

# WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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To WSC Participants:

We are now within 45 days of the conference and I'm sure everyone is busy making arrangements, studying the issues at hand, and trying to meet deadlines. I hope these monthly reports have provided some assistance, in preparing you for our annual World Service business meeting. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and the sharing of experiences with other members, who have gathered from around the world.

Preparation is the key to a successful conference, and no matter how long you have been in service, or knowledge you have acquired along the way, don't take it for granted. Review carefully, the Temporary Working Guide, past conference minutes, the Fellowship Report, and seek the benefit of experience from past conference participants. Understanding the traditions and having a good working knowledge of the steps will provide you with valuable personal insight, to those matters which come up before the conference.

Work closely with your alternate and discuss thoroughly the information you have been sent. Their assistance can prove invaluable both at the conference and when you return home and give your report. They will also be asked to serve on a conference subcommittee and should be ready to step in and serve should the need arise.

Aside from what happens on the conference floor and in your committee meetings, you will be greatly enriched by the informal conversations with trustees, WSO Board members, and all the other participants of the conference between the actual proceedings. These informal conversations can sometimes clear the air and serve to provide us with a better understanding of the issues at hand.

If it is your first time it is important that you realize the value of sharing your thoughts, ideas, and questions, for they can benefit us all.

One of the most significant understandings I have received as a conference participant was the comprehension of my responsibilities as a World Service trusted servant. My primary responsibility is to serve the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship, and to insure that N.A. continues to function as a whole. I am

not there to represent special interests of a particular region, but as a member of the conference whose duty it is to act in the best interests of N.A. as a whole.

In preparing this report and reviewing the material which has appeared in various fellowship publications this past year, it has come to my attention over and over again, the need for a common understanding of our traditions. I believe the time has come for us to make a statement regarding the application of them to the Service Structure, and the policies we wish to follow as a Fellowship. For too many years, we have existed with different opinions of their interpretation and actual application, especially when we are discussing trusted servants and group conscience. The World Service Conference is the proper forum for making such a statement and we may find it necessary to do so. The spiritual principles which are so necessary for our recovery are the foundation for the example we set, and the guidance we offer, as the best informed, most trusted, and most active members of Narcotics Anonymous.

Attached to this report you will find a listing of trusted servant positions and qualifications. These positions will be available for nomination and election at the upcoming meeting. Depending upon conference actions, this should accurately reflect a complete listing.

My prayers and thoughts are with each one of you as we approach the conference, may God bless you and keep you in health and happiness.

In loving service  
I remain,

George Hollahan  
WSC Chairperson 84-85

Enclosure



OFFICERS OF THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE ARE ELECTED EACH YEAR AND BEGIN SERVING UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE NEXT YEAR CONFERENCE.

- A. Chairperson
- B. Vice-Chairperson
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

1. The Chairperson of the World Service Conference:
  - a. Presides over all of the activities of the World Service Conference.
  - b. Has such powers and performs such duties as may be required from time to time by the World Service Conference.
  - c. May appoint and define the duties of special subcommittees as authorized by the World Service Conference.
2. The Vice-Chairperson of the World Service Conference:
  - a. Performs all duties of and has all the powers of the chairperson in their absence.
  - b. Has such powers and performs such duties as may be required from time to time by the World Service Conference.
3. The Secretary of the World Service Conference:
  - a. Keeps a record of the proceedings of the World Service Conference.
  - b. Prepares and publishes accurate minutes of the World Service Conference within three (3) months of the conference.
4. The Treasurer of the World Service Conference:
  - a. Keeps an accurate record of the financial transactions of the World Service Conference.
  - b. Prepares and presents a yearly financial report at the Conference.
  - c. Is responsible for any and all World Service Conference bank accounts.
  - d. Dispenses monies throughout the year to the World Service Conference officers or subcommittees, however, all cash disbursements require the approval of the Administrative Committee.

1. Nominations for any elective World Service Conference positions are accepted from conference participants. All subcommittee chairpersons must submit a list of all subcommittee members one month prior to the next WSC.
2. Nominations must be seconded.
3. The nominee is entitled to decline the nomination.

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4. The names of the nominees are posted prior to the vote and each nominee will briefly qualify.

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected for each of these WSC Subcommittees:

- A. Policy Committee
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Institutional Committee
- D. Public Information Committee
- E. International Affairs Committee
- F. Convention Committee
- G. Literature Committee

#### SELECTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF TRUSTEES OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

B. Trusteeship is one of two basic types: Addict or non addict. Of the trustees, at least two thirds (2/3) are recovering drug addicts.

