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## WSC CHAIRPERSON

The activities and discussions of the WSC Administrative Committee have all been reported previously, and the business items for the WSC annual meeting have been presented in the *Conference Agenda Report*. I want to use this issue of the *Conference Report* to advise you all of some odds and ends related to the upcoming annual meeting and then simply share some of my thoughts.

An orientation packet will be mailed to conference participants at the end of March. One of the enclosures will be an election procedures document. This document will be discussed on the first Saturday morning of the April meeting prior to adoption in some form by conference participants. I want to reiterate my intention to conduct elections according to the agreed-upon procedures and strongly discourage any modifications later in the week. I discussed this in my January 1993 report and have received strong support from many of you.

Registration tables will be open in the hotel on Friday evening, April 23, and Saturday morning, April 24. An orientation session will be held for new conference participants on Friday at 8:00 PM. We hope to make this a relatively small and informal meeting for the purpose of talking about what can be expected during the week. Our orientation sessions in the past few years have not always been helpful to members attending the conference for the first time. Some new participants have even felt left out or felt intimidated because a large group of previous conference participants are trying to introduce themselves and share valuable advice. I would like for us all to allow this orientation meeting to be an opportunity for new participants to ask questions and get comfortable. So, while "old hands" at all of this are certainly welcome, it isn't necessary to attend.

Even though we have eight full days to meet together, we will surely not have enough time for all of us to say what we want to say. I don't know why, it just always works out that way. We've set an

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ambitious schedule for this year's conference. In order to follow the agenda and be fair to everyone, we all will need to be selective and sensitive about approaching the microphone during business sessions. Any participant who needs to talk will have the opportunity to do so. We only ask that everyone use care and respect in the time they use to speak.

The scheduled board and committee panel sessions are specifically intended for discussion of motions, possible amendments, new information, etc. All debate, discussion, and brainstorming related to conference business will take place in these panel sessions so that the business sessions won't be bogged down or contain any surprises. Hopefully, we will refuse to entertain unrelated discussion in the panel sessions. Likewise, I hope we discourage presentation of amendments if they haven't been discussed in the panel sessions. All motions in the *Conference Agenda Report* and related amendments, any amendments coming out of the panel sessions, and any substitute motions turned in by the end of the first day can be presented during the old business sessions scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, and Wednesday, April 28. All other motions and amendments will be ruled out of order until the new business session on Saturday, May 1.

Local members of the Southern California Region have offered to provide some hospitality services for all visitors. There may be rides available for non-English-speaking visitors and conference attendees with special requirements. There will probably be a volunteer hospitality table where arrangements for rides to meetings and information about restaurants and other local services can be obtained. Arrangements have not been completely finalized at this writing. Please call the World Service Office at (818) 780-3951 if you have any questions about this volunteer service.

By the time you read this report, you will have received a report from the February 1993 planning meeting that contains a proposal related to Motion #1 in the *Conference Agenda Report*. Whether the motion passes or not, and whether the proposal is accepted, modified, or rejected, I am personally very excited about the prospect of discussing the idea. Our fellowship seems to be at a new stage of growth where we can at least talk about examining our effectiveness in providing service. I remember the times when I had to accept my own reservations, first about being an addict, then about a higher power, then about recovery, then about service. Today, I no longer have reservations about these things. The opportunity to be involved in recovery and service has removed them all. I know that I'm an addict, I know my higher power, and I know that recovery in this wonderful fellowship is a God-given reality that the addict who still suffers can have! Something special happens when we come together in service, and it's exhilarating to even think about discussing how to make it better!

I look forward to seeing you in April. Thanks for the privilege of serving as your chairperson this year.

*Dave Tynes, WSC Chairperson*

**WSC TREASURER**

Thank you for your positive response to our December 1992 letter requesting funds for the conference. Since that time you have forwarded nearly \$75,000. That leaves the conference only \$60,000 to raise to pay for the WSC meeting and ongoing administrative expenses through the end of the conference year. Your continued help in meeting our financial obligations is crucial.

Many have asked me for my assessment of why our contributions are down this year when for so many years donations have grown annually. I have spoken and worked with many regions who have historically donated far more than they were able to contribute this year. In those regions whose donations are down, the problem seems to have been twofold: less being collected in Seventh Tradition baskets at NA meetings and a significant decline in convention income. At the same time, regions which have historically donated far less have increased their donations quite a lot this year, some by thousands of percentage points. They tell me they credit their new ability to make contributions to the World Service Conference to more successful fundraising activities and conventions and a restructuring of their prudent reserves. These issues are at the heart of the funding discussions we will be having at the conference.

RSRs have by now received the Funding Issues Survey which was mailed at the beginning of March. If our discussions are to be as realistic as possible, the information requested on the survey needs to be returned to the office by April 15, 1993 so that data can be compiled and analyzed, allowing us to look at fundamental financial attitudes, trends, and practices throughout the fellowship. Hopefully, by getting a clearer picture of the realities of service funding fellowshipwide, we will be able to set a more stable direction for funding services throughout the service structure. Many suggestions about how to stabilize funding have been made, some very creative and practical.

The conference budget process will be much simpler next month than it has been in previous years. In the report on the World Services Planning Meeting mailed earlier this month by the Interim Committee, you were provided with a proposed budget. Should any changes in that budget need to be made, they will be made by the conference.

Should there be any questions, or if I can be of assistance in any way, feel free to contact me at your convenience through the World Service Office.

*Ron Sheppeard, WSC Treasurer*

**WSC OUTREACH AD HOC COMMITTEE**

This will serve as our annual report to the 1993 World Service Conference. Since last year's conference, we have encouraged local outreach subcommittees to register with the WSO. Most of our energies have been focussed on the development of bulletins on various topics related to outreach services. Once this task is complete, the committee intends to focus on creating an outreach handbook, our primary project. The bulletins, as they are evaluated and revised, should provide some of the material for the handbook.

I served as committee chairperson this year. Others on the committee were Scott A. (San Diego-Imperial Region), Lucie G. (Al-Sask Region), and Pat M. (Mid-America Region). Ron W. (Michigan Region) joined the committee recently. The committee held one meeting at the October 1992 WSC workshop. Most correspondence was handled by mail or telephone.

Recently, I attended a *Conference Agenda Report* workshop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. During this workshop, I had the opportunity to hear the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee's CAR'93 Motion #12 reviewed. Excellent questions were generated and useful discussion was sparked. I left the podium that evening feeling that all was well in the world of outreach. Some questions were, how much of the fellowship's funds were spent on outreach? And what will happen with outreach if Motion #1 passes?

WSC expenditures for the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee from May 1, 1992 through February 18, 1993 totaled \$2,130.72. Our greatest expense was the one meeting, costing \$1,885.42. The remainder were administrative expenses totalling \$245.30. We would like to thank the fellowship for this support.

At this point, I cannot answer the question of what will happen with outreach if CAR'93 Motion #1 passes. I do know that the Interim Committee met with the WSC standing committee chairs, the WSB Steering Committee, and the WSO Executive Committee over the weekend of February 19-20, 1993. At that meeting, a proposal for conducting a world service inventory was developed; by now, I'm sure the proposal has been mailed to conference participants. My understanding is that the proposal calls for all NA members involved in world services to participate in the inventory process. It also suggests that all current work on projects be set aside, thus allowing basic services to continue while the inventory process proceeds. This proposal is one possibility and is now being reviewed and discussed. More will be revealed at the conference.

Our committee is nearing the end of the second stage of its current bulletin projects. As we reported earlier, these bulletins will be similar to the PI and trustee bulletins. Each bulletin is focused on a specific topic. "Creating an Outreach Subcommittee" describes an open and inclusive process that can be used to explore the possibility of this type of area service subcommittee. "What Is Outreach?" talks about the types of outreach that have been identified in our fellowship. "Intro to Outreach Workshop Guide" presents



material that can be used to organize an educational workshop on this topic. "Identifying Needs for Outreach" is a discussion of how to focus on specific services that outreach can provide in different circumstances and who benefits from outreach efforts.

We are actively networking both with newly formed and existing local outreach subcommittees. All information gathered will be useful to the committee and to WSO staff.

Our February consultation meeting with the WSO staff was cancelled due to lack of funds, but we are hoping to work something out along this line in the near future.

In closing, we still are encouraging all local outreach subcommittees to register with the WSO and mail us any minutes, agenda, and especially reports of outreach experiences and efforts. We hope that your service efforts bring you the joy that reaching out through outreach brings us.

*David Jones, Chairperson*

#### **WORLD SERVICES TRANSLATION COMMITTEE**

Hello again! As usual in translations more is revealed on a daily--sometimes hourly--basis. This is the situation at the time that I am writing this report. Please don't be surprised when at the conference some of the information has changed, is outdated, or has been updated. It is the nature of translation efforts and our interaction with local translation subcommittees. There is great enthusiasm for translations of recovery literature across the board internationally. Local translation subcommittees dedicate tremendous amounts of time, often working under difficult circumstances and significant personal sacrifice to accomplish their task. Without them, little or nothing would be accomplished.

We became aware that the 1993-94 conference year may become one of processing and self-inventory. Hearing the term "slow-down," many local translation subcommittees may be curious--if not worried--as to how this would effect their work and commitment to carry the message to addicts who still suffer. I'm sure that we can rely upon the conference to keep our needs in mind when decisions about this matter are made.

I'd rather move on to less speculative matters at this time. The World Services Translation Committee is currently concerned with eighteen high priority language groups and their various projects. To date, most of those high priority groups do not have any recovery literature in their language. Three of these are the Malay-, Maori-, and Tagalog-speaking members, Tagalog being a major language of the Philippines and Maori of the indigenous peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand. We believe that their translation efforts have been greatly encouraged by the work of the Asia-Pacific Forum held this past year.

Currently, on behalf of H&I and PI, we are forwarding several items to local translation subcommittees for their consideration and translation. The H&I handbook summary had already been made available to non-English-speaking delegates at last year's conference. We are now sending a PI handbook summary as well as selected H&I "sunshine" letters to all local subcommittees listed with us. In November 1992, we met with two members of the WSB Additional Needs Panel to discuss their work-in-progress, an American Sign Language video interpretation of the White Booklet. They and other hearing-impaired NA members graciously raised our awareness of the need for ASL recovery materials.

The WSO Board of Directors, at its January 1993 meeting, responded positively to our project funding requests. These projects include Hindi, Finnish, French, Italian, Danish, Norwegian, and Russian translation development. For several years we have had sporadic contact with NA members in Russia and Ukraine. The communications that we have received indicate great urgency, which only increases our mutual frustration at not being able to understand one another. As soon as we can find or arrange a consistent and reliable way to communicate with each other, we believe that regular contact will become a reality. We can probably expect then to face the immense language needs of a vast new community of addicts seeking recovery that we won't be able to ignore or postpone. Our experience shows that requests for translations follow soon after Narcotics Anonymous takes hold someplace, and it will be essential for us all to stay well-informed about the beginnings of NA recovery throughout the world.

I'd like to mention that we have mailed two sets of "anticipatory" questionnaires to local translation subcommittees. One went to the Spanish-speaking NA communities, asking for feedback on several procedural options for draft development and approval. We also let them know that we want to consider their priority preferences for Spanish translation projects over the next several years. The second mailing went to all local translation subcommittees and contacts we have listed. We asked for their ideas and topics of concern for discussion during the open participation sessions of our committee meetings at the WSC so that we can better address their needs and issues. This letter also noted that we are soliciting their recommendations for members to be considered when appointments are made to the World Services Translation Committee.

I have heard that there is some concern or confusion about the proposed World Services Translation Policy and Committee Internal Guidelines appearing in this year's *Conference Agenda Report* as well as our committee name itself. The easiest to address is our name. The composition of the World Services Translation Committee differs from the standing conference committee in that it is comprised specifically of members from each of the three arms of service, with some members appointed by the World Service Conference chairperson, some from the World Service Board of Trustees, and some from the WSO Board of Directors. In that regard, it has more of a general "world services" flavor. We felt it best to simply label ourselves a world services committee until we had finished developing our policy and guidelines. Certainly, if how we've addressed ourselves is confusing or misleading, we will revisit our discussions about it should the conference so direct us.

The other concerns require a little more information. Throughout our reports and attendance at the WSC, we have endeavored to explain the nature of our work and how that work influences the nature of our committee. Our direction has been to develop a mechanism by which the conference can be assured that translations are developed in a manner that is fair and equitable to the many different language groups. Our past experience with an advisory board to the WSO Board of Directors proved less than suitable for our fellowship, and we have strived to create a body that is truly responsible and responsive to those it serves--in particular, the NA communities where translations occur and are used. Therefore, it seemed quite natural that the committee would be composed of members from those communities along with the world-level trusted servants most responsible for international development and finances. There has never been any attempt to create a free-standing autonomous committee without any accountability. Unfortunately, in our efforts to create a simple set of guidelines and policy, we sacrificed clarity for brevity. Our intention all along has been that the chairperson of the translation committee would be chosen from the four appointed members. We will be amenable to an amendment if this point needs to be clearly stated.

Additionally, we discussed at length the appropriateness of having the committee choose its own chairperson. We concluded that, due to the nature of the committee and the qualifications needed to serve, the members of the committee itself might be better suited to make that decision. In this same context, we debated the various concerns that have been voiced at previous conferences regarding voting privileges. Unlike other committees, we don't actually produce any work that would need forums such as conference workshops or conference approval, with the exception of committee guidelines and policy. Our primary concern is to ensure the committee's integrity when called upon to make difficult decisions about priorities and finances. Therefore, we believe the chairperson can best represent the committee's desire to remain neutral and unbiased by being a nonvoting conference participant. Further, let me say that reporting to the fellowship via the various conference communications, committee meetings, and attendance at the annual WSC, and meeting with language groups can provide as much accountability as voting on the conference floor. We also feel that if any language group believes they have been overlooked or treated with gross unfairness, they should make their case directly to the conference, which is currently the resting point of accountability. However, in all these matters, we will take whatever direction the conference gives us.

I appreciate whatever information is communicated to us from the conference agenda workshops that are taking place throughout the fellowship. It gives our committee the opportunity to hear additional perspectives about our work and to review our decisions regarding it. At our Sunday meeting at the upcoming April conference, we will be giving serious consideration to issues about which we have been informed. I encourage you to let us know about any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have regarding our work and decisions.

We recognize that the conference has been flexible and open-minded in allowing us to pursue and develop what we believed to be the best venue for translations and we thank you for your latitude. A brief status sheet with an update about translations will be

available at the conference. With best regards to all and in gratitude for allowing me to serve worldwide NA this past year,

*Vivianne Ronneman, Chairperson*

### WSC HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The WSC H&I Committee has been hard at work completing assignments and projects while revamping its priorities. We continue to provide NA literature as well as copies of the H&I quarterly publication, *Reaching Out*, to incarcerated addicts in need. By the way, just in case you haven't heard, *Reaching Out* is available by subscription from the World Service Office. Clip the form at the bottom of this page to order yours.

We continue to provide our experience at multiregional learning days when WSC H&I participation is requested and funding is available.

At the WSC quarterly we trimmed down the number of working groups and now have three ad hoc subcommittees working on several projects. The H&I Service Materials Ad Hoc Subcommittee is working in conjunction with the WSC Literature Committee in completing a rewrite of the informational pamphlet, *Hospitals, Institutions, and the NA Member*.

The same group will also be reviewing input received over the past four years on the *Hospitals & Institutions Handbook* and will have all revisions and additions ready for fellowship approval at WSC'94. The primary additions will be on international concerns, forensic units, possibly coma units, and new sections differentiating orientation programs, learning days, and workshops. Last but not least, the group completed the audio tape to be included with the handbook. A motion for approval of the tape is contained in this year's *Conference Agenda Report*.

*Reaching Out* is a recovery-oriented newsletter produced by the WSC H&I Committee. It contains material written by NA members incarcerated in hospitals and institutions and items from people involved in H&I service. It is available by subscription @ \$28.00 a year for 20 copies mailed quarterly.

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The International Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be assisting the service materials group in the review of information in the handbook related to international concerns. At the annual meeting of the conference, they put together a four-page excerpt from the *Hospitals & Institutions Handbook* of information believed necessary to assist emerging H&I subcommittees outside of the USA. Members and subcommittees outside of the USA have been translating the excerpts to assist them in their H&I efforts. During the October 1992 WSC "quarterly" workshop, the working group selected three "sunshine letters" believed to be most effective while easily translatable for use in H&I efforts outside of the US. "Sunshine letters" are communications received from professionals within treatment or corrections regarding how effective they feel H&I meetings and presentations are within their particular facility. The group is using a global map and has pinpointed where H&I meetings are being conducted and where established H&I subcommittees are located worldwide. The map will be continuously updated. This working group has eight pool members from regions outside of North America who have been paired up with committee members within North America for the purpose of direct contact and correspondence to create a consistent flow of information.

The third working group is the Outreach Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The group is compiling information to be turned over to the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee and will continue to assist in establishing and meeting the need for this type of service in NA. They are working on two sections which may eventually become part of a handbook the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee is gathering information for. These sections will assist incarcerated addicts in having all aspects of NA recovery available to them, including being a part of our service structure, having sponsorship, and doing service work. It is necessary to educate our incarcerated members, as well as professionals to allow these services to become available. Therefore, one section is geared toward the "pros" while one is for the "cons."

The need for outreach stems from a request made several years ago that WSC H&I address the issue of NA meetings in prisons. The chairperson of WSC H&I at the time stated to the conference, "We have clearly stated that meetings with no H&I committee involvement are not H&I meetings. H&I committees cannot be responsible for such meetings, cannot accept the potential risk to H&I meetings and occasionally, due to distance, clearance requirements or other difficulties, cannot gain access to the facility." These meetings were then grouped with other isolated groups/meetings, including those that are geographically isolated, isolated by language, or isolated by choice, to mention a few. Isolated groups/meetings and their needs now fall under outreach.

The WSC H&I Committee has continuously been given the responsibility of assisting meetings in correctional/treatment settings, about only half of which have H&I meetings. We can no longer ignore the need to establish these meetings as a part of our service structure. By assisting these meetings, isolated by the walls around them, and linking them up with their area and regional service committees, the responsibility to acquire needed services becomes their own. We believe that because of our experience with H&I service, the WSC H&I Committee is best suited to address the needs and place the responsibility where it belongs. Our hopes go as far as seeing the possibility of a prison

with registered NA meetings on each one of its ten cell blocks becoming its own area and part of a region. More will be revealed.

All in all it has been an eventful year. Even though we were only able to meet once as a committee, a great deal of work has been accomplished. I have a great deal of confidence in our vice chairperson and the entire WSC H&I Committee, both voting and pool members, to carry on the H&I tradition.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in this capacity. I have truly received far more than I have been given, and I feel that I have given to the best of my ability. Thank you for the gift; I will cherish it always. In loving H&I service,

*Ivan Faske, Chairperson*

### WSC H&I COMMITTEE LITERATURE DISBURSEMENT REPORT JUNE 1, 1992 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1993

MONTH	BASIC TEXTS	WHITE BOOKS	IPs	BEHIND THE WALLS	INTRO GUIDES
June 1992.....	6.....	216.....	1,512.....	176.....	0
July 1992.....	18.....	272.....	1,939.....	265.....	0
August 1992.....	6.....	321.....	2,100.....	338.....	83
September 1992.....	3.....	148.....	777.....	162.....	86
October 1992.....	2.....	157.....	1,092.....	208.....	62
November 1992.....	1.....	78.....	497.....	126.....	67
December 1992.....	4.....	225.....	1,365.....	229.....	68
January 1993.....	3.....	175.....	940.....	183.....	50
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>43.....</b>	<b>1,592.....</b>	<b>10,222.....</b>	<b>1,687.....</b>	<b>415</b>
June 1991-May 1992.....	242.....	741.....	5,591.....	1,087.....	689

### WSC H&I COMMITTEE LITERATURE FUND JUNE 1, 1992 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1993

MONTH	OPEN BAL	COST	SHIP	END.BAL.
June 1992.....	\$9,000.00 .....	\$463.21 .....	\$132.54 .....	\$8,404.25
July 1992.....	\$8,404.25 .....	\$699.88.....	\$97.60 .....	\$7,606.77
August 1992.....	\$7,606.77 .....	\$867.65.....	\$213.88 .....	\$6,525.24
September 1992.....	\$6,525.24 .....	\$281.12.....	\$56.10 .....	\$6,188.02
October 1992.....	\$6,188.02 .....	\$342.06.....	\$191.72 .....	\$5,654.24
November 1992.....	\$5,654.24 .....	\$172.97.....	\$104.43 .....	\$5,376.84
December 1992.....	\$5,376.84 .....	\$632.58.....	\$86.14 .....	\$4,658.12
January 1993.....	\$4,658.12 .....	\$453.72.....	\$108.24 .....	\$4,066.16 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Neither the literature nor the freight costs for January 1993 reflect a \$30.00 charge for two subscriptions to The NA Way Magazine sent on a trial basis. That charge has, however, been factored into the ending balance figure for January.

**WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Greetings to you all. I hope that the winter hasn't been too harsh in your neck of the woods, although the cold weather does seem to bring in the newcomers. Hopefully you are taking the good with the bad and have the influence of a loving Higher Power in your life.

Well, the conference is upon us, and this is my last *Conference Report* entry as WSC PI Committee chairperson. Being such, I want to take a moment to gratefully thank all the members of the WSC PI Committee for their support and commitment during this last conference year. It's been a frustrating time for all of world services, and the WSC PI Committee has experienced the burden of conference problems as much as anyone else. Nevertheless, the committee has continued to serve our fellowship with great passion. I would like to give special thanks to Susan B., WSC PI Vice Chairperson. Her guidance and encouragement during the past two years have been boundless. She has given me strength, acting as my conscience throughout my entire tenure. I have no doubt that she will serve to be an excellent chairperson. Thank you all.

Next, I want to comment on the proposed world services inventory/slowdown. There's no question that we (world services) are having communication problems, funding problems, priority problems, authority problems, and, in general, dysfunctional problems with our service efforts. Mary Kay Berger (WSO Board of Directors Chairperson) said it best in the Interim Committee portion of the *Conference Agenda Report*, saying that, "We have become so focussed on our own internal bureaucracy in world services that we focus almost none of our attention on the fellowship-at-large anymore." I tend to agree with that statement and am in support of the Interim Committee motion. Please understand, each of us has a sackful of solutions and wants, to the last person, to help the addict who still suffers. The problem is, we all have a different vision of how to accomplish our primary purpose, and spend much of our time trying to convince each other of the correctness of our views. This is in total contrast to having a world services plan and then working together to carry it out. It is my sincere hope that an inventory such as is being proposed will provide us with a unified direction for our world service efforts and be the crux of the next phase of growth for our fellowship.

Having just attended the world services inventory planning meeting, I foresee a very different year for our public information committee. The conference leadership has proposed a year-long inventory process for all boards and committees in an attempt to get in touch with our fellowship's needs and our primary purpose. It is suggested that world services suspend any new projects and I, assuming the WSC approves this plan, envision a year of very hard work.

The WSC PI Committee will be responsible for taking its own inventory during the coming year and reporting those findings to the 1994 WSC. We will look at our communication efforts, committee focus, responsibilities, accountability, and our

financial impact to see if we are truly being prudent and effective. I see this process as a positive function of our service efforts, just as a Fourth Step can be in our personal recovery. I believe if we step back, refocus, and recommit to doing our very best in service, we will indeed discover some new and better ways to carry our message.

The past five years have been incredibly productive. Our public relations work has increased, and our fellowship has become more recognizable because of these efforts. It is now time to assess where our growth has brought us and identify future goals for where we are to go in the next several years. I have confidence that the public information committee could very well become most important in leading the way for Narcotics Anonymous.

In the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* you will see a trustee motion on a public relations policy, Motion #7. This motion was made, in part, as a result of Susan's and my participation as members of the WSB External Affairs Committee. This is an important motion because it lays out a direction for our committee's inventory process as well as the future of public relations work in Narcotics Anonymous.

I must honestly say that the prospect of our committee sitting down face-to-face and honestly taking stock of our strengths and weaknesses is exciting, though not without some fear. An inventory is a healthy process for us as addicts, and can be the same for us as a committee.

This inventory process doesn't mean we will cease doing public information work; on the contrary, I see us having more time and resources to more effectively respond to the enormous number of inquiries we receive about NA and to provide the follow-up necessary for ongoing awareness. We will have more time to devote to assisting area PI subcommittees with the grass-roots PI work that is at the heart of our service to NA. We have a tremendous amount of experience to share with our NA communities, and I see a stronger relationship developing between world level and area/regional subcommittees.

The committee itself will continue to work on some projects. We hope to have the *PI News* and *NA Update* published twice each during the coming year. We will continue to develop a strategy for addressing the international issues of Narcotics Anonymous. Finally, we hope to complete work on the revision of *A Guide to Public Information*. A current 1993-94 WSC PI Committee workplan is available upon request.

The survey motion in this year's *Conference Agenda Report* is a more complex situation. While the WSC PI Committee unanimously agreed that a survey is necessary if we intend to gain any real credibility with the professional community, support for the world services inventory motion possibly conflicts with initiating development of the survey. It is my hope that the conference will consider this motion in several ways. Pending conference deliberation, we will report on its status soon after the conference.

The conference is always an intense time of the year. We will consider many things, and I pray that a loving Higher Power will guide us in our decisions. Keep the faith, and I hope to see you all very soon. Yours in recovery,

*Rogan Allen, Chairperson*



**WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

This has been another exciting year for the WSC Literature Committee, and we're looking forward to being together with you in Van Nuys in just a few weeks. In this report I'll summarize our work this year. For each project we have received input from many of you, and we deeply appreciate it. Without your support, input, and responses to our surveys we would be severely limited in our ability to develop recovery literature.

**1992-93 "A" LIST PROJECTS****It Works: How and Why**

We finished the approval form of *It Works* this year. The process used to develop this book began during the 1989-90 conference year. Previous attempts to bring this book to completion had not been successful. It seemed wise to approach such an undertaking in a more organized way, taking all of our resources into consideration. During that year, the literature committee developed a proposal for the use of the staff-team approach as a literature development option. While awaiting conference action on this proposal, a Steps Ad Hoc Committee was formed. This committee recommended style, audience, readability, and content parameters for the work to the WSC Literature Committee and developed an outline for each step.

The WSCLC brought a motion to the 1990 World Service Conference asking that the portion of the literature guidelines relating to resources available for literature development be amended to include special workers. The conference passed this motion, and the committee was allowed to use the staff-team approach to develop this book.

During the 1990-91 conference year work toward developing a review form commenced. The Steps Ad Hoc Committee met with the staff team, which consisted of a coordinator and a writer from the WSO Special Projects Department. Source material, including the blue review form, white approval form, and Chicago draft, as well as the experience of the ad hoc members, was used to provide narrative material to the writer. The resulting draft was reviewed and revised by the ad hoc committee, the WSC Literature Committee, and individually by some members of the World Service Board of Trustees. Three steps were completed during that year, and they were submitted to the fellowship with a prereview survey before the 1991 conference.

