

## REVISED PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

Full committee meeting .....December 9-10, 1989  
 World Services meeting ..... January 26-28, 1990  
 Small work group (to collate input) ..... February 17-18, 1990  
 Full committee meeting .....March 3-4, 1990  
 Release of *A Guide to Service*, COMPLETE ..... MARCH 23, 1990

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To: The Fellowship

From: Jack Bernstein, Chairperson  
 World Service Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting in October in Van Nuys. All the members of the Board were in attendance except Garth Popple, who was busy attending to his new baby daughter. Congratulations, Garth!

The Trustees are moving forward on several projects through the use of the Trustee subcommittee system. This report will be a synopsis of the work that has been accomplished thus far this year.

The *Internal/External Subcommittee* (chaired by Kim J., with Greg P., Mario T., and Stretch G.) invited the chairs and vice chairs of both the WSC H&I and P.I. committees to attend their meeting. Much of the discussion centered on long range goals in both these areas of service. The attendance of these officers was seen as essential to formulating any long term goals and/or plans. A large portion of the agenda was spent considering N.A.'s image, both from our members' perspective and by the general public. This was a very eye-opening experience. Several aspects of these discussions warrant further investigation, including a survey of our literature to determine the image presented to the reader; a possible survey of certain segments of society to ascertain their awareness and perception of N.A.; continued discussions to identify what is the N.A. philosophy; our image as presented in other cultures; providing discussion topics through service workshops or convention workshops; and possible development of articles for inclusion in the *N.A. Way* or *Newsline*. This subcommittee also voiced support for the WSC P.I. Committee in its efforts to survey the fellowship, with the understanding that this could benefit future planning and goal-setting. There is a strong possibility of another meeting, including the same participants, during a future meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In addition, we also discussed the two motions committed to the Board of Trustees at WSC '89. The original presenters of each motion were contacted and subsequently provided clarification to each of those motions. The first motion concerns amending the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1989 edition), on page 26, the 5/3/81 motion directing the use of the N.A. symbol on flyers. The consensus of our committee was that the recommended change could affect local autonomy if the wording is changed from "can" to "should." Therefore, we will not recommend that the WSC adopt this motion as presented and referred to the Trustees. The second motion, which referred to a perceived religious endorsement in service literature by use of the word "prayer," was tabled until the next meeting. This issue actually goes much further than just our service literature, as it also includes the use of the word "prayer" in our steps, and therefore will need much more discussion.

Discussion of the WSC H&I project, *Behind the Walls*, revealed that several members think the piece is recovery-oriented literature, rather than service literature. As

such, it was recommended that this piece be referred back to the H&I Committee for further consideration.

The *Policy and Structure/Training and Education Subcommittee* (chaired by Becky M., with Tom M., Chuck L., and Garth P.) was also very productive. The first item of business was the World Service Conference elections procedure. The WSC Policy Committee had requested input from the Board on this issue, specifically regarding Trustee elections and the election of non-addict Trustees. A suggested procedure for Trustee elections was developed and, after review/input from the entire Board, will be presented to the Joint Administrative Committee in January, 1990. Other items presented for consideration by the Policy Committee were seating of new regions, and rotation and continuity. While neither of these items was considered necessary in the agenda report, the P&S/T&E subcommittee recommended that the issue of rotation and continuity be an item of discussion at the 1990 WSC during the open forum. The WSC Chairperson also attended the subcommittee meeting and presented the matters of cost equalization and translations at WSC. Support for both plans was given by the P&S/T&E subcommittee. A report was presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on Isolated Groups/Meetings, and the subcommittee recommended that the Board discuss the relationship of the Third Tradition to meeting access. This was done after the full board reconvened, and a decision was made to include time on the agenda at the next meeting for full discussion of this issue.

A draft has been developed which will provide the basis for a procedural or guidelines manual for the Board, and work continues on drafts for a handbook to be used by Trustees during Traditions workshops. The necessity of good communication between trustee committees and the Board, and between the Board and the fellowship, was particularly emphasized. As a result of this discussion, the subcommittee discussed the development of a service-oriented newsletter for fellowship use, as a forum for open discussion of current service issues. The Board would like to encourage discussion within the fellowship of possible development of such a publication.

The *Literature Review Subcommittee* (chaired by Danette C., with Jack B. and Donna M.) discussed the conceptual and philosophical difficulties involved in translations of N.A. literature into languages other than English. There was also concern expressed for the motion adopted at WSC '88, concerning the English name of Narcotics Anonymous appearing in tandem with the non-English name on the cover of literature printed in other languages. Both of these items were discussed by the full Board later in the weekend.

The WSC H&I Committee also presented for review an article on the relationship of the Traditions to H&I work, with a recommendation from the P&S/T&E subcommittee that the article not be printed in its present form.

The *Trustee Literature Review Traditions Ad Hoc Committee* met in August, September, October, and November. No meeting is planned for December, but monthly meetings will resume after the holidays. Detailed reports of each meeting are prepared, reviewed by the committee and each trustee, and mailed within three weeks to all conference participants and registered regional literature committees. Overall, the focus of the ad hoc committee has been on extensive planning and on communicating with the fellowship about the project. The statement of purpose for the traditions book, as well as discussions about audience, mood, voice, and tone are contained in the reports. Also, some preliminary discussions about format and stylistic goals have been reported. The value of readability formulas has been extensively discussed and studied. No decisions have been made about the actual writing process. It has become clear that technical advice will be necessary, and the committee is investigating this further. These reports are available by asking your RSR, RSR alternate, or regional literature committee chair. They can also be obtained by writing to the World Service Office.

