participate by going to meetings. Participate by talking with members of N.A., participate by sharing the program with newcomers and participate by applying the 12 Steps to our lives. "We're not bad people getting responsible; we're sick people getting participation in our recovery." Who's responsible for our disease or who's responsible for our recovery doesn't matter--what does is who's participating in recovery and how to do it. (Please address this issue in terms of PARTICIPATION rather than responsibility. Thanks. In Clean and Serene Service and Faith. Love Y'ALL)

XIX. Input to Finance Sub-Committee: There needs to be a thorough study of money by the Finance Sub-Committee. That incoming funds relating to Group, Area and Regional Donations as well as funds from sale of N.A. literature, N.A. Service supplies and all other items bearing the N.A. Logo and WSC N.A. approval be considered as subject to the control and directives of N.A. as a whole as represented by the N.A. Service Structure through W.S.C. of N.A. Disbursement of funds to be along guidelines established and approved by the W.S.C. N.A. and allowance made for assuring the N.A. Fellowship that N.A. funds inure to the benefit of addicts seeking recovery in all cases.

Further, that methods of accountability be reviewed in accord with our continuing growth to make sure no committee or sub-committee need ever withhold information that would indicate a need for help but let honest needs and open-handedness prevail.

This input specifically addresses the confusion surrounding our W.S.O., Inc. which is totally dependent on the goodwill and support of our Fellowship and should never again be considered an outside issue with problems of money, power and prestige diverting us from our primary purpose of helping addicts seeking recovery from our N.A. Service Structure. The Office is and has been a part of N.A. since the beginning.

XX. Input Policy: That the N.A. name never be lent to any related facility or outside enterprise ever again. Because the goals and objectives of any outside entity, corporation or whatever inevitably comes into conflict with our Traditions.

XXI. Existing members of the Board of Trustees be reaffirmed and voted on each year at the W.S.C. by the voting participants. In the future the Board of Trustees not consist of a majority of members from any particular geographical area or region. Since the primary purpose of the Board of Trustees is that of an advisory board and they do not represent individually or collectively a group conscious per se, that they no longer be voting participants at the Conference. Candidates eligible for the Board of Trustees be nominated and voted on at the Conference each year.