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The eighth World Service Conference was held at the Retail Clerks Union Hall in Santa Monica, California. The Conference began on Wednesday May 4, and ended on Sunday, May 8th. Representatives from 29 Regions or States were present and gave reports. Robert Rehmar was presiding Officer.

Detailed minutes of this meeting were made. The following pages contain extracts from those minutes. The extracts contain specific actions adopted by the Conference.

Election of Officers and Trustees and copies of financial reports from the World Service Office and World Service Conference are also included.

Important items considered at this Conference included re-adjustment of the Conference to the World Service Office. Adoption of new handbooks for H & I and Literature Committees and approval of eleven new pamphlets. Changes were also made in the manner of selection and approval of Trustees and continued authorization for publication on the Fellowship Magazine.

Motion: That a Temporary Service Working Guide to our Service Structure, as compiled by George H., WSC Vice-Chairperson, be up for approval or disapproval after the approval or disapproval of the minutes tomorrow. Unanimous.

Motion: That the WSC Treasurer's report be tabled until after George H.'s report/service manual tomorrow. 5 were opposed and all other voting members were in favor.

Chairperson Bob R. called for the approval of the 1982 WSC Minutes.

Motion: That we approve the WSC 1981/82 Treasurer's Report from the minutes. CARRIED

Amendment: That we exclude the 1981/82 Treasurer's Report from the minutes. CARRIED

Amendment: That page 68 of the Minutes be amended to report "that the present WSC be accepted and to send this item to the Policy Committee to determine what a fixed term would be and how the election will be carried on in the future. CARRIED

Amendment: To add on page 66, line 34 -- "Kevin made a motion that was already policy." CARRIED

Amendment: After the Words 83/84 Finance Committee insert the words that this be done by 5/30/83; this refers to the audit of the 81/82 books. CARRIED

Amendment: On page 64, line 50: "to table further consideration of the proposed revision to the Service Manual until the 1983 WSC; to refer the material to the Policy Committee for further study". (The motion to amend was adopted as amended below.) CARRIED

Amendment to Amendment: Roy withdrew his amendment. CARRIED

Motion: That "the report of the Vice-Chairperson, George H., concerning the compilation of the NA Service Manual be accepted." (This motion was approved as amended by the substitute motion below.) CARRIED

Substitute Amendment: "to amend that it be title a "Temporary Working Guide To Our Service Structure." CARRIED

Motion: "That WSC mandate resignations of all present Board members, office managers and employees of WSO, Inc., and that this conference elect a new Board to immediately reorganize WSO, Inc. Tabled

Motion: "To table the above motion. It was seconded by Keith S., Ohio at the request of Chairperson Bob R. Unanimous consent was granted to this motion to table."

Motion: That the WSO be directed to produce all financial records for auditing by the Finance Committee tomorrow, May 6, 1983." CARRIED

Motion: That the above tabled motion be brought to the floor. CARRIED

Motion: To table motion and amendment until after the Policy Report. CARRIED

At 8:45 a.m. Larry N. moved "That the following motion be brought from the table from last years conference and be the order of business. "That only RSR's and State Representative be defined as voting participants (members) of WSC." CARRIED

Motion: "We table the main motion (and amendments) and that Bob R. appoint an AdHoc Committee to study the motion and return to the Conference by 4:00 p.m. with their suggestions." PASSED 2/3 Majority

Motion: "When any Service or Committee feels it necessary to act contrary to the directives of the WSC, that they provide a written statement of their intent to the WSC participants and withhold action for Conference input."

10:35 a.m. Larry N., Chairperson of the Policy Committee moved "that we table the above motion and send it to the Policy Comm. to be brought back to the Conference first thing tomorrow 5/7/83." CARRIED

Larry N. moved "that the following motions be brought from the table from last year's conference and be an Order of Business. This was seconded by Martin, C., Chairman, Finance Committee.

1. That only RSR's and State Reps. be defined as voting participants (members) of WSC.

Motion: In an attempt to (1) reinforce our Service Structure, (2) be more explicit about a procedure that is proving itself effective and to inform our Fellowship of the simple, yet effective fund flow described in part by a letter prepared and distributed by the WSC Finance Committee in 1982.

