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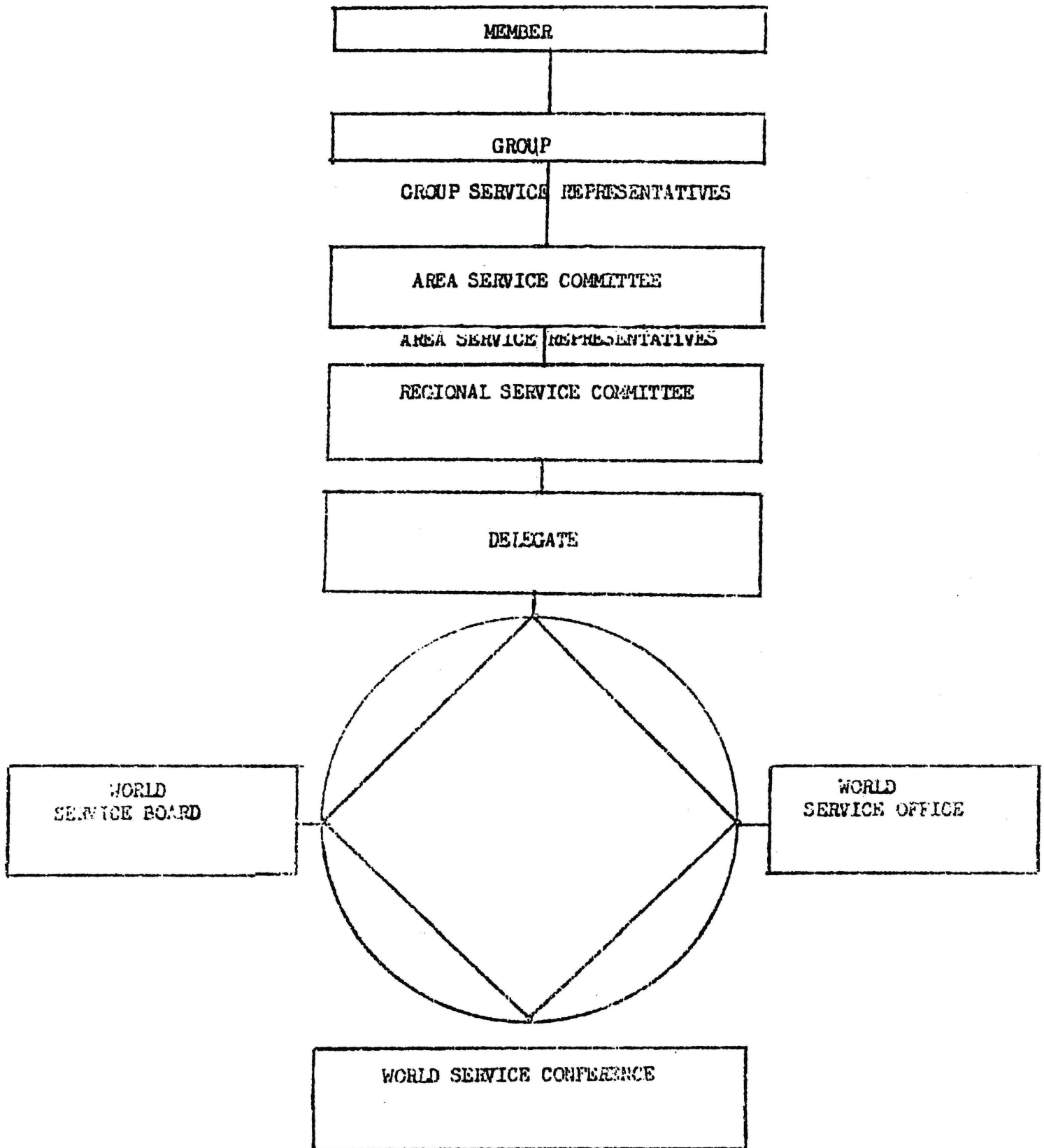
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
W O R L D S E R V I C E C O N F E R E N C E

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AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Reading - the Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.
3. Opening remarks.
4. Roll Call.
5. Conference procedure (for this Conference).
6. Report - world Service Office.
7. Report - world Service Board.
8. Establishment of Conference Committees.
9. The N.A. Dollar (supporting our services).
10. The N.A. TREE.
11. Planning session.
12. Closing Prayer.

