

APPROVED WSC PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 25 & 27, 1989 - WSC ANNUAL MEETING - VAN NUYS, CA

Tuesday, April 25, 1989

The meeting was opened by Biff Kramer, WSC P.I. Chairperson at 9:08 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Chris Keeley and a warm welcome was extended to all.

The quorum was established with six voting members present.

PRESENT: Biff Kramer (WSC P.I. Chairperson), Stephen Ringer (WSC P.I. Vice Chairperson), Tom McCall (Trustee Liaison), Jamie Scott-Hopkins (WSO BOD Liaison), Steve Sigman (WSO P.I. Coordinator), Cindy Sarnecky (WSO Support Staff), Tom Rush (voting), Bob MacFarlane (voting), Chris Keeley (voting), Michael Falk (voting), Dave Cracchiolo (voting), Carrie Rossip (voting), Mike Lantz (non-voting), Taylor Parker (non-voting), Andy Hayes (non-voting), Rogan Allen (non-voting), Kimberly Smith (non-voting), Susan Blaue (non-voting), Scott Holt (non-voting), Denise Massie (non-voting), Andy Siegel (non-voting), Tony Leone (non-voting), Kevin Roger (non-voting), Irwin "Stretch" Gars (guest), Diane Gars (guest), Donna V. (guest), Ro S. (guest), Ernie E. (guest), Bruce Wagner (advisory), Garth Popple (Trustee)

It was M/S/C (Bob MacFarlane, Dave Cracchiolo) to approve minutes from Dallas WSC P.I. meeting. UNANIMOUS

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson each made some opening remarks and proceeded with an overview of the agenda. Brief discussion of the following topics were included, followed by questions and answers.

1. *A Guide to Phoneline Service* - Language inconsistent with TWGSS in two paragraphs.
2. Direction fo the WSC P.I. Committee for the coming year: Phonelines, Learning Days/Workshops, P.I. projects on a national/international level, media contacts/publications
3. Subsidizing member's travel expenses to learning days/workshops. Most members felt there is a need for more WSC P.I. participation in these. Budget for these was not exhausted last year.
4. Conference Agenda Report Items - Stephen Ringer reported that he had contacted 17 members and asked how they felt about the items worked on in the past year, with 14 members reporting that they felt some of these items needed further work before being included in the Conference Agenda Report.
5. Phonelines - Stephen Ringer mentioned memo/questionnaire that was mailed to all committee members after the Dallas WSC Workshop and gave a brief overview of the results. This project is planned to be a priority for the coming year.
6. Membership in the WSC P.I. Committee - An overview of how membership might be reorganized to include voting membership, a pool from which voting members may be drawn and membership in an advisory capacity.

7. The need for clear definition of responsibilities of WSC P.I. Committee members.

Discussion was opened to all participants of the role of voting, non-voting and advisory participants in the WSC P.I. Committee. A discussion ensued as to how membership should be restructured. Questions were raised as to how pool members would be renominated each year. After several members shared their feelings, it was decided that to remain in the pool, it will be necessary to be renominated by a region or receive a two-thirds vote of the current membership. Discussion on how long a member should serve resulted in the decision that no member should serve more than four consecutive years in the pool and no more than two consecutive two-year terms as a voting participant. The majority felt that no more than three members from any one region should serve on this committee and that no more than two from any one region should be voting participants, excluding the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. A question was raised as to how members are removed from the committee. At this time, the Vice Chairperson has the authority to remove a member by writing a letter and if receiving no response, may remove the member from this committee. A straw poll was taken for restructuring committee membership to include voting participation, a pool of non-voting members and advisory members. The results were: for 15, against 0.

After a recess taken at 10:42 a.m., Biff reopened the meeting at 11:08 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Bob MacFarlane brought a motion from the San/Diego/Imperial Region which proposed an amendment to the TWGSS (page 24) for the motion passed 5-31-81. The proposal was to include language which clarified the use of the name "Narcotics Anonymous" on public information material. Discussion resulted in it being M/S/F to have the motion presented by the WSC P.I. Committee. The committee felt that amending this part of TWGSS would only add more confusion.

The motion from the Greater New York Region to have a standing phoneline subcommittee was discussed. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson expressed their intent to make working on phonelines a priority for the coming conference year.

