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MAY 1-3, 1981
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

N.A. World Service Office, Inc.
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Dear Fellow Members:

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PLEASE RESPOND!

Yours in Fellowship and Service,

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WSC '81 WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS
YEAR'S CONFERENCE:

- LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE FOR PERMISSION TO USE THEIR FACILITY,
- GENE HAAG AND JERRY POLCARO FOR SUPERVISING TAPING OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS,
- DON CHILCOTT FOR PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT AT WSC DANCE,
- NOLAN WARNER FOR SECURING HALL FOR DANCE AND LITERATURE CONFERENCE,
- JOY BUCKLEY AND MICHAEL WHITE FOR MANNING WSO INFORMATIONAL BOOTH AT CONFERENCE SITE,
- CRI-HELP FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY IN SERVING ENTIRE CONFERENCE LUNCH SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
- CHARLES KUECHER FOR COORDINATING RAFFLE AT WSC DANCE,
- COCOA CRISWELL FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN WRITING MOTIONS ON BOARD FOR WSC PARTICIPANTS TO SEE,
- THE VOTE COUNTERS,
- AND NEVER TO FORGET, THE OBSERVERS, FOR THEIR FORBEARANCE AND SUPPORT,

SPECIAL THANKS TO

BOB STONE

ACTING PARLIAMENTARIAN

WSC '81

May 1st, Friday

Chuck Gates, Chairman of WSC '81, opened meeting. Steve Bice, Vice Chairman, led Conference in Serenity Prayer and read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. A U.S. map was posted for Reps to outline their area or region. Each member of the WSC signed in the WSC guestbook and was given a name tag as well as a 'voting' flag. The 1980 WSC minutes, this year's WSC agenda, N.A. Service Manuals and Input Forms were made available to all those present.

3 Vote Counters were chosen.

Regional Reps introduced themselves and gave a brief report on their region or area.

Southern California - Doug Forsmith, Chairman of Southern California Regional Service Committee gave his report. Borders are San Luis Obispo and San Diego. Region is comprised of 10 different areas. Total of 80 regular meetings in that region that meet on a regular basis. 16 institutional meetings in that many institutions. Increased their commitment to the World Service Office and sent somewhere in the area of \$2,000 in the past year.

Northern California - Larry Baker, Representative for Northern California gave his report. Added a new area to their region, now have 5 areas. It's the Santa Cruz area/Salinas. Growing. 3 operating answering services, phone lines. H&I doing very well. 3 H&I meetings in jails and prisons, possibly starting a new H&I meeting at an Honor Farm. Big cruise planned for in October of this year.

Nevada - Bill Kelso, Representative for Nevada, gave his report. 3 new H&I meetings. 2 of them are connected with Jean Prison, 1 connected with Fitzsimmons Recovery House in Las Vegas. In process of changing over their area service address and hot line number. Brought meeting lists for distribution to those present. Things going good. Trucking right along.

Canada - James Drinkwater, Representative from Victoria, B.C., gave his report. 2 major centers in B.C. 3 meetings in Victoria, and about 5 in Vancouver. 2 H&I meetings. Meetings starting in Queen Charlottes. Groups are somewhat small but are starting to mushroom in last couple of years. Groups starting in Alberta and farther east. Rally planned in Victoria in September - 2nd one. What they don't have in numbers they make up in enthusiasm. Keeps them working together. Thirst for knowledge for what is going on in N.A. Hopes to take a lot back with him.

Oregon - Gene Haag, Representative from Oregon, gave his report. Things going good in Pacific Northwest, region he represents. Regional service committee (their first) in Portland and elected officers. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and possibly Canada. They elected a chairperson from B.C., Canada. Vice chairperson from Seattle, Secretary from Portland, Treasurer from Boise, Idaho. Alt. Rep is from Vancouver, Washington. Wide representation. Meetings coming along real good. 1 meeting in Bend, 2 in Klamath Falls, 1 in Mervyn, 1 in Grants Pass, and 1 in Medford. Seattle has many meetings now. 3 years ago Seattle had no meetings. Portland has quite a few, as well as Vancouver, Washington. Area service committee meetings in southern Oregon started a couple years ago right after 2nd Pacific Northwest Convention.

Mid-America Region - Cindy Porter, Regional Representative gave her report. Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri make up this region. Those state reps stood up and took a bow. Oklahoma is also included in the Mid-America region. Just had a meeting, elected officers for RSC. Home of the first WSC Literature Conference, and 1980 World Convention in Wichita. Kansas and region has grown immensely in the last 4 years - about 2,000 strong (members). Trying to group together to make their region stronger. A lot of public information work being done with radio and tv. A lot of institutions. A lot of N.A. A lot of drug programs are starting to incorporate N.A. in their after care. A lot of cities are establishing club houses and 24 hour answering services. Growing in strength and numbers. Are able to carry message better than they used to. 2 weeks ago they had a fundraiser for WSO and raised \$1,000.

Nebraska - Dan Kemp, state rep, gave brief report on Nebraska (part of Mid-America Region). N.A. growing rapidly in state. Last year 2 major cities, Omaha and Lincoln, growing in leaps and bounds. Lincoln opened clubhouse. 9 meetings a week there. Omaha has 4 meetings a week. Average attendance is about 20-25 people a meeting. Suffering a little growing pains. Established hot lines (24 hour) in both cities. 50-60 calls a month on hot lines (average).

Iowa - Jeff LaFrance, state rep, gave brief report on Iowa (part of Mid-America Region). Waterloo, Iowa is growing. Not a lot of communication but keeping in touch. They are sponsoring an ASC meeting for the state after this WSC. Des Moines is growing, a lot of support.

Missouri - Bob DeSuza, state rep, gave brief report on Missouri (part of Mid-America Region). St. Louis started in 8/79. In 8/80, started 2nd meeting. 6 meetings going at this time, 2 are H&I. 5 months ago, formed ASC to promote NA in St. Louis area. Regional Service Office in Topeka has helped them tremendously. Is here to learn more about N.A.

Tennessee - Joseph Proctor, Representative for Tennessee, gave his report. Formation of new region called the Mid-South Region (comprised of northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas). Hosted the 3rd WSC Literature Conference. 3 groups in Memphis, 11 meetings a week. Nashville has 2 groups & 6 meetings a week. Total of about 9 groups and 25 meetings in state. 3 groups in Arkansas and 4 meetings a week and 3 groups and 6 meetings a week in Mississippi. A lot of H&I meetings. Established H&I in 1979, growing.

Illinois - George Ochsenfeld, Representative for Chicago, gave his report. N.A. has been in Chicago for almost 7 years. 10 meetings now. Growing fast. 3-4 months ago, GSRs organized and elected Reps.

Wisconsin - Judie Schneider, Representative for Wisconsin, gave her report. Milwaukee is 4 years old. 14 meetings in Milwaukee. Rest of state has at least 15 meetings. Will be starting ASC. Milwaukee has ASC meeting once a month. First retreat last fall. P.I. Committee started that has a hotline (24 hrs a day). 35 calls a month (approx.) P.I. handles radio and tv public service announcements. PSA with radio station whose granted them 30 minutes for N.A. announcement. 2 Reps were chosen to go on the air for answer and questions on the air. Convention Committee formed and are putting bid in for next Convention (1982). Started newsletter last month. Compiling meetings for meeting directories of entire state.

Ohio - Jim Miller, Representative for Ohio, gave his report. Growing rapidly. 2 members started N.A. in Ohio in the spring of 1979. Began in N.E. part of state. Ohio is part of Region comprised of Western Pennsylvania, Central and Southwestern Ohio and Indiana - 35 meetings altogether. Meeting in Akron is almost a year old. 22 meetings in ASC in Northeast Ohio. Meeting lists available. 5 H&I meetings. 24 hour answering service for 6 months. Clubhouse started in Youngstown. Newsletter started (monthly). Over 50 people attended past 2 literature conferences (mini-conferences). Fund-raisers held. 1st Regional Service Conference this 4th of July weekend.

Pennsylvania - George Richards, Representative for Mid-Eastern Region, comprised of central and eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, east and West Virginia, and District of Columbia. Various ASC have chosen to form a RSC. Elected officers for RSC. Region has 5 24-hour hotlines. 100 meetings approx. 15 in Philadelphia and Delaware area. 20 in D.C. and Baltimore. 1 in West Virginia, and 4 in Virginia. Convention last year helped unify region and all of area's meetings have more than doubled. 2nd East Coast Convention in June 26th, 27th, and 28th. Region has been communicating with other areas. Participated a lot with Literature Committee. Planning to bid for next World Convention.

Georgia - Motorcycle Ed, Representative for South Eastern Central Regional Service Committee. New meeting started near Savannah, Georgia. RSC has only been in affect for last 10 months. 7 counties in metro Atlanta area. Between 35 and 40 meetings a week approx. 130-150 people in 1 meeting. 2 ASC's that they know of. Has not had a chance to get in touch with Alabama. Function planned in Panama City. Very involved with Literature Committee. Rising Sun Club House in Georgia. Newsletter (Rainbow Connection). H&I comm. formed. 1st H&I meeting in prison; can't hug and women must wear bras so that meeting goes under H&I? In contact with guy in local jails in Marietta, Georgia. 24 hour answering service in effect for 2 months. Very effective, lives saved as a result. Process of getting better organized. A lot of growth and unity.

Florida - Karen Deeley, Representative for Florida, gave report. ASC is really just covering Brower and Dade Counties. No other ASCs in Florida. Started about 1½ years ago after convention in Atlanta. 24 hour hotline established. Literature Comm. established. H&I Comm. established. 1st N.A. in alcohol detox center. A lot of addicts there. Starting first N.A. meeting in women's halfway house. WS Convention - 11 is being held in Florida this year. Very excited. Need info from this WSC to find out more about N.A. in country. Keeping contact with New York. Meeting started in Amhurst Hospital in Queens, New York.