THE SERVICE STRUCTURE OF NARCONICS ANONYMOUS.



OPENING STATEMENT

N.A., as we know it, was formed in 1953. In 1959, our fledgling fellowship survived a major crisis. Lack of adherence to the Traditions almost destroyed us. As our fellowship started to grow again the concept of a Board of Trustees was put into action to help prevent this from happening again. In the beginning our Trustees acted as a "Board of Directors", guiding the growth of the fellowship, and safeguarding our Traditions. The Board of Trustees was given the authority to act in this manner until such time as our fellowship could manage its own affairs.

Today, we again stand at a crucial point in the growth of N.A. The stage is set. This is the First world Service Conference. An important event, for the fellowship and for the Trustees, an event which is the result of three years of planning and work. It is, and has been, the intent of the world Service Board to transfer the decision-making process and guidance of N.A. to the fellowship.

In looking back at the last few years, the intent of the Board becomes obvious. The first phase of this effort was to set the scene by training members to take over responsibility, expanding our available literature, encouraging new meetings and service committees and setting up a functioning world Service Office. This first phase is complete. The second phase was to establish a service structure which make it possible for the fellowship to be self guiding. This was the purpose of THE N.A. TREE, to establish a method by which decisions could be made by the fellowship. This phase is well on its way. Our groups have active officers and representatives; area committees and regional committees have been established and are functioning; and we have a world Service Conference. The final phase of this project is the actual transfer of decision-making and guidance from the Board to the fellowship. This final phase begins today, with the First world Service Conference.

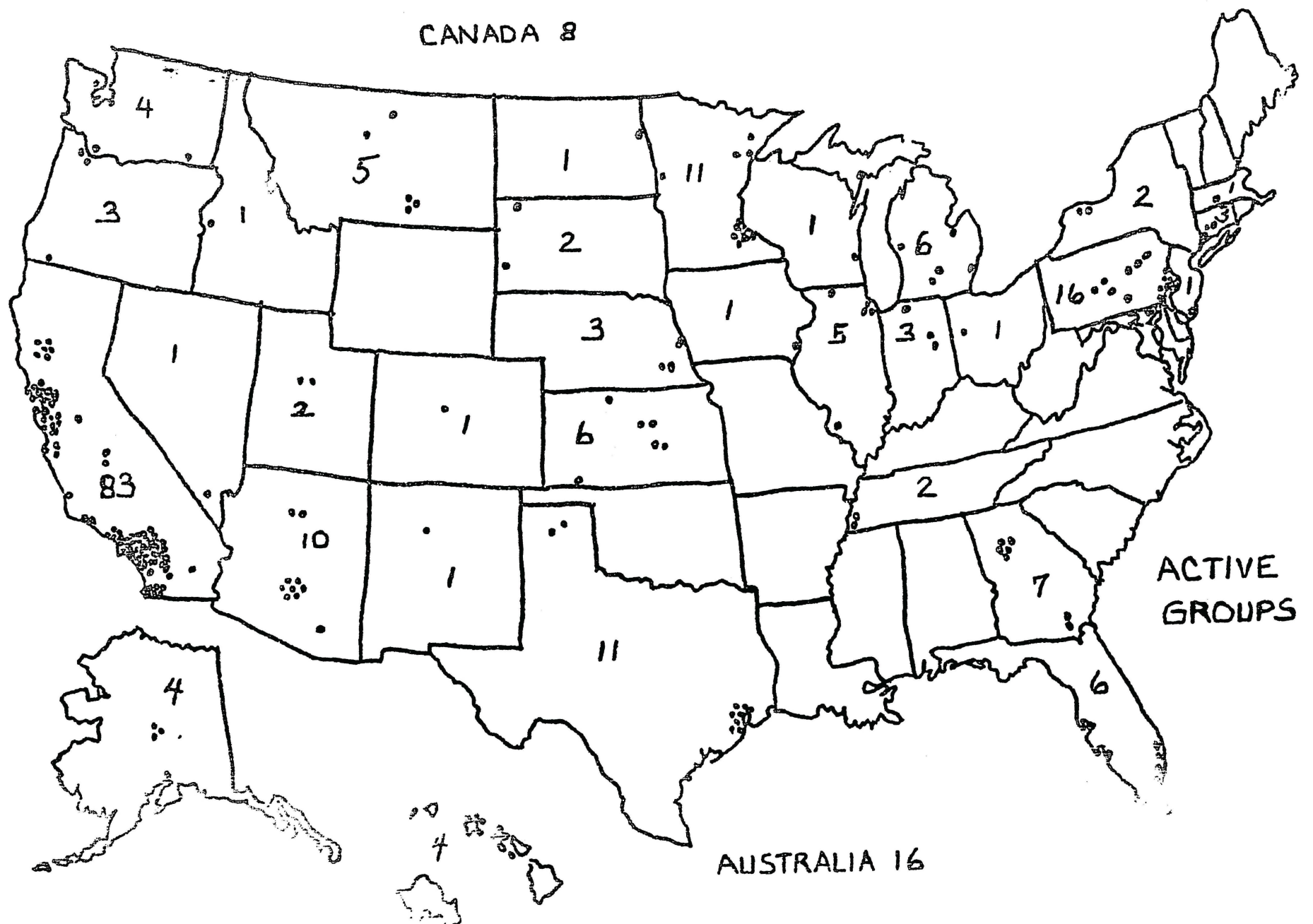
The purpose of this Conference is to set in motion the wheels which will make it possible to have future Conferences which are truly representative of the fellowship and orderly in nature. We have the opportunity to do something significant for N.A. if we can put personalities aside and work together for the benefit of the fellowship as a whole.

