

service structural concerns, and a timetable for accomplishing our publication deadline of July 1, 1989.

Developing service principles, in the spirit of our Traditions, is the most important task the committee has to face this year. We have long looked to the models used by other Twelve Step groups, but have been uneasy about adapting them as a whole for our purposes in N.A. Hence, this committee has gone about this task with other service concepts in mind by focusing specifically on our needs and experience as a Fellowship.

The amount of work required of our local service structure has been discussed at great length. Providing actual services to the community, supporting the groups, participating in the Fellowship decision-making process, and supporting the rest of the structure are all primary concerns of our ASC's. Is this too much of a burden to handle our needs in the future? After all, our ASC's are where the work actually gets done, but sometimes at the expense of attention to group needs and support. During the next couple of months we will be discussing these issues directly with local service committees to try and resolve these concerns, perhaps by redirecting ASC efforts or other alternatives.

We also discussed some restructuring ideas for our current world services organization. The committee has not agreed on any specific plan but will be evaluating several proposals at our September meeting. Most of these ideas focus on a one-board approach, combining the WSO, WSB and/or the Joint Administrative Committee; the function of Trustee committees; the function of WSC committees; leaving the current WSO Board intact but expanding the WSB role; and others.

We have scheduled two more three-day meetings before the first of the year. Each meeting has a specific agenda for accomplishing goals. Our plan is to publish parts of our work as we move along, especially those things which are considerably different or new, or of particular concern to our members. This will give us the opportunity to hear from you and make adjustments before the final draft is made. This will also allow the Fellowship to be informed of our progress before we publish our completed work.

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**To:** The Fellowship

**From:** Bob Rehmar, Chairperson  
World Service Board of Trustees

The recent Joint Administrative Committee meeting resulted in all boards and committees making a careful re-examination of their projected work and expenses. The background and details are reported elsewhere in this issue of the Fellowship Report. This process marks the beginning of a positive and productive

approach which will benefit the entire Fellowship. There is no question that part of our responsibility in world services is to examine the overall impact of WSC actions before proceeding with implementation. It is my hope that in future years, this examination will take place before and during the WSC meeting. Our Fellowship is growing in maturity and the Joint Administrative Committee meeting served to remind us of this continuing growth and development.

As a result of the meeting, the Board of Trustees budget has been revised and it was necessary to prioritize our projected work activities during the coming Conference year. These budgetary priorities have been set according to three categories: 1) meetings of the board (including the WSC meeting), 2) travel expenses associated with regional events and growth and development of the Fellowship, and 3) expenses associated with participation in WSC workshop meetings. These categories effectively cover the major expenses which will be incurred by the Board of Trustees, with category 3 being the first to be eliminated when funds are not available.

In practical terms, the impact of this will be that not all trustees will be attending the WSC committee workshops in Detroit and Dallas. A few trustees will still be in attendance and be available to all committees as the need arises. Also, each trustee will still participate in the committee to which they have been assigned on an ongoing basis. If a committee has a special need for a trustee, we will do our best to accommodate that need. In the coming months, this decision will be re-evaluated according to the availability of WSC funds.

As I reported last time, we are looking forward to our August meeting as a beginning to the process of offering some guidance to the Fellowship on the important issues with which all of us are grappling. Many of these issues have far-reaching effects and our hope is to set a direction for approaching them. We will also be spending a considerable amount of time in our continuing work on the implementation of trustee committees.

We continue to receive correspondence from members and groups which present questions about subjects that ultimately are group issues. Almost always, the information and guidance which is required to answer these questions can most appropriately come from the service committees, trusted servants, or a person's sponsor. Many times, group autonomy is not understood or explored, and service committees can easily lose sight of their role and function. My report to WSC indicated that the Board of Trustees has recognized this for some time.

The continued correspondence and phone calls about these subjects (formats, area subcommittee procedures, disagreements on meeting list criteria, closing prayers for meetings, selection of leaders/speakers, etc.) is enlightening and we are pleased to receive them. This type of communication continues to indicate the ever-increasing need to focus our efforts on a new service manual and on our literature about the Twelve Traditions. Problems concerning interpretation of the Twelve Traditions and how to provide service in N.A. keep pointing to the guidance offered in Tradition One about "our common welfare" and N.A. unity. It seems clear that the projects in progress will benefit the entire Fellowship by providing a unified understanding of our principles so that each level of service

compliments one another in all of our endeavors. In this way, our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers will be served.

I will be attending the European Service Conference in mid-July on behalf of the Board of Trustees. This conference is a gathering of those N.A. members who are dedicated to the growth and development of our Fellowship in the European countries. A report will be made at our August meeting and also in the next Fellowship Report.

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*To:* The Fellowship

*From:* Donna Markus, Chairperson  
Board of Directors

Greetings - I hope/trust this finds you all well and in good spirits.

This first quarter has been a busy one at the WSO. At the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors new members were added to the Board and elections were held. The Conference elected three people to fill one-year terms on the Board of Directors. They are: Jamie S-H from London, England; Oliver S. from Dublin, Ireland; and Martin Chess from Eugene, Oregon. The Conference also added new names to the pool from which additional directors are selected. There were three vacancies for three-year terms to be filled. Selected from the pool were: John B. from Anchorage, Alaska; Gerrie D. from Tucson, Arizona; and George K. from Honolulu, Hawaii. As a result of a resignation from the Board, there was a need to fill the remaining one-year term the departing member held, and Mark D. from Fargo, North Dakota was selected for that vacancy. Five of these seven Directors will be serving their first year on the Board. This is the largest change in the Board membership in five years.

Elected to Officer positions for the current year were: Chairperson--Donna Markus from Los Angeles, California; Vice-Chairperson--Stuart Tooredman, from Simi Valley, California; Secretary--Martin Chess, from Eugene, Oregon; and Treasurer--Bob McDonough, from Dallas, Texas.

I would like to report on several items in regards to publications. Work has been completed on the "errata sheet" of corrections that the Conference instructed be prepared for the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text. The Ad-Hoc Committee created by the Conference to prepare the corrections finished their work and it was turned over to the WSO. The list has been printed and per Conference instruction, the list is available to any member upon request.

This work was also the first stage in preparation for printing the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text which will incorporate those changes. The revised material has been sent to the typesetting company and we expect the material to be completed in a few weeks. A proofreading session is scheduled pending the