I recommend that the following "suggested fund flow be included in our Service Manual under the section titled "group", sub-title "treasurer"...

Starting with Line 14

After paying its bills any remaining funds should be placed in a group bank account and a reserve adequate to run the group for one or two months. After this "prudent reserve" has been established, all excess funds should be diverted to the Area Service Committee. The ASC will, after meeting its obligations, determine a "prudent reserve" and forward the balance of its funds to the Regional Service Committee. The Regional Service Committee will follow suit and send the remainder of its funds on the World Service Conference. The WSC will, after meeting its obligations, determine a "prudent reserve" and give the balance to WSO. Where there is not ASC, a group should send their funds to the RSC. Where there may not be an ASC or RSC, the group should send funds on to the WSC.

I also recommend that the applicable portion of this process be restated in each of the following sections of our Service Manual.

Motion: seconded by Martin C., Chairperson WSC Finance Committee. CARRIED

Motion: "That the following motion be brought off the floor from last year's conference and be the order of business. "To table further consideration of the proposed revision to the service manual until the 1983 WSC - to refer the material to the Policy Committee for further study." CARRIED

Motion: To vote on pages 15-25 of the proposed revision of the third edition of the service manual, as a whole. CARRIED

Substitution Motion: "To keep existing Board of WSO. Move that this conference request that the WSO, Inc. take whatever steps are necessary to hire a full-time office manager whose area of expertise includes bookkeeping. It is also suggested that this person be a qualified business person. In addition, to have WSC appoint an AdHoc Committee to reorganize WSO." CARRIED

5:20 p.m. Literature for approval was presented for voting of the WSC participants by Group Conscience.

		YES	NO	ABS.
1. "Am I An Addict?"	PASSED	26	6	6
2. "Just For Today"	PASSED	27	1	14
3. "Living the Program"	PASSED	27	1	12
4. "A Guide to the Fourth Step Inventory"	PASSED	17	10	13
5. "Sponsorship"	PASSED	26	2	14
6. "Triangle of Self-Obsession"	PASSED	22	3	15
7. "Youth & Recovery"	PASSED	27	1	11
8. "One Addicts Experience"	PASSED	17	8	17
9. "A Physician's Viewpoint"	PASSED	17	9	15
10. For The Newcomer	PASSED	28	2	12
11. "Use of Medication in Recovery"	PASSED	29	1	12
12. "Little White Booklet/Revised"	FAILED	14	16	11
13. Starter Kit	PASSED	26	3	13

Motion: "That all literature submitted to this conference for approval require a 2/3 majority vote of participants."

Motion: "Keith S., Ohio, "moved to table the above motion until WSC 1984 in order to ensure a true Group Conscience." CARRIED

Motion: "That the WSC as of this year, elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Literature sub-committee who will, pending affirmation at the WSC the following year, become Chairman of the Literature Committee. In the event the conference does not affirm the Vice-Chairman, it (the conference) will elect a chairman and a vice-chairman". CARRIED AS AMMENDED

Amendment: "To reword our literature approval procedure to lengthen the literature review period to a "minimum of one year." CARRIED

Amendment to the Amendment: "That all literature be reviewed by WSB prior to 180 days deadline for Tradition inconsistencies." CARRIED

Motion: "That approval literature submitted by WSC-Lit. Comm. to the WSC be marked and labeled as literature for approval and be sold along with our approved literature by the WSO." CARRIED

Amendment: "That "approval literature" be sold only to groups, areas and regions that are registered with the WSO. All review material should be obtained for cost and mailing during the time for review until time of approval."

