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FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Motion 1: Delete from page 42, of the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, (1987 edition) Section Five, "Basic Format of the World Service Conference," and renumber Section Six, "Amendments to the Guidelines," as Section Five.

Intent: The Basic Format of the WSC, now contained in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1987 edition) was designed to reflect the order of business at the WSC annual meeting. Over the years the Conference has changed substantially (i.e., from 2-1 /2 days to 5 days of meetings), but the format has remained the same. Consequently, the Conference readjusted the format and agenda of the meeting each year. As a result, the Conference has never precisely followed the format shown in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*. At each Conference it has been necessary to suspend the rules of order and use other parliamentary procedures to adjust the agenda to fit the needs and desires of the Conference.

Motion 2: A Committee responsible for originating publications or motions adopted by the WSC is authorized the discretion to update statistical information on a yearly basis by submitting to the WSO a letter of instruction for the change, provided that the letter is adopted by the Committee at a Conference workshop.

Intent: There are several instances where in the Conference has adopted an item, usually a handbook, that contains a portion that becomes outdated. For example, this Agenda contains a question and answer segment of the *P.I. Handbook* with a statement concerning the number of meetings in N.A. The World Service Conference Administrative Committee and the WSO have been reluctant to update that kind of information because the Fellowship has not given that kind of discretionary authority. It is, however, foolish for N.A. to print outdated information and also foolish to have to bring these publications back to the full Fellowship periodically simply to correct some statistical matter. This motion requires a 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

Motion 3: That an additional vice-chairperson position be created as an officer of the Conference. The term of office will be for one year. The duties assigned will be determined by the Chairperson of the Conference. Further, to amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, as appropriate, to reflect this action.

Intent: The duties and responsibilities of the WSC Administrative Committee have grown to the point where it is necessary to create an additional position to assist with the administration of the World Service Conference.

Motion 4: To authorize the WSO to publish the following excerpts (Addendum 1) from the Conference-approved *Treasurer's Handbook*, with slight modification, in the format shown. Additional sets will be included.

Intent: To make available to every group treasurer Conference-approved forms and guidance on the management of money. This motion requires a 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

FROM THE WSC POLICY COMMITTEE:

Motion 5: To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1987 edition) on page 39, second paragraph, by deleting the language describing the WSC Administrative Committee and replacing it with the following language. (*Describe the WSC Administrative Committee.*)

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: The WSC Administrative Committee is composed of the WSC Chairperson, WSC Vice-Chairperson and the WSC Treasurer and administers the general operation and activities of the Conference and its Committees. The Fellowship depends on the WSC, and its Committees to perform important and necessary services for its members and groups. Because the WSC assembles only once a year at its annual meeting, the Fellowship needs to have confidence that the WSC Committees will serve the needs of the Fellowship effectively on a year-round basis. In order to assure effective functioning of our World Service Committees, the WSC Administrative Committee exercises considerable responsibility to provide guidance and leadership to the general operation of the WSC Committees.

The WSC Administrative Committee works closely with the leadership of each Committee and assists them in their efforts to complete their work. Should the Administrative Committee take action to intervene in the activities of a Committee, such action will be reported to the full Conference in writing. This committee also serves as a resource to regional service committees, to provide workshops and/or information regarding the activity and functions of the WSC.

Although the developing of the budget for WSC activities is the concern of the Joint Administrative Committee (JAC), the Administrative Committee is actually responsible for dispersing the funds. The WSC Treasurer is responsible for all WSC bank accounts and reports the financial activities on a quarterly basis in the Fellowship Report.

The planning of the annual WSC meeting and WSC workshops takes a great deal of time and effort. The WSC Administrative Committee arranges the location, chooses the dates, approves the facility and any other arrangements that are necessary. The actual agenda is then prepared and sent out to all WSC participants ninety days in advance of the meeting.

Intent: Our first motion requests that the Conference replace the description of the Administrative Committee's make-up and function, as stated in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, with a more comprehensive and up-to-date description.

Motion 6: To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1987 edition) on page 39, after the description of the Administrative Committee and before the description of the Policy Committee, by inserting the following language. (JAC Committee membership and meeting schedule.)

The Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) is composed of the following trusted servants: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer of the Conference; the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each of the Conference Standing Committees; the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the WSB; and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the WSO Board, who are all voting members of this committee. The Joint Administrative Committee meets at least twice each year. The first meeting is held within 45 days after the close of the annual World Service Conference meeting. This first meeting is for the purpose of familiarizing new members with the procedure used in accomplishing WSC Committee responsibilities, setting dates for reports and reviewing work of each committee, etc. This meeting facilitates the smooth transition of committees and the Conference from one year to the next, as well as coordination of efforts within the Committees and Boards of World Services.