Following the 1991 World Service Conference, the staff-team writer for this project resigned from the World Service Office. A new writer began working with us. We revised the first three steps based on input received at the conference and fellowship input received from the pre-review stage. We submitted the first six steps to the fellowship for review on December 17, 1991, with input due on June 30, 1992. Steps Seven through Twelve were submitted for fellowship review on April 1, 1992, and input was due on August 30, 1992.

Our task this year was to factor fellowship input into the drafts and develop an approval form of *It Works*. We formed four working groups--one to factor input for Steps One through Three, one for Steps Four through Six, one for Steps Seven through Nine, and one for Steps Ten through Twelve. The two groups assigned to Steps One through Six met together in Van Nuys in August 1992 to review drafts resulting from their factored input. The same scenario occurred in October for those working on Steps Seven through Twelve. In August, the World Service Board of Trustees reviewed all twelve steps. The WSC Literature Committee met in late August and at the quarterly workshop to make final revisions to the steps. The first half of the book was sent to the fellowship in September 1992; the last half was sent with the entire approval form of *It Works* in November 1992.

A summary of the review input for both the steps and traditions projects follows:

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS				
	Steps 1-6	Steps 7-12	Trads 1-6	Trads 7-12
Regions	30	12	34	27
Areas	98	54	52	80
Individuals	79	37	24	37
International	6	4	5	3
TOTAL	213	107	115	147
Note: These are totals for all input, including pre-review input for Steps 1-3 and Traditions 1-2.				

NATURE OF RESPONSES: STEPS												
Question #1: Did you identify with the material in this step?												
STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
yes (%)	99	93	97	99	99	100	98	98	100	100	98	95
no (%)	1	7	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	5
Question #2: Did you find encouragement and motivation for working this step?												
STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
yes (%)	99	92	99	96	99	99	93	98	100	100	95	95
no (%)	1	8	1	4	1	1	7	2	0	0	5	5
Question #3: Are there any concepts missing or unclear? If so, what?												
STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
yes (%)	37	32	32	28	26	19	24	23	15	11	19	23
no (%)	63	68	68	72	74	81	76	77	85	89	81	77

NATURE OF RESPONSES: TRADITIONS												
Question #1: Does the draft reflect the concepts contained in this tradition accurately?												
TRADITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
yes (%)	90	86	86	78	80	76	81	91	82	98	93	94
no (%)	10	14	14	22	20	24	19	9	18	2	7	6
Question #2: Are there any concepts missing? If yes, what?												
TRADITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
yes (%)	22	22	10	14	18	16	32	23	20	14	27	22
no (%)	78	78	90	86	82	84	68	77	80	86	73	78
Note: Some groups and individuals did not choose to check particular response categories. This data represents "yes" and "no" responses only, not additional comments, including line-by-line input.												

Responses to the first two questions on the steps survey and the first question on the traditions survey were overwhelmingly positive. It was clear from responses to the final item in each survey, though, that there were conceptual gaps or unclarities in the drafts. Specific and general comments about concepts, principles, and language were taken to heart. When several respondents commented on the same perceived problem, we usually found that the criticism was warranted and made changes accordingly. For example, several reviewers remarked that the concept of reservations was missing from Step One. We added discussions related to this concept to the text. As you compare the review with approval forms of this book, you will find that concepts were added or more thoroughly explained than they had been. You will also find that Steps One through Three were more altered than any of the other drafts. This reflects the conceptual rating (question #3) for these chapters. We believe that the input provided by the fellowship strengthened the drafts considerably.

### Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides

Following WSC'92, panels consisting of registered and general world literature members were formed. These groups factored input from regions which reviewed the source material for this project three years ago. At our August 1992 meeting, the committee consolidated the work done by the panels, and the following decisions were made about the project:

- 1) That each guide will start with an introductory narrative.
- 2) That narrative will be interspersed throughout each guide to open the door to the questions which follow.
- 3) That the tone will be invitational, encouraging the reader to participate in the step working process.
- 4) That the working title would be changed from "Step Writing Guides" to *Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*.

Members of the committee were assigned to develop preliminary outlines of the guides between our August 1992 meeting and the October "quarterly" workshop in Cincinnati. The Basic Text and *It Works* drafts were identified as source material from which original narrative could be developed. We reviewed the resulting outlines at the quarterly and specified concepts to be included in each guide. The working group generated new drafts, suggesting narrative material and writing specific questions. This work was to provide the basis for a February 1993 meeting of the working group and the staff team.

When it became apparent that our February meeting just wasn't going to happen, we instituted our contingency plan. The drafts generated by working group members were sent to the WSC Literature Committee for review and input. This input will be factored, and the resulting drafts will form the basis of the work which will be done by the working group at the conference.

The contingency plan took us only up to the conference. I regret that I cannot share our production plan for completing this project since the committee has not met since the quarterly to approve a plan.

If the motion regarding a world services inventory passes, work on the guides may be postponed. As our discussions at the inventory planning meeting progressed, it seemed increasingly important for us to approach the inventory in unity should the conference make it the number one priority for next year. Not knowing at this time what the future holds, we will have a production plan to submit to you during our CAR-related panel.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

### **Hospitals & Institutions and the NA Member (revision)**

It has been wonderful working with the H&I committee on this project. Prior to our meeting together at the quarterly, the H&I portion of the working group submitted a revised draft of the IP. This draft was used as the basis of work done at the quarterly by the combined literature-H&I working group. The resulting draft was sent to the WSC Literature and H&I Committees for individual input. This input will be factored by the combined working group at the conference. The production plan for completing this project will be presented at the conference.

### **Survey results**

Prior to the quarterly, we sent a literature survey to registered regional and area literature subcommittees. The purpose of this survey was:

- 1) To gather information about the roles of regional and area literature subcommittees in the literature development process.
- 2) To determine which projects on our "C" and "D" work lists have higher priority for development.



Responses for the first item will be used to assist us in revising the literature handbook. Responses to the second question was used to assist the WSCLC Evaluations Subcommittee in making recommendations for our 1993-94 work lists.

We asked local subcommittees to rank the importance of the four items which were then on our "C" and "D" lists. Results of that ranking follow:

- 1) *Living Clean*
- 2) *Practicing the Principles of Our Traditions*
- 3) *NA Service*
- 4) History of NA project

Additionally, many local subcommittees submitted other literature development ideas and ranked them as well. We have encouraged subcommittees and individuals to submit source drafts or outlines for their original literature proposals.

We greatly appreciate the response to this survey. We were beginning to feel that the fellowship might be interested in making the history project a priority for next year. On the basis of this survey, we now believe that is not the case. Our review of the survey results bolstered our unanimous belief that the history project is not a project for this committee; we submitted it to the World Service Board of Trustees following the quarterly workshop.

### **Literature priorities survey**

This survey was sent to regional and area literature subcommittees and conference participants in January 1993. It asks respondents to rate the importance of various literature functions for the individual, group, area, region, and world. We believe that this information will not only help us revise our handbook in a way that is responsive to the needs and perceptions of the fellowship but will also give us a better idea of how many local literature subcommittees really are involved in the literature development process. Although we were not aware that a world service inventory was a possibility for next year when we decided to undertake this survey, it seems clear that the information we receive from it will assist us in inventorying our structure, processes, and communication.

If you haven't sent your survey form in yet, please do. It's due at the WSO on April 1, 1993, but don't worry if you're a few days late. We plan to begin looking at the results of this survey at the conference.

### **Literature Handbook**

We have been approached by the chairperson of the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee to prepare an abbreviated literature handbook for use by isolated groups and individuals. WSC Literature Committee members are providing input as to what the contents of that piece should be. Our input will be factored, and a first draft will be presented to the committee at the conference. We should know by the end of the conference what the timeline for completing this adaptation is.

The WSC Literature Committee has also decided that a revision of our handbook is necessary. We are procuring input from the fellowship on this project through surveys. At this time, we are envisioning the handbook in four sections: literature development,

literature distribution, translations, and periodicals. We realize that any changes to our handbook may be affected by the *Guide to Service*. When we expressed our concerns about not having been invited to provide input to the *Guide*, the chairperson of the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service asked us to submit input to that committee, which some of us did. Our main concern centered on the strong interdependent relationship we have with regional and area literature subcommittees and, ultimately, the individual member. We are hopeful that these lines of communication, source material, review, and support may continue under any new system.

### **Interface with translations**

Vivianne and I are really looking forward to participating during the WSC Development Forum and the literature/translations issues panel at the conference. We have had more opportunities to communicate with each other this year, and I believe that has been very healthy for both committees.

The WSC Literature Committee has struggled for years with the question, "How can we be of service to translations efforts?" We nominated members to the committee who were bilingual to help us check the translatability of our written message and to provide a broader cultural perspective. We sent priority mailings of review-form literature to local literature subcommittees worldwide as well as to conference participants to circumvent mail transport problems and to offer extra time to accommodate the translation of material, if desired. We have made attempts to have review drafts translated, though never successfully due to financial constraints.

With the advent of the World Services Translation Committee, I believe that we are getting a truer perspective of how we can work together. We now understand that local translations subcommittees are not involved in the literature development process yet and that most of them won't be for some time. We understand that translations efforts are at full power. The number of projects being developed simultaneously is overwhelming. We believe that when that first piece of source material is submitted in French or Portuguese or Farsi, it is our responsibility to have a process in place that can accommodate multilingual literature development. We are hoping that you may help us conceptualize this at the conference.

Halfway through this report, I realized that this is my final conference report to you. I have truly enjoyed communicating with you the last two years, and I'll miss that. But most of all I'll miss the committee, the office staff, the other world service trusted servants, and seeing and talking to all of you at the quarterlies and conferences. This has been a rare and overwhelmingly positive experience.

Any year would be a hard year to leave. Next year offers a potential for a unifying and inventorying time. It will be difficult for all of us to slow down and take a look at our personal service and our world service components, communication, interaction, and resource utilization. Honestly looking at our assets and liabilities, perceiving patterns, and choosing to move toward change has always served to heal us individually; it will surely have that same effect on us collectively.

Thank you, WSC Literature Committee, for all the hard work, commitment, and friendship. Thanks, Alden, for being the best vice chair in the world. Thanks, Julie Kirkpatrick and Nancy Good of the WSO Literature Department, for keeping us afloat and in line this year. Thanks, WSO Publications Team, for helping us complete two major projects in two years. Thanks, Steps and Traditions Ad Hoc Committees, for drafting a beautiful explanation of how and why *it works!* Thanks, everyone, for allowing me to serve.

*Mary Jensen, Chairperson*

### WSC POLICY COMMITTEE

The WSC Policy Committee has no new activity to report that hasn't been addressed in the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* or the January 1993 *Conference Report*.

The chair and vice chair of the WSC Policy Committee participated in a planning session with other members of world services to formulate a specific plan for a world services inventory process. The actual plan that came out of that meeting was presented in a report mailed to conference participants earlier this month, so I need only say that policy leadership endorses it.

Unfortunately, the plan is coming out after the release of the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report*, and that may cause some problems for folks who had to consider the inventory motion without the specific plan about what, who, and how. Whatever the case, the plan is a good one, and hopefully we will have the chance next year to provide the essential services we need, stop work on new projects, and consider where we are going and how we are going to get there. With the *Guide to Service* being completed by WSC'93, we will have the opportunity to evaluate the information coming out of a world services inventory in light of any solutions the *Guide* might offer.

Thanks for letting us serve. See you at the conference.

*Bud Kenney, Chairperson*

### WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The WSO Board of Directors will provide a comprehensive annual report to conference participants prior to WSC'93. However, there is one matter we want to update you on right now: All aspects of the civil copyright infringement suit *WSO v.*

*Moorhead* have been concluded. Shortly after the death of David Moorhead last year, the presiding federal judge in the case told those representing Mr. Moorhead's estate that they would have until February 15, 1993 to file a motion requesting that another individual be substituted for Mr. Moorhead in this case. Contact with the court after February 15 confirmed that no motion for substitution had been filed; therefore, the case can be considered closed.

*Mary Kay Berger, Chairperson*

### WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Since we decided to give up our February 1993 meeting to help pay for the Inventory Planning Meeting that took place last month, we provided most of our annual report in the January 1993 *Conference Report*. This report will serve to communicate those items we believe conference participants should be aware of prior to WSC'93.

### WSB MOTIONS IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT

As hard as we try to present complete information, there always seems to be information from *Conference Agenda Report* workshops that we attend that indicates amendments are in order. This year is no exception.

For the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document and the policy on Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property (Motions 3 and 4), we will be presenting amendments that clarify the fact that only recovery literature is covered under these documents. When the RSR working group made fundamental philosophical changes to both documents, service guides and handbooks were removed from the description of trust property. When that occurred, it was no longer clear to some people that the term "literature" was meant to apply to recovery literature only.

These documents give broad rights to groups and limited rights to service boards and committees regarding the reprinting of our recovery literature. The provisions that limit or prohibit modifications, reproduction, or distribution do not reflect our practices with service material. It was never our intent to try to protect service material in the same way we do our recovery literature. We encourage local NA communities to treat service material as guides and to adapt the material for their own use. However, we do not have the same latitude with our recovery message in written form.

We have received other input on the internal use policy that will be brought up for discussion at WSC. There are people who are uncomfortable with the latitude given to NA groups to reproduce recovery literature, even provided:

- 1) that they have a need to do so,
- 2) that they do not distribute outside of their group, and



3) that they do not sell or modify the material.

One suggested "control" was to require that all groups register with the WSO before they are given this ability. However, it was the feeling of the trustees as well as of the RSR working group that the internal use policy, as proposed, reflects the philosophical base of our traditions. Although the possibility of abuse does exist, we do not believe this policy risks our copyrights or that any legal document can actually protect us from deliberate abuse by members. The protection we have rests in our fellowship, not in the courts.

For Motion 8 concerning shared membership between the WSO Board of Directors and the World Service Board of Trustees, we plan to present a substitute motion on the floor of the conference. This motion will state simply, "We recommend the continuation of shared *participation* between the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Office Board of Directors for the next year as a means of facilitating communication between the two boards." Since the position of dual member requires an incredible time commitment and its continuation cannot resolve all of our communication difficulties, we are interested in pursuing a different type of shared participation in this next year. With consent from the conference, both boards will work out the details of how this can be accomplished.

With regard to the "Public Relations Statement of Purpose" contained in Motion #7, we thought it might be helpful to clarify our position. We are more interested in the conference adopting the statement of purpose than we are in any immediate action on the "Long-Term Public Relations Plan" contained in *Conference Agenda Report* Addendum M. That five-stage plan is not a part of what we are proposing in Motion 7; it is simply additional information about the kind of effective public relations plan we would like to see implemented eventually, following upon the approval of a coherent public relations statement of purpose. We didn't attach any timelines to this motion, particularly since we knew that WSC'93 would be considering action about a change in focus in conference work. Regardless of when action could actually begin on a public relations plan, we would hope that the conference would accept Motion 7 as a statement of belief about how we can increase awareness about Narcotics Anonymous and become proactive in our relationships with other organizations.

During our November 1992 meeting we met with a UCLA professor who has studied and written about nonprofit organizations and their interactions with other organizations and with professionals, including fellowships like NA. His main point was that a fellowship like ours needs to become proactive in getting our message out instead of simply responding to crises or requests. It was a very informative discussion and we hope to examine how we might utilize his suggestions to further our public relation goals.

### THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM AT WSC '93

At this writing, the plans for the WSC'93 Development Forum are being finalized. Complete information will be sent out to all conference participants as soon as possible. The first draft of the agenda was mailed out in the January 1993 *Conference Report*, and

more detailed agenda on each topic will be included in a preconference packet to be mailed early next month.

This year we will have as many discussion groups as available meeting space will allow. We plan to ask RSRs to act as facilitators for each of these groups. We will also be asking certain RSRs to give short presentations on specific topics to begin each group discussion. We believe the inclusion of RSRs in these roles, and the fact that two of our topics will also be full conference discussions later in the week, will help to make the WSC Development Forum more of a full conference function.

Our conference translation needs this year are more complex than in the past. We will have seven Spanish-speaking participants and one Italian-speaking participant. The costs and feasibility of providing simultaneous translations for seven participants in one language are still being investigated. This is the first year in which we have had funding allocated for this purpose. One of the options we are investigating is having a translation booth and headsets. For this to be a realistic option, we will be required to use translators who are familiar with the issues and with conference procedures due to the complexity of the information likely to be discussed.

### **ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

Work on an American Sign Language videotape of the White Booklet is in progress, and we expect to have a completed "first draft" by the April conference. At our September 1992 meeting we began discussions about the use of a glossary of ASL terms to aid in consistent, accurate interpretation, finally adopting a plan to develop such a glossary. The interpreter for the White Booklet will be adding a glossary introduction explaining the terms used in the tape. Proofreading was begun on a large-print Basic Text, but work on that project has been temporarily put aside for the time being pending completion of work on other publications and preconference work. We have also received an ASL-interpreted speaker videotape from the Southern Idaho Regional Convention that was recently sent to our prospective tape evaluators. Even though our projects take some time to accomplish, one of our primary objectives is to increase the awareness of the needs of those of our members who are physically challenged.

We were very fortunate to have some members visit us at our November 1992 meeting who were hearing impaired. Their eloquence at expressing the difficulties they encountered on a daily basis in seeking recovery touched our hearts. It became obvious that we take for granted one of the basic premises of our program: one addict sharing with another. Imagine what it would be like if you had no one to share with because you couldn't hear and no one else could speak in the only language (ASL) available to you. Imagine being told that an interpreter was available for only one or two meetings a month--telling you, in effect, that you could only have two meetings a month for your recovery. It's a chilling thought; worse still, it is a chilling reality for a portion of our fellowship. We ask conference participants, committees and boards to keep additional needs in mind when considering an inventory process. We strongly

encourage dialogue between areas, regions, and WSB Additional Needs Panel so that we may assist one another in furthering our primary purpose.

Darwyn L. and Betsy M. as additional needs advisory members to the World Service Board will again be present at the conference this year. We invite you to take some time to meet with them to discuss and exchange information about additional needs and any upcoming workshops.

### CONTINUING ISSUES

The traditions portion of *It Works: How and Why* is being presented in the *Conference Agenda Report* this year by the WSC Literature Committee. Before the conference last year, we released a comprehensive report that recorded the process used to develop this project. Since that report's release, we completed our work in September 1992 and turned the completed project over to the literature committee. This report is available upon request from the World Service Office.

We have also been working on two articles this year, one concerning prejudice in our fellowship and one on HIV, AIDS, and recovery. Both articles have undergone several revisions as a result of input received. We are hopeful that we will be able to have both articles completed and ready for distribution at the conference.

The WSB Steering Committee attended the inventory planning meeting held February 19-21, 1993 at the World Service Office. When the World Service Board recommended that this meeting be prioritized ahead of the February trustee meeting, we were trying to indicate how important we believe this project is. The full board has not yet discussed the proposal that came out of the planning meeting, but the WSB Steering Committee has given its unanimous support. A detailed timeline of this project is being developed in cooperation with the WSC Administrative Committee. If Motion 1 is adopted, this would allow all of us to leave the conference knowing exactly what will happen during the next conference year. We would like to encourage everyone to consider the long-range benefits of this inventory and to come to the WSC prepared to offer your ideas on how to make this as productive as possible. We will see you in a few short weeks!

*Becky Meyer, Chairperson*

### INTERIM COMMITTEE

This year-end report provides background, an overview of our decision-making process for each quarter, and a summary of the year's financial decisions, relating them directly to the WSC'92 priority lists. There is also information about some unfortunate oversights in the CAR'93 travel policy proposal (Motion 2) along with amendments to be presented in April. The report concludes with some general thoughts and observations

about the 1992-93 Interim Committee. Following the report, we have listed the financial impact information for the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* motions.

Our hope is that this report will provide some further insight into our process and the circumstances under which WSC funding decisions have been made this year. In this way, our discussions at the WSC annual meeting can be more fruitful. A complete list of all our funding decisions will be available at the conference next month.

## BACKGROUND

The Interim Committee was formed at WSC'91 to manage the fiscal responsibilities of the World Service Conference and make necessary decisions for the WSC in conference year 1991-92. The committee was also asked to bring a recommendation back to the 1992 conference meeting for establishing a permanent decision-making process to be used when the conference was not in session. A motion passed at WSC'92 made the committee permanent and increased the number of its members to seven. In both years, the motion creating the committee directed it to be "mindful of priorities previously established by the World Service Conference". Fixed and discretionary priority lists were developed by conference participants and given to the Interim Committee for implementation.

The intent of the non-restrictive language of the WSC motion creating the Interim Committee reflects the practical aspects of administering conference finances from year to year. There are no established patterns or levels of income upon which to accurately base projections and schedule expenditures for WSC projects. During each of the last three years we have been able to plan activities for the first quarter on the basis of surplus funds carried over from the previous conference year. This surplus has equaled between 15% and 20% of the total needed to accomplish the highest priority activities recommended annually by the WSC. The source, the amount, and the timing of the remaining 80% to 85% needed to fund WSC projects has become a risk-filled guessing game.

The flexibility given to us by the WSC has proved to be a worthwhile tool. It has allowed us to meet the challenge of an unpredictable fund flow by adjusting income projections and expenditures on a week-to-week, month-to-month, or quarterly basis, whichever is required. The hard part comes when we have to inform other committees and boards that they must modify or put their previously approved plans on hold because of short or uncertain funds, especially when their projects have been given high priority ratings by the conference. But that was what you asked us to do, and that is what we have tried to bear in mind throughout a rather difficult year. In the overview that follows, we have tried to bring out other issues that impacted our decisions while implementing your priorities. As always, we invite your comments and/or questions in April at the annual World Service Conference meeting.

## OVERVIEW

For conference year 1992-93, the admonition to be "mindful of priorities" proved to be wise counsel although difficult for the committee to interpret and follow consistently. Twice during this past year we authorized the World Service Office to utilize funds accumulated in the WSO Emergency Fund, established in 1991. These funds were used to offset staff expenses associated with the 1992 WSC annual meeting in Dallas and the October 1992 WSC workshop in Cincinnati. These funds totaled \$9,000.

As you read through our report and examine the year-to-date figures, I think you'll agree with us that world service boards and committees accomplished quite a lot this past year, considering our financial limitations: development of *It Works, A Guide to Service*, improved service material resources for fellowship H&I and PI committees, a five-year PI plan, work on a WSO business plan and sales policy, completed translations of nineteen informational pamphlets into five languages, and the completion of the translation of the Brazilian Portuguese and German Basic Texts, all while the NA Fellowship showed more than 1,400 newly registered meetings in more than sixty countries--not a shabby record by any means.

## FIRST QUARTER JUNE-AUGUST 1992

In the June 1992 *Conference Report*, the Interim Committee shared its uncertainty and confusion about interpreting the spending priority lists that had been approved a few weeks earlier at WSC'92. We noted several conflicting WSC decisions and items--conference committee newsletters, non-NA events, and the steps and traditions projects, to name a few--that had been considered "fixed" the previous year but were labelled "discretionary" this year. It quickly became obvious that a very strict interpretation of the spending priority list would result in funding only the top five items on the discretionary list in addition to fixed expenses. While this approach was feasible, it meant no funding for many things that had seemed to be essential, including the H&I literature stockpile, participation in *CAR* workshops, continuation of the NA video project, Interim Committee meetings, and attendance of the World Services Translation Committee chairperson at the WSC. Many questions then arose. Did the priority rankings reflect awareness by conference participants that some basic services might be eliminated, or did the attached dollar estimates outweigh the value of certain services as they were being ranked? Also, we wondered if it would be appropriate to fund a requested discretionary item by finding a way to decrease the amount for a fixed item. We concluded that many judgment calls would have to be made throughout the year.

We had many lengthy discussions resulting in common understandings only to revisit our decisions a number of times. This continued until ground rules for operation of the committee and criteria for decision making were established. We also agreed that the ability to change course from quarter to quarter would probably allow us to help everyone provide optimal service to the fellowship.

Achieving agreement on its approach to the decision-making process, the Interim Committee decided to fund as many fixed and discretionary items as possible. We examined several items on the lists and noted that the conference had approved some of them by two-thirds majorities in committee/board business sessions and then ranked them low on the list or not at all during the budget session. For example, the dissolution of the Joint Administrative Committee, the approval of the revised World Service Board of Trustees guidelines, and the approval of a WSB-WSO dual-membership trial were interpreted to mean that discretionary items #22 (chairs and vice chairs attending WSB meetings), #25 (additional exchange), and #26 (dual membership) could be grouped together and included with item #14 (exchange participation among world service boards and committees), and that is how we implemented them throughout the year.

The WSC treasurer reported in June 1992 that the CY 1992-93 spending plan should be based on anticipated revenues of \$296,000, a modest 7.5% increase over the previous conference year. The treasurer also advised the Interim Committee that a revamped bookkeeping system and more accurate projections would allow for improved management of WSC finances. In August 1992, we noted that donations for May, June, and July had been 42% above projections, and we expected substantial contributions from the Unity Day celebration scheduled for early in September. Recalling our previous agreement to set aside \$10,925 for the WSC annual meeting and \$5,000 for the development forum each quarter, we decided to allocate all remaining money to fund as many requests as possible. Additionally, the Interim Committee accepted the recommendation of the WSC treasurer to increase the overall spending plan for CY 1992-93 by 20%, or \$59.2 thousand, to a new total of \$355,200.

There are two points that are important to note here. One is that, buoyed by the increase in donations for the first two months of the quarter, we did not fully appreciate the limitations of our income projections for later in the year. Secondly, departing from the fund management plan used in previous years, we drew from our reserve to allocate operating cash for use on current projects. These two decisions would seriously affect our ability to operate beginning midway through the second quarter.

## **SECOND QUARTER SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1992**

At the end of August 1992, we made decisions for the upcoming second quarter. Optimism born of strong fellowship donations in June and July led us to adopt an ambitious program for second-quarter expenditures of \$125,000, funding all fixed expenses and up to item #16 on the discretionary list. Shortly thereafter began a decline in revenue, although the sharpness of the decline was not yet apparent. The next few months presented us with the opportunity to "change course."

We met in September 1992 during that month's World Service Board of Trustees meeting and prioritized proposed trips overseas, taking into consideration both World Service Conference needs and the needs of the World Service Office. We reviewed all proposed trips, examining their justification and benefit. Top-rated trips included

proposed visits to WSO-Europe for management follow-up, South America for research into future literature production and distribution sites, Italy for a workshop on translations and the service structure, India and the South Pacific for a follow-up visit including study of literature distribution issues and a stop at the Fellowship Service Office in Sydney, and the Asia-Pacific Forum. Tentative approval was made to fund all these trips. Additionally, we accepted the WSB's recommendation to increase the number of delegates invited to the WSC'93 Development Forum by four and to add funds for interpreting at the conference meeting in April 1993. This increased our spending plan for the development forum to a total of \$35,000.

