



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP REPORT

March, 1990

To: The Fellowship

From: Bob Hunter, Chairperson
World Service Conference

The annual meeting of the WSC is about a month away, and my thoughts tend to drift towards what the conference may be like this year. Once again the agenda focuses mainly on "the way we do what we do." These types of issues seem to generate emotional discussion about one way being right and one way being wrong, and when someone is right and someone is wrong, someone is usually hurt and angry. I ask conference participants to try to focus on what is best for the fellowship, rather than what is right or wrong. I hope this will promote an atmosphere of respect for one another at the conference.

World Service Conference. I have several specific items to address with regard to this year's meeting of the World Service Conference in April. The Joint Administrative Committee discussed at its January meeting the issue of smoking at the conference. It was the general consensus of the Joint Administrative Committee that this year's conference be non-smoking. Therefore, when the conference is in session there will be no smoking in the big meeting room. Each WSC committee chair can decide whether his or her separate committee meetings are smoking or non-smoking.

Attached at the end of this report is a list of "Proposed Topics for General Forum." This list is by no means all-inclusive; most of the topics on this list came up during discussions at Joint Administrative Committee meetings. The general forum is scheduled for Tuesday morning, April 24.

During the past two meetings of the World Service Conference, the WSC Administrative Committee developed a motion list which contained regional motions from the back of the *Conference Agenda Report*, and any other motions which conference participants may have brought to the conference. On the first day of the conference, the WSC chair has asked that conference participants submit these motions for inclusion in the motion list. These motions were then assigned to a WSC committee or board and numbered for inclusion in the motion list.

As conference chair I plan to continue this procedure during this year's conference. The motion list gives the conference prior notice that an item may be brought to the floor for consideration by the conference. Without prior notice, any motion pertaining to conference policy may be out of order.

Even though these motions are turned in for inclusion in the motion list, it is the responsibility of the maker of the motion to prepare a transparency of the motion¹ and to introduce the item into business at the appropriate time.

¹ All motions made at the conference must be in writing and displayed on an overhead projector, so all conference participants may see the correct motion at the same time. The WSO staff will help you prepare transparencies at the conference.

As I have stated several times in past reports, those motions which pertain to items of business in the *Conference Agenda Report* will be considered old business. Old business motions should be introduced during the report and discussion time of the committee or board to which the motion pertains. All other motions will be considered new business and will be addressed by the conference during new business, tentatively scheduled for Friday morning.

The orientation session scheduled for Sunday evening, before the conference begins, will be expanded to include introductions of conference participants and staff. I hope we utilize this time to become better acquainted with one another. The conference parliamentarian, Don Cameron, will be present also to briefly explain our WSC Rules of Order, and will be available to answer questions.

Intents for Motions 1, 2, and 3 from the Conference Agenda Report. It was brought to my attention at the *Conference Agenda Report* workshop hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Region that Motions 1, 2, and 3 did not have intents. A motion was adopted at the 1988 meeting of the WSC which stated, "Any motion that appears in the *Conference Agenda Report* shall include a written intent." The following statements are intents for Motions 1, 2, and 3 in the 1989/90 *Conference Agenda Report*.

1. Intent: This motion supports the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service in completion of its work on *A Guide to Service*.
2. Intent: This motion complies with the motion adopted at the 1989 meeting of the WSC, by presenting a plan for RSR and RSR alternate travel to the annual WSC meeting.
3. Intent: This motion grants WSC committees and boards the responsibility to determine their own working guidelines, while retaining the authority of the conference to set policy.

I urge conference participants to address each motion, free of its intent, because it is the exact wording of each motion that will be adopted if the motion carries, not the wording of the intent.

Proposed Topics for General Forum

1. N.A. literature is currently being translated into several languages other than English. Some languages do not have a word for "addict" or "narcotics," as in Narcotics Anonymous. There may be difficulty ensuring the fidelity of translated material to our philosophy. Who should decide whether translation of the meaning serves our purpose better than literal translation?
2. In some regions, there has been discussion regarding the use of the word "God" in the steps and traditions, and elsewhere in our literature. Questions that have come up regarding this include gender-specific references to the deity ("Him"), and the use of any prayer that is associated with a particular religious discipline.
3. The fellowship is growing rapidly in countries other than the U.S. To what extent should the trusted servants of the U.S. be involved? Do we have a responsibility to assist newer fellowship communities? Or is there spiritual benefit to be gained in their efforts to grow and develop on their own? How does our understanding of self-support (as outlined in the Seventh Tradition) influence this discussion, with regard to both financial and manpower resources?
4. The *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* states that the *Conference Agenda Report* contains the proposals and motions that the fellowship is being asked to consider and form a fellowship-wide group conscience on. Considering this narrow purpose, should the WSC Administrative Committee continue to include in the *Conference Agenda Report*

motions submitted by regions? It has been suggested that these motions be published in the March *Fellowship Report* each year. What other options should be considered?

5. The fellowship employs special workers at the World Service Office, and recently in regional and area offices as well. What role do these special workers fulfill in N.A. service?
6. Elections at the conference continue to be confusing and time-consuming. How can we structure our election process to meet our needs? Would a Nominations Committee be beneficial?
7. There seems to be a need for service-related periodical publication accessible to regions and/or service committees besides WSC committees and boards. How should such a publication be structured? Who should administer and manage it? What sort of guidelines should apply?
8. Many members have noticed that the members in their local meetings do not reflect the general population of addicts in that area. For instance, in a large metropolitan area in the southwest, most meetings are filled with white males. Who's missing from our meetings? Are there cultural or racial populations that need our help, but aren't getting the message? What can we do to carry the message to these suffering addicts?

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To: The Fellowship

From: Shari Angell
WSC Treasurer

1989/90 Fiscal Year (6/1/89--5/31/90)

Opening Cash Balance, 6/1/89	\$ 82,671.03
Income, 6/1/89 to 2/21/90	
Donations	183,496.66
Interest earned	<u>1,464.25</u>
	\$ 267,631.94
Expenses Paid 6/1/89 to 3/5/90	
For 1988/89 budget year	\$ (6,895.94)
For 1989/90 budget year	
Thru WSO January log	(161,029.48)
On account--February log	<u>(26,581.36)</u>
	\$(194,506.78)
Ending Cash Balance, 3/5/90	\$ 73,125.16
Checking Balance, 3/5/90	\$ 21,660.91
Money maximizer balance, 2/5/90	<u>\$ 51,464.25</u>
	\$ 73,125.16

1989/90 Budget Year Committee/BOT Expenses

	<u>Baseline Budget</u>	<u>Paid through 3/5/90</u>
Administrative Committee	\$ 61,300.00	\$ 17,054.23
Ad Hoc Isolated Groups		1,056.57
Discretionary	3,300.00	200.00
Ad Hoc N.A. Service	18,600.00	20,466.63
Hospitals & Institutions	29,400.00	20,375.42
Literature	71,300.00	44,754.06
Policy	8,300.00	3,780.57
Public Information	<u>25,400.00</u>	<u>15,647.59</u>
Subtotal	\$217,600.00	\$123,335.07
Board of Trustees	<u>70,900.00</u>	<u>40,839.97</u>
Total through January log		\$164,175.04
On account towards February log		<u>26,581.36</u>
Total	\$288,500.00	\$190,756.40

Although our cash balance appears healthy, we should note that we have spent about \$7,300 more for the 1989/90 budget than we have received for the same period. And we have expected expenses of \$80,000-\$90,000 in the next three to four months.

In May 1989 at the JAC meeting following the annual meeting, WSO pledged \$69,000 in cash if the WSC needed it for the 1989/90 budget year. However, things have changed and WSO probably will be unable to do this.

Therefore, our proposed spending plan of \$288,500 will need to be funded entirely with regional support, about \$4,808 each region, or \$24,000 per month. Our current donation level average is \$20,389 per month.

WSO continues to absorb some of WSC copy and postage expenses, about \$14,350 through their January log. And they continue to provide support to the WSC with personnel, their salaries, travel costs, etc.

Expenses expected in February, March, and April include but are not limited to: two BOT meetings, about \$10,000; one traditions ad hoc meeting, about \$2,100; two meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. service, about \$7,200; one steps ad hoc meeting, about \$2,100; two meetings of the WSC Literature Committee, about \$12,800; four *Conference Agenda Report* workshops, about \$4,000; remaining expenses from the January expanded meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service, about \$10,000; and of course the 1990 annual meeting, about \$30,000-\$40,000; which totals about \$80,000-\$90,000.

Any questions or comments? I look forward to seeing you in April. I would also like to express my appreciation for the privilege of serving the WSC, thank you.

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From: Stephen Ringer, Chairperson
WSC P.I. Committee

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Committee, which supported its presentation to the conference for approval. However, the Joint Administrative Committee will offer a substitute motion dealing with the deletion of the wording on the cover.

There seems to be some concern that this booklet is not suited to the above-mentioned process. Since the process was developed with this booklet, as well as possible future pieces, specifically in mind, I am at a loss to understand this. The process was developed through close work with the then WSC Literature Committee Chair and consultation with the chairs of the P.I., Policy, and Administrative Committees, and the Board of Trustees. The present concerns seem to center around the position that where the motion says "literature," it means guidelines and handbooks. Referring to WSC 1989's motion #6, it can be seen that the conference passed a motion dealing with a process designed for guidelines and handbooks. The process outlined in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1989 edition), page 50, was always meant for literature which was intended for a distribution other than on the table at regular N.A. meetings. In my opinion, there is no way the 1989 conference passed two motions outlining two separate processes for approving guidelines and handbooks. I hope this clarifies this matter.

Ongoing committee projects include an audio tape of a treatment and a correctional panel presentation. These will be mock presentations done by WSC H&I Committee members to illustrate the panel presentation format. We are also working to assemble the information gained through doing H&I work, which our experience indicates would be of use to isolated meetings/groups. The ultimate use of this information will be determined by the findings of the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on Isolated Groups and subsequent fellowship decisions. Some committee members are doing the final work on our internal voting procedures.

Our primary focus is participation in multiregional and regional workshops and learning days. Our proposed budget allows for one quarterly committee meeting. The funds which would have been used to attend a second quarterly meeting will instead be used for participation in regional events. There is a possible exception to this, if one of the quarterlies has the format of a learning day for the fellowship. There has been some discussion of this, and if it occurs, then H&I would probably attend since it would be in line with our new direction.

This is my last report for WSC H&I. My eligibility for committee membership expires at the 1990 Conference. Fortunately, I can still serve as a panel member, so I don't have to try to imagine not being involved in H&I. Still, I know I will miss being involved with WSC H&I, but it is time to move on. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Tim Banner, Chairperson
WSC Policy Committee

In preparing this report I did what I usually do--review what the past chair has written in the corresponding *Fellowship Report*, to compare what I feel about where the Policy Committee is going with where the Committee was at this time last year.

The basic information appears to be the same: what we have done is before you in the *Conference Agenda Report* and nothing new has been referred to the committee since the last *Fellowship Report*.

The basic feelings are also the same: (1) How to get regional items that have been *thoroughly researched and developed* into the *Conference Agenda Report* for fellowship-wide discussion and action; and (2) how to come to grips with the (seemingly) never-ending discussions regarding regional formation and the seating of new regions at WSC.

The answer to both questions seems simple to say: move out of the fear of exclusion (not being included in the "process") into the faith of believing that those whom we have selected as

trusted servants are capable and worthy of being trusted. I realize this is an ideal, but as long as I do my part in listening to anyone who wishes to provide input without prejudging that input because of the region or area from whence the member comes, I will avoid the appearance of excluding anyone from the "process." Further, when I discharge my service responsibilities consistently in a capable and trustworthy manner, I will not have time to criticize others who are not doing what I think they need to be doing.

The solution which seems to be in vogue now, and for at least the last few years, is to talk about how "they" are doing it to "us." This breeds distrust which spawns miscommunication ("they" wouldn't understand), which fathers fear ("they" want to cut "us" out of the "process").

How do we move from where we seem to be now to where we want to be? Find some way to stop the secret meetings in the back rooms by opening up the lines of communication throughout the entire service structure, no matter what good intentions someone may have for withholding information. Faith creates trust in a God-based process, while fear excludes God from the process.

I don't know whether this makes sense to anyone; I only needed to state what I feel at this time.

See y'all in Van Nuys in April.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Bryce Sullivan, Chairperson
WSC Literature Committee

I hope this report finds you all healthy and enjoying your recovery. I also hope that the lengthy reports from the literature committee this year have not worn you down to the point where you dread seeing another one. I will try to keep this report brief.

February WSC Literature Committee Meeting

The WSC Literature Committee met February 10th and 11th to review the progress of the Steps Ad Hoc Committee and to work on other committee projects. We had a very productive meeting. One of the things that impressed me the most about the committee is the way we have grown into an effective, cohesive team. Two new committee member appointments were approved to fill vacancies: Jeri Sarracino from the Carolina Region, and Jane Nickels from the Connecticut Region.

Steps Ad Hoc Committee

You all should have received a report distributed in January from the Steps Ad Hoc Committee. The report details the work of the ad hoc group at our December meeting. If you haven't received this report, or would like to obtain a copy, please contact your RSR, regional literature committee, or the WSO literature department. Reports from future meetings will be distributed to conference participants and regional literature committees. We try to distribute these reports as soon as possible following the meetings. However, they are reviewed by both the Steps Ad Hoc Committee and the full WSC Literature Committee before distribution. The committee discussed ways to get the reports out sooner and the only way to accomplish this is to limit the review by the committees responsible for the work. We don't believe it would be responsible to eliminate or curtail this committee review merely to expedite distribution. These reports are a synopsis of our meetings, and in a general way express the progress of our work. If

you have any comments on these reports, or how we might improve communication, please let me know.

In December, and again at the January meeting, the ad hoc committee worked on outlines for the Twelve Steps. We are using twelve-step draft material previously generated by the literature committee and the fellowship. In December, discussions focused on the first six steps. The January meeting continued through to the Twelfth Step. The ad hoc group will continue work on the outlines for the next two meetings, scheduled for February and March. The continuity of the ad hoc committee is an important issue which I will discuss more fully in my report to the conference.

"For Those in Treatment" and "In Times of Illness"

The WSCLC has continued to integrate fellowship input into our two A-list I.P.'s. This work, which started in St. Louis, will take at least one more meeting to complete. It is difficult to comprehend how immense a task it is to review the input from numerous area and regional committees until you actually sit down to do it. Trying to work with hundreds of pages of input points out the need to modify our current review system. At the very least, we need to be more specific about the type of input we are seeking. Steering committees away from specific line-by-line input and toward input more conceptual in nature would be a much more constructive review. This work has been an educational experience for those of the WSCLC who, just last year, were involved in their regional committees to develop input for these two I.P.'s.

One particular item I would like to bring to your attention is a request by the committee for help on the I.P., "In Times of Illness." One of the options the committee is exploring is using personal stories in this piece. A letter has already been distributed to all RSRs and area and regional literature committees with the specifics of this request. If you have some experience you would like to share on illness, accidents, or medication in recovery, please contact your area or regional literature committee for more information.

Daily Meditation Book

The committee spent a good deal of time at our February meeting reviewing the work to date on a daily meditation book. In previous editions of the *Fellowship Report* I have reported the plans the committee implemented this year to develop this book, so I won't go into that here.

The committee would like to thank the general members who have participated in this project by writing daily pieces. We feel a great deal of responsibility to direct as much of our resources as we can to this work, because of the great interest the fellowship has expressed in it. However, since it is not an A-list item, and because our work on *It Works: How and Why* takes priority, we cannot direct any more resources to the project to move it forward any faster. A comprehensive review of this project will appear in my April WSC report.

Regional and Area Assignments

Assignments of literature works-in-progress have been made to a number of area and regional literature committees. In February, a letter was sent to all registered literature committees with information about the availability of assignments. If your regional or area literature committee would like some additional work, please contact the WSCLC c/o the WSO literature department.

Conference Agenda Report

Also in February, a memorandum was distributed to all conference participants detailing two mistakes in the literature portion of the *Conference Agenda Report*. The errors are quite minor and don't affect the intent of the literature committee motions in either case. My main concern was to inform conference participants about these errors to alleviate any confusion at the

conference when these changes are made by the committee. If you did not receive the February memo or if you have any questions, please contact the WSO literature coordinator, Mary VanEvery.

Committee Nomination

This is just a reminder that nominations for the WSC Literature Committee should be turned in 30 days before the annual conference. If your region has a nominee that meets the requirements listed on the nominee form in the *Conference Agenda Report*, please forward their nomination to the WSC Literature Committee as soon as possible.

Regional Motions

One last item. In Addendum 6 of the *Conference Agenda Report* are nine regional motions which were assigned to the literature committee. The committee reviewed these motions and recommended either: (1) that the motion be defeated should it come up at the WSC, or (2) that no action should be taken on the motion because it duplicates a motion already being presented by the committee, or a current policy of the WSC. None of these regional motions received a recommendation for approval from the committee.

I look forward to meeting each of you who will be attending the World Service Conference. Members of the literature committee will be available during the week of the conference to answer any questions and to listen to any comments you might have. Until then. (I did say I would *try* to keep this report brief.)

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To: The Fellowship

From: Reuben Farris, Chairperson
Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service

Since our last *Fellowship Report* in December, your Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service has met on four weekends, including our meeting with other members of World Services January 26-28 in Albuquerque. The pace has been somewhat exhausting, but we are happy to report that we will finally be successful in meeting a previously reported deadline. Our current draft of *A Guide to Service* should be ready for distribution to conference participants on March 23, 1990.

We continue to receive input on the Twelve Concepts, as well as reports from area and regional workshops on the concepts. We have received little input on the portion of the *Guide* distributed in early December, the group, area, and region sections. Most of the input we have received is of a conceptual nature, which is what we find most useful. Thank you.

Considerable input was received at the Albuquerque meeting. Minutes of that meeting have already been mailed to conference participants. That and other input was considered in completing the draft you will be receiving soon.

The forthcoming committee draft of *A Guide to Service* also contains a rather lengthy report from the committee, highlighting portions which need further work and identifying issues the committee has yet to reach consensus on. The report also contains a three-year workplan (through WSC 1993) outlining a possible timetable for approval of a final version of the Twelve Concepts for N.A. Service, consideration of a transition plan for our services, and final implementation of our proposal for a revised service structure. You are referred to that report for more information.

Again, the draft of *A Guide to Service* will be mailed to conference participants on March 23. That draft will be included in the WSO inventory and can be purchased from them.

The committee is eagerly looking forward to WSC '90 and the opportunity to engage in some open dialogue regarding our work. See ya soon in Van Nuys.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Stu Tooredman, Chairperson
World Service Office Board of Directors

Since there is a lot going on at the WSO as we approach the World Service Conference, this report will address a variety of issues. The annual reports to the conference will contain information even more issues.

The board considered at the January 1990 meeting a proposal to open an Eastern U.S. shipping office. This has been discussed by the board for several years and will undoubtedly get support from a cross section of the fellowship. The consensus of the board is to support the idea, and when it is financially feasible, to open such a shipping office.

For the purpose of that discussion, the staff prepared a study based on having the facility in the general area of Cincinnati, Ohio. If and when a facility is situated, it may be around Cincinnati or one of the other major cities in the general area east of the Mississippi River, in or near the Ohio River valley. The cost effectiveness of locating in Cincinnati is fairly representative of major cities in that section of the country.

The study revealed an annual savings of approximately \$27,000 over the current cost for shipping orders east of the Mississippi River. The cost for operation of the facility, however, would be slightly over \$135,000 for the first twelve months, not including the cost of equipment. Because of all the other demands on the WSO, funds were not available for this project. The board voted to delay action on this until later in the year in order to get a better picture of our finances.

At long last, the World Meeting Directory is in production. For the last two years, WSO has started work, reached a roadblock, stopped, then resumed work on the directory. One recurring problem was determining the reliability of the meeting information. The problem was compounded by lack of current contact addresses for many registered meetings, making it impossible to verify meeting information.

The greatest problem was the massive size of the data base and the need for a custom computer program. This custom program was finally finished, and the data base can now be worked smoothly. Since the directory covers only non-U.S. meetings, a fairly small number of directories will be printed. Please pass the word to order early to anyone who may have interest in getting one.

Despite the detailed report recently spotlighting the problems of carrying the N.A. message into the USSR, some work was recently accomplished. A combination of factors led to the preparation of a draft translation into Lithuanian of two pamphlets. The Lithuanian government is moving rapidly to set the stage for private ownership (which would probably allow for better protection of copyrights than in other provinces).

In a related matter, the office recently received a group registration from a group in Kiev, USSR. This is the first meeting in the USSR to be registered. A separate letter was received from a group of people interested in starting N.A. in Leningrad, seeking assistance and direction. This letter was a well-written essay outlining the problems the committee is facing. The committee includes addicts and professionals. A response is being prepared, and it may lead to a second meeting in the USSR. The language for this contact is Russian.

This discussion about fellowship communities in non-English-speaking countries is a reminder that members with skills in languages other than English should send a letter to the WSO, if they would like to volunteer their assistance in the translation process for other-language materials.

There are two other places in which fellowship growth is very noticeable: Mexico and Colombia. In Mexico, there were only a few meetings as recently as last spring. Now there are over 40 meetings, and new registrations come in almost each week.

We have received a number of letters from the fellowship in Colombia over the past three years, when meetings were first started there. However, contact was infrequent and it was not possible to understand fully what was going on and how to help. The rising armed conflict made it unsafe to send someone to meet them and offer assistance. We have made several unsuccessful attempts to arrange for their members to meet in a neutral country.

There are now over eighty meetings in Colombia, making it the fifth largest fellowship community in number of meetings. The Colombian fellowship scheduled a major service meeting in mid-March, and someone will be sent to participate. A report will be included in the next *Newsline*.

The WSC Literature Committee chairperson wrote to the WSO about the prospect of having more staff time devoted to the steps development project. He specifically mentioned having available someone with writing and English skills that could help the committee put their thoughts on paper. Similar discussions have been held with the trustee committee working on the draft of the traditions.

The result of all these discussions is that the WSO is preparing to respond to these requests, if the conference concurs with these ideas. Therefore, if you are a member with five years or more clean time, with excellent English and writing skills, and you would be interested in working with the fellowship on one of these projects, please send a resume to Hazel M. at the WSO. The office will not take action to interview or hire anyone until the conference meets, and only if it supports this approach.

We have reported previously about the problem of companies and individuals using the N.A. logo on their products. As WSO learns from members the names and addresses of these individuals and companies, they are contacted with a request to acknowledge N.A. ownership of the logos, and to cooperate in preserving that ownership. So far, only one company has refused to cooperate. Following the advice of the conference last year, WSO has filed a lawsuit against that company. On the advice of the attorney in this matter, WSO will not comment on the case until the matter is settled.

As a reminder, the office needs to contact directly each individual and company that produces these items. If you know of someone who is doing this, please send their name and address (and a description of the articles they are producing) to the WSO.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Jack Bernstein, Chairperson
World Service Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting February 2-4, 1990 in Van Nuys, with all of the members of the board in attendance. As a result, we were able to accomplish more than has been possible in our last two meetings. This report will first give information concerning the subcommittee meetings of the board, with comments on the other issues we discussed in the remainder of the report.

The Literature Review Committee (chaired by Danette B., with Jack B. and Donna M.) spent the majority of their time discussing the translations of our literature that are presently

being done, as well as other international concerns relating to literature. The areas that were discussed most were the philosophical implications of the translations. This is an issue that was discussed more fully in my last *Fellowship Report*, as well as in Bob Hunter's report to the fellowship following his visit to Europe last year. The Literature Review Committee recommended to the full board that a Translations Advisory Committee to the WSO be implemented and utilized to discuss these translation questions. A long letter from the Soviet Union was discussed, with a recommendation made to send an acknowledgement of receipt to the author. This will allow time for all the board members to provide input for use in drafting a response. There was minimal discussion on the traditions project, as the regular reports from the Traditions Ad Hoc committee fully cover the work they are doing.

The **Internal/External Committee** (chaired by Kim J., with Stretch G., Mario T., and Greg P.) reviewed the assignments from their last meeting. The committee has developed a list of groups which could be targeted by both the trustee committee and the fellowship for our public information efforts, such as treatment/health professionals, law enforcement officials, professional journal editors, educators, clergy, and others. The members reached a decision to focus the efforts of the Internal/External committee towards the correctional field and health officials in municipal governments. Topics for conventions, learning days, or workshops were presented for consideration as issues that aren't talked about enough in the general fellowship. Four topics were chosen as priority issues for discussion throughout the fellowship. No final decision has been made regarding the manner in which these topics will be presented. Further information will be available in future reports. Finally, the committee discussed the image portrayed in our literature, with the overall impression being that our literature provides a message of hope and practical solutions, despite the occasionally choppy style. This information will be presented to the World Service Conference Literature Committee and both ad hoc committees involved in the *It Works* project, for their use in developing this piece of literature. There is a definite feeling by the members of this committee that non-trustee involvement in their projects is of extreme importance. Consequently, they have requested that funds be available in the trustee budget to allow for this continued involvement.