Roger Teague from Marietta, Georgia gave additional information. Has talked with people in Germany. N.A. in England. Fellowship in London has sponsored groups in Surrey. Active group in Sussex. Group in Scotland. Group in Dublin, Ireland - 2 active groups. Treatment center for addicts in Dublin. Talked with member in Australia. 3-4 meetings in Melbourne. Reported group in Spain, Guam (military center).

Texas - John Couson, Representative for Texas, gave report. Houston has 2 groups on outside. H&I meetings. 1-3 meetings everyday in the city. Hoping to take a lot home. People with the long time sobriety (4-5 years) are going to A.A. for their strength. These people feel N.A. is not organized enough. John expressed how can there be any organization when everyone is running over to A.A. N.A. is growing in Houston.

Chuck Gates read the WSC guidelines out of the N.A. Service Manual.

Chuck then introduced this year's Parliamentarian, Bob Stone. He will be with us through this Conference and guide us. Maintains order & keeps us on track. A Parliamentarian goes by Robert's Rules of Order. Up to WSC to decide. Motion was made, seconded and carried to acquire the services of a Parliamentarian for this WSC.

Deadline for submittal of input forms was set for 12:00 noon tomorrow.

Conference will continue tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M. sharp. Chuck asked that everyone be prompt. Flags were turned in and will be re-issued tomorrow morning.

After a moment of silent meditation, Frank led everyone in the Serenity Prayer.

May 2nd, Saturday

Chuck Gates opened meeting with Serenity Prayer.

Jerry Polcaro read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

Fawn Faurote was introduced as the Secretary of WSC '81 and read the WSC guidelines out of the N.A. Service Manual.

Bob Stone was introduced as the Parliamentarian for this year's Conference. He went over parliamentary procedures for those present. He explained that the need for parliamentary procedures comes most fairly into play when there is great controversy.

All voting members of the Conference were given a "voting" flag.

Chuck Gates stated that all Areas that are part of a Region do not have a vote if the Regional Representative is present.

At this time, those Delegates who were not present Friday evening to give their report, gave it.

Louisiana - Charles Kuecher, Representative for Louisiana, gave his report. Reported that progress in Louisiana is very slow. Comprised of basically 4 cities: New Orleans, Freeport, LaFayette, Baton Rouge. New Orleans has 4 meetings a week. Baton Rouge has 2 meetings. Freeport and LaFayette have 1 meeting each. Great controversy with N.A. and A.A. - not getting solved. Controversy with treatment centers and drug rehab centers and N.A. Treatment centers and drug rehab centers discourage clients from going to N.A. because they (the centers) feel their facilities can best serve the needs of the addict. Charles hopes to get this matter solved at this year's conference and take some kind of solution back to Louisiana.

Chuck Gates reminded everyone that the deadline to submit input forms was 12:00 noon today.

Bryan Scott was introduced as the Treasurer for WSC '81 and he gave his report. Started the year out with a balance of \$2,136.79. Current balance is \$738.28. Stated that there weren't too many donations to the Conference this year. Georgia donated \$285.00 to the Conference. Southern California

donated \$150.00. That was it with donations for the year. \$35.67 came in for sales of supplies left over from last year (coffee that was sold at cost to one of the regions). \$726.96 was given to the WSC Literature Committee (mailing, supplies, printing and some freight). \$50.00 was given to WSC H&I Committee to start their account but they never cashed the check. They returned the check and said they didn't need it. The WSC Public Information Committee contacted Bryan and stated that they would not be needing any funds as they had not come up with any substantial ideas as yet. \$1,000 was given to the World Service Office on April 25, 1981 for the opening of the new World Service Office. Bryan stated that the Administrative Committee had decided to give the World Service Office the monies they requested as Northern California had donated \$1,400 last year that was supposed to go to the World Service Office and never got there. Bryan stated that the WSC Administrative Committee is supposed to keep a reserve of \$500.00 at all times. Stated he had approximately \$200.00 in outstanding bills that he still has to write checks for and there will be an intake from this evening's dance planned for the WSC in Santa Monica. Bryan stated that he will be giving an exact figure tomorrow of our balance when all checks have been issued and deposits have been submitted. Bryan requested that the WSC make an effort to obtain files of past years' treasury reports as he did not have them. He had contacted last year's Treasurer of the WSC requesting files but have not received them yet.

World Service Office Report was given by Bill Beck. Stated that the WSO needs to have full names, mailing addresses and phone numbers of officers of areas, regions and WSC committee chairpersons so that they can be contacted when the need arises. Reported that many areas and regions are not sending in meeting minutes from their ASC and RSC meetings either with or without names and phone numbers. Mail has increased steadily. Much of this mail is from organizations and people of all kinds who want to know how to avail themselves of what we (as N.A.) have to offer. Bill stated that until the present the WSO has operated with only the donations of some groups and some regions plus a small margin on sales. The time has long since passed when the WSO can operate on a voluntary basis. Funds for services rendered, which are far from 12 Step work, must be forthcoming. Desperately need machines and personnel to continue to do their job and expand their services. Bill stated these things are needed now, not in the future. Tradition Seven applies to the Conference as a whole and should be of prime importance in planning for the future. The WSO needs money to assure that the Fellowships' needs be met. It must be realized that the publishing in the present and in the future, needs to be assured. Twice in the past year, the WSO has been overdrawn. This does not leave much room for expansion. Since the last WSC, 600 starter kits have been sent out. 2,000 calls have been answered. 2,200 pieces of mail have been sent out. This is an approximate minimal figure. The WSO recommends that areas and regions form a stockpile of literature for their local groups and to order their literature before they run out. The WSO would also like to remind areas and regions and groups to pick up their mail by answering United Parcel Service's (UPS) postcards on time so that the mail is not returned to the WSO and require re-mailing. The WSO would also like to remind future sub-committees of the WSC to mail any review materials to the mailing addresses of groups, areas and regions and not to the N.A. meeting addresses. Due to 400 starter kits sent out last year and 600 sent out this year, the World Directory is in a constant state of update. At the present time, with changing of meeting places, changing of officers and above all, no updating of meetings in some areas has been done. The WSO hopes to have an updated World Directory within

the next two months. Hopefully, when the WSO acquires a word processor, we will be able to facilitate production of the World Directory on an easier basis. The WSO often times will send packages of literature to jails, prisons and other institutions gratis in order to introduce them to the program of N.A. The WSO has bought a tape duplicator and have added to their tape library 21 tapes so far. They are producing tapes on an on-going basis. The WSO has recently established and secured a larger facility and are in the process of moving presently and ask that all requests for literature at this Conference be submitted in writing on the order forms available at the WSO P.R. Table at this Conference and to await for that literature that will be forthcoming as soon as the Office is set up. Complete translation of the N.A. white book has been submitted in the following languages: Spanish (done by Cal State University), German (done by Armed Forces with German translator) and Portuguese under present review. Promised translation from Canada in the French language have not yet been received. Some members in Italy are translating the white book presently. When funds are available, these approved translations will be made available in booklet form. The Spanish and German translations are on display at the WSO P.R. Table for those interested. The following page is the income statement from fiscal year 3/1/80 through 2/28/81. Also attached are letters from the WSO Inc. to the Fellowship. Copies of the letters and Income Statements were made available to those present at the WSO P.R. Table.

Cliff Kraft asked for clarification on accounts receivable statements, one stating \$4,000 and the letter to Fellowship stating \$9,000. Bill stated he believed it was a typo. (Note: It was later disclosed that the Income & Expense Statement had been submitted with the fiscal year ending on 2/28/81, and the letter to the Fellowship had been sent out at a later date (end of April) reflecting current receivables past the month of February into April.)

FISCAL 3/1/'80 -- 2/28/'81.

INCOME STATEMENT,

LITERATURE SALES	\$ 26,450.33
DONATIONS	\$ 4,613.75
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TOTAL INCOME.	\$ 31,064.08
EXPENSES:	
PRINTING	\$ 9,678.51
PACIFIC TELEPHONE	\$ 1,528.77
UNITED PARCEL & P.O.	\$ 2,703.43
RENT & STORAGE	\$ 2,250.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 5,886.45
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,727.28
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ 263.34
DEPRECIATION -EQUIP.	\$ 410.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 24,447.78
NET INCOME	\$ 5,616.30

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

CASH IN BANK

CHECKING	\$ 803.80
SAVINGS	\$ 2,100.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 4,700.00
LITERATURE INVENTORY	\$ 3,600.00
EQUIPMENT, COST LESS DEPR.	\$ 1,364.00

LIABILITIES

NONE

TOTAL NET WORTH	\$ 12,567.80
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Prepared from books and records.

Frederick Rosenberg C. P. A.

April 23, 1981

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OPEN LETTER TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

C/O: REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON

FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EACH MEETING IN YOUR REGION

Dear Fellow Members:

Recently the Board of Directors of the World Service Office Inc. of Narcotics Anonymous passed a resolution that each Regional Chairperson would automatically become an Advisory Board Member to the World Service Office Board of Directors. This position is a rotating position based on your Region's elections of your Regional Chairperson (do not forget to inform World Service Office of each new election). Each Regional Chairperson now in office will automatically be listed as the Advisory Board of Directors and it will be announced at the World Service Conference.

The reason for the Advisory Board is to give the Fellowship at large a direct voice in the concerns of the operations and goals of the World Service Office.

We the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, eagerly await the input from each of your Regions' Chairpersons. Please do so by writing directly to the President of the World Service Office Board of Directors, P.O. Box 622, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

Another concern we would like to share with the Fellowship is of major concern. Our Fellowship is self supporting through our own contributions (the World Service Office has recently expanded to new quarters with larger offices, reproducing and printing room to better serve the Fellowship as a whole). It has come to our attention that more than one Region is maintaining amounts of money that are staggering far above a nominal four or five hundred dollar prudent reserve. For instance, one Region alone, between its committees, has more than \$4,600 cash on hand, but is not supporting the World Service Office; completely ignoring our 7th Tradition in the respect of supporting the World Service Office. At this time we would also appeal to the Regions to encourage any meetings, areas, and regions themselves that owe money to the World Service Office to please bring their accounts for literature, etc. immediately up to date. Over \$9,000 of accounts due for literature already sent out are due at this time. In short, we need your support now. The WSO cannot operate properly let alone expand to meet your needs without your support on all levels. Please, whether you are an individual, a local meeting, an area, or a region, please, now, at this time, send funds directly to the World Service Office, P.O. Box 622, Sun Valley, California, 91352. It is requested that regions, areas and meetings with money over a minimal prudent reserve please send their excess funds now to the WSO and an on-going basis.