When we met at the October 1992 WSC workshop in Cincinnati, the final income figures for August and September indicated that actual donations for the period of June through September were \$30,000 below our revised projections. October figures available up through the time of that meeting only confirmed the downward trend. Based on the availability of \$9,475 in cash above already committed third quarter administrative, fixed, and discretionary expenses, we began to consider fourth quarter needs. Projected funds available for the fourth quarter after administrative, fixed, and necessary discretionary items were accounted for totaled \$30,475. We informed the WSC committee chairpersons of the strong possibility that we would have to cancel a planned February 1993 WSC workshop due to lack of funds. We also recommended that the World Service Board of Trustees consider cancelling its February 1993 meeting.

Our Cincinnati meeting was the first time we had discussed together the idea of a "slowdown" or "inventory" or "refocus" year for world services. While reviewing the conference's dismal financial picture, several members of the committee brought up the idea for discussion. This proposal had been informally discussed at the conference and elsewhere for years, but had never been seriously pursued. We had all said or heard that "we should just slow down or stop long enough to really examine what we do and how we do it" at many WSC annual meetings, but none of us had ever considered this to be practical because of the many projects in progress. The "when" and "how" aspects never seemed to be realistic. In October 1992, the circumstances just naturally led us into the discussion. After asking committee chairs and other WSC trusted servants to join our discussions, we ended up concluding that the opportunity to slow down and take a year-long inventory of world services was here, even though no one yet had a handle on all the details. By early December 1992 CAR'93 Motion #1 had been formulated, and the February 1993 planning meeting was subsequently scheduled. By the time this report is published, a full report on the planning meeting will have been mailed to all conference participants.

When we met in November 1992, WSC income had not improved and the majority of funding requests were delayed until our January 1993 meeting. Some requests were denied outright, including one for participation in a non-NA event in Southeast Asia and another for a WSC Literature Committee meeting scheduled for February 1993. We also recommended that the WSO cancel a business planning meeting due to staffing shortages and review its plans for the PI video production. The expenditures we did approve concerned the development of the *Conference Agenda Report*, the December



1992 meeting of the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service, the January 1993 WSO board meeting, and a product-supplier visit to be made by a WSO staff member. We regret that we did not keep you better informed at the time of our financial condition. Many of you were not aware of our dire financial straits until you received the letter from the WSC chairperson, and we sincerely apologize for that oversight.

### **THIRD QUARTER DECEMBER 1992--FEBRUARY 1993**

The beginning of the third quarter was the most difficult period so far of this conference year. It seemed that everything was in a holding pattern; WSC committees and boards, even RSC requests, were awaiting word from the Interim Committee to plan their activities, while we were awaiting word that donations were on the rise. What contributed to the overall uneasiness of the period was the unfortunate miscommunication of some of our decisions. In mid-December 1992, income was reported to be even lower than our cutback projections had forecast.

In January 1993, both the WSC treasurer and the Interim Committee reported that the WSC financial condition was poor. Both the treasurer and the WSC chairperson had directly asked the fellowship to send donations, if possible. Looking ahead at our projected administrative expenses and our financial commitment of \$78,000 to the WSC and the development forum, with only \$39,000 in the bank, we allocated funds of just over \$20,000 for other activities in February 1993 and the fourth quarter.

As we were reviewing the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report*, we discovered that we had insufficient information to include the WSC and WSO financial impacts on costs of each motion. Again, we apologize to those of you who expecting to find that information in the *CAR*. It is included at the end of this report.

The rest of our January 1993 meeting was spent on preparing for the upcoming inventory planning meeting, scheduled for the following month. We looked first at those administrative activities of world services that would absolutely have to be continued. We then identified projects on committee and board agenda that should receive support and resources. Finally, we identified those activities that would be necessary for an inventory process. All together, these things would require a budget of approximately \$239,000. We then discussed the makeup of participants for the planning meeting and invited the WSC Administrative Committee, WSC committee chairpersons or vice chairpersons, the four-member executive committee of the WSO board, and the five-member WSB Steering Committee.

After the February 1993 planning meeting concluded, the Interim Committee met to finalize financial impact information for the *Conference Agenda Report* motions, correct the travel policy proposal, formulate our reports, and consider funding requests. Minutes of the meeting will be mailed to conference participants as soon as they are approved.

## TRAVEL POLICY PROPOSAL AMENDMENTS

We are providing the following amendments to Motion 2 appearing in the 1993 *Conference Agenda Report* to clarify the original intent of the proposed Interim Committee Travel Guidelines:

**To amend Addendum L, "Interim Committee Travel Guidelines," by deleting on page L-5 the entire section entitled "Personal Expense Allowance" and replacing it with the following:**

### *PERSONAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE*

*World service travelers may claim reimbursement for meals and personal expenses for each day of travel on approved world service trips in the United States. Personal expenses covered by this allowance are meals, tips, ground transportation, parking, and personal telephone calls.*

*In order to be reimbursed for these expenses, travelers must submit personal expense reports. Receipts for all personal expenses except meals costing less than \$25.00 US must be included with a traveler's expense report. The maximum allowance for reimbursement of personal expenses is not to exceed \$40.00 US per day times the number of days authorized for each trip. This means that an authorized world service traveler on a trip requiring three days away from home base, including the day of departure and the day of return, is eligible to claim a total of \$120.00 US for reimbursement as personal expenses for the entire trip.*

*Travelers who have extenuating circumstances which require additional funding or other considerations may make their request to the Interim Committee.*

*A traveler may obtain an advance to cover personal expenses, provided the advance is requested at least ten days prior to the actual departure. Except in the case of WSO employees, the advance must be approved by the WSC treasurer.*

*The personal expense allowance rate for travel outside of the USA will be set on a case-by-case basis. The rate will be based on the USA allowance and will take into consideration the cost of living and the exchange rate for the destination.*

**To amend Addendum L, "Interim Committee Travel Guidelines," by inserting the following language on page L-8 immediately after the section titled "Health Insurance":**

*If you have any questions or concerns about accident, injury, liability, or health coverage, please call the WSO travel organizer before accepting or planning a world services trip.*

## GENERAL COMMENTS

The Interim Committee, like every other committee and board, has found this conference year to be a difficult one. We have experienced the same frustrations as others have reported. Fellowship needs for services have at times overtaken our resources. It may seem simplistic to say that time and money have been scarce, but it's never been more true. Every member of the committee and the WSO staff has had more

responsibilities than time and personal well-being seemed to allow for. I know that none of this is news to anyone, because everyone knows of these circumstances intimately. My only purpose here is to acknowledge these factors, not belabor them.

The Interim Committee has reported its previous activities, including funding and travel decisions, in the June 1992, September 1992, and January 1993 issues of the *Conference Report*. In addition, approved minutes from our meetings have been distributed to conference participants and phone calls have been made to RSRs. We have invited and received inquiries about our decisions and processes throughout the year, and we have tried to answer all of them to the best of our ability. From conversations and participation in various workshops, we have also had the opportunity to address other questions that have been discussed around the fellowship but not sent directly to the Interim Committee. Even though most of the information here has been reported previously, we hope that this annual report provides an added perspective.

In this, NA's fortieth year, please pause a moment and think about the changes you have witnessed in your life and the lives of others. Remember the many members who came before us, who offered us the foundation upon which we must continue to build. Let our gratitude speak.

The members of the Interim Committee are deeply grateful for your interest and input throughout the year. For myself, serving the fellowship in this capacity has been most challenging, revealing, and rewarding. Thank you.

*Dave Tynes, Chairperson*

### CAR MOTION IMPACT LIST

#	WSC IMPACT	WSO IMPACT
1	\$71,000	\$40,000
4	0	\$300
7	0	0
10	0	0
13	0	0
16	0	0
19	\$10,320	0
22	0	0
25	0	0
28	0	0
31	0	0
34	0	0
37	0	0
40	UNK	UNK
43	UNK	UNK

#	WSC IMPACT	WSO IMPACT
2	0	0
5	0	0
8	\$1,300	\$1,300
11	\$18,000	0
14	\$7,900	0
17	0	0
20	0	0
23	0	0
26	0	0
29	\$3,225	0
32	0	0
35	0	0
38	UNK	UNK
41	0	10,000
44	\$76,000	\$8-15,000

#	WSC IMPACT	WSO IMPACT
3	0	\$1,900
6	0	0
9	0	\$225/language
12	\$2,500	0
15	0	\$225/language
18	0	income \$209K
21	0	0
24	0	0
27	0	0
30	0	0
33	0	0
36	0	0
39	UNK	UNK
42	0	0
45	0	\$10,000

"UNK" MEANS COST CANNOT BE DETERMINED

WSC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE  
INCOME STATEMENT  
JUNE 1, 1992 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1993**

**Income**

## Donations

General donations.....\$201,763.93

Unity Day donations.....7,564.07

Total donations .....\$209,328.42

Interest income.....539.91**Total income ..... \$209,868.33****Expense**

CY 1991-92 expenses.....\$1,132.75

## Administrative expenses

Bank service charges..... \$37.00

Copying .....7,911.85

Fax..... 600.37

Other materials..... 309.85

Phone..... 13,697.64

Postage.....17,863.49

Translating .....3,351.08

Total administrative expenses .....43,771.28

H&amp;I literature.....5,013.18

Legal.....6,316.50

Lodging .....32,718.37

Meals.....18,309.81

Meeting space .....1,748.93

Registration .....2,431.35

Travel.....87,535.01**Total expense ..... \$198,977.18****Net income (loss)**

Total income.....\$209,868.33

Total expense.....(198,977.18)**Net income (loss) ..... \$10,891.15**

**WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE  
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN FUNDS BALANCE  
JUNE 1, 1992 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1993**

**June 1, 1992 funds**

Bank of America balance.....	\$30,675.22
Capital Bank balance.....	(1,654.70)
Deposit in transit.....	6,840.68
WSO prepaid expense.....	15,585.61
Expenses recorded in May 1992 <sup>2</sup> .....	<u>7,734.48</u>
Total June 1, 1992 funds .....	\$59,181.29

**Change in funds, June 1, 1992  
through February 28, 1993**

Income .....	\$209,868.33
Expense .....	<u>(198,977.18)</u>
Net change in funds.....	<u>10,891.15</u>
February 28, 1993 funds.....	<u><b>\$70,072.44</b></u>

**February 28, 1993 funds**

Bank of America balance.....	\$61,805.13
Capital Bank balance.....	4,377.71
WSO prepaid expense.....	<u>3,889.60</u>
February 28, 1993 funds.....	<u><b>\$70,072.44</b></u>

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<sup>2</sup> Reconciles WSO books to WSC CY books.

**WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE  
COMPARISON OF CY 1992-93 BUDGET WITH ACTUAL EXPENSES  
FEBRUARY 28, 1993**

<b>WSC'92 FIXED PRIORITIES</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>
1. WSC 1993 annual meeting.....	\$43,700.00	\$318.00
2. Print, distribute <i>Conference Report</i> and <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> .....	11,700.00	9,060.91
3. Administrative expenses .....	38,500.00	25,418.52
4. World Service Board of Trustees meetings (4) .....	39,720.00	30,853.30
5. WSC workshops (2) with WSC Literature Committee funding .....	37,360.00	14,066.82
6. <i>Conference Digest</i> translation, printing, distribution.....	<u>7,200.00</u>	<u>2,438.09</u>
<b>Total fixed .....</b>	<b>\$178,180.00</b>	<b>\$82,155.64</b>

<b>WSC'92 DISCRETIONARY PRIORITY LIST</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>
1. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (steps and traditions) .....	\$32,400.00	\$10,599.94
2. World Services Translation Committee meeting.....	14,500.00	13,884.65
3. International participation at WSC.....	20,000.00	0.00
4. International development .....	18,000.00	371.50
5. WSB Additional Needs Panel.....	2,150.00	3,669.21
6. <i>Guide to Service</i> project.....	38,500.00	16,136.29
7. Translation of service periodicals .....	7,900.00	0.00
8. Interim Committee meetings.....	5,600.00	5,870.66
9. Translation Committee additional items.....	10,695.00	1,338.55
10. H&I literature stockpile.....	9,000.00	5,013.18
11. PI video project .....	35,000.00	0.00
12. Conference committee newsletters.....	13,300.00	0.00
13. World service attendance at fellowship events.....	14,500.00	3,038.85
14. Exchange, participation among world service boards, committees.....	18,300.00	4,324.19
15. Follow-up on participation in non-NA events.....	8,400.00	5,965.88
16. International public relations.....	10,000.00	5,418.61
17. World service travel to zonal forums .....	0.00	6,353.83
18. Travel funding for WSC committee meetings .....	45,000.00	6,855.85
19. Zonal forum delegate travel to WSC'93.....	0.00	0.00
20. Distribution of <i>Conference Digest</i> with <i>Newsline</i> .....	1,700.00	912.99
21. Conference committee working groups.....	18,000.00	2,405.99
22. Chairs and vice chairs attending WSB meeting.....	11,540.00	12,447.29
23. WSC Recognition Assistance Panel .....	2,560.00	0.00
24. Participation of facilitator at WSB planning meeting.....	1,000.00	0.00
25. Additional exchange among boards and committees.....	6,000.00	0.00
26. Dual membership, boards of directors and trustees .....	<u>3,280.00</u>	<u>191.55</u>
<b>Total discretionary .....</b>	<b>\$347,325.00</b>	<b>\$104,799.01</b>

<b>UNBUDGETED ITEMS</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>
1. CY 1991-92 expenses .....		\$1,343.18
2. February 1993 planning meeting.....		1,633.08
3. Fellowship tax issues .....		3,700.00
4. Unity Day expenses.....		311.90
5. Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust .....		<u>5,034.37</u>
<b>Total unbudgeted .....</b>		<b>\$12,022.53</b>
<b>Total fixed .....</b>	<b>\$178,180.00</b>	<b>82,155.64</b>
<b>Total discretionary.....</b>	<b>347,325.00</b>	<b>104,799.01</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b><u>\$525,505.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$198,977.18</u></b>

### ORIGINAL AND REVISED CY 1992-93 SPENDING PLANS

Original CY 1992-93 spending plan (budget), June 1, 1992.....	\$296,000.00
Revised CY 1992-93 spending plan (budget), August 5, 1992.....	\$355,200.00

### WSO PROJECT-RELATED TRAVEL APPROVED BY THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

#### WSO Board of Directors meetings

June 1992 meeting.....	\$4,100.00
September 1992 meeting .....	\$3,745.00
November 1992 meeting.....	\$4,255.00
January 1993 meeting.....	n/a
March 1993 meeting.....	n/a

#### Interim Committee, board exchange, dual member (WSO)

WSB/Interim, June 1992 .....	\$1,985.00
WSB/Interim, September 1992 .....	\$1,065.00
WSB/Interim, November 1992 .....	\$1,140.00
WSO-Europe/ECC, July 1992 .....	\$8,725.00
WSO-Europe/Sweden, October 1992 .....	\$5,940.00
WSO-Canada, December 1992 .....	\$1,040.00
Business planning, September 1992 .....	\$1,195.00
Business planning, November 1992 .....	\$1,965.00

#### WSO/RSO workshop, August 1992

Three directors, four staff).....	\$4,350.00
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#### NA video development

NA Video Group as of 12/31/92 .....	\$5,179.00
Legal/Consulting .....	\$4,178.00
Production.....	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Total .....	\$14,357.00
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#### Wichita workshop .....

#### WSC workshop, Cincinnati .....

#### Volunteers in Criminal Justice System workshop.....

#### WCC Board of Directors meetings

June Meeting .....	\$10,120.00
November Meeting.....	\$7,815.00
March Meeting .....	n/a



**NA VIDEO GROUP**

Well, I imagine everyone's in the process of gearing up for the 1993 World Service Conference. For certain it's a busy time of year, and the reading, digesting, and reporting of all the conference information will take its toll on us all. Hopefully we will be able to keep in touch with our primary purpose as this process takes place.

If you have been following our progress this past year, you know that we had hoped to enable conference participants to preview the video at this year's conference. Due to the timeline agreed upon between the WSO and the video production company, however, our project will not be completed until December 1993.

The video working group is currently engaged in detailed work on script development. We have been reviewing all aspects of the script and have scrutinized the development of the video with great detail. Thus far, we feel the project is moving along nicely.

Our next meeting will be held early in March 1993, and we hope to put the final touches on the concepts included in the script. We will be meeting with the script writer from the production company to discuss our progress, and I believe that this interaction will nail down the project's focus. In addition we will be creating an updated timeline for the project which will adequately reflect our plans. We will also discuss possible approval processes for the video.

Although the development of this project has been slower than we anticipated, we feel that the time we are taking will ensure a quality product. I believe that this is one of the most far-reaching projects currently being undertaken by world services, and I look forward to further updating you on our progress at the World Service Conference. Yours in recovery,

*Susan Blaue, Chairperson*

**TAX OPTIONS GROUP**

Contrary to what we said in the January 1993 *Conference Report*, the Tax Options Group does not have a detailed presentation ready for publication at this time. At WSC'93 next month in Van Nuys, we will present a wrap-up report on our discussions and activities over the past year. There is only one point I wish to emphasize at this time: *The Tax Options Group will not be presenting any proposals for action at this year's World Service Conference.* Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

*Danette Banyai, Chairperson*

**REQUEST FOR SEATING:  
THE PHILIPPINES**

I formally request that the Philippines be seated as a region at the 1993 Annual Meeting of NA's World Service Conference next month in Van Nuys, California, USA. Further information regarding this request can be found in our regional report appearing later in this issue of the *Conference Report*.

Sincere thanks for your kind attention,

*Tata Montilla, RSR*

**ON SERVICE DELIVERY  
California Midstate Region**

Selfless service in Narcotics Anonymous is an ideal. As addicts, we carry our defects of character with us wherever we go. Given this, we work as a fellowship to the best of our ability to fulfill our primary purpose and carry the message to the still-suffering addict. In theory, our service system is intended to facilitate practical, effective, and spiritual delivery of services at the world level. Unfortunately, in many situations, the current system strains human and financial resources, complicates and obstructs the actual delivery of services, and ultimately threatens NA unity.

As recovering addicts in NA we strive to apply the steps to our lives and achieve growth. The same principle can be applied to a service system. Through an inventory of the present service system, identification of existing problems, and exploration of solutions, we as a fellowship must continue active participation in the spiritual growth and development of NA world service.

The members of the World Service Board of Trustees are elected at the World Service Conference. A trustee, to be elected, must have two-thirds of the affirmative vote from conference participants. This two-thirds is a substantial requirement, and when elected a trustee has substantial support. The WSB has general responsibility for the growth and development of the fellowship as a whole. In the same breath, the WSB maintains a similar responsibility to review world service projects. The WSB has a committee system. Each committee has an area of specific responsibility as defined by the WSB guidelines. WSB committees are accountable to the full board of trustees and not to the conference. The full WSB is responsible to the conference.

The WSC committees are directly responsible to the conference. Committee chairs and vice chairs are elected on the WSC floor. The WSC creates and approves or disapproves the projects assigned to each WSC committee. At times, conference

committees create projects during the year. This direct responsibility to WSC implies, at the least, support and accountability for the committees' respective projects.

The World Service Office and its board of directors has many responsibilities, at times acting as a "catch all" for the conference. To list all of these responsibilities would take too long; however, some frequent events occur. Approximately fifty people related to world services call and request that their particular projects be attended to. In addition there are groups, members, offices, and others who call, often requesting information and/or services. The WSO is operating at approximately 33% below its desired staffing level. The demands and projects over the years have increased. The number of staff have decreased.

The World Service Conference created a committee called the Interim Committee. The purpose of the Interim Committee is to make financial decisions when the conference is not in session. These decisions are based on the priorities the conference has set. The Interim Committee is composed of the chairs and vice chairs of the WSO Board of Directors, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the World Service Conference, along with the conference treasurer in an advisory capacity.

The aforementioned boards and committees seem to have their respective scope of service. The WSC makes decisions on behalf of the fellowship, and the boards and committees carry those out. However, this system is idealistic and, in day-to-day functioning has some problems.

World Service Board responsibilities include the growth and development of NA as a whole, an experience base for the conference, and to lend experience/perceptions of our traditions. At this point, the trustees are not the only source for these responsibilities. Many members of the conference have these kinds of qualities/experience. With this in mind, some questions arise. What is the purpose of the two-thirds vote to be elected? Does this set the trustees apart from other world servants? If so, is that what we as a fellowship want to do? What is the purpose of *all* trustees being elected for five-year terms? If the answer is the scope of responsibility, is a five-year term with two-thirds vote the best way to support our trustees? Should there be some yearly review? Every other year?

Some of the work of conference committees is duplicated by the World Service Board. Many members of the fellowship participate in these committees. Is this the best use of our fellowship resources? Have we closely examined the productivity of these committees to see if we want to continue the investment? Do we set our trusted servants up by giving responsibilities and not giving (or having) the resources?

With the multiple committee system, who is the World Service Office supposed to take direction from? Our current system is not centralized or organized. Yes, the WSO could do some things to increase the effectiveness of its use of time. However, it cannot do that on its own. Another piece to these problems has to do with who is paying the price. If not now, then soon will the groups, members, and addicts who still suffer pay the price with untimely literature and starter kit distribution.

The Interim Committee's priority list contradicts itself. The question remains as to whether this priority list is "the bible" which is not to be deviated from or a "guide" which is flexible. Interim Committee decisions have reflected both of these postures this year.

The Interim Committee actually has no guidelines to operate with. Consideration was given to adding an RSR review panel to the Interim Committee similar to the RSR working group on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust document. However, the situation is different in that the product is not a document, but decisions. So, how do we review those? If we put RSRs in the committee, they become a part of it and lose their objectivity. If they review minutes, they don't have the hands-on experience of the considerations that were given to each decision made.

The members of the Interim Committee are also members of WSB or conference committees. All of us being human, folks are known to have some proprietary interest in their committee work--that is, it would be natural for one committee or project to have a place in your heart greater than another. Members of the Interim Committee sometimes travel on behalf of the WSB or the conference. This lends the appearance of "self-funding" for travel.

The World Service Conference uses a "shared authority" system. The various boards and committees of the WSC have individualized scopes of service. The specific scope of "who is in charge" when the conference is not in session is unclear, as no board or committee has that specific charge within their guidelines. This inadvertently disrupts NA unity in its world services. One of the problems that comes from this "shared authority" system appears to be a power struggle. When it comes to whose projects are most important to the fellowship and when they should be funded, a variety of opinions surface, and all of them seem right. One example is the WSB recommends that its meeting should occur in February due to the projects it is facing. The conference committees recommend that if there is a meeting in February and money is tight, the first group to be eliminated should be the WSB Steering Committee. All these trusted servants firmly believe in serving the fellowship in the best possible way.

The issues presented seem to indicate a systemic problem. We have pitted committees against one another and given one committee more authority than another without really saying or defining it. The fellowship-at-large does its best to be involved in these problems and the deliberations about them. However, the groups have other priorities such as carrying the message. To ask the fellowship for direction in something that it has limited time for is not prudent. Those who want to and can participate, do, and those who do not want to or can't participate, don't. For those who have the time, some discussion about possible solutions is evident.

It seems that the time has come to eliminate one of these committee systems. Consolidation seems to make sense at this point for a variety of reasons. Which system, the WSB or WSC, should we consolidate to is probably not that big of a deal. In either scenario, consolidating the eliminated committee systems' responsibilities would be necessary. It is time that we stop the sometimes wasteful use of fellowship resources.

Proprietary interest is a longstanding issue. Perhaps it is time for the conference to set some policy or guideline which would state that those who make financial decisions

must not be involved in any board, committee, travel, etc. The WSC Administrative Committee could perform this function. However, this would require the conference to redistribute some of the administrative committee's existing responsibilities.

The Interim Committee is discussing a possible slowdown in world service projects. Integrating the draft of the *Guide to Service* notwithstanding, this idea seems practical at this point. The conference has been in some state of confusion and financial quandary for a while. If we take the time out to regroup and gave some direction on what must be done this year (e.g. translations, literature production, etc.), we may be able to quit digging the hole that we are in. Active participation in the spiritual growth and development of NA world service by the entire fellowship may be just another unreachable ideal. After all, they say that "Ideal" is only a toy company (it's an American joke). However, we are requesting that conference participants come to WSC'93 next month prepared to discuss these issues and move closer to a solution. We send our prayers, and hope for the best of work. In service and gratitude,

*California Midstate RSC*

**REGIONAL ANNUAL REPORTS**

Al-Sask (Alberta and Saskatchewan)	Michigan
Aotearoa New Zealand	Mid-America
Asia-Pacific Forum	Mid-Atlantic
Australia	Mountaineer
Best Little Region	Nebraska
Brasil	New Jersey
British Columbia	North East Atlantic
California Midstate	Northern California
Carolina	Northern New Jersey
Central California	Pacific Cascade
Chesapeake and Potomac	Philippines
Chicagoland	Portugal
Colombia	Quebec
Connecticut	Region of the Virginians
France	South Florida
Free State	Southern California
Greater Illinois	Southern Idaho
Greater New York	Southern Nevada
Hawaii	Spain
Indiana	Sweden
Iowa	Tri-State
Ireland	Volunteer
Lone Star	Washington-Northern Idaho

## ALSASK REGION

Greetings from the Alsask Region of Narcotics Anonymous. Our membership includes addicts from the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and eastern British Columbia. Our growth in the past year has been steady. Our largest influx of new groups are those in rural locations. We now have approximately 116 meetings in 6 areas.

Our regional committees include: H&I, PI, literature, outreach, and convention. The H&I committee held its first regional learning day in February, 1993. It was a success with over 50 members in attendance. The H&I committee has been working within a structure that defines the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan as two separate districts in order to provide a more cohesive service within each province. Our region is too geographically vast to ensure complete service in any other way.

Our PI committee has facilitated the use of PSA's in the past year. Three of our areas now have these on the air. The response has been good and has increased our membership as well as hotline information calls. The PI committee held 2 regional learning days last year to increase awareness. The literature committee continues to be a vehicle in the review and input of literature. It is no longer involved in sales, since we do not have a regional office.

The outreach committee has been busy maintaining contact with our new rural groups. They also publish our regional meeting list twice a year and are responsible for encouraging group registration with the WSO. Our regional convention, held in Edmonton, Alberta, was resounding success. The convention focuses on service. All of our workshops were very well attended. Our next convention will be held in Red Deer, Alberta in November, 1993. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope you'll join us.

The topic of funds was the main focus of our region this year. We began by asking the areas to prioritize our spending. As a result, one of our areas submitted a motion not to attend the WSC. This went back to the fellowship for discussion for a period of six months and increased awareness of our responsibilities to and participation in NA as a whole. The motion not to attend was defeated. The issue was not a lack of funds, but a realistic look at the distribution of our funds.

