

**WORLD SERVICE OFFICE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The WSO Board of Directors has discussed the tape review process extensively for the past two years. Historically, we have asked the conference to elect members nominated by either a region or a conference participant onto the Tape Review Panel. This practice has been in effect since the mid-80's when the WSO felt it was important to establish a conference-approved process for the approval of tapes for sale by the World Service Office. The process has, at best, worked with minimal success and only a comparatively small number of tapes have been approved over the past five years. As of this writing, the Tape Review Panel is reviewing tapes from 1992, and is not expected to start on those from 1993 for some time yet. We have often questioned whether if the tape review process and the practice of the WSO selling tapes is worthwhile to the fellowship.

One of the ways we can gauge the value of the process to the fellowship is by the number of tapes we receive each year for consideration by the review panel. In 1990, we received 187 tapes; in 1991, 144; in 1992, 113; in 1993, 70; in 1994, 17; and as of October 1995, none. We know that the number of conventions have not decreased similarly nor has the interest in speaker tapes lagged fellowship-wide. Taping vendors continue to sell speaker tapes at the various events, and appear to sell a considerable number of them. As a result, we can only presume that the fellowship is no longer interested in submitting tapes for consideration by the Tape Review Panel and having the World Service Office sell them. Therefore, we present the following:

Motion 5: That Addendum 2, pg. 29, 1995 TWGSS, "NA Audio Tape Review" be removed.

Intent: Passage of this motion would end the formal tape review process.

Sales of speaker tapes by the office have declined over this same period as well. If the conference decides to pass the previous motion then we would seek to discontinue the sales of speaker tapes by the WSO. To that end, we present the following:

Motion 6: To strike the sentence, "As a sideline to literature, the WSO offers reel-to-reel and cassette tape recordings of important NA functions, personal 'itches,' typical meetings, and discussions on various topics." (1995 TWGSS, p. 29).

Intent: Passage of this motion would allow the WSO to discontinue the sale of speaker tapes.

If the conference passed the above motion, the WSO would inform the fellowship of its intent to discontinue the sales of speaker tapes, stop production

of these items ninety days following notice, and sell the existing stock of speaker tapes. Speaker tapes would then no longer be listed in product listings or any catalogues.

Tim Banner, Chairperson