ROLL CALL

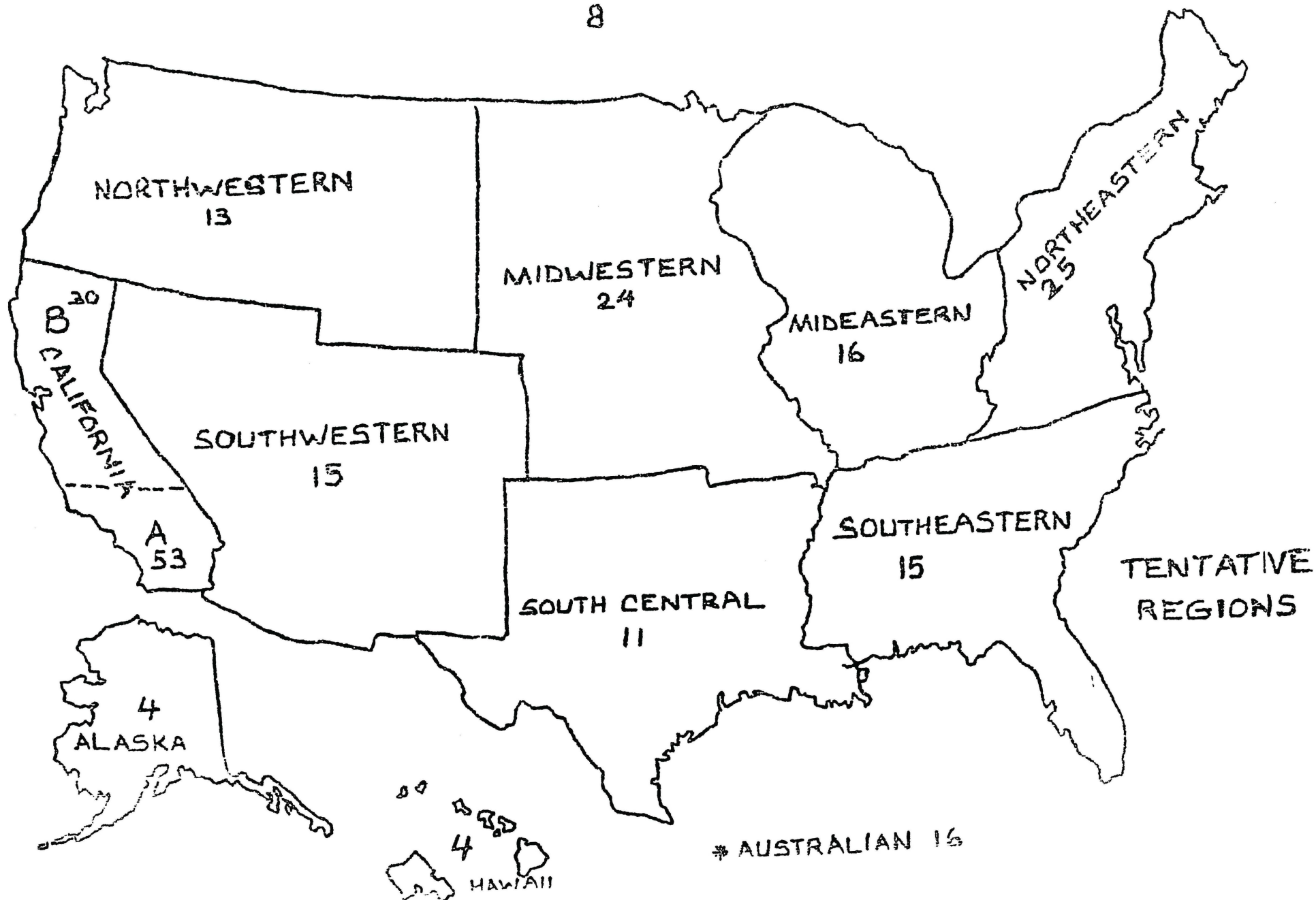
1. For the purpose of this conference, Regions and Areas have been arbitrarily defined according to location and number of meetings.
2. It is possible that these definitions do not conform to actual existing Regions and Areas. If so please announce additions or corrections during the Roll Call when the error occurs, and we will correct our records accordingly.
3. Please submit Group Registration Forms (or equivalent) for Regional and Area Committees.
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MOTION: Due to the fact that many Regional Committees have not as yet formed and that those which have formed have only done so recently; I move that for this First World Service Conference the World Service Board meet with Area Service Representatives as well as Regional Service Delegates.