The members of the **Additional Needs Advisory Panel** wish to once again inform the fellowship that this panel was formed to assist in maintaining communication between already existing and newly forming additional needs committees. If your committee does not presently send copies of the minutes of your meetings to the Trustee Coordinator (care of the WSO), the panel members request that you do so. The minutes will be copied and sent to the advisory panel members. Also, any other information regarding additional needs will be forwarded to these members. It is very important that they remain informed about what is happening in the general fellowship regarding additional needs, so that they can share this information with other members who are interested in this issue.

The **Policy & Structure/Training & Education** committee (chaired by Becky M., with Tom M., Chuck L., and Garth P.) spent most of its time reviewing the proposed trustee guidelines that have been under development this past year. The guidelines draft will be expanded by a small working group (Becky and Chuck) to prepare a review-form draft for input by the entire board. Work on the proposed Board of Trustees Workshop Handbook was postponed, as this is an ongoing project.

There were several other issues which were discussed by the full board during our meeting. The first item was the Board of Trustees budget, along with the budget development process for the entire conference. We reached consensus that the entire board needs to have a more active role in our budget development process. As a result of this discussion, the members of the board will be given a preliminary trustee budget for the upcoming conference year during our meeting in November, to allow for consideration and input regarding funding for the next year.

One of the primary items of discussion during our meeting concerned international growth and the development of emerging fellowships. Personal contact has been made with several members in Cairo, Egypt. The WSO has received correspondence from a new group in Kiev, the Ukraine, USSR. These contacts, along with the recent trip to Brazil by two members of the board, gave some indication of the enormity of this issue. This variety of contacts prompted several of

the board members to recommend that we, as a board, become more involved with visits to countries outside of the United States to assist with the development and growth of these young fellowship communities. Consistent with this discussion, a policy is being developed regarding international travel, setting priorities for where travel occurs and who goes. Strong feelings were expressed that we need to make better use of our resources, both in who is sent on trips and financial planning.

We then discussed improving the relationship between the World Service Office, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors. Our concerns focused on the different responsibilities each of these groups has, or is perceived to have, and the difficulties the Board of Trustees is experiencing in fulfilling our perceived responsibilities. Policies are being developed as a result of this discussion which will assist in clarifying the relationship between the decision-making process and shared areas of responsibility. The June Board of Trustees meeting will be the same weekend as the Board of Directors meeting, and the two boards plan to meet together for a couple hours of discussion on these topics. Shared membership between the boards was discussed as an option to increase communication between the world-level boards. There was a long discussion about the pros and cons of this possibility, with no definite decision made.

Following this discussion, consideration was given to the actual purpose of the Board of Trustees. This was prompted by a few trustees being confused about whether our purpose is advisory, custodial, or interactive within the fellowship. We had questions concerning whether our understanding of our purpose is consistent with the understanding of the general fellowship. We discussed the "illusion" that the general fellowship has regarding the trustees and their role, i.e., the Supreme Court, dictatorial. Each trustee has been asked to write a short synopsis of their understanding of our purpose and our relationship to the fellowship.

There appears to be some confusion surrounding the trustees' motion in the *Conference Agenda Report* as it relates to the motions from the World Service Conference Literature Committee and the WSC Joint Administrative Committee. The motion from the trustees concerns only our assignment from the 1989 WSC regarding the development of the traditions portion of *It Works: How and Why*. The WSC Literature Committee motion relates to its internal committee guidelines, as does the motion from the Joint Administrative Committee. The Board of Trustees, through its motion, is asking to be allowed to continue with our portion of this project, using the Traditions Ad Hoc committee. This would provide the ad hoc committee, with concurrence from the entire Board, the flexibility to do what it believes best, while continuing its present course. While we, as a fellowship, continue to debate over who would write our literature, or what the definition of a professional writer actually is, no literature is being produced. How much will it matter to the addicts that get here five or more years from now, who wrote the literature? Can we utilize more than one system of developing literature? Do we trust our trusted servants? We, the trustees, are asking for the complete and total trust of the World Service Conference on this project. This will give us, as a fellowship, the opportunity to experiment with one project before we decide how restrictive or open our committee guidelines really need to be.

Trustee elections for our chairperson and vice chairperson were the last item we discussed. Three options for time frames for elections were discussed. A procedure will be developed for each of these three options, for discussion as the first item on the agenda at our next meeting.

While this report is fairly short, a lot of work was done during this meeting. We decided to try to approve the minutes from this and future meetings of the Board of Trustees in a more timely fashion. As our minutes are approved, they are mailed to WSC participants. For more information on the Board of Trustee meetings, you can get copies of the minutes from your RSR or RSR alternate.

During our meeting there was a very honest sharing of feelings regarding the issues that we discussed. It is our hope that the increase in communication between the World Service Conference boards and committees will serve to provide a positive environment for our fellowship's growth world-wide, allowing us to carry the message of recovery in an atmosphere of trust and love. The members of the Board of Trustees are all looking forward to the World Service Conference in April and hope to see many of you there.

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To: The Fellowship

From: Stu Tooredman, Chairperson
World Convention Corporation

The 20th World Convention in Portland, Oregon, which will take place August 31-September 1, 1990, is well along in the planning process. There has been a slight delay in the production and distribution of flyers, but we expect the flyers to be distributed by the 15th of March.

The hotel registration form is not included in the convention flyer this year. A separate booklet has been prepared, with detailed information about hotels, transportation, convention facility layout, a map, and other pertinent information. We believe that this type of booklet will best serve the membership in making an informed decision about travel and lodging. The WCC Board approved the option of using specific airlines which will offer slightly lower fares for convention attendees who choose to use them. Specific information about this is also included in the booklet. A booklet will be sent to you when you send your registration to WCC. You may also request a copy by sending the registration form with a box marked indicating your request.

There are going to be three simultaneous theme-oriented banquets instead of one large banquet. The banquets will be held on Friday evening in two of the largest hotel facilities, and one in the coliseum. Each of the theme banquets will have a main speaker. Because seating at the banquets will be determined by when you purchase the banquet tickets, you need to buy all your tickets at one time. A ticket purchased in August cannot be used to attend the same banquet for a ticket purchased in April.

The board and the staff are busy with the initial planning for the 21st World Convention in Sydney, Australia. Information will be printed in the April *Newsline* regarding requirements for entry into Australia. We hope this information will be of assistance to members from countries other than Australia who are planning to attend the convention.

The recent convention workshop in Phoenix was a complete success. Representatives from eleven convention committees or corporations attended. Several areas of convention operation and planning became the focus of discussions: handling money, contracts, and the relationship of conventions to the sponsoring service committee. The contract section included understanding hotel and convention facility contracts, as well as how to protect N.A. while negotiating contracts.

The next workshop has been scheduled tentatively for September 21, 22, 23. Following the general pattern of rotating the workshops geographically, the September meeting will be in the northeast. A location has not yet been established.

In December, the Internal Revenue Service conducted an audit review of WCC. An IRS employee visited the office and examined all the WCC records for a three-year period. Efforts had been expended to assemble all of the convention records in one work area, so the auditor could have easy and immediate access to all records. A WSO staff member knowledgeable of convention affairs was present at all times.

When the auditor was finished, she seemed satisfied that the information was comprehensive, complete, and accurate. A final one-page letter was received about four weeks later, confirming that the audit went well by stating that the corporation tax exemption was continued without reservation.

The auditor was asked why WCC was selected for an audit. The response was reassuring in one respect, but sounded ominous in another. Every 501.c.3 organization is to be audited by the IRS within four years of the formation of the corporation. The WCC was audited at this time in keeping with that schedule. Convention corporations formed in recent years should therefore expect to receive notification that an audit is to be performed. Committees should maintain

excellent records in an accessible location so that when the audit notice is received, the information can be gathered quickly.

A reminder to those regions in Zone Three who intend to bid for the 23rd World Convention in 1993. Interested committees may obtain additional assistance from the Convention Corporation by calling the WSO. Committees should also consult the *Convention Handbook*. Bids must be postmarked no later than July 1, 1990, and should be sent to the World Service Office, P. O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409-9999, Attn: World Convention Corporation.

LODGING RESERVATION FOR WSC 1990

The 1990 meeting of the World Service Conference will take place in Van Nuys, California, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. The conference will begin April 23rd with an orientation session the evening of the 22nd, and will run through Friday, April 27th.

The room rate is \$84.00 single/double (\$75.00 plus 12% room tax), and is available from April 20, 1990 through April 30. Payment should be made directly to the Airtel Plaza upon arrival.

In order to take advantage of our group rate and the opportunity to save money by sharing a room, please make your arrangements through the World Service Office. Please complete this form and return it to Lori c/o WSO, P. O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409. Our block of rooms will be allocated to conference participants (voting members) and alternates first. If you are a conference participant, you must return this form by **March 30, 1990**. After that time, rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis for anyone interested. If you have any questions or problems, please call Lori at (818) 780-3951.

Shuttle service is available from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Van Nuys 24 hours a day. Directly outside the baggage claim area of each terminal is a "Bus Stop" sign over the outer curb. The Van Nuys Flyaway stops at each terminal's bus stop every half hour, or every 45 minutes late at night. Rates are \$4.50 one way and \$8.00 round trip, payable at the Van Nuys Flyaway terminal. In the Van Nuys terminal, use the Airtel Plaza telephone to call their van.

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

REGION: _____ RSR or Alternate? _____

WSC COMMITTEE: _____

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ALABAMA-NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGION



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

To: World Service Conference

From: Regional Service Representative

Re: Annual Report

On behalf of the Alabama - N.W. Florida Region a warm hello and grateful recognition of our brothers and sisters in recovery throughout the world - wide fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

Again this year the region has witnessed continued and amazing growth in this region. In fact, our growth has been so rapid that I am unable to compile accurate statistics in regards to numbers of groups, meetings, or population of our membership.

This year has also seen a great amount of growth and development throughout our service structure within our service committees. This fact is even more remarkable considering the R.S.C. had a reduction of A.S.C.'s from eight to six the past year.

Following is a brief summary of the past years activities of this R.S.C.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS: This is actually the first year this region has established a regional H.&I. committee. This committee has been very valuable as a resource and information gathering body. Many area H.&I. Learning Days have been attended by this committee during the past year.

ALABAMA-NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGION

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

PUBLIC INFORMATION: This is also the first year this region has established a regional P.I. committee. This committee is moving slowly due in part to a lack of financial resources. Recently, The committee was able to purchase a P.I. booth from W.S.O.

CONVENTION: The Convention committee has been active for several years now. Last years regional convention had some difficulties but was able to fulfill it's purpose without a financial loss. This year the committee seperated into two committees with each committee being responsible for producing an individual convention each. Thier has been some discussion concerning the forming of a convention corporation and we are moving slowly in this area. This years convention has been scheduled and preparations for the convention are well under way.

LITERATURE: The Literature committee has also been a standing committee of this R.S.C. for several years. This year the region directed the committee to reduce it's literature distribution operation so as to allow the committee more ability to produce other literature committee activities.

HISTORY AD HOC: This committee will be producing a history workshop / conference this year. The committee hopes to eventually produce a piece of literature documenting some of the history of Narcotics Anonymous.

OUTREACH AD HOC: This committee's primary function is to assist groups in geographical areas of our region in the formation of thier A.S.C.'s.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ADMINISTRATIVE: The Administrative committee of the R.S.C. has had some difficulty in keeping positions on the committee filled. Elections of new officers are in June 1990 and hopefully this problem will be resolved then. The R.S.C. policy continues to develop and change in response to this committee's growing activities. This R.S.C. is very interested in solving the issue of tax liabilities. Unfortunately, The R.S.C. has not been able to contribute funds to the W.S.C. in accordance with previous contributions. Hopefully, this will be only a temporary situation.

This region will develop a conscious concerning issues in the C.A.R. As R.S.R.; I will receive good direction from the region concerning this material. At the W.S.C. I will be able to submit an updated service committee registration for this R.S.C. as well as the A.S.C.'s in this region.

In closing: I wish to express this regions gratitude to the addict seeking recovery - consequently we exist.

In Service,

Eddie Atkinson

Eddie Atkinson - R.S.R.

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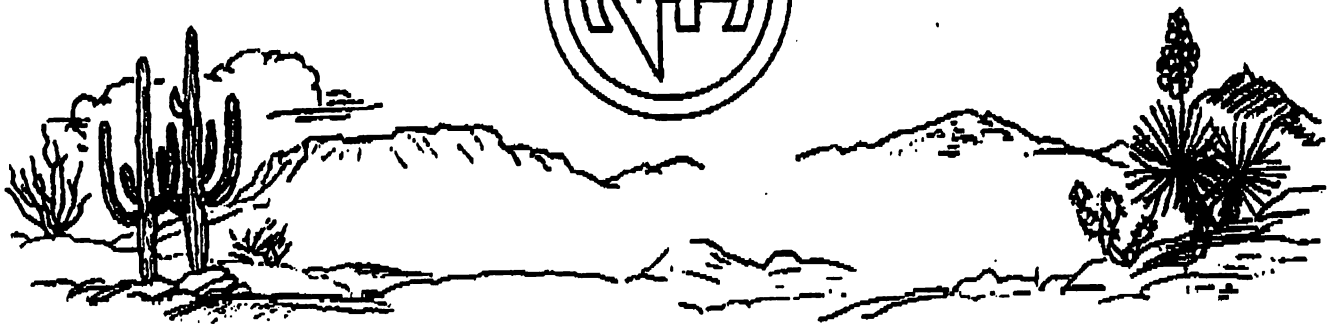
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ARIZONA



REGION



REGIONAL REPORT FROM ARIZONA

TO: CHAIRMAN W.S.C.
FROM: JEFF T. - R.S.R.
DATE: MARCH 1, 1990

THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CHANGE FOR THE ARIZONA REGION. WE HAVE HAD AN AREA (SOUTHEASTERN) WITHDRAW FROM OUR REGION OVER VARIOUS ISSUES. THE AREA HAS APPOINTED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THAT DECISION AND HOPEFULLY THE SPIRIT OF UNITY WILL PREVAIL. THE REGION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS SUBCOMMITTEES. OUR REGIONAL CHAIR HAS JUST ATTENDED THEIR AREA MEETING TO ADDRESS CONCERNS.

ON CENTRAL ARIZONA, A NEW AREA IS BEING FORMED WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE EXISTING AREA FOR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE. THE NEW AREA HAS MEMBER INVOLVED IN ALL SUBCOMMITTEES AND MEETS REGULARLY TO SHARE ITS STRENGTH AND NEEDS TO HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION. WITH THIS METHOD WE ARE REASONABLY ASSURED THERE WILL BE NO DISRUPTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED. THE PHONELINE WILL BE SHARED BY BOTH AREAS.

THE NORTHERN ARIZONA AREA ALSO HAS BEEN A YEAR OF GROWTH AND CHANGE. COTTONWOOD HAS DECIDED TO FORM A NEW AREA DUE TO DISTANCE AND SERVICES PROVIDED. THE OLD AREA HAS MEMBERS HOLDING DUAL POSITIONS BUT MORE PEOPLE ARE GETTING INVOLVED. BOTH AREAS ARE SUPPORTING REGIONAL EFFORTS.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOUTHWESTERN ARIZONA HAVE GONE WITHOUT RESPONSE SO FAR. THIS AREA HAS ALWAYS STRUGGLED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONTACT AND SENT INFORMATION.

OUR FELLOWSHIP THANKS THE W.S.C. FOR HAVING THE PHONELINE WORKSHOP. THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WAS HELPFUL TO ALL AND HAS CAUSED AN INFLUX OF ENTHUSIASM. WE WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF DRUG ABUSE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING P.I. WITH W.S.C. P.I. ON THIS MATTER.

THE SUBCOMMITTEES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL HAVE GROWN THIS LAST YEAR ALL THE COMMITTEES HAVE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN AREA AND WORLD COMMITTEE LEVELS.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED VARIOUS PIECES FOR REVIEW AND INPUT. THESE TASKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING ON THE STEPS AND TRADITIONS OF "IT WORKS: HOW AND WHY".

THE HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ASSISTING THE AREAS IN LEARNING DAYS AND THE CHAIRPERSON HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO MAKING SURE THE AREA H & I IS ABREAST OF ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING H & I MATTERS. HF HAS BROUGHT THIS COMMITTEE TO ONE OF RESOURCE FOR ANY AREA NEEDS.

THE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO HOLD FOUR ANNUAL EVENTS EACH YEAR. OUR TALENT SHOWS HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL EVENTS. THE REGIONAL BASH IS STILL HELD WITH ASS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR THE W.S.C. THE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR HAS WORKED WITH THE AREAS AND CONVENTION TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT IN COMPLETION WITH LOCAL FUNDRAISERS.

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS LAST YEAR. OUR CONVENTION TYPIFY THE LOVE AND WARMTH OF N.A. AND THE MESSAGE OF HOPE. OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS "SHARE THE DREAM- LIVE THE MIRACLE". THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB TO ASSURE ANOTHER CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MESA, ARIZONA. FLYERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE.

JEFF T.
REGIONAL SERVICE REP.

cc: Alt. R.S.R
Areas
Regional Chair

MAR 5 1990

BEST LITTLE REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

TO: THE FELLOWSHIP

FROM: REGIONAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BEST LITTLE REGION

GREETINGS FROM THE WESTERN HALF OF TEXAS AND THE LOWER THIRD OF NEW MEXICO. WE STILL HAVE SEVEN AREAS WITHIN THE REGION.

WE HELD OUR SECOND REGIONAL CONVENTION DURING THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 3-5, 1990 IN ABILENE, TEXAS. THERE WERE 290-300 PAID REGISTRATIONS, WITH A PROFIT OF MORE THAN \$5,000. A DONATION OF \$1,325 WAS MADE TO THE 1990 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE AS PER THE DIRECTIONS OF OUR REGIONAL GUIDELINES.

OUR NEXT REGIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN AMMARILLO, TEXAS. THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 2-4, 1990. THE THEME OF THIS CONVENTION WILL BE RECOVERY HAPPENS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CONVENTION BE SURE TO LOOK IN THE "NEWSLINE" AND THE "N.A. WAY"

THE WESTERN STATES UNITY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN EL PASO, TEXAS ON JULY 5-7, 1990. THIS CONVENTION HAS RECIEVED THE MORAL SUPPORT OF THE BEST LITTLE REGION. THIS WILL MAKE TWO CONVENTIONS WITHIN THIS REGION IN 1990.

A LITERATURE WORKSHOP WAS HELD THE WEEKEND OF FEBURARY 3, 1990 IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. RANDY F., VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE. THE WORKSHOP WAS WELL ATTENDED FROM WITHIN OUR REGION AND FROM THE LONE STAR REGION. MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AND ANSWERED. YET THERE ARE STILL MANY QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED AT THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE IN APRIL. IT IS THE BELIEF OF THIS REGION THAT ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE ON "IT WORKS, HOW AND WHY" HAS BECOME NECESSARY. IT WAS REPORTED DURING THE WORKSHOP THAT THE W.L.C. HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$500,000 OF THE FELLOWSHIP'S MONEY AND HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY READABLE LITERATURE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE.

OUR REGION IS GROWING IN THE AREA'S OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WITH HOSPITAL'S AND INSTIUTIONS. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS THERE WILL BE FOUR TO FIVE STATE PENITENIARIES OPENING. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF BOTH OF THESE COMMITTEES THERE WILL BE MEETINGS IN THESE PLACES BY THE TIME THAT THEY OPEN, SO THAT THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY CAN BE CARRIED TO THESE PLACES.

IN LOVING SERVICE

ANDY A., R.S.R. BEST LITTLE REGION

BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Box 1695, Station A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2P7



Regional Service Representative

B.C. Regional Report to WSC February 1990

Dear Fellow Addicts:

Greetings from British Columbia. We have done considerable growing in the last 12 months, I'm pleased to report. Our region now consists of ten areas, with at least one more in the initial planning stages. We still hold our regional service committee meetings quarterly, due to the vast distances we have to travel to get together, but we now meet for a day and a half, instead of one day.

As N.A. in our region is growing, we are beginning to find that the by-laws under which we have been operating for the last few years do not adequately describe and detail some of the circumstances we are now encountering. We have therefore established a Policy Committee to establish some further guidelines for our regional service committee and its sub-committees. We look forward to reaping the fruits of their labour.

H & I is active in our region, with more institutions requesting meetings than we have members willing and/or able to attend; I guess this is not much different than what other areas experience. Many federal prisons are located in areas where population is small and N.A. is just starting so there are not many members who can meet the qualifications for clean time or other clearance requirements. The areas are very active though in detox centres and treatment facilities.

P.I. has not been extremely active at the regional level in the last year but several areas have strong committees. Even the smaller areas seem to be able to provide speakers to schools and other local events when requested. N.A. is often asked to have representatives present at alcohol and drug awareness days sponsored by schools, universities and other community organizations. As well some areas are reviewing radio PSA's for use shortly and have been talking about the television PSA's as well.

All in all, more areas are sponsoring workshops on traditions and service in Narcotics Anonymous, in general doing their best to get members more involved in service. As well many areas are doing their best to get members involved in having fun in recovery. The Vancouver area is hosting their 10th annual Spring Clean, May 25 - 27 on Gambier

"that no addict seeking recovery need ever die"

BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Regional Service Representative

B.C. Regional Report to WSC February 1990.

Island; the annual B.C. Regional Convention is to be held on Vancouver Island this year, in Nanaimo, August 24-26; the North Central B.C. Area will be holding its third annual summer camp out at Williams Lake, July 13- 15; the Fraser Valley Area is hosting its annual retreat at Camp Howdy, Labour Day Weekend and the 13th Annual Pacific Northwest Convention of N.A., one of the longest consecutive running conventions is being held in Vancouver this year, at the Delta River Inn, October 26, 27, and 28th, 1989. We hope to see many members from all over the world at one or more of our region's events.

The final and possibly the most exciting event that took place for British Columbia N.A. members, is that we became part of a Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous. The purpose of this assembly is to further unite N.A. members in Canada and basically become a resource centre for information for various regional and area sub-committee members. We had our first real meeting in January and will be meeting again in Montreal, July 6, 7 and 8, 1990. Our Vice-Chairperson for this committee is a bilingual person, thus fulfilling one of our mandates that there be at least one bilingual table officer. We look forward to having many world members attend our first Canadian Convention which will be bilingual and held in the Province of Quebec.

Well I think that's it for now. Our members throughout the region are busy discussing the WSC Conference agenda and we look forward to discussing it with all of you in April. and meetings with our American neighbours easier due to distances .

Yours in Service,

Wendy White, R.S.R.
4035 Kamloops Street,
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Tom Coote, Alt.
102 - 1155 Rockland Ave.,
Victoria, B.C. V8V 3H8

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February 18, 1990

Bob Hunter, WSC Chairperson
C/O World Service Office, Inc.
P.O. Box 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409

RE: Buckeye Regional Service
Committee Annual Report to
the 1990 World Service
Conference

Dear Bob,

The Buckeye Region is comprised of seven older, established Area Service Committees. Our geographic area is a triangular section of Ohio stretching from the south-eastern corner of Ohio to west of Cleveland and to the north-eastern corner of the state. It also includes a portion of Western Pennsylvania.

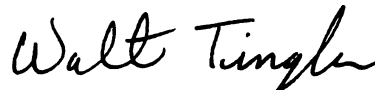
The Ohio Convention, Hopeline, and state meeting schedules are services shared with the Ohio Region. The Ohio Convention is alternately hosted by each Region. This year's convention will be held in Toledo May 25-27, 1990. The Hopeline is an 800 number that can be used in the state of Ohio. We employ a 24 hour answering service which contacts N.A. members to speak directly with the callers. The number is 1-800-451-3000.

We have had this Shared Service Agreement with the Ohio Region now for the past several years. We have been so successful with this arrangement that other Regions have started their own Shared Service Agreement based on ours. We believe it to be a very practical means of avoiding inefficient and/or expensive duplication of services, particularly for new forming Regions. We have found that it helps maintain a bond between the new region and the mother region.

We have five Regional sub-committees: H&I, PI, Phoneline, Literature, and Activities.

This year we were able to contribute \$500.00 to the operation of the W.S.C., but our financial contribution has actually been much greater as we send two or more representatives to each conference and quarterly meeting providing for their transportation, lodging, and meals. Our greatest source of income is convention funds, and our greatest expense is representative travel.

In Loving Service,



Walt Tingler, RSR
Buckeye Regional Service Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO WSC

CALIFORNIA MID-STATE REGION OF N.A.

P.O. Box 2302

MERCED, CA. 95344

March 1, 1990

To: The Fellowship

Dear Friends,

Our first year as a region has been a tremendous learning experience for all of our members. We have had the opportunity to apply the principles of the program on many occasions and most of the time, we did. There are 5 areas within our region which support about 135 meetings. The Regional Service Committee meets every month and lasts from 3 to 5 hours. Our subcommittees generally meet for 1 to 2 hours before the RSC. Our meetings range from calm parliamentary procedures to emotional, open forum, sharing sessions.

The Hospital and Institution subcommittee maintains the most regular attendance within the RSC. Most of the H&I meetings within the Region are handled by the areas. We met with some difficulty in sorting out who was going to carry a meeting into the Jamestown facility (No. Cal. members or Mid-State members); however, we seemed to have worked that out. Members from Mid-State Region met with members of H&I throughout California in December '89 to discuss state-wide correctional facility issues.