Sincerely in Fellowship,

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Yours in Fellowship and Service,

THE SERVICE BOARD OF THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, INC.

Chuck Gates then called on Chuck Skinner, Chairman of the Trustees, to give his report. Started off by thanking the WSC Literature for the work they've done. Reported that the Board of Trustees in the past year has had very little input. The present Board of Trustees was then introduced to the Conference: Bob Barrett, Chuck Gates, (at this point, Chuck Skinner asked if there were any people from the press, radio or film present so that they may use last names - none were present), Bill Beck, Cliff Craft, Jimmy Kinnon (not present), Carl Baggett (not present), Sally Evans, Dennis McGaffren, Greg Pierce. Reported that during the past year, one Trustee was placed on inactive status because of personal problems and controversy. He added that it would be up to the entire Board as to whether or not to reinstate this Board member at the end of the year. Reported that he had received a letter from the World Service Office in March stating that they had dismissed two members from their Board which created a controversy. The reason for dismissal of these two Board members was inactivity which was certainly justifiable. The only "fly in the ointment" was that this meeting had been held without these two Board members being present. A special meeting was called by the Board of Trustees regarding this. This meeting was held on April 11, 1981. Chuck Skinner read the minutes of that special meeting. Chuck stated that the World Service Office rectified the manner in which the two Board members had been dismissed by holding a meeting of the old Board of Directors. The two Board members were notified of this meeting and were present at the meeting held. It was voted by the old Board of Directors that these two members would serve as Advisory members to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office. The Board of Trustees suggested that each region appoint a member and elect him/her to serve as an Advisory member to the World Service Office Board of Directors. There being no further complaints at this time, it was suggested by Chuck Skinner that the Fellowship support and "get behind" the World Service Office Board and vice versa. Chuck added that the World Service Office is a business office and a separate entity from the membership, but under the Traditions and By-Laws they are responsible to the membership. Chuck added that never in the history of N.A. that when the need was there and the service was there that the monies required was not there. This has been proven time after time. Chuck stated that he's sure the new World Service Office Board of Directors will do their utmost to modernize, to carry out the business, and if they don't, it will be up to the Fellowship to let them know about it - that's what the Advisory Board is for. Chuck stated that this year they will be having some resignations from the Board of Trustees. He added that the Board of Trustees are nominated from the WSC level. Added that there had been nominations two years at the WSC level for Trustees. Suggested that a new list of nominees be submitted to the new World Service Board who are active in your region or area. The requirements are they must have 5 years of sobriety and cleanliness. Suggested that the nominees be interested in the welfare of N.A. and not too interested in other affairs. They can also be non-members if you think they are qualified (as stated in Service Manual of N.A.). He also suggested that nominees be willing to serve on the Board of Trustees as well as being financially capable (to be present at Board meetings that is). He stated if they can get nominees from outside areas who are willing to attend that would benefit the Fellowship. He ended by saying that he is overwhelmed by the work done by the sub-committees of the WSC this past year and proud and elated. He closed with the statement that the dream realized by many members is coming into being: that no addict need die without having known there is a way of recovery.

Bo Sewell, Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, gave his report. Started off by thanking all those people who supported the literature effort this past year. Read off some of the names of the local co-chairmen this past year: Bob M. from Ft. Lauderdale, Gina H. from Nashville, Joseph P. from Memphis, Jim M. from Ohio, Greg P. from Oregon, Bob P. from Pennsylvania, Greg K. from San Francisco, Cathy from New Orleans, Dean from Newport Beach, Doug F. from L.A., George R. from Philadelphia, Bob D. from St. Louis, and many more. Thanked the World Service Office for mailing out info. Thanked the WSC for their encouragement and support. Thanked the Board of Trustees for their vote of confidence and personal support. Thanked the city of Lincoln, Nebraska for hosting the 2nd World Literature Conference. Thanked the city and Fellowship of Memphis, Tennessee and Santa Monica, California, Philadelphia, PA, and San Francisco, California, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and others. Bo stated that when they went into the Lincoln Conference they had 800 pages of raw material for the book (i.e., stories, articles, etc.) Material was sorted through and divided into the various chapters and reviewed and resorted, etc. Tried to arrange it all in the best order that they could. Some cities would type revisions and submit for further revisions - an on-going process of review, input, etc. 10 typewriters, 2 photo copiers and 20,000 sheets of paper were and are being used. Lincoln Conference ran 7 days, 24 hours a day non-stop. Memphis Conference ran the same way. Printing costs ran around somewhere in the area of \$6,000 for final rough draft. Mailed out approximately 1,000 books for review throughout the fellowship. 120,000 words were typed. City of Memphis was thanked for their 24 hour service in getting it typed. Present Literature Conference has been held in Santa Monica, members working 24 hours a day. Bo addeded all are welcome to come down and participate. All input submitted is put into review form and then reviewed by group conscience. Jim Miller from Ohio came to the podium and read some criteria for completion of the book:

1. It contains all the things we do to get clean, to stay clean and help others.
2. This material is active in terms of the written and spoken Traditions of N.A. recovery.
3. There has been Fellowship-wide review for input over enough time for sincere N.A. members to respond.
4. It is found to be free from plagiarism.
5. Free form and literary style will never be complete to everyone's satisfaction.

Bob DeSuza from St. Louis came to the podium and read Chapter Two out of the current draft from the book (What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?).

Bo ended by thanking everyone for their support in the past year and for their continued support in the time to come.

Phil Perez, Chairman of the WSC Policy Committee, gave his report. Started off by reading the suggested guidelines for the WSC Policy Committee (approved at last year's WSC). It was suggested by the Policy Committee that all input and review material compiled by the various WSC sub-committees be distributed to all areas and regions 90 days prior to the next World Service Conference so that Area and Regional reps would be familiar with the material in advance in the event that it comes to the WSC floor for approval. He stated this has not been done in the past. Phil stated that the Policy

Committee discussed the idea of having an agenda distributed throughout all the different areas and regions because as Regional Representatives to the WSC, you are supposed to carry back the vote from your region to the WSC on the things that will be discussed and voted on at the Conference. Because if an agenda is not passed out, how will anyone know how to vote? As opposed to Regional Reps just voting on what they think and feel as individuals. They as Regional Reps should be voting on what their region wants. This agenda should be distributed 60-90 days prior to the next scheduled WSC and discussed and voted on in the different regions. Phil also brought up the subject of the use of the words Narcotics Anonymous. He stated that Narcotics Anonymous should only be used in the service structure, such as area service or regional service committees or World Service Conference. The name Narcotics Anonymous should not appear on convention flyers, functions, etc. He also suggested that sub-committees, when they are raising funds, to make sure they are covered in their own guidelines and established. Phil ended by saying those people wishing to get involved with the Policy Committee to fill out an application form available at the WSC table.

Joseph Proctor stated that last year's Conference had put a limit of 60 days prior to next WSC, as opposed to 60-90 days as stated by Phil. Phil stood corrected.

Bob Plummer, Chairman of the Public Information Committee, was not present. Chuck Gates asked if anyone present had some kind of a report to give on the Public Information committee. Larry Baker, from Santa Rosa, California, gave a report as a member of that committee. One of their goals is to get the Public Information Manual incorporated with the starter kits. They need to get a new Public Information Committee Chairman and to start from scratch with what they have. Tapes are available that were recorded from talk shows via the World Service Office. Hope to get better lines of communication with other members this coming year.

Amy Webster, Chairman of the WSC Finance Committee, was not present. No report given.

Henry Spiegel, Chairman of the WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee (H&I), gave his report. Reported that a lot of H&I meetings do not send in registration forms to the World Service Office, so the H&I Committee has no knowledge of their existence. Registration forms are being sent out to the various institutions to be filled out and returned to the H&I Committee. Bob Bergh came to the podium and explained a little about the mailing that went out over this past year. Bob explained that there is yet another mailing waiting to go out. Hesitated in sending one out because committee wanted to keep the costs down at the printer as they (the committee) do not have a lot of money. The H&I Committee in Southern California is "up to their ass in hock." They owe quite a bit of money to the World Service Office and the Southern California Regional Service Committee for literature. Bob explained that the only way the H&I Committee can get money for literature for the various hospitals and institutions is to pass around the N.A. H&I cans (that were approved 2 years ago by the WSC). Cans have not been being passed in many areas and regions throughout the country. Bob expressed the importance of co-chairman of various H&I meetings throughout the country send in their names and addresses so that they can keep in touch with them. Ended by saying that the H&I cans are very important and should be passed around at every meeting to ensure that addicts in hospitals and institutions get N.A. literature. The H&I committee in

Southern California alone owes their Region \$420.00 and owes the WSO about \$150.00. This debt has been outstanding for quite some time due to lack of funds. The H&I committee of the WSC hopes to have better communication amongst all the various H&I committees throughout the country in the next year.

Conference broke for lunch. Chuck Gates stated that the Conference would resume at 1:00 this afternoon.

Vote Counters were asked to count all the Voting Members of the Conference. Total: 26.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of the 1980 WSC. Carried.

