

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT

WSC-87

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome all World Service Conference participants and observers. At this time, I will ask all members of the Board of Trustees to please stand:

Jack Bernstein from California, Chairperson
Bob Rehmar from California, Vice-Chairperson
Dutch Huber from New Jersey
Mike Bohan from Virginia
Bo Sewell from Georgia
John Farrell from Pennsylvania
James Drinkwater from Canada
Sally Evans from California
Sydney Rosen from California
Bob Barret from California
Tom McCall from Hawaii

The Board of Trustees has operated with twelve members for the past conference year, until February 1987. Gerry Synold, one of our non-addict members elected in 1985, resigned due to job-related and personal obligations which prevented him from fulfilling his responsibilities on the Board.

Mike Bohan and myself were both elected in 1982 and reaffirmed in 1983. Our terms expire at the end of this meeting of the World Service Conference. As a result of the resignation and two expired terms, there will be six vacant positions on the Board of Trustees.

At our February meeting, the members of the Board of Trustees decided to make the following recommendations for consideration by WSC-87;

1. All vacant positions on the Board of Trustees be filled at WSC-87, bringing membership to the full compliment of fifteen members as provided for in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure.
2. At least two non-addict positions be provided. If these cannot be filled, they could be held open until it is possible to fill them. The Fellowship could recommend prospective non-addict candidates directly to the Board of Trustees. In the past, the Board of Trustees has interviewed the non-addict candidates, and we suggest continuation of this process.
3. The number of female trustees be increased.

There were four regular meetings of the Board of Trustees, held in May, August, November, and February. We also met in December 1986 for the purpose of finalizing the work of the ad-hoc committees.

The work of the ad-hoc committees began at WSC-86 and has continued throughout the year. Five articles were submitted to WSC-86 for consideration and input. Input was received from the Fellowship throughout the year and work

continued on revising these articles. Each trustee received a copy of every piece of input, although ad-hoc committees were appointed for each topic.

During the course of the year, it was noted that a significant amount of our regular correspondence asked about situations which involved some aspect of Tradition One. Other subjects which were commonly recurring were Aids Workshops at Conventions, and Medication in Recovery. Ad-Hoc committees were also appointed to work on writing material about these topics.

The overall process of this ad-hoc committee work has proven to be most enlightening for all of us involved. To begin with, the input which was received proved very difficult to evaluate. About two hundred thirty letters were received, mostly from individuals. Some letters came from N.A. groups and some from service committees. The major portion of input was about special interest-common needs meetings in Narcotics Anonymous. There was a mixture of opinion, experience, and philosophy. We are all uncertain as to what proportion of the Fellowship this input represents. Equally uncertain is input which was not received. In other words, did all those members, groups, and committees who did not provide input simply agree with the original articles, not care, or possibly not know that these subjects were being considered?

In any case, our work on revising the articles was aimed at blending our own experience in recovery and service with the input received. This process has involved many long hours of discussion, thought, prayer, and meditation. It is accurate to say that each trustee has found it necessary and beneficial at many times to examine their own personal opinions as well as their experience along the way.

In the Fellowship Report, January and March 1987 issues, my report detailed the difficulties which the Board of Trustees has experienced during this process. The January issue did contain two articles which had been finalized, on Special Needs-Common Needs and also on Open and Closed N.A. Meetings. Even in publishing these two articles, there has been uncertainty and lack of a unified approach amongst members of the Board.

In summary;

1. The *Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure*, on page 27,28 and 29, clearly conveys a part of our responsibility to the Fellowship. In item VI, B.,4., and also item VII, A., 3., there guidelines which speak of articles on service topics and also the process for any service unit to initiate an "Opinion of the WSB". Also, in item VIII, it speaks of an Advisory Board with the responsibility to offer guidance to our members, groups, and service committees.
2. Our meetings and discussions have focused many times on this responsibility. Our intention has always been to provide information, experience, and recommendations to the Fellowship, with the ultimate responsibility for decision-making still resting with the World Service Conference.

3. We have come to the realization that written material from the Board of Trustees often ends up as "policy" or, by way of other misuse, causes more problems than it helps. The end result has been, in many cases, detrimental to group and committee efforts aimed at carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering addict.
4. We have begun to explore the distribution methods which are available for written material from the trustees, and also some constructive alternatives.
5. The process of writing, revising, and finalizing the proposed articles has highlighted this dilemma.

Another topic of some of our discussions has been the role of trustees on WSC Committees and also the possible implementation of standing committees within the Board of Trustees.

Beginning with the August meeting, the WSO Project Coordinators began attending portions of our meetings and providing summary reports of activities within their areas of responsibility. This has been most valuable and informative to each member of the Board. There are plans to extend this cooperative effort in the coming year. We look forward to the valuable assistance this will provide and we offer our thanks and appreciation to the WSO staff for all of their efforts.

The Board of Trustees, in the coming year, plans to address the following;

1. Explore effective methods to provide guidance to the Fellowship which will avoid the pitfalls of past attempts. There are several ideas which can serve as beginning points for this project.
2. In cooperation with other Conference committees, determine a beneficial approach for publishing and distributing written information from the Board.
3. Closely examine the existing guidelines for the Board of Trustees in the *Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure*, with the intent of implementing those portions which facilitate service to the Fellowship. In this process, we can examine any parts which do not serve the needs of the Fellowship, and recommend changes appropriately.
4. Investigate the possibility of standing committees within the Board.

Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were held on April 26, 1987. The new Chairperson for the coming year is Bob Rehmar, and the new Vice-Chairperson is John Farrell.

Each member of the Board of Trustees has asked me to convey their sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in this capacity during the past year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

APRIL 86 - APRIL 87

JACK BERNSTEIN, CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
AUGUST 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
NOVEMBER 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
DECEMBER 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
FEBRUARY 1987	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
OCTOBER 1986	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

All Select Committee
All Board of Directors

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

All Literature Ad-Hoc Meetings and Conference Calls
Language in Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee
Medication in Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

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APRIL 86 - APRIL 87

BOB REHMAR, VICE CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

All Select Committee Meetings and Conference Calls
All WCCNA Meetings
Four Board of Directors Meetings
Literature Review Committee - Three Conference Calls

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Trustee Role in World Service Conference Committees

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

May 86 - Reno Workshop	March 87 - OK RSC Learning Day
July 86 - WSUC - Colorado	March 87 - WA/N. ID RSC Conv.
July - Arizona RSC Learning Day	March 87 - LA RSC Conv.
October 86 - Australia RSC Conv.	
March 87 - Tuscon ASC Learning Day	

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

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BOB BARRETT

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Policy Committee
Review of Fourth Step Inventory

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Language in N.A.

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

October - S. Calif. Convention, Traditions Workshop
March - Traditions Workshop
March - WSC Agenda Workshop

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

Visited the London community to do some P.I. work in a section of the city that seems to be void of N.A. involvement.

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MIKE BOHAN

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Public Information

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

WSC Task Force on Billboards

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

June - VA, Region of the Virginias
August - London Convention
January - VA, Annual Region of the Virginias Convention
Area P.I. Committee

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JAMES DRINKWATER

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES []	NO [x]

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

International Committee

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Special Interest/Common Needs Ad-Hoc

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

British Columbia Region
Victoria Area

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SALLY EVANS

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES []	NO [x]

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

WLC - It Works: How and Why
International Committee

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Three Trustee Ad-Hoc Committees

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

February - RSC Learning Day in Albuquerque

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

Ireland - European Service Conference
Wrote articles for AIDS, and Medication in Recovery

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JOHN FARRELL

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

July - World Literature Committee
Many Conference call meetings of World Literature Committee
October - World Literature Committee
January - Ad-Hoc Committee on *It Works: How and Why*

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

P.I. Committee
Special Interest Committee
N.A. Review Panel (resigned in November)
Unity and First Tradition Committee (Chair)
AIDS Guidelines Committee

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

February - WA Conv., Trad. Wrkshp	July - NY, P.I. Trad. Workshop
February - NJ, Trad. Workshop	July - PA, Unity Day, Traditions
March - PA, Trad. Workshop	July - NY, Traditions PicKnick
April - NY, N.A. Breakfast	August - London Conv., Traditions
June - NY, Coming Our Party	February - PA, WSC Learning Day

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

Interviewed by author of *It Works*

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DUTCH HUBER

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Trustee - H&I Committee

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Traditions: *It Works: How and Why*
Nar-Anon/Families Anonymous Ad-Hoc Committee
AIDS Ad-Hoc Committee

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

May - NJ, Convention Speaker	October - Montreal, Conv. Spkr.
May - PA, Greater PA RSC	October - S. Cal., Conv. Spkr.
June - NY, Convention Speaker	March - MD., Convention
July - FL, Conv. Spkr./RSC H&I Mtg.	March - Greater PA., History Traditions
July - PA, Unity Day, Traditions	March - PA, Allentown

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

June - Visited A.A. WSO

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TOM McCALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Submittee three (3) reports to the I.C. regarding Japan, International Fellowship and the future of the I.C.
WSC Admin

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Open & Closed Meetings
AIDS & related illnesses

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OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE

Tokyo Japan
Wrote 2 Tradition articles
Visited Hazelton

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SYDNEY ROSEN

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

All World Literature Committee Meetings
All World Literature Review Committee Meetings

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Special Needs/Common Needs Ad-Hoc Committee
Medication in Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee
Language Ad-Hoc Committee

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

June 86 - Stevensville, NY	March 87 - Oklahoma
June 86 - St. Louis	
July 86 - WSUC - Colorado	
August 86 - Baltimore, MD	
February 87 - Georgia	

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BO SEWELL

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

ATTENDED

MAY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
AUGUST 1986	YES [x]	NO []
NOVEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
DECEMBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []
FEBRUARY 1987	YES [x]	NO []

WSC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JULY 1986	YES [x]	NO []
OCTOBER 1986	YES [x]	NO []

OTHER WSC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

July - WLC "Recovery & Relapse"
February - World Literature Committee - Fourth Step Workshop

AD-HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

N.A. Language Ad-Hoc Committee
Ad-Hoc I Committee
Common Needs Ad-Hoc Committee

REGIONAL OR AREA EVENTS AS A TRUSTEE

June - GA, Lead 11th Step Workshop
July - MI, Speaker - Step Workshop
July - AL/NW FL, RSC
February - Atlanta Conference
March - GA, RSO Workshop

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A TRUSTEE