Public Information has had a rocky road both at area and regional levels. P.I. efforts have been handled by the individual areas. The regional P.I. committee is working on a Multi-Regional learning days on May 25, 26 and 27, 1990. Regional P.I. has experienced some thin and sporadic attendance; however, the few regular members involved are admirably committed. The committee put together and published a regional meeting directory which is quite attractive.

We recently dissolved our regional policy committee. Policy had rewritten some guidelines for the RSC which are in a review/approval process. The RSC felt that there was no need to continue with that committee since it had fulfilled its purpose.

The Regional Literature Committee has been through its fair share of obstacles as well. The members who attend that committee are few; however, they are quite vocal. The areas within Mid-State do not purchase their literature from the region. Rather, the areas purchase literature through the No. Cal. Regional Service Office or the World Service Office. The regional committee felt that the areas were doing well at getting their own literature and there was no practical reason for the region to get involved. The committee has expressed a number of concerns about the lit. development process, the accuracy of reports from the WSCLC, the cost to the fellowship that IT WORKS has

incurred to date, and the use of the input we have submitted to the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Traditions. The committee is currently reviewing the "12 Concepts". As you may have seen, Mid-State has proposed motions pertaining to the lit. development process in this years Conference Agenda Report.

Regional activities have been just that- active!. We are in the midst of putting together a regional convention which is planned for June 29,30 and July 1 of '90. The RSC has just concluded preliminary discussion of this activity and has given the 209 South asc a vote of confidence in proceeding. The RSC would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come attend our first convention in Fresno. Headquarters for the convention are at the Fresno Hilton. We will have flyers at the conference. Last month an area from No. Cal. requested holding a campout within our region. The region gave that committee a vote of confidence to proceed as well. In addition to those discussions, the areas within our region hold Unity days and campouts regularly. As you can see, we are committed to enjoying recovery. There has been only one fund raising event for the year, T-shirt sales. We do not currently have a convention corporation or an RSO.

We started out the regional year rotating the meetings throughout the areas within the region. The purpose of the rotation was to introduce the regional committee to the areas and invite member participation. We now meet in one central location each month. At the inception of our region, we had a number of members who were interested in regional service. As the year progressed we had a turn over in trusted servants, as is the case with most newly forming committees. The region recently began allocating time within the agenda each month for open forum sharing sessions. This has initially turned out to be an honest appraisal of the service that the region provides to our areas/groups and an inventory of how the respective individual members of the committee serve. Items we have considered have ranged from our primary purpose to a regional insurance policy.

As reported last year, an area within our region is experiencing some legal problems; N.A. has been named as cross complainants in a personal injury suit. An Ad-Hoc committee has been formed to deal with this issue. Initial philosophical conclusions have been of support and acceptance. The Ad-Hoc committee is taking careful steps in doing what it feels to be the most prudent. The committee is investigating legal aspects of the suit in an effort to come to an effective resolution of the issue. There is nothing conclusive to report at this time; however, we will communicate the results of our efforts as they come to a close. We are confident that when all is said and done, things will be as they are supposed to be.

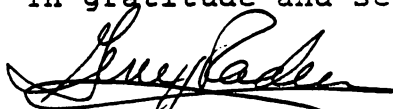
Fundflow has been an ongoing discussion within the

region. There has not been an established prudent reserve for the region since its inception. The various committees and trusted servants establish budgets for 6 month periods of time and the RSC monitors these expenditures each month. In December of '88* our beginning balance was \$1880.32. Expenses from Dec. '88 through Feb. '90 were \$6614.28. Donations from ASC's and 7th Tradition were 5384.02. With some adjustments and returns on funds not spent, our balance in Feb. '90 is \$872.71. We have not made any donation to WSC to date; however, the Stanislaus Valley ASC did donate \$1,000.00 to WSC this year. Yes, RSR expenses have been an heated item for discussion the past year. About one-third of the RSC expenses are RSR expenses. The RSC has spent some considerable time discussing priorities and the most prudent expenditure of funds. When all is said and done, there are conscientious members who consider their responsibility carefully.

*An accounting was not submitted last year when Mid-State was seated, that's why we started from Dec. '88.

As this report states in the opening, it has been a tremendous learning experience for all of the members. Starting this Region and fulfilling the responsibilities to the groups has been alot of work. Much has been learned and remains to be learned. Once again, we are grateful to be teachable. Well my friends, I am running short on space and we are asked to keep it to 3 pages. So, I can either use a smaller font or end the report here. Best wishes in your recovery.

In gratitude and service,



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THE CAROLINA REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
FROM: CAROLINA REGION
RE: ANNUAL REPORT
DATE: FEBRUARY 1990

Greetings from the Carolina Region!

This past year has been one of growth and unity for the Carolina Region. Our region comprises North Carolina, South Carolina and a part of Southwestern Virginia. At last count we have 195 groups holding 474 meetings in 16 areas of our region. We also have 90 H&I meetings. Our region will soon celebrate its first decade of service.

Since last year our region elected to incorporate our entire RSC. We felt this to be a more straight forward approach to the incorporation merry-go-round. We are now in the process of filing Federal Tax-exempt forms with the help of tax Lawyers we hired. This is proving to be a slow process and we are in hopes of by-passing back tax assessment.

This past year has also marked the opening of a RSO in Greensboro, NC. We are seeing many benefits with the addition of a computer and copy machine. The copy machine has resulted in hundreds of dollars in savings in only a few months operation and we are anticipating the expenditure paying for itself within the year. We are now employing one part-time employee.

Hurricane Hugo paid a destructive visit through our region in September. Meeting locations were destroyed, areas were without power for weeks, communications poor and cities under martial law for days. This event sparked the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee whose purpose is to formulate guidance, experience, strength and hope to addicts in times of disaster. The committee is preparing a contingency plan aimed at preparedness on a group, area and regional level.

Our region will be holding its 11th Annual Carolina Regional Convention June 29 - July 1, 1990 in Winston-Salem, NC. Our region invites the fellowship to join us in celebrating "Against All Odds."

In Loving Service,

Mary Kay Berger
Mary Kay Berger
RSR Carolina Region

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA REGION

WSC REPORT 1990

Greetings from The Central California Fellowship!

The Central California Region consists of the Areas of Central Coast, Kern, Santa Barbara, Simi-Thousand Oaks, and Ventura. We now have approximately 140 weekly meetings in our five Areas. We also have about 30 regular H&I panels. Our region has contributed \$7,400 to WSC since July, 1989.

The CCRSC Activities this year were a Regional campout and a New Years Eve dance. Both events lost some money because of low attendance. A campout will again be held in June and hopefully it will have greater participation.

The Region does not currently have a H&I Regional sub-committee. No one from the fellowship has stepped forth to begin this committee. A PI chairperson has just recently been elected in order to start that committee. Two of our members were able to attend the office workshop in Phoenix and they have obtained valuable information for our region. The process of incorporation has been on hold until we receive more direction from WSO and WSC about recommended procedures. We hope to get an office as soon as feasible.

Our Region is still growing and it is not yet up to full speed with its services. There is plenty of room to improve all aspects of our Service committees. We continue to be of loving service as best we can.

In Loving Service,

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Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Service Committee

February 22, 1990

TO: World Service Conference 1990

FROM: The Chesapeake and Potomac Region

SUBJECT: Annual Report to the World Service Conference

Greetings from the Chesapeake and Potomac Region!

The Chesapeake and Potomac Region is in its 8th year of existence. The geographic area of our Region encompasses Maryland, Washington, D.C., South Delaware and the northernmost part of Virginia. In the past year, our Region has continued to grow in number of members, groups and ASCs. The number of Areas has increased from thirteen to sixteen Areas represented at our RSC. The three new Areas are Montgomery, Ocean Gateway, and North Baltimore, and this growth is further serving the needs of the local fellowship. Our RSCs are held bimonthly and are hosted by the ASCs in an alphabetical rotation. The number of meetings within the Region totals 678, an increase of 109 from last year. The number of H&I meetings is 172, an increase of 18 from last year.

The active subcommittees of the RSC are Literature, H&I, PI/Hotline/Helpline, Policy, Activities and Convention. Our subcommittees continue to grow, be very well supported and quite active throughout the year. The Regional Literature Committee held six workshops co-sponsored by five Areas and drafted Chapters on the 10th, 11th, and 12th Traditions, as well as provided input to the BOT Traditions Ad-hoc Committee. Anticipating that the RLC would be without a literature development project, the committee requested an assignment from the World Literature Committee and were given the booklet, "Living Clean" for development in 1990. Additionally, the Regional Literature Committee also held a Learning Day co-sponsored by the Baltimore Area. One Hotline and seven Helplines serve the Areas of the Region. Presently, a Regional Public

Information Ad-hoc Committee is researching the possibility of establishing a Regional 800 phone service. We continue to have two growing ASOs - one in Baltimore and one in Northern Virginia. The Board of Directors of the Convention Corporation have implemented operating guidelines. The fourth Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Convention (C.P.R.C.N.A. IV.) will be hosted by the Westside Area and will be held in Ocean City, Maryland, March 23, 24, 25, 1990. Our slogan is **WE DO RECOVER!**

In addition to our financial donations to the WSC and to better serve the Region and fellowship within it, it is believed that our groups feel that it is equally important to send members, our greatest resource, to World Services. This wherein developed a policy that each RSC subcommittee would receive \$500 per quarter for the attendance of representatives of each RSC subcommittee at the WSC Quarterly Conferences. Since there was only one WSC workshop this year, the RSC was able to send the RSR, RSR Alt. and 11 members of our Region to the WSC Quarterly in St. Louis in November, 1989. Our Region was represented at the WSC Literature, PI, H&I, and Policy subcommittees and this representation has further promoted the growth of knowledge, experience and communication within the Region and Fellowship.

Because we had members of the Region attending the Quarterly Workshop Literature subcommittee meetings our Region was informed of the proposed WSC Literature Committee agenda items and were able to address our concerns by actively participating through Regional motions in the Conference Agenda Report. Also, the C&P RSC Policy Committee representatives were able to address concerns at the WSC Policy Committee's open forum. The committee's concerns voiced at the open forum were: 1.) Conflict of interest of RSR serving as a voting member of the WSC Policy Committee, 2.) Membership guidelines are exclusive and do not encourage the participation of informed and experienced members of Regions (i.e., pool membership), and 3.) Need for better communication between the WSC Policy Committee and RSC Policy Committees.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Region is very concerned with the WSC literature procedures and expressed our concerns by submitting two motions to the WSC Chair for inclusion in the Conference Agenda Report. The Conference Agenda Report is the only vehicle of communication and opportunity for Fellowship review of the motions before they are addressed on the floor of the WSC 1990. The two motions are located in the back of the Conference Agenda Report (Addendum 6, Pages 6 & 7).

The RSC Policy Committee and the Baltimore Special Events Committee co-sponsored a workshop on the "12 Concepts and the N.A. Guide to Service." We personally requested the attendance of two members of the Ad-hoc Committee on N.A. Service (one local and the other from a neighboring Region) to help educate, clarify and answer questions of the members' of our Region. The workshop was well supported by members, but unfortunately and disappointedly no one from the Ad-hoc Committee was present at our workshop to help facilitate and participate in our discussion.

To open and enhance communication the RSR and RSR Alt. were directed by the RSC to arrange meetings/workshops with the RSRs of our surrounding Regions on a bimonthly or quarterly basis. To date, two Workshops of Regions were held on December 2, 1989, and February 3, 1990. There were 10 Regions in attendance and the workshops were an open forum where we communicated openly with each other, exchanged information and voiced Regional concerns. Participants, the WSC Administrative Committee, and interested members received copies of the minutes of the workshops.

Instead of a superficial report and because this is an opportunity to communicate with the Fellowship, we have provided an informative report letting others know the growth, feelings and passions of the Chesapeake and Potomac Region.

The spiritual message of recovery of Narcotics Anonymous continues to be alive, well and thriving in the Chesapeake and Potomac Region! We continue to have a "solid, established Fellowship entrenched firmly in N.A. Recovery."

It has been both an honor and a privilege serving the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous this past year.

In loving service,



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OKAY! WAKE UP!! YEA YOU!!! You didn't think you'd make it this far did you? Well there's good news and bad news. First the good news. You're doing a fine job as a trusted servant. The bad news is, your only in the C's.

Greetings from the Chicagoland Region. It would appear that everything in the Chicagoland Region is going well. We have added two new areas, raising the total to 11, and over fifty new meetings to our region, raising that total to approximately 300. We have a staffed service office. Our H&I and Public Information subcommittees are becoming more active with time and experience. Our newsletter committee is beginning to come together and, hopefully, communication throughout the local Fellowship will increase. We are actively working to start meetings for the deaf (currently we have three meetings in our region that are signed by interpreters). Our goal in this area is to be of assistance in starting a meeting where deaf addicts can come together and meet with each other. Our directory is coded to allow members to know which meetings are wheelchair accessible and non smoking (for those with breathing disorders). There are four Spanish speaking meetings in our region and the hope that more are on the horizon. All in all it seems as though our regional service committee is doing what it can to help carry the message of recovery.

While we are growing, there are still many areas in our region where N.A. is not accessible. In the northwest, west and southwest suburbs N.A. is growing slowly. This geographical area represents about half of the total land mass of our region and approximately 20-25% of the total population yet less than 30 of all our meetings are held in this geographical area. These areas are weak and lack experienced members to assist with the service structure. Treatment centers, halfway houses, and others who work with addicts do not feel that N.A. is a viable alternative in these areas because we can not offer the type of meeting support that they experience with A.A. Those of us who have been clean for a while and have seen the changes made in the city, understand that this will change when the membership becomes more active in its efforts to carry the message. The unfortunate thing is that there is experience to grow from but it is not well used.

That brings us to our communication problem, which stems from the way that information is carried from the group to the region and back again. The problem is not that communications don't exist rather our trusted servants do not always carry the communication back and fourth as suggested in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure. While the majority of ASR's do well our breakdown occurs between the area and the groups.

In many cases control apathy or irresponsibility are at the root of our communication problems. Communications tend to be clouded when delivered with personal opinions of our trusted servants. Many feel that the Conference Agenda Report, or Literature like "It Works" have no bearing on their group and rather than be informative they are editorial. The role of "trusted servant" is used to make decisions about what the group would like to hear about. Some trusted servants fill the role just

to fill the role. They don't do anything but the bare necessities. We can't enforce trusted servants to perform but perhaps we can take more care in electing trusted servants.

Poor efforts to communicate coupled with the wrong information have an ill effect all their own. They usually result in angry members and/or angry trusted servants who often demand to know the answers to such questions as who did what, who said what, or who gives who the right to say this or that and, well you know - all those typical problems that seem to be common place in Narcotics Anonymous. As a result we seem to have our own group of gadflies who find it easier to bitch and complain about the things that aren't getting done rather than getting out there and doing the things that need to be done.

This type of controversy creates problems between our trusted servants and other members because trusted servants are viewed as political or hierarchy. It puts trusted servants at odds with other members and actually creates 2 separate peer groups. The result is a lack of trusted servants to perform the tasks adequately at all levels of service. All in all, there seems to be a great deal of apathy in our region.

Unfortunately, our experience shows us that most members are apathetic about the service structure, agenda items, subcommittees or their needs, area or regional service, or carrying a clear N.A. message. As a result, many of the members who have been clean for a while drop out of service due to frustration or, they become vehement in their efforts to change others. If they leave service we lose - if they pick up the N.A. service club and start beating people about the head, we lose again.

This creates another area of concern, the N.A. right-wingers. It is painfully obvious that some of our "experienced" members prefer to force the N.A. philosophy on other members rather than practicing patience, offering assistance or allowing them to grow to a level of understanding which will allow them to hear the message and in turn help us to carry it. The unfortunate result is that aggression has a negative affect on most of us addicts and, if we can go somewhere else where we don't have to deal with the aggravation of not living up to someone else's expectations, why keep coming to N.A.? In these instances, it seems we are carrying the N.A. "mess" rather than the N.A. message.

Finances are often an issue of great concern (not that we really have any to worry about). Because we are self supporting, through our own contributions there is, on behalf of some members, some concern about how we come by the majority of our funds. Fund-raising has become a popular avenue to generate resources because the 7th tradition collected at meetings doesn't seem to be enough to support the efforts of area and regional service committees. This is an emotional sore spot for many of us. The real question is, "where does fund-raising fit into our fellowship?" If we have activities like dances or social events of any nature aren't our members contributing to attend that event and if so, aren't we supporting ourselves through our own contributions?

The 7th Tradition is another area of financial concern. Meetings began in the Chicago area in 1975. Since then \$1.00 has been the standard donation of many who choose to put money in the basket. We can not demean the efforts of those who can only afford a dollar because it means as much to that person as another members \$10.00. However, there are those who can

afford to put more in the basket and do not. Many of our members do not know about or understand the financial needs of the Fellowship (once again our communication problem rears its ugly head) and would probably respond favorably if there was a way of letting them know. Many trusted servants feel that we can not approach this without appearing mercenary but the reality is that \$1.00 just doesn't accomplish what we need to have done anymore.

Our region is only a few years old and lacks the experience of older regions when it comes to establishing budgets and setting policies. Until recently, we have not established a budget for our regional service committee. Our budgetary practices revolved around having an understanding of how much money it takes to operate. If we had the money we spent it and if we didn't we didn't. Budgeting funds have never been a priority until recently. Currently our regional service committee spends \$2,500.00 a month in services like phonelines, travel, literature for P.I. and H.I., rents, insurance, legal and accounting services, activities, copies, and general office supplies and equipment and personnel.

Our office is a central point of communication and information though it does add stability to our local fellowship. Since our office has opened our fellowship has tripled in size. The office opened its doors at the end of 1985. In four years time we've experienced tremendous growth. It's not necessarily due to the office, as much as the message of Narcotics Anonymous. However, the communication that the office has with the treatment community, the addicts that call in and the people who would need to know that we have an office to facilitate those who are seeking recovery from addiction has helped our efforts tremendously.

There is a question concerning special workers and what special workers in the service office should be allowed to do. The question evolves around the concept that special workers detract and take away the jobs of trusted servants. Certainly that's not been the focus of the Chicago Service Office. Our service office has stepped in and filled in on many occasions but certainly has never been in a position, or wanted to be in a position to take jobs away from trusted servants. The lack of trusted servants has forced the staff of the service office to come forward and assume some responsibilities that they probably would not assume if there were volunteers or other trusted servants willing to do the work. This creates a dilemma among some members of the fellowship. Why that is or where that comes from is hard to explain but we've grown to understand that it is pretty much a normal course of action, not only here but in other areas.

This report is an overview of what is happening in our region. We understand that as long as we keep on working to carry the message all will be well. The issues contained in this report have a direct affect on unity in our region. We know that we can't do it alone and we welcome the experiences of other regions on these matters.

Yours in Fellowship
The Chicagoland Region

"Any resemblance between occurrences in our region and anyone else's is purely coincidental. Names have been changed to protect the innocent."

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: COLORADO REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

RE: ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 1990

• Greetings from the Colorado Region.

This past year has been one of growth & expansion through out our region. We now have nine areas, two of them new and one reforming as an area. Meetings are starting all over the state in outlying areas. Almost every ski town in Colorado has an NA meeting in it now.

REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

This past year has been a struggle wading through the red tape of incorporating our RSO. The RSC & our BOD have tried to work closely on resolving this matter and are very close to having all the legalities worked out, but we still have some problems to resolve.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION COMMITTEE'S

We are now in more Treatment Centers & holding more H&I meetings than ever before in the state of Colorado. More and more members are getting interested in helping H&I carry the message to the addict that still suffers. Recently they have gotten meetings started in some Jails that in years past it wasn't possible to do.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE'S

For the first time in our regions existence we now have a PI committee not PI person. Colorado hosted the Western States PI Learning Days this year. It was a great success with Ten other states participating. PI has also supported some World PI efforts in our region also. The area committees are growing and doing a lot of good work in their own areas.

PHONELINES

We now have a 1-800 number that is an information line giving the nearest meeting & local Hotline number if someone wants to talk too an addict. So far the 800 line has been a success. A lot of our areas now have their own Hotline numbers for addicts to talk to other addicts.

COLORADO REGIONAL CONVENTION OF NA

Again our region had a wonderful CRCNA. With a good turn out and a lot of Experience, Strength and Hope being shared. We hope too see you this year at CRCNA IV.

In Loving Service,
Colorado RSR

HOPPY HOPKINS

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To the Fellowship of N.A.,

Greetings family, from the Connecticut Region of Narcotics Anonymous. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to report, to the worldwide Fellowship, that the Connecticut Region continues to grow.

There are now 171 Groups within the Region. Some Groups are now hosting more than one meeting at the same location. The oldest Group in the Region recently celebrated its 9th anniversary, and new Groups are starting monthly.

Our Regional committees continue to do their best to assist Area committees coordinate and accomplish their tasks. It has been with the work of the dedicated addicts and our Higher Power, that we continue to grow.

The Hospitals and Institutions committee is now committed to 57 presentations within the Region, all hosted by Area committees. These Area committees also are trying to educate members within their Areas about how H&I works. One project that the Regional H&I committee is working on is a traveling panel. This panel will be cleared for all State institution, a first in Connecticut, and will fill in when an Area is having a problem with doing a presentation.

The Public Information/Phoneline committee continues to spread the word about N.A. within the Region. This past year the Regional committee has assisted Area committees at health fairs, awareness sessions, street fairs and educational facilities. The display case, purchased last year, has become a familiar sight at these functions.

The Phoneline portion of this committee has been gathering information on the set up and operation of a 1-800 State number for Narcotics Anonymous. There is a great deal of excitement within the Region on this project.

The Regional Literature committee continues to support the creation of new literature for the Fellowship. All Area committees participate on input for the projects assigned by the WSC Literature committee. However, one sad note on this committee is that, due to a lack of support, the Region has decided to suspend work on the Regional Newsletter.

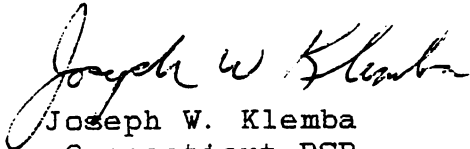
Once again, this years Regional Convention was a success. Over 2,000 addicts were in attendance with over 200 newcomer registrations given out. The weekend proved to be filled with recovery, workshops, fun and Fellowship.

The Board of Directors for the Convention Corp. is now starting to work as a board. The Region had some questions about the Boards accountability to the Region, and with the help of a Higher Power, the Board has been able to provide what the Region wanted.

The Regional Policy committee has been instrumental in helping address problems which have occurred with the Region. They did a great deal of work in helping the Convention Board show accountability to the Region, as well as take care of procedural questions at the Region.

In closing, the Region looks forward to our continued growth. We continue to be dedicated to insuring that, no addict seeking recovery need ever die.

IN LOVING SERVICE,
THE CONNECTICUT REGION OF
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS


Joseph W. Klemba
Connecticut RSR

Greetings from the Florida Region.

This has been quite a year for our region. The big topic for us has been should we form a second region. We formed an ad hoc to look out at alternatives. We talked in the halls. We fought, bickered and hugged. And finally after an appropriate gestation, we gave birth to the South Florida/Bahamas Region. This new region will be attending the conference and we of the Florida region will be asking that this new region be seated.

We have not completed all the details of dividing our assets. We have a very successful RSO corporation that employs one full-time and one part-time special worker. The office has been buying enough literature to get the 35% discount for several years and has built up a solid inventory and cash flow. The RSC voted to form an ad hoc committee to determine whether to share the office or move it into our regional boundaries.

We, also, have a corporation that puts on the Florida Regional Convention. Their Board of Directors has submitted a proposal that would share this corporation for the next two conventions and then the Board would only serve the Florida Region. The region tabled this until the April RSC. I will be able to give more detailed information on how we are proceeding in these two service delivery areas at the WSC.

Our Regional H & I committee has developed a Pen Pal program that now seems to be providing a valuable link between inmates and N.A. They are also planning their next regional H & I learning week-end. This will be held in May on Clearwater Beach.

Our PI Committee has been active in several areas. One of the agenda items for each of their meetings has been a presentation on various areas of PI work. This has been an excellent method to stimulate new projects in other areas by hearing about the outcome of a successful project. These presentations have included slide PSA's at movie theatres, airing the TV PSA's and how to's of public speaking. This committee hosted the Florida Spring Service Break on Ft. Lauderdale Beach March 16-18.

Our lit committee gave input for the Traditions Book and is now working on B & C pamphlet projects. We started a regional newsletter that has put out six issues so far.

Our Help-line committee has been sponsoring learning days around the state.

Attendance at most of our sub-committees has been excellent this past year.

FRC our new convention corporation put on its first convention in Jacksonville. This was a spiritual and Financial success. This year's Florida Regional Convention will be held June 28 through July 1, 1990 at Deauville Hotel on Miami Beach. The 1991 convention will be held at a golf and tennis resort Saddlebrook which is just north of Tampa. This convention will be from July 4 through July 8, 1991.

The region supports the WSO's efforts to translate the Text into Spanish. We hope that these efforts will soon result in a Spanish edition.

The Florida Region sends warm hugs to rest of Narcotics Anonymous.

