

this book. The Office will therefore make available, to registered N.A. literature committees only, a combined volume which includes both the original manuscript (blue) which was distributed in review form in 1985, as well as the revised manuscript (white) which was distributed in approval form from 1986-87. If your local literature committee does not have copies of these two volumes, or requires additional copies for further review and input, contact the office for costs and availability.

## IT WORKS

The section below in italics is the full text of the motion adopted by the Conference on how future work will be accomplished on IT WORKS; HOW AND WHY, Part One. This is presented so as to advise the Fellowship of the general plan. The committee has not had time to meet and work out specific implementation. A detailed plan is expected to be available after a Joint Administrative Committee meeting scheduled in early June. The full extent of workshops, their location and frequency, will depend in great measure on the availability of funds.

The Conference Chairperson appointed the WSC Literature Vice-Chairperson and eleven other volunteer Conference participants to serve on this Ad-hoc Committee. The Ad-hoc Committee welcomes written input on It Works. Please send it to the Committee in c/o the World Service Office.

A combined printing of the blue and white editions is expected to be available in early July.

*The Conference adopts the formation of a WSC 1987 Adhoc Committee on IT WORKS: How and Why, Part 1.*

*The Adhoc Committee on It Works would meet throughout the world. Having a task at hand of such proportions would mean a full fledged effort of our Fellowship and all our service arms. We can do this by having a series of open workshops for collection of input, communications, taped input, and recorded workshop meetings.*

*The purpose of this Adhoc Committee is to collect worldwide input and foster the group conscience process. After input is gathered by this Adhoc Committee it will be presented to the World Literature Committee to complete the job.*

*At these workshops, the Fellowship can have the chance to see the WSO and the WSC in action involving a major piece of work. Both service arms need each other and the Fellowship can see how they interface.*

*This Adhoc Committee is composed of twelve RSR's to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson, four members of the World Literature Committee, four members of the World Service Office Board of Directors, and four members of the Board of*

*Trustees, to be appointed by the Chairperson of their respective Committee or Board. This will give us a total of twenty-four members.*

*Seven members will attend the workshops and be responsible for the work-in-progress. These members will consist of three RSR's, two World Literature members, one member of the WSO Board of Directors, and one member of the Board of Trustees. The members shall be chosen from the pool on a workshop by workshop basis in the most logistically, practical way.*

*In the event that the WSC Chairperson is unable to attend a workshop, that Chairperson may appoint one of those seven members at their discretion. The Chairperson will be able to replace RSR's who become inactive or otherwise unable to serve, as necessary.*

*The seven members would work in conjunction with the regional literature chairpersons. Notices would be sent out to the Fellowship prior to each workshop. As many regional literature chairpersons as can attend would all work together, along with members of the Fellowship. Preliminary meetings on the eve of each workshop would layout the goals of each workshop.*

*In order to form a basis of discussion, both the original blue copy and the recent white approval copy would be published as review form literature and made available through regional and area literature committees.*

*In order to expedite this process and ensure the quality of work, it is the responsibility of the Fellowship to attend these workshops with prepared written input.*

*The intent of the motion is to ensure full and practical Fellowship participation on a geographically worldwide basis. This is our book, our recovery related material, and our chance to express the group conscience of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship in print.*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two new Board of Trustees were elected at this World Service Conference. Elected were: Greg P. (Georgia), and Mario T. (Australia) as new trustees. Jack B. (California), whose term expired at this meeting of the World Service Conference, was reelected.

Mike Bohan, non-addict trustee, fulfilled his term as a trustee and chose not to accept a renomination. Heartfelt appreciation for his devotion was expressed by Conference participants.

Outgoing Board of Trustee Chairperson, Jack B., announced the trustees had elected Bob R. as Chairperson for the next year, and John F. as Vice-Chairperson.

The report from the Board of Trustees generated many questions. Most of this discussion concerned articles written by the trustees and presented to the Conference. The trustees acknowledged that these articles were adopted by simple majority votes, rather than obtaining full support of the board.