We also had to deal with theft of funds this past year as some of our convention ticket payments went astray. We were able to work out a payment reconciliation with the individual involved. It was a difficult topic for all of us to deal with. We are looking forward to any direction world services can provide on this matter as we continue to deal with it to the best of our ability.

In March, we will host our first ever CAR workshop for our region. Participation and interest at the area level has been slow, but is growing. We have elected a new RSR Alternate again this year--Brian M. from Edmonton. Our region continues to have two-year terms for RSR and Alternate. This will be my last conference as RSR. Holding this position has helped my personal recovery in so many ways. Thank you NA for allowing me the privilege to serve!

Yours in service,

Lucie Gelinas, RSR  
Brian Moore, RSR Alternate





# Narcotics Anonymous

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 6826, WELLESLEY STREET, AUCKLAND 1.

To: World Service Conference.  
From: Christine Tait, RSR Aotearoa New Zealand.  
Date: February 20 1993.

Kia ora from the Aotearoa New Zealand Region.

During the last year we celebrated ten years of NA in New Zealand. At the Third Regional Convention in Palmerston North in October we were privileged to host the first Asia Pacific Forum. Representatives from Australia, Hawaii, Japan, Philippines and New Zealand attended. Our thanks to the Board of Trustees for the support and guidance given by Kim Johnson and Pete Cole. Participants in the forum left with a sense of unity and hope for established and developing NA communities in Asia Pacific. Our needs and concerns were expressed and we found many similarities. We look forward to realising some of the potential the Forum offers.

Aotearoa New Zealand is a relatively young, small region being four years old and having 90 meetings served by three Area Service Committees covering the two main islands. New Zealand has a small population (3.4 million) spread over 104,000 square miles which means that commitment to travel is a prerequisite of service. Half the meetings are based in the larger cities, with the other half being held in smaller rural towns with between one and three meetings a week. All three Area Service Committees now have a phoneline or helpline located in their largest city.

The RSC meets every three months in various cities throughout the Region. At the elections in January the only standing sub-committee chair elected was the Activities Chair. Members of the RSC will take responsibility for areas normally covered by sub-committee chairs until those positions are filled. Most Area positions have been filled. The RSC has an active Administration Sub-committee which usually meets on the evening before the RSC to help streamline some of the business. For six months last year we had a Literature Sub-committee Chair. H&I and PI continue to function at Area level but unfortunately without the support or sub-committee Chairs on the RSC.

An agreement with the Australian RSC was negotiated at the Asia Pacific Forum for the provision of services by the Fellowship Service Office. At this point this has not been finalised although we were pleased with the progress made in our meeting with the Australian RSR and RSR Alt. A New Zealand member has been elected to serve as a member of the FSO Board and we continue to operate a branch office of FSO Australia in Auckland, New Zealand.

[ Changes in the economy have meant that there is more emphasis on fundraising events than previously, rather than relying on Seventh Tradition monies. There were sufficient funds raised at our convention to be able to budget for attendance at WSC this year. The cost of this takes one third of our income. There was a strong feeling of wanting to be a part of the decision making process that could shape the direction of the development of services to the Fellowship throughout the world. Our participation in the Asia Pacific Forum gave us hope of being a part of something that meets our needs and where we can give what we have here.

Over the last year we have seen a rise in the number of addicts attending meetings from minority communities. There has been an upsurge in numbers from the Maori (the indigenous people) and Lesbian communities particularly. Prejudice issues arise and continue to be addressed and it is pleasing to be a part of a fellowship where people from different backgrounds can find recovery from addiction. This rise in minority group membership can be attributed to common needs meetings within the fellowship and at conventions. Maori membership has also been strengthened by the translation of the Serenity Prayer into Maori and having this banner hung at ASC meetings as well as the Maori meeting. ASC meetings are sometimes held on Marae (Maori meeting places) and have been since Area Service began in 1986. Local protocol is respected at conventions where a powhiri (welcome) is usually extended to the fellowship from the local Maori community. Kaumatua (elders) have expressed their respect for the effect NA has, and the potential to have, in their community. Groups of Maori addicts are beginning to look at translating literature into Maori. Our service structure has a very high proportion of women, Maori and Lesbian represented.

I look forward to taking part in the WSC and to meeting some of you.

In love and service,

Chris Tait RSR.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chris Tait', written in dark ink.

TO: Conference participants

FROM: Asia Pacific Forum

RE: Summary of minutes of Asia Pacific Forum

Members representing regions and groups from Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii met in New Zealand on the weekend of October 23rd--26th with the support of two members of the World Service Board of Trustees. Apologies were received from Hong Kong.

Representatives introduced themselves and gave a picture of the fellowship in their regions/countries and spoke of their assets, needs, and difficulties. We then looked at specific points for further discussion and to identify the aims of the forum.

#### **RESOURCES:**

Some ideas included:

1. Sharing minutes of RSC meetings. Selecting relevant points in a summary sheet for circulation amongst forum members.
2. Sharing information between subcommittees of RSCs.
3. Letters and photos from established NA communities to more isolated communities.
4. Extension of regional outreach work to include communication with other communities in the forum area.
5. **THE BIGGEST RESOURCE WE HAVE IS EACH OTHER.**

#### **NEEDS OF REGIONS WITHIN THE FORUM:**

1. Networking.
2. Translations. This appeared to be the most important issue facing emerging NA communities within the Asia Pacific Forum with many of the communities being non-English speaking. A letter was written to the Translation Committee to try and find the best ways to serve those communities.

#### **GOALS AND PRIORITIES:**

The title for the group will be **ASIA PACIFIC FORUM**.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** We, the NA regions and communities of Asia Pacific, have joined to discuss issues of mutual concern, address our common needs, exchange ideas and share experiences to further our primary purpose. This forum is intended to compliment the existing service structure of NA.

#### **GOALS TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT NA IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD:**

- 1.1 Support of translations of NA literature into our languages.
- 1.2 Support outreach, H&I, and public information efforts in Asia Pacific.
- 1.3 Maintain and support communication among NA members, communities, and regions in this part of the world.
- 1.4 Continue working with world service in our efforts.

#### **ATTENDANCE AND REPRESENTATION AT THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE:**

Discussion of future possibilities of our voice being heard especially when some regions/communities may not have the funds to attend WSC.

**STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM:**

Keep it simple and let it develop were the messages here. Tasks arising from our discussions were assigned to members.

**REGION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Sharing information with their home fellowship regarding the forum.

We ended our meeting by answering the Development Forum questionnaire.

Members felt that the meeting had been very productive and those in attendance at the 1993 WSC plan to meet again. Our thanks to BOT for their support through the presence of Kim Johnson and Pete Cole.

In love and service,

Chris Tait  
Aotearo-NZ RSR-Alternate  
Asia Pacific Forum

## FELLOWSHIP REPORT TO THE WSC ON THE AUSTRALIAN REGION

Greetings from the Australian Region! There are two hundred and seventy five meetings in the Region as of February 1993. A small number of meetings have closed in the Sydney metropolitan area, but a number of other metro areas throughout the Region have experienced growth in new members and scheduled meetings. There has also been a notable increase in the numbers of meetings in rural Australia.

We have fourteen areas in the Region and twelve of these regularly participate at our quarterly RSC meetings. The areas vary considerably in numbers of members, meetings and geographic distance. The unique demographic situation of Australia, where two thirds of the population is situated on the south eastern seaboard and the rest of the population is predominantly located on the fringes of the island, can mean the distance travelled to participate in our RSC meetings is similar to the distance between New York and Los Angeles.

ASR and Sub Committee chair travel to RSC meetings is approximately \$6000. per year. We still have the cost equalisation scheme in place which means all areas contribute the same amount to participate at each RSC regardless of distance or travel costs.

RSR and RSR Alt travel to the World Service Conference, which we have attended since 1985, will cost the Region approximately \$5,200 for WSC 93. Regional administrative costs for the year are \$2,200, Sub Committee running costs are \$3,000 and our yearly public liability insurance policy is approximately \$1050. The Region also has an ongoing commitment to participate in the Asia Pacific Forum meetings. Taking all of this into account our annual Regional budget is approximately \$18,000.

As in previous years we are still experiencing difficulties in filling some service positions, but, on a very positive note all Sub Committee chair positions are filled at the Regional level. We are also seeing a return to service by members who have had a few years out of the service structure and feel ready to contribute in this way again. The average clean time of RSC participants (all 39 of us) is 5.8 years. We believe this reflects the growing maturity and stability of the Australian fellowship.

Some of the difficulties we have been experiencing over time include: NA members attending other 12 step fellowships which dilutes the commitment to Narcotics Anonymous as well as the message carried in our meetings. Government policy, in relation to drug and alcohol issues, has changed over the past few years from an abstinence based model to a harm reduction approach which has seen a greater availability of methadone, needle and syringe exchange services and reduced funding for detox centres and treatment facilities.

During the 1980s the Australian fellowships' growth was astronomical, this was in part due to detoxes and treatment facilities bringing addicts to our meetings, but, it is not happening on a regular basis any more. A growing awareness of the importance of carrying the message through 12th step calls, H&I and P.I. is seeing members putting in more effort to share the message of recovery with the addict who still suffers.

The first meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum was held in October 1992 and it was hosted by the Aotearoa Region. Five Regions participated and we were fortunate enough to have Pete C and Kim J represent our Board of Trustees. It was an exciting experience for all present and much was achieved without the need for structures and procedures. Pete and Kim also participated in service activities in Melbourne and Sydney where they shared their experience, strength and hope. The next scheduled meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum is Friday April 23 in Van Nuys.

The Asia Pacific Forum highlighted the need for more immediate and greater attention to be focussed on the translation of basic literature for all emerging NA communities. Two thirds of the worlds population live in the Asia Pacific area and at present there is very little translated NA literature available for non English speaking members. Australian participants were reminded how fortunate we were to have literature, in English, available at the first Narcotics Anonymous meetings in Australia and we feel the development of NA in the Asia Pacific sector will greatly benefit by the availability of translated literature.

Finally, we thought you would like to know the first NA meeting in Thailand was held in October 1992 and is still happening on a weekly basis, also there are now twelve NA communities in the Asia Pacific but only four of these are predominantly English speaking.

Yours in Unity



Lib Edmonds  
RSR



Leon Battis  
RSR Alt

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## BEST LITTLE REGION REPORT

Best Little Region  
P.O. Box 19992  
Amarillo, Tx. 79114-9998

Greetings Family;

February 1993

Many things have happened in our Region this last conference year. It never seems like it until you look at the big picture unstead of the small pieces which make up the larger whole.

The Best Little Region is made up of the Western half of Texas and the Southeastern corner of New Mexico. We are large in land mass and relatively small in population. The long distance between our member Areas seems to be our biggest challange. Communication is difficult and the geographical isolation limits the physical help we can offer one another.

Toward the end of 1991 we incorporated our convention. This year was the first time that annual event held corporation status from start to finish. We began investigating incorporation several years ago and it was a slow, arduous process to bring that idea to fruition, primarily because of fear. Since we took the plunge we have all rested a bit easier. Just as staying Clean is easier than getting Clean, maintaining a corporation is easier than establishing one.

The only difficulty we have really experienced is communication between our Hosting Area and the Best Little Region itself. We are currently revising our Convention Guidelines in an effort to work together more smoothly, ever keeping our primary purpose foremost in our hearts.

Financially, we are as limited as many other N.A. groups, areas, regions, but what to do with our money isn't usually a problem because we never have a whole lot. After speaking with a couple of people at the conference last year I realized that we are blessed in many ways. We usually have only enough to take care of our necessary services and pass some on to the W.S.C. This avoids much of the controversy and personality problems we might encounter otherwise.

As a result of the '91-'92 Conference, our Region decided to get into recovery. It has worked wonders for us and brought us back to our primary purpose once again. Just as a hurting addict in recovery searches out someone to be of service to, our Region has done the same thing this year with folks outside our geographical boundaries. The principle of service works for individuals, groups, areas and even regions.

Currently there are approximately 80 meetings that are



included within our service structure and several more groups in the outlying areas who remain isolated. In addition we have approximately 15 H & I meetings a week which are supported by our member areas.

In our Region, primarily because of a lack of willing trusted servants, not all of our meetings are separate groups. Some of our groups have only one meeting while others may have one or more every day. The only common thread which seems to exist is the willingness to do whatever seems to work best.

#### P.I.

Public Information was inactive for the majority of this year. We do, however, have a new chairperson who has already set the ball in motion toward her goals for this subcommittee.

- 1) To have Information packets available for anyone who needs them in contacting a facility/agency that deals with addicts.
- 2) Keep an updated Regional meeting list.
- 3) Work hand in hand with H & I.
- 4) Remain open-minded and teachable and ask for help.

#### Literature:

Our Literature Bank is valued at \$2,965.82. We are currently filling orders for groups, areas and facilities in and out of our Region. We had an active year with the review and input of It Works: How and Why. We have a new Literature Chairperson who has worked closely with the previous chair and that transition should be smooth.

#### Hospitals & Institutions:

This years accomplishments included establishing a literature stockpile, along with H & I packets to introduce N.A. to facilities. We had a Regional Learning Day which was well attended. We also established a list of all hospitals and institutions which have contact with addicts throughout our Region. We have been distributing copies of Reaching Out.

Our primary problem has been the lack of communication between the Regional H & I chair and the Area H & I chairs.

This committee's goals for the next year are to maintain established accomplishments and sponsor another Learning Day. Our current operating capital is \$164.64 in postage, literature and H & I packets.

#### Activities:

This years activities included a weekend campout at a centrally located lake. Two nonregional fundraisers and one regional fundraiser were held. The activities chairperson is collecting flyers on Area events and mailing them to the other Areas. He is still new to the position and seeks to involve as many people as possible in Regional activities.

Other Information:

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One of our biggest assets this year has been a treasurer who is very familiar with standard book-keeping practices. He has been extremely conscientious and has enabled our Service Committee to spend more of its time trying to reach the addict who still suffers.

As a Region our accomplishments have been a good mixture of new and old blood on our service committee, a more relaxed atmosphere during meetings, the willingness to reach outside of our own fears and boundaries in order to help someone else, the assemblage of people who don't just sit around and bitch, but roll up their shirt sleeves and go to work, and the desire to try what has worked for others and change what has not worked for us while staying within the guidelines of the 12 Traditions.

For this next year we hope to continue to grow in recovery as a Region and help carry the message wherever we can. We are preparing for our Regional Convention which will be held early in the Fall and are trying to make this an event that the entire Region can help with instead of just the Hosting Area Convention Committee. We are very supportive of the work being done in Translations and International Development and wish to see it continue and help if needed. We strive to serve our member Areas and Groups, assisting them in carrying the message to the still suffering addict and we have decided to live in faith instead of fear and contribute to the World Service Conference as much as possible and as often as possible.

Please find attached a copy of our year end financial report. Because our Treasurer was responsible enough to take the time to compile the information and get it to me, I want to take the opportunity to include it here.

In grateful and loving service;

*Gretchen Deckard*

Gretchen Deckard R.S.R. Best Little Region

# BEST LITTLE REGION FINANCIAL REPORT

16 February 1993

To: World Service Conference  
P.O. Box 9999  
Van Nuys, Ca 91409

From: Ken Wiese, Treasurer  
Best Little Region

Ref: BLRSC "Sources and Uses of Funds" calendar year 1992

## SOURCES OF FUNDS:

"Seventh Tradition" .....	\$ 100.00
Area Contributions .....	\$ 600.00
Texas N.A. Unity Convention .....	\$ 142.20
Regional Convention 1991 .....	\$1,923.75
Regional Convention 1992 .....	\$ 800.00
"Fund Raiser" Proceeds .....	\$ 957.00
Decrease in Cash in Banks .....	\$ 360.33
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TOTAL .....	\$4,883.28

## USES OF FUNDS:

Contributions to WSC .....	\$ 630.00
Contributions to ASCs .....	\$ 90.40
Contributions to RSCs .....	\$ 555.00
Regional Convention 1992 .....	\$1,100.00
Regional Convention 1993 .....	\$ 500.00
RSR/RSRA Expenses .....	\$ 853.36
Activities Subcommittee .....	\$ 60.00
Literature Subcommittee .....	\$ 358.00
H&I Subcommittee .....	\$ 474.96
Administrative Expenses .....	\$ 261.56
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Total .....	\$4,883.28

NOTE: The preceeding statement was compiled from the best data available. Due to an abrupt change in treasurers at mid-year, some data was drawn from sometimes conflicting records and journal entries. As verifying documentation was never received, this statement could contain some innaccurate information. However, it is believed that any such inaccuracies would be minor in nature.



## RSCNA BRASIL

To: World Service Conference 1993

From: Brasil Region

Date: January 26, 1993

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Greetings from the Brasil Region.

The year of 1992 has been one of so many events and much growth for our local Fellowship. The Brasil Region of Narcotics Anonymous is presently formed by 8 Areas, 120 Groups, 225 meetings a week, plus 30 H&I meetings a month and a few Special Interest Groups and meetings.

The Region Literature Committee has this year intensified its efforts to translate literature with the adhesion of many new members to the Committee. Two subcommittees were formed, one for translation and another one for revision, thus guaranteeing language uniformity as well as consistency. One of the most significant achievements of the RLC NA Brasil this year was the completion of a three years translation work on the Brazilian Basic Text. It has been handed over to the WSO and now awaits to be printed. Also, we have concluded translation of the H&I Simplified Guide (which we received from the WSCH&IC during the WSC 92), of two new pamphlets (IP#5 and a IP#23) and have revised the translation of an old pamphlet IP#19. Just recently we've finished the translation and revision of The Group Booklet.

The RSCH&IC and RSCP&IC were formed and are now working with all the service positions filled, also in some Areas too. The meetings that are being held in prisons and hospitals are having great impact on local communities, thus enhancing NA's credibility.

We are working towards establishing our Service Office, which means having our own space, bank account, telephone, fax, p.o. box, etc. This will allow a better support service to the Areas on their common needs. Still, we received from the WSO, confirmation that NA's logomark is ~~entrusted~~ and protected in Brasil's territory.



## RSCNA BRASIL

As to the events, the South Area promoted a Cycle for 12 Steps study. The III RSC Conference NA Brasil in Rio de Janeiro was a great event with active participation of everybody. For the first time we had an attendance of more than 70% of the Region's Groups. Members from Argentina came exclusively for the event and Portugal also was represented. We received correspondence from fellows from Peru and Colombia inviting us to attend the I South America Conference in Lima, Peru to be held on the 13,14 and 15 of november 93. The III RSCNA Brasil had the opportunity to discuss subjects such as HIV, Prejudice, Discrimination and debated the issues of our office's statutes. We also held a presentation of the 12 Concepts for the Service in NA (not yet translated), as well as many others panels and workshops.

The Brasil Region has a few problems which affect our growth. We are living a real miracle since, as was said, we hold 225 NA meetings a week and have no Basic Text to guide recovery of our members or the growth of our Groups. We suffer from lack of service members and better communication between Groups and Areas, much of which is due to the Region's territorial size. We have not yet been able to structure Outreach services, and as to Helpline services we are at very begining with the South Area making a primary effort in that direction.

Our Region is actually going through a precious moment in terms of unity. We feel this to be an opportunity to hold H&I and P&I workshops and learning days together with members of the WSCH&I and P&I committees. To share their experince with us most certainly will enhance the very new structure with great impact for the development of our Fellowship for recovering addicts.

In loving service.

  
 Eduardo M.  
 RSR

  
 Dora S.  
 RSR Alt.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**P.O. BOX 1695, STATION A, VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA, V6C 2P7**

February 1993

This is the second year our region has used the 3 person RSR position; that is RSR, RSR Alt. Senior and RSR Alt. Jr and it seems to work for us. One of the reasons this system works for us is that the B.C. region is very large geographically even though it is not heavily populated. Meeting growth is slow and steady in the major areas, with more starting in Northern and isolated communities. The Vancouver Island now has one additional area for a total of 11 areas in our region.

The Regional H&I Committee hosted four awareness days in different areas in the last year, all of which were well attended. The big project right now is our multi-regional awareness weekend "FINALLY FREE IN '93" being held just outside Vancouver on April 17 & 18. Any Regional/Area H&I members wishing to speak this weekend or obtain more information contact Rick P at the address noted above....we just know that every region reading this report would like to send an H&I delegate.. ....right!!

For the first time in our history, we supported the attendance of one of our members at a WSC quarterly. We sent our WSC H&I pool member to the quarterly in Cincinnati. This was a one time commitment for '92 with a wait see attitude as to whether it will continue.

Our Policy committee has been hard at work establishing guidelines for our region to replace our outdated and too brief by-laws. We hope to complete the better part of this work in 1993.

We have a regional Outreach committee whose job it is to stay in touch with the isolated groups and members in the province. Outreach also hosts awareness weekends in areas needing general service/tradition-type workshops.

The region last year sent our Regional PI chairperson to a multi-regional PI workshop in California to help broaden our committee's scope. Basically our regional PI functions a resource, particularly for the smaller, struggling areas where the turn over of sub-committee chairs is frequent.

We have also continued to support the Canadian Assembly of Narotics Anonymous and believe in its ability to help us unite NA members in Canada. B.C. is hosting the Adventure 3, the 1993 Canadian Convention in downtown Vancouver and of course we invite the world..

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Due to B.C. hosting the Canadian convention, our regional convention usually held in the summer will instead be held September 24-26 on Vancouver Island, just outside Nanaimo. For information contact Fred B. at the address noted above.

We have spent a lot of money paying for transportation to provide services to new and struggling areas as well as to send our regional members to service functions. For this reason coupled with lower donations, we have not been able to make the same amount of donations to WSC that we would like to. We hope that the 7th tradition and flow of funds will improve this year so that we can once again offer greater financial support to WSC.

We do not feel that any of the issues brought before our region are much different than those from other regions, ...groups wanting to remove gender from the steps, a couple of people getting loaded and taking NA money with them, also people not getting loaded and taking NA money, remote communities struggling to keep meetings going, questions on how to get trusted servants to fill all the positions at the group area level...area level, committee level...sound familiar???

The three largest areas in Southern B.C. are holding a GSR assembly to discuss the CAR, the groups on Vancouver Island are doing the same as are the 3 groups in the Okanagan. We are honestly trying to get the GSR's and therefore the group member involved in this process. We (the RSR's) will provide the leadership for these discussion sessions, hopefully with some support from other experienced NA members in our region as well.

Just the fact that GSR assemblies are being discussed has generated much interest in the CAR report at the group level. It seems that the groups are more interested in how the World Service level works and want to find out more about it...just so they are not missing out on anything.

One last comment our region would like to make is that we are grateful for the scheduling changes in the WSC in the last couple of years. Although a slighter longer schedule than in the late 1980's, it is certainly a more humane schedule with the way breaks for meals etc. have been included...thanx to all of us who are finally getting recovery in service as well as in our daily lives through the fellowship and program of Narcotics Anonymous!

Yours in Service, The British Columbia Regional Trio...

Wendy S. RSR, Janice B. RSR Alt. Senior and  
Don A. RSR Alt. Junior

# CALIFORNIA MID-STATE REGION

OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Regional Service Committee

P.O. Box 26105

Fresno, CA 93729-6105



Date: 2-28-93

To: The Fellowship

From: California Mid-State Region

Greetings from the C.M.S. RSC. The California Mid-State Region is located in the San Joaquin Valley of California. It's northern most point being the city of Calt and it's southern most point being the city of Delano. It's eastern boundries being the Nevada state line and it's western boundries being the foothills of the California Coast Range Mountains. C.M.S. has 7 Areas with 149 groups/meetings weekly.

During this past year our region has experienced some changes. One of which was a complete change of all members of the Admin. Committee. With the exception of the RSR, all positions were filled by new members. (In the past it seemed we just shifted positions). This change of membership has been very effective, it would seem all of these new members have done an outstanding job in fulfilling their duties. The cooperation of the RSC as a whole has brought about a lot of growth and unity. At the present we are getting very close to the approval of our regional guidelines. These new guidelines will adapt the I2 concepts of service into our regional guidelines. Many of our Areas have already completed this task. The review and input of this project was done by the RSC as a whole and proved to be a very productive means of completing this task.

At the present time H&I is our only active sub-committee of CMS, meeting monthly, 2hrs. prior to the RSC. We do how ever have a person to coordinate and compile a yearly calendar of events and activities throughout the region. With the approval of the proposed guidelines, a coordinator would be elected to fill the vacant sub-committee chairpersons positions. These persons duties would be to initiate and enhance communication between Areas, Areas and Region, and Areas, Region and WSC.

We held our 2nd Regional Convention (CMSRCA II) in June "92" at the Red Lion Inn in Modesto, Ca. From a Recovery standpoint it was an overwhelming success. Financially, it left the region with a bill of about \$2,300. With a little help from our HP and members of our region the bill was paid in full by Jan. 93.

We have another Convention in the makings at this time which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Visalia, Ca. on June 10,11,and 12 1994.

At this time there is an insurance ad-hoc committee that is very close to negotiating a regional insurance policy. This would be an umbrella policy that would cover the whole region. This policy would save our Areas a large amount of money that could be used to better serve our primary purpose.

In closing we would like to say we are looking forward to WSC "93" and looking forward to sending our RSR and RSR-A to the WSC, as we were unable to send them to the forum and the quarterly this year due to our financial status. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,  
California Mid-State RSC



## **CAROLINA REGION REPORT**

Our Region has been expanding this past year with new Areas forming. At this date we have 19 Areas in the Carolina Region. This past year we have had an average of about 2 new groups forming a month. With the support that we get from these 19 Areas we have a pretty strong and committed Region. This is also the case of our Regional Subcommittees. They seem to get the support for the most part.

H&I has been working on several new projects in the last 2-3 years. We have successfully put on our Second Annual H&I Awareness Weekend. At this time we are currently in the planning stages for the third event in August of this year. We also have made a commitment this year to try to reach the isolated meeting in correctional setting throughout our Region. Our H&I newsletter marks a year in operation in Dec., 1992. These are part of our outreach efforts throughout the Carolina Region.

P.I. has also been busy this year. We have about 12 Areas on an average represented at our P.I. meeting. Some of our focus has been on improving communication with the Areas. Sharing our experience, strength and hope with the Areas that might be struggling in their P.I. efforts. We have been updating our Regional Meeting Directory and have applied a new computer program so we can be more efficient through our RSO. Most Areas are maintaining their projects and some are running into lack of willing addicts to serve. The PI subcommittee has come up with a play called "Joe, the Addict". It is a tool to be used at workshops at convention and Area functions. It tells the story of an addict seeking help through PI efforts. This play shows most of the phases that we in PI use to carry and fulfill our primary purpose.

Policy subcommittee has been real active as well. They maintain a working committee of about 10 people during the year. Their work list for 1992-93 is as follows: 1) Completion of the fine tuning of the Guide to Policy 2) Publication of an updated version of the Guide to Policy 3) Development of an expanded removal policy for the CRSC 4) Development of Rules of Order for the CRSC.

Literature Review has had plenty going on this year. They have been doing some original writing and also reviewing literature. It also has the job of publication of our newslines "The Carolina Freedom Express".