Bryan Scott asked why Jerry Polcaro had a vote. Phil P. replied that he carried the vote for the World Service Office as he is the President of the World Service Office Board of Directors. However, since he is already the Chairman of the Policy Committee and has a vote, it was decided by the World Service Office Board of Directors that Jerry Polcaro would carry the WSO vote in Phil's stead. Doug Forsmith corrected Phil's statement and stated that it has always been the Manager of the World Service Office that has carried the WSO vote and this year the Manager (Jimmy Kinnon) could not be present and therefore, the Board elected Jerry Polcaro to carry the vote for the WSO. Bryan Scott asked for clarification on this issue in that if this procedure of electing someone else to carry the vote was covered in the guidelines. Chuck Gates replied that this was not an issue that was covered in our guidelines. Bill Beck came to the podium and stated that this is covered in the guidelines as far as the rest of the Fellowship is concerned by using the Alternate situation. Bill added that Jerry Polcaro who is a member of the World Service Office Board of Directors was elected as the Alternate just as all other phases of the Fellowship service structure have alternates. Chuck Gates stated that this seems feasible as might be in a case whereby for example, if Chuck Skinner who is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, were not able to make the Conference, would have had someone else on the Board of Trustees take his place. Chuck Skinner responded by saying since 3 or 4 members of the Board of Trustees are not present, would he be able to give their vote to someone else? He added that if the President of the World Service Office Board of Directors is here he should vote and just decide "which hat he wants to wear." Sally Evans came to the podium and stated then that would mean that every Regional Chairman that was not able to make it to the WSC would be able to proxy their vote, so that the very Trustees that are not here can proxy their vote too. She added that we are dealing with a Policy issue. Doug Forsmith asked that that statement just made not be accepted and that we can just accept the explanation that was given by Bill Beck inasmuch as Jimmy Kinnon could not be here today and Jerry Polcaro is acting as an Alternate in his stead. Doug added that he doesn't think anyone is suggesting the changing of any policy and that just about every Chairman of any committee has an Alternate. He doesn't see that because it's coming from the World Service Office that it should be any different. Fawn Faurote came to the podium and stated that the World Service Office Manager always carries the vote for the World Service Office, not the President of the World Service Office Board of Directors. The Parliamentarian was asked to give his opinion by Jim Miller. Bob Stone stated that there is 2 ways of looking at this issue. He stated that in the manual it talks about how you select Regional Service Representatives and Alternates.

They are elected within the Region. He added that he doesn't see how a Regional Rep or Alternate can appoint a proxy. Bill Beck came to the podium and stated that we should stop using the word "proxy" and that all the other aspects of the voting members have their means of an alternate. He added that each representative has the right to send an alternate if he can't make it. He added that the World Service Office Board has only one vote which is carried by a member of that Board (the Manager). He added that he thinks the policy should be changed on the Board of Trustees as he does not know why each Trustee on the Board of Trustees gets a vote and he is a Trustee. He stated that in this issue we are talking about an Alternate who is carrying the vote for a complete Board and yet the entire Board of Trustees, each Trustee gets a vote. Bill expressed that the Trustees as a whole should get one vote just as the Board of Directors of the World Service Office gets one vote. Cliff Craft wanted it stated for the record that in the interest of the Fellowship as a whole, he personally feels that at this time if they are going to accept an Alternate vote from the World Service Office, that the WSC recesses to allow other people who have a voice and a vote who are not present at this Conference to arrange for an Alternate to take their place. Bill Beck stated that everyone had had their chance to send their Alternate if they as the Rep, were not able to make it. He added that the Chairman of the WSC should make a decision on the matter. Chuck Gates stated that his decision was that Jerry Polcaro does have a vote as the Alternate for the World Service Office Manager. Joseph Proctor stated that he doesn't know of any procedure that is set up for a sub-committee chairperson to have an Alternate. He added that we should take up Cliff Craft's suggestion to recess in order that sub-committee chairpersons not present at this year's Conference could designate an Alternate. Chuck Gates asked if Joseph would put this in the form of a motion. Joseph replied he thought Cliff Craft would be better able to put this motion into words. Cliff Craft came to the podium and stated that he in no way wants to bog down this Conference, but that the person chosen to make the final decision (Chuck Gates) also happens to be a member of the World Service Office Board of Directors. Jim Miller moved that the WSC adjourn so that other areas and regions and Trustees in order for them to designate Proxy voting representation here. He changed the word adjourn to recess and to include sub-committee chairmen. This was made into a motion. Motion was seconded. Chuck Skinner came to the podium and stated that in the interest of unity and limited time, that this time the Alternate for the World Service Office be allowed to carry the vote as one vote is not going to make a difference at this Conference, but that this issue be turned over to the Policy Committee for clarification. He asked that the motion be withdrawn and that we continue on with the Conference. Jim Miller asked if the complete motion would be written into the minutes even if it was withdrawn. Chuck Gates replied that it would. The motion was then withdrawn.

Elections.

Chuck Gates stated that the first officer to be elected would be for Chairman of the World Service Conference. Nominations were open for Chairman. Fawn Faurote nominated Steve Bice. Seconded. Doug Forsmith made a motion that nominations be closed. Seconded. Discussion. Not carried. Nominations still open. Gene Haag nominated Bob Barrett. Bob Barrett declined. Bill Beck nominated Gene Haag. Gene Haag declined. Phil Perez nominated Jack Bernstein. Jack Bernstein declined. Joseph Proctor nominated Bo Sewell. Seconded. Bob Barrett nominated Joseph

Proctor. Joseph Proctor declined. Bill Beck made a motion that nominations be closed. Not Seconded. Question came from the floor asking what the qualifications were for Chairman. Chuck Gates read the qualifications out of the guidelines in the Service Manual. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Each nominee gave a brief talk on their qualifications.

STEVE BICE IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE WSC '82.

Nominations open for Vice Chairman. Sally Evans nominated Bo Sewell. Seconded. Bill Beck nominated Chuck Gates. Chuck Gates declined. Fawn Faurote nominated Phil Perez. Phil Perez declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried.

BO SEWELL IS THE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WSC '82.

Nominations open for Secretary. Jerry Polcaro nominated Fawn Faurote. Seconded. Fawn Faurote declined. Joseph Proctor nominated Cindy Porter. Seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried.

CINDY PORTER IS THE ELECTED SECRETARY FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Treasurer. Gene Haag nominated Fawn Faurote. Seconded. Joseph Proctor was nominated. Seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Each nominee gave qualifications.

JOSEPH PROCTOR IS THE ELECTED TREASURER FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of the Policy Committee. Phil Perez nominated Jack Bernstein. Seconded. Bill Beck nominated Fawn Faurote. Fawn Faurote declined. Bob Rehmer was nominated and seconded. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Seconded. Each nominee gave qualifications.

BOB REHMER IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of the Finance Committee. Chuck Skinner was nominated. Chuck Skinner declined. Gene Haag nominated Greg Pierce. Greg Pierce declined. Bryan Scott was nominated. Seconded. Bryan Scott nominated Fawn Faurote. Fawn Faurote declined. Bo Sewell nominated Ron. Not seconded. Henry Spiegel nominated and seconded. Fawn Faurote nominated Phil Perez. Phil Perez declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Seconded. Each nominee gave qualifications.

BRYAN SCOTT IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Nominations open for Chairman of Public Information Committee. (Note: lost a couple of paragraphs in duplication of tapes). Picked up where Bill Kelso was giving his qualifications in running for Chairman of P.I. Committee. Henry Spiegel gave his qualifications. Larry Baker gave his qualifications.

LARRY BAKER IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMM. FOR WSC '82.

Note to Reader: Tape recorder was not running at this moment. However,

BOB BERGH IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS FOR WSC '82.

Doug Forsmith asked for clarification on qualifications and requirements for running of an office for a sub-committee. Chuck Gates replied that a nominee has to be either a voting member of the Conference to be nominated for any position already or he or she has had to have served on a sub-committee for a total of one year in order to run for chairmanship of that sub-committee for which he was a member of. Doug inquired as to what classification Bob Rehmar was elected as Chairman of the Policy Committee. Bob Rehmer was a member of the Literature Sub-Committee. Chuck Gates stated that if he was a part of that committee he is eligible to run for chairman.

Nominations open for Chairman of WSC Literature Committee. Jim Miller nominated. Seconded. Roger Teague was nominated. Seconded. Greg Pierce was nominated. Greg Pierce declined. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Each nominee gave qualifications.

ROGER TEAGUE IS THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE FOR WSC '82.

Minutes were gone over from 1979 to clarify qualifications for running for Chairman of a sub-committee. Doug Forsmith presented a motion in two parts. Motion made that a nominee running for chairmanship be a member of that sub-committee for at least a year. Motion was withdrawn from the floor and tabled until tomorrow.

The entire Conference broke up into different sub-committees for discussion. The Conference will re-convene to give their reports tomorrow morning at 11:00 AM.

Discussion on possibility of holding an emergency World Service Conference before the one scheduled for next Spring. Bo Sewell stated that the book will probably be ready for some kind of approval prior to next year and he doesn't feel it should have to wait for approval for an entire year at the next WSC. Greg Pierce stated that he hoped that a special session or an extension would never be needed, however, that the possibility should exist in our guidelines, just as the possibility of amendments exist for our guidelines in our guidelines. Greg also stated that a unanimous vote by the WSC Administrative Committee to decide whether or not to hold an emergency WSC should suffice, if it were needed. Bill Beck stated that an we really don't need to have an emergency meeting, because if we (as the Conference) decided we needed a couple of days more to finish business, we could vote right here and now to extend the Conference by as many days as we needed to finish any business at hand. He added that we're supposed to be growing up and that Alcoholics Anonymous has a World Service Conference every five years.

Motion was made and seconded to extend Conference past the 2 day period or that a special Conference session be called, upon a unanimous vote of the WSC Administrative Committee. NOT CARRIED. (as it took a 2/3 vote to carry it)

Input Form: "I would like to see the Chair position of the WSC be handled in a Rep/Alternate manner as the Region and Area Rep positions are. I realize that it has been almost tradition to elect a co-Chairman to the Chair position but I would like to see it policed so that there would be no chance of someone being elected cold. Each year a co-Chairman would be elected and would automatically be moved up to Chairman position the following year."

Doug Forsmith stated that they follow this procedure in his region. Stated it works out very well because you have the Rep and Alternate present at the WSC and the following year, when the Alternate becomes the Rep for his region, is familiar with the Conference and issues and has a year's experience.

