

June 24, 1989

Present were:

WSB Members

Kim J., Chairperson
Greg P.
Stretch G.
Garth P.

WSO Staff

Bob Stone
Steve Sigman
Steve Lantos

- I Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.
- II First item of business was further discussion centering around international involvement. For details regarding the discussions, refer to the report attached. After lengthy discussion, **the consensus of the committee was that the Internal/External Affairs Committee, as part of their responsibilities, will stay abreast of the development of the international fellowship and will strive towards assisting in the formulation of a development plan for the support of the growth of the international fellowship.** Greg and Kim were assigned to work on this task.
- III Next item was discussion of the P.I. Survey. The committee **requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of rural and otherwise isolated areas in the survey. The committee was generally supportive of the concept of the survey.**
- IV A general workplan was established for the non-addict trustee issue. A conference call including members of the committee, Bob Stone, Mike Bohan and possibly Jerry Synold will be scheduled to discuss Kim's proposal. **The committee has elected to focus on revising the election procedure of non-addict trustees, and intends to have a discussion about the specifics of such a proposal during the next meeting of the committee. Each member of the committee was requested to submit input regarding this issue by September 1.**
- V In further discussion about interfacing with the WSC P.I. and H&I committees, it was requested that the scheduling for the Albuquerque special meeting include time for two breakfast meetings, one with each committee's leadership. It was further decided that following the special meeting, a conference call would be held to discuss specifics of a plan of action for interfacing with the Conference committees.

- VI Regarding the previous discussion about the Additional Needs Advisory Panel, the committee decided against sending letters to prospective members, requesting instead that WSO staff develop a list of willing individuals, along with a short description of their experience and background. This committee will review this list and will make appropriate appointments before or at the October meeting.
- VII Final topic discussed was non-trustee members of the BOT committees. The consensus of the committee was to recommend that each BOT committee evaluate some non-trustees for addition to their committees. These nominees would be evaluated and appointments may take place at the February meeting. Additionally, there would be a resource pool of non-trustees created to help on specific tasks and projects.
- VIII Kim thanked all participants, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

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AFFAIRS TRUSTEE COMMITTEE, JUNE 24, 1989

**INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR NARCOTICS
ANONYMOUS**

The Internal/External Affairs Trustee Committee recognizes that, as a service board, the BOT has not had an active role in international growth and development issues over the past several years. As a result, the committee held a lengthy discussion on this subject with the purpose of working toward development of an outline to guide their interface with international service arms over the next several years. Highlights of the discussion are summarized here for reference in future meetings.

Recalling a visit to Australia by a trustee several years ago, it was emphasized that N.A. growth was stimulated by the sharing about structure, terminology, and unity. Recognizing the value of personal visits by appropriate people at the right time, many questions were asked about the decision making process for who goes and when. There is sometimes a great deal of curiosity (even suspicion) about these decisions. Also of interest is what happens to international contacts which are referred to WSO?

Discussion emphasized that actual decisions are always made according a process which has remained unchanged for six years. The team involved is composed of WSC Chairperson, WSB Chairperson, and WSO Board Chairperson. Prioritizing and scheduling of visits was discussed at length, highlighting fund availability as a determining factor for the level and frequency of these activities. A mixture of staff and non-staff is sought.

The discussion shifted to practical versus theoretical relationship of the Board of Trustees to the growth and developmental issues. WSO staff functions to maintain consistency in relationships with new fellowships, and WSO licensing agreements in some places can serve as a most efficient use of resources where the need is substantial. Individual letter writing from the BOT or individual trustees was discussed, resulting in a suggestion that a letter from the BOT Chair could possibly be of value in conveying a more personal type of encouragement.

The Internal/External Committee sees a responsibility to be involved in broad discussions of allocating resources to international travel rather than the hands-on planning of each visit. How is this participation achieved? The first step is inter-trustee communication. Discussion continued, emphasizing the goal of changing from solving problems to initiating involvement before problems occur.

Concluding the discussion, the committee decided to address the question of BOT involvement in short term and long range development plans for the

growth of the international fellowship. As a first step in this task, the committee will receive updates of the international report and correspondence digest. After becoming sufficiently informed the committee can then proceed with discussions which address the specifics of trustee involvement.

The committee does recommend that trustees assigned to this task remain assigned for a lengthy period in order to insure continuity and maintain the necessary consistency in these efforts.

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