PROPOSED PROCEDURE--

- A. Who will be recognized?
 - 1. Any duly elected RSD
 - 2. Any duly elected ASR
 - 3. Any Trustee
 - 4. For groups outside of California who have not as yet formed Area Committees one spokesman will be recognized from each state, province, or foreign country.
- B. All others who wish to be heard shall communicate through their Representative. They shall not be called upon from the floor.
- C. Only ASR's, RSD's, Trustees, and authorized spokesmen shall have a vote on any item considered.
- D. All decisions shall be by majority vote.
- E. There shall be no 'cross' discussion.
- F. The Parliamentarian shall have the right to interrupt the assembly or any speaker whenever such action is necessary to maintain order.
- G. Discussion on any matter shall be limited to a maximum of ten minutes.
- H. We ask that any statements from recognized speakers be limited to five minutes.

One year ago Narcotics Anonymous had again reached a turning point. Lack of communication was evident in the kind of confused questions and mis-directed letters we received at the W.S.O. Starting from the point of getting all mail sent into P.O.BOX 622 Sun Valley again was our first effort. Second was the need to answer all mail and keep a record of all Starter Kits sent out so that follow up could take place later.

A basic need for more literature had to be met and met at once. Despite many requests to the fellowship, only a trickle of input was coming into the literature committee. We tried, for a number of reasons, to fill this need as quickly as possible. One, we knew that a variety and some different forms of information would help us to grow. Two, since area representation was more widely being initiated, our structure book, talked about for a very long time, had to be published to give some purpose, guidance and unity to the Fellowship as a whole. Three, funds, both donations, little enough at best and 'One' book sales would not be enough to sustain us through the transition period which was taking place; the result of funds being used to build up area and regional service arms of N.A. Four, the World Directory, needed for many obvious reasons, had to be completed now. Five, the sixteen year need for, at least, a Spanish translation of our White Book, starting with an I.P. just had to come about. We had lost the headway we had made in Mexico and South America and all our groups, to the best of our knowledge in these areas had dried up. This had to be changed.