Our Finance subcomm. stays busy year round. They oversee the operating of our RSO. This committee also handles a lot of the working business of our corporation. They stay up to date on the financial status of the Carolina Region. They work real close with our Treasury.

The Convention subcomm. has been busy planning our annual Regional Convention, in Spartanburg S.C. June 25 - 27. Please come and join us in a celebration of recovery in the Carolina Region. If you have a request for flyers for this convention please write me and I will send you some. Andy Knox, 9804 Hagers Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078.

Last year we formed a additional needs ad-hoc committee. They are still gathering material and information on how our Region can better address our additional needs in the Carolina Region. I hope this gives you an overview of the Carolina Region this past year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the fellowship through the Carolina Region.

In loving service,

*Andy Knox, RSR*  
 Andy Knox, RSR  
 Carolina Region



## **Central California Region**

P.O. Box 1534, Ventura CA 93002

To: World Service Conference - 1993

From: Rory S. A. (RSR) and the CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RSC

Re: Year End Report

Greetings from the Central California Region

This past year has seen many changes. Almost all of them have been very positive.

### **REGIONAL ASSEMBLY:**

Our third regional assembly occurred in late March (after letter was written). We are hopeful that it will be just as successful as our past two. Last year we had over 70% GSR participation. We believe this is the best way to get a true group conscience from our region.

### **CONVENTION:**

We had our first convention in January of this year. As of the writing of this letter all was going well. We hope any of you that attended had a good time.

### **H & I:**

Our H & I is functioning. This past year they put on a successful workshop in our largest area.

### **PI:**

All PI work in our region is handled at the area level. All areas have functioning PI/Phoneline committees.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

After a brief downtime our committee is back in full operation. Some of the events they put on are  
1) Regional Assembly, 2) New Years Dance, 3) Summer Campout, ect...

### **LITERATURE:**

Looking forward to new material to review.



# Narcotics Anonymous

## Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Service Committee

December 14, 1992

Greetings to the W S C and the fellowship of N.A.

Our Region currently has 13 Areas with 459 meetings and 110 H & I meetings.

The following is a breakdown by individual Areas.

<u>ASC</u>	<u>Reg. meetings</u>	<u>H &amp; I meetings</u>
Battlefield	16	0
Central Maryland	45	6
DelMarVa	15	7
D. C.	107	31
Dulles Corridor	15	2
East of the River	30	10
Frederick	17	5
Montgomery	59	16
NorVana	69	12
Ocean Gateway	25	6
Rock Creek	16	0
South Potomac	25	9
Tri-County of Southern MD	20	6

Everything seems to be going well in the C & P Region this year. Our only evident problems seem to be the age old situations which ebb and flow, but never seem to be totally resolved. These are lack of participation at RSC and Area subcommittees and fund flow. At least we know we're not alone.

*Leah Harris*

IN LOVE AND SERVICE,

Leah Harris  
RSR

Paul Hartman  
RSR-Alt.



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***ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE***

**THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!!!!!!**

***GREETINGS FROM THE CHICAGOLAND REGION!!!!!!!!!!***

*NA consist of a great bunch of people. I would like to take this moment to say, "Thank You" NA. This year has been by far my best year in the fellowship especially with the arrival of the World Convention here in September. Any words spoken or written simply will not convey all that I feel for this "Program of Winners".*

**FLASH!!!! WORLD CONVENTION INFORMATION**

*The theme this year is, "THE SKY IS THE LIMIT"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
I would like to invite every one of the participants of the Conference to the World Convention in Chicago. Please bring your ENTIRE REGIONS as our special guests (smile). This convention will be the one nobody should miss. The red carpet will be rolled out and the horns will be blazing. Just a few of the events include, A BLUES SHOW, A TASTE OF RECOVERY CHICAGO, A COMEDY SHOW, A SKIT, A CRUISE ON A YACHT, TONS OF WORKSHOPS and some grateful hosts.*

**REGIONAL**

*The region has developed an adhoc advisory convention committee for the purpose of sharing experience for future conventions in the Chicagoland area. Chicagoland Regional Convention IV in 1992 was our largest yet. CRC V is shaping up to be as large or larger.*

*Initially, we felt we could not carry a regional and world convention in the same year. Those fears have been lessened by the support of the World Convention Corporation. Communication between the board and the region has improved. We have shorter and more concise regional meetings. Funds have dropped off to the Region because the areas have not been considerate with the donations. It's been rumored that there might be a "PRUDENT RESERVE" lurking in our mist.*

**LITERATURE**

*The book, "It Works How and Why", was reviewed. The Literature Committee has been sort of inactive, but they are anxiously awaiting the working guide.*

***The BOD have started organizing and implementing guide lines to improve office procedures. Our directory has been changed from a general listing to a listing that is broken down by areas and days.***

***Thanks to H&I's efforts, the jails are seeking out NA. Now the message of recovery will be heard in the institutions and where ever H&I goes. This year due to the involvement of more members, H&I roles have increased.***

***Video public service announcements are on the airways. PI has NA posters on suburban buses. The phone answering machine for the suffering addicts was eliminated. Now there are forty-two live volunteers for the suffering addicts to communicate with. The calls are forwarded from the CSO to their homes.***

*Various functions were held that generated revenue. The need to lend support to smaller areas still exist. There has been very little clashing with the region and areas putting on functions at the same time.*

***Policy is working diligently on the By-Laws and awaiting the approval of the "Intellectual Property Trust".***

***In closing, there are 375 meeting in the Chicagoland Region and 12 areas.***

***Yours in Service.***

***RSR - Leonard Harris***  
***RSRA - Jeff Hildebrant***  
***RSRSA - Muhammad Abdulah***

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## REPORTE DE LA REGION DE COLOMBIA PARA LA C.S.M. 93

Un saludo de los miembros de N.A. en Colombia para todos los participantes en la C.S.M.

Nuestra region tiene ahora (50) grupos en (19) ciudades. Hay 3 C.S.A. en proceso de conformación y en la mayoría de las ciudades de nuestro país los grupos no han alcanzado a desarrollar su comité de servicio de área, pues, solo tienen capacidad para mantener la estructura del grupo.

La principal meta que se trazó la tercera Conferencia de Servicio Nacional (marzo del 92) en nuestro país fue desarrollar guías de servicio en las cuales se combinan la experiencia extraída de los manuales de servicio de N.A. con la experiencia de los servidores locales. Se busca con esto que los servicios no dependieran siempre de las mismas personas y que los miembros que llegaran a prestar un servicio encontraran una guía de que y como hacerlo.

Este año nuestra estructura estuvo conformada por una junta administradora de la conferencia de servicio nacional y una junta de de custodios que coordinaba el trabajo de los sub-comités regionales que son los siguientes:

O.S.N: Encargada de producción y distribución de literatura, servicio a los grupos, apoyo en secretaría a los otros sub-comités y manejo de los fondos de la comunidad. Ha suministrado a los grupos del país los "12 conceptos", la "guía del grupo" y el "manual temporal".

I.P: Trabajó en la revisión de la traducción al español del manual de I.P. el cual fue clasificado en varias sesiones de acuerdo a los diferentes medios de comunicación. y se distribuyó en algunos grupos y áreas, se estableció contacto con el representante de la O.M.S. en Colombia y con la consejera presidencial.

HeI: Realizó la traducción del esquema general de HeI recibido del comité de HeI de la C.S.M. y también tradujo "N.A un recurso en su comunidad". Distribuyó esta información a algunos grupos del país.

EVENTOS: Desafortunadamente este año se canceló la realización de nuestra convención regional por dificultades en la ciudad que había sido escogido como sede.

Pero se organizó un comité de eventos en una de nuestras áreas que se ha fijado como metas organizar la celebración de los 40 años de N.A. en el mundo y los 10 años de N.A en Colombia y participan activamente en la organización del primer encuentro de N.A. EN Suramerica

-A. Siglas en español de la "Organización Mundial de la Salud".

Aun no tenemos un comité de traducciones organizado hay algunos miembros que estan trabajando y tienen ya traducidos hasta el mes de agosto de "just for today" ("solo por hoy") y hasta el paso 5 del libro "It works" de los cuales se ha enviado copia al depto de traducciones de la O.S.M. También ha revisado las traducción de los 12 conceptos.

Uno de los frutos mas grandes de la primera participación de nuestra region en la C.S.M. es que ha empezado a crecer la conciencia de que formamos parte de una confraternidad mundial que nos tiene en cuenta y se esfuerza por apoyar nuestro desarrollo.

El compartir con otras regiones nos a ayudado a entender la necesidad de adoptar una nueva estructura similar a la del resto de regiones de N.A. integrando la junta administradora y la junta de custodios en un C.S.R. . También hemos aprendido del procedimiento de la C.S.M. a informar previamente de los temas sobre los cuales vamos a decidir en nuestra C.S.N. y a adoptar el sistema de pñeas y mociones.

Tenemos algunos problemas propios de nuestro crecimiento como son: Problemas de comunicación, de motivación en los miembros por una estructura mas allá de la de su grupo, problemas financieros que estamos empezando a superar con un mayor control de los fondos recaudados y la dificultad que la diferencia de idiomas nos obtaculiza comprender mejor la comunicación que recibimos de los servicios mundiales, y tambien tenemos problemas de unidad. Estamos muy agradecidos por que reconocemos el esfuerzo que estan haciendo todos los comites de la C.S.M., la JCSM y la O.S.M. por el bién de N.A. y queremos dar una felicitación especial al comité de literatura mundial por su trabajo en el libro "It works".

QUEREMOS PRESENTAR LAS SIGUIENTES MOCIONES A LA C.S.M.

Mocion: Que se agregue la frase "y los 12 conceptos de servicio de N.A." a las calificaciones para los servidores en la guía temporal de estructura de servicios (TWGSS)  
Intento: Resalta la importancia que tiene el que nuestros servidores conozcan "los 12 conceptos".

Mocion: Que la corporación de convención mundial (WCC) estudie la petición de sede de una convención mundial en Cartagena-Colombia en el año 98.

Intención: Completar el ciclo de convenciones mundiales fuera de Norte America con una convención en un lugar que es epicentro de America. (America del Norte, Centro y Suramerica).

Gracias a todos por que hoy sabemos que "no estamos solos".

Jorge Mejia  
RSR

Gustavo Paredes  
COORD. JACSN

Jean Carlos Castro  
SEC. JCSN



**TO:** N.A World Service Conference Participants  
**DATE:** January 1993  
**RE:** CtrSC Yearly Report

The **Connecticut Region**, which came to further NA's primary purpose on June 29, 1985, experienced some growth this year. We participated in a multi-reg'l weekend that particularly seemed to benefit PI and H&I. Gratitude was expressed for the networking experience.

Currently, the RSR and RSR/A are participating in the possible development of a Northeast Zonal Forum. During the **CtrSC**, we have explored the usefulness of zones. Comments have been expressed concerning participation in general and whether zones create another level of service, moving farther from groups. Thus far, the **CtrSC** chooses to continue its participation.

The **CtrSC** ushered in '93 with its 8th annual convention. Approx. 2000 addicts attended. An Open Forum, Prejudices in our Fellowship, was held to begin discussing our commonalities vs. differences. An informational and educational workshop on the 12 concepts was also held to begin to explore its potential use in our service structure.

**RSC H&I:** continues strong with these members participating frequently in multi-reg'l events and hosting learning days

**RSC Schedule:** have decreased their expenses as groups/areas now purchase schedules for their own use. We also changed our format from a booklet to a folded sheet.

**RSC P.I.:** have decreased phoneline (800#) expenses. Addict support tends to wax and wane. RSC/ASC addicts engage in service recruitment for members. A learning day is being held this month. We continue to seek ways to lower our 800 line expense.

**RSC Lit & Policy:** at times, are starving for addict support. Possible solutions are being explored including changing meeting day/time and pursuing projects that may spark addicts interest.

Our 8 areas continue to experience common concerns - lack of GSR attendance, fund flow snags and lack of addict support for subcommittees. An area is considering an inventory to discuss solutions along with their shortcomings.

The **CtrSC** seems to be wrestling with the connotation of worldwide Fellowship and our responsibility and commitment to NA worldwide. Our focus tends to be groups. A couple of philosophical discussions have occurred during the RSC concerning translations and financial responsibility.

Our financial contribution to WSC has virtually been nonexistent for 2+ years. With a decreased phoneline expense and small financial gain from the conv., we may once again have the privilege of a WSC donation.

It continues to be a privilege and a pleasure to be of service to NA as a whole and the **CtRegion**.



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**REPORT ON THE FRENCH REGION FOR THE WSC 93.**

We are glad to be able to report that since WSC 92, we have grown and have now 35 meetings in the Paris area and 9 meetings around France. We have still only one ASC : The Paris Area Service Committee, but this ASC is also doing some works that is usually Regional tasks.

**P.I. :** Our PI committee is now quite efficient and active and we begin to reach some professionals that are more open to NA today than in the past. We have also decided to send a PI member to the quarterly meeting in Cincinnati and it really help the French PI committee to be there to learn how it work at the world level. We decide to send a PI member at least once a year to a WSC quarterly meeting.

**H&I :** Our H&I committee is still in the begining of is work but some opportunities have arised that may help carry the message in jails.

**Convention :** Our last convention was very successful but we had a financial short fall due to an overly ambitious ideas and the general economic situation. We learned from our lesson and we are going to try to avoid repeating the same mistake this year.

**Loner group :** The french loner group is still growing with now some 40 members around the world ( France , Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Afrique.) and it is helping people in prison or where NA does not exist yet.

**Translation :** The translation are still going on with some small difficulties concerning the communication with the Quebec committee but one day at a time it work.

**Outreach :** As a result of being part of the WSC 92 in Dallas, we pay this year a lot of attention to isolated groups. We met with some members of those groups at our convention and are now regularly in touch with them by mail. We are looking for ways to encourage the further growth outside the paris Area.

**World convention :** We are pleased to announce that the WCNA 22 is going to be held in Paris in 1995.

**Thank you for your attention.**

**The French RSR and the altenate RSR.**



## FREE STATE REGION

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REGIONAL REPORT  
(JAN. 1993)

Greetings from the FREE STATE REGION. This past year has been one of growth and change, as we continue to carry the message.

FREE STATE became a region in September 1990 and was seated at WSC'91. We have been represented (RSR & ALT) at WSC workshops and the conferences since our formation. Again we are grateful to be a part of WSC'93.

There are currently seven areas with over 400 meetings in the FREE STATE REGION, Geographically the boundaries are Pennsylvania and Delaware to the north, Frederick, Md. to the west, Washington D.C. and Central Md. to the south, and parts of the Eastern Shores of Md. and Southern Md.

Regional sub-committees and services are:

### H & I

99 meetings in over 66 facilities, hosting workshops to give clarity to H & I.

### P.I. - PHONELINE

Facilitated a multi-regional PI & PHONELINE WORKSHOP. Current proposal to set up a 1-800 NUMBER, serviced by one Hotline Service Committee reaching addicts throughout our region.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Continues to coordinate regional functions and serves as a source to keep area Special Events sub-committees in communication with each other regarding upcoming events.

### LITERATURE

Publishes our regional newsletter "TOGETHER WE CAN" as well as "REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULES."

### BALTIMORE AREA REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER

Recently expanded BOD membership to be filled from other areas of the FREE STATE REGION in an effort to be more regionally oriented.

### AD-HOC REGIONAL CONVENTION CORP.

Has completed Articles of Inc. and currently filing for Tax Exempt Status.

### FSRCNA 2

Our second regional convention will be held on November 5, 6, & 7, 1993 in Ocean City, Md. We welcome all of you to attend. For Convention Information contact Billy H. (410) 275-1090.

### WORLD CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The FREE STATE REGION is hosting the WCNA 24 in Baltimore, Md. in 1994.

We recently held our 2nd Annual Regional GSR Assembly and our areas will alternate hosting this event.

The FREE STATE REGION is working together to further the growth of NA in Md. Our rooms will continue to carry the Narcotics Anonymous message of recovery to the still suffering addicts.

In Loving Service,  
Wallace Reid (RSR)



# Greater Illinois Regional Service Conference

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## REGIONAL REPORT TO WSC'93

Greetings from the Greater Illinois Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

This is our seventh year as a Region, our Regional Service Conference meets centrally in Peoria Illinois on the second full weekend of the even months. Our committees consist of H&I, PI, Literature, Policy, and the Adhoc to the Guide to Service. The committees meet the Saturday before the Regional Business Meeting and sometimes on the odd months.

The Region now supports five Areas. We continue to have an increase in the number of meetings within the Region. There seems to be a gradual increase in participants in Group, Area and Regional Service.

We are going to hold our second Regional CAR Review in Rockford at RRCNA II. The CAR Review last year was quite successful. We plan to have two participants from the WSC and several from surrounding Regions. Our Region contributes two members to the WSC committees (PI, and Lit). We also continue to support the Mid-Coast Convention.

On a Regional level our committees are functioning as follows:  
PUBLIC INFORMATION - This committee has become quite functional with participation in Learning Days and the development of Regional Meeting Directories. A Regional 800-Number is still being discussed.

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS - This committee has made a list of all H&I meetings in the Region and has developed a list of speakers, who are experienced in carrying the message of recovery in institutions.

POLICY - This Committee continues to work on developing a Regional Policy Package.

LITERATURE - Meets regularly and continues to provide the WSC Literature Committee with input.

ACTIVITIES - Has reorganized and has put on Regional Functions such as the CAR Review and a Mini Convention.

ADHOC ON GUIDE TO SERVICE - This committee has been providing input to the WSC on the Guide to Service.

Our RSC did get some of the needed growth that we were looking for last year and we are very grateful for the privilege to be of service to our Higher Power and NA as a whole.

Sincerely,

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# Narcotics Anonymous

TO: World Service Conference  
FROM: Greater New York Regional Service Committee  
DATE: February 1, 1993

Greetings from the Greater New York Regional Service Committee. Our Region has continued to grow with an 9.2% increase of 84 groups last year to 1104 groups registered with our Regional Helpline. Meetings were showed an increase of 96 meetings to a total of 1247 meetings on a weekly basis. The chart below details each Area's groups and meetings within the Greater New York Region.

AREA	GROUPS	MEETINGS
ABCD Area	65	65
Bronx Area	105	110
Brooklyn Area	247	274
Eastern Long Island Area	13	15
Manhattan Area	201	235
Mid-Hudson	33	41
Nassau Area	58	80
Open Arms Area	33	42
Queens Area	88	106
Rockland Area	22	22
Suffolk Area	65	65
Staten Island Area	47	47
US Area	12	12
Westchester Area	85	103
Western Queens Area	30	30
TOTALS:	1104	1247

## Conventions, Events, and Activities

The Greater New York Regional Convention Corporation held our annual Freedom Convention during the weekend of April 10-12, 1992 at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, New York. The Mid-Hudson Area held their third annual Area Convention in conjunction with the Greater New York Region. Also, Manhattan Area held its annual Unity Convention hosted by Gay and Lesbian groups in Manhattan Area. In addition, various events and activities were held throughout the Areas in our Region. The Convention Corporation is busily planning for the Freedom VIII Convention to be held the weekend of April 16-18, 1993 at the Concord Hotel.

All GNYRSC Committees were invited to help coordinate and participate in the Third Annual Multi-Regional Learning Weekend. This weekend, hosted by the Greater New York Region, was presented by the New Jersey, Northern New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia, and Greater New York Regions (along with participation by other Regions on the East Coast). The Weekend was held November 7-8, 1992, and was the most successful Weekend to date, with over 300 registered attendees (approximately twice the number of registered attendees at last year's Weekend). Members of various World Service boards and committees participated in the weekend. Planning is underway for 1993's Fourth Annual Multi-Regional Learning Weekend.

A Regional Ad Hoc Committee was formed to evaluate and possibly restructure our Regional Events and Activities Committee. After several months of research and meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee presented its recommendations, consisting of a completely rewritten policy for the Events and Activities Committee. The policy now includes stringent guidelines on such issues as the requirements for leadership positions, budgeting and financial reporting, and event guidelines. The new policy should help the Events and Activities Committee with its financial accountability as well as its responsibilities to the Region.

## Hospitals and Institutions Committee

There are over 460 H&I presentations taking place in the GNYRSC on a weekly basis, which is an increase of approximately 35 presentations per week over last year's figures. There were numerous Learning Days and Workshops held during 1992. One major activity that was undertaken was the formation of a Regional Mobile Panel which did its first meeting/presentation in the month of July at Cossaxie Prison, Youth Facility. Since then the panel has been operating on a monthly basis at other facilities as well.

## Helpline Committee

Our GNYRSC Helpline had 820 volunteers who staffed the phones for a total of 1,470 hours in 1992. Volunteers answered 6,807 live calls. Since June 1992, we have had our computer system online, which gives out meeting information and has Voicemail boxes to leave messages for various subcommittees of the Region. Since its inception, we have returned 1,639 calls left by addicts and the computer has handled approximately 10,000 calls on its own. By having the computer online, we have been able to discontinue the answering service we previously used. This has saved the Region hundreds of dollars per month in answering service and call forwarding charges. In addition, the computer now enables Spanish-speaking addicts to access information for Spanish-speaking meetings; both the menu message and meeting information are in Spanish.

Greater NY Regional Service Committee  
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#### Literature Review Committee

The GNYRLC has between 15 to 18 core members with 7 to 8 Areas being represented. Participants are anxious to work and are currently deciding on what projects to focus our energies. We are waiting for some projects from this year's Conference to open up and are looking into developing an original piece of literature.

#### Newsletter Committee

After one issue of the Greater New York Newsletter had been published, the Newsletter folded due to lack of participation and lack of submitted articles for publication. The position of Newsletter Chairperson remains open, however, and we hope that with the election of a Chair, the Newsletter Committee may be activated again.

#### Public Information Committee

A total of 175 PI presentations were given during 1992, which was an increase of 54 over the 121 presentations given last year. A total of 52 meetings (both H&I presentations and regular meetings) resulted from these 175 presentations. An average of 8.25 Areas per month have attended the Regional PI meetings. Some significant events occurring in 1992 include:

- Presentations were done in conjunction with WSC PI and WSC H&I for the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. This is a newly formed state agency, the largest of its kind in the world, regulating and certifying all drug and alcohol services within New York State.
- A mock meeting was set up and filmed for French television station Antennae #2.
- We participated in the Westchester Drug Awareness Day at the Westchester County Center. Approximately 5,000 people attended this event.

#### Outreach Committee

The Greater New York Region has formed an Outreach Committee in 1992. This Committee's purpose was to handle communications between Narcotics Anonymous in the Greater New York Region and inmates in jails and prisons. The Committee does, however, hope to expand its scope in the coming year.

#### Speaker Exchange Committee

The Speaker Exchange Committee remained stable throughout 1992 and seems to have a strong foothold in the Region, with six Areas actively participating in speaker exchanges. We anticipate growth in 1993 by reaching out to the Areas not yet involved in order to promote Regional unity.

#### Greater New York Regional Service Office

In May of 1992 we received a favorable ruling from New York State recognizing the GNYRSC, Inc. as a Not-For-Profit Corporation. This brought three years of work to a successful end. (In November of 1991 we received a favorable judgement from the I.R.S.) In July of this year we amended our insurance coverage to provide for 'Special Events' insurance for Regional and Area functions as this has become a growing concern within our Region. In July we also retained a new general counsel. The firm that we retained also represents the G.S.O. of another fellowship and the understanding and cooperation has been invaluable in reconciling issues which involve both the law and our Traditions. In October we published our first Bi-Lingual Regional Meeting List which contains meeting information in both Spanish and English. The Board of Directors for the RSO is presently concerned with finding a larger and more centrally located space as the last year runs out on our lease.

#### Other Items of Interest

As far as issues relating to our Service Structure in the GNYRSC:

- A motion was presented in 1992 that the GNYRSC form an Area specifically for the non-English groups our Region. The motion failed, and since then this Committee has not been active on a Regional level.
- The Kings Bay Area (formed from several groups formerly in the Brooklyn Area) is seeking to be seated as a member Area of the Greater New York Region. This has not been approved by the GNYRSC to date, although it has been considered twice.
- The Brooklyn Area formed an ad hoc committee to investigate the formation of a new Region in Brooklyn. This committee has since been disbanded.
- The Nassau Area has formed an ad hoc committee to investigate a restructure of the Area. Initial thoughts involved the formation of a Region in Long Island (Long Island currently consists of three Areas), but subsequent meetings steered toward the formation of several new Areas from the existing Nassau Area.
- The GNYRSC had formed an ad hoc committee to investigate an alternate service structure due to the size of our Region and the length of our Regional meetings. That committee was disbanded, but has since been re-instituted, with the first meeting scheduled for sometime in March.
- The GNYRSC Policy Committee is attempting to compile and publish a 'policy package.' It is hoped that with readily available documentation on our current operating procedures and policies, business conducted during our Regional Service Committee meetings may flow more quickly and with less controversy.

In Loving Service,

Marjorie A. Kleiman, Greater NY Regional Service Representative  
John Paras, Greater NY Regional Service Representative Alternate  
George Mitchell, Greater NY Regional Service Representative Alternate

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**HONOLULU, HAWAII 96825**

**Aloha to the fellowship**

**The Hawaii Region consists of seven areas, Honolulu, Windward, Kauai, Maui, Big Island, West Hawaii and Guam and we currently have a total of 92 meetings a week. In addition, we have 7 meetings a week in treatment facilities and 10 a week in correctional institutions. The number of meetings has remained fairly stable this past year. On July 4th this past year we held our first Regional Convention in Honolulu and it was quite a success. This coming year its planned to take place on the Big Island of Hawaii.**

**Due to our unique geographical situation (most islands are their own separate areas), our inter-area communications are not always as good as we would like. We hold our regional meeting every other month rotating it between the different islands, and we try to encourage all members of the fellowship who are interested to attend our regional meetings. We feel it important to do all we can to be as available and responsive, to all our areas large and small, as we possibly can. Two of our areas, Guam and Kauai, endured some temporary difficulties due to hurricanes. Other areas and individual members of the fellowship all responded to help them through some difficult times. Kauai is still planning to have their first area "Gathering of the Fellowship" on July 30th to August 2nd. Unfortunately, Guam, already our smallest area, has been experiencing a drop-off in meeting attendance and has been having trouble filling all its service positions. Peter has been holding things together though, and we do all we're able to support him but sometimes 3,000 miles of separation limits what we can do.**

**Public Information, on the regional level, has not been well supported and the position of chairperson has been unfilled since July. P.I. committees on the area level have been providing all the basic services but as always more can be done. We are having a Regional Public Information learning day this month, hosted by a past Regional Chairperson and current W.S.C. P.I. Committee member, and hope to eventually turn things around.**

**One new and exciting area of service has opened up to us in the form of the newly formed Asia-Pacific Forum. The first formal meeting was held this past October in North Palmerston, New Zealand with**

representatives from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Hawaii in attendance along with two representatives from the B.O.T. One of the main areas of concern and need that came out of our talks was that of literature translations and the Hawaii Region is already involved in the review process with some translations in Tagalog for the Philippines and Malay for the fellowship in Singapore. We are looking forward to reaching out and being of service to the fellowship in this part of the world, and hope to assist the W.S.C. as much as we are able.