The second scheduled meeting, of the Joint Administrative Committee is held in early January. The January meeting is an opportunity for the Chairpersons to jointly review the material being included in the Conference Agenda Report. The Joint Administrative Committee should exercise prudent judgment in recommending changes to clarify reports or proposals or adding motions or additional reports.

Intent: Our second motion for consideration requests that the Conference insert a section describing the make-up and function of the Joint Administrative Committee in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* directly following that of the Administrative Committee. Our intention is to clearly define what the Joint Administrative Committee has evolved into.

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Originally, the JAC was created to take care of matters of Conference finance only. What we realized was that the real strength in the JAC was its ability to enhance communication and coordination of efforts between all the Committees and Boards of our World Services. Better communication and coordination of efforts means better service.

What this motion would do is include a description of how the JAC has functioned this past year and a half. This committee and its responsibilities, as described above, have proven essential to the functioning of the World Service Conference.

Motion 7: To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1987 edition), page 50, second motion listed, carried on 4/30/86, by deleting the language describing the Joint Administrative Committee and adding the following language to the section describing the Joint Administrative Committee presented in Motion No. 6. (*Treasurer to chair J.A.C. when discussing financial affairs*)
Intent: Our third motion is a housekeeping motion. What this motion will do is delete a motion listed in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* and add a similar description of the Joint Administrative Committee to the more lengthy description presented in Motion No. 6. If Motion No. 6 is adopted, then Motion No. 7 would be in order. This motion requires a 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

Motion 8: To include the following description as an addendum to the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*: THE FELLOWSHIP REPORT: The Fellowship Report is a periodic publication of the World Service Conference which has evolved as a means of providing continuing information to the Fellowship about activities of the Committees and Boards of the Conference. It includes separate reports from Conference Officers, Committees and Boards. These reports contain information on the status of major projects on which the Committees or Boards are working, suggestions for new work and problems that have been encountered. Through the periodic Fellowship Reports, a Committee or Board may keep the Fellowship informed of progress on items that may eventually be contained in the Conference Agenda Report. Although the frequency of publication may change from year to year, it is currently published every other month. The report is distributed to regional and area service committees and Conference participants.

Intent: See intent following Motion No. 9. This motion requires a 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

Motion 9: To include the following description of the Conference Agenda Report as an addendum in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*. (*Description of the Conference Agenda Report*)
THE CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT: The Conference Agenda Report is published ninety days prior to the opening day of the Conference. The report contains the proposals and motions that the Fellowship is being asked to consider and form a Fellowship-wide group conscience on. One copy of the report is mailed to each voting participant of the Conference, each RSR-Alternate, and the mailing address of each region. Additional copies may be purchased by N.A. members from the WSO. The price established for the report may vary from year to year depending on the cost of production.

The Conference Agenda Report includes reports, proposals, and motions from the Conference Committees, the Board of Trustees, the WSO Board of Directors, and the WCC Board, and may include proposals or motions from regions. The reports are written by officers or Chairpersons of the Committees or Boards. The report may include a summary of events leading to the presentation of the proposals that are included. If a Committee or Board is not presenting any proposals for action by the Conference, no report from that Committee or Board will be included in the Agenda Report.

Intent: Motions No. 8 and No. 9 request that the Conference include descriptions of the Fellowship Report and the Conference Agenda Report in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* in two separate addendums.

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Motion 10: To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* with the following language: Any motion that appears in the Conference Agenda Report shall include a written intent. Additionally, the maker of any motion submitted or committed to a WSC Committee or Board provides the Chairperson of the committee or board with a written intent.

Motion 11: Be it resolved: That only RSR's (or their equivalent) be voting participants at the WSC. Non-voting participants (WSC officers, WSC Committee Chairpersons, Trustees, and WSO Chairperson) may make motions or address the Conference.

During last year's Conference, a series of motions was presented to amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* in such a way that only RSR 's or their equivalent would be voting participants of the WSC. The Conference responded by committing the issue to the Policy Committee in the following language: To commit the motion to the Policy Committee, to be put in the '88 WSC Agenda in a proper form.

FROM THE WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

Motion 12: To approve *Staying Clean on the Outside* (J.P. #23) as is.

Motion 13: To approve *Hey! What's the Basket for?* (I.P. #24) as is.

Motion 14: To approve *Am I an Addict?* Newly Revised (I.P. #R-7) as is. Approval of this item will withdraw the existing I.P. No. 7 from the category of Conference-approved literature and replace it with the revised version.