Where are we now? In less than ten months we have 'The Tree', six English and one Spanish Informational Pamphlets, The World Directory updated to November 1st '76 and a Complete Group Kit.

After three years of trying to contact the old groups of Drugs Anonymous in Australia we were able to find the new groups, four in number and after some communication they decided to join us as Narcotics Anonymous.

Their groups are growing fast, since April '76 they now number eighteen. Starting in Sydney in New South Wales they spread six hundred miles south to Melbourne and the same distance North to Brisbane in Queensland. Two groups have started in Perth in Western Australia and we have every reason to believe that growth will continue. To the North in Canada groups are growing as well as loners. The last request for a Starter Kit and other literature, that we have just received, stating that many are seeking our kind of program, was from Bombay, India.

Since March we have answered all letters, except those now on hand, we have shipped out one hundred and eighteen Starter Kits and answered about eight hundred phone calls from addicts, families, probation officers, nurses, drug abuse programs, doctors and judges. We have done our best to make the proper decisions when they had to be made and will continue to do so.

Sub.11/8/'76 j.p.k.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE REPORT. '75-'76

WORLD SERVICE 1st to JUNE 30th '76 (57 1/2 months period)

DONATIONS,
 Honolulu \$ 5.00
 Seattle 1.00
 S.F.V.C.S.O. 75.00
 No. Hollywood 25.00
 Camarillo 17.00
 S.N.A. members 15.00
 Santa Rosa 3.00
 Paramount 10.00
 La Mirada 55.25
 Downey 30.00
 Union City 29.11
 Florida 10.00
 Hermosa Beach 10.00
 San Francisco 13.00
 Redwood City 10.00
 S.F. Arrett 10.00
 Marietta Ga. 5.00
 Rolling Hills, Ca. 5.00
 San Francisco. 6.00
 Cottonwood, Ar. 3.00
 Van Nuys, Ca. 5.00
 Total \$ 548.85

DONATIONS \$ 348.85

LITERATURE
 SALES \$ 1180.96

TOTAL \$1529.81

EXPENSES
 for rent,
 phone,
 printing,
 mailing,
 stationery
 and misc. \$1524.27

Balance 5.54

JULY 1st to OCTOBER 31st. (Four months period)

DONATIONS. *SPY 60.00*
 S.F.V. G.S.O. \$ 50.00
 S.F.V. Men. 20.00
 S.F.V. Th. Women. 10.00
 S.F.V. Th. Women. 8.50
 S.F.V. G.S.O. 50.00
 Anaheim Miss. 60.00
 Rick. S.L. Obispo 30.00
 Judi. Hawaii. 5.00
 Lyn. Rochester, N.Y. 5.00
 Total. \$ 283.50

PRINTER. \$ 1400.00

MAILING 198.50

STATIONARY
 & SUPPLIES 193.08

MISC. 16.00

Bazalton &
 St. Luke's 94.25

EXPENSES. \$ 2095.78

DONATIONS \$ 288.50

LITERATURE
 SALES. \$ 1954.96

TOTAL. \$ 2243.46

TOTAL
 EXPENSES. \$ 2095.78

BALANCE. \$ 147.68
 Above Bal.

\$ 5.54

TOTAL 153.22

11 Month period total.

INCOME \$ 3773.27
 EXP. \$ 3620.05

Balance \$ 153.22

All literature on hand paid to this date. 11/1/'76

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WORLD SERVICE BOARD GUIDELINES.

1.

In our Fellowship the Traditions preceeded the Trustees so our policies were at work to direct and guide Our Trustees as they were duly selected and appointed in the bagining. Since then our Trustees are men and women who have, for the most part, exhibited certain qualifications neccessary for Trusteeship. Qualifications alone do not always make an admirable Trustee but from basics we can grow in experience and wisdom. Qualifications that have become accepted and followed in the operation of the Fellowship to date are these.....

1. At least 5 years total abstinence.
2. Service experience as shown in their commitment to their Group, area or region.
3. Working knowledge of and meaning of all of our Traditions.
4. To have Time, Capability and Resources neccessary for Trustee service.
5. To be willing to serve.