Love in the Spirit of Fellowship,

Andy Siegel, RSR

Chris Chambliss, Alternate RSR

GEORGIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

We are one of the "Old" regions, having been represented since 1978 at the WSC. We are bound by our state borders, and a bit into South Carolina. We currently have close to 350 groups within our Region. The region has 13 areas, (soon to be 14) some very small, both in number of groups and meetings, others very large like the Midtown Atlanta area with more than 70 meetings.

We are beginning to run our region without the financial aid of our regional convention making up the difference not supplied by the fellowship. We also incorporated our Convention Board to gain a tax-exempt status and to oversee the running of the Regional Convention. This allows us the freedom to not spend RSC time trying to run a convention and allows the convention to be run along the lines of a business. The funds generated by the convention are sent to the WSC and the rest held to start the next years convention. We hope to avoid getting the regional service committee in trouble, if we ever lost money on the convention.

OUR SUBCOMMITTEE

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

Recently we elected a new and exciting chairperson for this committee. The position had been vacant for sometime and our ex-Regional vice chairperson served as interim chair. Currently we sponsor approximately 35 H&I meetings in our region. We also have Workshops and Learning Days on a monthly basis.

CONVENTION PLANNING

This years convention was held in Columbus, GA. We had over 750 registered guest and netted approximately 19,000.00 in revenue. We would like to thank the members of this committee who worked so hard in helping to make GRCNA 9 a success. Dreams really do come true. A very special thanks to all the members who came from other parts of the world to help us celebrate another year of recovery. Without you we could not have done it. The site for this years convention was selected because of the need to create some excitement and support for the groups in Columbus, Ga. We are proud to report that the Columbus groups are in the process of forming a new area. Yeah Columbus !! Next years convention site is in Jekyl Island, Ga. See ya'll there.

POLICY

This committee is chaired by one of the more energetic members of our region. Recently this committee voted to open it's membership to all concerned members of the Georgia Region. However, to be a voting member, you must attend two consecutive voting meetings. Voting meetings are held once

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every other month at our Regional Conference. This committee is also involved in reviewing our old minutes, putting together " motions in force ". We are all excited to see what this turns up.

LITERATURE

We have had two resignations from the chair position of this committee this year. However, this committee is alive and well. Literature sells are up and our stockpile is gradually increasing. We recently voted to add a 4% sales tax to all sells. This is to keep within the sales tax laws of the state of Georgia. Most areas are absorbing this increase, so as not to pass it on to the groups.

CONVENTION BOARD

The Board was established in mid 1989. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to supervising our annual convention and making sure it operates within the laws of our local, state, and federal governments. The President of our Board has been clean and active in NA service for over ten years. In addition, he has been employed in the convention industry for quite some time and brings lots of experience and leadership to our Convention Board. Additional responsibilities of our Convention Board include site selection and the negotiating of our Regional convention.

FINANCIAL REPORT

7th tradition contributions to our region have been up and down. Some areas contribute consistently, others very seldom if ever. We are trying real hard to get areas to understand fund flow and financial support for our region. We are proud to report, this past years contributions of approximately 6,000.00 to the WSC. We hope to be able to contribute more in the near future.

FINAL REPORT

Our Regional Service Committee continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis. We no longer meet in a centralized location, instead we rotate between Metro-Atlanta and a centralized location. Our administrative committee includes our Regional chair, vice chair, RSR and alternate RSR, treasure, secretary and policy chair. We generally meet on the 2nd Saturday of every other month. We rarely if ever have a completely functional administrative committee. Current vacant positions are, vice chair, treasury, alt. treasury and alt. secretary. In addition, we have several regional subcommittee positions that are vacant. Helpline, Public Information, Activities and Literature are currently vacant, as far as the chairpersons positions.

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OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

New meetings and members are growing everyday in our Region, but there seems to be less people involved in service. We hope to start having regional workshops that will begin to attract more members to regional level service. Our ASC meetings have been real exciting this past year. I have had the pleasure of attending quite a few. It makes me feel good to see the hard work and energy going on within our Areas.

In closing, the Georgia Region would like to thank the WSO staff for its support, guidance, and directions in helping with the incorporating of our Conventions. Please Gang, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK .

In loving service,

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REPORT OF THE GERMAN SPEAKING REGION FOR WSC 89/90

The Germanspeaking Region encompasses the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria and the Germanspeaking parts of Switzerland.

There are currently 56 registered meetings. There are also a number of English language meetings (at least five), mainly on US Military bases or housing areas. We are in contact with some of these meetings and our American NA friends in our Region are trying to establish more communication among those meetings. We are growing slowly, as far as the number of meetings are concerned, but we are growing in terms of membership and in our own recovery (IT WORKS !).

There are no service areas at the moment. All service work is conducted through our national assembly. All GSR's are voting members of this assembly which meets regularly every four months.

One of our greatest needs over the years has been German language recovery literature. Several projects have been under way during the last year. Top priority had the translation of the Basic Text. With the financial assistance of the WSO this task was accomplished. We are now in the process of reviewing the translation. The RLC sub committee which is responsible for this task was not progressing as fast as we have anticipated. A change in the organisation of the work (3 day weekend worksessions) has helped to speed up the process. So far chapters 1-4 are reviewed. We are also working on the personal stories. We probably will have a mix of some original stories and some of our German members. The "White Booklet" will be published this year with the translated stories of the English original (currently it is only available without the recovery story section). These translations also have been reviewed. The pamphlets "Welcome to NA" and "Am I an Addict" were translated and are ready to be reviewed.

Our NA newspaper is issued every 3 months and very popular among our members (the 6th. issue has just been distributed).

We do have a PI Committee, that reports to the assembly. This committee utilizes the information and suggestions of the WSCPI Committee. They have conducted two regional PI workshops and ten PI events. These took place mainly in treatment facilities. One was conducted in a women's prison. Currently the committee is trying to get NA meetings announced on public radio (as a PSA).

As far as finances are concerned we do have a balanced budget although money has always been very tight. Our biggest income is generated through our regional convention. Speaking about conventions, our 7th. regional convention will take place on June 8 / 9 / 10 of this year in Munich.

Our fellowship extends its love and hope to all you recovering addicts "out there" in the rest of the world. May we have a successful conference with enough sleep and the least amount of insanity (I'm a terrible optimist).

Ralph K. (RSR)

Uli Z. (RSR alt.)



GREATER ILLINOIS REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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February 27, 1990

Greetings from the Greater Illinois Region of Narcotics Anonymous. Our Region is now four years old and continues to experience growing pains as a new Region.

Last year we had a new Area join our Region, and just recently this new Area disbanded due to lack of support within thier Area. Currently this Area has decided to function as a group and is deciding on an Area to join, until it can grow stronger.


We also have an Area which is growing in Northern Illinois and which is considering doing a feasibility study of becoming a Region in itself. Hopefully the lines of communication will remain open during this decision making process.

Our Regional Service Conference meets every other month, six times a year, and holds a Regional Function on the months which does not hold a RSC meeting. This past year, our Regional Functions centered on topics such as: Literature Learning Day; Service Structure Learning Day; Spiritual Meditation Learning Day; MCC5 Mini-Convention Fundraiser; Regional Learning Day; and a Week-end Volleyball Tournament. We have a Mini-Conference scheduled for March 9, 10, and 11, 1990 in Effingham, Illinois which will include workshops and a review of the Conference Agenda Report for the benefit of informing our Region.

MCC5 was held in August 1989 in Deerfield, Illinois and was a great success. Total revenue from this Convention was \$4,184.63. Our Region received 20% of this revenue, totaling \$836.00. WSC received 10% of this revenue totaling \$418.46. The remainder of the revenue goes to the MCC5 Convention Board to finance future MCC Conventions. MCC6 will be held in Indianapolis Indiana on July 27, 28, and 29, 1990, at the Hilton Hotel at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Our Region elected two of its members to serve on WSC Committees. They are Jim B., who was elected to serve another term on WLC, and Joe Y., who was elected to be placed in the WPI pool. There were also elections to nominate four other members of our Region to the World Tape Review Committee. They are: Craig I., Virginia B., and Paul H.

Our Sub-Committees have been going through some growth and change. Our Literature Chair resigned and no one has filled this position as of this date. Most groups keep their own literature stockpiles. One Area has requested and recieved WLC literature assignment and hopes to get more involved in this process. We have newly elected a Funding and Financing Committee Chair. This Committee has been functional and supportive of Regional Functions. The H&I Chair has recently been filled. This Committee has conintued to share its experience strenghts, and hopes with



each Area. H&I meetings are continuing to grow and expand into more facilities around the state of Illinois. The Policy Committee has been inactive. PI Committee has been very active. PI has undergone a major task of working on a presentaion to the Illinois Prison System, to help pave the way for Instiitutional Meetings in our prisons statewide. This process involves up to six Regions which all touch somewhere in the State of Illinois. Much contact and attempts to link all the Regions involved, WSC, and the prisons themselves have been made and still continues. The PI Committee is also looking towards establishing Regional PI Guidelines with a Contingency Plan.

As of June 1989, our Region has formed a Ad- Hoc Committee on the Guide to Service with our primary purpose to review and inform the Areas of proposed Service Structure changes. This process will continue until this Ad-Hoc Committee receives directions from the Groups and Areas to do differently. This Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting at each Regional Service Conference.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this report, our Region is growing and as we grow, we are also looking at a Regional Inventory to help set better relationships and open communications between Regional Service and Area Service and to assess how the Greater Illinois Region can serve its Areas and Groups as a whole.

In Loving Service,



Mona McGraw RSR

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: MITCHELL SOODAK - RSR
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GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Greater New York Regional Service Committee and the seven hundred and eighty-five (785) groups who call this area home. This past year has been one of growth, learning and maturing. As is usual in N.A. our region had its peaks and valleys during 1989. We have continued to expand in both the number of area's and meetings at a remarkable rate. The region now houses a total of twelve (12) area's as compared with the eleven we had in 1988. Within these twelve area's there are now 897 meetings a week as compared with 735 in 1988, a growth rate of 22% year over year. The chart below details the area's, groups and meetings currently open in the Greater New York Region:

GROUP AND MEETING COUNT - GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1990		
AREA'S	GROUPS	MEETINGS
ADIRONDACK BERKSHIRE CAPITAL DISTRICT AREA	57	57
BRONX AREA	69	80
BROOKLYN AREA	130	155
EASTERN LONG ISLAND AREA	13	15
MANHATTAN AREA	125	159
MID-HUDSON AREA	82	90
NASSAU AREA	59	59
QUEENS AREA	75	100
ROCKLAND AREA	20	20
SUFFOLK AREA	73	73
STATEN ISLAND AREA	23	23
WESTCHESTER AREA	59	66
TOTAL	785	897

The Regional Sub-Committees were extremely busy holding events, reviewing literature, formulating policy, hosting institutional meetings, manning our phones and in general offering help to the "ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS".

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE - This committee now hosts a total of 408 meetings each week as compared with 342 in 1988, a growth rate of twenty percent (20%) year over year. The highlight of this years work was the inroads we have made into bringing meetings to the homeless in this Region. The homeless are usually housed in city or state sponsored shelters one night at a time. Through the efforts of this committee we have been able to bring a substantial number of meetings into these shelters and carry the message to a whole new audience.

LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE - This past years efforts have been concentrated on two (2) main projects. Input to the traditions has taken the vast amount of this committee's energy as they have worked on and submitted materials on the third (3) and fourth (4) traditions. They have also been busy working on a brand new Information Pamphlet, the subject of which is Unity.

HELPLINE - With the move our Central Office and the Regions main Helpline to the Bronx Area during the past year we have increased the hours of phone coverage a substantial amount. On a monthly basis we are now fielding somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500 to 3,000 calls. While we still are somewhat short on twenty-four hour addict coverage we do have an answering service to which our calls are forwarded when the lines are not manned by volunteers. Within the next few months we hope to finish programming our new computer so that we will be able to offer a twenty-four hour message taking facility as well as giving meeting information and the current status of any Regional or Area activities. There are also plans afoot to mane our twelve step listings on an electronic call forwarding system through the computer. In addition to the above two (2) of the areas within the Region have established local helplines to better serve the population locally.

POLICY COMMITTEE - In 1988 the policy committee suggested to the Regional Service Conference a restructuring of the Regional Meetings in an effort to streamline the process and increase the participation of the members in the various areas of the region. This resulted in a one year trial, of a reports/business weekend in the second month of each quarter, a reports day in the third month of each quarter and a business day in the fourth month of each quarter. This has proven to be extremely popular and productive and we have now adopted this as a permanent policy. The policy committee also spent a considerable amount of time restructuring our elections policy to ensure that the best qualified people are considered for election to open positions at the Regional level.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - This committee now averages a minimum of twentyfive (25) presentations per month. It's work this past year has resulted in numerous new meetings as well as raising the public awareness in this part of the country as to our existence and purpose. Highlighting the work of this committee was the annual Albany Health Fair which is attended by approximately 5,000 people for a three day period. We manned a booth for the entire time and passed out hundreds of dollars of literature to these health professionals. Within the next few months we are planning on co-hosting, with the World, an event at the Jacob Javits Convention Center which has been estimated as attracting over 12,000 professionals.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES - As usual this committee was overworked this past year. With such a large population we find it necessary to host events either on a Regional or Area level almost every week of the year. One of the hardest jobs of this committee over the past year was coordination between the Area's and the Regions Events to ensure that any overlap was kept to a minimum. In spite of this obstacle the committee preformed admirably and managed to hold many successful events. To mention just a

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few; we had our second "Fun In The Sun Weekend" as well as our Annual Pioneer Diner Dance and Regional Gratitude Breakfast. These events were each attended by approximately 500 people. We also changed the name of this committee from "Conventions and Activities" to the current name in view of the restructuring of the handling of our Regional Convention.

GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL CONVENTION CORPORATION - As implied by the name we have established a legal corporation to handle the annual Regional Convention. Last year this responsibility was shared by the Convention & Activities Committee and this Corporation. This lead to confusion at a minimum and unaccounted funds in the amount of approximately \$ 10,000. In spite of this the convention, Freedom V, was a large success as we had over 3,000 registrations, filled in excess of 1,000 rooms at the Concord Hotel and netted a profit in excess of \$ 30,000 to the Corporation. This year the corporation has assumed full responsibility for the convention and has installed numerous safeguards with regard to financial accountable to ensure we do not have a reoccurrence of last years events. Our 1990 convention, Freedom VI will be held on June 16,17 & 18th at the Concord Hotel and Resort. Why not plan on making it a family event and spending Fathers Day with us in New York?

GREATER NEW YORK REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE - The Regional Service Office Corporation once again increased it annual literature sales figures. This year to the \$240,000.00 level. In addition they sold 240,000 Regional Meeting Lists to members and institutions. We now have a full time office worker and an office manager who is also a member of the Board of Directors. The office was moved from Queens to the Bronx as we had outgrown our old space. The literature inventory has been placed on a computer to help in managing it and to help speed our orders to institutions, areas and members.

Yours in loving service,

Mitchell Soodak, RSR
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Aloha WSC!

We send you wonderful vibrations from our warm sun, blue skies beautiful ocean and rainbows of the Hawaiian region.

Our region consists of six areas. The most populated island, Oahu, has two areas; the Garden Island of Kauai is one area; Maui is an area and the Big Island has just split into two areas during this past conference year.

The island of Oahu has twenty-five meetings a week and nine H&I meetings; Kauai has nine meetings a week with one H&I; Maui has fifteen meetings a week with two H&I and the Big Island has twenty-one meetings a week with two H&I. There have been three H&I meetings started in this past conference year.

Our regional meeting is held every other month on the third Sunday. All areas are represented by their own ASR. We have a chairperson for H&I and a chairperson for P&I. These seem to be the only two subcommittees that have really taken hold. We have no social chairperson, although we do put together dances and NA functions during various times of the year.

Hawaii finds itself in an unusual situation with our areas being separated by water. Flying to the regional meeting is more expensive than in other regions. At this point, our regional office is located on Oahu and that is where the regional meeting is always held. We have looked into the cost of holding the regional meeting in other areas to unify our region a little, but it would be too costly at this point to alternate every regional meeting on a different island. We are looking at the possibility of holding at least one regional meeting a year on another island or in alternate areas to begin unification in that manner.

We just held our sixth annual Gathering of the Fellowship on Oahu, and it was a great success. It has always been a regional function since it began. The Big Island and Maui have begun holding their own Gatherings as area functions, and so the Oahu Gathering will be changing from a regional to an area function which will be supported by both areas on Oahu. We are contemplating an annual Regional Convention to be held at a hotel. This is not definite at this point, but is under consideration at this time.

Our meetings continue to grow with many newcomers coming in through the different treatment centers in Hawaii. P&I continues its efforts in getting the message of NA out to the public. We have had signs on buses, and TV and radio spots on the local stations.

H&I has really grown in Hawaii and has seen a lot of success. Many prisoners have been released and are showing up at

meetings on the outside and staying clean. That brings so much joy to those of us who go into the prisons to carry the message.

I feel very blessed to be the RSR of the Hawaiian region. Our fellowship is definitely one based on love. We call it "the Aloha spirit". Our regional meetings flow very smoothly, and are conducted in three to four hours with little or no conflict in a nonsmoking environment.

We have several members in Hawaii with well over ten years clean. We are isolated from many of the controversial issues. We have learned not to take ourselves too seriously, yet to be persistent in recovery. We invite all of you to come and enjoy recovery with the "Aloha spirit".

Thank you and always remember -- God is loving us now.

Tom Catton, RSR
Rich McCall, ARSR

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Indiana Region Annual Report

The Indiana Region is in its fourth year of existence. Two new Areas have joined us (North Central and Crossroads), bringing the total to eight Areas. The Indiana Region contains approximately 200 meetings, including Hospitals & Institutions.

The prior year has been a period of growth for the Region, with more addicts getting involved in the service process which means more informed addicts to help keep communication between the Areas and the Region open and keep down on some of the confusion which is sometimes associated with lack of participation.

Funding and Functions

The F & F subcommittee is in need of support, but we have been able to put on our yearly fundraiser to send our delegates to the WSC this year. We're coming out with a new T-shirt design this year and all sale proceeds will go towards the delegate fund.

Due to an Area's struggles, we are hosting a Regional Unity Mini-Conference in hopes that it will promote growth and unity for the Area.

We are very grateful to our strong Area donations so that we can continue to carry the message to all addicts. We have been able to send \$1,406.86 to the WSC this past year.

Hospitals & Institutions

Our December H & I subcommittee meeting marked the close of our 2nd year of service to the Indiana Region. We currently have 17 correctional meetings and 11 hospital/treatment meetings. This past year we saw two of our meetings become regular groups. Our Region has also nominated an addict to the WSC H & I Pool. This addict has a strong H & I background and was able to attend the November WSC workshop in St. Louis, where he obtained alot of valuable information for our subcommittee.

Currently we have eight Areas, seven of which have active H & I subcommittees. One of our goals for this next year is to work with the Area that doesn't

have an H & I subcommittee and hopefully establish one. We are currently providing literature to a meeting in this Area. The Regional H & I subcommittee recently established a roving H & I panel to provide H & I panel presentations to our Areas in conjunction with "Area Learning Days" to be scheduled by the Areas.

In November we hosted our first "Multi-Regional H & I Awareness Day". It was an outstanding success with eleven regions represented and over 175 addicts present. As a direct result of this event we are seeing a much needed increase in support of H & I efforts regionwide. We are very grateful to all who attended and supported this event and hope to make it an annual event. We have established communication with our neighboring Regions and are working together to support each others learning days and carry the message of recovery through Narcotics Anonymous. We look forward to our third year of service and carrying our message of hope & freedom into the 90's.

Policy

This year brought many changes to the Policy subcommittee. The first was a split from the Administration subcommittee. By doing this we were able to focus on putting together our new approved Policy & Service Manual. The subcommittee will also be updating the manual as we go along.

Policy is looking forward to reviewing and workshopping the Twelve Concepts and the Guide to Service. We plan on working with WSC Committees in translating materials back to the Region.

Literature & Communications

The 1989-90 conference year has been one of productivity and growth for the Literature subcommittee. We once again produced six issues of the Indiana Clean Times, our Regional Newsletter, and our Statewide Directory has seen a dramatic change in format from a booklet type, which we were obliged to charge members for in order to offset the cost of publication, to a more practical four-fold single-sheet format which is subsidized by the Region and Areas so that the new Directory can be furnished to individual members at no cost. We have had some difficulty in coordinating this new Directory, yet we anticipate good results nonetheless in the coming Conference year.

The year also saw the election of a new Literature Subcommittee Chair, and we express our sincere gratitude to the former Chair for her dedicated and truly selfless service over the past three years.

We were able to hold a number of workshops for the review and input of literature, which included very productive workshops on the two pamphlets, "In Times of Illness" and "For Those In Treatment", as well as a Multi-Regional Literature Camp on the Twelve Traditions portion of "It Works: How and Why". While attendance at these workshops was relatively small, we feel that the results were quite effective, and the Literature Camp, particularly, was a workshop which we hope may become an annual event.

We recently welcomed one new Area Literature Committee, and hope in the coming year to improve our lines of communication with all Area Literature Committees.

We hope that the coming Conference year will be a productive one indeed for literature in our Regional Fellowship.

Finally, the Literature Chairperson was able to attend, thanks to the support of the Region, the WSC workshop in St. Louis, and found this experience very valuable and educational. Our goals in the coming year include literature review and input workshops, better communication between both Area subcommittees as well as other Regional subcommittees, and with the WLC, and perhaps a restructuring of the Literature Subcommittee itself in order to better serve the Regional Fellowship here in Indiana in the development, review, and input of the written message of recovery.

Public Information

The PI subcommittee is in their second year and are revising the Regional survey map because of the new Areas that have been formed in the Indiana Region.

A revised list of the H & I activity around the state has been received from H & I and from that list the PI subcommittee can begin working out a mailing list to new contacts to inform them of the Fellowship and how we can help.

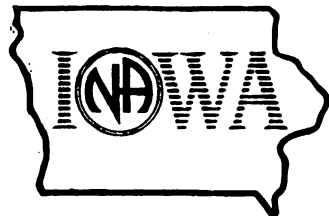
We attended the Great Lakes Counsel on Addiction, this non-NA event was held in Indianapolis, September 6-8, at the Adams Mark Hotel and we had support from 4 Areas at the Regional PI booth. We distributed 300-400 IP's along with 100 White Books, and also had Basic Texts available for sale. This event was attended by around 2,000 counselors from a 4 state area. We got to talk to many of the counselors and share the NA view of addiction. Many of them were familiar with NA and glad to see us at the event. We were able to give out the new Regional Directory of meetings around the state; they said this would help them in referring addicts to meetings when they left treatment and returned home in a different part of the state. On Friday evening we held an NA open discussion meeting and invited counselors to be a part of it. Attendance was small but it was a good meeting. We shared our experience, strength and hope with them and how the Fellowship of NA could help the still suffering addict. This was an uplifting and spiritual experience for all that attended. Much was learned on how to carry the message through a meeting format such as this. Plans for the 1990 Great Lakes Conference on Addiction to be held on September 12-15, 1990, are being worked on. This will again be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

In closing we would like to say we are looking forward to seeing some old friends and meeting some new ones this April at the WSC.

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Iowa Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

THE REGION IN GENERAL

1989-90 was a year that saw our Region experience maturation. Our service meetings experienced growth via "Keeping It Simple"; while continuing to fulfill service responsibilities. We relaxed our emphasis on policy issues and have increased our trust and reliance on spiritual principles. Many of our decisions have been expressed in a true group conscience:

One Region agreeing on one effort of service unity.

Regional Service Committee--- In 1989-90 the RSC evolved into a more effective vehicle for undertaking service responsibilities. Structurally, a specific growth area was in procedural practice; how Areas introduce agenda items. Conveyance of motions was more defined and specified. This resulted in the reduction of spurious and impulsive actions. Another outgrowth of this restructuring effort was the introduction of well-thought-out motions from our Areas. This clearly demonstrates that our Groups are more selective in approaching Area consciences. Overall, RSCM meeting times have been reduced by almost half; debating on issues is relegated to service seminars and much more service work is being accomplished. Our RSC has increased it's awareness that our sub-committees are self-directing, they can be so without conflict with their accountable role towards our Region.

The spirit of our Region is better than ever. This is exemplified in the fact that our Areas now attend our RSCMs, not just the ASRs. Many times, both the ASR and ASR-Alt. are present, along with a significant number of interested members from each Area. In principle terms, our Region is viewed as more accountable by the individual members. Also, newer members see our Region as more accessible to them, consequently, our RSCM's involvement level has taken on new proportions.

