

WSB INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
6/19/92

Present: Stu Tooredman, Becky Meyer, Tim Banner, Jamie Scott-Hopkins, Barbara Jorgensen, Chuck Lehman, Bud Kenney, Jon Thompson, Hollie Arnold

Friday 6/19/92

Stu opened the meeting at 9:20 AM.

The first item of business was election of the committee chairperson for this year. Stu was nominated by Chuck, seconded by Tim. Stu was elected by acclamation.

A discussion of how to handle projects for this committee ensued, including the process to be used. Preliminary plans are to assign projects to team members for initial development. They will then be brought to the committee for review. A considerable segment of this discussion related to staff needs for projects, including the difficulties experienced last year in dealing with staff reductions. A preliminary division of projects into "A" and "B" lists was done to assist in determining priorities. Several projects were also listed as joint projects between WSC Policy or WSC Admin. and this committee.

A LIST

Guide to Service
FIPT
Elections Procedures

B LIST

WSC Format
Committee Roles
BOT Internal Systems
Service Materials Trans.

Joint Projects

Format and Process
Election Procedures
Network Support

Each topic was then discussed with priorities developed. The projects were prioritized as follows:

The Guide to Service Review: Internal Affairs will provide input mainly on the national and world chapters. Full board input to AHNAS is requested by August 15. The importance of individual review and remaining "up-to-speed" through the entire process was stressed. Initial drafts of an outline of the proposed structure will be developed by AHNAS for review and input by the IAC at the September meeting. This review will be more conceptual instead of specific. The consensus was to ask for a full day at the September

meeting for this review to take place. A review of the "nuts and bolts" outline of the final review draft will be undertaken at the November WSB meeting. Copies of the draft material on the national and world chapters will be handed out to the remainder of the trustees before the end of the weekend for their review and input by August 15.

Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust: This project is connected with the RSR Working Group. One of the main factors in the completion of this project is the "use" policy which is being developed by the WSO board. Any input to the document by individual trustees will need to be given prior to the second trustee meeting in September. Plans are to conduct most of the meetings by conference call, with the possibility of the entire working group meeting at the quarterly meeting. Stu was assigned to this committee and will be collating all input before the Sept. WSB meeting. Full board review of the entire document, including the use policy, will be done during the November meeting.

WSC Elections Procedures: The WSC Policy committee plans for two working group meetings during August and again at the quarterly meeting. All information developed will be sent to the trustees and WSC Admin. Plans are to finalize this work for inclusion in the CAR. Some concern was voiced that approval of the election procedures by the WSC not be requested until after they are used for one to two years so problem areas can be identified and rectified prior to approval.

WSC Format Recommendations: This will be an interactive communications project with both WSC Administrative Committees and the Policy Committee throughout the development of next year's format. No need is seen to develop a position paper, but will report back regularly to the fellowship about how the format is being developed.

WSB Internal Systems: Seen as an ongoing review of how well the trustees are working within their internal operational guidelines. Any recommendations will be developed into a report. It is seen as more of a "quality assurance" vehicle with a long range viewpoint. Included in this project will be a review of the trustee communications and bulletins which are currently available.

Network Support: After considerable discussion, it was determined that this project must be aligned with *The Guide to Service*. A separate report will be developed from the input given during the GTS discussions, which will then be presented for review at the fourth trustee meeting this year.

Basic Support Materials: Basic condensations of H&I and PI handbooks have already been undertaken by the conference committees. The Germans, French and Spanish have already begun to do these condensations and are adding material useful in their own countries. The WSO will be working to development of basic service related materials. Internal Affairs will also be working with Ad Hoc NA Service on structure, relationships and communication. This is seen as a staff intensive project which will need more than one conference year.

WSB/WSC Roles: The motion asking for clarification of these roles was seen as based on past trustee and conference from several years ago when, in actuality, these roles are in flux. This motion asks for something that is still developing. It was determined discussion of these roles should be included in *The Guide to Service*. A simple response will be developed after the September meeting when the GTS is discussed.

Direct Election of Trustee Chair and Vice Chair by the WSC: This issue has not yet been discussed within the full board, so no decisions can be made. Time will need to be set aside for these discussion at the September meeting.

Following these discussions, a motion was made and approved to include Jon T., WSC Policy vice chairperson, as a voting member of the Internal Affairs Committee. Chuck and Barbara were then assigned to the Admissions Panel from the Internal Affairs Committee.

Further discussion then occurred on the motion regarding direct election of the trustee chair and vice chair by the WSC. Some confusion was expressed regarding whether passage of this motion would allow for direct nominations and elections during the conference, or if it would be a ratification process of the trustee recommendations. Jon shared that the goal of the motion was to have direct election by conference participants so all members of the Interim Committee would be directly elected by the conference. Stu and Tim will work on a draft position paper relating to this motion.

Discussion was held on the motion to delete the phrase "all the members of NA" and replace it with "the WSC" where this phrase occurs in the descriptive passage at the beginning of the WSB Operational Procedures in TWGSS. Since some confusion existed, Stu agreed to contact the maker of the motion (Danette B.) to discuss the issue and get clarification.

Preliminary discussion of the agenda for tomorrow morning was then held. The decision was made to continue discussion on direct WSB chair and vice chair elections when the meeting resumes. If time allows, *The Guide to Service* will also be a topic for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, 6/20/92

Present: Stu, Tim, Chuck, Barbara, Jamie, Jon, Bud, and Hollie

The meeting opened at 9:15 AM. The group was advised that Becky will not be here this morning as she was at the Interim Committee meeting until almost 3:00 AM. She has requested that the full board meeting begin at 12:30 PM instead of 1:30 PM.

After a short discussion on using the RSR working groups on other projects after the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust is completed, discussion was held on possible formation of a nominations committee for the WSC.

Considerable discussion ensued on the purpose, criteria, and membership of a nominations committee. Also included in this discussion was how nominees would be solicited, from where and who would nominate. It was generally understood that the nominations committee would not sanction or recommend nominees, but would only investigate nominees for their qualifications, and present qualified candidates for consideration by the WSC. Stu will ask the members of the RSR working group if they would be interested in working on the development of this project, and perhaps be involved in the review of *The Guide to Service* and giving input on the elections policy as well.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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