Motion 15: To approve *The Group*, Newly Revised (I.P. #R-2) as is. Approval of this item will withdraw the existing I.P. No. 2 from the category of Conference-approved literature and replace it with the revised version.

Motion 16: To approve *Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous* (LP. #R-10) as is.

Motion 17: To adopt the new World Literature Committee Guidelines (Addendum 2F of the 1988 Conference Agenda Report) effective immediately. The *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* and the *Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees* will reflect this change as appropriate.

Motion 18: To approve the following as the World Literature Committee's Work list for the 1988-89 Conference year:

1. *It Works: How and Why--Steps and Traditions*
2. WLC Guidelines and Handbook
3. Prepare an approval form of the LP. *Questions and Answers about N.A.*

Motion 19: Change "Easy Does It" to "Take It Easy" whenever "Easy Does It" appears in N.A. approved literature in new publications and in subsequent changes in existing publications. Original intent: As a matter of style "Take it Easy" was used consistently in place of "Easy Does It" in the development of our Basic Text. "Easy Does It," however, remains in several places in our approved literature. We need to be consistent in our use of N.A. terminology in our approved literature. We did input this to the Literature Committee at WSC '87 and were told it would not be dealt with.

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Motion 20: The fourth edition of the Basic Text is in print and has been distributed since November, 1987. From this point forward, what revision schedule, if any, should be followed? Please answer by completing A, below.

A. Does the Basic Text need to be revised? YES NO

If yes, please complete the following:

A 1. Should we continue to have yearly minor revisions? YES.NO

A 2. Should there be one major revision at some point in time?

If yes, how soon? Other 1 yr, 2 yr, 3 yr, 4 yr, 5 yr

FROM THE IT WORKS AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

Motion 21: To dissolve the *It Works: How and Why* Part I (the steps) Ad-hoc Committee.

FROM THE WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:

Motion 22: To include the "Guide to Writing News Releases" (Addendum 3A) as an appendix in the *Guide to Public Information*.

Motion 23: To include "P.I. and the Media" (Addendum 3B) as an appendix to the *Guide to Public Information*.

Motion 24: Amend Appendix 7 in the *Guide to P.I.* by including the following after "Sample Letters to Groups and Organizations" and before "Cover Letter for Information Packets."

FROM THE ADDITIONAL NEEDS AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

Motion 25: That the WSC Additional Needs Ad-Hoc Committee be allowed to continue to operate with the following purpose--to function as a means of reaching those addicts who, for whatever reason, are unable to receive the message of N.A. in the conventional ways. The scope of this work shall include the following. (*Describes duties and functions*)

FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE:

Motion 26: That the Select Committee be released from the previously adopted (WSC '87) work schedule, requiring a revised draft by July 1, 1988 and be instructed to issue a draft by July 1, 1989.

FROM THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE:

Motion 27: To delete from the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure (1987 edition)* the following two paragraphs of the section on the WSO, beginning on page 21, and ending on page

Motion 22: including the footnote, and insert the replacement paragraphs below. (*Description of WSO*)

FROM WCCNA:

Motion 28: That the name "World Convention Corporation for Narcotics Anonymous" be changed to "World Convention Corporation" and that all references to the World Convention Corporation for Narcotics Anonymous be changed to reflect the new name.

Motion 29: To delete from the *Convention Guidelines*, page 49, the section entitled "WCCNA Management/ and insert the following replacement. (*Management Responsibility, Zone Selection Procedure. Host Committee Responsibility*)

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Motion 30: That the following changes be made to the WCCNA Geographies section of the *Convention Guidelines*. (*Moving three states from zone one to zone three and changing description of zones eight and nine.*)

Motion 31: That the Hotel Fact Sheet on pages 55-57 be moved to the end of Part Two of the *Convention Guidelines*, following the section on Fund Distribution.

Motion 32: To delete on page 30, of the *Convention Guidelines*, those portions of the response to Question No: 5 that are lined through, as shown below. (*Clarification of question on special interests*)

Motion 33: Make the following incidental changes to the *Convention Guidelines*. (*Incidental housekeeping corrections*)

Motion 34: Pg. 49, in the *Convention Guidelines*, in the section "Bidding to Host a World Convention," delete the paragraphs beginning: "Bids are prepared ... " and ending " ... next convention will be held." And replace with the following paragraphs. (*July deadline and notification of selected bid site*)

Motion 35: To accept and adopt the bid for WCNA-19 to be hosted by the ???????? Region.