Open Forum--- This has developed into a spiritual tool for our Region. The open forum provides Areas an opportunity to air any issues that they are incapable of arriving at an informed conscience on their own. The open forum has enhanced the services our sub-committees provide to the Region in general, and has attracted attention to several vital service concerns:

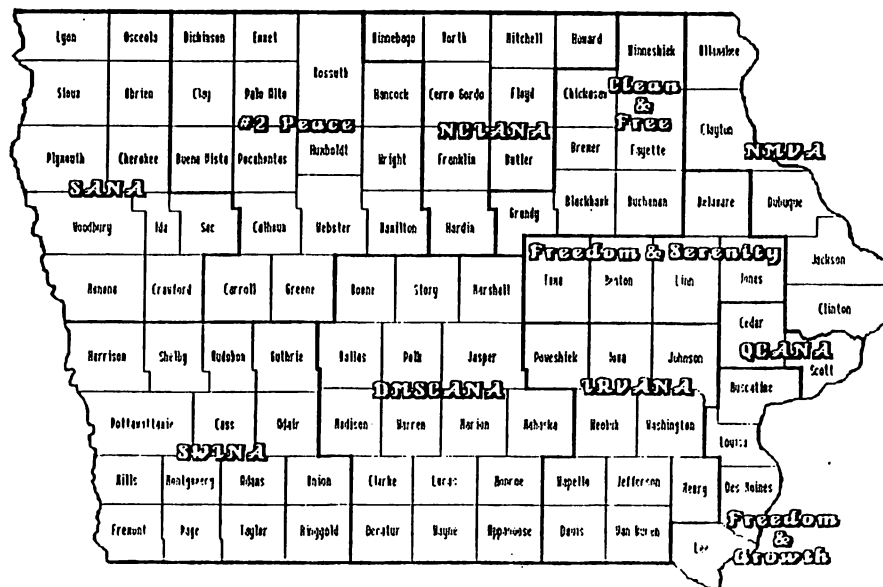
- * The responsibility of P.I. to ensure protection of copyrighted materials (such as PSAs) when interacting with outside enterprises.

Open Forum Issues (Cont'd)---

- * The role of entertainment committees in relation to safeguarding the interests of N.A. while interacting with a distraught host facility in a timely manner.
- * Our obligation as a Region to serve N.A. meetings and H & I meetings choosing not to involve themselves within our evolved Service Structure

Areas--- Our Areas have increased their outreach efforts to include numerous rural areas not previously served by N.A. The service committees and fellowships in our larger metropolitan areas are stabilizing to the point where we can afford to delegate time and resources to assist these 'Loner Groups'. Areas are increasingly represented on our Region's various sub-committees, with a concomitant increase in communication and effort. We currently have approximately 200 meetings, comprising of 165 N.A. Groups and 35 H & I meetings. We still have 11 designated geographic Areas and the N.A. way of recovery is present in over 50 communities across our Region. We have 10 Area Phonelines and three Area Service Offices. We still employ designated service areas (refer to map) to delineate catchment territories for our Areas to serve 'Loner Groups'.

Iowa Region of Narcotics Anonymous



REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

Last year we mentioned that our sub-committees had problems with lack of support and the absence of full-term officers. This situation has reversed and there is now a foundation developing. This foundation appears to be based upon four primary factors:

1. Newcomers are becoming acquainted with our inclusive service principle; they feel their involvement is important and desired.
2. Experienced members are remaining with committees, providing continuity of effort.
3. Our officers are providing the necessary strength and guidance to support sub-committee workloads.
4. More Regional Sub-Committee members are actively serving at the World level.

Public Information--- P.I. in our Region reached the goals that it set last year. We are continuing to build the PSA tape library for use by our Areas. We are hosting a combined P.I. and H & I Learning Day, May 5th, 1990. Our 10 Area Helplines are providing the impetus to move towards a Region-wide 1-800 phone service in the upcoming year. Our sub-committee is continuing to generate interest in P.I. efforts among the Fellowship, and is bringing awareness to newer members about P.I. Closer attention is being focused on the 'followup' level of P.I. service; this is a step upwards and outwards in responsibility.

Hospitals and Institutions--- Our H & I efforts are continuing to support approximately 35 H & I Meetings in our Region. We serve more treatment facilities, both long-term and 28 day rehabs, than correctional facilities. Our committee has been enhanced by the use of the new H & I Manual. The panel system is being pressed into service and our new or smaller areas are reinforced by the experience gained from other Area H & I sub-committees using this system. We continue to attempt linking our sub-committee participation at combined learning days and sub-committee learning days. This issue stems from our geographic distance across our Region in miles. Two Areas lie in the far western part of our Region and incur extra expenses each time they travel. We continue to move our service meetings across the Region, so that no single Area is burdened; not all our efforts have been successful.

Policy--- In years past, our Region made note of the difficulties experienced by the 'choking' effects of policy. This year, our Region recognized this shortcoming and took action. Our Policy Sub-Committee is established as an ad-hoc effort to review existing policies and recommend new or renewed policy. With the current structure of our RSC under a modified policy package and our Areas being informed ahead of time, it seems the 'monster of policy' might become a 'transformer' of simplistic, spiritual understanding.

IRCNA--- Our Convention had an increase in attendance in 1989, and our Region has granted our Convention Sub-Committee more autonomy in setting it's own pace with service responsibilities and decisions.

IRCNA (Cont'd)--- IRCNA VI had a bare minimum of trusted servants, yet put on a quality function through their sheer dedication. IRCNA VII, hosted in Clear Lake, Iowa, has a established committee working heartily towards presenting this year's celebration of recovery for our Region. The Convention Sub-Committee is basically a standing committee; it transitions between hosting Areas within two months of our Convention. We also have a foundation core of trusted servants with 'multiple convention' experience; this eases the transference of responsibilities. Our sub-committee has enhanced itself by a more concerted effort to develop issues, bring these to our Region for input, and then implement changes in an accountable manner.

Literature--- Our Literature Sub-Committee has really come together this year. The lack of balance in service endeavors which at times characterized this committee has been replaced by a deepened commitment and sense of purpose. This is primarily the result of the guidance provided by our officers, coupled with a shift of emphasis towards a closer linkage with the WSC Literature Committee. We reviewed several action-item drafts, and published updated Regional Meeting Directories at a reduced cost to the Fellowship. Area involvement in our committee is at it's highest level ever. Many Area Literature Committees have well-organized stockpiles and some are publishing newsletters. Our Region's newsletter is in a state of transition at this time.

SUMMARY

Our report started with the indication that we have reflected upon 'keeping it simple' as a Region. Then our report indicates a continued momentum in all necessary services. It was in our RSC that the decision to come away from the RSC meeting knowing that we had actually done something towards furthering our Primary Purpose, was expressed frequently this past year. When this became the major focus, we then could keep things simple, rekindling the spiritual essence of service work. Our ability to get caught in the complexity of external information was diminished by the tasks at hand and our dedication to recovery. We offer our fondest wishes for peace and love through recovery to all.

THE IOWA REGION

To: WSC
From: NA Region of Ireland
Subject: Annual Conference Report
Date : Feb 1990

Dia Muinnta Dhiamh A Chairde in san Fellowship, as na *Fellowship* in Eire"
God and Good wishes be with you friends in the Fellowship from the
Fellowship in Ireland. We are grateful to again have an opportunity to
be a part of the decisions process which affects our fellowship as a
whole, and to realise that we are not alone in our common "Primary
Purpose" of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

As a small island nation effective
communication is of great importance to us to help us keep in touch
with the Fellowship worldwide. Through opportunities like the World Service
Conference we can keep this communication going and it re-affirms our
commitment to the unity of the Worldwide Fellowship of Narcotics
Anonymous. In particular we are grateful for the opportunity of learning
from our fellow members in the worldwide Fellowship as to how they
are progressing, and we hope we can also offer some of our Experience
Strength and Hope to newer Regions.

Ireland has a population of approximately
3 Million, almost one million people live in Dublin County and the 2
million live between 25 other counties. Cork and Limerick are two other
counties in which there are established meetings as these are main
population centres also. These two areas formed the Munster Area S-
service some time ago and so Ireland had two Areas. The Dublin and
Munster Area. The Dublin Area covers 20 meetings and also tends to
service the more isolated meetings of which there are 8 at present.
The Munster Area services 4 Meetings. The Irish Regional Service Co-
mittee meets quarterly and has proven to be a unifying event for
the Areas. The Region co-ordinates between the areas and is interested
in seeing NA develop throughout the whole Region. Last year the Reg-
ional Service Committee took on Responsibility for the Convention,
which is given out to the Areas on an Annual basis.

Though Ireland is a small society in co-
parison to many of its European and World Neighbours we do have a big
problem with illegal Drugs and in particular Prescribed Drugs. Alcohol
has always been a specific problem for Ireland.

The strength in our meetings is evident
and many members have many years of Clean Time now. Gratefully this
has meant members are less inclined to look elsewhere for Recovery
and the message of Narcotics Anonymous is becoming firmly rooted.

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Three major growth areas have been recognised in the Fellowship over the past year in particular.

- 1) The numbers of women now finding Recovery in Narcotics Anonymous has increased dramatically over the past two years.
- 2) As a fellowship NA is now attracting more addicts who used "Legal Drugs illegally" ie prescribed drugs.
- 3) There are more members now in the fellowship from different age groups..both young and old finding recovery together.

The number of women in the Fellowship has improved due to among other things an established and stable ~~women's~~ meeting which is open to all members. This is one instance where ~~an~~ interest meeting has had a positive affect. We have had an increase in members whose background has been in the prescribed drugs area. There has been a reluctance in the past to attend due to the concept of the addict as the "Hard Core user of illegal Drugs". There is also a much broader age mix in the Fellowship today, ~~where~~ in the past members were mainly younger and had similar drug patterns and older members may have felt alienated. It has been great to see the changes in these three major areas for our Fellowship. It can be safely said that the whole NA message of recovery has broadened its Frontiers in Ireland through Age, Sexuality, and concept of the addict. It is symbolic to note that the theme for the coming Irish Convention is "New Frontiers".

All this it is felt can only mean the message of Narcotics Anonymous being more available to a broader spectrum of addicts in the future.

Public Information:

P.I has been busy in Ireland in the last year. At the moment the committee is running successfully. The Dublin Area Sub Committee is still somewhat responsible for the whole of Ireland as there is still no regional Committee. The Committee also looks after (Co-ordinates) the Irish Helpline. We now have a much more efficient Help Line due to last years change over to a bleeper system. We have also got our Help Line number in the Emergency Section of the 1990 Telephone Directory. We have also been busy with talks and representations. One of those was to Government officials from India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the Philipenes, this went very well. Another was the 3rd European Employment and assistance program Conference which was held in Ireland again in 1989. The P.O Box was very busy in the last year, and at the moment the committee is discussing ways of maintaining more contact with the Irish Media.

Hospitals and Institutions:

The committee is small but quite active, and meets Bi Monthly. We felt that for a long time too much emphasis had been placed on keeping meetings going in prison, without the support that was required from the relevant prison authorities. We have concentrated now more on Hospital Meetings instead, which after a slow start is coming to-gether very well. When they again have the support of the relevant Authorities and the fellowship they shall commence prison meetings again. There is one prison meeting on Spike island in Cork and local members support this meeting. The committee is stable and they feel confident that they are progressing well. Any current information or Videos available to help progress with prison authorities would be appreciated by the Committee.

Service Office: Report

The office has been operating as a Literature distribution and storage area. It has a continuous supply of up to date Literature. At present the office has decided to postpone its plans of incorporation.

Convention.

The 6th Irish convention takes place on the 9th 10th and 11th of Nov 1990. and in the true spirit of unity is being held outside Dublin for the first time ever. The theme is "New Frontiers" and it is my privilege to welcome members throughout the worldwide Fellowship to come and Share some Irish Hospitality in the beautiful Harbour Coastal Town of Kinsale.

Literature Committee:

At present the Irish region does not have an active Literature Committee, however after recent discussions regular workshops are planned to deal with review Literature as well as other Fellowship issues. The Irish fellowship looks forward to the availability of all the current review Literature soon, and wishes the Literature committee continued success with its work.

→ Convention.

In finishing, on behalf of the Irish Fellowship I would once again like to convey our enthusiasm and gratitude for the opportunity to be part of the Conference and to share our experience, strength and hope as a Region. We hope that through our involvement we can be a part of the process which moulds Narcotics Anonymous to always better serve the needs of our fellow addicts in Recovery and in particular those addicts who have yet to walk through our doors. And so in the spirit of Unity..... I would like to close with an Irish toast

"Slán Leat agus Beannacht"

(Goodbye and Goodwishes and Health to you)

Yours In Service,

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KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL REPORT

Hi family,

I hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirits.

The Kentuckiana Region has grown a great deal over the last year. Our regional Hospitals & Institutions committee had a regional H&I Awareness Day and it was a huge success. We are still lacking enough support to maintain a regional literature or public information committee, but most of their work is being handled on the area level. Our 3rd Kentuckiana Regional Convention, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, was also a big success. KRCNA IV will be held in Paducah, Kentucky, April 13-15, 1990.

Our regional policy committee is in the process of writing our regional guidelines. All the area reports I received informed me they were all doing well and growing in size. Slowly but surely we are spreading across the state.

Some areas are reporting helplines being started and others report of having billboards up.

We are still a young region and have a lot more growing to do and some more growing pains to overcome, but overall the message of recovery is being carried to the addicts still suffering in the Kentuckiana Region.

In loving service,

Rosario Schembari

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titles the first London Regional Convention in NA UK's tenth year. The dates are set for April 20,21,22nd 1990 and the location is amid beautiful parkland in the heart of London's throbbing metropolis. Pre-registration may still be available on contacting LRCNA1, P.O. BOX 417, LONDON SW10 ORN, ENGLAND.

As of January 1990 the number of NA meetings total 102 in areas around the UK and 106 in London itself. The latest are "non-restrictive" parents meetings, of which there are three (potentially five). These arose primarily from parents seeking recovery but finding animosity from a few members within meetings when their children caused distraction and diversion from our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. Most meetings, however are welcoming of children, dogs, smokers and even the occasional pet rat.

It became apparent that parent newcomers with small children were finding it more and more difficult to receive the message of recovery, but the outcome is that these members have been brought together using discussion time at Area Service Committees, therefore unifying and expanding the awareness of the members of the NA community as a whole. It also served to introduce members to Area Service that would not have normally got involved. The South East London Area was the first area to change its format to include topic discussion. The North East London Area now does the same. (The other three Areas concentrate mainly on general reports and administration). Topics range from "What is a GSR" (as most GSR's arrive at their first ASC without having been an alternate) to "Why it is not a good idea for Group treasurers to hide £200.00 worth of Group Treasury in a sock draw", to "How to sell 'CLEAN TIMES' and the 'NA WAY' to the fellowship". It is at times like these that one is to be most found 'sitting on ones hands' in consultation trying to find a loving God, as He, She or It may express Him, Her or Its-self in our group conscience. Truly one of the benefits and areas for personal ~

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growth that can be attributed to involvement in the Services of NA.

The London Region Help-Line Office received about 6,500 calls in 1989. A 30% increase on the year before. Half of these calls were from recovering addicts; 16% from professionals, the media and Hospitals and Institutions; and 13% from using addicts. There has been a major change in the "12 Step Call" system and the Areas now play a greater part in the coordination of such calls. The system is still in its infancy and sometimes communication is not what it could be. Nevertheless the message of recovery is reaching those that need^{it} and all the "12 Step calls" are being attended.

The London Regional P.I. committee serves as a forum for the North and South Area P.I. committees to meet and exchange ideas, discuss issues, support each other and plan for the future. As the Areas have grown increasingly more competent, and do much of the ground-work; ie talks to professionals, schools, colleges, probation services etc., sending letters and putting up posters; the Region has felt the desire to do something more than just be a place where reports are exchanged. Hence, at present, a revised draft of the 'Letter to the professional' is being undertaken. There is increased contact with the other Regional sub-committees (Office, H&I) and also the National P.I. body (a sub-committee of the UK Service Assembly). Sadly, as is experienced by many service committees, there are relatively few willing members available to serve in this area. There is a danger, especially with more regular talks, that the same individuals who do the talking are becoming established as NA instead of Members of NA. There is a real need to encourage more widespread involvement with Public Information.

1989 has been a good year for H&I. With the advent of a meeting in Brixton, NA is now represented in all of the London Prisons. As more members have made announcements in regular meetings the influx of new H&I volunteers has steadily increased. There are at present about 30 H&I meetings though we are, however, avoiding the pitfall of agreeing to new meetings until there are enough members to attend them on a regular basis.

Sadly there is no longer a Regional Literature sub-committee. As the distribution of literature to the groups is now handled by the London Areas (who buy their literature direct from the UKSO) the attendants at the Regional Lit. Com. ceased. With regards to Review &

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~ and Input Committee. Projects include the Anglicization of the Recovery Text, which has now been completed, and the 7th Tradition I.P. "Hey, What's the basket for?" which is now available under the revised title of "What's the collection for?". (It was suggested that it be called "Why pass the Pot?"-as the British fellowship put their 7th Tradition contributions in a pot not a basket- this, however, was deemed a little ambiguous).

Once again we seem to be relying rather heavily on our Fundraising and Entertainments committee to provide the necessary finance for the basic running of the Region. There have been many enjoyable parties staged and the committee are also looking into other forms of entertainment that will unify a greater cross-section of our fellowship. There has been much discussion concerning the Legal aspects of security, liability and general insurance for our members at such functions. So far there has been no serious cause for concern.

Regional finances have fluctuated considerably and Area contributions are far from consistent. It seems as though 7th Tradition awareness throughout the fellowship could be greatly improved.

In closing, we are grateful for the continued support and vast influx of information regarding all areas of Service from the World Service Conference. We look forward to the opportunity to carry our conscience and support in return at this years Conference in April. Like last year with regards the Conference Agenda Report, the London RSR and Alternate will extend their services to include those Areas and Regions for whom there is no delegate but nonetheless loving and caring members that wish to be able to participate in the gathering of a wider more unified conscience.

..... Serviceably Yours,

Nathan N.

RSR, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM: PAM B. RSR LONE STAR REGION
JAN C. RSR ALT.

HELLO THERE EVERYONE. The Lone Star Region is comprised of 13 areas that serve 197 groups. These groups host 765 meetings per week. We estimate the Fellowship size to be approximately 5500. Our groups utilize a variety of structures ranging from "one group one meeting" up to a single group being responsible from anywhere from 3 to 30 meetings per week.

This year we have seen a more mature attitude regarding finances by the Areas, Groups and the Region itself. Many have hosted Financial Responsibility Workshops, perform regular audits and include detailed financial information in their reports to the Region. The RSC Treasurer is available to help all the Areas set up, maintain and audit their books and help them to do the same for the Groups. By placing financial information in front of a greater number of people on a regular basis we seem to have more members aware and better educated. But yes, unfortunately one area did not host a financial responsibility workshop and they paid or we paid the price. Considering what our record was in 88 we feel that there has been much improvement in the area of financial responsibility.

We have seen a growing number of workshops and learning days held by our areas. New topics this year included Parliamentary Procedure, Budgets, Sub Committee Awareness Day Picnics, Concepts of Service and Host Committee Convention Learning Days.

This year has been another year of continuing growth for our H & I Sub-Committee. We have had an average attendance of 10 to 12 areas represented at each Regional meeting. This year our support for prisons and other institutions has continued to grow. Our involvement with The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has increased despite the many hurdles we have faced. We have also achieved a first, we believe in that the Fort Worth Area has started a meeting at Carswell Air Force Base. This meeting is going well and may help other areas and regions reach addicts in the Air Force and perhaps in other branches of the military.

Our Literature Sub-committee has also had continued participation this year 11 out of 13 areas regularly attend the regional meeting. Our largest part of this year has been spent with our work on The Traditions part of "It Works" How & Why. we held 4 workshops on Traditions 7,8,9,10,11,12. We received alot of response and were able to get some very good input. More recently we have begun working on the Daily Meditation book. The areas are excited about working on something a little lighter than the traditions.

Our Public Information Sub-Committee has also been at work this year. This year our region has received in excess of 33,000 telephone inquiries. Area helplines and info-lines have given freely of their experience, strength and hope to the areas developing a telephone communication network. An addict can receive meeting information and/or personal recovery sharing in 10 areas of our region. We have reached hundreds of thousands of persons through video and audio public service announcements, exhibits, presentations, bus signs, flyers and mailouts. Every area has a public information effort. We feel we have met our goal of all areas having a contingency plan of some sort and PI policy/guidelines. Those areas which do not have these are well on their way toward the goal. In the past 12 months PI has informed the fellowship through learning days in 5 areas, the public with 40 local PI presentations, 20 exhibits, 1 International event, 1 National event and 1 state event.

This year we chose to appoint an Additional Needs Liaison to be a member of our administrative Committee. She is a hard worker and is continuing to let the fellowship know and our sub-committees that just because there is no additional needs standing committee does not mean that there are no additional needs addicts. She attends the sub-committee meetings at our RSC and is also in contact with our convention committee to make sure that there is wheelchair accessible etc. for addicts with additional needs.

Our Regional Service Office is still alive and kicking. This year the office officially employed an office manager. An employee handbook was developed along with other policies such as Travel program, complete with Travel request forms and travel and expense report forms for board members, a routing form to aid in the distribution of copies of reports and minutes made through the RSO by Regional Trusted servants and finally procedures for ordering items by subcommittees of the Host Convention Committee with an Order Requisition form.

The Lone Star Regional Convention which is held in March is still under the direction of the office. This year guidelines have been written (not totally completed) to help in the transition. There are still some adjustments being made to help the hosting committee better understand the role of the office as it pertains to the convention.

The Board agreed to offer some non-conference approved items for sale through the RSO. The endeavors that helped fund the RSO this year were the Basic Sweatshirt (concept of Chicago RSO), the Text Covers and the Basic Calendar (on consignment from the Chicago RSO) The Regional meeting directory carried over from last year was updated twice. The participation of area trusted servants is crucial to this being a effective tool for carrying the message.

In an effort to maintain resumes of members who are in the pool from which Board members are selected an updated resume will be requested after 1 year. Members shall remain in the pool a maximum of 2 years. Despite requests for participation from all 5 out of 13 areas are not represented on the Board.

5200 copies of the basic text and 31,000 white N.A. welcome tags were distributed.

In preparing for the future, plans were made to seek a professional bookkeeper to aid in the financial affairs of the RSO. A qualified person was found and arrangements were made to have them assume some of the duties handled by the previous BOD Treasurer.

Our Lone Star Regional Service Conference is held on a quarterly basis for 2 1/4 days (1/4 Friday night JAC meeting) We rotate the conference between our member areas. Our RSO assists the hosting area in planning the Conference. The Standing and Ad Hoc committees meet during the weekend.

Problems/Concerns of this Region are: One, the desire has been heavily stressed to have a Step/Traditions book and a Daily Meditation book before our grandchildren need it. And another is to continue to improve on fiscal knowledge and responsibility.

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INCOME:

AREAS	\$14,054.40
ACTIVITIES	1,239.96
RSC 7TH TRADITION	102.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,396.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,453.28
NET INCREASE	1,943.68

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATIVE	\$1,131.12
PROJECTS	2,448.84
TRAVEL	2,530.68
RSC (CONFERENCES	942.48
WSC CONTRIBUTION	1,600.00
LSRSO	4,800.00

In Loving Service,

GREETINGS FROM THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE REGION

This report will be broken down into 3 sections. I. General Regional Information and Events. II. Subcommittee Activities and Events. III. Names, Address, and Phone numbers of Regional Officers.

I. LPRCNA consists of 8 Area Service Committees and 1 "standalone" group. There are 152 meetings weekly in 4 states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas). Within the geographical service area of the ASCs and several isolated areas not presently serviced by an ASC are many, many loner groups. We also have a number of H&I meetings, but I do not have an exact figure. Our ASC's include:

Bayou Recovery	20 meetings/week
Central Arkansas	21 meetings/week
Central Louisiana	15 meetings/week
LaFourche Teche	12 meetings/week
New Orleans	34 meetings/week
Northshore	11 meetings/week
Shreveport	17 meetings/week
Texarkana	14 meetings/week
Lake Charles Group	8 meetings/week

Some interesting events have transpired this year. A motion is before The Areas to change the election of RSR and alternate from December to June. The Central Arkansas and Texarkana Areas (along with the Northwest Arkansas and other interested groups) are in Regional Transition Phase, target date for WSC seating being the 1991 WSC.

The Toledo Bend ASC folded this year, but the Lake Charles group has asked to be seated at LPRCNA, and is looking into starting an Area.

II. Activities had a busy year in 1989. Regularly scheduled activities include: Bi-Annual Service Workshops, and a Regional Campout. All 3 activities are hosted by an ASC through a bid process.

Convention enjoyed another wonderful convention (LaVie Nouvelle) this past Memorial Day weekend. Our convention dates have been permanently moved to the last weekend in May. This year's convention will be held in Alexandria, LA May 25-27. Preregistration is 30.00 includes a banquet and dances. Contact Andrew L (318) 443-3165, Kathy P. (318) 445-1991, or Laurie S. (501) 742-3777 for more info. If you've got nothing planned.....

H&I has had quite a year, with lots of interest and participation. Guide lines have been drafted, and plans are underway for Area H&I chairs to attend workshops this year.

Literature has been reviewing A list material.

Outreach has been busy with several projects this year. The Regional Newsletter (The LPR Voice) has ended up monopolizing much of the subcommittee's time, so a request has been made to create a free-standing Newsletter Subcommittee. Outreach has also been handling group registration sent in from WSO, and trying to put them in touch with neighboring ASC's and groups.

To this end, loner packets and form letters have been implemented. A pen-pal list has also been compiled. Improved communication, be it another sub-committee or the NA WAY, has been a top priority.

Policy had a quiet year, due largely to it's inability to meet quorum. Things look to be different this year.