Every year seems to present new challenges and opportunities for growth here in Hawaii, and we look forward to meeting them all.

In love and Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry R.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry R., R.S.R Hawaii

Rene R., R.S.R Alt. Hawaii





## INDIANA REGION ANNUAL REPORT, FEBRUARY 1993

Our seventh year as a region has been one of growth from the perspective that we have added a ninth area, the region has established a convention committee which is planning a convention for November, 1993, and the number of meetings in our region has grown from 201 last year to 213 this year.

This has been a year of struggle, both financially and philosophically. Due to a declining economy and a correlating decline in contributions, our calendar year donations to the WSC were down this year, totalling \$523.80. Additionally, we have recently sent the issue of the IRSC adopting the Twelve Concepts back to the groups for a vote. Accordingly, although we have struggled, we have drawn closer together as a region in seeking the compromise and resolution of these issues.

### Literature

Our regional Literature subcommittee has helped to workshop the it works drafts throughout the year, and IRSC looks forward to the release of our fellowships' newest booklength publication. We would again express our gratitude to our outgoing IRSC Literature chair, and welcome our new chair.

### Hospitals And Institutions

During the past year our H&I subcommittee has continued in its efforts to keep the lines of communication open between our area H&I subcommittees and the WSC H&I subcommittee. In an attempt to provide education and increase participation in H&I, our H&I subcommittee was very excited to host our "Multi-regional H&I Awareness Day." This function was very successful and we would like to thank all of the participants, particularly those from the WSC H&I subcommittee, for their assistance. It is our sincere hope that functions of this nature will increase our ability to carry a clear message of recovery in N.A.

Although our H&I subcommittee is active, increased participation is always a goal. Six (6) of our nine (9) areas have functioning H&I subcommittees. Accordingly, there is much to be done in continuing our efforts to increase participation in H&I.

## Activities

Our new Activities chairperson has completed the 1993 regional calendar, in a effort to coordinate functions between the nine (9) areas. Area Activity subcommittees are experiencing various levels of support. However, coordination of functions with the regional calendar should enhance the success of the area subcommittees. Additionally, our subcommittee has offered to assist in the planning and funding of area functions in coordination with the rotation of the IRSC meeting.

Our regional fundraiser, the proceeds of which are used to fund our conference participation, was held in conjunction with our multi-regional H&I awareness day. This was moderately successful from a financial standpoint, and a good time was had by all. Hope to see you next year.

## Public Information

Our P.I. subcommittee appears to be in a transition stage. Although several of our areas have functioning P.I. subcommittees, and there appears to be a willingness to participate at the regional level, our regional P.I. subcommittee appears to be "nodding". The need for a regional P.I. subcommittee is apparent, particularly in the assistance of our H&I efforts. Accordingly, we have requested the resignation of our P.I. chairperson due to his lack of attendance at the IRSC meetings.

## Policy

In addition to updating our regional policies and procedures manual, our committee has developed an "Active motion summary" regarding all current policy motions, and a "historical motion summary"; a summary of all motions ever presented during the IRSC's existence. These motion summaries are cross referenced and are intended to provide each IRSC participant a historical overview of where we have been, where we are and how we arrived. This was a difficult and time consuming process and we would like to thank the subcommittee and our former chairperson for their willingness and service.

Although our subcommittee is currently without a chairperson, it has continued to function through the participation and efforts of its members.

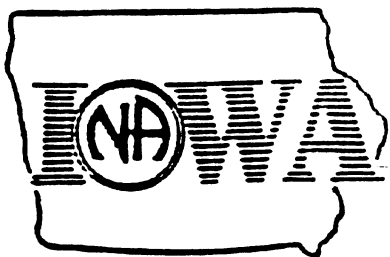
In Loving Service,



Jeff Baker, RSR



Mitchell A. Peters RSRA



# Iowa Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

IRSCM PO Box 225 Des Moines, IA 50306

## WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT 1993

The Iowa Region has experienced a busy and productive year. We have gained a new Area (Southern Freedom), which puts us at 12 Areas being represented. As 1992 ended there was discussion of another Area forming. We are excited about this project and the growth our Region is experiencing. At present there is approximately 150 meetings in the Iowa Region.

IRCNA-- This year's Iowa Regional Convention was hosted by the Siouxland Area. Attendance was small, but those who participated celebrated recovery the good, old fashioned Iowa way. This year's IRCNA will be the tenth, and we are anxiously looking forward to this event. We invite all of you to attend.

RSR ALT.-- Unfortunately our RSR ALT. resigned right after last year's WSC. (Question: What did you guys do to her?) Fortunately we were able to remedy this problem quickly and efficiently. We have a new RSR and RSR ALT. We feel they will do well in serving us.

MCC-- The past year saw Iowa hosting MCCVIII. This event was well attended. We look forward to continue working with this Committee.

1992 closed with some work being done to keep the lines of communication open between the Areas and the Region, to ensure that we are best serving our Primary Purpose.

PUBLIC INFORMATION---We started the year with participation of 3 to 4 Areas on our Regional Subcommittees, and by the end of the year we were averaging 9 of 12 Areas being represented at our Regional Subcommittees. We were involved in numerous activities this year. Our committee did investigation on a 1-800 phone line number for the state. We also sent out questionnaires to the Areas to find out if we had the support needed to start a 1-800 number and found out we lacked enthusiasm in the project so it was delayed until a later date. We printed the Trusted Servants Guide and the Regional Twelve-Step List.

We also participated in the 1st Annual Multi-Regional Learning Day held in Dubuque, Iowa. With the other two Regions of Wisconsin and Illinois, we found this to be an enormous success and has inspired the three Regions to make a commitment to do this on an annual basis, allowing each Region to be the host. We have also worked on involving our Regional Sub-committee to get involved with the Areas. By asking how we can better serve them in their needs in P.I. work. This committee is also providing all Areas and surrounding Regions with copies of our minutes. We also receive copies of other Regions P.I. minutes that could give us ideas that we can incorporate in Iowa Regional P.I. work.

Literature---Greetings! The IRLC is currently going through a restructuring period. Which is good, as half of this year has been spent trying to sort through the chaos that was created by the former Chair more or less abandoning the Committee, add this to poor attendance when we meet quarterly, there has been a lack of understanding on exactly what we need to do.

Fortunately at our last meeting, we were able to set some goals that include: A)doing our best to create interest in service of the Lit. Committee! B)holding 2 workshops a year, etc. We ended our meeting on an upbeat note and we hope are on the right track of making this committee strong once again!

Hospitals and Institutions---Our H&I efforts have taken a different look in the region since we have employed the H&I Handbook. At each Regional Sub-committee meeting we endeavor to educate the new members, to that committee, of the items available to them.

Our Region is hosting approximately 51 facility H&I meetings. Naturally we serve more treatment facilities than we do correction settings. Our current efforts include compilation of all the facilities in the boundaries of our Region.

We are committed to two Regional H&I Learning Days per year, and encourage each Area to host workshops throughout the calendar year.

We have one H&I WSC Pool member to act as a resource for the Regional Committee. This endeavor allows the participants in the Region access to information which we could not otherwise receive.

Our state and Region is a very rural geography, which creates a sometimes burdensome amount of travel for members when it comes time to assist other Areas in their efforts. Though we have this difficulty, our experienced members continue to give freely to carry the message so the new H&I participants can gain from that cumulative unity.

In Service  
Norma Ross RSR

*Norma Ross*

Michael Corbin RSR-Alt.

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To: World Service Conference  
From: Irish Regional Service Committee Of NA  
Re: Fellowship Report  
Date: 24-2-93

Greetings to the World Service Conference from the Irish Region of Narcotics Anonymous. We regret that we will not have a representative at this years conference as all available funds have gone into opening our new office. Which is located at The Basement 4/5 Eustace St., Dublin 2.

The Fellowship in Ireland continues to grow steadily. Currently we have 36 meetings a week throughout Ireland.

Many of our members have expressed concern at the financial difficulties been experienced at the W.S.O. It would seem that many of these problems are a result of decisions or policies taken at W.S.O. or W.S.B. level without due respect or consideration to the Fellowship as a whole. A case in point was the establishment of the E.S.O. London which then had to be closed at considerable cost to the Fellowship. The opening of the E.S.O. London was not instigated by N.A. Europe.

We are concerned that structures which are now being considered by W.S.O for Europe, that would in time lead to the same problems now being experienced in the U.S.A., are not stemming from the wishes of the grass roots here. We are reminded of Tradition Two in which it says "Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern."

P.I.  
Dublin/Leinster Area outgoing committee has over the year responded to requests for talks to schools, community groups and the medical profession.  
Our Phoneline has been busy and is working closely with H&I and PI.

Limerick and Cork are also dealing with its own PI and H&I business for their areas.

H&I.

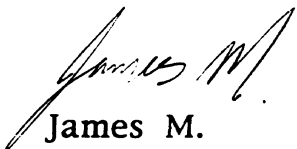
The Dublin/Leinster Committee has just started holding meetings in Prisons after a break of a year. This came about because of the problem which we have in getting members passed as only those with clean records are cleared by the Department of Justice.

Cork, Limerick and Tipperary are also actively working in the areas of Hospitals and Institutions.

CONVENTION.

The 8th Irish Convention held in Waterford last year was a great success. Our 9th Irish Convention will be held on the 29th 30th 31st October in Tralee Co Kerry.

Our goal for the coming year is to manage our own Fellowship carefully and to try and "Keep it Simple". In closing, we would like to say how important it is to be part of something greater than ourselves, both as individuals and as a Fellowship.



James M.  
R.S.R. Ireland.



# THE LONE STAR REGION OF TEXAS

## ANNUAL REPORT TO WSC '93

HI Y'ALL!

Although we are back in Van Nuys this year, being the host region for WSC '92 is still one of our region's most memnorable experiences. Many thanks to all who made it that way.

At present, the LONE STAR REGION is composed of 19 AREAS which accomodate approximately 200 GROUPS hosting approximately 850 MEETINGS per week. The approximate size of the FELLOWSHIP is 4200. This past year we have welcomed 4 NEW AREAS that have branched out of existing areas. Our region continues to cover over half of the State of Texas, which geographically makes us about 200,000 square miles. Pretty spread out.

Thanks to strong unity, God-consciousness, and the excellent leadership abilities of our trusted servants, we still manage to conduct our regional business one weekend on a quarterly basis.

On a REGIONAL level, SUB-COMMITTEES seem to be receiving good to adequate support. SUB-COMMITTEES on an AREA and GROUP level still seem to be struggling for adequate support. HOSPITALS and INSTITUTIONS continues to maintain its excellent relationship and reputation with the Texas Department of Corrections and its other facilities. H & I currently carries 91 MEETINGS a week to hospitals & institutions in our region. H & I has also been very active this past year in MULTI-REGIONAL LEARNING DAYS. Cooperatively, H & I and PUBLIC INFORMATION will host the Second Annual PI/H&I Multi-Regional Learning Day in September in Dallas. PUBLIC INFORMATION continues to stay busy airing PSA'S, maintaining phonelines, and making presentations. LITERATURE has finished reviewing IT WORKS HOW & WHY and strongly recommends approval of this piece and look forward to working on the NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS STEP WORKING GUIDE. POLICY continues to clean up and update our Policy to meet our present and upcoming needs. ACTIVITIES, now there is a sub-committee that gets all the support, by way of dances, campouts, more dances, and the list goes on. Keep up the great FUN-RAISING!

Speaking of FUN and CELEBRATION, LSRCNA VIII will be held at the HYATT REGENCY in AUSTIN, TEXAS. That's HILL COUNTRY, for those of you that don't know. So mark out the weekend of APRIL 9th, 10th, and 11th for some CLEAN AND FREE Recovery Celebration, LONE STAR STYLE!!! For room reservations, call the HYATT directly at 1-800-233-1234 and reference LSRCNA 8. For REGISTRATION information call our RSO at 214-245-8972.

Speaking of RSO's, the LONE STAR REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE RELOCATED to a larger facility this year with a "minimum amount of confusion and cost." The new address is 1510 RANDOLPH, SUITE #205, CARROLLTON, TX 75006. The new phone is 214-245-8972. Our RSO continues to be self-supporting, offer services to our Region, and hope to show "an increase in the total net profit for the year."

CURRENTLY, our region is working on a BID PACKAGE for WCNA 1996. There is much enthusiasm about the possibility of hosting a World Convention in our Region, especially after hosting the WSC last year. Imagine, if you will, the Southern Hospitality you will receive, if the 1996 World Convention is in our Region.

Once again, the issue of our region splitting into two or more regions, has been raised. At our last RSC in January, the following motion was passed:

"That the ASR's/ALT's take back to their Areas for discussion and if needed, later action: "Should the Lone Star Regional Service Committee be dissolved and replaced with two or more Regional Service Committees?"

More will be revealed at our April 2nd, 3rd, & 4th RSC.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ REPORT. Our fiscal year ends in April. The following figures reflect treasury activity from May 92 to January, 93.

<u>INCOME</u>	AREA CONTRIBUTIONS.....	8,199.51	
	TX UNITY CONVENTION, SPECIAL EVENTS,		
	RSC BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS.....	<u>6,300.95</u>	
			14,520.46
<u>EXPENSES</u>	WSC CONTRIBUTION.....	(1,800.00)	
	COMMITTEE REIMBURSEMENTS.....	(1,028.14)	
	COMMITTEE PROJECTS.....	(3,377.94)	
	COMMITTEE TRAVEL.....	(2,809.28)	
	BANK & OTHER CHARGES.....	<u>( 18.86)</u>	
			9,9034.22

The CONCERNS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS from AREAS in our region are much the same this year as last year.

*WANT	clear direction & resolution for tax issues
THANK YOU	for "Tax Options" paper
*WANT	more literature (Approve IT WORKS; Continue work on N.A. Step Working Guide, Continue translations)
THANK YOU	for JUST FOR TODAY
*WANT	to carry message in most economic way possible, increase fund flow, & eliminate misappropriation
THANK YOU	for WSC participation in MULTI-REGIONAL FORUMS
*WANT	to increase member involvement & decrease apathy between different levels of service
THANK YOU	for RSR Working Groups
*WANT	to continue to grow as a WORLD WIDE FELLOWSHIP & insure WORLD WIDE PARTICIPATION
THANK YOU	for Multi-National Development Forum
THANK YOU	all WSC Participants for dedication and service

IN LOVING SERVICE, Kelley Snell, RSR Harold Collum, RSRA



### 1993 MICHIGAN REGIONAL REPORT

Well, its that time of year! Most of my reports are lengthy and boring according to my friends at the region, who have to sit and listen to them every two months, so I will do my best to keep this interesting and not REAL long.

Our subcommittees have functioned well all year, continuing to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We seem to have the blessing of an abundance of members willing to serve our fellowship from all areas of our region. Without going into all of the accomplishments of each subcommittee it would suffice to say members from all over our state deserve "job well done"!

It is gratifying to reflect on how our region has grown in the past few years. We now have 19 active member areas who also bring with them their members who have kept coming back, stayed involved, and have helped make our region what it is today. Our region is representative of urban and rural communities which brings many perspectives and challenges to us all. One of our most rewarding accomplishments is coming together in the spirit of celebration at our convention to see all of us embrace the unity that continues to tie us together. The ties have continued to hold us as one through all of our diversity.

Our Convention committee has done it again!!! We had another great convention with over 2000 paid registrants! We have been blessed with a member in our fellowship who recently moved from another state who has put a great deal of time and effort into "Additional Needs". As a result, this years convention met the needs of the hearing impaired. It was quite humorous to watch the signer interpret our Saturday speaker. Any of you who know Tony D. from New York City, N.Y., can imagine the perplexity on the signors face during some of Tony's graphic renditions of his days "pre NA".

Our convention committee now has an "Additional Needs" subcommittee and the members of that committee have been busy ensuring that again, at MRCNA-IX 1993, that ALL addicts can enjoy in our celebration of recovery. The Michigan RSC and the Southeastern Michigan Metropolitan Shared Services Committees have also formed Additional Needs subcommittees.

In 1991 an Ad Hoc Filing Board was formed in our region to draft By Laws and Articles of Incorporation for the possibility of incorporating the RSC. The work has been completed and the By Laws and the Articles have been approved, as well as motions to incorporate, and to apply for federal tax exempt status. We hope this will provide liability protection for our trusted servants as well as taking care of our tax status.

During the year we were asked by Southeastern Michigan Metropolitan Shared Services Committee to form an Ad Hoc committee with the task of looking into a split of our region. There was a lack of enthusiasm from our members and this committee was short lived. As of our last meeting it was dissolved. The dissolution of this committee however does not negate the fact that there is work being done by an Ad Hoc Feasibility committee of the Southeastern Michigan Metropolitan Shared Services Committee. There has not been a final approved report as to the findings of this committee as of this writing.

We had the opportunity to meet as part of the Midwest Forum two times this year. We met in Chicago in May, and again in Michigan last month. We are planning to meet in Wisconsin July 24th & 25th. This meeting is planned along with a multi regional learning day.

Our Midwest Forum meetings have proven to be very positive and productive. Our consensus has been to start each meeting with a recovery meeting as first item on the agenda. This seems to bring us into the meeting with a nice "flavor" for lack of a better word. We have decided to deal with regional issues and not to use this forum as an opportunity to bring RSR's together to discuss the "WSC" issues. After much discussion we all agreed that this would not be a vehicle for such discussion. Our focus is on regional concerns and how we can become a resource for each other without becoming a politically based body. We have successfully retained an RSC focus throughout each meeting. I feel safe in speaking for all present in saying that we are looking forward to the next meeting.

In Loving Service

Carol Kenney

Michigan RSR

## **MID AMERICA REGION**

Greetings from the Mid America Region. For those of you reading this report who may not know where Mid America is, just think of Kansas. When this region was formed it consisted of five states. As the fellowship grew the other states formed new regions with NA in Kansas holding onto the original name. This report will offer a brief description of the demographics of our region, number of areas, types and sizes of our groups, regional highlights since WSC '92, and some of the issues we have dealt with this year.

### **Regional demographics:**

Mid America is mostly a rural region. We have a few metropolitan areas, a few areas with medium size cities and small towns, and some areas that are made up of small towns. The majority of our groups meet once a week, some groups meet two to three times a week, and a very few have more than five meetings a week. Like most of the fellowship our meetings are held in churches and civic organizations, i.e.: VFW's, American Legions, and on college campuses. A few groups rent buildings that are used for NA only functions. The following is a list of our areas with the largest city or town also listed:

Central Kansas  
Fellowship For Freedom  
Just For Today  
Oz  
Unity  
Western Kansas  
Wichita Metro

Great Bend  
Topeka  
Emporia  
Colby  
Salina  
Dodge City  
Wichita

We have an even mixture of opened and closed meetings. Several of our groups are handicapped accessible. Our meeting sizes run from five to forty members per meeting.

### **Regional Highlights:**

This last year has been one of us maturing as a region with the normal growing pains. The number of new groups is still running ahead of groups that are no longer meeting.

### **Mid America Regional Convention X:**

The convention will be held at the Red Coach Inn in McPherson, Kansas, the first weekend of April 1993. Our theme is "Primary Purpose." The region also formed a steering committee to assist in securing bid-site inspections and selection recommendations to allow the committee to focus on the event itself. The steering committee will also be looking into insurance and tax matters for all regional events.

### **Mid America Regional Camp-Out XV:**

This event is the longest running continuously free camp-out in the world. We will be celebrating forty years for NA and fifteen years for the camp-out. Our theme is "Worldwide fellowship." The region picks up the tab for the campsite rental and has a big meal on Saturday night free of charge. We have activities all weekend long, along with the usual speaker and campfire meetings. If you want to attend

just show up with your gear and a little food and the region will take care of the rest, but please no pets unless they are for people with special needs. The camp-out is July 1, 2, 3, & 4, 1993, at Wilson Lake Lucas Park Area.

### **Multiregional Learning Weekend:**

The first weekend was held in Wichita this last year. Several people from our region were involved in this event and it has had a major impact on our H&I and PI efforts at the regional level. The WSC funded some world level trusted servants and special workers and they opened our eyes and hearts to the responsibilities from the group to the world level. Having the event, we were able to work with addicts from some of the regions that used to be part of the Mid America Region and addicts from as far away as Norway. Next year's event will be in Dallas, Texas, September 17, 18, & 19, 1993, at the Southland Hotel. Come and grow with us.

### **Public Information:**

Our region is fortunate to have a voting member on the WSC PI Committee. She has helped us focus on public information tasks that we can handle with limited addict power. We are learning that some of the most basic tasks are also the most productive. She has also kept the region informed on the *Guide to Phoneline Service* as it developed since WSC'92. The region established an ad hoc committee to look into a regional phoneline. Even though it is not financially feasible it made us aware of several projects they can be working on to increase the public awareness of our fellowship. They have agreed to assist H&I in their efforts to get more presentations into correctional facilities.

### **Hospitals & Institutions:**

Since the learning weekend many of our areas are doing the foot work to get addicts behind the walls. One area started a presentation in a facility that has not had one for several years. Another area is in the process of getting new people cleared to pick up a commitment that has not been well supported. We will form an ad hoc committee to look into what it takes to get into every medium and maximum security facility within the state of Kansas. If we only get a few addicts we are still going in as a mobile H&I team coordinated at the regional level. PI has agreed to go along with us when we get all the necessary information. We also placed a Basic Text in every county jail within the state. Another plus for the learning weekend was we no longer have to feel shame if we are only going into a few places, but where we are going we are doing in a responsible manner.

### **Literature:**

We have had regional workshops to go over *It Works: How and Why*. There were not many addicts there but we did enjoy the process and the work that WSC Literature Committee and the trustees put into this project. The committee is also working with our newsletter to generate more material and to serve as a clearing house of information to keep the addicts in the region informed.

### **Activities:**

Since we centralized the RSC our committee has had great success in having a dance the Saturday night of the regional. We have also had several lunches with many addicts showing how well they can cook since becoming clean. The

committee also has a spiritual retreat each fall with the focus on the spiritual aspects of the program. This event is only two years old but growing each time.

**Policy:**

Like most regions policy has been hit and miss for several years. We have a chairperson who has stuck with it long enough to get some things done. Our policy is not finished but we are much closer now than ever before.

**Regional Issues:**

We have one area that is dealing with closing prayers that are true to the spiritual not religious stance of NA. We have for the first time had an outgoing RSR that has stayed involved at the regional level. He is also working with the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee. It is a real plus not to lose all that experience. As mentioned earlier part of our maturing is accepting the fact that there are certain service tasks that we must grow into, not jump into. Our regional subcommittees are the largest collection of experience in a specific area of service. We also realize that many tasks require meeting more than once every three months. We are fortunate to have addicts willing to spend the extra time. Our areas have been experiencing similar problems with active areas slowing down and the younger ones showing the way. The fellowship in Mid America is faced with a dual problem that is not unique to the rest of the fellowship. With several twelve step programs to choose from, many addicts in recovery to avoid settling down and establishing roots in a single program. The dual side of this problem is that few people fail to see the all inclusive nature of the disease of addiction and that Narcotics Anonymous has with it a distinct primary purpose: **To carry the message to the addict who still suffers.** As a region we look forward to serving the one fellowship that could save our lives.

In Service,  
Warren Jackson, RSR  
Tony Koontz, RSR ALT.  
Mid America Region

## MID ATLANTIC REGION ANNUAL REPORT

To: World Service Conference-1993

From: Mike P. RSR  
John N. RSR Alternate


Greetings from the Mid Atlantic Region. This past year has been one of growth for us. We have had 5 new areas join our region within the last year. 3 of these areas are a result of N.A. growing into new geographic areas and 2 areas resulted from growth within already existing areas. We currently have 13 active areas. They are Capital Area, Cumberland Valley Area, Central Susquhanna Valley Area, Little Apple Area, York Area, Williamsport Area, South Central PA Area, and the Reading Area. Our 5 new areas are Mason Dixon Area, Serenity in the Mountains Area, Lebanon Valley Area, Centre Area, and Pocono Mountains Area. Our areas currently have 172 home groups which support 60 weekly H & I meetings. Our working subcommittees are H & I, P.I., Policy, Literature, and Conference.

On February 5, 6, and 7 the York and Capital Areas hosted the Ninth Annual Mid Atlantic Regional Learning Conference. During the weekend there were many service workshops and recovery meetings, also a 13 hour WSC Agenda workshop. We would like to thank the members from the World Service Conference for coming and all other members of the Fellowship who participated to help make MARLCNA IX a success. Once again Thanks. Our region got together in January for a workshop on the 12 Concepts, which went over well. We do have another one scheduled for March. We also have a workshop coming up in mid April. The topic will be "Funding Services in N.A."

We have participated in several meetings of RSR's from the Northeast U.S. regarding development of a Northeast Zonal Form. To date this group has developed a perceived need, purpose, and function for a Zonal Form. We will be seeking further direction from our groups regarding continued participation in a Zonal Form.

We are looking forward to this years conference and hope to see you in Van Nuys.

In Loving Service

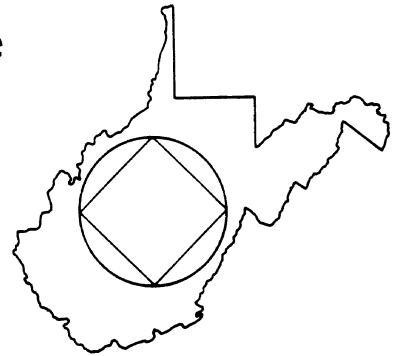
  
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The Mountaineer Region is mountainous and the areas are somewhat geographically isolated, but we are continuing to experience marked growth in the Fellowship. The five areas which make up MRSCNA encompass West Virginia (excluding the panhandles), extending to Logan Ohio in the west and to Lexington, Virginia in the east. We have grown from 58 NA meetings last year to 69 meetings currently, with rumors of new meetings soon to start. Not only are there now more meetings, but there are also more addicts in meetings, with attendance at some as high as 80 to 85 members.

Our Regional quarterly meetings are held in July, October, January and April, with approximately 40 members in attendance at each quarterly.

The Mountaineer Region holds 2 Annual events at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. First is our spring convention, held the first full weekend in May, which generates most of the money necessary for RSR travel and to fund our helpline (1-800-766-4442, accessible to all of the continental United States). Also, we hold a fall *Seventh Tradition* Convention in late October or early November. For this convention all packages are sold at cost, and the basket is passed at all meetings. Over the years this has become known as the *Newcomer's Convention*, and we don't believe you will find a cheaper convention to attend in the U.S.