Since the Board last met, a proposal has been developed for possible inclusion in the *Conference Agenda Report* in relation to the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee. The motion adopted at WSC '89 provided for trustee development of the traditions portion of *It Works*, and specified a time frame. The Ad Hoc Traditions Committee has determined

that the time frame specified for the development and proposal of the review-form draft of the traditions may be impossible to meet. In addition, there has been discussion of opening up the review/input process to include any member of the fellowship, not just registered literature committees. After this proposal is reviewed by each of the Trustees, it will be discussed at the January meeting of the Joint Administrative Committee, at which time a decision will be made concerning the inclusion of a motion in the *Conference Agenda Report*.

The Board at its October meeting also made appointments to the Additional Needs Advisory Panel of the Trustees Internal/External Subcommittee. These members are Gordon P. (Southern CA) and Darwyn L. (MS), with Jay V. (GA) as alternate. A packet of information regarding additional needs has been sent to each of these members. All future correspondence received at the WSO concerning additional needs will be copied and forwarded to these members.

The *Guide to Service* was a major focus of discussion during our meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service has requested that another expanded meeting of their committee be held to review/input the national and international chapters of the *Guide to Service*. There was general consensus of the Board that this proposed meeting would be of tremendous benefit to both the Board and the fellowship, in assisting the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service with their draft development process. Most of the members of the Board felt that the meeting held in late July in Albuquerque, NM was very beneficial in the development of the present version of the Twelve Concepts for N.A. Service, which have been released to the fellowship. The Board of Trustees has a general understanding that the *Guide to Service* will be the priority item for discussion at WSC '90.

The membership of the Board continues to be very concerned with the growth and development of the fellowship in countries outside of the United States. We receive monthly updates on international communications that are received at the WSO. The Board decided to set aside time on the agenda of our next meeting to discuss this issue in detail, to increase the awareness and involvement of the Trustees in international development issues. Additionally, the Trustees feel that they need to be involved with conceptual and philosophical discussions regarding the translations of our literature, with a follow-up recommendation to the translation advisory committee. This is most apparent in the translation of words and concepts for which there are no specific words in the language into which the translation is being made. The Board hopes that these issues will be a matter of discussion during the open forum at WSC '90.

The WSC meeting in St. Louis, MO was attended by myself and Becky Meyer (BOT vice chair). We both attended portions of the committee meetings which took place during the weekend. We also attended several of the open forums, which all went, in my opinion, very well. All of the meetings and open forums were of great benefit to me, since my attendance was not as a committee participant. I was not expected to involve myself in committee discussion; instead, I was there to listen to the discussions and respond to questions. Fortunately for all, I mostly listened. I did give a short report for the Board of Trustees on Saturday night, but the majority of my report consisted of responding to questions from the members. A summary of that report follows:

It is my understanding that the WSC Chairperson's intent at WSC 1990 is to provide as much time as possible for open discussion by limiting the number of motions to be dealt with by conference action. I am in support of this concept, as it seems that there are many issues that need to be given the time and opportunity for open discussion. I suggested that we even consider utilizing next year's WSC quarterly meetings as open forums, in the hope of being able to take the time necessary for an inventory of our World Service Conference. This may, however, be an idealistic solution to a perceived problem which may not necessarily need resolution. Since the first open forum at the 1986 WSC, those members who have taken the time to write elaborate reports and accusations of world level servants and committees have seldom taken the opportunity to question or confront those very same committees or individuals. My belief is that the open forum is the best opportunity for issues of concern to the fellowship to be discussed, in the hopes of going beyond personalities and into solutions.

In closing, from myself and all the members of the Board of Trustees, have a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

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To: The Fellowship

From: Stu Tooredman, Chairperson  
World Service Office Board of Directors

There is a lot going on at the WSO at this time, so this will be a long report. Exciting advances have been achieved in translations and service to the international fellowship. At the same time, we are encountering new problems and finding possible solutions to others. For additional details, see the December 1990 *Newsline*.

The French version of the N.A. Basic Text is now in the hands of N.A. members. The first printing was completed, shipped, and delivered to members. Three cases of books were sent by air to the ESO and then shipped to the Paris ASC. These will be made available at a meeting and dance on New Year's Eve. In Montreal, an event was held Saturday afternoon, December 16th, and hundreds of members attended. There were meetings, sales of the text, and a dance, at which over 450 books were sold. A large number of the remaining 1,100 books purchased by the literature committee have already been allocated to different ASCs and groups. All reports indicate it was a wonderful and emotional experience.

The European branch office of the World Service Office is finally up and operating. We now have a fulltime staff member there every day to handle most matters that will arise, and have put into place a supervision and communications system to give her support for things that may require additional administrative assistance.

By early January, the ESO will have initiated the printing of pamphlets to be used in Europe. The printing will be done through a printer in Avon and shipped to the office in London. We will begin printing copies of English, Swedish, and Portuguese literature, with other languages printed as the need arises.

Additionally, the ESO will stockpile all of the literature, key tags, handbooks, etc., anticipated to be ordered by the fellowship in the United Kingdom during the next year. The things that are not going to be printed in England are now being shipped, which will make delivery of literature to the UK and all of Europe quicker. Orders received at the