Motion made the Vice Chairman automatically succeeds the Chairman at the end of every Conference and is in fact the Chairman. Seconded. Discussion. Phil Perez stated that something could happen to the Vice Chairman during the year (i.e., he/she might get loaded, might found out that he or she is irresponsible, etc.). Jim Miller stated that he would like motion to be restated after advice from Parliamentarian in order that this be done that this Vice Chairman be automatically elected by acclamation of 2/3 majority vote of the WSC. Motion amended to read. (Parliamentarian stepped in and stated that once a motion has been seconded, it may be amended, but that once a motion has been seconded it belongs to no one) Motion made that Vice Chairman automatically succeeds Chairman through election by acclamation of two-thirds vote of WSC participants. Discussion. Motion re-stated to read: Vice Chairman automatically succeeds Chairman at the end of every Conference through election. Discussion. Motion re-stated to read: Vice Chairman automatically succeeds Chairman at the end of every Conference upon 2/3 vote of confidence of WSC participants. Discussion. Chuck Skinner stated that no member should be excluded from running for any office. Bill Kelso we should leave things the way they are already in our guidelines. MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Input Form: "Would it be possible if sometime between now and WSC '82 if the N.A. book was completed and fully reviewed and accepted Fellowship-wide to hold a special WSC specifically for approval. I firmly believe that the sooner a good and complete recovery book is published, the sooner lives will be saved."

No comment as this was already dealt with earlier.

Literature Committee:

Bo Sewell gave report. Discussion on what is considered 'completion' of the book. Bo stated that the WSC Literature Comm. is holding their 3rd Editing Workshop tonight.

Bo read the criteria for completion of the book (see page 11, items 1-5).

Bo Sewell gave an oral literature accounting and expenses (approx. figures):

- \$400.00 outstanding bill in Atlanta;
- Lincoln Lit. Conference has closed out its books, no final report sent yet;
- Memphis Lit. Conference has approx. \$600. holding in expenses;
- Santa Monica Conference is still in progress, has not closed out books.

Joseph Proctor came to the podium and stated that in regards to the Memphis Lit. Conference, since the sale of the first review copies going out to California, they have now covered their deficit and are now in the red just a few dollars.

Roger Teague came to the podium and read the input forms.

Roger Teague stated that the Lit. Comm. felt that they will have to follow the directives of this Conference. Added that the Lit. Comm. is not authorized to approve any proposed literature. That falls under the directives of our guidelines of the WSC.

Stated that there was a lot of input as to the wording in the book. Felt that this input would be best served in a committee workshop, all of it being considered. There were several calls for special interest group type literature (i.e., addiction amongst teenagers, sponsorship, etc.). There was also a proposal to remove the word 'proposed' from the N.A. Literature Committee Handbook since it was approved. There was also quite a bit of input in respect to that the book be the best quality effort possible. They agree with that.

It was stated from the floor that it has always been traditional to read all the input forms from the Conference podium, because this is the only way for the N.A. community at large to ask questions, etc. It was suggested that all the input forms be read.

Input Form: "It desperately needs to be printed in some form as we desperately need our own literature. Maybe not as a definitive text but perhaps as a short booklet or booklets. I would hope that the 1st Chapter would be revised to read more concisely and less redundant." Reponse to this was that the Lit. Comm. would follow the directives of the WSC as far as publication. As far as chapter revision, that occurs in committee workshop.

Input Form: " More participation with the greater N.A. Feel that at least one conference should be held in Canada for international world input. The book is not ready for hardback but the WLC has helped spread more unity and more active service than any other phenomena in the history of N.A."

Input Form: "Is the phrase "the honest desire to stop using" going to be changed in the white book titled What is the N.A. Program? We would like it changed to read "a desire to stop using." It was stated from the floor that the WLC cannot edit, delete, etc. from already copyrighted material already known as the literature for Narcotics Anonymous. This is also the response from the WLC.

Input Form: "Literature specific for teenager in N.A." Reponse was that WLC would actively solicit special interest literature for inclusion in proposed literature in handbook form.

Input Form: "In the month of March, we held a mini-conference to review the book. It was very successful. We had between 30-45 people show up. Several members called many areas nation-wide for their views on the book. We have just started forming a new committee and we are doing fairly good."

Input Form: "Interest in fellowship-wide selection of items on sponsorship in order to produce a sponsorship pamphlet." Response was that WLC would actively solicit special interest literature for inclusion in proposed literature in handbook form.

Input Form: Motion to remove the word "proposed" from N.A. Literature Handbook and to add the word guidelines somewhere in the title." Response was that the word "proposed" should be removed since it was already approved.

Input Form: "I recognize that the present Literature Committee be highly applauded for their valiant efforts to produce the book this year."

Input Form: "That it be accepted that the word to date is unfinished." Response was that the WLC agreed with that and that nothing is finished for approval until this Conference has approved it.

Input Form: "That the present committee be disbanded, that the work in progress be put in the hands of the World Service Office for safe keeping." That a new committee be formed for additional input and operate for one full year." Response was that the WLC believes that the new committee has already been formed and that there would be no need for a literature committee if the work in progress were put in the hands of the WSO.

Input Form: "My brothers and sisters: On the morning of Karen's departure for the WSC, I feel compelled to write a little bit about my feelings concerning our book. It seems that we are getting too wrapped up in being unique and it has caused great disharmony in South Florida. It is to the point, in my opinion, that it is leaving an unhealthy atmosphere of recovery for the newcomer. We cannot be this rigid. Let us objectively look at what's happening. We are using the Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and yet it seems we have gone to great lengths to ensure that our book's description of the Steps be totally unlike that given in the 12 & 12. Personally I think that N.A.'s first, I consider my recovery an N.A. recovery yet I don't understand why we must be so different. A lot of

man hours have gone into working on the book, some of mine included, and yet it seems like a race to get it approved by WSCNA-11. As far as the style sheet they make me rather uncomfortable in general. Just maybe God doesn't want this book published just yet. Whatever will be, we will all be praying for you." Response was that the WLC feels that the book should be the experience of the experience of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. It should not be plagiarized or borrowed from the experience of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Also stated that there is no controversy between the 2 programs.

Input Form: I would like to see a search made for N.A. members with over 15 years of clean and sober time and see that their stories are included in our personal stories section of the book and offer them assistance with their stories if needed. Response was that the WLC would actively solicit seek and attempt to find and assist in any way possible the stories of recovery from our long term members. Roger added that he personally feels that we who are here today that there is any way as newcomers, could ever repay the debt that we owe to those who were here in 1953.

Input Form: It is my hope that as an N.A. member that in the matter of our proposed new literature, expediency will not be chosen over principle. While it is true a great deal of energy has been expended in Georgia and radiated throughout the membership, I believe the results are still formative. I further believe we need to spend at least another year envoking the creative principle. If we attempt to emulate existing literature we may produce sooner, our labor of less strenuous and the process less painful, however, what we bring forth will be weak and premature. Unless now we decide to create rather than copy we will further dilute our program rather than strengthen it. We have suffered in the past and continue to suffer from the idea that the other guy knows more about us than we do ourselves and is somehow better equipped to define the addict and direct our recovery. We stigmatize ourselves and cry foul. If ever a situation was designed to categorize our major defects this is it. Apathy and procrastination highlighted by great furor. Too lazy to create, we manipulate the existing or steal. Our imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery - flattery is still deceit. Let's quit kidding ourselves, stop the ego games and turn to those within our Fellowship with the experience to provide us with proper guidance." Response was that the book should reflect the experience, strength and hope of recovery as embodied in the spoken and written Traditions and Principles of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and the book approved by the WSC should be the best quality work available.

Input Form: "Deadline for World Directories be available for Fellowship by 8/1/81 and in pamphlet form by 9/1/81." Response was that historically the World Directory has been the responsibility of the World Service Office.

Input Form: "Useable basic text approved by WSC '81 available for 9/9/81." Response was that WLC cannot set deadlines for publication. That is up to directives of the WSC.

Input Form: "No change in present literature and guidelines for future literature committees."

Input Form: "That Handbook for Literature Committees that was approved at last year's WSC is not obtainable." It was stated from the floor that that issue would be handled when the WSO gives its report.

Input Form: "I would like to commend you on your efforts on the book. I found I especially liked the spiritual and psychological overview. I would like to see this book approved as a spritual, psycological piece of literature which could only help some seeking in those areas. But this certainly, at this time, is not our Big Book to avail to the newcomer. I want to express my gratitude for certain members and I feel that they use their efforts for greater input to the WSO. I also have a question about judges sentencing addicts and giving them fines to be paid to the Literature Committee. Is this true? It has occurred to me that inspite of all good efforts, the Literature Committee has overstepped their bounds as a sub-committee of the Conference and done things without permission, making this Conference responsible for their actions. Who authorized them to raise funds? Trustees should be on a rotating committee." Response was that inasfar as raising funds was concerned, it is outlined in the Proposed Handbook for Literature Committees and that we are self supporting through our own contributions. It was stated from the floor that the Literature Committee is a sub-committee of the WSC and it cannot just do things on their own. It was also stated that it was heard that there are thousands of dollars going over and through, etc. and maybe being held by the Literature Committee. He added that this WSC is responsible for the actions of its sub-committees. Does not believe it's invalid for people to wonder about the funds of the Literature Committee, especially when they have failed to give a financial written report as of yet.

Motion was made that the Literature Committee turn their funds over to the WSC and draw their funds with permission and that in fact, that they meet their responsibility to the WSC and not just act as a free body to do any thing they want to do and to specifiy exactly where the funds came from. And how much funds are currently in their possession?

Motion re-stated to read ALL COMMITTEES (as opposed to just Literature Committee). Seconded. Discussion.

Joseph Proctor stated that the Literature Committee raised funds via dances, picnics, raffles, small donations, etc. via N.A. members. He added that he can account for that and back it up. Added that on page 5 of the Proposed Handbook for Literature Committees, under Finance, it gives suggestions on how Literature Committees could raise funds.

Greg Pierce suggested all sub-committees set aside a prudent reserve.