C. The qualifications required of addict trustee include:

1. The willingness to serve as a member of the Board.
2. Nomination and elected by separate election for each trustee position by a majority vote of the World Service Conference.
3. A commitment to service as shown by experience working as a member of other N.A. service committees, and his or her contributions to the continuation and growth of the Fellowship.
4. The time and resources necessary for trusteeship.
5. A minimum of eight (8) years' continuous abstinence from drugs.
6. A good working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions and Steps of N.A.

D. The qualifications required of our non-addict trustees are:

1. The willingness to serve as a member of the Board.
2. Nomination and election at the World Service Conference.
3. The time and resources necessary for active trusteeship.
4. A good working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions of N.A.
5. A good understanding of the nature of the addict and of our program of recovery.

E. A trustee is selected by the following procedure: Candidates for the Board are nominated and elected at the World Service Conference.

F. The term of trusteeship for a member of the Board of Trustees of Narcotics is five (5) years.



## **PARTICIPATION BY THE CONFERENCE IN DIRECT AND INDIRECT ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE**

Members eligible for election to the WSO Board of Directors must have five years clean time from all drugs as of the time of election to the Board.

At each annual meeting of the World Service Conference, the Conference elect three (3) members to serve on the World Service Board of Directors for a period of one year. In the event of a vacancy created by resignation or removal of a Director elected by the Conference, the member who was fourth highest in the number of votes cast will fill the vacancy.

At each annual meeting of the World Service Conference, the conference selects three (3) or more members to be added to a selection "pool" of potential members of the Board. The Board of Directors selects three members from the "pool" to become members of the Board for three (3) year terms of office. In the event of vacancies from resignations or removal, the Board may select replacement Directors from the "pool."

## **TRUSTED SERVANTS TO BE SELECTED BY THE CONFERENCE AND INVOLVED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF THE N.A. WAY MAGAZINE**

### **Editorial Board**

At the annual meeting of WSC held in even numbered years, one person shall be elected by a majority vote, to serve on the Editorial Board who must reside close enough so as to have daily (if needed) direct supervision and participation. The person so elected shall serve for a period of two years.

### **Review Panel**

The Review Panel shall be composed of the following and their appointment shall be for a period of not less than two years. All members of the Review Panel must have not less than five years of abstinence at the time of initial participation. The members: three Trustees, three former N.A. newsletter editors and three individuals selected by WSC.

At the annual meeting of WSC held in odd numbered years, three individuals shall be elected by a majority vote of WSC to serve for two years as member so of the Review Panel. Each of the members of the Review Panel selected by WSC must have served for not less than one year as an officer of WSC or as a Subcommittee Chairperson.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION IN THE SELECTION OF TRUSTED SERVANTS TO  
BE INVOLVED WITH THE AUDIO TAPE REVIEW PROCESS

Two permanent committees will be created for the purpose of selection or rejection of proposed tapes. The two committees shall be:

Advisory Committee--This committee shall have two members of the Board of Trustees, selected in such manner as the Trustees may themselves determine, the Vice Chairpersons of the Literature, Public Information and Hospital and Institutions Subcommittees of the World Service Conference and four members of the Fellowship selected by the World Service Conference who are not otherwise eligible to be members of the committee or the Review Committee.

Review Committee--This committee shall have two members of the Board of Trustees, selected in such a manner as the Trustees may themselves determine, the Chairpersons of the Literature, Public Information and Hospital and Institutions Subcommittees of the World Service Conference and four members of the Fellowship selected by the World Service Conference who are not otherwise eligible to be members of the committee or the Advisory Committee.

During each even numbered year, the World Service Conference shall select by election, two members of the Fellowship to serve for a two year term as members of the Review Committee. During each odd numbered year the World Service Conference shall select by election, two members of the Fellowship to serve for a two year term as members of the Advisory Committee.

Every individual selected to be a member of the Advisory Committee or Review Committee by the World Service Conference must not have less than five years clean time at the time of their selection and must have previously served as a Regional Service Representative, Regional Service Representative Alternate, Regional Service Committee Chairperson, WSC Subcommittee Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or officer of WSC. There shall be not more than one member from the same region serving on the Advisory Committee or the Review Committee, unless the second individual selected from a region is a trustee.