PI had a very busy year, what with restarting. All Area PI chairs are in communication, and Area PI subcommittee are registered with WSO. A newsletter has been established. A Radio and TV PSA library has been established, and is being used. A Regional Meeting Directory has been compiled, and is to be updated quarterly. The chair has been able to attend several workshops, and gain/share much information. All of the phonelines in the Region are spot-checked periodically for response time and has been a useful tool. PI plans a billboard and bus sign campaign for 1990 and to continue information gathering/sharing. A regional/multi-regional workshop is also being planned.

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LPRSCNA is supporting this effort in any way possible.

TO: THE FELLOWSHIP

FROM: MICHIGAN REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

RE: ANNUAL REGIONAL REPORT

DATE: MARCH 1, 1990

Hello family,

The Michigan Region serves the entire state of Michigan, which is itself composed of equal parts water and land. Our Areas are both urban and rural. Our membership is made up of recovering addicts from every walk of life, and just about every possible ethnic, age, and sexual preference group. We like it like that. We currently have 18 member areas serving about 500 groups.

Growth has been the key element in our region this year. We are very grateful to report the formation of two brand new areas this year in locations that had been up until recently, isolated from the mainstream of the Michigan fellowship. These are the Traverse Bay Area in the Northwest corner of the Lower Peninsula, and the Upper Peninsula Area serving groups in the upper half of our state. We believe our Outreach Subcommittee was instrumental in starting the communication process necessary for these groups of addicts to bond to their larger N.A. family. Growth has also been seen in established Areas dividing to serve their members more effectively. Our Western Michigan Area is now three areas; Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids. Our largest Area in terms of numbers of groups, the Detroit Area, is now the East, Central, and West Detroit Areas. Also, one of our areas, the Flint Area, just celebrated their tenth anniversary.

Again, our Outreach Subcommittee has been very active in our region. In addition to organizing campouts for members to meet and exchange experience and support with our more geographically isolated areas, it has also printed our first Outreach meeting list. Our Public Information and Hospitals and Institutions SubCommittees have been active as resources to our areas, participating in workshops for the areas in our region as well as in multi-regional workshops in other regions. Our Activities Subcommittee is focusing on planning workshop activities rather than our old mode of throwing dances. Our Literature Subcommittee is in search of a project to get involved in. Our Policy Subcommittee has been very active this year suggesting ways and means to facilitate the business of the Region. We are still in the process of breaking out of some confusing, often overly restrictive guidelines, without scrapping the whole thing and starting over. We are trying to find the balance between allowing trusted servants to do their jobs, and seeking the direction of a larger conscience.

Our Freedom V Convention was a spiritual and financial success thanks to the efforts of the Lansing Area, as well as

members from throughout the region. Our Freedom VI Convention is well on their way to another great celebration in Midland, Michigan the July Fourth weekend. The Convention is being hosted by the Saginaw Bay Area, and is back at the site of our very first convention. The Michigan Region has started the process of Convention Committee Incorporation, but has not so far gone past the Ad Hoc stage. Hopefully, next year will see us farther along with this endeavor. Freedom VII will be held in Detroit. Also, our Ad Hoc World Convention Bid Subcommittee is well along in its submittal of a bid for the 1993 World Convention. If our bid is accepted, it will also be held in Detroit.

Our Regional Service Conference, hosted by the Ann Arbor Area was a big success. We would like to thank Bob Hunter and Bryce Sullivan for helping us workshop the Conference Agenda Report. They not only passed on valuable information, but also helped personalize World Services for us. Thank you.

We have had a couple of open forum discussions between the three service arms of the Michigan Fellowship; The Michigan RSC, the Southeastern Michigan Sub/RSC, and the Michigan Service Office. These open sessions were designed to seek ways to better cooperate in carrying the message in our state, as well as to examine potential problems. One of the specific topics of the open discussions, as well as a topic discussed on the floor of the RSC and Sub/RSC, was the role the Michigan Service Office plays in our state. Originally chartered by the Southeastern Michigan Sub/RSC as the Detroit Service Office, the MSO remains responsible, through language in its bylaws, to the Sub/RSC. It does however, act as a regional service office, primarily through its role as a resource/liaison center, and its shipping services to groups and areas throughout the state. There are those of us who would like to see the office change its bylaws to reflect its responsibility to the entire region. Change like this is never easy, but so far the discussions have been positive, and as always, more will be revealed.

We believe we can safely say that our region is in support of World Service Conference efforts to redesign our World service structure to more effectively carry the message in a rapidly growing Fellowship. We are grateful that such change is necessary, and only want to be a part.

In love and service,

Bud Kenney RSR

George Schlicht RSR/Alt

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TO: WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
FROM: JOHN BURNETT RSR, MID-AMERICA REGION
SUBJECT: 1990 REPORT

As this is being written plans are in final stages for the Seventh Mid-America Convention. MARCNA 7 is scheduled to be held April 6-8 in Great Bend Kansas. Much excitement in the region on this one event. We have pushed it back from the earlier February scheduling and are looking forward to a Spring recovery celebration.

Also plans for the oldest, continuous campout in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. The TWELFTH ANNUAL MID AMERICA CAMPOUT will be held July 5-8, 1990, at Clinton Lake near Lawrence Kansas. The location of this campout has been changed each year it has been held and this years location is great according to the committee. Hope to see you all there.

Another special event is the Third annual campout at Milford Lake, near Junction City Kansas. This is a FREE campout, like the Twelfth, and grows each year. The committee insists that everyone in the Fellowship is invited - please come. Milford is truly a beautiful location and the campout is a spiritual experience.

Growth of new meetings was steady during the last year and the eight area service committees remained stable. Central Kansas and the Junction City area started new helplines and the region now has six helplines.

Dodge City Kansas had it Fifth Anniversary celebration this year while Topeka and Wichita had groups celebrating thirteen years and Twelve years respectively.

Perhaps too early to accurately tell but the shorter simpler Conference Agenda Report seems to be very well received thus far.

MID ATLANTIC REGION
WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A WARM GREETING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, ONE FILLED WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, AND TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO MARGOTIC'S ANONYMOUS FOR OUR RECOVERIES AND SERVICE.

WE HAVE ONE NOTION THAT WILL LIKELY BE PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE CONCERNING REMOVAL OF THE "I" IN THE CURRENTLY PRAYER AND REPLACING IT WITH "WE" SO THAT IT WILL HELP US TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH OUR STEPS.

OTHER CONCERNS CONTINUE TO BE THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY BY OUR U.S.O., SOME OF THE HIRING PRACTICES WHICH RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND APPEARANCES OF IMPROPRIETY. WE WILL ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES MUST BE PRACTICED AND LIVED AT ALL LEVELS OF SERVICE.

ON FEB. 16, 17, 18 WE HELD OUR SIXTH ANNUAL LEARNING CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE CAPITAL AREA. THERE WERE MANY SERVICE RELATED WORKSHOPS RECOVERY WORKSHOPS, AND A 16 HOUR U.S.O. AGENDA WORKSHOP. OUR GRATITUDE TO BOB HUNTER AND STEVE RINGER FOR THE TREMENDOUS HELP WITH THAT WORKSHOP. CONCERNING THE ISSUES AT HAND, IT IS OUR REGION'S STRONG BELIEF THAT AS MEMBERS WE NEED TO ACCEPT OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL PROCESS OF GROUP CONSCIENCE.

AT PRESENT ALL REGIONAL OFFICER AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE FILLED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FINANCE CHAIR AND VICE TREAS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE FUNCTIONAL POLICY, LIT, P.I. AND H&I COMMITTEES.

THIS PAST YEAR OUR REGION HAS HAD TO LOOK CLOSER AT WHAT OUR PURPOSE REALLY IS AND HOW WE CAN BEGIN TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE TO OUR AREAS. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS AND WE ARE SURE " MORE WILL BE REVEALED ".

GREETINGS FROM THE MID ATLANTIC REGION OF N. A. THE YEAR OF 1989 HAS BEEN ONE OF GROWTH, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FOR OUR REGION. WE HAVE RECENTLY GROWN TO 9 AREAS, SOUTH CENTRAL, CAPITOL, LITTLE APPLE, CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY, READING, YORK, WYOMING VALLEY, WILLIAMSPORT AND OUR NEWEST AREA CUMBERLAND VALLEY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 192 MEETINGS AND 50 H&I MEETINGS IN OUR REGION.

MID ATLANTIC REGION
ANNUAL REPORT

To: World Service Conference
From: RSR, Mississippi Region

Hey, family, hope this report finds you in peace, and your recovery simple and content. God bless you.

Well, gentle folks, the last year has brought slow and steady growth to the Mississippi Region. We still have just five small areas. We're mostly a rural region, with it not uncommon to drive one to two hours to a meeting in our outlying areas. We have a small regional service body, leaving the majority of the work to the areas.

Now for what we have accomplished this year. Last April we had our seventh convention, and folks, it was plain and simple down-home recovery. It was fantastic. We had 205 addicts there, and it was our biggest to date.

The region as a whole finally set down and accepted a fine document that allows our administrative committee to carry on with the business of recovery. It has an appeal process that allows the ASR to take a motion from the floor of the region back to areas and home groups. Only the ASRs vote whether to take it back or not. It's so simple and sweet.

Yes, we still have our N.A. dove shoot, where addicts stand around a field with shotguns and shoot at little birds. Talk about trust! Lord have mercy, spiritual too--them doves be sure enough dangerous.

We also got our tax I.D. number. Sure hope the tax plan we've been promised for the last three years is presented at this conference.

And of course we had our second regional *Conference Agenda Report* workshop and *Guide to Service* workshop. We're just learning this service structure, and y'all go and hit us with another one.

Enclosed is a copy of our financial report. Higher Power has sure been good to us. It ain't much, but it's enough for our needs.

Well, family, that's about it. We still have our personalities in service, but by the grace of God it doesn't overflow into our recovery. Our convention is April 6, 7, and 8 in Tupelo, Mississippi, and it's gonna be a smoker, bigtime.

Y'all come down and see us. We have a lot of love to share. Our sisters are so beautiful and fresh, if you threw them in the air you'd think they were magnolia blossoms. Our brothers are gentle and strong, and our recovery is as sweet and fresh as an early morning rain. Y'all come on down and see us, you hear.

May Higher Power bless you,

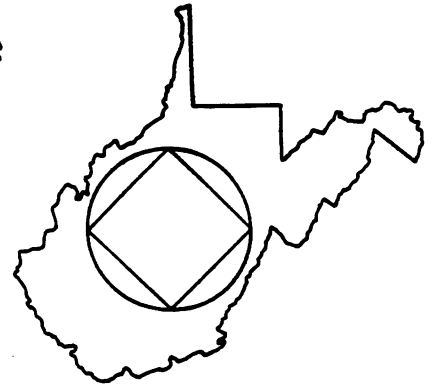
Darwyn L.
RSR, Mississippi Region

MRSC of NA - General Fund:
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For Period of May 1, 1989 to February 14, 1990

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVER	UNDER
Revenues:				
Donations from Areas;				
Golden Triangle Area		\$ 163.92		
Gulf Coast Area		500.00		
Jackson Area		-0-		
Northeast Area		32.94		
Swampy Hollow Area		40.00		
Convention - MRCNA 89'		5,721.71		
Unused funds - WSC 89'		137.40		
 Total Revenues		<hr/> \$ 6,595.97 <hr/>		
 Expenditures:				
Administrative Committee;				
Chairperson		\$ 29.66		
Vice-chairperson		-0-		
Secretary		140.04		
Treasurer		-0-		
Sub-committees;				
Activities		20.88		
Hospitals and Institutions		-0-		
Policy		35.73		
Public Information		178.73		
Workshops;				
November Quarterly		400.00		
Agenda Workshop		200.00		
World Service Conf. - Treasurer		610.47		
Convention Committee - MRCNA 90'		3,000.00		
Miscellaneous Expenditures;				
MRSC of NA - P. O. Box		41.00		
Rent Pavillion for RSC - Sept. 89'		35.00		
Guides for RSC use		28.30		
Balance MRCNA 89' to PIF		84.59		
 Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$ 4,804.40 <hr/>		
 Prudent Reserve		<hr/> \$ 250.00 <hr/>		
 Fund Balance, February 14, 1990		<hr/> \$ 2,041.57 <hr/>		

Mountaineer Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

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Helpline: 304-344-4442



Regional Report to WSC 1990

The Mountaineer Region has approximately 23 home groups with roughly 45 meetings per week. We are geographically spread out with a relatively light population density here in West Virginia. We cover most of the state except for the panhandles and some other areas. We have had for several years two areas in our region, at times a third. Presently, there are groups adjacent to our present areas that have/are forming two additional areas, and our communication with them has been regular, though they both have yet to join a region.

H&I. Our area H&I committees have been strong, and are very current on the new H&I handbook - holding learning days, instituting the panel system, etc. We have experienced some difficulty with relative few institutions who have a questionable view of N.A. and how we do H&I.

Isolated Meetings. We have several meetings in institutions that are run by groups comprised of the residents of those facilities. We have shared the WSC Ad Hoc Committee's information with them, and we are starting to address at the area level how we can bring them into the service structure.

Geographically isolated meetings are becoming a priority also, since many meetings spring up in towns far removed from other groups. Outreach committees are growing out of this need, though a limited and already-committed membership slows the growth in these efforts. We do what we can.

P.I. Area committees are active in basic P.I. work, and branch out into more adventurous projects as money and addict-power allow. Our area P.I. officers have attended several multi-regional P.I. events, and this has kept this area of service progressive. Of course, we're learning the value and near-necessity of computers in carrying out this work efficiently.

Literature. Our regional committee worked steadily on its assignment of Traditions 1, 2, and 3 for It Works. Since then, with the chairperson's resignation, it has been fairly inactive.

Area literature committees have been slow also. The one active one has focused its efforts on a newsletter, with success.

Activities. Our regional committee has been holding two conventions a year, with the majority of our regional expenses being paid from receipts from these events. Our unique attraction at these conventions is not only the scenic beauty of the location, but the affordability, especially compared to most regional conventions.

Area committees are becoming regularly active, as these events provide much opportunity for unity within and between areas, as well as an avenue for funding area services.

Phoneline. Our regional phoneline committee recently got a new toll-free number, 1-800-766-4442, after investigation, cost comparison, and much discussion. We have completed comprehensive guidelines for the committee, volunteers, and the answering service. Our phoneline is a regional one because of the expense and the relative small size of the region. Therefore, we have to establish good cooperation between the regional committee and the areas, and we do this with area phoneline liaisons. So far this has been working.

Beside RSR/Alt. travel and lodging, and our conventions, this is our region's biggest expense throughout the year.

We have three regional committees - Activities, Literature and Phoneline - with a fourth, Policy, just starting up. Our region does not operate an office - there seems to be no need at present. Our groups' literature needs are fairly well met by prompt mailing time of WSO.

Our RSC has just started the purchase of office machines to facilitate regional business, and they are used on-site at regionals.

Our projected budget forecasts a deficit of approximately \$3000, a substantial percentage of our nearly \$10,000 budget. I'm sure we will give adequate time to addressing this matter in the coming year, with some work and trust in God.

Two issues (among others) that have come up in our areas:

The first is the problems that accompany adolescent treatment facilities sending their clients to our meetings. Several groups have had to deal extensively with the disruption that some (certainly not all) of these clients cause.

The other issue is smoking/non-smoking. Some groups have started holding non-smoking meetings, others have designated smoking and non-smoking areas, others ask in their readings for moderation. For the most part, respect for one another's views, and a desire to seek accommodation, has reigned.

There is much interest in the Twelve Concepts and A Guide to Service, and we will be holding regional workshops to discuss them. We feel that our experience with rural development of N.A. when we inputted the original guide back in 1987 contributed to that experience being reflected in the present draft of the Guide, that not to be taken as an endorsement of the whole guide necessarily.

We are hopeful. We are getting a new wave of trusted servants into the structure all the time. Our servants are very active, and learn early about being involved, second only to steps-based active recovery. We had excellent attendance for our region at the recent Conference Agenda Workshop in Cincinnati, OH (thanks, Ohio Region).

We look forward to contributing to the Fellowship in the coming year.

With love

Scott H. RSR

Tracy K. RSR-Alternate

February 23, 1990

World Service Conference
Fellowship Report

Hi Family,

I'm Mike and I'm an addict. I am honored to represent the New England Region at the 1990 World Service Conference.

This past year has been one of spiritual and physical growth. At the June RSC meeting, we were able to put to rest several issues that had caused dissension and controversy in the Region and put them behind us. The RSC meetings seemed to have a more loving, cooperative atmosphere about them.

We have welcomed two more ASC's into the Region. The Green Mountain Area has split into two and the Champlain Valley Area is the result. Northern Maine and New Brunswick, Canada have joined to form International Area I. Several other areas, including Boston ASC, Four Seasons ASC, Southeastern Mass and South Shore are in various stages of planning for new areas. This past May, the Region started planning for the eventual re-forming of the New England RSC into several New Regions.

Sub Committees

Hospitals and Institutions:

The H & I sub committee continues to grow and remains one our most active. They have achieved their goal of an H & I learning day each month in the Region and hope to work toward at least one in each area per year.

Public Information:

Many of the Area Learning Days are being co-sponsored by PI. Their main thrust is to offer information and enthusiasm to Area PI committees to help get the message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous out to the public.

Literature:

After some initial difficulties, the Literature Committee has now elected officers and are working on guidelines.

Activities:

This sub committee has been the sponsor of two very successful events over the past year, Spring Into Unity and Thanks for Being There II. They are currently involved with planning for Spring Into Unity II on April 14 at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass.

Policy:

After a full year of work, the Policy Committee completed work on revising the Regional Bylaws. After much discussion and input from throughout the Region, they were adopted at the June RSC meeting.

Regional Service Office:

The RSO has, over the past year, had to look hard at cutting expenses and improving service to the Fellowship. Toward this end, they have come to rely on more volunteer labor to accomplish their objectives.

Regional Convention Committee:

The RSC, after working out the problems left over from NERC III, has recently elected a chairperson of a standing Convention Committee. Their first order of business is to adapt and adopt guidelines with the idea of putting on a Regional Convention in 1991.

We, in the New England Region, look forward to another year of personal and regional growth through the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and wish the same to addicts throughout the world.

Peace and Serenity
In Loving Service

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Colomb".

Michael Colomb
RSR, New England
Region

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NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

(800) 991-0401 IN-STATE HELPLINE
(201) 462-9199 OUT-OF-STATE HELP LINE

"...that no addict seeking
recovery need ever die."

DATE: Feb. 22, 1990

TO: World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous

FROM: New Jersey Regional Service Conference

RE: Regional Report 89/90

Greetings to the fellowship from the New Jersey Region of Narcotics Anonymous. I am grateful for being clean today and for having this opportunity and privilege in presenting our annual report to the 1990 WSC.

In January, the New Jersey Region celebrated its 5th year anniversary of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers in the State of New Jersey. This last year has been a year of many changes, some being unexpected. Through much disappointment and controversy we have struggled, survived and served the fellowship another year. We look ahead to a new year of rebuilding and reorganizing our service structure.

Shortly after the 1989 Conference, the Bergen Area Ad Hoc Committee on the Formation of a New Region held a series of open forum workshops to study this possibility and its impact on the existing service structure. Regardless of the initial motives of a few individuals the idea turned into a reality as more addicts and areas in the northern part of the state began to get involved in this formation. On October 29, 1989 the actual separating of 6 areas (2 additional areas following later) took place and the Northern New Jersey Region was formed in a very spiritual and caring manner, with both Regions pledging to work together on a number of shared service agreements. The population and geographics of the state were almost exactly divided in half with each region now consisting of 8 areas and approximately 225 meetings.

Today the New Jersey Region fully supports this new formation. With some of our trusted servants residing within the newly formed Northern New Jersey Region, and this new structure having the momentum and intrigue for involvement by new trusted servants, the existing New Jersey Region has been left with the task of picking up the pieces and trying to encourage people to get back involved. After a long and stagnated period during the splitting a lot of apathy, distrust and disinterest developed in Regional Services in general and some positions have not been able to be filled for almost a year.

Our CONVENTION COMMITTEE for this years convention was formed in December. All positions are now filled and the committee is well on its way to bringing us another celebration of recovery. "The Miracle of Change", New Jersey's 5th Regional Convention, will be held this year on May 25, 26 and 27 at the Meadowlands Hilton, Secaucus, NJ. Come join us this Memorial weekend for some fun in the swamps.

PUBLIC INFORMATION is busy with mass mailing throughout the State. Most speaking commitments, Learning Days and Workshops and distribution of bumper stickers is being carried out on the area level.

Our HELPLINE received 19,969 calls in the year 1989 at cost to the New Jersey Region of \$13,583.41. This cost is now being shared equally between both Regions with a lot of research and effort going into finding a new, more efficient, less expensive service to handle our growing 800 number calls.

The New Jersey Regional Meeting Directory is now the NEW JERSEY STATE WIDE MEETING DIRECTORY listing all of the meetings of both New Jersey Regions. There are 421 meetings listed in the new WINTER/SPRING printing of 50,000 copies. At present we update and reprint three times a year.

Our POLICY COMMITTEE is currently chairless with much work still left to be done in revising our outdated existing procedural guidelines that the Region was formed on.

The LITERATURE COMMITTEE submitted some Traditions input this year but the ongoing lack of literature projects from the WLC has caused a tremendous decrease in support. All the Area Literature Committees have suffered the same fate. The Regional Literature Committee activities the last 8 months have been primarily directed towards discussing the dramatic changes proposed this year (staff team approach, professional writers, guideline changes, etc..) by the WLC.

Nicky Newcomer is clean, picked up a new sponsee and recovering in the pages of our Regional NEWSLETTER called SANITY. The Newsletter is about to enter its fourth year with subscriptions holding at about 250.

The HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE does not exist due to the lack of a chairperson since July. Our Areas are holding strong with their commitment to carry the message inside, sponsoring 80 meetings within the Region.

Other positions not filled at this time are Administrative Chairperson, Administrative Assistant Secretary, Alternate RSR and more terms ending and positions becoming available within the next few months. Things are looking up though, last month we filled two long standing vacancies of Administrative Secretary and Administrative Vice Chairperson. Regardless of the lack of enthusiasm that we have been experiencing this year with members getting involved on the regional level of service, those of us that ~~that~~ are serving today feel a great sense of hope and faith with the willingness to continue forward while riding out these five year blues.

With the dedicated help and support of the new Northern New Jersey Region towards carrying out our shared service agreements, we have now all come to believe that the light at the end of the tunnel is no longer a train, but a power greater than ourselves that can restore us to sanity.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the areas, groups and of course all the recovering addicts that make up the New Jersey Region, for with their support, concerns and actions the message, that recovery from the disease of addiction is possible here in New Jersey, is a reality today and is reaching the addicts who still suffer inside and outside of the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

In Loving Light and Service,



Jon Thompson
Regional Service Representative

P.S. Our new regional mailing address is:
N.J.R.S.C., P.O. Box 2189, South Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Greetings! from the New Mexico Region of N.A.

The N.A. fellowship here in the Land of Enchantment continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Besides the Albuquerque area, we have three other areas in our region. These are: Lower Urgan Mountain area in Las Cruces, North Star Area in Santa Fe/Taos and the High Hopes area in Los Alamos.

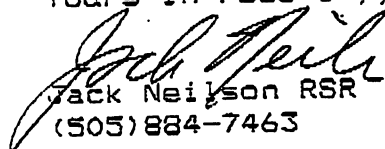
The Hospitals and Institutions committees continue to carry the message to our prison system and detention centers. All areas are reporting that more H&I meetings are springing up.

Our first regional convention, hosted in Albuquerque, was a success. We were able to pass on \$1100 to World which was part of the proceeds from our convention. We hope and expect this to grow each year.

This year our regional convention will be hosted by the Santa Fe area. It is a lot of responsibility for a small but growing area but the Santa Feans have really done a good job. The convention will be an unconventional convention on Memorial Day weekend. It will be held at The Glorietta Conference Center outside of Santa Fe within the beautiful Sangre De Cristo Mountains. There are campsites and dorm sleeping instead of room service. We hope you all will make plans to join us Memorial Day weekend in the magic mountains of New Mexico.

Currently, there are approximately 80 meetings per week in the New Mexico region. This number is growing rapidly as we have smaller towns around our state starting meetings on their own. It feels good to be a part of this growing fellowship.

Yours in recovery,


Jack Neilson RSR
(505) 884-7463

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NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 26-108 CHRISTCHURCH

W.S.C. REPORT 1990

We have begun our second year as a Region and wish to thank all the members of the Worldwide Fellowship who have given their support, faith and encouragement to us during our first year.

Our Region is divided into 3 Areas and consists of 81 groups and 13 H&I Meetings. There has been a steady growth in membership and in the member's average length of "cleantime". At the recent Area and Regional elections most positions were filled and many from more than one nomination.

Among the accomplishments of the last year, are:

Hosting a P.I. Booth at the World Congress of Mental Health Professionals held in Auckland during August, 1989. This event was very successful and involved a lot of liason and support from the W.S.O., the W.S.C.P.I. committee, the N.Z.R.S.C.P.I. committee and the Northern Area P.I. committee. The booth was "staffed" by members of the Auckland Fellowship with the support and assistance of a W.S.C.P.I. member from Australia. A workshop was also held.

