

To: The Fellowship

From: Pete Cole, Chairperson  
WSC Hospitals and Institutions Committee

Greetings. There is not much to report from the WSC Hospitals and Institutions Committee as we all gear up for the upcoming annual meeting of the World Service Conference. However, there are a couple of items I wish to pass on to you. Everyone who has had an interest in the *Reaching Out* subscription plan will be happy to note that the WSO Board of Directors has accepted a proposal from our subscription-plan ad hoc committee. Beginning with the July issue, the *Reaching Out* newsletter will be available by subscription. If you have any questions about the subscription plan, please look forward to further information in subsequent fellowship periodicals, or contact the H&I project coordinator at the World Service Office.

In the last *Fellowship Report*, I brought to your attention the formation of a new WSC H&I ad hoc committee to work in conjunction with the World Service Board of Trustees External Affairs Committee on a major project. The chairperson of that ad hoc committee and I will be meeting with the chairperson of the External Affairs Committee during the trustee meeting to be held February 7-10, 1991 in Harrisburg, PA. We hope to come out of that meeting with additional information and guidance so that we can finalize two sets of questionnaires we plan to send out in the very near future. One questionnaire will be sent to local H&I subcommittees, seeking to determine how many panels currently reach out to addicts in treatment and correctional facilities. The second questionnaire, to be mailed to facility administrators, will ask them about their general impressions of N.A., and whether they have any ideas about how we can cooperate with them more effectively.

If you have any suggestions, input or questions concerning any of our work, you can contact us through the WSO H&I project coordinator. We remain committed to helping carry the message to the addict who still suffers and who cannot attend a regularly-scheduled meeting of Narcotics Anonymous.

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From: Jack Bernstein, Chairperson  
World Service Board of Trustees

Since the *Conference Agenda Report* was so recently mailed, there are only a couple of items that we want to bring to your attention. Otherwise, the issues we feel need fellowship consideration are included in our section of the *Conference Agenda Report*.

First, we would like to remind everyone of our upcoming Board of Trustees meeting the weekend of February 7-10 in Harrisburg, PA. Detailed information on hotel accommodations was included in the last *Newsline*. Our plans are to hold the regular trustee meeting, including committee meetings, on Thursday and Friday. Open forum time will be all day on Saturday and till mid-afternoon on Sunday. We hope the open sharing during the forum will assist in beginning a healing process in the fellowship. We believe that the spiritual principles of our fellowship will assist us all during this time of learning, growing, and letting go. Consequently, we hope to see many of you in Harrisburg.

Next is a reminder that the International Development Forum will be held the Saturday prior to the opening of the World Service Conference. We are hopeful that the forum will provide the opportunity for us to develop a better understanding of how we can best serve a worldwide fellowship. We encourage all conference participants to be prepared for discussion of the questions that are included in the Board of Trustees section of the *Conference Agenda Report*. We look forward to a lively and informative session for all who participate.

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From: Bill Winterfeld, Chairperson  
World Convention Corporation Board of Directors

At the recent annual meeting of the World Convention Corporation, we reviewed the bid proposals for the 23rd World Convention from Detroit, Michigan, Columbus, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. After spending considerable time discussing the pros and cons of each bid package, the board decided to hold the 1993 World Convention in **Chicago, Illinois**. This fulfills our responsibility to notify the fellowship of the site, in keeping with the rotation plan which was previously adopted by the World Service Conference. Because the reporting requirement does not specify in which publication we are to report the selection of a site for the convention, the board elected not to use the *Conference Agenda Report* for this purpose. As usual, the World Convention Corporation will present its annual report to the WSC in April.

The process of reviewing these bids was not without its problems. The board found itself in a position of being able to make the final decision only after directing that a return visit by staff and the board chair, be made to one of the bid cities. This occurred because the information submitted did not necessarily fit the program plan for the event. The selected site was not the only package that had this problem. Actually, there were a variety of problems with the information provided in all of the bid packages. This situation prompted the board to review its criteria for the submission of bids. As a result, the WCC will make some changes in the way it solicits information from potential bid cities. Future bid cities will be required to submit their information in a specific format, one which will give us more detailed information about the proposed facilities. We are finding that, as we plan for ever-larger conventions, the standard information from the hotels is no longer sufficient. All of the cities who are bidding for the 1994 convention will be notified about these changes, which should allow them ample time to notify the convention bureaus in their cities.

Also during this meeting, the board found itself in a position of having to make adjustments to its administrative plan for the 1991 year to accommodate the rather dismal financial outcome from WCNA-20, and in anticipation of WCNA-21. The board took the necessary actions to get it through what will be a difficult financial time.

Over the last several years, a couple of regions have presented motions at the conference regarding holding the convention every year. Previously, we had not seen the possible need to support these motions. However, during our most recent meeting, a part of the discussions were centered on the possibility of recommending a change to the annual nature of the convention, and implementing a gradual progression to a two- or three-year gap between events. This will be looked at further this year.

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