

**WSB CONFERENCE CALL  
MINUTES DRAFT  
12/17/91**

Present: Becky M., Jack B., Chuck L., Stu T., Steve B., Kim J., Donna M., Bob McK., Greg P., Garth P., Jamie S-H., Danette B.

WSO Staff: Joe Gossett, Hollie A., Steve L.

The call began at 6:00 PM with Becky clarifying her reason for scheduling a closed session on Thursday morning, 2/13 in Montreal. She indicated she felt there is a need to "clear the air" after the last WSB meeting, not specifically to discuss elections. Strenuous objections to the session were voiced by only one trustee, with several members indicating they felt the need to have this session. The closed session will remain on the agenda.

Stu then opened discussion of the WSB Operational Procedures and Guidelines. He indicated that several "holes" has been filled in since the October meeting after receiving input from the WSC Treasurer. Several minor changes were then suggested by various trustees which were noted by Hollie for revision. Discussion turned to the "dual membership" proposal. A decision was made to remove this section from the operational procedures and have it as a section separate from the procedures (5 A-C). A couple of the trustees were uncomfortable with the "dual membership" section but were reminded that they approved the entire document, including this section, at their October meeting. Bob McK. indicated he would like to see a motion put before the WSC to make the WSO board a subsidiary board of the WSB.

M/S/C Jack B./ Kim J. "To approve the WSB Operational Procedures and Guidelines, as amended." (Unanimous voice vote)

The motions to appear in the Conference Agenda Report were next to be discussed. There was general consensus that there will be a motion to approve the Literature Trust Document. Also motions will be drafted to delete the WSB section presently in TWGSS and replace it with the WSB Operational Procedures just approved. The WSB Internal Guidelines will be included in the CAR as an addendum. Bob McK. indicated he would like to add discussion of making the WSO board a subsidiary WSB board to a future agenda. He also wants to lodge his dissent of the approval of the Literature Trust document.

Becky then moved on to other items for the A and B panel discussion topics. The A panels will be discussions of the motions in the agenda report. B panels will be those discussion items included in the January Conference Report. During the January JAC meeting, there will be some discussion of combining topics. There is a possibility that prejudice could be included as part of the WCC special needs panel. Several members disagreed with combining prejudice with the special interest discussion as they felt it needed wider discussion. Other members felt that having this as a topic would only allow members to "dump" their

feelings during the WSC but would not allow for developing any solutions. There was agreement that the panel is not the place for "horror stories" but needs to be solution oriented. Becky reminded everyone the panel discussion notes they received in their package on the prejudice topic were more solution oriented questions. It was decided that prejudice will be one of the B panel topics with the intention of developing a report to the fellowship leading to again bring this topic to the forefront of the fellowship, but without presenting specific goals or solutions. Instead, this would be further follow-up to the previously released article on prejudice from a couple of years ago. Kim left the call at this point (7:50 PM).

Becky then shared that the topic of participation and decision making will be addressed as regional topics, in addition to the trustee paper on this issue. Some of the trustees were hesitant in putting the present paper out as they felt it was "too one-sided" while other felt it was "too neutral." It was generally agreed that the purpose of the paper should be to present unbiased information to conference participants. Stu indicated that he feels this is impossible unless two separate papers are written. A straw poll was taken which indicated support for putting the paper out in the January *Conference Report* with some minor changes. Several specific wording and punctuation changes were suggested, accepted, and noted by staff.

M/S/C Jack B./Jamie S-H "To approve the 'Participation and Decision Making at the WSC' paper, as amended." (Approved by unanimous voice vote)

The "Direct Contributions" motion response paper was next for discussion. Some serious concern was voiced that this paper does not have the impact it is intended to have; that it also does not support our present service structure through the fund flow. Additionally, it was felt this paper does not assist members in understanding how their contribution supports the fellowship. Other trustees felt it adequately addressed the questions presented in the motions. After further discussion, it was determined that the language supporting direct contributions will be taken out, and language will be added that this paper is "for discussion purposes only." It will then be included in the January *Conference Report* for discussion as a B panel topic.

Jamie then signed off the call after advising the remaining members he wishes to discuss the ESC meeting in January as well as his invitation to the conference in Redding, PA prior to the WSB meeting in Montreal.

After several minor grammatical changes were suggested and accepted, the position paper on "The Seventh Tradition and Fundraising in NA" was accepted as amended by consensus of the WSB for release in the January *Conference Report*.

The WSB spending priorities were then discussed. It was decided to delete the word "trained" prior to facilitator. Bob McK. then voiced his concern with having a director/member of the budget committee on each world service board or committee. He voiced concern that the budget committee proposal, if

accepted, will mandate having all WSC funds controlled by the WSO board. Both Jack and Stu related this budget proposal came out of the unified budget proposal from last year, when there was discussion of combining the WSO and WSC budget. Jack also indicated that the interim committee has not yet made their recommendation for next year concerning the budget, but that they were formed by the WSC to oversee conference finances. Bob wanted to go on record as opposing the entire process of having a director on each board or committee for financial discussions, but does see a need to support development of a budget policy to oversee audits, etc. Becky indicated she will contact Bob McDonough to discuss this issue with him.

All the trustees then indicated they plan to attend the meeting in Montreal. Jack shared he may not make the WSC in April due to personal reasons; Donna and Danette also may not make the WSC due to school commitments.

The call ended at 8:45 PM.