A motion was adopted which requires that all articles from the Board of Trustees be considered by the Conference before publication, unless the Board of Trustees can agree by 2/3 majority to publish them. This motion was adopted by a large margin and gave the board a specific criteria for approving articles for future publication.

A motion was considered which stated "that these articles be tabled and placed on the '88 WSC Agenda in the same manner as all issues by all addicts, to see if the Fellowship agrees with these articles." This was amended as follows; "this means the five articles presented to WSC-87 as well as the two articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report." The intent of the amended motion was that these articles, if submitted to WSC by the Board of Trustees, should follow the procedure outlined in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (i.e. submitted in writing 120 days prior to WSC).

A substitute motion was introduced and adopted which stated "to commit the amended motion and the articles back to the Board of Trustees."

In summary, the articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report and the articles presented for consideration at WSC-87 have all been referred back to the Board of Trustees. In view of the above motions, the WSO will not continue to distribute the articles.

Other actions at WSC-87 which pertained to the World Service Board of Trustees included a motion which provides for new trustees to be elected separately by a 2/3 majority of conference participants, instead of a simple majority. This motion was amended to take effect immediately and adopted by a wide margin.

In the report to WSC-87, the Board of Trustees recommended that all vacant positions be filled, bringing membership to the full compliment of fifteen trustees. Additionally, the board recommended that at least two non-addict positions be provided, and held open until it is possible to fill them.

The Board of Trustees currently has twelve addict members; Bob R.(Chairman), John F. (Vice-Chairman), Jack B., Bo S., Sally E., Sydney R., James D., Bob B., Dutch H., Greg P., Mario T., and Tom M.

### POLICY COMMITTEE

A new set of guidelines were adopted by the WSC which determines the membership and gives the committee a dual purpose. Not only will they be responsible to resolve structural and procedural problems but will also begin to assist, by providing information and experience, in the re-formation of regions or the development of new ones. During the coming year the Policy committee will spend a good deal of time discussing different criteria to evaluate each individual request for additional regions. Please submit any input that your regional

committee may have on this issue to the Policy Committee c/o WSO, prior to July 1, 1987.

The Conference also took favorable action in regards to the new approval processes for written and audio-visual service materials. These new procedures will guide the WSC committees in developing materials to be used by Fellowship service committees, such as handbooks, filmstrips, and pamphlets. These actions will help clear up some vagueries which existed previously.

A number of new proposals were referred to the Committee for further study during the coming year. Among these important issues was the recurring question of voting participation at the WSC and the development of a policy establishing a process for the appeal of grievances within our service structure. Both of these issues will be carefully considered and recommendations reported to the World Service Conference.

### SELECT COMMITTEE

*A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous Revised*, was presented to the Participants at the World Service Conference. This work in progress contains several new chapters, along with revisions to the original draft. It is now available through the WSO for \$5.00.

The Committee will continue to receive written input from members, groups, and service committees c/o the WSO, until December 1, 1987. Those of you who will be fortunate enough to attend the WSC workshop in July, will be able to address the committee directly at their open forum, to take place during that workshop. The motion adopted at the WSC, directs the committee to produce a final draft by July 1, 1988 to be considered at WSC 1989.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 1987 World Service Conference brought together representatives from around the world. It was exciting to see that N.A. is growing tremendously worldwide.

At the International meeting on the Saturday before the 1987 WSC, an opportunity was provided for those international N.A. members attending to discuss some of their existing needs and plans for the future. Several representatives shared their experience with the growth and problems in their countries. Reports were given from Australia, Canada (Ontario and Quebec), Germany, Japan, Israel, and Ireland. Two of the main concerns brought forth were inadequate finances and literature availability.

There was agreement among the international members that the existing International Committee was not satisfactorily meeting the needs of the evolving worldwide Fellowship. The Committee therefore proposed to the Conference that the Committee be dissolved. As a substitute, the