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To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Rehmar, Chairman
World Service Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met in Van Nuys on the weekend of February 6 and 7. We spent a large portion of our meeting time discussing the *Conference Agenda Report*. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the WSO Board of Directors were also present and provided us with updated information about WSO activities.

On Friday, before the meeting of the Board, the three ad-hoc committees met independently for the purpose of reviewing their work and formulating reports to the Board. As I reported last time, these committees were formed to make initial evaluations in three areas; a long form of the Twelve Traditions, Tradition Seven and P.I., and the role of trustees. Recommendations on the need for a long form of the Twelve Traditions along with concepts for service will be forwarded to the Select Committee. A draft concerning Tradition Seven should be completed by conference time and will be turned over to the P.I. Committee. Work on the role of trustees has begun with an evaluation of the guidelines for the BOT in the *Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure* and will continue over the next several months.

In our extended discussion of the *Conference Agenda Report*, several areas of concern were discussed and noted. Motion #11 is the cause of our greatest concern. The Board of Trustees decided unanimously to prepare a special report to the Fellowship regarding our serious concerns with this issue. The nature of the issue and the timing of our report made our decision especially difficult. However, we concluded that this action was necessitated by our guidelines and that our responsibility was to notify the Fellowship of our concerns, along with the broader issue of participation, in relationship to the Twelve Traditions. This report has been mailed to all regions, areas, and conference participants.

Each year as the World Service Conference approaches, some trusted servants and members of Narcotics Anonymous report finding themselves in some confusion regarding some aspects of our world service efforts. While this can be troubling or frustrating, it is also an important opportunity for all of us to reexamine the spiritual principles which guide our lives in recovery and service. It is sometimes easy to get caught up in service issues and lose the focus of our spiritual program. Fortunately for all of us, we have the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to help guide us through what sometimes seems to be a hopeless search for unity. Our experience has taught us that each and every one of us is responsible to continue our efforts to further our common welfare so that we can, with God's help, find true solutions to our problems. This is something that is much easier to say than to do. However, we can concentrate on our commitment to live and reflect our spiritual principles in all of our actions, thus dedicating our efforts to current and future members.

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