MOTIONS FROM REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

Several years ago a precedent was set by a Chairperson of the Conference to permit inclusion of motions directly from regional service committees. Because there are no specific Conference-approved guidelines for this procedure, the practice has again occurred. Unfortunately this procedure does not permit your Conference committees the opportunity to study and recommend action on the motions before they are included in the Agenda Report.

The following is input received by the WSC Administrative Committee through RSC's from around the Fellowship. They are included here for informational purposes and will be channeled to the appropriate WSC Committees for consideration. When the Committees report to the Conference, they will discuss the results of their deliberations. The RSR from the region submitting the input may introduce the motion if the Committee does not. Therefore, the input should be considered as possible motions at the upcoming Conference and be included in your discussions along with the rest of this report.

Motion: That upon depletion of the current supply of the fourth edition Basic Texts, as of WSC '88, the printing of the fourth edition Basic Text be halted and that the third edition revised Basic Text be reprinted for distribution by WSO.

Intent: To stop distribution of the fourth edition Basic Text and to reprint the third edition revised Basic Text. This will insure that the supply of Basic Texts will not be interrupted or cause an undue financial hardship on the WSO by not allowing the sale of the existing inventory on hand at the time of WSC '88.

Motion: That the World Service Conference direct the World Service Office to immediately cease the publication and sale of the fourth edition of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, and immediately begin publication and sale of the Third edition revised of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous.

Intent: To prevent the sale of unapproved literature by the World Service Office. The editing of our Basic Text and subsequent approval by the Literature Review Committee so far exceeded any reasonable interpretation of the authority granted by the motion to edit the Basic Text passed at the 1985 World

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Service Conference as to require that the fourth edition be treated as new literature, and as such, be subject to the standard review and approval process.

Motion: That any changes in the book *Narcotics Anonymous (The Basic Text)* be made only by Fellowship-wide group conscience.

Intent: To insure that the Fellowship as a whole has the opportunity to review the proposed changes or revisions, and that a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience may be heard.

Motion: To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* with the following motion: That members of the World Service Board of Trustees be limited to two five-year terms, and that these terms cannot be consecutive, that there be a five-year period between terms.

Intent: To insure that the principle of rotating leadership expressed in the Ninth Tradition is adhered to. Two consecutive terms or ten continuous years allows the trustee position to become an extension of an individual's personality. This will also make it possible for more members to contribute and participate.

Motion: That the WSB members be elected for one five-year term only.

Intent: Rotating of trusted servants.

Motion: That the Fellowship disband the Select Committee and return responsibility of finalizing the service manual to the WSC Policy Committee.

Intent: Objectivity in review process.

Motion: That motions in the WSC Agenda that involve changing guidelines include only that section of the manual being amended.

Intent: To limit size and amounts of materials groups must process for group conscience.

Motion: That a non-partisan parliamentarian be hired by the WSC for the Conference proceeding.

Intent: To hire a parliamentarian without a vested interest in any N.A. proceedings to ensure parliamentary impartiality on WSC operations

Motion: That stronger boundaries be created between WSC and the WSO.

Intent: To re-establish the WSC as a separate entity from the business arm, WSO.

Motion: That the WSC create Secretary and Alternate positions for all standing committees, including the Administrative Committee.

Intent: To separate the WSC from the WSO secretarial services.

Motion: That motions in the WSC Agenda be written in a simple format which is easy to understand, with intent attached.

Intent: Stop overwhelming N.A. groups with massive amounts of complex materials to be group conscienced.

Motion: That the WSO update the World Directory of N.A. meetings on an annual basis.

Intent: To make available an international meeting list for addicts.

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Motion: That the right of any region to put forth agenda items for WSC consideration remain unconditional.

Intent: So WSC remains directly responsible to those they serve through the service structure (regions, areas, groups, members).

Motion: That each WSC subcommittee, including Administrative Committee, establish and publish a mailing address separate from WSO.

Intent: To separate our spiritual Fellowship from a business entity.

Motion: That each region's report at the WSC include a current mailing address.

Intent: To increase region to region communication.

Motion: That a list of current regional mailing addresses be published and made available to the Fellowship.

Intent: To increase region to region communication and support.

Motion: That materials generated in WSC subcommittees be distributed to RSC subcommittees upon request.

Intent: To allow a flow of information to take advantage of a broader base of experience, strength and hope.

Motion: That the WSO make the Fellowship Report available to any member of Narcotics Anonymous by subscription.

Intent: That any member of the Fellowship who chooses have access to what's happening with the Conference through this report.