Motion amended to read: All sub-committees turn over all funds other than an prudent reserve to the WSC and draw funds as needed and to specify where funds came from and how much funds are currently in possession. Seconded. Discussion.

Chuck Skinner stated that we elect the Chairman of the different sub-committees and that if we don't trust them, we are _____ fools." He added that if the need for funds is there, the money will be there.

Motion re-stated to read: that all sub-committees turn over all funds other than a prudent reserve to the WSC Finance Committee and draw funds as needed and to specify where funds came from and how much funds are

currently in possession. Seconded. Discussion.

Motion withdrawn and restated to read: All WSC sub-committees shall be accountable and draw funds from the WSC Finance Committee, establish prudent reserves, not to exceed \$1,000 and to provide an immediate account in writing of current financial status before we leave this Conference. Seconded. Motion carried to accept this substitute motion. Now there is discussion on this new substitute motion.

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Motion made that all WSC sub-committees shall be accountable and draw funds from the WSC Finance Committee, establish prudent reserves, and to provide an immediate account in writing of current financial status before we leave this Conference. Seconded. NOT CARRIED.

Roger Teague stated that a financial report will be made by the Literature Committee incumbent Chairman.

Roger Teague also stated that the number 1 priority of the 12 proposals for the incoming Literature Committee was that they would establish and formulate an overall policy of financial responsibility.

Roger stated that it was the feeling of the WLC that based upon their prior experience, for the past year, particularly the costs incurred for the miracle at Memphis, that in order to reproduce the same kind of effort this year, would require a minimum of \$10,000. However, this is not a proposal to this Conference. The WLC is only asking for \$1,500 for operating expenses to cover general clerical costs and initial postal and mailing costs. The balance will be raised from the individual membership, regional sub-committee efforts, in accordance with the Traditions and the Literature Committee guidelines. Excess revenues above a prudent reserve will be turned over at the end of the year to the WSC and a comprehensive financial reckoning accorded at that time.

Input Form: "The sub-committees of the Conference do not circumvent the system set down by the recognized structure. There is no place in our structure that permits, for instance, the Literature Committee printing or copyrighting. This is done by C.A.R.E.N.A. It is in the structure. Maybe next year this can occur if we can just emphasize the importance of N.A. as a whole and group conscience's wishes. It would help to keep unity if we can at least follow the same guidelines." Roger responded that the WLC nor seeks to hold or control any copyright for any material. We are not a publishing house. We are a service arm to the Fellowship acting upon the directives of the WSC (p. 38, paragraph 4 in Service Manual).

It was stated from the floor that the Literature Committee should have sent a copy of the review book to the World Service Office for a copyright as opposed to the Literature Committee copyrighting it themselves. Roger stated that they will follow the directives of the conference as stated in our Service Manual. Bo Sewell stated that it had been copyrighted pro forma so that no one could just snatch it up. Bo also added that that book belongs to the Committee that is working on it.

The Parliamentarian suggested that the Literature Committee submit a financial report within 30 days of this Conference to satisfy the

Fellowship, showing all the funds expended within the last year and to address it to the WSC Trustees.

Motion made that no one give any more funds to the Literature Committee until they provide some accountability. Seconded. NOT CARRIED.

Motion made that this Conference be postponed until such time that the Literature Committee can give a financial report. Not seconded.

A question came from the floor if the Literature Committee could give an approximate figure as to their current balance.

Chairman asked when the report would be ready.

Bo Sewell responded that it was divided into four basic categories. \$66.00 in Georgia.

Grossed about \$1,100 at the Lincoln Conference.

Grossed about \$11,900 at the Memphis Conference - paid out expenses of \$11,600. Leaving a balance of \$500.00.

Grossed approx. \$1,500 from Santa Monica Conference, but that still is a tentative figure because that Conference is still on-going.

Public Information Committee:

Larry Baker started with input forms.

Input Forms from Dade and Broward Counties in Florida were mentioned inasmuch as how their phone lines are set up and how they are doing with them.

Input Form: "How to establish a clubhouse." This was referred to the Service Manual, page 38, paragraph 6 on what the P.I. Committee does.

Larry stated that members of this year's P.I. Committee had decided to keep in touch at least once every 2 months (calling, writing, etc.).

Input Form: "How an N.A. member may speak to an outside group without violating the N.A. Traditions." Larry replied that there are guidelines concerning this in the Public Information Kit on how to go about doing this.

Larry stated that they suggest that members of his Committees names be put in all the newsletters throughout the country (N.A. newsletters that is) so that people may get in touch with them. A form letter written up by this Committee will be placed in these newsletters. Their committee will help areas get their phone lines established.

Larry also stated that the P.I. Committee is thinking of putting together a guideline pamphlet for the P.I. Committee and future P.I. Committees of the WSC.

Larry said that the proposed budget for this year's committee is \$100.00.

Chuck Gates read an input form that was supposed to have gone through the Admin. Committee, but the Literature Committee had it. It said: "We would like to see the World Service Conference moved to a more central part of the country." Chuck stated that the only way that this could be done would be to amend the service structure.

Jim Miller made a motion that the service manual be changed (on page 33) to read: The site of the next Conference be determined each year by Conference participants as the final item of Conference business. Seconded. Discussion. Jim Miller stated that they see no reason anymore why the Conference site should have to be within a certain amount of distance from the World Service Office. Second point he stated was that recent Literature Conferences have taught them that literature can be produced and distributed at any location. Phil Perez stated that you cannot compare a Literature Committee and a World Service Conference because they each have different problems and different needs. Henry Spiegel moved that this motion be tabled. Seconded. Chuck Gates stated that it takes a majority vote to have it tabled after there is already a motion on the floor. A vote was called for those in favor of tabling the motion. Carried. Motion was tabled.

Finance Committee gave their report. Bryan Scott gave report. It was suggested by Bryan that since there is so much argument over money, that all sub-committee chairpersons submit a quarterly financial report to the Finance Committee. Bryan also stated that their committee would like to have copies of all written requests for monies that go through the Administrative Committee for their records. This includes statements. Motion made that all sub-committees submit a quarterly financial report to the Finance Committee. Seconded. Jim Miller stated that if this changes the Service Manual that it requires a 2/3 vote. Motion was carried. Joseph Proctor stated that a duplicate of these financial reports get sent to the Treasurer of the WSC at the same time. Bryan answered that in order for a committee to get funds they have to submit their request and/or statement to the Treasurer and the Admin. Comm. What the Finance Committee wants to do is open a book of all transactions and then, at the end of the year, turn it over to the next Finance Comm. Bryan read a letter composed by the Finance Sub-Committee outlining the need for help and support by the Fellowship for the things that are happening right now with N.A. (WSO, the Book, WSC, etc.). This letter will be sent throughout the Fellowship. Bryan stated that he felt the Finance Committee should get authorization from the WSC to send this letter out to the Fellowship first, not just sending it out, for they (the Finance Comm.) are a sub-committee of the WSC." Motion made, seconded and carried to let the Finance Committee send their letter out. Bryan added that the Finance Committee had talked about putting together an informational packet on the Finance Committee but they would put it together first and then bring it back to the WSC next year for approval.

Institution Committee: Henry Spiegel gave his report.

Input Form: "Who do you need for an H&I Committee?" Response was first you have a chairman with a suggested sobriety date of at least 2 years continuous sobriety. All panel members report how often and where their meetings are to the Chairman, and when. The Chairman will be responsible for reporting meetings to the WSC H&I Committee Chairman. The Panel Leaders are responsible for the individual meetings - suggested one year clean. Panel Leaders and Chairman will comprise the H&I Committee. Suggested they have regular meetings to discuss what's going on at each meeting.

Input Form: Section 2. "How do you set up a meeting in an institution?" Response was first contact the warden or the hospital director. It's usually most effective to start at the top. Explain to the director or the warden the nature of the N.A. program, how it works, and why you want to help. Use the literature.

Input Form: Section 3. "Who do you take on a panel?" Response was clean and sober members of N.A. with at least 6 months of sobriety. Panel leaders must use their own discretion in choosing panel members. Bob Bergh stated that it's the responsibility of every secretary at every N.A. meeting all over the country to pass the H&I cans around as the H&I needs funds to supply fellow addicts in hospitals and institutions with N.A. literature. He added that this is not happening and people should make more of an effort and take H&I more seriously as there are so many addicts in these institutions.

Henry stated that this year's H&I committee hopes to put out an H&I meeting directory next year listing all H&I meetings in N.A.

World Service Office: Bill Beck gave report.

Input Form: "WSC Literature Sub-Committee be funded to compile, produce, distribute yearly World Directories with updates, periodical copies and registration forms sent to the Literature Committee." Response was that the structure states that this is the providence of the World Service Office and that we follow those procedures that the Fellowship approved.

Input Form: "Check copyright procedures for existing literature and report on proceedings for publishing new material." Response was that copyright procedures are standard U.S. copyright office forms for N.A. material and that approved by the Conference. Copyrights are in the publisher's name, C.A.R.E.N.A., a subsidiary of the World Service Office Inc.

Input Form: "How to include British Columbia's N.A. Round-Up on September 27th, 1980 in timetable of N.A. history. First large N.A. function outside U.S., 116 members registered, approx. \$240 raised as donation to WSO." Response was that it should be written up and submitted to the World Service Office to be included in the archives for future information and whatever way it is needed.

Input Form: "I would also like to know the printing of N.A. literature - what it takes to get something in print, also what is going to be done about the N.A. book." Response was that literature input goes to the WSC Literature Committee or to the World Service Office or to The Voice. Here at the WSO, it is reviewed by the WSO Literature Committee and printed in one of the Voice's issues or kept for future use. In answer to your question regarding the Book, the finished copy goes to C.A.R.E.N.A. and through usual channels to the printer.

Input Form: "We have to wait so long to receive literature from WSO. Would there be an acceptable way we could reprint literature ourselves and pay royalties to the WSO or get it from Atlanta?" Response was to stockpile for your area or region or build up supply for a servicing of your region or open a central office to take care of your state. Bill stated that hopefully because of the new facility, literature will not take quite as long. He added also that hopefully when you do order things that you will pay for it, as earlier some areas have ordered as much as \$4,000 worth of literature and not paid their bill.