Over the past year we have gone through some changes in the structure of our RSC. We have elected to now have 3 RSR positions. RSR, RSR-alt and RSR-II, due to our belief in continuity in our service representative positions. We hope that this change will allow time for acclamation to the position of RSR, to better prepare our representatives to serve.

Our Activities Committee, is responsible for all regional quarterly meetings, holding FUNdraisers and other activities. During the past year projects included a Service Awareness Weekend, plans for a Valentines Day Dance and our first ever region-wide gathering of the GSRs and the fellowship to discuss and review the Conference Agenda Report.

Obviously, our Convention Committee keeps busy, planning and holding our two annual conventions. MRCCNA is investigating better ways to fund our conventions, so that holding the conventions will not be such a drastic drain on Regional funds.

Finance is diligently fine-tuning our budget and have developed a budgetary process which works. There is rarely any doubt as to the financial status of our Region.

Our H&I Committee has been busy holding Learning Days throughout the Region, and is planning to hold an H&I Awareness Weekend. Hope to see you there. Regional H&I continues to assist all area H&I subcommittees within MRSCNA.

The Literature Committee is working on a new project. Source material is being developed for an IP on Prejudice/Anonymity and a planned Regional Newsletter. Our Literature Committee's top priority is to review and create fellowship awareness of WLC draft and approval form literature.

Our newly formed Public Information Committee is off to a fast start. Early projects include a new and improved Regional Meeting List, presentations to Non-NA entities and assistance to Area PI Committees.

Our PSA/Phoneline Committee provides four yearly phoneline workshops at different locations throughout the Region. It is continuing to investigate alternative answering services.

Policy & Administration is completing the rewording of our policy document. P&A also attempts to handle items of business which come up between regional meetings. The committee consists of all regional officers, and of ASR's at their Area's option.

In summary, this Region continues to believe in the value of participation in the World Service Conference as evidenced by our considerable investment in RSR travel and expenses. We feel privileged to participate in the service structure as it is, and look forward to working with you all in April at the Conference.



Mike C., RSR



Eddie M., RSR-alternate



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Dear NA Family,

Our love to all of our fellow traveler's on this spiritual journey we call, Recovery in Narcotics Anonymous.

Our Region is currently involved in discussions about the motions in the Conference Agenda Report. We have had one day of discussion in February and are hosting a multi-regional CAR Discussion Day on March 13 in Grand Island, Nebraska. We have been in contact with the surrounding regions and are full of faith we will have a strong group that will come together to discuss the motions, and share experience, strength and hope with each other. Being of a rural population in the regions in Mid-America, we can draw strength from each other in how some of these motions affect our fellowships here. We are thrilled to have Mary J., WSC Literature Chair, committed to being a part of our CAR day - and are sure she will be able to provide alot of insight for us on the motions affecting literature. We look forward to an exciting period of growth in the future of Narcotics Anonymous, and have faith that the conference this year will be a growing experience when we let go of our egos and allow our Higher Power to work in our Fellowship.

At our October RSC meeting, our ASR's voted to form a Regional Outreach Committee in the hopes of communicating the promise of freedom from addiction to the addicts in geographical and physical isolation. It seems to have been a spiritual decision, as we have since then had contact with addicts in towns we had no idea NA was functioning in - and we had yet to make any formal guidelines and actual organized ways of carrying out our Outreach goals!! We plan to have those guidelines and a plan of outreach by our April RSC meeting.

Our Nebraska Regional Convention this year will be held in McCook, Nebraska on September 17, 18, & 19. Our theme is "Recovery - A Journey, Not A Destination". We are looking forward to having Kim J., originally a Nebraskan, as our speaker on Saturday evening. Most of the convention will be held at the Chief Motel in McCook, with the Saturday evening banquet, speaker meeting and dance at the old air base outside of McCook, which will give us the opportunity to have a bonfire meeting during the evening for a little fellowship under the stars.

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Our Region is still currently composed of five areas: Eastern Nebraska, Lincoln, Fremont, Central Nebraska and Platte Valley. Some of the areas continue to struggle with a lack of members willing to be involved in service, and sometimes with the actual geographical separation of the towns involved in the areas. However, our membership in our meetings continues to grow overall, so we feel we must be carrying the message in the way we are intended to for now. Our Central Nebraska Area is by far the strongest area at this point in time, and the other areas continue to carry on their work in H&I, P.I. and Literature.

The RSC P.I. Committee continues to accomplish the purpose of being a resource for area P.I. efforts, and publishes our Regional Meeting List in the Winter and Summer.

Our RSC H&I Committee has been sadly pretty inactive over the last year, with little representation from the area H&I members. We are currently in the process of seeking nominations for a new Chairperson, and will hopefully fill this position with someone with a solid commitment to the efforts of H&I in our Region.

We held a combined H&I/P.I. Learning Day in December in North Platte, Nebraska that was well attended by members of the Platte Valley Area. All of us that attended came away from it, as always, with a renewed interest and belief in carrying the message to the best of our abilities.

Our fellowship continues to carry on with some annual events on a regional and area level:

Eastern Nebraska Area holds "Close Encounters of the Clean Kind" each year, and this year on March 27, the focus of the workshop day will be the aspects of service from our NA symbol.

Central Nebraska hosts the "H&I Volleyball Tournament" on March 20, in Kanesaw, Nebraska with proceeds going to H&I efforts.

Fremont hosts the "Fremont Freeze Out Campout" at Fremont State Lakes on March 6&7. There is actual cabins, we have worked enough of the second step to not actually camp out!

Lincoln ASC usually holds two campouts - the Tornado Watch (usually in April) and the Last Blast (usually in October).

McCook and the Platte Valley Area have the Chili Food (guaranteed to set you on fire!) and their annual campout at Harry Strunk Lake in May.

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Our region continues to host the "Run For Fun", an event held over Memorial Day Weekend at Alexandria State Lakes, and it has absolutely nothing to do with physical exercise! This campout has continued to grow more and more each year, and continues to attract members of our fellowship from outside our region.

And our yearly RSC Learning Day is hosted by a different ASC each year, and focuses on the H&I and P.I. efforts in our region.

Our RSC budget continues to be extremely limited, operating at a bare minimum, and continues to depend on fundraisers from the ASC's just to be able to send our RSR and RSR Alternate to the WSC each year and to one WSC Quarterly meeting. Due to our extremely limited budget, both of our WSC H&I and P.I. members have made a decision to resign from their positions as voting members of these committees. Neither of these members felt our region was in a financial position to continue to fund them to the committee meetings - and did not feel it is in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition to use personal funds in order to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous, especially in light of the expense involved in attending WSC Committee meetings at locations that involve some of the most expensive accommodations in the US.

All of our thanks to our region for their faith and continued support in allowing us to be of service to them.

In Love and Humble Service,

Jenny DeBerg, RSR

Frank Shoemaker, RSR Alternate



# Narcotics Anonymous

New Jersey Regional Service Conference

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DATE: February 1, 1993  
TO : World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous  
FROM: New Jersey Regional Service Conference  
RE : Regional Report 92/93

Greetings to the fellowship from the New Jersey Region of Narcotics Anonymous. We are grateful for being clean and for having the opportunity and privilege in presenting our annual report to the 1993 WSC.

In the last year New Jersey has spent alot of time looking at how to support and fund our services. We have discussed the value of our trusted servants and the expense of committments. This year has been a process of transition from dealing with project after project to considering the real value of the service we provide, both financially and the value of time for our trusted servants. We considered Regional involvement in projects such as a NA history project and a NA survey and decided that our limited resources in time and money could best be served in other areas.

Last year's convention was a huge success even with a lower turnout. We would like to thank everyone that attended as well as the Convention Committee and the D.O.T. for a wonderful weekend. We as a region take great pride in our convention and the committees that put it together.

This year we will be having our 8th Regional Convention at the Hyatt Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ. The theme of this convention is "Expect a Miracle". Our convention planning is running smoothly and on schedule.

HELPLINE COMMITTEE received 20,061 calls this year. At a cost of \$10,396.18. The cost is shared equally between the New Jersey and Northern New Jersey Region under our shared service agreement. Eight (8) out of nine (9) areas have an active Helpline Committee.

Our POLICY COMMITTEE is still non-existing. However, the Corporate By-Laws were completed.

The MEETING DIRECTORY have gone to a new booklet style with a reprint every six (6) months. We have 1,750 meetings in the state of New Jersey. 115,00 have been purchased jointly with the Northern New Jersey Region.

Our NEWSLETTER is celebrating its seventh year. The number of subscription are around 200. We are spreading the word through our newsletter.

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LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE has been very active this year, although we just elected a chairperson. Our committee submitted input several times for "It Works - How and Why". We are presently writing a new draft of the IP Recovery and Relapse. Focusing on an addict on the edge of relapsing or returning from a relapse. This project will be submitted to the WLC at WSC '93.

The HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE has all nine (9) areas committed to carrying the message of recovery inside 70 facilities. The committee is presently working on presentations to the State Department of Corrections.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE spent a good part of the year working on the New Jersey Department of Health Survey which at the present time is on hold. We revised our Regional guidelines for P.I. and are looking towards a joint P.I. effort on putting posters on the N.J. Transit buses and trains.

In the past year our Region has been re-evaluating our financial responsibilities. A major concern within our Region has been our financial dependance on our convention. We are beginning to discuss ways of being less dependant on a successful convention for us to carry the message.

In closing, we would like to thank the Northern New Jersey Region for their continued support in carrying our Shared Service Agreement. We would also like to thank all the Areas, Groups and all the recovering addicts that make up the New Jersey Region. With their help recovery is alive and well in New Jersey.

The lie is dead we do recover,

Scott DeCicco  
Regional Service Representative

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# North East Atlantic Region of Narcotics Anonymous

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FR: NORTH EAST ATLANTIC REGION

DATE: February 17th, 1993

Greetings from the North East Atlantic Region. Geographically, our region encompasses the four Atlantic Provinces in Eastern Canada. Since our formation almost two years ago, we have grown from three areas to seven. The three original areas -- New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and South Shore Valley -- have been involved with the RSC since its inception. Two additional areas, International Area #2 and Northern New Brunswick Area, were both formed in the spring of 1992 and began participating with the RSC at that time. The most recent additions to our structure have been from the provinces of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. On December 5th, 1992, an ASC was formed by the NA groups in Newfoundland. The groups in PEI also formed their first ASC in early February of this year and were seated at our last RSC. There are also some groups in southern New Brunswick working on forming an ASC for themselves, but they have not yet made contact with our RSC. Although we have doubled the number of ASC's, this does not reflect a doubling in the number of groups in our region. At present there are 80 groups in the region.

As well as being seated at the WSC last year, our region also participates in the Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous. One of the goals of the Assembly is to foster growth and unity and the sharing of information within the fellowship in Canada. With the financial help received from CANA, it was possible for some of our RSC members to make "outreach" trips to Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island in the fall of 1992. Workshops were conducted during two separate weekends in each province. Experience, strength and hope was shared on the Twelve Traditions, group service, ASC formation, H&I and P.I., etc. To the previously isolated groups in PEI, the outreach workshop assured them that they were not alone, and their interest in participating with the rest of our fellowship has increased. As for the groups in Newfoundland, the outreach workshop provided them with the encouragement they needed to form an ASC for their groups. It is our Regions hope that we can generate the funds to do a follow up visit to them, by the fall of 1993. In the meantime, communication will be limited to telephone and mail due to the vast geographical distance (approx. 1000 miles) between Newfoundland and the rest of the Atlantic Provinces.

Our RSC meetings are held bi-monthly in a central location for most of the areas. There has been some turnover of RSC officers in the last year. We had one resignation and two officers were removed for non-compliance. The RSC functions as a co-ordinating body through which the areas can share much information. It also does its share of providing direct services. The administrative committee is responsible for producing meeting lists and a regional newsletter, as well as co-ordinating outreach efforts to areas that request assistance. Due to the vast geography within our region, it seems that outreach will be a very real issue for us for sometime to come. There are still many towns where NA is yet to be heard of. Yet, even the smallest of outreach efforts are a problem in a region where most NA members do not own a vehicle. This makes other forms of communicating and sharing information vitally important.



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H & I is the sub-committee that seems to have the most support. They have developed guidelines and assisted in the sharing of information between area H&I sub-committees. They are not actively involved in H&I presentations at this time, since that is being taken care of by the Area H&I sub-committees. Our Public Information committee is relatively new and still trying to develop direction.

One of the biggest problems that we face is the economic disparity that exists throughout the Atlantic Provinces. This has a definite effect on the amount of money that addicts have to put into the basket at meetings and on any additional fundraising efforts. Although our groups all seem to be self-supporting, there are a fair number that do not have excess funds to donate to their ASC's. Furthermore, after doing their own committee business most ASC's have only minimal donations for the RSC. To further compound this situation, one of our more financially stable areas seems intent on sending donations to the WSC even when it is common knowledge that these funds are much needed by the RSC. Needless to say this has caused some disharmony and concern for the RSC.

There is much about the NA fellowship, as a whole, and our service efforts that many members in our region do not understand. Perceptions and interpretations often differ and experience is in short supply. For the most part the NA members in our region have had little or no contact with the fellowship outside of their own localities. This sort of isolation can have the same negative effects on groups and service committees that it has on individuals. In view of this, one of the primary functions of our RSC has been to provide some much needed information to the members in our different areas and we hope that with time, patience and tolerance, this information will be shared and experience will be gained. It is, however, a sometimes slow and painful growing process.

All in all we have experienced some positive growth and are dedicated toward working to foster growth and provide what services we can for addicts seeking recovery in our part of the world. The large geographical distances between groups and areas in our region, do not prevent us from meeting regularly and working with what we have. What we lack in terms of economic resources, is usually compensated for by the willingness and dedication of the trusted servants involved with the RSC.

In the past year, there has been an increase in the number of NA members asking about what the region is doing and how they may help the effort. We hope that this is a sign that service apathy is dwindling among our members. We will continue to communicate and provide information in the best way that we can.

Yours In Service,

Rick Goodine  
R.S.R./N.E.A.R.N.A.



## **Narcotics Anonymous**

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### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION'S ANNUAL REPORT TO WSC 1993**

Greetings to our fellow recovering addicts worldwide. The Northern California Region continues to grow and share the miracle with addicts who are seeking recovery from drug addiction.

Northern California is a region composed of 18 areas with approximately 850 weekly meetings. In addition there are 235 H&I meetings. The boundaries of our region are the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains to the east, the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Oregon border to the north and the southern end of the Monterey peninsula on the south. This comprises a region 200 miles wide by 500 miles long. The region contains both major metropolitan areas as well as rural, agricultural areas. The variety ranges from one area with 30 meetings spread over 5 counties to another area with 105 meetings in 46 square miles.

The past year we had a very controversial area split, when an area was created in the center of an established area. After a very long and painful couple of months the new area was seated at our RSC and is now fully participating at the regional level.

During 1992, as our RSC tried to involve the largest amount of trusted servants as possible in our decision making process, we included alternate ASR's as fully participating regional committee members with all rights and responsibilities of the ASR's. The RSC also moved to not accept any motions regarding voting participation for one year to actually give the new system an opportunity to succeed or fail on its own merit.



This year we held our third annual regional service inventory. This continues to be a useful tool for the RSC to help evaluate our effort to carry the message in Northern California. At the present time our RSC is served by Administrative, H&I, PI, Newsletter, and Convention committees and by our Regional Service Office Board. We have relocated our RSO to a much larger building that is now able to house all of our regional services in one location. Each of the committees meets at the RSO and we hold our post WSC regional assembly there. Our RSO purchases approximately \$40,000. in literature every 3 months.

After the initial success of last year's regional assemblies, we will hold four this year. Due to the size of our region, we have decided to hold three assemblies this year to review the CAR. Another assembly will be held to report on and discuss what happened at the WSC.

Among the events in which our region participated again this year was the second annual Western States Forum. This forum was a gathering in Las Vegas, Nevada of representatives from twelve regions around the western United States. We would like to thank the conference for the participation by WSC Admin. and the WSB. Once again it was a productive weekend of discussion on both regional issues and information about our world services. Our two big decisions this year were to have our next meeting in Los Angeles in August, 1993, and that the hosting region would be responsible for providing a chairperson and secretary for the forum.

Again this year our region actively participated at the Western States Public Information Learning Days which occurred in Los Angeles, California on the second weekend of November, 1992. The Regional Public Information Committee Vice Chair was sent by the RSC and several of our areas also sent members of their PI Committees. They returned excited and enthusiastic about PI efforts. We are looking forward to next years event.

The Northern California Regional Convention, which was held in Sacramento last March, NCCNA XIV was both a spiritual and financial success. We had about 6,500 people in attendance. The net proceeds from the convention were \$28,000. Last year we were able to contribute a large portion of our convention proceeds to the WSC. Unfortunately this was not possible this year. We were required to increase our convention prudent reserve due to the high cost of holding our fifteenth regional convention in San Francisco, Ca. The RSC also

paid its rent in advance for the year as per the terms of our lease contract with the RSO. The third major expense the RSC had was the first regional wide insurance policy for Northern California. This policy will cover every registered NA meeting in our region, as well as special events. We hope that the insurance will be self funding after the first year. Because of these large expenses our contribution to the WSC was only about 20% of the previous year.

On behalf of the Northern California Region,

Michael McDermott, RSR

Mike Leahy, Alternate-RSR



# THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

2/25/93

To World Service Participants:

Greetings from the Northern New Jersey Regional Service Conference. Our Region is now serving 12 areas throughout the Northern New Jersey Region. We have about 284 meeting and about 200 H.I. meeting and still growing. One of the major things affecting our region is the shared services agreement with the (south) New Jersey Region. We share the same meeting list and 1-800 HELPLINE. We are planning to meet on March 27, 1993 with full participation from both regions concerning this issue. The other thing affecting our region is donations. It seems like the last year groups and areas are just not donating, which leaves our region depending on conventions as fundraisers, instead of a celebration of recovery.

Our subcommittees are functioning as well as to be expected. We added a new subcommittee this year, Bi-Lingual services. It has been functioning for about 9 months. We also elected a Board of Trustees to oversee the financial and corporate responsibility for looking into future sites for conventions.

Convention Committee: This year our annual convention is will be held on August 20-22 1993 at the Parsippany Hilton in Parsippany N.J. Last years convention was an enormous success, that is why we have chosen to go back to the same hotel. This years theme for the convention is A NEW BEGINNING 3 "THE JOURNEY CONTINUES".

P.I.: Public Information is presently reviewing the revised guidelines on how to start and set up Public Information meetings. They are establishing a new priority list of projects. The New Jersey survey is temporary put on hold by the state of New Jersey.

H&I: H&I has had problems getting a regional meeting together. Only a few area H&I subcommittee chairs attend. They are also in need of more support from women members. The other problem with H&I is our spanish population. Our H&I and Bi-Lingual chairs are getting together in hope of solving this problem.

Helpline: Our Helpline subcommittee shares services with the New Jersey Regional Helpline committee. There are about 520 people that are on the phoneline throughout the state of New Jersey. The cost of the phoneline is about \$400.00 per region per month. Our committee is in the process of updating the helpline volunteers. Our number in New Jersey is 1-800 992-0401 outside of New Jersey is 1(908)462-9199.

# THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE



**Literature:** Our literature chair is presently tallying all of the 12 areas monthly literature sales. Presently there is no literature review committee. The literature committee is coordinating with the New Jersey Region in developing our state wide meeting list for the fall of 1993.

**Bi-Lingual:** This is a new subcommittee to our region. The committee has been functioning well since it began. They are forming a floating H&I panel and putting together a second language literature list.

**Activites:** Activites has been busy coordinating all events within the regions areas and listing them on a regional calander. This is for the purpose of events not conflicting with each other. The committee which consists of all area activites chairs, is planning a fundraiser for the regional convention held in August.

**Polley:** No chair present.

In closing I would like to thank NA and NNJRSC for allowing me to serve.

IN LOVING SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP,

  
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**PACIFIC CASCADE REGIONAL  
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**TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE  
FROM: TOM MCKEE RSA  
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 1993  
RE: 1992-1993 ANNUAL REGIONAL REPORT TO THE W.S.C..**

**Greetings from The Pacific Cascade Region. As you can see, by our name, we are no longer suffering from a identity crisis in our region. I do believe that The Pacific Cascade Region is here to stay.**

**We continue to have 13 Areas in our Region, with 297 meetings listed in our regional directory. This is up 107 meetings from this time last year, a 57% increase in meetings carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering addict. As you can imagine our Areas have been faced with a increasing demand on local services. I believe that while causing some problems at all levels, this increased demand has been met with selfless service and renewed commitment to find new and better ways to provide the necessary services. I am continually amazed at what can be accomplished when addicts work together to further a common goal.**

**Our quarterly regional meetings are hosted by member Areas through out our region. These 3 day events continue to serve us well, bringing about new interest and a higher level of service commitment to the hosting Area. At the same time, visiting Areas have an opportunity to witness first hand how it works in the hosting Area. A lot of networking takes place at these regional events and I believe that this regional meeting format is a key to our continued growth as a region.**

**Our region's subcommittees have been hard at work all year to meet the increased demand on services that a growing fellowship demands and deserves.**

**The Regional Activities Subcommittee has struggled this year but is once again very active with new life coming from a change in leadership and a renewed commitment from the region. They are planing several new fund raising activities and continue to coordinate a Regional Activity Calendar.**

**Our Public Information Regional Subcommittee continues to be very active meeting as a committee 8 times a year. This year saw a merging of the Phone line Subcommittee with P. I., that seems to have served us well. Our P. I. chairperson attended the Western State Public Information Learning Days, and brought back a lot of worthwhile information to our region. They are working on a Regional Learning Days event this summer, updating our P. I. Contingency Plan, and organizing regional presentations to professionals and non-addicts through out our region.**

The Regional H & I subcommittee continues to meet the task of serving over 100 weekly meetings in our Region. This committee is well supported in their efforts to carry the message to addicts in Hospitals and Institutions region wide. They presented two very successful events this year, a H & I Learning Days, hosted by the Mid-Willamette Valley Area and a H & I Orientation at The Pacific Northwest Convention # 15 in Eugene Or. As a Regional Subcommittee they are supporting H & I meetings at The Oregon State Penitentiary and the Federal Minimum and Maximum Security Facilities in Sheridan Oregon.

Our Regional Literature Subcommittee has been very busy this year working on the review and input of "IT WORKS, HOW AND WHY", holding many workshops through out the region. They will be presenting a Regional Literature Learning Day March 13th in Eugene Or. which is expected to be well attended and will do much to increase the level of services provided by our Area Literature Subcommittees.

I am sorry to report the folding of our Regional Newsletter "Recovery Review". This newsletter has continued to suffer from a lack of support by our members. The region felt as a whole our resources devoted to the newsletter could be better used in other areas of service.

The Regional Policy and Procedures Subcommittee has been hard at work reviewing all our regional policies and has give us a system to make sure we have updated information regarding all our guidelines, policies and procedures. This has led to a much smother Regional Business Meeting. This committee is working on establishing Regional Conference and Convention Guidelines that will I believe will serve to move our region in the direction of forming a Conference and Convention Corporation. More will be revealed.

Our RSR alt. from last year, Mike L. has moved out of our region due to a business transfer, I am sure that I speak for the Region in saying that his personal recovery and service will be missed. Our loss is another regions gain, we wish him well. Therefore I will be introducing to the W.S.C. this year our new RSR alt. Emma W. who comes to this service position with a long history of service and commitment to our region, I am sure that you will find her a welcomed addition to the W.S.C. this year.

The Pacific Cascade Region hosted two very successful Conventions this year "The Solution is Spiritual" Pacific Cascade Regional Convention #1 in Portland Or. and "The Real Miracle" Pacific Northwest Convention of Narcotics Anonymous #15 in Eugene Or. Our next Convention "A far Greater Power" PCRCNA #2, will be held May 14th - 16th 1993 in Wilsonville Oregon. I would like to invite you all to attend this Celebration of Recovery and experience for yourself the level of Recovery, Service and Fun to found in the Pacific Cascade Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

IN LOVING SERVICE,



Tom Mc. RSR  
PACIFIC CASCADE REGION

**PHILIPPINES REGION  
1992-93 ANNUAL REPORT**

NA's first meeting in the Philippines was held in October 1985. It was started by a Filipino recovering addict. Initially, attendance at meetings was low, but it began to increase with the opening of a treatment center in 1990.

In 1992, the Philippines was invited to attend the World Service Conference in Dallas, Texas, USA. This had important ramifications for NA's situation in the Philippines, namely:

- a. the size of NA and the scope of its activities worldwide became apparent and was impressive;
- b. direction was lent to NA's activities in the Philippines;
- c. important contacts with NA's World Service Office were established;
- d. contacts with neighboring countries in the Asia Pacific region were established; and
- e. materials important to the set-up and conduct of NA meetings and other activities were acquired.

All of this has led to a dramatic increase in the number of members and meetings in the Philippines. At the beginning of 1992, there were two regular meetings and two H&I meetings per week. As of February 1993, there were approximately one hundred members in the NA community attending nine regular meetings per week and three H&I meetings per week, with two more regular meetings about to start and two new H&I meetings in the planning stages. We have experienced a 350% increase in the number of our meetings in nine months, and membership has doubled. It is expected that the fellowship will continue to grow at a rate of approximately fifty members per year over the next three years.

During the last half of 1992, the following developments took place:

- a. a list of NA meetings was published in two weekly newspapers;
- b. a hospitals and institutions committee and a public information committee were formed;
- c. in November, the Philippines was represented at the First Asia Pacific Forum in New Zealand; and
- d. NA meeting readings were translated into local languages, pending approval of the World Services Translation Committee.

On this last point, some NA literature has been translated into Tagalog, the national language, and has been sent to the World Services Translation Committee. Approval of these translations is currently being awaited. Likewise, plans are being made to translate NA literature into the Ilocano dialect of the national language. With these translations completed and approved, it is felt that NA in the Philippines will become accessible to

addicts of all levels of the social scale. To spur this, a translations committee has been formed.

An H&I committee has been formed and efforts are underway to obtain approval to start regular meetings in two major hospitals in Metro Manila. A public information committee is currently in charge of preparing meeting lists for distribution in appropriate places and is coordinating the dissemination of information about the program with local government and religious offices.

Plans for the rest of 1993 include:

- a. expansion of publication of meeting lists in periodicals;
- b. the establishment of a 24-hour telephone answering service; and
- c. a delegate from the Philippines will attend the 1993 WSC.

*Tata Montilla, RSR*



## PORTUGUESE REGION REPORT 93

### A. BRIEF HISTORY

The first NA Group in Portugal was formed in the spring of 1985.

Since the very beginning, the first few members strove to spread the message initiating contacts in Hospitals and Institutions, and NA Literature soon began to be translated. As the approval procedures and printing timings for translated literature proved to be slow, we were authorized by WSO to circulate photocopies of locally approved translated pamphlets. This was indeed extremely useful and greatly contributed to the growth of NA in the country.

On July 88 took place the first ASC meeting, composed only by three groups. Translations, P.I. and H. & I. Committees were then formally criated. By the end of 89 there were 15 meetings/week.