The number of Trustees at present seems adequate, too many could become unwieldy and just as confusing as at some times in the past. At present, we the SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES are the direct and directive service body of N.A. Since this at times seems to imply a governing body, though it is not really so, then we must continue to encourage, in all quarters, the formation of representation groups at all levels of service. We will continue to act in good faith and in full adherence to the Traditions at our level until other service bodies, as laid out in 'The Tree' appoint or elect their Delegates to meet with us at the Conference Table. We must, of course, exert utmost flexibility at this level for some time so that legal and procedural methods may be worked out to ensure the utmost unity in our efforts. We trust that these can be as simple as possible yet sophisticated enough to protect us from ourselves and others. We should now be initiating guidelines for the Conference. Further, now that

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our membership has grown and capable people are appearing who can assume active roles as Chairpeople and Officers at their levels of service; then perhaps our Trustees can give more of their time to the needs of their Trusteeship.

In the meantime, in order that we the present Trustees can better serve our office, some more definitive guidelines are needed. These need not be comprehensive but they should be a clear exposition of our adherence to the Traditions as a primary base from which to grow. Time and the needs that arise will determine more fully our goals and our capacities. To anticipate the needs and initiate the means to enlarge and strengthen our Fellowship, if not the first goal, then is certainly close to it. To this end let us lay out some simple proposals to take care of some of our needs.

All present Trustees are permanent but are subject to the following.....

- A. Loss of abstinence results in automatic removal from office.
- B. Removal for due cause; at Conference level. N.A. membership is not affected.
- C. Resignation by Trustee.
- D. Trustee may request leave of absence or non-active status when warranted.
- E. Death of Trustee.

How do we replace? Now that our Structure is guiding our Fellowship in more areas than ever before, we should start with qualifications from page 1 #s 1 to 5. Nominations should come from the World Service Board Of Trustees and/or Conference Delegates.

3.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS.

All Trustees to work with GENERAL SERVICE DELEGATES ON GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE level when and as soon as they are duly elected and ready to assume responsibility. This November may be the beginning of the true SERVICE STRUCTURE. There we can work out procedures for future conferences, with we hope a minimum of personality problems. As was previously stated, let us remain flexible during this period of construction. Let us follow 'The Tree' and perhaps all can attain maximum benefits.

Principally we are here to safeguard N.A. Traditions, to be responsible for service funds, to oversee service units, service staffs and all functions of present and future units.

Trustees are members of GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE and are co-responsible with the GENERAL SERVICE DELEGATES in all decisions affecting overall service.

That end, to which all our efforts should be directed, is our first goal; 'To carry the message to the ADDICT who still suffers.' in whatever way is dictated by our conscience and our experience.

To remember that only with GOODWILL
can we be TRUSTED SERVANTS and not
authoritarians.

Submitted, corrected and
approved by Board. 8/27/'76

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PROPOSAL - CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

- A. That the following Conference Committees be established to work for the benefit of the fellowship until the next Conference.
 1. Coordinating
 2. Planning
 3. Finance
 4. Literature Review
 5. Institutional
 6. Public Relations
- B. That the composition of these committees shall be:
 1. Odd in number (preferably 7, 9, or 11 members)
 2. Made up of members in a manner representative of the fellowship
 - a.) two members from California Region A
 - b.) two members from California Region B
 - c.) two members from outside of California
 - d.) One Trustee
 - e.) additional members as needed

Note: additional members can be appointed only after a, b, c and d are complete and be made up of not more than one additional a, b, c or d.
- C. That the Committee members (described above) have the following qualifications:
 1. The willingness, desire, and ability to serve
 2. A history of sobriety
 3. Relative experience or ability
- D. That the affairs of each Conference Committee be managed by the following officers:
 1. One Chairman
 2. One Secretary
 3. One Trustee
- E. That these Conference Committees be established as soon as possible by the following procedure:
 1. Each Committee Chairman and Secretary be nominated and elected by this Conference
 2. That a Trustee be appointed by the WSB to serve on each Committee
 3. That the three officers of each Committee select additional Committee members by majority vote
 4. That members wishing to be considered for Committee service complete and submit the attached application
- F. That all Conference Committee decisions and recommendations be determined by majority vote.
- G. That a copy of the minutes of all Conference Committee meetings be kept on file in the WSO and be made available to any member on request.
- H. That each Conference Committee prepare and present a report at the next World Service Conference.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM.

