

**WSB INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13-16, 1992**

Present: Stu T. (Chairperson), Becky M., Chuck L., Jamie S-H, Tim B., Mitch S., Hollie A., Anthony E., Bob F., Jon T.

The first item discussed was the **Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document**. Several phone calls have been received with questions about the trust. Also, a several page list of questions was received from the Michigan Region. Responses to these questions have been developed and were used by Tim B. as a resource during a recent CAR workshop. He indicated they were of considerable assistance in his presentation. There was general agreement that these answers would be helpful for RSRs to use in CAR workshops, etc. Minimal changes were recommended to expand on two sections. Consensus was reached to distribute the trust, as amended, to all conference participants with a cover letter, if the remainder of the trustees agree.

Stu then related he has received input from the Mid-Atlantic Learning Conference with some suggestions for minor **changes in the WSB Operational Procedures**. After a short discussion, a decision was reached to implement these changes if the remainder of the board agrees. Considerable discussion then ensued on the dual membership proposal (Addendum Five in the CAR), especially regarding the role and purpose of shared members. A statement of purpose was developed which was reviewed and approved for inclusion in Addendum Five. Item 3,F in Addendum Four will be deleted and moved to Addendum Five so no reference to dual membership will be included in the WSB Operational Procedures. Also an explanation of the expanded role of the WSB will be included in the March *Conference Report*. This statement of purpose will be proposed to the rest of the board, along with deleting any mention of dual membership in the operational procedures during the IAC report later today.

Any action on development of a **conference charter** will be postponed until after *The Guide to Service* discussion during the WSC. It was determined that work on this would only be a duplication of effort until after some decision is made on the GTS. Stu will talk with Dave T. about the makeup of the Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service after the WSC and recommend that two trustees from the IAC be included on the ad hoc.

Stu then indicated that the development of **statistical reports on international status** has been difficult. Going over letters received at the WSO has not provided the information he feels is needed for accurately determining the status of international NA communities. Jamie shared that he usually gets the best information from personal interactions instead of by reviewing letters, minutes, etc. Becky also feels this is the best way to procure accurate

information. Stu feels that using the information we receive from this year's MDF will be of much more assistance in assessing the needs of our worldwide fellowship. Further discussion of this issue was postponed until the June WSB meeting.

A short discussion of reviewing the **routine correspondence responses** used by the WSO was next. It was suggested that an annual review process be developed, whereby all the routine responses from each department at WSO be reviewed at least once every three years. Stu indicated that Bob McD. has taken on the task of developing a process for regular reviews, including a rotation schedule. Tim B. will follow up on this with the WSO board.

Mitchell indicated that the only issue he needs to bring to the IAC is determining which two trustees will be on the **policy panel on national and zonal representation** at the WSC. After a short discussion, it was decided that Chuck and Jamie will be on the policy panel.

Assignments to the WSB panels was then discussed. Since both of the action items from the trustees were recommendations from the IAC (Operational Guidelines and Literature Trust), there was consensus that members of IAC should be on each of these panels. Stu, Becky and Tim will be recommended for the Literature Trust panel, with Becky, Chuck and Jamie as panel members for the WSB Operational Procedures. The "B" panel recommendations will be to evenly divide the "RSR Only" panel members between pro and con viewpoints. With this in mind, Stu, Pete and two RSRs will be recommended, with Garth chairing this panel. The IAC had no recommendations on the prejudice panel as it was not discussed within this committee this past year.

The **WSO work plan and protocol procedures** were next on the agenda. Chuck's input to the protocol will be forwarded to Bob McD. along with the other input. Some confusion remains about how to impact the WSO work plan. A need was seen to first define how this plan is developed, then develop a plan implementing how items are included in the work plan. As a start, a priority list would have to be developed for approval at WSC.

The **draft position paper** on "The Relationship of the WSB to WSC Committees" was then discussed. After a short discussion, the decision was reached to "table" the paper until after the WSC, then re-evaluate.

Discussion then began on the **Interim Committee motion** in the CAR. Concern was voiced regarding how the IC makes decisions, and how their decisions relate to the priority list. The feeling was expressed that they do not take a "global" view. Strong feelings were also voiced regarding the inability to of the boards and committees to impact financial decisions. A need was expressed to allow for internal decision making (within each board or committee) in relation to finances. A consensus was reached to suggest that the IC take a visionary approach, not a restrictive viewpoint, regarding the decisions they make. The

possibility of presenting an amendment to the IC motion was mentioned, but will need further discussion within the full board.

Jamie's **draft motion response paper** on "direct donations to translation fund" was reviewed. A few sentences were seen as not being completely accurate in referring to the commemorative basic text and the use of those funds for translations. In addition, there were paragraphs which seemed inconsistent in accounting for the structural dynamics of the conference. These sentences and paragraphs will be reworked and the paper will be presented to the full board for review.

The meeting closed at 2:45 PM.

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