On November 89 we received the visit of Bob Stone, WSO Director, who helped us to better understand the Literature translation procedures, apart from gaining a more realistic understanding of world services.

The hosting of the 7th European Conference and Convention on July 1990, not only gave us a significant boost in terms of internal development; but also allowed the beginning of a more regular contact with other european NA communities. We had a portuguese member participating in the work developed by the European Study Group and European Resource Group, which lead to the formation of the European Delegates Meeting now in place, a forum by which European NA Communities can communicate, grow and cooperate with each other in their common purpose of spreading the message to the still suffering adict.

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Our first National Convention was held on April 91 and almost 200 members showed up. On January 92 our service structure formally reached the level of Region when representatives of the three existing Areas joined in our first RSC.

## B. NA TODAY IN PORTUGAL

We have now 4 Areas and 83 meeting/week throughout the country.

The Basic Text and all the remaining recovery approved literature have already been printed in portuguese, and the Service Guides are in the process of being translated.

Our local newsletter "SERENIDADE" is beginning its third year of existence with great success amongst the fellowship.

NA is legalized in Portugal since December 1990, and the Portuguese Service Office is operating since then (stock and sales of Literature, Data Base for P.I. and H. & I. use, Group services such as the printing of updated meetings lists and dispatch of starter kits for new groups, legal issues, etc.).

Our RSC meets every two months rotating amongst the existing four Areas, and we have our National Convention once a year around April/May.

Our first participation at the WSC was in 1992, thanks to the funding of the Conference. For 1993, we will fund our RSR, thus allowing other Regions to be funded by the Conference.

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We have been actively participating at the "European Delegates Meeting", and our RSR was one of the 4 european members elected for the "WSO European Branch Operations Committee".



João F.

RSR for Portugal .



COMITÉ DES SERVICES RÉGIONAUX DU QUÉBEC DE  
NARCOTIQUES ANONYMES

To: World Service Conference 1993

From: Quebec Region

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Bonjour from the Quebec Region:

There is presently 200 meetings taking place every week in the Quebec Region. Twelve areas are represented at our regional meeting, and all of our subcommittees are functional except the regional Phoneline Service. Meanwhile, Montreal area Phoneline Committee has gotten to serve seven around the Montreal vicinity. We thus are looking forward to set up a 800 phoneline service which would mainly use the volunteers and facilities of the Montreal area, but which would also be servicing all the twelve areas of Quebec.

The Montreal Area includes 70 groups, and since their service meetings are turning into long and heavy sessions, they decided that it probably would be a good thing if they split the area into four sectors. This is the reason why officers and GSRs of the Montreal Area created an ad hoc subcommittee with would deal with this proposal and see how the four sectors could use the same subcommittees structure. More will be revealed...

We continue to send, at Le Nordet's request, a representative to their service meetings, and thus keep going the sponsoring process.

The Quebec Region is happy with the agreement negotiated at the European Conference (July 1992) with the other French speaking communities on the French translation priorities. In Quebec, one area recently proposed a motion to the effect that the Quebec Region funded the French translation of *Just for Today*. This motion was referred to the groups who rejected it, the main reason being that instead they wanted to send the money to the Conference so that other non English speaking communities could eventually read the Basic Text in their own language.

Our French journal, *La Plume N.A.*, is very much in demand in other French communities: we had to put up a policy of selling the journal to outside regions.

This year, many of the Quebec members had a chance to attend their first World Convention in Toronto. It was, for many of us, a deeply moving experience and we look forward to attend the next World Convention.

Last year, our Regional Convention hosted around 1200 addicts. It was a great success. In 1993, over the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October, our convention will be held at L'Auberge des Seigneurs, in St-Hyacinthe. Every addict are more than welcome since it is a bilingual (French-English) convention.

The Quebec Region just created an ad hoc committee to study the mission and the goals — geographic and financial issues — of our Regional Convention. For instance, we are holding many fundraising activities with auctions, and some members question that from a recovery point of view. Does the Convention exist to make money, or should it take place to carry the message to the far away areas of the Region? We need the money — NA as a whole needs it — but are the means to get it justified? The ad hoc committee will certainly have fun dealing with those issues.

More and more, the Quebec region is concerned with the unity of N.A. Our members are eager to find out what is going on in the fellowship worldwide. I am very proud to have been elected as RSR of my region.

In loving service

Francine Bluteau, RSR

The Region of the Virginians  
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To the Fellowship,

On March 10, 1985, our Region was formed in the spirit of love. We would like to continue our spiritual direction, asking that each member act with respect and love to every other member of this Conference. From our inception, we have worked in the spirit of unanimity. This process allows all members to have their questions, answers and all input heard before votes are taken. This course of action takes time and allows a loving God to express Himself through an informed Group Conscience. We hope to, in all our endeavors, strive to better carry the message to the addict who still suffers. With everyone's help we can still do this, just for today, the NA way.

We are dedicated to be supportive to our Members, our Groups, Areas and Service Committees and their primary purpose so that no addict seeking recovery need die without having the chance to find a better way of life. We are committed to the linking together, within our Region, by helping each other deal with our basic needs and situations and by encouraging the growth of our Fellowship. This Conference is here to serve the basic functions of unifying the Fellowship within our Region, to contribute to carrying the message of recovery through subcommittee actions and to contribute to the growth of NA by initiating work to be finalized at the World Service Conference. We must always remember, as individual Members, Groups and Service Committees, we are not in competition with each other and never should be. We work seperately and together to help the newcomer and for our common good. Internal strife cripples our Fellowship and prevents us from providing the services necessary for our growth.

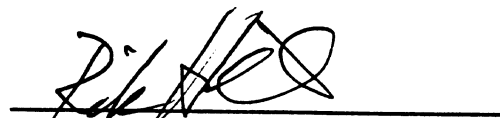
The Region of the Virginians consists of the State of Virginia, part of northeastern North Carolina, and parts of West Virginia and Maryland. Our Fellowship supports 226 meetings and 56 H&I panels. We have an annual convention, (the 11th AVCNA), being hosted by the Richmond Area on January 8, 9, 10, 1993. Our Region is home to two area conventions, hosted by the Almost Heaven and Outer Limits Areas respectfully, and an annual campout hosted by the Blue Ridge Area.

Our Region supports a 1-800 phonline and some areas also support additional phone services. We have active Regional P. I., Phonline, Literature and H&I committees and a newly established Outreach committee. Our Special Events committee facilitates our Bimonthly Regional Conferences and the Region supports a newsletter named the "clean Connection".

Our concerns for this conference year include the continuing of spending vast amounts of monies on projects just to have them drawn out year after year. We need to be more specific in goal seeking and goal setting. As always there is the call for more searching through our Higher Power to guide us in our endeavors. The question arises again this year as to who actually carries a "group conscience" at the W.S.C. and should Boards or Committees have a vote in matters affecting the Spiritual Principles of the Fellowship.

There is also a request from our Special Events Committee as to the possibility of putting together a handbook/guide for special events, fundraisers, workshops, etc. This could include old/new ideas and possibly some new twists for fun, fundraising and fellowship.

For the Region of the Virginians,

  
Ted Logue, RSR  
RIK HILL, RSR-Alt

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGION RSR ANNUAL REPORT

February 23, 1993

Greetings from South Florida:

Our Region currently has ten areas and nine subcommittees. We have approximately 480 regular meetings and 262 H&I meetings. The Region is hosting two conventions, FSSBNA IV and SFRCA I and an H&I learning weekend known as "Boogie on the Beach H&I Weekend". We formed a corporation for SFRCA and now have a SFRCA Board of Directors. SFRCA will be on October 8, 9 and 10, 1993 on Miami Beach. Flyers and Registrations forms will be available. The "Florida Spring Service Break" will be on March 26 -28, 1993. The format for FSSBNA is centered around service with World Service Trusted Servants in attendance for a Conference Agenda Workshop.

The Sub-Committees of our Region get fair support and stay busy with the work they have to do. Our Areas get good support with exception of one or two that are a little isolated. Several host their own conventions, learning days and awareness weekends.

The South Dade Area which was hit the hardest by Hurricane Andrew is back on its feet and doing well and we are all grateful for that.

The South Florida Region will take part in the Southeastern Regional Forum in Atlanta on February 26-28, 1993. Our Alt-RSR will be there to share our experience, strength and hope.

The upcoming months we are going to be busy. There are alot of Conference Agenda Workshops planned across our Region to help prepare our groups for voting on the agenda. Hope to see you in April at the Conference.

"Thanks from the Mangroves"

Matthew Villarose - RSR  
Sandi S. - Alt-RSR 2



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
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To: WSC '93 Participants

From: John Wilson, Southern California Regional Service Representative

Re: Regional Report

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Greetings from the Southern California Region. We currently have twenty-one areas; most of them urban but some outlying rural areas as well. We struggle with the problem of trying to make everyone feel a part of - sometimes we succeed and sometimes not. A few of our most outlying areas are investigating the idea, with some areas outside of our region, of starting their own region. There is much investigation yet to be done however.

Several areas have their own newsletters and our region has recently revived its own newsletter, "The Message". We have several Spanish speaking meetings, a Farsi speaking meeting and a "hard of hearing" meeting with a Sign Language interpreter. One area still has an Area Service Office.

\* We have 506 H&I panels per month, 57 being served directly by our Regional H&I Subcommittee. Forty-seven of those being Institutional facilities.

\* The Literature Subcommittee is developing a piece for young addicts consisting of a series of questions along the lines of the IP, "Am I An Addict?".

\* P.I. utilized the concept of "shared service" to booth sit for nineteen days at a county fair. Different areas blocked hours (and days) of time and were responsible for providing service. It worked very well and the fair wants us back next year.

\* Phonelines is in the process of providing a region-wide information help-line (hopefully with an 800 #, if we can keep the cost down) to go along with the airing of one of NA's PSA's on local TV.

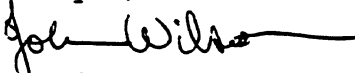
\* Along with our annual Convention in the Fall, we now have a Spring Gathering, hosted by the Gay and Lesbian members of NA. After a rocky start and much debate, the Gathering will be an annual event being held in April.

The RSC and RSO have consolidated all of their various bank accounts in one bank and are using the RSO's 95# instead of individual members Social Security #'s. We hope this will protect the fellowships' money as well as the individual member involved in service.

Our Activities Subcommittee hosts several annual events including the NA Birthday Meeting and Dance, New Year's Eve Meeting and Dance, a Campout and in conjunction with H&I, will be hosting a Learning Day Meeting and Dance on Sat., April 24, 1993 here in Van Nuys. Those of you who are not involved in committee work on the opening night of the Conference are invited to attend.

Until the Conference, be well.

Thank you,

  
John Wilson, SCRSR

## **SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT 1992-1993**

Since we all last met in Dallas, the RSR and RSR-Alt returned to an enthusiastic crowd. Southern Idaho addicts are very happy to be an integral part of our world wide fellowship!

The third annual Southern Idaho Regional Convention was held over the Memorial Day weekend last May and was a great success. We do have fun in recovery!

New Regional officers were elected to fill many of the Regional positions in August. Also in August, the RSR was able to attend the Western States Forum held in Las Vegas. Having a chance to participate in the Western States Forum was quite helpful for the Southern Idaho Region. We were able to discuss some common problems and look at some common solutions from the experience at the Forum.

The Just For Today-Meditations for Recovering Addicts that became available around the end of August has been well received across our Region. Thanks WSCLC for a fantastic book.

Our October meeting set the stage for some newly elected officers to fill their new positions. Also in October, the RSR was able to attend the WSC Quarterly held in Cincinnati over the Halloween weekend. The RSR's attendance was only possible as a member of the WSCLC, but our Region intends to make an effort to fund a Regional participant at such events whenever possible in the future. The open forum at the Quarterly provided some background information that we have been able to incorporate in continuing discussions and making decisions in our Region.

Our new H&I Chairperson and the outgoing H&I Chairperson were both able to attend a multi-regional H&I learning days held in Kennewick, Washington. The information shared at the learning days has already helped our Region to begin to improve our H&I program across the Region.

Our new P.I. Chairperson was able to attend the Western States P.I. Learning Days held in Los Angeles in November. We are also reaping the benefits of the shared information in our Regional P.I. Program.

Then, due to the busy winter that many of the Intermountain states have experienced we missed our regular December RSC meeting and also missed a rescheduled January meeting because of too much snow.

We did finally have a RSC meeting just a few days ago in February and we began the process of putting together our input for the CAR motions and sharing the information gained by our contacts outside of our Region.

And, although we are still fairly new to Regional business, we have had a busy and growing year in Southern Idaho. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones when we all show up in Van Nuys for WSC '93 and take care of business.

Grateful to be a part of...staying clean and learning to grow in Southern Idaho.

Dan K. Southern Idaho RSR

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Our Public Information Subcommittee is working on establishing clear directives and goals. They are looking at their priorities and making sure that the Help-Line is working properly and meetings lists are available. Our Literature Review Ad Hoc continues to input to WSCLC on various pieces of literature that are in the review process and our local Activities Subcommittee is finally growing and continuing to give all of us an opportunity to enjoy our recovery.

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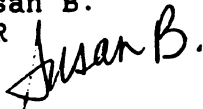
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In Loving Service,

Susan B.  
RSR



Dave O.  
RSR-Alternate



January 10, 1993

## REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGION

Greetings to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous from the Southern Nevada Region. Our Region is made up of only one Area. We are geographically isolated in the desert and our closest neighbor is the C.A.N. Area to the South. Because of the nature of being a Region with only one Area; some of the issues we walk through are so closely related to the NA Member and the Group that the responsibilities of the RSR and RSR-Alternate can change from day to day. We currently have 78 meetings and 32 groups. We have continued to grow over the past year and see this in all areas of our local Fellowship.

Over the last 3 years we have worked with the Sierra Sage Region to the North to try and develop a plan to become one Region. Encompassing the existing Sierra Sage Areas, the Southern Nevada Area and the C.A.N. Area. Twice during this time frame the fellowship was asked to vote on regionalization; and twice it failed. Though much effort and time was spent informing the Areas of the benefits of regionalization; it appears that this is not yet the time for this change.

One of the service issues that we have struggled with for several years has been our guideline that established a Service Weekend. Service Weekend is held the second weekend of each month. All of our Subcommittees meet on Saturday throughout the day, our Joint Administrative Committee meets Saturday evening and our Service Committee meeting is held on Sunday. Initially, when the guideline was voted on, there seemed to be little opposition. However, within a short period of time, individual members of NA began to question the benefits of Service Weekend. Because this controversy started so quickly after the original vote; the Service Weekend concept that was initially voted on never really got a chance to exist. Since that vote over four years ago; several different versions of the guideline have existed. Though this issue may not seem controversial to some; it has been the cause of much disunity in our Region. In the last year, we have come to believe that we needed to end the controversy and come up with a solution for everyone. Several months ago we established an Ad Hoc Committee to research the origin and development and affect of Service Weekend. After much discussion, our Region held yet another vote. This was the first vote that had an overwhelming majority in favor of the proposed change. What we have learned from this has been instrumental in our growth as a Region.

The individuals who do service at the Subcommittee and Regional level have more clean time and service experience then ever before. As our Region continues to grow; we have continued to adjust our guidelines for service. We have come to believe in the importance of trusting our Trusted Servants and establishing requirements to serve that allow them to do the job we have asked them to do.

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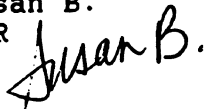
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## LA REGION DE ESPAÑA - REGIONAL REPORT TO W.S.C. 1993

Hola amigos - greetings from the recovering addicts in Spain. Our Region has continued to grow since last year. We have tried to improve the mutual support that our groups can offer to each other by working together as a region, and hopefully we are learning together how to better carry the message.

We now have 44 meetings a week in Spain - spread throughout 5 areas - Barcelona, Cadiz, Ibiza, Madrid and Valencia. Once again growth has been most evident in the south in the Cadiz area, where we are first being faced with the dilemma of whether to separate one area into two. Growth is a challenging affair for us all, and does not come without its own problems - it all gets a little heady at times.

### REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The R.S.C. now meets 3 times a year. Our areas still support a relatively small number of meetings and yet they are separated by fairly long distances so the cost of the R.S.C. meetings is substantial. Our cost equalization system - which seems to be the same as they use in the Australian Region - works very well.

### REGIONAL CONVENTION

We have 2 conventions a year - this last year in Ibiza and Barcelona. The next will be in Madrid in May - we hope that some of you members from other regions will attend. You will be very welcome!

The agenda for the convention is decided by the R.S.C. while the practicalities are delegated to the host area. This has tended to cause a few problems with different committees treading on each others toes - and we all know how painful that can be!!!

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

As our R.S.C. only meets once every 4 months, we have felt the need to create this small committee to make any decisions that need to be made between meetings. Hopefully, it will never have much work to do.

### GUIDELINES

Slowly we are becoming aware of the need to create some clear, workable guidelines for our service committees. We are sometimes uncertain exactly what the roles of our trusted servants should be. Personality problems thrive on this kind of uncertainty and service work then becomes uncomfortable. Perhaps at the W.S.C. we will be looking for some advice on how to write guidelines.

### LITERATURE

With the arrival of the Basic Text in Spanish our members are now reading more literature. Thanks to N.A. as a whole for producing this translated version. Our translation people continue their good work and are trying to keep up with the literature that the Conference approves. It seems though, that it may be sometime

before we see Just For Today in Spanish.

Following discussions at workshops at E.C.C.N.A. and at our regional convention we have formed a subcommittee to produce a newsletter - to encourage and stimulate local members to write their stories for possible inclusion in our Basic Text. The edition we have at this point does not have any personal stories.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Up to this moment there has been no P.I. work done at a regional level. The R.S.C. is now gathering information from all the areas about their P.I. efforts with the intention of forming a P.I. subcommittee if the need for one is clear.

The region is trying to encourage 'sunshine letters' from the areas - an idea we heard about at last year's W.S.C. More news on this next year!

#### HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

No regional committee yet but there are H. and I. meetings in two of the areas. At present we are waiting for response from the central government to a request to enter the prisons officially - it seems to have become more difficult to hold meetings in prisons recently.

#### EUROPE

Our region funded participation of 3 members at the E.C.C.N.A. in Antwerp last July. We feel that this event is important to us as we are able to share with our neighbours about our common goals and problems. Some of the subjects discussed were - the creation of local non-English literature - common needs meetings - European service network - a proposal from the office about the creation of a European subcommittee of B.O.D. to input the operations of W.S.O. Europe.

At the end of January the European delegates will be meeting in Brussels to take a decision on some of the above issues. We hope that N.A.S. will take into consideration these European 'zonal efforts' when it writes its chapters on world and regional service.

#### W.S.C.

We were delighted to hear that funding was once again available for our attendance at this year's conference - thanks to all of you. Last year's W.S.C. was very stimulating for our region and, I am sure, to other regions who were able to attend for the first time.

This year we will try to fund the attendance of our R.S.R. alternate at the W.S.C. - in order to keep a balance between rotation and continuity. We look forward to seeing you there.

In loving service - un abrazo muy grande -

Paul Tanner - R.S.R.

Alvaro Alvarez - R.S.R. alternate.



To the worldwide Fellowship

From the Swedish Region

Report to W S C -92

February -92

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FROM THE REGION OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN!

Since the start in spring -87, the Swedish fellowship has grown a lot. We now have 56 groups with 76 meetings in 26 places spread all over the nation. The Swedish region is divided into 4 areas. In the Eastern Area we have a combined Region and Area office also used for sub-committee work such as translation, HI and PI work.

At the moment the Literature Committee faces the problem of translating the word addict in the most appropriate way. There is no given word and we have been asking for input from other European regions to solve this as fast as possible. Next step regarding translations is to get a Swedish step and tradition booklet out to the fellowship.

HI and PI work has also grown. PI work seems to be more and more important due to the economical situation in the country. We used to have a lot of newcomers directly from treatment centers but lately many of them are closing down which calls for a more intensive 12-step work - such as HI and PI.

The Swedish Regional Service Committee, which was established in Oct -91 is meeting three times a year. The RSR has been attending both the ECCNA IX in Antwerp Belgium July -92 and a European Delegates meeting in Bruxelles Jan -93. In Antwerp the Convention floor decided that Sweden should have the ECCNA X. A Convention Committee is formed and the work is proceeding on schedule. The time is set to 23, 24 and 25 of July and the place is Stockholm. WE HEREBY INVITE EVERYBODY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PARTICIPATE! Flyers with more information will be sent to you later this spring. Don't miss it!

Recently the first issue of a The Swedish NA-Magazine was published. It is a real hit throughout the fellowship.

We have also installed a Hot-line service twice a week.

The first Swedish Regional Service Conference was held in Oct -92.

Due to the fast growth of NA in Sweden we have been and still are faced with the problem of finding people that have experience, willingness and possibility to serve. One area though doesn't seem to have any problems - Entertainment! Recently we had a big party in the Eastern Area with around 200 participants! The message is clear "Have fun in recovery".

The theme of ECCNA X is "Free To Live".

This is briefly what is going on in the Swedish Fellowship at the time being.  
More will be revealed when we all meet in Van Nuys in April at the WSC -93  
an event that we are very thankful for having been invited to.

Thank You for letting us share a little with You about us!

In Greatful Service

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TRI-STATE REGIONAL YEAR END REPORT TO THE WSC

GREETINGS FROM THE TRI-STATE REGION:

The Tri-State Region is presently made up of twelve areas which geographically span from Wheeling, WV in the South, Erie, PA in the North, as far East as Johnstown, PA and sections of Ohio along the Northeast border with PA in the West. Our most recent meeting list indicates that within these boundaries there are 336 meetings every week. This is an approximate 16% increase since we last reported to the WSC.

At present the RSC meets every 3 months. We recently looked into an Ad-Hoc to look into changing our meeting format. A recommendation from the committee is that we go to an every other month meeting schedule with alternate reporting from sub-committees and areas.

Both our H & I and PI Chairs have had positive results in getting their respected Area Committee Chairs to participate in Regional Sub-Committee meetings.

Area PI committees have put up billboards and bus posters as well as sent Basic Texts to libraries; literature to physicians, lawyers, counselors, Judges, schools, clergy and numerous other professionals. Presentations have been given to schools, Housing Authority, Health Fair and various other places. Workshops have been held, PSA's are running and meeting schedules are being printed in local newspapers as well as College newspapers.

We also have had Area's start PI committees this year. An average of 8 areas are present at the monthly PI meeting. They are presently working on a PI presentation for professionals in Butler, PA

Our H & I Committee is experiencing the same positive results as our PI Committee. Regular attendance by Area Chairs and members is consistent.

Our Outreach Committee was making some progress, however, our Chair was forced to resign due to relapse.

In November we held a Service Workshop. We decided to assume the financial responsibility to get some WSC participation. We would like to thank David T. for his participation. It is our feeling that our resources were well spent and we appreciate the time and energy that David shared with us.

The Tri-State also made a decision to participate in the possible formation of a Northeast Zonal Forum. We had a representative at both the New York and MARLCNA meetings and are looking forward to future participation.

Our RSO has moved to a new location. The address is now 24 Woodville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15220, The phone number is (412) 921-9050. Although the office has increased its literature sales and are almost self-supporting we are still depending on the Start to Live Convention for financial support. There has been a turnover in the majority of directors over the past 6 months. With fresh minds and new enthusiasm, the new BOD is moving in a positive direction; one in which we no longer have to depend on the Convention to survive.

Start to Live celebrated 10 years this past convention. The convention was again a financial success and we would like to thank all of you who participated from outside our Region. We had an excess of \$40,000.00 this year and by the reading of this report \$18,000.00 will have been donated to the WSC. Start to Live XI will be held at the

Pittsburgh Hilton in November. Fliers will be available soon.  
Hope to see you there.

Our Spiritual Retreat is held every year in June and fliers  
will be sent in the very near future.

In loving service,

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**W.S.C REPORT February 25, 1993**

Greetings from the Volunteer region. We are happy to report that our region is continuing to grow and the message of recovery is being heard through groups, P.I., Helplines, and H&I.

The Volunteer Region encompasses the entire state of Tennessee. We currently have eight Area Service Committees supporting a total of 86 groups with over 200 weekly meetings. These Areas also are responsible for a combined total of 65 H&I meetings to addicts in prisons, treatment centers and hospitals through-out the state.

The past year has seen increased participation and interest in Regional service and projects. Among those was the establishment of a Convention Support Committee to guide and help the hosting areas with our Volunteer Region Convention held each year at Thanksgiving. This past VRC-10 in Memphis resulted in a contribution to the WSC of \$10,000 after expenses and seed money to our next convention, VRC-11, this year in Nashville. The success of this convention was made possible through the fine work of the West Tennessee Area and outstanding support through fundraisers and Campventions from all Areas.

The region also worked on and adopted an extensive and thorough set of Guidelines. Public Information developed projects encompassing Bus Display Cards, PSA's and increased presentations to schools.

The Volunteer Region takes great pride in its' involvement with world and inter-regional projects which has included the development of the H&I audio tape and participation in the Southeastern Regional Forum.

The Volunteer Region is greatful for the opportunities to participate in the WSC and we look forward to increased growth through sharing information and services with other Regions.

In gratitude to serve,  
Larry Vito, RSR-A

Greetings from the Washington Northern Idaho Region,

This last year, our region has grown in the metropolitan areas, but presence in the rural areas has been declining. We consist of 17 areas, 15 of which attend our quarterly regional business meetings. The regional schedule currently lists 452 meetings a week.

Our regional service committee delivers no direct services. The subcommittees serve as a resource pool to assist area subcommittees. H&I has assembled a mobile panel to travel to isolated institutions in the Region. The panel is new, more will be revealed. A convention corporation oversees an annual convention, an annual retreat and has just been given the responsibility for a convention that takes place in our territory every three years.

Members from our region have participated on a committee with members from Pacific Cascade Region and British Columbia Region to develop guidelines for the Pacific Northwest Convention. At this time all regions concerned have adopted those guidelines. Copies are available from any of the participating regions.

After the defeat of a motion to adopt the 12 Concepts for use at the regional level of service, a series of workshops to discuss the 12 Concepts were held. Attendance was very sparse and that leaves these authors wondering; How have other regions acted upon the WSC acceptance of the 12 Concepts? How do other regions disseminate information, in general? Or do they?

On February 27, 1993, the first GSR assembly was held. Turnout was greater than expected for the seven hour event. We discussed major motions from the Conference Agenda Report which directly affect the groups, and also had some discussion on the topics of the 12 Concepts and the Guide To Service. We split into 12 small groups and read chapters from the approval form of "It Works: How and Why" This stimulated some lively discussion and was the first time many of the attendees had seen this work. Many of the meetings in the region are Step and Tradition study meetings and this work would be used by them. All in all, it was a successful event we hope to have again next year. No voting on any CAR motions was done at this time.

Looking forward to seeing you in April,

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