Input Form: "Why is the information pamphlet, WE MADE A DECISION, no longer available?" Response was that several years ago some members submitted what was claimed to be original material for N.A. What we have seen as I.P. #4, WE MADE A DECISION, and had printed, was found to be plagiarized from another fellowship. It was only by chance that the WSO had not copyrighted this material and had not been faced with a lawsuit because of violation of copyright laws. WSO Inc. withdrew the material.

Input Form: "Why is the Handbook for Literature Sub-Committee not included in the WSO Order Form?" Response was the Handbook was available from the WLC. We are not a literature writing organization, although it sometimes seems that way. Our main purpose is to carry a message of recovery to the addict seeking recovery, not to develop a literature publishing company.

Input Form: "I attend N.A. in Pasadena. We need to hear more about what individuals and groups can do to support Literature Committee, WSO, etc. For some reason, there seems to be a void in communication and that our representatives need a quarterly newsletter to let our groups know what we can give financially or by way of input to help WSO and Literature Committee. As things stand, members that are not elected representatives know more about WSO and Literature Committee than the representatives." Response was given whereby the OUTLINE FOR NARCOTICS GROUPS form was read.

Input Form: "I would like to see this year a world directory without fail." Response was so would we and it should be ready within 2 months with all the re-organization that is going on.

Input Form: "The Literature Committee should be directed to distribute and produce a quarterly service newsletter in order to implement and solidify the service structure through sharing experiences in service. Communications factor is vital to ensure the unity that the Fellowship serves on." Response was that we have a newsletter. It's called THE VOICE. For several years it has been requested from members in the Fellowship to send their input in for THE VOICE. No is authorized to just sit down and make up stories at the WSO. If input is sent in, the newsletter will go out.

Input Form: "It seems that work traditionally done by the WSO is being done at some level in Georgia (i.e., contact with groups in foreign countries, also request for worldwide info). While this work is admirable on a personal level, I strongly recommend reporting of these matters to the WSC be done by the World Service Office in its informational report."

Input Form: "It has reached the point where our WSO can no longer can keep up with the demands of the Fellowship on a volunteer basis. We in the Fellowship must take action to support our services. If we expect it to fill our needs, I suggest a reasonable budget should be established and an all out effort should be made to supply the necessary funds. Our office is a business and we should allow it to function as such. We need 3 full time employees, a manager, a secretary, and a warehouse shipping clerk. We must continue upgrading. They should work a 40 hour week and receive benefits as they would elsewhere and get paid. We must continue upgrading our equipment and facility. We should increase our inventories of literature and supply so that a shortage won't occur again. Our office should be in contact with every group at least once a month. If we want effective services, we should give these things and more. All these things

cost money. We must supply these funds. It is our right and our responsibility. At this point we need \$5,000 every month." Response was given by both Bill and Doug Forsmith. Doug Forsmith read a letter from James P. Kinnon to be read at the Conference. It stated the following:

"DUE TO THE UNSCINABLE ACTIONS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON A PERSONAL LEVEL AND THE MISTRUST, DIVISION AND DISUNITY ENGENDERED BY THE SAME WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP, I SUBMIT BY RESIGNATION ON THIS DATE, 4/27/81."

Doug read another letter which stated:

"I HEREBY RESIGN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BECAUSE I REFUSE TO DO BUSINESS WITH DECEIT AND DISHONESTY. AS I DO THIS, I HEREBY OFFER A NOMINATION TO THIS CONFERENCE, A MEMBER WITH 18 or 19 YEARS SOBRIETY, OF WHOM I FEEL HAS IMPECCABLE ETHICS AND HONESTY, OF WHICH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS INDEED IN NEED OF. I'D LIKE TO OFFER AT THIS TIME A NOMINATION OF MR. GENE HAAG. THAT IS SINCERELY, WILLIAM BECK, ALLAH RAM."

Chuck Gates then called upon the Board of Trustees to give their report.

Chuck Skinner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave the report. He started out by saying that on the first matter the Board of Trustees will gladly accept William Beck's resignation, on whatever conditions he likes to place them. Chuck stated that he has never agreed with the structure of the Board of Trustees. He stated that the primary purpose of the Trustees are as guardians of the 12 Traditions of N.A. and to protect the Fellowship as a whole.

Input Form: "I recommend that the entire structure of the Board of Trustees be examined and the possibility of disbanding the present Board of Trustees and that the guidelines be examined by the entire membership." Response was that it would not affect him (Chuck) in any way. He would continue to do the things he always has with less restraint.

Motion was made that the entire structure of the Board of Trustees be examined and the possibility of disbanding the present Board until some criteria and guidelines will be devised and written by the general membership. Seconded. Discussion. Jim Miller made a motion to table this motion. Seconded. He then withdrew it. It was voted on and it was NOT CARRIED to table the motion. Discussion continued. Doug Forsmith read a letter whereby it stated, "When was a Trustee given the power to contact area committees in an attempt to impeach the Chairman and Vice Chairman of a region. Who gave Cliff Craft the power to violate the autonomy of that committee, telling them that the WSO was contacting the whole country trying to get funds, so stated in an area committee report delivered to the Regional Chairman by the Orange County Area Committee. Why do the Trustees not object to the obvious affiliation of some recovery houses are claiming with Narcotics Anonymous (i.e., Impact House, their pamphlet states so, Bob Barrett being a Board of Director on that recovery house's Board of Directors). The Impact informational pamphlet was delivered to the Trustees at their regular meetings, and to date, they have chosen to ignore the implication. Months ago, the Board of Trustees said it was handled. Doug stated he personally had gone to Impact only to discover that it had not been handled. That is why he brought it here. Doug stated he had a problem and didn't know where else to take it so he brought it here. Is there anyway to recall Trustees who have proven in their personal performance, to be in constant error with the very Traditions that they are supposed to be guarding. It should be a matter of policy that any committee receiving any input on any other committee that that committee should turn over that

input to the committee involved and allow them to correct any inequity that it finds. No committee should take it upon themselves to usurp or interfere with any other committee's work and that this should be deemed as a violation of that committee's autonomy and a violation of the Traditions. For the purpose of unity, any input received by any committees in the service structure should go directly to that committee involved to allow them the liberty of correction if that is within order. Cliff Craft came to the podium and stated that the area that submitted those minutes was wrong in that he personally never attended that meeting that was spoken of in Doug's letter. He added that he personally challenges the secretary or whoever took those minutes as well as the person who submitted those minutes. The vote was called for. MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Nominations to the Board of Trustees were read from the floor:

Steve Bice
Mac McDonald
Captian BoHan from Naval Base in Virginia
Gene Haag
Jack Bernstein
Doug Fosmith - he withdrew
James Drinkwater
Bob Stone
Bo Sewell
Bob Rehmar

Dave Clarke
Jim (from Lincoln Nebraska)

Chuck Skinner stated that he has to receive a letter from each of the abovementioned persons which state in fact that they are willing to serve on the Board of Trustees and willing to participate with the Board. He added that it would be of no benefit if you could not attend and participate in the Board meetings.

Jimmy Kinnon was re-nominated. Chuck stated that he hoped that in a week or so, when Jimmy came around to his senses, he would re-consider his resignation. Chuck accepted the nomination, but stated that as far as he is concerned, Jimmy does not need to be re-nominated because he's still on the Board. He added that N.A. needs Jimmy Kinnon, just like A.A. needed Bill Wilson. He added that there hasn't been one Board of Trustee that has gone out of their way to hurt Jimmy Kinnon in any way. He stated that they disagree sometimes but are not disagreeable. Chuck added that he will go talk to Jimmy in a week or so and feels certain that Jimmy will not resign. It was stated from the floor to clarify anyone who may be misinformed, that Jimmy Kinnon is of his right mind and in good health. They had met with him that morning and he was just fine. Hopefully, this should help dispell the rumor that he is anything but that.

The Policy Sub-Committee gave their report. Phil Perez gave the report. He stated that his committee had met and suggested that on page 37, Item I, in the Service Structure which reads: Nominations for elected WSC positions are accepted from the Conference participants. Nominees shall be selected from the current WSC members, previous year's participants, sub-committee chairpersons. They suggest that the word member be added to that (members of sub-committees that is). This was put forth in the form of a motion. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Also suggested that a line 8 be added to page 39 which reads: All sub-committee chairman must submit a list of all sub-committee members 1 month prior to the next World Service Conference. This was put forth

in the form of a motion. MOTION WAS CARRIED with 2/3 vote.

Input Form: "I would like to see that the wording in the Service Structure changed in regards to the World Service Office Manager having a vote changed to read that the World Service Office Board has a vote."

Jim Miller made a motion that the World Service Office Board of Directors become a sub-committee of the WSC with a yearly election of officers. Bob Barrett, Trustee, stated that this was an outside issue and that the World Service Office is an separate entity.

Jim Miller suggested we all say the Serenity Prayer before we continue.

Jim Miller moved that the following proposition be written into the minutes for future consideration for alternative solutions to a present problem. In order to form a viable contact and distribution center responsive to the service needs of our Fellowship as a whole, be it proposed that 1) The corporation of the WSO Inc. be dissolved; 2) That this Conference establish a World Service Office as a committee of WSC and elect new directors periodically in accordance with established spirit; and 3) at this point, Jim was interrupted by Phil, who stated that all of this was an outside issue. Fawn Faurote stated that N.A. is a spiritual Fellowship and the WSO Inc. is a business entity. Joseph Proctor stated that on page 22 of the Service Manual it states that the WSO acts upon the directives of the WSC. WSO is truly a business, etc. He added that this had been brought up at last year's Conference in which Chairman then had answered in input form which stated that the WSO be moved if business can be better implemented elsewhere, that the WSC cannot order the WSO to move and that this was an outside issue and that the WSO only acts at the directives of the WSC. Bill Beck stated just as the Fellowship is answerable to N.A., the WSO Inc., being a non-profit organization, is answerable to State law and Federal law and that is why there is a difference. Bill reminded the Conference that earlier, in the WSO report, the WSO had made a suggestion that each Regional Committee Chairperson would automatically become an Advisory Board Member, giving input into the Office, and that they can follow the directives of the Conference as long as it does not come into direct conflict with the law. That is why the WSO has a Board of Directors - to deliniate that difference. Bill added that insofar as where the Office is (state, etc.) he reminded Conference that we no longer operate by way of Pony Express, today we have telephones and mail, etc. It doesn't matter where it is, because wherever it is, it's going to be far away from the other people who are far away. Doug Forsmith reminded Conference of the importance of unity and that we should get it together and cease fighting.

