

FOR: FELLOWSHIP REPORT

FROM: Robert B. Stone, reporting for the Ad Hoc Committee appointed at the 1983 WSO to report on matters related to WSO use of CARENA and the relationship of WSO to CARENA

The Committee had one meeting during the conference and a short report was presented on May 8, 1983. That report simply contained a list of items for which information was not then available and directed that I research those items and report to the Fellowship within 60 days. The report has been delayed because the information upon which a complete report should be based, was not available. The information is still not available, but this report is prepared for inclusion in the Fellowship report as a progress report.

After review of every letter, report and the minutes of the WSO that are in the office of WSO and after requesting any and all minutes of meetings that are not in the office currently, this interim report is presented. These findings are based on the information that is available.

1. There does not appear in the Minutes of WSO any specific reference to the creation of an entity known as C.A.R.E.N.A. It may have occurred at a meeting of WSO, but the Minutes available to us at the WSO do not reflect it.
2. There are no letters or documents other than noted below that make any reference of a relationship between WSO and C.A.R.E.N.A.
3. There was a notice filed with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder that World Service Office, Inc. would conduct business under the name C.A.R.E.N.A (File Number 78-17397). This was filed on April 21, 1978 and then again on June 14, 1982 (File Number 82-29057).
4. There is no agreement between WSO and C.A.R.E.N.A that conveys or enters into a relationship to C.A.R.E.N.A that would convey any of the assets or properties of WSO.
5. Most of the publications printed and distributed by WSO, Inc. have been registered with the Federal Office of Copyright as publications of C.A.R.E.N.A. and not as WSO or World Service Office. Copies of these registrations are available upon request from the Office of Copyrights.
6. The effect of the WSO filing the notice of doing business as C.A.R.E.N.A. is that no other person, organization or corporation may conduct business under the name C.A.R.E.N.A. or use the name C.A.R.E.N.A. without a contract or agreement from WSO, Inc. WSO, Inc. owns the use of the name C.A.R.E.N.A. In this manner every use by WSO of the name C.A.R.E.N.A. is in fact a use of the legal extension of the name World Service Office, Inc.

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It is my opinion, based on the research material available to me and the knowledge of law and business practice known to me at this time, the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous through the operation of the World Service Office, Inc. does own, control and have exclusive use and benefit of any and every publication made and/or distributed under the title C.A.R.E.N.A.

The fact that I have been unable to find in the Minutes of the WSO meetings during the year the first registration was accomplished any reference to an authorization to file such notice, does not make such action void or voidable. It does not injure or harm the control of C.A.R.E.N.A by WSO. It only indicates that it might not have been recorded in the minutes, or that the decision to take this action was not thought important enough to take to the Board of WSO for a decision.

From the lack of detail in the Minutes of meetings of WSO in 1977/78 it appears that many routine business decisions were made between Board meetings on the basis that the Board members were in constant contact and many decision were made informally.

CONCLUSION: Based on the information available to me at this time, I believe the Fellowship and it's publications are protected while they are published under the name C.A.R.E.N.A. That C.A.R.E.N.A is the property of WSO, Inc. and continued filings by WSO, Inc., that they intend to do business as C.A.R.E.N.A. will continue to control this second name for World Service Office, Inc.

A copy of the 1982 refiling is attached for your information. The California Law concerning use of fictitious business names is that these filing are required every five years or more often at the pleasure of such business.

Yours in service to NA


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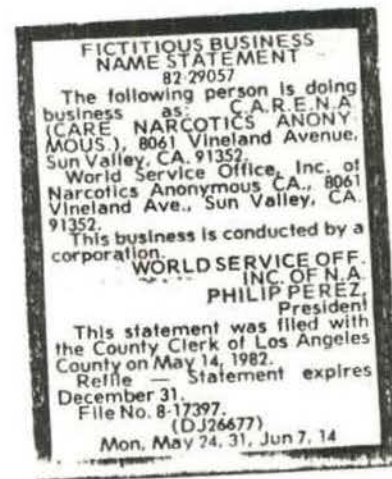
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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Los Angeles; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of THE LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL, a daily newspaper printed and published in the English language in the City of Los Angeles, and adjudged a newspaper of general circulation as defined by the laws of the State of California by the Superior Court of County of Los Angeles, State of California, under date of June 5, 1952, Case No. 599,382. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:



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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Handwritten signature: C. Bramble

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