There was also discussion on the motion referred to this committee regarding opening and closing recovery meetings with a prayer. After extensive discussion, it was decided that WSC P.I. was not in favor of this motion.

The next topic of discussion was the motion included in the Conference Agenda Report to have open forums at all gatherings of WSC Committees. This committee has made it a practice to do this at the discretion of the chairperson and will continue to do so.

The Chairperson informed members that the items in the Conference Agenda Report would remain unless there were specific changes that the entire committee could agree on or agreement that they should be referred back to committee for further work. Each motion was discussed and although some points were brought up about specific phrases that individual members weren't satisfied with, the committee could not reach unanimous

agreement to amend any of these items. It was agreed to vote on each piece to either leave as is or refer back to committee.

It was M/S/C (Kimberly Smith, Taylor Parker) "To ask WSC to refer #19, P.I. & the N.A. Member, back to committee" Vote - 4/2/0

It was M/S/F (Kimberly Smith, Tom Rush) to ask WSC to refer #23, Keeping the N.A. Fellowship Informed, back to committee." Vote - 0/5/1

It was M/S/C (Andy Siegel, Andy Hayes) "To ask WSC to refer #24, Guidelines for Cooperative Efforts in P.I. in Overlapping Areas or Regions, back to committee." Vote - 4/2/0

It was M/ (Kim Smith) to amend #23, Keeping the N.A. Fellowship Informed." Motion died for lack of a second.

The Chairperson raised discussion on *A Guide to Phoneline Service* regarding the paragraphs on how a chairperson is elected and who is responsible for paying bills. The Chairperson expressed his desire to bring a motion to the conference floor to change some of the language in *A Guide to Phoneline Service* to accurately reflect the service structure described in TWGSS. The Chairperson asked for any objection to this and there were none.

The Vice Chairperson mentioned the projects this committee did not complete last year and asked the committee to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss and vote on a work list for the coming year.

A brief discussion of the folder from Chicagoland followed with a general consensus reached that this would be a good project to ask the WSO to consider.

The Chairperson explained his ideas for a Tape Review Panel comprised of 3 to 5 members of the WSC P.I. Committee whose purpose will be to review tapes received from learning days/workshops and approve them for sale by the World Service Office. Biff relayed some concern to the committee that there are valuable tapes gathering dust because there is no process for distributing these tapes. Some questions were raised by committee members regarding the legalities of copyright, ownership, etc. A decision was reached to bring a motion to the floor of the conference to approve a Tape Review Panel.

Regarding WSC sponsored learning days and workshops, the committee felt that they would like to see more of these in the coming year. The Australia Region has a request for support of their regional project. It was M/S/C to table their request until the next meeting of this committee. It will be added to the agenda for that meeting.

Nominations were opened for Chairperson. The only nominee was Stephen Ringer. The committee decided to bring this recommendation to the conference floor.
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Nominations were opened for Vice Chairperson. Dave Cracchiolo, Rogan Allen, Michael Falk, Tony Leone and Carrie Rossip were nominated. All nominees qualified and a vote was taken. Carrie Rossip received the support of the committee for the nominee for Vice Chairperson.

After closing remarks of thanks and gratitude by the Chairperson, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 1989

The meeting was opened by Stephen Ringer, WSC P.I. Chairperson at 9:29 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

PRESENT: Stephen Ringer (WSC P.I. Chairperson), Carrie Rossip (WSC P.I. Vice Chairperson), Jamie Scott-Hopkins (WSO BOD Liaison), Mark Danielson (WSO BOD Liaison), Steve Sigman (WSO P.I. Coordinator), Cindy Sarnecky (WSO P.I. Support Staff), Mike Lantz, Tony Leone, Andy Hayes, Chris Keeley, Kevin Rogers, Scott Holt, Susan Blaue, Kimberly Smith, Michael Falk, Andy Siegel, Rogan Allen, Bob MacFarlane, Denise Massie, Taylor Parker, Dave Cracchiolo, Danny Keelan, Mary Kay Berger, Bruce Wagner, "Stretch" Gars (Trustee), Diane Gars (guest), Walter Tingler (guest), Ernie Ercole (guest), Leah Harris (guest)

Stephen made opening remarks focusing on the history of the WSC P.I. Committee and the experience gained through task forces, assignment to projects, etc. Stephen expressed his hope that this committee will work on a few projects at a time and focus its energies on developing these few projects into quality literature for the public or other public information materials. Stephen concluded with an introduction of Carrie Rossip, the newly elected Vice Chairperson for the WSC P.I. Committee.