A Regional "Campout" called "Sea, Sand and Serenity" was held and a most enjoyable time was had by all those who attended. A Regional "Campout" will become an annual event.

Meeting procedures and guidelines are now approved and in place within the Region and the 3 Areas.

Planning for a New Zealand Regional Convention is well under-way and will be held in Wellington during the week-end of October 26-28. We would love to have some over-seas speakers at this Convention but unfortunately cannot afford to reimburse travel costs. We invite any members from around the world and can offer you accommodation and a GOOD TIME! Contact the above address if you are interested.

An Ad Hoc committee was formed to look at the relationship of our Region, the Fellowship Services Office that was formed in Australia and the Australian R.S.C. This committee is needed to look at all the issues that are involved to provide services to the New Zealand Fellowship. Prior to New Zealand becoming a separate Region we were a member Area of the Australasian Region and part of their service network. Australia is 1300 miles to the west of New Zealand. A board member of F.S.O. lives in New Zealand and a "special worker" is employed part-time by F.S.O. in New Zealand. It would seem that the New Zealand Fellowship is too small at this stage to have its own F.S.O.

We wish you all well and hope that some of you can come visit us soon.



Narcotics Anonymous
 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION
 REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONS ANNUAL REPORT

4/23/90

Greetings to all, from the Northern California Region!! Our Region has gained some experiences and has seen many changes over the last year we'd like to share with you.

We currently have fifteen Areas that serve over 696 meetings. A substantial increase over the previous year. Some ASCs have changed their guidelines during the year, and now a clear majority of our Areas support full participation in the voting process at their Area level. This has not come to be at our Regional level.

June '89 - a geographically isolated section of one of our larger Areas, formed an Ad-Hoc Committee that prematurely looked into the possibility of becoming an Area within the Sierra Sage Region. That did not wind up happening. October - '89, two Areas, that had previously split, (re)-merged to form one Area. These attempts have some common denominators, those who were involved wanted to grow yet were lacking one of the three necessities: awareness of how much is involved in serving an Area, enough experienced trusted servants willing to do the job, enough money to be able to provide the services needed and still be fully self supporting.

Currently one of our ASCs has formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to "Coordinate, collect and review the possible benefits, both spiritual and financial, of forming a new Region, and it's possible effects on it's member Areas." That process has just begun. They began by taking their inventory and are proceeding with care.

The Mid-State Region has stayed in contact with our Region informally. We are pleased to see "The ties that bind us together" cross the Regional divide with ease. One example of this; members of the Mid-State Region have offered to share their experiences as a new Region with that Ad-Hoc Committee.

Three of our Areas are currently experiencing trouble with some meetings that are held in "related facilities". There are two basic problems. >> One problem is inaccessibility to those meetings by members who may still be using. The rules of that facility not only hinders our ability to carry out our "primary purpose", but also fails to provide of a safe environment that promotes recovery. >> The other problem is the fine line that is crossed over by certain facilities who "offer NA meetings as part of their program" - verses - mentioning that "a 12 step fellowship" happens to hold regular meetings there.

At least four of our ASCs have held "ASC Inventory Meetings" this year, one of which passed a motion to hold them on a quarterly basis. Another ASC has an "Open Forum" at the end of their meeting as a time for questions and concerns from any and all.

After three years of discussion, both at Group and Area levels, one of our Areas has established an Area Service Office. It was funded initially with \$5,000.00. The current functions of the office are: to sell literature, store the ASC archives, store the ASCs office supplies, maintain a computer (which operates their Hotline), and to provide a meeting place for their Sub-committees. The ASO operates under a set of bylaws, has obtained an Employer tax ID number from the IRS, and is incorporating as a non profit corporation with the state of California.

Since May, our Regional Admin. Committee has had a complete turnover. None of those elected to positions on our Administrative committee had served in that capacity before, except for the Alternate RSR, who was elected as the RSR. Unfortunately the election process lasted four months. As a result, we changed our election procedure to: "THE TWO NOMINEES WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL BE SELECTED AS CANDIDATES IN AN ELECTION. THE CANDIDATE WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL THEN BECOME THE OFFICER ELECT."

The final change in our Admin. Committee happened right after the St. Louis Quarterly. Our RSR, Rick, passed away in December. He had been serving the Fellowship at our RSC for over four and a half years in various capacities. We will miss him, and his devotion to serve NA, within our Region.

Our RSC kicked off the new year with an "RSC Inventory Meeting" that lasted two months. To accomplish this task, almost all new business was postponed to give our RSC the time needed to go through the process. We discovered in spite of our differences, there is a lot more unity than is readily apparent, but we do have room for improvement. At least now we know where we need to improve.

The Committee came up with eighteen general areas of concern. They either concerned the effectiveness of services rendered or the focus and/or functions of the RSC, its trusted servants and its Sub-committees. >> Our Admin. Committee is now meeting prior to the RSC each month and will begin to function as a committee. >> Our RSC decided that having more than one Alternate RSR did not serve the best interest of the Region, financially or otherwise.

Other major discussions were: >> Attention not being given to the difficulties of ASCs. >> Regional Directories effectiveness. >> Brushing over issues and putting off decisions. >> Looking for ways to improve the quality of communication between the RSC and the RSO. >> Finances and accountability. >> A constant concern that money from our Area donations be spent prudently, evaluating the effectiveness of dollars spent to provide services.

Our Region sponsored a 12 Concepts Workshop, inviting two members of the Ad-Hoc Committee on NA Service to speak. A few members outside our Region were invited.

Within the Northern California Region we have approximately 190 H & I meetings per week, with only a few directly hosted by the Region. The Chair and Vice-Chair of our Regions H & I committee were pleased to be able to attend the meeting with the California Department of Corrections earlier this year in southern California.

Our Convention Committee has taken some new steps, revised their guidelines, and are putting a lot of effort into improving both: the quality of our annual conventions, as well as their financial success. There was a dramatic difference between the last two conventions and they are hoping the one this year will be even better. One of the changes was to have members serve for more than one year (on a rotating basis) so that there will always be some members who have had recent experience in the planning and production of our Conventions. Another change was to divide the work load of actually putting on the convention. Several of the Areas participate now, each having a different responsibility in the process, yet working together.

Our Public Information Committees have been very active this year, they have: >> participated in 10 major "non-NA" events (ranging into the international scope), >> consolidated the information for our Regional Meeting Directory (for all 696 meetings), >> participated in 3 County Fairs using an "NA Booth" (and are developing some visual tools to be used with the booth), >> coordinated 12 Area P.I. & phoneline Learning Days, >> and now have an Ad-Hoc Committee who will serve as a resource to Area Phoneline Committees.

Our Region currently has 8 active Literature Review Committees at the Area level. They all have expressed some frustration concerning the changes in direction and, as a result, have lost some support. There is some renewed interest now though, with the chance to work on the Step Writing Guides. Each Area Literature Review Committee has been given a different Step to work on.

We have a Regional Activities Committee whose task is to organize a calendar with all the different Areas activities throughout our Region.

The Policy Committee of our Region has been active most of the year. This Committee has been given the liberty to address issues it feels are appropriate for them to research, and have them addressed on the floor of the RSC. Priority is given to items referred from the RSC. Most of their time has been spent on the constant process of refining our Guidelines, either to more accurately reflect how our RSC functions or to incorporate changes that happen due to motions and/or changes within the service structure at large.

Last item to report from our Region is that our WSC Donations from April '89 through February '90, (11 months) was \$17,686.¹⁹ which represents 53% of our Area donations.

GRATEFULLY SERVING NA



Mark S. Smith / RSR



Northern New York Regional
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Greetings from the Northern New York Region (NNYR). This has been another growing year for all the areas within the NNYR. We have increased in size from approximately 100 to 175 meetings this year. This increase has been seen in all areas of service, as well as individual meetings. There seems to be an even greater commitment to Narcotics Anonymous, as more and more members are learning our new way of life.

One of the ways we have seen greater involvement in N.A. has been on the area level. This year we have increased from five to seven areas. The first area to join our region is the Three Rivers Area in Norwich, New York. The second area, the Niagara-Orleans Area, has just been newly formed and have not yet formally joined our region. All area service committees have been growing and continue to gain support in their various subcommittees. There is much activity and work being accomplished at the area level in carrying the N.A. message. This is evident in attendance at workshops and other N.A. events.

Our Convention continues to be a growing success for our fellowship. We had a slight increase in attendance in comparison to last year. The workshops reflected the consistent message of recovery that is being experienced throughout our region. Financially, the convention was also a success, having once again finished in the black. The 5th NNYR Convention will be held in July of this year at Wells College in Aurora, New York.

The Buffalo area also hosted the 10th East Coast Convention of N.A. on June 23-25, 1989, at the University of Buffalo, Amherst Campus. This Convention was a huge success and generated a lot of local enthusiasm for our fellowship.

On a regional level, our subcommittees have had another struggling year. Our Literature subcommittee had difficulty in getting area support and the H&I subcommittee was without an active chairperson. Once again, our P.I. subcommittee has been consistent in its efforts in carrying the N.A. message of recovery. The P.I. chairperson attended one world service workshop in Baltimore, Maryland. On a similar note, the RSR and RSR-Alternate attended the WSC workshop in St. Louis, this was a valuable experience for establishing better communication between regions. We hope to have more support this coming year by extending our regional meetings to regional weekends.

In loving service,

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March 7, 1990

TO: W. S. C.
FROM: OHIO REGION
RE: YEARLY REPORT

Greetings from the Ohio REgion and hopes that this report is finding everyone enjoying their recovery and getting ready for Spring, (in the U.S. that is). I am also looking forward to a very productive Conference in April.

This has been a very busy and productive year for the Ohio Region, also due to the success of our convention last spring we were able to contribute more to the W.S.C. on a quarterly basis and to help in relocating our Office as well as many other projects.

One of the major projects looked at this year was our shared services with the Buckeye region, hopefully, in the near future all of the proposals worked out between the two regions will be inacted and things will start running very smoothly. But as we know this all takes time.

Our committees have in the past months been very busy with projects and serving our region.

One committee that has improved strongly this year has been our Literature committee as they now are working on a number of assignments, also it is nice to see active committees in almost all of our member Areas. Also this committee put on our first Literature awareness day this year that proved to be successful and I think sparked the fire within this committee.

Also another committee that has proven to be quite successful this year has been P. I. They also have been involved in a number of projects throughout the region, this committee is also one that put on a complete Learning weekend that was a great success. P. I. is now alive and well in the Ohio Region again.

H. I. as usual has been very busy carrying the message in and out of institutions and will be more and more involved with their outreach project since it is now mandatory project since it is now mandatory for an N. A. meeting to be held in all penal institutions in the state of Ohio.

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They are at the present time gearing up for their A & I awareness day that is going to be held in an institution again this year. This awareness day will be held in Orient Receiving Center on March 17th and the addicts will be housed in the State Police training barracks. I'm sure this will be a success also.

A couple of weeks ago our region hosted the second Agenda workshop day. Even though the actual number of people seemed small and the most of this was due to bad weather. The workshop was very successful. As again this year we had six (6) regions represented and alot of information was shared regarding the agenda and other matters concerning N. A. We would also like to thank W.S.C for their support of the two people as we had Tom McCall (Trustee) And Bob Hunter W.S.C. chair attend they were very helpful to our success.

When I mention success in projects and Learning days I do not mean monetary, I mean knowledge, ideas, support and love shared.

We do have a question to W. S. C. and other regions and that is regarding losses of money from functions or whatever, what direction do we take? What methods can we use to recover money or is it best for N. A. just to let it go and learn from the mistakes. I know this has been asked before but if anyone has figured out the right method or a method, please let us know how.

As I said before our office is now functioning well and we have in the past year hired one part time special worker in office and he is doing a great job and if all goes well in the future our office will continue to grow and expand it's services to addicts in and around th Ohio Region. We are very proud of our accomplishments in the Office since we opened.

I have spoke alot of our successes but they can only be attributed to our program and our faith in our God as we understand.

With this being my last trip to the conference as a representative of the Ohio Region I would like to thank everyone that I have come in contact with at the conference for their sharing and support I've received. Most of all I would like to thank the W. S. O. Staff (special workers) for everything they have done. They have always responded quickly to all requests and have been pleasant to work with. Thank you all addicts and non addicts, you are great.

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I will be sending along with this report nomination forms for committees and a state schedule. Hopefully, all of the groups in Ohio have re-registered this year and records are up to date.

Peace and Love to all!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Hayes".

Andy Hayes
R.S.R. Ohio Region

LH/cs

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To: The World Service Conference
Re: OK Region Fellowship Report
Date: March 5, 1990

Dear Fellowship:

The OK Region continues to grow in regards to meeting count, evolution into area subdivisions and in offering more services to areas in 1989-90.

One year ago we counted roughly 190 meetings in the OK Region. As of March 1990 we now show 240 meetings. Moreover, groups continue to start and GSR participation at areas and ASR participation at the RSC are generally good.

Formally, the Region had been divided into three large areas: Eastern, Western and North West Arkansas. However, during this year we welcomed two new areas (Plains and Texhoma) which further divided the Western Area. Currently, ad-hoc committees are formed to check the need for further division in other parts of the state. We hope the efforts will make the region more manageable.

In regards to regional services offered to areas, the regional subcommittees have been busy. The Literature subcommittee has done considerable work on the "It Works" project in the three major areas. Also, the Literature committee has visited one of the new areas and offered assistance in the formation of that area's literature committee.

The H/I subcommittee continues to be active in offering information to old and new areas. However, this year saw a more active H/I subcommittee. Consequently, there have been no less than six workshops this year. Moreover, a full agenda of 1990 is now planned. The much needed conference approved handbook has been distributed in part.

The Public Information subcommittee has been active in adopting a region-wide flyer design. However, the P/I effort at this time remains small, but the committee hopes to see more participation in 1990.

The Activities subcommittee remains one of the larger subcommittees within the regional structure. OKRCNA IV will be held March 29, 30 and April 1 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. We predict a registration of 400 addicts. Last year (Stillwater, Okla), we registered approximately 300 addicts. With the Saturday's speaker meeting seating roughly 500 addicts. Our annual Clean and Crazy campout is set for mid June again. We hope to see 300-500 addicts at that event. Lastly, our Fall Spiritual Retreat takes place on Lake Gibson, east of Tulsa, Okla. (November).

Omer S. Gillham Jr.
RSR OK Region



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ONTARIO, CANADA REGION

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To: The World Service Conference

From: The Ontario Region

RE: R.S.R. Annual Report

Date: March 1, 1990

Greetings from the Ontario Region of Narcotics Anonymous. There has been another year of growth in our region. We have experienced approximately a 30% growth rate since last year and currently have 13 areas with 207 meetings.

The Ontario Region is very excited to have been selected to host the 1992 World Convention to be held in Toronto. A very warm and gracious invitation is extended to all!

The Ontario Region is taking an active role in the Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous (C.A.N.A.) and attended the meetings in Toronto and Calgary. The purpose of the C.A.N.A. is to contribute to the continuation and growth of N.A. in Canada and to address the needs of the Canadian Fellowship of N.A. Much work is still needed but we are moving in a positive direction and we will be meeting again this summer in Montreal.

Two workshops were held this year, the first one being a conference and the most recent was a H.I.P.I. learning day. The conference focused on regional subcommittees, AIDS Workshop, and the 12 concepts. The response was very positive as the conference will now be an annual event as it serves as a great vehicle to get A.S.R.'s and G.S.R.'s involved. As a follow up, an H.I.P.I. learning day was held with members from W.P.I. and W.H.I. attending. The H.I. workshop was the regions first attempt at doing so, and by having members from W.H.I. (their first visit also) proved to be very beneficial as the region has been lacking guidance in this area. It worked out well.

Some of the difficulties the region faced this year was in the area of outreach. The distance that separates us is the prime reason, and to give an idea of the distance, it would be like Miami region being a part of the New York region. A short term solution was to centralize the regional meetings held bi-monthly in Toronto and cost subsidization by the region to facilitate A.S.R. travel.

On a positive note, the region had another very successful convention held in Ottawa, contributing approximately \$11,000 to the region. The next regional convention will be held May 18, 19, 20, 1990 in Toronto. Also I would like to add that the Ontario Region supplied every group in the region with a Group Treasurer's Workbook.

Lastly, many people from the W.S.O. and W.S.C. deserve special mention for all their encouragement and support. Thank you to all and we extend an invitation to all to come and visit us in Ontario.

In Loving Service to the Fellowship

Chris LeBarr
Regional Service Representative



OREGON S/IDAHO REGION OF N.A.

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Regional Service Representative Report

Greetings to everyone from the Oregon/Southern Idaho Region of N.A.! The past year in our region has been one of growth in all areas, and hand in hand with growth comes "growing pains" so, this year has been exciting and challenging.

At this time, our region consists of thirteen areas. They are as follows:

Bay Area (located in the coastal area in and around Coos Bay, Or.)
Central Oregon High Desert (the area in and around Bend Or.)
Clackamas Area (Clackamas County, mainly Oregon City and surrounding area)
Eugene (the area encompassing Eugene and Springfield, Or.)
Klamath Falls Area
Mary's Peak (encompassing the area of the mid-Oregon coastal region)
Mid-Willamette Valley (Salem and Albany area)
North Coast Area (includes Astoria, Seaside and surrounding area)
Northeast Oregon Area (Baker, LaGrande and surrounding areas)
Portland Area (Portland Metropolitan area and Columbia Gorge)
Roseburg Area
Ore/Cal Area (the southern most cities in Oregon and some of the northern meetings in California)
Treasure Valley (Boise and other communities in southern Idaho)

All of the areas in the region are growing and actively supporting meetings to help carry the message of recovery. OSIR has two "new" areas entering our Region in the past year, one is the Clackamas Area and the other is ORE/CAL Area.

Controversy within our Region has also been quite active within the past year. The first area of problem came to my attention last summer when one of the areas within our Region was excluding members of the fellowship for use of medication (among these people were epileptics, person's with heart problems, diabetics, and bipolar disorders) The subcommittee felt these people carried a "clouded" message of recovery, even if they did not address the use of medication in their message to newcomers. And if a member of the committee was found to be using medication they could no longer be a committee member.

I attended one of the meetings of this committee to find out what was going on to alleviate some of the hurt feelings and tension, and also to find out for myself what was really going on. What I found was that when I brought up the topic on the floor of the committee meeting many of the members of the committee did not even know of the stipulation regarding "clean time". And a few of the members themselves were taking much needed medication but simply never mentioned it as they felt it was no one else's business, especially an H & I Subcommittee.

So, at that point a decision was made to research the problem and come up with a solution at the next meeting of the committee. I contacted the Board of Trustees and the H. & I. Subcommittee at the World Level. I received two letters from Steve Lantos, the World H & I Coordinator, that stated no opinion and therefore were of little value in solving the controversy.

When the committee met next they discovered that this practice of "exclusion" was in violation of their own guidelines and returned to the view "that an addict is clean when they say they are"

In December I received a letter from the Board of Trustees with the following answer:

"Recovery demands that the responsibility for decision in these areas must necessarily rest on the shoulders of the individual addict who is involved. The determination of 1) what is mind-altering drug? 2) is there medical need? and 3) what are the underlying motivations for taking medication? can and should be resolved by individuals using the Twelve Steps, their N.A. sponsor, and their Higher Power, as well as informed, competent medical consultation."

The second area of controversy was regarding the reading of literature and literature being changed to non-gender specific by meetings that felt it should be this way. The meeting was encouraged to read the literature as written. They were also given contact names of groups who had previously dealt with similar problems.

This problem regarding "changing" literature readings is not new and occasionally shows up in many of the areas. Those who have problems with the literature are encouraged to write to the board of trustees or the World Literature Committee voicing their concerns.

As for our Region itself, our subcommittees are working hard and coordinations between the area subcommittees on a regional level has brought forth a new understanding from sharing problems and successes with one another. Our regional Conferences are both fun and informative. Our regional business meetings run smoothly and attendance by the areas is excellent.

As for fun in recovery, our region is hosting the World Convention this year in Portland, Oregon, on Labor Day weekend, August 30, 31 - September 1 and 2. The convention committee has been working hard since our region got the bid one and one half years ago to ensure that the convention in Portland be a success for the members of the fellowship. Along with the convention activities the fellowship can enjoy the beauty of Portland and the Willamette Valley. Come and join us this summer - we would like to share our recovery and good times with you!

This has been a great year for recovery in the Oregon / Southern Idaho Region, our growth continues as new members of the fellowship become involved throughout all of the region. We now carry the message of recovery from small coastal towns, to desert communities from the boarders of California to the gorge of the Columbia River. It's a great place to "GROW UP" in recovery.

Yours in Service.

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Michael Pretlow
Regional Service Rep.

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TO : WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 1990

FROM : QUEBEC REGION

RSR ANNUAL REPORT

Bonjour tout le monde,

Salutations from the Québec Region! I thought of writing my report in French but I figured I should not push my luck (!!!) We are very proud and excited to report to the Conference the activities that occurred in our region this past year. We are well alive up here in Canada. Our fellowship is growing and growing.

In case some of you haven't heard yet, THE FRENCH BASIC TEXT IS HERE !!!. The entire Region celebrated the release of the book December 16th. There was a major event in Montréal and the remote areas celebrated at the same time in their part of the province. The thrill and the excitement are very hard to describe, it was quite an experience. I'm very grateful that I could be a part of this historical and very emotional moment for our fellowship. There were a few newcomers (French) that night and by giving them a French Basic Text we felt we were giving them the best possible shot at it. WHAT A FEELING !!!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE THE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THE BASIC TEXT A REALITY. THANK YOU.

The Québec Region is in its fourth year of existence. Last year we reported ten (10) Areas and 143 meetings. This year we are formed of twelve (12) Areas and we have 191 meetings. Since the Text came out a lot of new meetings opened and some old meetings changed their format to Steps meeting or book study meeting. It's great to hear about recovery and steps but it's even greater when you can hold it in your hands. This book is having a very big impact on our Fellowship. We were expecting it but again it is beyond our wildest dreams.

We held our 2nd Bilingual Regional Convention last October. It was a great success in all aspects, approximately 1,200 addicts attended the Convention. Thanks to all participants for your support.

We have five (5) subcommittees that are in operation at this time, here's a brief description of each one of them :



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Literature-Distribution

This committee is responsible of all literature sales, producing the regional meeting list and any French material that can help our groups. (ex. French Group Secretary Book, GSR's reports, Treasurer Book, etc...) This committee is very busy. They just rented a storage facility since our inventory is getting bigger and we felt it was much more convenient than to have all the literature stock in one of our members apartment. (He thinks so too). So far we sold 2,379 French Basic Texts. Another item of literature that is now available to us in French are the keytags.

Literature- Translation

Even if the Text is finished there is still a lot of work to accomplish. They are now working on some of the I.P.'s that have not been translated yet. Keep up the good work !

Help Line

This committee is a coordinating committee. They are working with the Area Help Line Committees so all Help Line can be as effective as possible by sharing experiences. We don't have a Regional Help Line number.

Convention

This committee is now working at our 3rd Regional Convention which will be held in October of 1990.

H & I

This committee had some problems this year with involvement. It is a very young committee and it is also more of a coordinating committee. There are about 25 H&I meetings in our Region.

At this moment we don't have Public Information at the Regional level, the Area P.I. Committees are working very closely and are helping each other. The Montréal Area P.I. Committee worked on a project that came to a very successful conclusion. They came in an agreement with the Public Transportation Services Company and we now have permanent NA signs with a helpline number in 1/4 of all buses of the Greater Montréal and Québec City. That represents about 800 buses.



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The Québec Region joined the Canadian regions to form the Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous/Assemblée Canadienne de Narcotiques Anonymes. The first official meeting was held in Calgary, Alberta January 19-20-21. The Assembly was created to complement our existing structure and to fulfill our needs. The Assembly decided to hold yearly the Canadian Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. Québec Region will be hosting the first Convention in July of 1991. The Canadian Convention will be fully bilingual. We will send you information regarding this event as soon as possible.

As you can see, a lot has been hapenning in the last year. We have learned a lot from each other and we are still learning.

Keep up the good work !

Hope to see you all at the Conference.

Lyne Rancourt
RSR Québec Region



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February 22, 1990

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE WSC

Greetings from the San Diego/Imperial Region. We represent the southernmost two counties of the State of California as well as Baja California, Mexico, and serve a population of 2,348,400 (on the U.S. side of the border).

We have enjoyed another year of growth and maturity. We currently have 237 groups in the Region, divided into six Areas. The largest of these, the Central Area, serving most of the city of San Diego, has 73 groups. Geographically the smallest, the Beach Area serves the beach communities of San Diego and has 20 groups (including the oldest group in continuous existence, Beryl Street). The North County Area serves the cities of Oceanside, Vista, Escondido and Del Mar as well as major unincorporated areas of the northern portion of S.D. County and has 58 groups. The United East County Area serves the metropolitan areas east of San Diego (including La Mesa, El Cajon, Lemon Grove and Santee) as well as a large rural area stretching to the Imperial County line and has 36 groups. The South Bay Area serves that area between San Diego and the Mexican Border (including the cities of Chula Vista, National City and Coronado) and has 32 groups. The geographically largest is the Back Country Area consisting of the largely rural northeastern section of San Diego County as well as the entirety of Imperial County (pop. 107,700) and consists of 18 groups.

