

hosting the workshop and submitted, in a flyer form, to WSO so that we can mail copies of it to neighboring regions. PLEASE, stay in touch with us and send a flyer as soon as possible. Here is what we're aware of so far:

September 26 - 27	Baltimore (neighboring areas and regions will receive flyers and directions soon.)
October 10 - 11	Sydney, Australia
November 6 - 8	Seattle
November 13 - 15	Kansas City
November (1st or 2nd weekend)	Dallas/Fort Worth
December (1st or 2nd weekend)	Miami
January	San Francisco

STEPS OUTLINE: The outline that is being created on the Twelve Steps is going to play a major role throughout the development of our book. Currently the ad-hoc committee is writing a draft outline which is to be mailed to all area and regional literature committees in September for more refinement, review and input. Your comments about this approach and direction are very important to us. We will be meeting and discussing this at the WSC quarterly meeting in Denver on Friday, October 16th. If your RSR or someone else from your region is coming, have them pass your information on to us.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Rehmar, Chairman
Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on August 22 and 23, 1987 in Van Nuys, California. This was the first meeting since the May 1st meeting held at the end of the World Service Conference. All twelve Trustees were in attendance.

Each Trustee reported on their activities and interaction with the Conference Committees. Additionally, reports were received from the World Service Conference Chairperson, the WSO Board of Directors, the Executive Director of the WSO and the WSO Coordinator for the Trustees. This communication is proving to be extremely valuable to each member of the Board of Trustees.

Current assignments for board members are as follows; James D. as associate editor for the N.A. Way magazine, Jack B., as liaison to the Select Committee, Greg P., as liaison to the Select Committee, Bo S., as liaison to the World Literature Committee, Sydney R., as liaison to the World Literature Committee, Sally E., as liaison to the International Ad-Hoc Committee, Tom M., as liaison to the P.I. Committee, Bob B., as liaison to the Policy Committee, Dutch H., as liaison to the H&I Committee, Mario T., as liaison to the H&I Committee. In addition to their roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Bob R. has been working closely with the Joint

Administrative Committee and WSO, and John F. has been serving as a member of the WCCNA Board of Directors.

The Board of Trustees discussed thirteen articles which have appeared in previous issues of the *Newsline*. These articles were written by individual trustees in response to questions or needs expressed by the Fellowship at a particular time, and represented the views of the author at that time. The Board took unanimous action to recommend to the WSO that all thirteen of these articles include a byline (author and date of writing) and a clarifying statement, and that they should be made available to members of the Fellowship upon request.

There is still some confusion in various places about the status of articles from the Board of Trustees. The confusion evidently stems from the initial request for input on five subjects. This request was presented along with suggested articles in the Board of Trustees Report to WSC '86. Input was received over the following year, and the articles were revised and presented to WSC '87 for consideration. The Conference referred all of the articles back to the Board of Trustees and also passed the following motion: "That unless the Board of Trustees can agree by at least a 2/3 majority, articles be brought to WSC before publication."

We discussed these seven articles which were referred back to us by WSC action. Of these, two were approved by the required 2/3 majority of the Board of Trustees, four were not approved, and one was tabled.

"The Relationship of Narcotics Anonymous to Nar-Anon and Families Anonymous" and "Open and Closed N.A. Meetings" were approved. "Methadone Use and Medication in N.A." was tabled until the next meeting.

The other four articles did not receive the required 2/3 majority and were therefore not approved. These articles concerned various aspects of Common Needs, Aids in Recovery, Unity and Prejudice, and N.A. Language. As a result of this lack of the required 2/3 majority, none of these four articles are appropriate for use in any setting.

It is our hope that the above information will be used to help clarify any confusion or questions about these articles.

We are making progress in exploring a workable process for reviewing and/or revising written material generated by the Board of Trustees. The need for this has arisen from many requests and it is apparent that there are several different categories of written material to be examined. The Board of Trustees will continue working on this project at our next meeting.

Several requests have been made to obtain copies of the input which the Board has received from the Fellowship. The Board has considered these requests and decided that all input received was submitted in the spirit of confidentiality and anonymity, and copyright releases were not obtained. It would not be appropriate for us to pass this input on to any other member, group, or service committee. Our recommendation is that any other committee which needs specific input should request it from the Fellowship and obtain any necessary release forms for their project.

We all look forward to the Conference Committee workshop in Denver and to serving the Fellowship over the coming months. As always, the Board of Trustees is pleased to receive input from all of you.