

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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To: Conference Participants
From: Michael Lee, Chairperson
World Literature Committee
Subject: World Literature Committee Minutes
Date: June 24, 1987

At the 1987 World Service Conference the following motion was carried by near unanimous voice vote:

"That all WSC Board and Committee minutes be sent to all RSR's.
Intent: To give more information to RSC's on how decisions are made."

To comply with this motion, all minutes of future World Literature Committee meetings will be provided to all Conference participants after committee approval.

Therefore, I have enclosed the minutes from the World Literature Committee's meetings held April 28 to May 2 during the 1987 WSC. These were approved at our most recent meeting held June 13-14.

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WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE
World Service Conference Meetings
April 28 - May 1, 1987

Session I April 28, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, Michael Lee, with the Serenity Prayer.

PRESENT WERE:

Michael Lee
Ginni Swanson
Sydney Rosen
John Farrell
Donna Markus
Gerrie Durkin
Vince Daley
Bo Sewell
Ben Ciaravino
Doug Wheaton
Mark Peters
Daniel Schussler

World Lit. Com. Vice-Chair
WSO Coordinator
WSB Liaison
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Lit. Review Com. (NY)
Lit. Review Com. (AZ)
Lit. Review Com. (ND)
WSB Liaison (GA)
WLC Member (NY)
WLC Member (FL)
WLC Member (MD)
WLC Member (Germany)

ABSENT WERE:

Steve Bice
Amber Garland

Lit. Review Com. (CA)
WLC Member (NM)

VISITORS:

Laurence Steinhart
Bryce Sullivan
Marci Wiley
Lori Little
Paul
Alan Caravella
Steve W.
Paul Butterbaugh
Earlene Hurst
Jim
Wanda
Mark
Ron
Steve Blackburn
Donald Fogelberg
Henry G.
Michael Woodkey
Aaron
Howard Aldendorf
Al Reisser
Jack

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(TX)
(OH)
(WI)
(S.CA)
(IN)
(DC)
(NY)
(PA)
(S.CA)

Timothy Hazen	(PA)
Bonnie Harvey	(PA)
Rob	(W.VA)
Sam	(VA)
Paul W.	(Mtn.)
Tony Dee	(S.CA)
Deborah Churchwell	(GA)
Jeff	(Buckeye)
Garth	(Australia)

The meeting began with a discussion of the agenda, introduction of committee members and welcoming of visitors.

Michael described the process for participation in the World Literature Committee meetings. He indicated that the agenda for this meeting and resulting time constraints most likely would not allow sufficient time for participation by non-members. However, he indicated that the second session would probably allow an opportunity for regional literature committee chairs to discuss activities in their regions.

The first item of discussion was the nomination procedure. Ten nominations had been received and interest was expressed by both committee members and visitors in increased participation on the committee.

Item number two on the agenda was the amendment to *Welcome to N.A.*: Michael explained that the amendment previously submitted to the Fellowship only dealt with the second portion of the sentence. He recommended changing "getting or continuing a habit" to "returning to active addiction..." to read "The only way to keep from returning to active addiction is not to take that first drug."

Item number one (approval/disapproval of *It Works*): The discussion proceeded for 1/2 hour and a consensus was reached that it is not appropriate for the committee to make any recommendation on approval or disapproval.

Item Number two (options on *It Works*): Another 1/2 hour discussion resulted in a consensus to make no recommendation.

Item Number three (motion #40 regarding deletion of World Service Conference '86 edited stories from the White Book and/or Basic Text): The discussion revealed that a motion passed at World Service Conference '86 stated that the World Literature Committee should add to their priority worklist the development of three to five new stories. The Committee discussions on the priority list didn't include that item. The consensus was that the Committee has no opinion on this motion, but a willingness to ask the Conference for direction and follow it. If the World Service Conference wants five new stories, we will be happy to collect, review, and present them for approval.

Item number four (motions #4 and #5 re: Revised Literature Committee Guidelines): There was a discussion about how and why these guidelines were submitted to the Conference and not to the World Literature Committee as provided for in the approved guidelines. There was additional discussion about the existing guidelines and some concerns of committee members. There was a consensus that the motions were out of order and should be committed to the World

Literature Committee.

A brief recess was followed by a discussion of Michael's report to the Conference (to be presented on Wednesday). Several concerns were raised, the biggest of which seemed to be the attachment of Bob Stone's proposal. The consensus was to delete the proposal and have Michael reword the report implementing the information without specific reference to the originator.

The discussions then turned to the nominations for next year's Committee. Nominations were as follows:

Chair	Michael Lee Vince Daley - Declined
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Vice-Chair	Vince Daley
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Before further nominations were made, it was suggested that an ad-hoc nominating committee be appointed to produce nominations for the positions on the World Literature Committee and Literature Review Committee. The committee agreed and the chairperson stated that he would comply by 4:00 p.m.

Item number eight (Motion #6 in the Conference Agenda Report regarding the status of literature which has been revised): The Committee decided that there was not sufficient time to discuss this matter and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with a prayer.

WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE
World Service Conference Meetings
April 28 - May 1, 1987

Session II April 30, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the new Chairperson, Michael Lee with the Serenity Prayer.

