

Friday, May 1, 1992

Trustees Present:

Becky M., Chairperson
Garth P., Vice Chairperson
Jamie S-H.
Greg P.
Chuck L.
Stu T.
Danette B.
Steve B.
Kim J.
Pete C.

Trustees Absent:

Donna M.
Bob McKendrick
Jack B.

Additional Needs Panel:

Darwyn Langley

WSO Staff:

Hollie Arnold
Lee Manchester

New Trustees:

Barbara Jorgensen
Bob Smith

Visitors: MDF Participants and Conference Participants

The meeting was opened by Becky M. at 11:45 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Becky and all the trustees heartily welcomed Barbara Jorgensen and Bob Smith as new trustees. Thanks were voiced to Greg P. for his service as trustee. Greg commented on his thirteen years as a trustee, and stated he still feels like he will be part of the World Service Board of Trustees. Jack B. was also thanked for his many years of service on the World Service Board of Trustees.

Becky made the full board aware of a concern brought to her by the RSR from the German-Speaking Region. His concern is in reference to the mention in our October 1991 minutes of a letter received by the European Resource Group. Becky stated she plans to write a letter to the German-Speaking Region explaining how their letter became a part of the trustee's discussion in October.

A motion was presented by the WSB and WSO Board after hearing the concerns during the panel session about the lack of adequate review time on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Document. This motion asked that this document be committed back to the WSB and an RSR working group to solicit, review, and factor in, where appropriate, additional input on the document. It will then be re-released in the 1993 CAR.

An open forum was then held allowing for both the invited MDF participants and other participants from outside the continental US to share their thoughts on the events of conference week. A full report on the MDF will be released after the conference. There was much positive and emotional sharing of gratitude and support for the efforts of the trustees and world services in general for providing the

opportunity for the MDF to occur. All those present were asked to think about the events of this week after returning home and to provide written input back to the WSB for future planning for events of this nature. Some specific comments were as follows:

"The information that I'll take home is more important than my participation here."

"This week has shown me that people do care, no matter where they are from. I would like to have more ability to impact the agenda, as well as be involved more in group discussions."

"Feel that NA really is worldwide now."

"Feel that some of the prejudice is starting to go away. My country has questions about HIV and recovery, as this is a big problem and they don't know how to deal with it."

"Not sure that my country will respond very positively if I tell them the WSC needs money, so I'll have to share with them how I felt this week. I'll be encouraging them to have a fundraiser."

"I got too much information in too little time. Have felt like a 'little kid' due to the language barrier and my inexperience. My local fellowship is very small and basic; we don't even vote anymore but discuss issues until we reach consensus."

"Would like more time to work on solutions, instead of just discussing problems. Written translations of CAR would help. Agree that we need to look at the AIDS issue, maybe by putting a story in the Basic Text from someone dealing with this disease."

"Very impressed with the week. While I understand and appreciate the translations difficulties I remain very optimistic at our cooperative efforts. Would like to see WSO/WSC take on a more universal approach."

"The most important thing I learned this week is that we are united and connected with all of world services. Would also like translations of routine communications like the *Newsline* and *Conference Digest*."

"The opportunity I had to attend a local H&I panel was of more impact than sitting in committee meetings. Attending the local NA meetings was also great."

"Would like to have beginners packet to explain when and where we are supposed to be; maybe have an early morning meeting to help in coordinating the day. Also would have liked for local PI and H&I to put on 'learning day' type events."

"This week has shown me how much work we have to do and how big we can grow."

"Have been really touched by the support we have received this week. Feel like we are really part of the worldwide fellowship now."

"Never imagined last year that it would work this fast to have all of us here together. There are no boundaries in NA."

There was general agreement from the trustees that there is a need for more translations assistance. The suggestion was made that everyone attending this meeting take home with them the feeling of "together, we can" which has been so evident this week. Several of the trustees shared that this week has renewed their sense of purpose and increased their enthusiasm for continuing as trustees. Much appreciation was expressed to all the participants from throughout the world, as this week has shown that "we are all the same" by sharing experience, strength and hope with each other. One trustee suggested finding a way to look at the contradiction between group/panel discussions and parliamentary procedure. All attending were reminded that this year's conference has just begun the process for continuing change and growth as a worldwide fellowship.

