

# WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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## ***WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE***

***MAY 1, 1987***

I'd like to start by thanking the previous year's P.I. committee for their untiring efforts in starting us in the right direction. Also to those members no longer serving. A sincere "well done"! And another thanks to the new membership for the amount of work accomplished so far under extraordinary circumstances. Special thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee on the guidelines and the Ad Hoc Committee that worked into the wee small hours of this morning to complete the section on Workshops from the conference agenda after receiving input from British Columbia. Thank you, British Columbia.

The committee amended its guidelines and selected new membership for the 1987-88 conference year. In doing so, we agreed to utilize P.I. subcommittees throughout the Fellowship, as much as possible, to initiate projects and input while using our WSC P.I. members as liaisons, contacts and resources to those subcommittees. We look forward to this move and will keep the Conference updated on the results and further changes.

We addressed each of the items which were committed to us by WSC during this week. Our recommendations follow:

Regarding motion #33 from the Policy Committee - it was agreed to request input from regional P.I. subcommittees and make a recommendation back to WSC in 1988.

Regarding the last section of Motion #36, Contingency Plan - to further workshop this item with input and present new language at WSC '88.

Regarding Motion #37, Learning Days and Workshops, we present the following motion:

"to delete the Workshops section of Motion #37 and replace it with the new language as indicated here and on the handout which was passed out" (see attachment)

We then reviewed our unfinished tasks and agreed that the following would receive continued work:

- 1) Two sections in the Guide to P.I. on P.I. subcommittee start up/involving the member AND P.I. and the Media
- 2) The 20 Questions and Answers on N.A.
- 3) Material on speaking to Non N.A.'s
- 4) Pre-written news releases. On this, we recommend not using personal stories.
- 5) Review of all sample letters in the Guide to P.I.
- 6) Review "Traditions and P.I." draft to see how we can use some of the material in the Guide to P.I.

On new items, as well as those already mentioned, it was agreed to prepare a list of needs to be distributed to all registered P.I. Subcommittees requesting comments or input. The new items will be:

- 1) Creation of a sample census for presentation at WSC '88
- 2) Creation of additional form letters addressing outside organizations which use N.A.'s name, number, etc. in a manner implying affiliation
- 3) Creation of a billboard preparedness inventory
- 4) More discussion and input on our role in the schools, speaking to students.

The needs list will be shared with Fellowship P.I. subcommittees via our WSC P.I. members. We do not expect each of these items to become a piece of material. We're more interested in soliciting input from the P.I. members about what work needs to be done to make their jobs easier and in what form the work needs to be presented.

We are also still attempting to have all P.I. and Phoneline subcommittees registered in order to improve communications and information sharing. The attached form was created for that purpose and will go in upcoming issues of the Newsline and *P.I. News*.

We have a continuing need for input for the *P.I. News*. Once more, our committee members have committed to supplying articles and input from themselves and their regions. This newsletter is sent four times a year and has, in the past, gone to all P.I. and Phoneline Chair and Vice chairpersons. The committee agreed to expand mailing to include RSR's. The committee also asked that WSO prepare a cost analysis so that further determination could be made on options for selling issues to other members.

Once more, I want to thank the Conference and Fellowship for allowing me the experience to serve in this capacity. We have a lot of work ahead, much of it requiring change in concept and application. It's going to be an exciting and challenging year. Thank you and God bless.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/PHONELINE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

If your area or region has no functioning P.I. or Phoneline Subcommittee at this time, please indicate that and supply the name of a P.I. contact.

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## P.I. WORKSHOPS

The format of workshops is different from those of learning days. Actual workshops, as the term implies, are those events during which a specific topic, activity or item is worked on. Some of the events during which workshops have been held are during a service conference or meeting that is arranged to deal with a certain item of business or area of service.

Examples of workshop topics include developing subcommittee guidelines, reviewing a World Service Conference agenda or maybe even a workshop for group or service committee inventories. The common theme of these business type workshops is that time is allotted to brainstorm and examine specific issues and projects within the Fellowship.

Workshops held as part of a regularly scheduled service conference or learning day normally have a specific topic and specific goal, and the format can be highly structured. Time allotments are usually made for presentation, discussion and constructive criticism of each aspect of the topic or the work in progress. The structure may even utilize a chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer and secretary if the event is going to be a regularly scheduled, on-going activity.

Public information workshops have also been included as part of a convention program. Topics for these workshops may include one or more of the Twelve Traditions, public speaking, formation of a P.I. committee, as well as other topics suitable to be used in a convention setting.

If a workshop is scheduled as a separate event, it may also be successfully used to review new literature, discuss service responsibilities and positions, present new ideas for service commitments and to review and recommend action on items presented in World Service Conference agendas.

Although the terms workshop and learning day often used interchangeably, experience from around the Fellowship seems to prove that they do have separate uses and goals.