The purpose of this form is to establish or maintain the link between your group and the rest of N.A. We need the following information in order to list your group in the World Directory, send you materials such as new literature, forthcoming News Letters and general correspondence. We also need this so that we may refer newcomers and new groups in your general area to your G.S.O. Please fill it out and return it to

P.O.BOX 622

Sun Valley, Ca. 91352

Date. _____ State. _____ City. _____

() We're starting a new group, please send Starter Kit and add us to the World Directory.

() There have been some changes; the following is updated information.

MEETING DAY. _____ TIME. _____ A.M.() P.M.()

TYPE OF MEETING. _____ OPEN() CLOSED()

MEETING LOCATION. _____

STREET. _____

CITY. _____ STATE. _____ ZIP. _____

MAILING ADDRESS
NAME. _____

STREET. _____

CITY. _____ STATE. _____ ZIP _____

SECRETARY. _____ PHONE.() _____

TREASURER. _____ PHONE.() _____

G.S.R. _____ PHONE.() _____

IF YOUR GROUP HAS ANY SPECIAL NEEDS, PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS, USE THE
REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM TO COMMUNICATE THEM TO THE WORLD OFFICE.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPLICATION

I would like to serve on the following committee:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Occupation _____
Sobriety date _____ Elective position (if any) _____

List specific experiences or aptitudes which qualify you to serve on the above committee.

TITLE OF MEETING - etc - use printed format for guide.

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Call to Order
Serenity Prayer
Traditions

I Nature of this meeting.

This is a special meeting of California regions. N.A. has basically ^{in fact} been the same structure as A.A. but we are not A.A., O.A. nor Weight-Watchers.

We have a World Service Office. The office functions for change. We are getting out the replies to letters quick. Groups are popping up all over Northern & Southern California. We even have groups in Australia. For this reason we must keep the WSO functioning.

We had a request of the people in Northern California of the service structure so we can close the communication gap. By following this structure the communication gap will cease to be a problem. Service conferences will take place and in general, everything will be better than it was in the past.

You will find many interesting things about our responsibility lies in this room even though the people have done the work & chores needed to be done @ they

were accused of running N.A. when, in fact, they were the only ones who would get out and do the work. The whole fellowship has to get involved with the work because a few people cannot do all the work.

II World Service Conference March, 1977 WSO will administrate

The world service conference that ~~is~~ is going to take place is set for March of 1977. As outlined in the structure of the world service conference will be administrated by the WSO. We want to make it a world service conference and not just a Northern & Southern CA conference.

We would like to see a world service conference come when we could have representatives from each area of the world. — Philadelphia, Germany, Australia etc. We have tentatively set up the world service conference for ~~April~~ March of 1977 because the WSO would be a place of communication in order to set it up.

III Incorporation of WSO

Incorporation of the WSO is definitely going to take place. The incorporation is taking place so that WSO will have a legal identity to identify itself and still preserve to anonymity for the fellowship.

When people send money into the WSO, they will be able to deduct that donation for income tax purposes, this way if the IRS came back to you, you would have a way to claim that you did donate the money.

IV 1976 Convention - Ventura report.

The 1976 convention will be held in Ventura. This will be a regional conference. This convention will be the 6th Annual NA Convention. It will be held on the second weekend of November on the 13, 14, and 15, 1976. The site of this convention will be the Holiday Inn located on the beach overlooking the Pacific.

Shortly before the last NA convention began, the possibility of the future convention would be held in the Santa Barbara or Ventura counties.

Ventura was the only bid submitted. the Ventura site was accepted as the final site.

The hotel has excellent meeting rooms. Room rates are \$24 for a double bed and \$19 for a single bed. There are nearby motels & hotels that offer cheaper ~~rates~~ rates. Campgrounds are also available to those people wishing it.

