

To: The Fellowship

From: Jack Bernstein, Chairperson
World Service Board of Trustees

The trustees have met three times since the April conference. Our June meeting focused on a realignment and renaming of our BOT committees, motions committed from the conference, improving communication, and a joint meeting with the WSO Board of Directors. Our meeting with the WSO Board was the first time both boards met together in years and was significant for a number of reasons. First, we openly discussed issues that most of us had difficulty talking about. Second, the BOD agreed with and implemented our recommendation not to renew the WSO Executive Director's contract. We also had the opportunity to discuss the illicit production and distribution of the Basic Text.

There has been some criticism of our letter to the fellowship that reported the activities leading to our recommendation to the BOD. Most of the criticism is centered on the perception that we did not report all the information. The simple fact is that we did report all the information, and the announcement clearly stated the reasons for our recommendation.

Our July meeting at the WSC workshop in Arlington provided the opportunity for discussing the illicit Basic Text, the change at the WSO, and some issues of local concern to the C&P Region, directly with members of the fellowship. The response to this type of open trustee meeting was so positive that we intend to hold our February meeting outside of California where a similar type of open forum and cross discussion can take place. As soon as a site and date are selected, and providing that a lack of funds does not keep us from this plan, we'll notify the fellowship of the details. The rest of our meeting time in Arlington was spent discussing upcoming trustee participation in several non-N.A. events, and meeting with representatives of the Center for Disease Control.

At our August meeting, we were finally able to begin work on our agenda for this year. We also discussed some new procedures which are still being developed for translations, world service travel, budget review and utilization, a proposal for a unified budget, and fellowship communications. The proposed new policies have been assigned to work groups composed of members from the BOT, BOD, and WSC Administrative Committee. These work groups will present their recommendations to the BOT and BOD when they meet together in October. The boards will, in turn, make their recommendations to the WSC in 1991.

During the August BOT meeting, we received a letter indicating that a member of the BOT was involved in the production of the illicit Basic Text. We had a closed session to allow full discussion of this rumor. After discussing the issue for an hour or more, each member of the board reaffirmed the position stated in our open letter to the fellowship regarding the illicit production and distribution of the Basic Text. During this discussion, some disturbing information was also revealed about members of the fellowship supposedly taping phone conversations with other members, without informing them that they were being taped. These taped conversations may also have been edited to support the positions of those doing the taping. We are all deeply concerned about this type of behavior and can only pray that it will stop. I would like to repeat the offers already made several times to meet with those members committed to continuing the production of the illicit Basic Text, in an open forum before the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. It's time for healing and the promotion of unity, so let's stop our pointless bickering.

The following is a brief description of each committee's current work assignments.

External Committee is now addressing the concerns brought to the board from N.A. communities outside the U.S. The committee is discussing the various needs voiced by members at the last WSC. Among the many issues talked about are how to match the service needs and priorities with each stage of development, further communication with each community about themselves and their needs, and recommendations for change in the WSC format to accommodate our worldwide fellowship. Our other discussions concerned future P.I. and H&I work with professional and government agencies, including infrastructures of other cultures.

Internal Committee is continuing its work on new operational policies for the BOT, which includes the proposal for an executive committee of the board. Along with the internal focus of these procedures is the relationship of the BOT to other service boards, and committees and improving services to the fellowship. This committee is also developing recommendations on many of the WSC motions committed to the board involving structure or policy.

Literature Review had a detailed discussion about all the translation work currently underway around the fellowship. A progress report of the Spanish Basic Text Committee was given, along with information about WSO translation policy. The committee members also reviewed two pamphlets from the WSC Literature Committee and then discussed a production plan for the traditions book. The production plan was then discussed by the full board, establishing their desired involvement with the project.

We will be announcing the details about our February meeting as soon as they are finalized. We would also like to note our concern about the lack of contributions to the WSC. We encourage all of our members and service committees to contribute their funds, so we may continue the work you asked us to do in the 1990 WSC budget.

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From: Bill Winterfeld, Chairperson-Elect
World Convention Corporation

The World Convention Corporation has continued in its efforts to plan and implement the next three world conventions, as well as beginning to prepare to solicit bids for WCNA-24.

At the June meeting, the World Convention Corporation Board agreed on a change to the WCC by-laws that would seat the newly elected officers at the fall meeting. This decision was made to insure continuity of board leadership throughout the convention year. As a result, I have been requested, as chairperson-elect, to submit this report, for which I feel deeply privileged.

The other WCC officers who were elected in June are David Taylor (London) as vice chairperson, Jay Reichbaum (Miami, FL) as treasurer, and Randy Jones (Annapolis, MD) as secretary.

WCNA-20

The final countdown to WCNA-20 in Portland has begun and preparations have shifted into high gear. Pre-registrations, which were a little sluggish through the summer, jumped at the deadline and now stand at 1550. Only 800 Friday night banquet tickets were sold in advance, which prompted the decision to limit the number of banquets to two instead of three as originally planned. Special event tickets are still available to those who register during the early days of the convention. The Portland host committee, the WCC Board, and the staff have been working hard to make this event the success that I am sure it will be.

We hope to see you all in Portland!!!!

WCNA-21

A site visit was just made to Australia to finalize facility agreements and to meet with the WCNA-21 host committee. The members in Sydney are reported to be competent and enthusiastic. The board authorized production and sale of a special pre-convention t-shirt, at \$8.00 each, that will be available at Portland. This uniquely designed shirt will be sold through the year to help stimulate interest in the Sydney World Convention.