An Open Forum was then held to allow for questions from members for the trustees. Most of the discussion centered on HIV and how HIV is an outside issue but that addicts with HIV is not. The WSB agreed to address this issue during the upcoming conference year.

Darwyn L, Additional Needs Panel member, previewed the American Sign Language video tape of the NA White Book for everyone at the trustee meeting at 2:30 PM. He informed the trustees that the deaf members from Houston who were planning to attend had changed their plans and will not be coming. These members had decided not to come as they did not feel "Good enough" to attend and participate in the conference. Darwyn reminded everyone of the isolation these members live in all the time. Additionally, the translator also will not be attending the remainder of the WSC either since the deaf members are not coming.

The trustee meeting recessed at 3:05 PM with the Serenity Prayer, at which time all the trustees went to the WSC PI Committee meeting as invited.

The trustee meeting reconvened at 4:40 PM to discuss pending business prior to the new business session tomorrow.

The first item discussed was the need to make a decision soon on how to respond the NJ PI Survey request. Concern is evident regarding aspects of the survey such as how the data will be collected. Additionally, the members, groups and areas in NJ thought the WSB had given approval for this survey to occur, which is not correct. There is also no way to be certain of how this data will be used or who the surveyors are connected with. A decision was made to contact the surveyor/researcher to discuss the survey process, and to advise him that NA can't cooperate with him as it is an outside issue. Also, the groups could be advised that they can cooperate with his survey but that it is entirely voluntary.

The next item discussed was the motions referred to the WSB for discussion during the new business session.

- #112 PI video funding, development and production--REJECT 8/0/0
- #116 WSC confirms use of contract writers who are NA members and who work within our literature development process--RECOMMEND IT BE PROPOSED FOR CONFERENCE ACTION SO CONFERENCE CAN DECIDE.
- #119 WSC meeting every two years--COMMIT TO AD HOC NAS 8/0/0
- #120 WSB Internal Affairs and WSC Policy to review WSC elections procedures and make recommendation--ADOPT 8/0/0
- #122 Directing the WSC Policy committee to create an elections procedure reflecting input from the 91 and 92 RSR working groups, as well as input from the WSC, BOD, and WSC Admin for approval at the 93 WSC--REJECT 8/0/0
- #125 WSC affirms zonal forums, as service oriented sharing sessions providing more communication, cooperation and growth between NA communities--ADOPT 8/0/0
- #126 Resolution (previously adopted on 4/30) affirming that there are no "foreign" languages or countries and that English is the working language of the WSC--ADOPT AS AMENDED by deleting English as the working language of the WSC--8/0/0
- #127 Amend TWGSS by replacing language resolving that the portion of the WSC known as the MDF shall be referred to in the future as the Development Forum of the World Service Conference--ADOPT 8/0/0/
- #128 WSB to prepare a paper on the history of the Basic Text.--REJECT as is already available--8/0/0 Will include this information in conference summary report.
- #129 Formation of an Outreach Ad Hoc Committee at world level--REJECT and present substitute motion that WSB establish an outreach panel functioning under the auspices of the WSB Internal Affairs Committee
- #130 Develop a Ways and Means Committee to oversee financial responsibilities of the WSC and to make decisions affecting world services when the conference is not in session--REJECT 7/0/0

Items for inclusion in the WSB report for tomorrow were then developed. These include the Traditions project (Draft is out and the approval plan), and that we will be looking at our internal system including communications, information sharing and how the trustees handle business. Additionally, reporting will be done on the ASL translations/review process and how the trustees can work with the translations committee to expedite the process.

Trustee assignments were then made with Danette being assigned as the Associate Editor of *The NA Way*. Garth requested that Pete C. replace him as the WSB liaison to the Tape Review Committee. Pete has also requested that he be assigned to *The NA Way* review panel. Becky will also ask Steve B. if he would like to be assigned to this review panel.

Assignments were also made to the NJ Survey panel of Danette, Stu and Bob S.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.