Motion: "That our book be completely returned to its approved form before anymore are printed." CARRIED

Motion: "That the financial records of the 1982/83 WSC Literature Committee be delivered to the WSC 83/84 Finance Committee to be audited either by that Committee or by an independent audit to be audited either by that committee or by an independent audit to be delivered within 14 days." CARRIED

Motion: "That the WSO produce - free - a plain, dark colored, paper book cover and the front inside flap of that cover bear the NA logo and the statement reading "many books have been written about the nature of addiction". This book primarily concerns itself with the nature of recovery. If you are an addict and have found this book please give yourself a break and read it!!! And that these be distributed to holders of books that do not contain this statement." CARRIED

Motion: "That the WSO or any sub-committee put in their guidelines that no sub-committee be empowered to sue other branches of the Service Structure of N.A. as a whole."

Amendment: Delete "other branches" and put after, sue or slander, or character assassination in written form or in public about other branches or Committees.

To refer to committee the above amendment and motion. CARRIED

To accept the Finance Committee's Report.

Amendment: "That input be closed now and these guidelines be approved at this WSC 1983.

To table and refer the matter and amendment above to the Finance Comm. CARRIED

That we accept the H & I Handbook until the "Dos and Don'ts."

The WSC send a telegram to the person holding the N.A. Way funds and subscription list, asking for the funds and list to be turned over to the World Service Conference. CARRIED

The N.A. Way Magazine continues as a fellowship project.

We table the above motion until Jim M's motion to eliminate problems re: the N.A. Way sub-committee with traditions. CARRIED

That the N.A. Way Magazine continue as a fellowship project. CARRIED

That N.A. Way Sub-Committee take whatever steps may be necessary to copyright all published material. To table the above motion and further discussion until an adhoc committee is appointed by the Chair to form a Corporation for it to function. CARRIED

Motion: "That the following to elect WSO Board members by: 1. by making nominations, 2. each nominee qualify themselves, 3. Voting on the nominees, 4. Nominees receiving the most votes is placed on the Board. 5. Repeat voting procedure until all seats are filled. 6. The vote is a standing vote." CARRIED

James D. nominated Martin C., seconded by Henry B.

K. Bea nominated Vivian L., San Fran; seconded by Page C.

Danny W. nominated R. Mac; Bob B. seconded.

Jim T. nominated Dick B., seconded by Bob B.

Rose R. nominated Greg P., seconded Jim T.

Kevin F. nominated Bob R.; seconded George H.

Gary nominated Bo S., seconded by Kevin F.

Dick B. nominated John F, Philadelphia; seconded by Jim T.

Jim T. nominated Carole I., Michigan; Jim M. seconded.

Motion: Pac C. moved that the nominations be closed. George H. seconded

Motion: Sher C. moved to reopen the nominations. Bob B. seconded.

The Following Four Nominees were elected:

Martin C.; Viv L., (San Francisco); R. Mac; Bob R.

That this list of nominees be accepted, meeting the requirement of reservoir for WSO vacancies in their Board. Seconded by Martin C.

Reservoir:

Dutch H., Philadelphia BO S.

Hank M., Southern California Dick B.

Bob S., Southern California Roger T., New York

Joe H., Southern California Gregg

John F., Greater Philadelphia

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations Were Opened for Chairperson of the WSC:

Roland H. nominated Bo S.
Rose R. nominated Bob R.
Kevin F. nominated Hank M.
James nominated Elliot H. ALL WERE SECONDED

Nominations were Opened for Vice-Chairperson of the WSC:

Rose R. nominated George R.
James nominated Rose R.

Nominations were opened for Secretary of the WSC:

Page C. nominated Rose R.; seconded by Jim T.
Kevin F. nominated Carol K.; seconded by Martin C.
Rose R. nominated Roger T.; seconded by Page C.
Jim T. moved to suspend the rules to allow Carol K as a nominee even though she is not present; Martin C. seconded.
CARRIED

Carol K. Elected Secretary, WSC 83-84

Jim M., NA Way, moved that K. Bea be declared the Vice-Secretary;
Passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for WSC Treasurer were Opened.

Im T. nominated Susan C; Elliot H. seconded.

Other nominations were presented to the Conference; in each case, the nominees declined.

Susan C. Elected Treasurer, WSC 83-84

Nominations for WSC Policy Sub-Committee Chairperson were Opened.