PRESENT WERE:

Michael Lee	World Lit. Com. Chair
Vince Daley	World Lit. Com. Vice-Chair
Ginni Swanson	WSO Coordinator
Donna Markus	WSO Board of Directors (NY)
Steve Bice	WSO Board of Directors (CA)
Gerrie Durkin	Lit. Review Com. (AZ)
Lori Little	Lit. Review Com. (BC)
Doug Wheaton	Lit. Review Com. (FL)
Bo Sewell	WSB Liaison (GA)
Mark Peters	WLC Member (MD)
Tony Dec	WLC Member (S. CA)
Al Reiser	WLC Member (PA)
Mac McFadden	WLC Member (OH)

ABSENT WERE:

Joseph Proctor	WLC Member (TN)
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VISITORS:

Earlene Hurst	(FL)
Howard Aldendorf	(NY)
Steve Blackburn	(OH)
Paul Butterbaugh	(GA)
Paul Workman	(W.VA)
Donald Fogelberg	(WI)
Larry Steinhart	(MI)

The meeting began with welcoming the new Committee members. The first item of business was drawing the additional new members from a "hat."

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS DRAWN:

Linda Lundgren	(CO)
Paul Butterbaugh	(GA)
Micki Hatfield	(IN)
Terry Ott	(VA)
Bonnie Harvey	Tri-State Region
Mark Earl	Oregon/S. Idaho

There was discussion that Mark Earl had indicated to Michael that he did not wish to take a seat on the Committee. The Chairperson stated that if Mark resigns, he

will be replaced from the pool. With the above additions, the WLC is now comprised of members from 14 different regions.

Old Business: The first item of discussion was *Welcome to N.A.* Input had been received, during the Conference, from RSR's. The following changes were agreed upon by the Committee:

Paragraph 6, change sentence 3 to read: "In order for most of us to abstain from using mood-altering, mind-changing chemicals, we have had to undergo drastic changes physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually."

Paragraph 2, change sentence 4 to read: "It has been said, 'If your stomach's all tied up in knots, you're probably in the right place.'"

Paragraph 3, change last sentence to read: "It is a relief to discover that the only requirement for membership in N.A. is a *desire* to stop using."

Cover: 2nd sentence, delete "Like N.A. itself,..." Begin the sentence with "our message is very simple..."

Paragraph 7, lines 9-11, change sentence to read: "The Program of N.A. is comprised of spiritual principles which we have found help us to remain clean."

Paragraph 6, change 1st sentence to read: "The only way to keep from returning to active addiction is not to take that first drug."

Paragraph 6, lines 9-10, change sentence to read: "You can probably *get* clean by just coming to meetings. However, if you want to *stay* clean and experience..."

At this point, Mark Earl addressed the Committee and indicated that he was willing to serve as a member of the Committee.

At this point Michael informed the Committee that he would be required to participate in the Ad-Hoc Committee on *It Works* throughout the remainder of the meeting. The chair was turned over to Vince D., the WLC Vice-Chair.

The next item of discussion was the motion which was committed to the WLC regarding the old Fourth Step Guide: M/S/C--That the WSC disapprove the 1983 Fourth Step Guide.

The next item of discussion was the priority list approved at this Conference. Vince shared the plan being formulated by the Ad-Hoc Committee on *It Works* and the impact on the WLC'S time constraints and remaining projects. There was discussion about the general concepts being presented and some practical concerns to be worked out. This discussion continued for 45 minutes and concluded with a recommendation to hold a meeting in early June to formulate plans for completing the projects on the priority list and begin discussions on the guidelines.

The discussion then turned to the WLC's budget and the suggestion to include an item for paying the travel/lodging expenses of WLC members. Michael informed the Committee that the budget which had been prepared provided sufficient funds to cover these expenses.

It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Vice-Chair)/Sydney R., (WSB) "To amend the World

Literature Guidelines as follows: In the section following evaluation criteria, paragraph 8, delete the last nine lines beginning "It is generally not appropriate..." and ending "...literature for Narcotics Anonymous."

This section appears in lines 8-15 of paragraph one on Page 22 of the *Literature Committee Handbook*. In the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, it appears in the last four lines on Page 56 and the first five lines on Page 57.

The discussion then returned to the Ad-Hoc Committee on *It Works*. Michael informed the Committee of the plan being presented by the Ad-Hoc Committee for approval by the WSC.

There was additional discussion about the input and correspondence which is directed to the WLC and received by the WSO. Ginni provided a description of the way the paper work is handled by the office and channeled to the Chairperson. Michael agreed to provide brief reports to the Committee regarding his responses to correspondence.

Final discussions focused on the fact that the WLC had not seen or discussed the input to the *It Works* Ad-Hoc Committee. Michael agreed to inform the WSC of same.

The work continued until 12:00 p.m. at which time the Committee closed with a prayer.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON JUNE 6, 1987 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

There was a discussion during the meeting about authorizing WLC to make all necessary changes in N.A. approved literature to keep language consistent. Further discussion and a decision on this was tabled to the June 13, 1987 agenda.