Phil Perez went on with his report. Another item of business was a suggestion that the name of Narcotics Anonymous only be used in the Service Structure (such as area service, regional service, service committees, WSC). He clarified this by saying that this means that the name Narcotics Anonymous cannot be used in flyers for dances, conventions, etc. The symbol can be used (N.A.) on these flyers. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Seconded. Discussion. Bill Beck clarified this in that we cannot hold Narcotics Anonymous responsible at these events that individuals of N.A. put on. (such as in the event we hold a convention in a hotel and the hotel burns down, Narcotics Anonymous (if the name is used) would be liable. It's a matter of preserving the Traditions. MOTION CARRIED.

Input Form: A tentative agenda of business should be distributed 60 days prior to the World Service Conference to provide the Fellowship with issues that will be voted on at the Conference. All sub-committees should submit their issues of business to the Administrative Committee 90 days prior to the WSC. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

It was suggested by the Policy Committee that an Amendment Page be added to the back of the Service Structure with voted on amendments, etc. so that the Service Structure doesn't have to be re-printed and re-printed over and over again. This was put forth in the form of a motion. Seconded. Greg Pierce moved that an amendment to that motion be added stating that "until such time that it can be incorporated into the Service Structure." The vote was then called for. MOTION CARRIED.

Input Form: Perhaps other guidelines can be written up for areas forming service committees and time (sobriety) requirements, especially in areas where there is not long time sobriety. Response was that each area is autonomous and can change its by-laws to fit their circumstances. The Service Manual has suggested guidelines.

Input Form: "I feel the Service Structure vitally needs re-organization so that every area is represented so that the trusted servants are truly responsible to those they serve." Response was that regions are formed and split when the need arises, so that they can be more responsible to the areas. If a trusted servant is not responsive to the needs of its area or region, the members have a right to remove him/her from office. It's up to the groups on whether or not the region should split and form another region.

Input Form: "What to do about area service representatives who stop coming to N.A. meetings. This also includes area service members." The Policy Committee recommends that this is an area issue and that each area should include in their by-laws, their incentives. However, it is not a break in Traditions in dismissing such people from the area service committees.

Input Form: "Can a new literature writing and review group elect officers and have a vote at their area level, calling themselves an N.A. meeting?" The Policy Committee recommends that this be treated as a sub-committee of an area or meeting, but not be treated as a regular N.A. meeting as the literature referred is not approved by N.A.

Input Form: "Is Naranon allowed to be on an area's meeting list?" The response was that the Policy Committee recommends that this is okay provided that a disclaimer is printed stating that N.A. does not endorse outside issues but that is a service provided for families and friends of the addict. Discussion. It was stated from the floor that Naranon, being a separate Fellowship onto itself, should have its own meeting directories and should not be included in N.A. meeting directories. It was also stated that since this is an outside issue, we can't even mention outside issues, with or without disclaimers. This goes against our Traditions. Motion was made that no outside issues be mentioned or listed in context with Narcotics Anonymous. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made that no outside enterprises be listed in the meeting directories. Seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Input Form: "Can the World Service Office receive honorariums from colleges, etc. for speaking engagements by members of N.A.?" Policy Committee recommends that no individual accepts any outside contributions for N.A. or the WSO. But that outside institutions can donate money to non-profit organizations. Bob Barrett stated that the WSO's by-laws state what they can and can't accept and goes over that pretty thoroughly. Doug Forsmith added that in the WSO's guidelines it states that the WSO must abide by the 12 Traditions of N.A.

Bo Sewell stated that in the past 2 years he had asked the WSO if they need any literature for their files and he was told they did not. He added that the WSC Literature Committee's files have always been open. At this point, Chairman interceded and explained to Bo that this was not Policy Committee business and that if he had any further reports to make to submit it in writing to the new Policy Chairman.

Charles Keucher brought up an item of business wherein, on page 19, paragraph 2, 3rd line in the Service Structure, that there was much debate and argument on the procedures of a Regional Service Representative nominating his or her alternate or was it to be decided and voted on by the members of the Regional Service Committee. IT WAS ANNOUNCED FROM THE FLOOR THAT THIS ITEM WAS IN FACT A TYPO AND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE VOTE FOR THEIR ALTERNATE.

Roger Teague came to the floor in hopes of clearing up a controversy that they are having in their area regarding literature study and review groups being recognized as N.A. meetings and having a vote. Roger stated that the group has been renamed. It is a written topic discussion meeting. It had originally been misnamed because most of the members of that group had come out of the Marietta Literature Committee. So in order to settle the controversy, they will simply change the name of the group. He added that what occurs in this meeting is that someone writes down a topic to discuss and then the group discusses it. They do not discuss new literature, etc.

Chuck Gates then came to the floor. He stated he wanted to give thanks to someone who has really done a lot at this Conference and who has helped him out and that person is Fawn, the Secretary.

Chuck then called upon Bryan Scott to give the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report will be included in this year's minutes (figures, etc.) Started the year out with \$2,136.79. They gave the Literature Committee \$726.96. Received donation of \$285.00 from Georgia. Received \$150.00 from Southern California. They gave \$1,000 to the World Service Office. They spent \$12.07 on supplies. \$257.58 was spent for the Conference room and miscellaneous supplies. \$707.48 was taken in by the dance put on last night for the WSC. \$150 was paid out for entertainment for last night (for the band), \$95 on a P.A. system, \$4.72 on ice, \$100 for rental of the room for the dance, \$21.25 for records for the dance. Balance was \$458.79 after expenses were paid that was made on the dance. \$100 of that came from the Literature Committee last night on the raffle for the book. (correction stated from the floor: \$100. that came in from the Literature Committee was a donation to the World Service Office, not the WSC as stated). Motion was made, seconded and carried to transfer that \$100.00 to the World Service Office. Total balance for WSC (minus the \$100.00) is \$961.49.

A question was brought to the floor on where the officers of the Admin. Committee (specifically the Secretary and Treasurer) will store and keep past records of the Conference (Conference tapes, Treasurer reports, etc.). It was suggested by the Admin. Comm. that the World Service Office hold these things in trust for the WSC since the WSC does not have a headquarters.

Bo Sewell stated that his state puts on a New Year's Eve function for the past 3 years and that they intend to do so again this year for funds to go to the World Service Conference.

Doug Forsmith stated that Southern California had voted to send in \$50.00 a month to the World Service Conference and does not understand why the reported donations to this year's Conference only reflected \$150.00 and hopes that the monies not sent in for those missing months will be sent in to the Conference.

Chuck Gates reminded all the sub-committees to submit their budgets for the coming year. He added that the Literature Committee have not done so.

Roger Teague came to the floor and presented their proposed budget. He stated that the Literature Committee's proposed budget is \$1,500 for general operating expenses. Asked for the support of the WSC for their fund-raising events to continue to raise money for the Literature Comm. with straight financial accountability on a quarterly basis. Roger stated that his personal feelings (asked that they be entered in this year's minutes) of this year's Conference were that a lot of time was wasted that could have been better expended in other issues such as carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. He then read his personal statement: "I am here to serve to the best of my ability, the Fellowship of the greater N.A. I am not here to play politics, I seek no higher office. I believe the greatest service is selfless concern for the addict who still suffers. I believe that the expression for that concern can never be ? no matter how humble the labor. I believe we all serve a greater principle whether as a committee chairman, an oldtimer or as a newcomer still in withdrawal who only empties ashtrays. I'm not here to answer malicious or unfounded gossip, rumor or innuendo based on reprehensible motives of character assassination or personal aggrandizement. I have here to write the definitive history on what is really happening here. I'm sick of hearing all the bullshit. If you have nothing to add in written form to further the recovery of your fellow addict, I don't want to hear it. I'm not here to waste my time, my energies, arguing and explaining the self-appointed guardians of Traditions and policies. That should be handled in committee in broad daylight by this body. I am here 1) to serve the Fellowship and not any particular personality, clique, cult or body of personalities. I serve N.A. as expressed to me by our elected membership and the spiritual integrity of this Fellowship as embodied by the collective group conscience and implemented by the WSC structure. I'm here #2 to learn. Any time I think I know more about what I'm doing than you the fellowship, I'm in trouble and I expect you to tell me. I'm here #3 for recovery. Primarily for my own recovery and to the extent that I am willing to let you experience your recovery. I'm here #4 to promote unity within the worldwide Fellowship to the best of my ability and that of the Literature Committee and that of its highly motivated and dedicated workers. I'm here #5 to further the enthusiasm engendered by the commendable effort now in progress. I'm here lastly to love and be loved. I don't like some of you but I love everyone of you sick
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fuckers and I don't expect solicitous consideration from any of you for my own good and for the benefit of the Literature effort and the greater N.A., I invite you and I encourage you to ride my ass unmercifully but I would hope that you do so with an attitude of loving service and I don't care if you like me, but would hope that you love me and thank you, I love you all."

Doug Forsmith recommended to the Finance Committee that they send out the money they have to the committees on a monthly basis, realizing that the WSC does not presently have enough money to meet all the proposed budgets, but at least they would have something coming in every month, and we can hope that more comes in in the meantime. This was made forth in the form of a motion and seconded. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Cri-Help was thanked for their hospitality and generosity in having the Conference for lunch.

Chuck Gates, the Chairman, was thanked from the entire Conference.

Chuck introduced Steve Bice as next year's Chairman.

Conference closed with Steve Bice leading us all in the Lord's Prayer.