Carrie made opening remarks and expressed similar views with regard to the direction of this committee.

It was M/S/C (Michael Falk, Dave Cracchiolo) to adopt revisions to membership structure that includes voting, pool and advisory membership.

It was M/S/C to add Denise Massie, Kimberly Smith, Rogan Allen, Tony Leone, Mike Lantz, Scott Holt, Kevin Rogers, Jimmy Vetter, Susan Blaue, Andy Siegel and Taylor Parker as voting members of the WSC P.I. Committee. Passed unanimously. The new voting members will include these members in addition to the voting members elected last year (Dave Cracchiolo, Bob MacFarlane, Michael Falk, Ed Shepard, Chris Webster) for a total of sixteen voting members, which is the number suggested by the WSC P.I. Guidelines.

Several members will be remaining on this committee as pool members either because of renomination by their region or because of a two-thirds vote of this committee (Diane Click, Bruce Allen, Joe Yoder, Andy Hayes, Andy Swain, Paul Hawkes). New pool members will be Danny Keelan and Mary Kay Berger. Chris Keeley had completed two

terms as a voting member. It was M/S/C (Andy Siegel, Dave Cracchiolo) by a two-thirds vote to re-elect Chris Keeley to the pool. The total number in the pool is nine members.

It was M/S/C (Bob MacFarlane, Rogan Allen) to adopt revisions to guidelines:

Add to section 1,1: "This includes participation in and support of learning days/workshops when feasible"

Add to section 1,3,c: "or of sufficient scope to warrant WSC P.I. participation."

Section V: Length of clean time, change from "two" to "three" years.

Replace "nominee" with "pool"

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson opened discussion regarding WSC P.I. participation in regional learning days. It was decided that this committee will support Australia's upcoming project.

Dave Cracchiolo questioned the reason for not appointing a secretary. Stephen Ringer informed him that the committee will be using WSO staff for the purpose of recording minutes. Denise Massie, who was secretary last year, was given a warm round of applause for her hard work.

The segment on Narcotics Anonymous included in The Today Show of April 4, was viewed by the committee. Afterwards Stephen discussed the value of working within the contingency plan developed for projects such as this.

After a short break, the floor was opened to all voting participants to discuss their feeling about upcoming projects.

Carrie announced project assignments for the coming year:

1. This will be divided into three separate pieces.
 - a. Folder - WSO
 - b. Membership Survey - Michael Falk
 - c. N.A. in the Community - Rogan Allen, Joe Yoder
2. Phonelines - Kimberly Smith (Project Leader), Danny Keelan, Jimmy Vetter, Mike Lantz, Diane Click, Scott Holt, Andy Hayes, Denise Massie
3. Newsletter for Professionals - Dave Cracchiolo (Project Leader), Bob MacFarlane, Andy Siegel, Chris Keeley, Mary Kay Berger
4. Keeping the N.A. Fellowship Informed - Susan Blaue (Project Leader), Kevin Rogers, Taylor Parker
5. P.I. & The N.A. Member - WSO to assist
6. Graphics & Displays - Tony Leone

The WSC P.I. Committee is to participate in workshops on phonelines which will be included with the WSO workshops on offices and conventions. These are tentatively scheduled for July 16 in Baltimore, September in Atlanta and February in Van Nuys.

Stephen Ringer informed committee members of their responsibilities for the coming year with an emphasis on returning phone calls and answering correspondence. Each member should communicate with and utilize WSO staff for assistance with their projects.

All committee members will need to maintain activity in their local fellowships and communicate with each other.

Steve Sigman, WSO P.I. Coordinator spoke briefly to let the committee know that he was available, along with Cindy Sarnecky and that committee members should feel free to contact the WSO.

The committee watched "Inside View" after which the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 a.m.

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