K. Bea nominated Larry N.; seconded by Karyn.
Jim T. nominated Charles K; seconded by Bob.
Kenny nominated John F. seconded by Rose.

John F. Elected WSC Policy Sub-Committee Chairman.

Nominations for WSC Policy Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson were Opened.

Roger T. nominated Charles K; seconded by Roland.
Bob B. nominated Larry N; seconded by Mike.
Elliot moved the nominations be closed; Mark seconded.

Charles K. withdrew.
Larry N. was declared Vice-Chairman of the Policy Sub-Committee.

Nominations for WSC Finance Sub-Committee Chairperson were opened.

Martin C. nominated Gary J; Keith S. seconded.
Bob B. nominated Rose R; Mike L. seconded.

Mike moved that the nominations be closed; Mark seconded.
Passed unanimously.
Rose R. withdrew to Gary J.

Gary J. declared chairperson of the WSC Finance Sub-Committee

Nominations for WSC Finance Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson were Opened.

Jim nominated Rose R; Mike seconded.

Rose elected vice-chairperson of WSC Finance Sub-Committee by
Unanimous Acclamation.

Nominations for WSC Literature Sub-Committee Chairperson were Opened.

Ginni S. was nominated by Jim (Tri-State; seconded by Kenny).
Jim M. nominated and seconded
K. Bea nominated and seconded

Ginni Elected Chairperson WSC Literature Sub-Committee.

Nominations for Literature Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson were opened.

Viv L. nominated by Jim; seconded by Bob
K. Bea nominated by Bob B; seconded by Mike.

Bud K. nominated by Kenny; seconded by Bob B.

Bud K. elected Vice-Chairperson WSC Literature Sub-Committee

Nominations for Chairman, H & I Sub-Committee were Opened.

John L. nominated by Bob B; seconded by Roger T.
Anita nominated by Page C; seconded by Martin C., Anita Asked That
Her Nomination be Withdrawn.
Gary T. Nominated by Keith S; seconded by Martin C.
Page C. moved that the rules be suspended to allow Gary T. as a nominee
even though he is not present. Martin C. seconded. Motion carried

John L. Elected Chairman, H & I Sub-Committee

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman, H & I Sub-Committee.

Anita nominated by Elliot; seconded by Page.
Bob B. nominated by Martin C; seconded by Henry B.
Gary T. nominated by Jim T; seconded by Keith S.
Bobby B. nominated by Karyn; seconded by Rose R.

Anita Elected to Vice-Chairman, H & I Sub-Committee

Nominations For P & I Sub-Committee Chair were Opened.

Lynn W. nominated by Elliot H; seconded by Page.
Bo S. nominated by Page ; seconded by K. Bea.
Charles K. nominated by Rose R; seconded by Bob K.
Rich J. nominated by Bob B; seconded by Jim T.
Jim M. nominated by Jim B; seconded by Page C.

Charles K. Elected to Chair, P & I Sub-Committee.

Nominations for Vice-Chair, P & I Sub-Committee were Opened.

Ryan nominated by Elliot; seconded by Sally.
Roger T. nominated by Sally; seconded by Rose.
Rich J. nominated by Rose; seconded by Martin.

Rich J. elected to Vice-Chair, P & I Sub-Committee.

Nominations for the Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, NA WAY were Opened.

Martin C. nominated Cindy D; James D. seconded.
Rose R. nominated Robin H; Jim T. seconded.

Called for a vote by acclamation of Cindy D. and Robin H.

Passed by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Nominations for the World Service Board of Trustees were opened.

The Conference suspends the rules to take up the following item of business as the current item and then return to the matter to table.

George H. moved and Roger T. seconded that in regards to the "Temporary Service Manual" to amend in the following ways: Page 17, Section D, #2 to "insert after Nomination: "And Direct Election".

Page 18, Section G, to "strike indefinite" and insert for a period not to exceed Five (5) Years, to be reaffirmed at the annual World Service Conference by a majority vote.

Page 23, to "strike en toto Section X - these guidelines may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the WSC voting participants." CARRIED

Motion: That the present members of the World Service Board of Trustees be reaffirmed at this World Service Conference 1983 individually by separate motions.