Arrangements for transportation to those who are flying in from Los Angeles or Hollywood-Burbank Airports (at a minimal rate) will be provided.

People from different areas will arrange to have speakers. Reservation forms will be mailed to all members.

V Future Conventions

- A. Area Activities
- B. Regional Conventions
- C. Convention with conference.

The purpose behind regional conventions rather than the world conference is the availability ~~to~~ of a convention to everyone is limited.

There are many ~~Reg~~ areas established within ~~the~~ a region. Each area should plan activities for their area. When we increase these area activities, we are ~~increasing~~ creating better situations for the newcomers. We need to stimulate these activities to show that NA is a good solid fellowship.

Even though we are established in this area, other regions in the world are not. NA really has to stand on its two feet, but because CA is the center of N.A. the other regions look to us for guidance. We therefore, need to extend our hand to them.

10 Minute Coffee Break.

VI Literature

NA now has a lot of literature. There is a Literature Committee established. Most of the literature is submitted to that committee. We are starting a new series of ~~p~~ leaflets they are stories that are submitted to N.A. The 12-Steps are printed in one issue.

We really need stories. We want to know your story. If you have access to people who know how to translate the literature to different languages, we would like to know about them. NA literature was being translated and about 80 percent complete, when it got lost, that was the only copy.

If you would like to have any of this literature changed, we welcome your suggestions, just send them into the WSO. We recommend that you send in your change after you thoroughly study the piece. Send your correction in by saying (we suggest this (then give your suggestion)).

Paper prices have increased so we changed the size of the pamphlet. It now equals $\frac{1}{4}$ sheet of paper. We are, therefore, not losing any paper.

the group starter kit is being put together

[Handwritten signature]

the world directory of group registration is an answer to keep our list up to date. letters are send into the office and when the reply is - I don't know he may never

get the letter because he has moved. We think this will be a way to keep up our files.

CARENA is the name ~~of~~ the fellowship has adopted for the publishing company a few years ago.

We have tried using UPS because they are cheaper and give better service than the post office. In the past, people have objected to this service because they had to sign for it and said it violated their anonymity. It was suggested to have a stamp that just used WSO and another stamped that used WSO-NA to solve this problem.

VII Funds

We have \$600 that is going to pay for the literature. Every group here should be receiving a copy of the financial report. GSO and a lot of the groups have been contributing to the WSO.

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Violation of Traditions

- A. Affiliation office @ SPC
- B. Accepting money for rep. NA
- C. Anonymity Breaks

NA has no affiliation with Contact House -
Cri. Help.

There is some kind of GSO headquarters in Los Angeles that has been staffed by federal & state workers. The people in this office was receiving money from the government for manning this office. We need to adhere to the traditions otherwise we will turn into a Suicide House.

Does the NA TREE Supercede the by-laws we had - are they now null & void.

Every person should read and get to know the ~~NA~~ TREE. If after you have read it, and have questions, take them back to your group and discuss them, ~~and~~ then send in your suggestions to the WSO. A deadline was suggested of 6 months to a year to send in your suggestions.

There was a question about the 12 Traditions. Anyone can have the

the AA name.

Outside organizations have bought pamphlets from us, which we have charged sales tax. We found out from the tax accessor because we have a foundation like a church status. We thought we were a non-profit organization. We will have to return this money to the people who bought the pamphlets either by giving them the money or pamphlets in the same amount of pamphlets.

The only pamphlet Northern California has that we don't is this is NA. The literature should all come from just one place. This way everybody would get the same thing.

The NAA Tree has given NA a foundation to work with.

FIRST WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
Ventura California
November 13, 1976

The First World Service Conference resulted from several years of phone calls and letters among members of the Fellowship interested in developing greater unity, better communication and expression of the group conscience of N.A.

The Conference included participants from 14 States and 2 Foreign Countries. There were 37 participants in all. The Conference lasted 1 ½ days. The notes and minutes (of sorts) that were taken of this first Conference are imprecise and lack great detail.

The general result of this first Conference was to formulate Committees to work more diligently on new N.A. literature and a Book on Recovery and also to develop more clearly the guidelines, policies and Structure of N.A.

No specific record was kept of the motions made at this Conference.