Nominations for the Vacancies on the World Service Board of Trustees were Opened.

Bob B. nominated Steve B; Martin C. seconded.
Martin C. nominated Gene H; Henry B. seconded.
John F. nominated Dutch H; Jim T. seconded.
Mike B. nominated Gayle B; Jim T. seconded.
Mike nominated Bill G; Jim T. seconded.
Jim T. nominated Bo S; Page C. seconded.
Sher C. nominated Sydney R; Bob B. seconded.
Bob B. nominated Mac Mc; Kenny S. seconded.

Sally E. announced the WSB members presently serving.

Mike B. (formerly Capt. Mike B.) Trustee
Mike moved to reaffirm Mike B.; seconded by Roger T.
Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Bob B. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Jack B. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Carl B. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

The Chair announced that Cliff C. will no longer be a member of the Board of Trustees because no motion to reaffirm him was made.

David Clark Reaffirmed.

James D. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Sally E. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Hank M. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote

Jim N. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Chuck S. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Greg P. Reaffirmed by Voice Vote.

Motion: That "one moninee to the Board of Trustees be elected to the Board to take office effective at 2:01 p.m. today (5/8/83) to coincide with the resignation of Chuck S. PASSED

Vote: The Five (5) new Members Elected to the World Service Board of Trustees are: Sydney R: Steve B; Dutch H: Bill G: and Bo S.

Keith S. moved and Jim T. seconded that "the WSC invite the WSO to appoint Bob S. as its office manger. Passed.

Motion: That "a procedural motion be made that the Chair limit any subsequent motions to a maximum of 2 arguments each pro and con of one minute a piece for a total of four (4) minutes. CARRIED

Motion: That "we direct the WSC Policy Sub-Committee to rewrite the Service Structure for approval at the WSC. CARRIED

Martin C. moved and Rich seconded "that the secretary of the WSC 82/83 be instructed to prepare a letter forthwith to be addressed to Jimmy K. stating that the members of this Conference send our support, love and gratitude and wish him to know that in the hiring of a Manager for the business of the World Service Office it is our intent to free him to do that which he does best -- carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. For his willingness and untiring loving service, we are ever grateful. The letter to be signed, "In loving Fellowship, The WSC of Narcotics Anonymous 1982/83." Passed

That this WSC permit the WSC PI sub-committee to produce and distribute N.A. PI material after appraisal within 60 days by the WSB without the necessity of Fellowship review and WSC approval, and that this WSC approve the PI Chair request for \$200.00 now and \$200.00 per month where possible and 100 approved pamphlets from WSO. CARRIED .

Motion: That a budget of \$200 per year for mailing and printing allotment of \$50.00 to be disbursed at quarterly intervals. CARRIED.

That "WSC directs all sub-committees (including but not limited to Policy, Administration, Literature, Finance, H & I, NA Way, Public Information, and any Adhoc Sub-committee in existence to report to the NA Fellowship every three (3) months said reports to appear in all Fellowship Reports". CARRIED

Motion: That if available, a lump sum payment of \$750.00 for the WSC Literature Sub-Committee be fulfilled immediately following the conference and that a \$250.00/month communication allowance be allotted to the Chair and sent on the first of every month beginning in June. WSC Literature Sub-Committee must adhere to the guidelines set down by the WSC Finance Committee. PASSED

Motion: Sally moved that the WSC authorize and reimburse WSB expenditures up to \$150.00 per month. CARRIED

Motion: That a note of confidence to WSO & WSB by approving our basic text with changes suggested by WSB and carried out by WSO as NA approved literature for distribution and use in our meetings. CARRIED

Motion: That next years conference not be on Mother's Day. Chuck G. seconded. PASSED

Motion: That the NA Way committee continue to compile, edit and lay out the NA Way Magazine and the NA Way Magazine be printed, distributed and accounted for under the direction of the WSO, Inc. CARRIED

Motion: That the minutes of this conference be accepted at the end of this conference. CARRIED