As you may recall from last year's report, our RSO has had problems with its tax-exempt status and we have had to pay taxes. Over the past year, with the help of lawyers and accountants, we have managed to complete all the paper work and have submitted it to the I.R.S. We are still awaiting a determination which should be forthcoming soon.

Our P.I. Committees have placed N.A. Basic Texts into most of the public libraries in our region. They have reached approximately 7000 people through speaking engagements. They participated in several non-N.A. events including a national Addiction Medicine conference where they polled professionals' opinions of N.A. They plan to present to a national Correctional Officers convention in August. Five areas have active P.I. committees.

The Phone Committee has installed a new 800 line for outlying areas of the region. It has been in operation only two months and it is premature to assess the results yet. The new number is 1-800-479-0062 (-00NA). Our region may be unique in that we have only one Area Code (619) and the phones are therefore handled at the regional level in the R.S.O.

Our H&I committees are taking meetings into over forty facilities and all six areas have active H&I committees.

Our Activities committees continue to provide us with limitless entertainment from whale-watching trips to the more mundane picnics and dances. The Regional Activities Com-

mittee has a new Theatrical Subcommittee which has produced a play called "The Committee" which has received rave reviews.

Our Regional Convention Committee provided us with our most successful convention to date, the 5th Annual S.D./I Regional Convention last summer with 2300 registered participants and netting \$10,525.

Our Literature Committee continues to provide input and review as well as coördinating area literature committees. They are currently working on an I.P. on restoring relationships in recovery and are eager to participate in the translation process of our literature into Spanish. Five areas now have active literature committees.

We have also set up ad hoc committees for policy and to review the Twelve Concepts of Service.

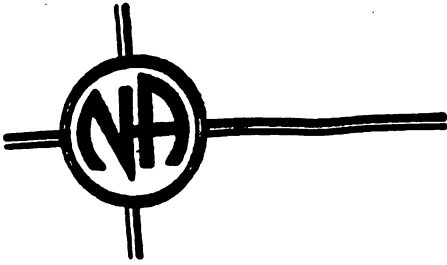
On the whole, it has been a year of stabilization and unification for the San Diego/Imperial Region. Our WSC donations have totalled \$8562.06 this past year. We have elected (again) to refrain from making any regional motions. We see little that needs to be "fixed" and prefer to offer support via experience, input and commitment at the WSC committee level.

We look forward to this upcoming WSC and a new conference year with the guidance of our loving God as expressed in our 2nd Tradition.

In loving service,


Bob MacFarlane
RSR S.D./I Region

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SHOW-ME REGION

February 23, 1990

TO: WSC 1990

FROM: The Show-Me Regional of Narcotics Anonymous

At present, the Show-Me Region consists of eleven areas covering Missouri, parts of Illinois, and part of Kansas. At our April RSC we could be seating our twelfth area as the boot heel of Missouri has emerged.

Our Regional year at a glance might be best described by the words growth and communication.

We've seen our committee participation increase and a continuation of committee interim meetings between our quarterly RSCs.

Our H&I committee hosted a very successful Learning Days in May of 89 and went to work on a set of Regional H&I Guidelines. An area Learning Days was held during the last interim and this idea may follow suit in other areas. The Show-Me Region is proud to be in support of our WSC H&I pool member.

Our PI effort was able to participate effectively in the National Adolescent Addictions Conference held in St. Louis; banding together to help individual Area PI efforts, along with workshopping the traditions over this year.

Regional Literature has been busy with imputing information for IPs and Traditions 10, 11, and 12.

The Regional Activities Committee has had their hands full with the actual RSCs and interims, along with a Unity Conference, Campvention, and WSC quarterly dance. Coordination of all Area and Regional events was done very effectively over the year.

The Show-Me Regional Convention IV was held in Springfield and was again a huge success as it generates fellowship along with most of our funding for the year. SMRCNA V committee has been hard at work over the year for a June convention in Columbia, MO.

Our Regional Service Office (years in the making) got off the ground this year in Granite City, IL. A Board of Directors, office manager and treasurer are in place and literature sales are rolling.

We've seen a need over the year to create several ad hoc committees. As our Region changes, so must our guidelines--Regional Guidelines Ad Hoc. As our regional convention grows and continues to be the main stay of our income--Conventions Guidelines Ad Hoc. As we've found an interest in reviewing the newly released Guide to Service/Part I, we've formed Guide to Service Ad Hoc.

I believe our adherence to Roberts Rules, microphones, better seating arrangements, administrative committee meetings, ASR open forums and the March CAR review have helped to improve the direction and communication within our Region.

I'm proud to be a part of the Show Me Region and I'm confident that we have members old and new just itching to get involved in 1990.

Let's carry the Message Together,

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Rich Lee
RSR, Show-Me Region



Report to the World Service Conference, 1990

As is the case in our own personal recovery, growth is some times hard to perceive except over time. Our four areas are composed of 56 recovery meetings. In addition there are 26 regular recovery meetings that are outside of existing Area boundaries and 16 regularly scheduled H & I meetings. Our Out Reach committee is responsible for assisting and communicating with groups which are not served by an Area Service Committee. This is becoming an progressively larger task because these groups are increasing in numbers and are scattered in rural and isolated areas of Northern Nevada and parts of California.

As the Areas have grown in their manpower and experience, they have continued to provide Helpline services, Literature Distribution and the traditional celebrations of recovery: the *High Sierra Blast* (North Tahoe Basin Area); the *Mountain High Camp Out* (South Shore Area); and our annual *St. Valentines Day Dance* (Carson/Minden Area). Besides these services the Areas have increasingly committed to providing the "hands on work" that only the Region has previously offered: H & I; PI; and Out Reach. The focus of the Regional committee has become more concentrated toward coordination and communication.

Our Regional convention, *Freedom Through Recovery*, was a success. We were able to forward over \$3,000.00 to the World Service Conference. We would like to thank the members from Northern and Southern California as well as other parts of N.A. for sharing in our recovery. Plans are underway for another convention to be held in 1991. As was mentioned in our report last year, we outgrew the original site of our Regional camp out, Stampede Reservoir. This summer we are going to have the Sierra Sage Regional Camp Out at the Eagle Lake Campgrounds near Susanville, California. In addition to these events, the Region sponsors an annual Gratitude Dinner in late November which is a celebration of the start of Narcotics Anonymous in our Region.

In the last conference year we have had two joint sessions with the Southern Nevada fellowship including representatives from the CAN Area (California, Arizona and Nevada) concerning Regional unification. Specific proposals have been developed and distributed to our Areas. No action has been taken at this time.

SIERRA SAGE REGION



The Regional Service Committee has been mainly responsible for all Out Reach efforts, continues to be responsible for the H & I services delivered to our State prison system and has provided a minimal amount of PI services in the past year. During this year the Literature Review committee, which is separate from literature distribution, has worked on Traditions One and Two. Completing this task we requested the Step Writing Guide as a project for our committee. This project has been recently assigned to us by the World Service Conference Literature Committee. Efforts are being made to incorporate our Areas into the literature review process.

The Sierra Sage Region continues to support World Services financially and with man power. We choose to support the WSC and as an example of this support budget monthly contributions. As always, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the WSC trusted servants and to everyone at the WSO for all of their work and support.

In loving service

Tom Rush
RSR

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This reports comes to you with love and recovery from the Southern California Region.

AREAS AND MEETINGS: At this time we have 445 meetings listed in our regional directory, in contrast to the 438 meetings listed at this year last time. Our meetings continue to face challenges but one remarkable change is that the use of old literature is no longer an issue that the region is addressing on a monthly basis. Meetings which don't live in the spirit of the traditions, seem to experience eventual problems with lack of support.

We have one new area (16 total areas). The area has developed the full array of active committees and continues to share the responsibility of maintaining the hotline in a show of unity with its parent area. The area which formed prior to WSC '89 out of special concern for the non-English speaking addict continues to prosper. Members from this new area have assisted with the Spanish Translation of the BASIC TEXT and have started two Spanish Speaking Meetings. The two areas located in Orange County are exploring regionalization and one of the areas has a functioning area office. All other areas continue to grow by carrying the message in traditional and creative ways to the addict that still suffers.

REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE: Accomplishments in the last year include providing \$144,810.00 of literature to our fellowship; becoming recognized as a non-profit organization, and moving to a larger space (1,800 sq. ft.) to serve our region in a more "organized and professional" manner. Challenges for the upcoming year include: Broadening our non-profit status; tackling the problem of providing insurance for our functions; improving our computer system to facilitate inventory control and P.I. mailings; and clarifying procedures for allowing subcommittees to utilize our 95#.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Several years ago a decision was made in our region to create area H&I committees. The intent was to shift much of the responsibility for local H&I panel support to the areas; thus permitting the region to focus on serving the county, state and federal penal systems. As of this year that transition has been completed with all of our areas having area supported H&I committees, serving an estimated 363 panels region wide (there were 349 monthly H&I meetings last year). Regional H&I currently serves in 6 Institutions. The chair of our H&I committee is meeting with state prison representatives, at the state's request, to increase N.A. panel activity in our state prison system.

LITERATURE: Although the number of areas involved in our regional literature review committee has declined, they began producing a regional newsletter this year and reviewed and inputted material for the traditions portion of IT WORKS: HOW & WHY. Most of our 16 areas have literature committees and although some only stockpile literature for their area, many produce newsletters, directories and are involved in literature review.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Like the pheonix from the ashes our P.I. committee has been reborn, providing quarterly workshops that are well supported. Additionally they also serve as a vehicle to coordinate public service announcements, health fairs, P.I. panels and are continuing their efforts at the exploration and development of a regional phoneline.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Our regional convention was a tremendous success donating approximately \$25,000 to the region. Funds beyond our prudent reserve will be donated to the WSC.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES: This year we had four regional activities: New Years Eve Meeting and Dance (900 attending); A Meeting and Dance celebrating the World Service Conference (with speakers from all over the world); N.A. Birthday Meeting and Dance; and our campout this year was co-hosted by the San Diego/Imperial Region. This year the committee clarified, via their guidelines, the appropriate content for fliers to be distributed at the regional level. This clarification is anticipated to trickle up to area activity committees and their fliers.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AREA BOUNDARIES: This ad hoc committee met several times to clarify the boundaries between areas. Due to the formation of 6 new areas in the last couple of years there has been some confusion where one area stopped and another begins. Also older areas were encouraged to update their guidelines to reflect current mutually agreed upon boundaries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This report covers the period from January 1989 through December 1989. Noteworthy is that 70% of our region's income stems from area donations and 60% of our income is passed on up to the WSC. Specifically in 1989 we donated \$22,146.87 and in February 1990 we anticipate donating an additional \$26,634.86 to the WSC. In an effort to increase the fund flow to the WSC, this region established a working prudent reserve of \$6,000; such was calculated based upon the anticipated demands of the working subcommittees in this RSC; all monies above the prudent reserve are donated to the WSC on a monthly basis.

Beginning Balance:	\$10,338.41
Total Income:	\$38,754.26
Total Expenses:	\$46,466.47
Ending Balance:	\$ 2,626.20

Thank-You for allowing me to be of service to my region and to the conference as an RSR and member of the WSC Policy Committee. I also want to introduce to you my new Alternate, Jim S. Please help him to feel as welcome to the WSC as you did me when I was an alternate. See you in April.

In Loving Service,

Mariasha P-W

Mariasha P-W., Addict and RSR

Jim S., Addict and RSR Alternate

Bo A., Addict and Regional Chairperson
--Southern California Region--



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS of SOUTHERN NEVADA

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TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
FROM THE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGION OF N.A.

ONCE AGAIN THE LAST YEAR HAS FOUND US GROWING IN NUMBERS AND RECOVERY. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED EVERYTHING FROM, LOOKING INTO FORMING A STATEWIDE REGION WITH SIERRA SAGE (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NORTHERN NEVADA) STAGING A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION S.N.C.N.A. IV TO THE EVERYDAY PROBLEMS OF STRENGTHENING OUR SERVICE EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY AT GROUP LEVEL

REGIONAL INVENTORY

SOUTHERN NEVADA HAS GONE THROUGH A LOT OF GROWING PAINS THIS YEAR. WHEN I SAY GROWING PAINS I MEAN IN SERVICE. SERVICE APATHY CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM FOR US. IT SEEMS THAT AFTER ONE OR TWO YEARS OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS DISAPPEAR. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND THEREFORE REPEAT MANY OF THE SAME MISTAKES. THERE HAS BEEN RENEWED INTEREST OF LATE AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL CONTINUE. OUR SERVICE COMMITTEES FOR THE MOST PART SUFFER FROM LACK OF G.S.R. SUPPORT. OUR REGION HAS ALSO BEEN HINDERED LATELY BY A LACK OF 7TH TRADITION SUPPORT. WE ALSO HAVE A TREMENDOUS US VS THEM ISSUE THAT HAS HURT US GREATLY. THE BLESSING ABOUT THAT ISSUE IS WE SEEM TO BE COMING OUT OF THAT WITH A GREATER SENSE OF HOW IMPORTANT OUR 1ST TRADITION REALLY IS. WE IN SOUTHERN NEVADA ARE EXPERIENCING THE TRADITIONS IN A WAY WE COULD NEVER LEARN FROM READING ABOUT THEM. SINCE NO ONE IS PERFECT AND WE CAN ONLY TRY OUR BEST LET ME SAY SOUTHERN NEVADA DOES. WE DO HAVE MANY TRUSTED SERVANTS THAT TRY THEIR BEST, AND THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE. OUR FUTURE IN SOUTHERN NEVADA IS BRIGHT AND OUR POTENTIAL TO BETTER CARRY THE MESSAGE OF N.A. IS ONLY LIMITED BY, HOW STRONG OUR COMMITMENT IS TO NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.

WORLD INVENTORY

WHEN I RETURNED FROM THE LAST CONFERENCE I WAS FILLED WITH OPTIMISM. I RETURNED TO SOUTHERN NEVADA TELLING EVERYONE HELP WAS ON THE WAY. I KNEW THE MOOD OF THE LAST CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF THE REALITY, THAT OUR SERVICE STRUCTURE WAS SOMEWHAT LACKING. I BELIEVE THE FELLOWSHIP SAW THE NEED FOR THE GUIDE TO SERVICE AND THE CONCEPTS OF SERVICE TO GUIDE US IN OUR SERVICE EFFORTS. JUST AS THE FELLOWSHIP GOT THE NEEDED UNITY AND DIRECTION FROM OUR BASIC TEXT, WE BELIEVED THE SAME WOULD HAPPEN FROM THE GUIDE TO SERVICE. THERE WAS ALSO THE SAME ENTHUSIASM FOR IT WORKS HOW AND WHY. WELL AS THE MONTHS PASSED BY AND DEADLINE AFTER DEADLINE PASSED, OUR ENTHUSIASM WANED.



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WORLD INVENTORY CONT.

PART OF THE PROBLEMS WE WENT THROUGH THIS YEAR IN OUR REGION WERE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF THESE MATERIALS. I HOPE THE COMMITTEE ON THE GUIDE TO SERVICE AND THE W.S.C.L.C. ARE PREPARED FOR FULL DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY SO WE CAN DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS AT THE CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY OUR LIT, WRITING PROCESS. WE BELIEVE A SOLUTION NEEDS TO BE FOUND, AND COMPROMISES SHOULD BE MADE IF NEEDED. WE IN SOUTHERN NEVADA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK WORLD SERVICES FOR THEIR ENDLESS HELP WHICH IS ALWAYS MUCH APPRECIATED.

R.S.R. INVENTORY

WHEN I TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS AND THEIR CAUSES I HAVE TO LOOK AT MY PART ALSO. A LOT OF OUR CONFLICTS WERE AIDED BY MY PASSION TO SERVE, AND BY MY BELIEF THAT I ALWAYS KNEW WHAT WAS BEST FOR US. WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS JUST BECAUSE I BELIEVE SOMETHING IS RIGHT I CAN'T FORCE IT ON OTHERS, ALL I CAN DO IS BE AN EXAMPLE OF THAT BELIEF. I CAN SHARE MY EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AND THE STRENGTH OF MY CONVICTIONS. ONLY BY WORKING MY PROGRAM CAN I SORT THROUGH THE ISSUES WHATEVER THEY ARE AND MAKE SURE THAT I AM SERVING AND NOT CONTROLLING OR MANIPULATING. IF I AM TO BE A TRUSTED SERVANT I HAVE TO RESPECT THAT TRUST AND NOT ABUSE IT. THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS TO REMEMBER I SERVE AND TO WORK THE 12 STEPS IN MY LIFE. MY FOCUS SHOULD BE ON MY SELF BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I CAN CHANGE.

NORTH AND SOUTH

JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR EFFORTS ON CREATING A STATEWIDE REGION OF NEVADA. SOUTHERN NEVADA AND SIERRA SAGE HAVE MET NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS TO SEE IF THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE STATE OF NEVADA BE ONE REGION IS POSSIBLE. THE MAIN POINTS WE'VE LOOKED AT IS HOW IT WOULD AFFECT US EACH IN OUR OWN REGIONS AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT US IN THE WORLD STRUCTURE. OUR EFFORTS ARE STILL ONGOING AND WE WILL KEEP THE OTHER REGIONS INFORMED IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT.

I GRATEFULLY THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SERVE

R.S.R. FRANK J. SZABO
R.S.R. ALT. MITCH GIANNI

TRI-STATE REGION
P.O. BOX 2802
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REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, 1990

The Tri-State Region serves western Pennsylvania, the northern panhandle of West Virginia, and one area in southeastern Ohio. The RSC was formed in November 1981 as the Western Pennsylvania RSC and changed its name to Tri-State prior to the 1982 WSC. The predecessor ASC sent a delegate to the 1980 WSC, who was promptly elected WSC P.I. Chair (with no budget).

There are currently 137 groups holding 207 meetings per week in the Tri-State. This includes 14 groups/meetings in rural areas unaffiliated with an existing ASC. The regional Outreach Subcommittee Chair has been vacant most of the year; our only contact with these groups has been by phone and mail.

We are aware of 3 groups/meetings in correctional facilities, not served by an HAI committee. Our regional HAI Subcommittee has been discussing this, and the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on Isolated Groups/Meetings report in the CAR and NA WAY should generate wider discussion of this issue. We are hoping to get more ideas on this at the conference.

There are 11 functioning ASC's in our region. Sadly, one of our older ones folded, but this was offset by 2 additions -- a newly formed ASC in suburban North Pittsburgh, and the return to our fold of the Wheeling, WV ASC. The largest area (Pittsburgh, with 75 groups) voted in January to form an ad hoc committee to examine the possibilities of dividing into smaller ASC's. Questions arise about sharing some metropolitan services, and we eagerly await the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service material on this issue. Input would also be appreciated from any region with experience in these matters.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

HAI Subcommittees put on 50 meetings per week around the Tri-State. Workshops and learning days on this service are generally well-attended. There is some cooperation with P.I. committees in making presentations to staff at facilities. The regional HAI Subcommittee has been very active this year, with participation from about half of our member areas. A learning day is planned for May with participation from WSC HAI. One of the committee's major problems has been the non-participation of our largest area.

PHONELINES:

There are 5 N.A. Helplines operating, including a TTY number for the hearing impaired. The regional Helpline Subcommittee operates the metropolitan Pittsburgh and TTY numbers; the other 3 are administered by areas. The regional Subcommittee also puts on regular learning days and assists areas in starting new phonelines. Informational calls are directed to the appropriate P.I.

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committee. Occasionally calls are taken by the Tri-State Regional Service Office.

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TSRSO (Business calls only): (412) 381-8110

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Most of our areas have functioning P.I. committees. Helpline numbers are running on local cable channels, and PSA's on the ABC affiliate in Pittsburgh. Regional P.I. is contacting 4 other TV stations. We are offering stations the PSA's in rotation at 13 week intervals to keep them on the air. Interviews and articles about N.A. have appeared in several newspapers. Bus posters display the Pittsburgh Helpline number. Presentations to non-N.A. groups continues, as do mailings, workshops and learning days, but the PSA's have generated a lot of enthusiasm in the fellowship for P.I. work.

ACTIVITIES:

The regional Activities Subcommittee publishes a 3-month calendar of events around the Tri-State, updated monthly. They are also responsible for putting on a dance after each quarterly RSC, and our annual N.A. Birthday Party (proceeds donated to WSC).

POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE:

We have felt no need for a separate policy committee; policy matters are handled by the elected officers of the RSC. We have had difficulties in the past few years due to vacancies in the Treasurer's position; our already overburdened Vice-Chair has taken on the Treasurer's duties, with some assistance from TSRSO. A travel policy has been developed, with members attending the WSO Offices/Conventions/Phonelines workshops, multi-regional CAR workshops; funding RSR, Alternates, and WSC Committee voting members (other than Lit) to the WSC and "quarterlies".

LITERATURE:

Most of our areas concentrate on distribution. There is one bi-monthly area newsletter, with another in the works. Those active in review have provided input to WSC Lit. WSC Literature issues have remained on the regional agenda as discussion items throughout the year, with wide distribution of reports from WSC Lit and the Trustees' Ad Hoc on the Traditions. The October "mega-memo" was particularly appreciated, as well as the open reporting from the Traditions ad hoc. Outside of some input at WSC Literature's allowing guidelines to prevent development of literature, grinding to a halt last August while continuing to spend a great deal of the fellowship's limited funds, there has been little

controversy about literature. The fellowship in our region supports the projects, if not the process, of WSC Lit. Most of the input we've received has been of the "get on with it, quit nit-pickin', get the guidelines out of the way" variety. We are not particularly attached to the past process or "lit-conference experience". This may be due to our efforts at providing accurate information and giving wide distribution to information from world services.

We have had a problem with misinformation, however. One of our area lit chairs got a phone call from someone representing himself as a regional lit chair from another region (our lit chair was vacant at the time. With lit issues being addressed by the whole RSC). He recommended not distributing or even reading the "mega-memo", but spending limited funds on copying some distorted, inaccurate material that he would make available. The Tri-State Region does not need or want this kind of "assistance". Without it, we seem not to be afflicted with the divisive energies evident in some places, diverting us from our primary purpose.

TRI-STATE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE, CONVENTION, SPIRITUAL RETREAT:

TSRSO, Inc. handles all regional contracts and is responsible for our annual convention and spiritual retreat. This May's Retreat is our 9th (8th in the summer), and will be held in the beautiful Laurel Highlands near Uniontown, PA.

Our convention experience began with the 3rd East Coast Convention in 1982, with 300 in attendance and a \$2000 donation to WSC, \$2000 start-up for the 4th ECC, and some literature for the Tri-State. Our first "Start to Live" regional convention was held in 1983. Last year's "Start to Live VII" had 1000 registered and an unexpected 2500 in attendance. Despite this poor proportion of registrants to attendees, the convention was very successful, due to good management. The proceeds allowed us to increase our inventory at the office, and almost made up for expenses increasing faster than donations. "Start to Live VIII" will be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel in November, with a 1900 banquet seating capacity.

After some years of difficulties, TSRSO has been granted tax exemption by the IRS. We were greatly assisted by WSO, and got competent legal and accounting advice. Last year we had to file a corporate (non-exempt) tax return, and paid about \$800 in income tax. This year we will have to file 2 returns but will not be paying any income tax. We do collect and file PA sales tax. A "marketing" effort is beginning to approach institutions in our region. The TSRSO tax returns include the convention, retreat, and RSC.

Most regional subcommittees meet at the RSO, with the RSC moving to larger quarters. We currently have no employees.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

Our regional meeting list is coded for wheelchair accessibility, with the committee checking to ensure accuracy. There are 3 speaker meetings per

week interpreted into sign language, and another group providing this service once a month. The committee put on an Additional Needs Workshop at our last convention, and has a liaison to this year's committee. Tapes from one of the convention speakers is being translated into sign, with a non-member doing the signing on video tape. A six-week course in sign language is being conducted at our office for members interested in carrying the message this way. Braille and large-print materials are available at our office, and some groups have Braille readings available. This committee is working diligently to make our message available to all.

12 CONCEPTS, GUIDE TO SERVICE, INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, FUNDING:

The largest source of funds in the TSR is our convention, followed by donations and markup on literature (our office charges the same price as WSO). We would be more comfortable with donations at the top of the list, but as it sales to institutions increase, donations will drop to third. The "fund flow" (or "un-flow") just doesn't work very efficiently. Perhaps a fuller application of the First Concept would help.

We distributed hundreds of copies of last year's Principles, History and Development, the Ad Hoc on N.A. Service report to the WSC, the transcript of the Committee of the Whole, the September draft of the Concepts, Guide to Service Part One, and the WSC Chair's attachment to the December 89 Fellowship Report. We held a workshop last August where comments ranged from acceptance to enthusiasm to fear. We are holding a workshop with world service panelists March 24 at the Westin William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA.

One of our new areas is making use of both the Concepts and Guide. Our largest area may be able to utilize the sections on forming new ASC's.

Our experience in additional needs is helping make us more aware of translation and cultural issues as problems that can be solved. What is needed is good information, efficient management of limited resources, consultation on traditional and philosophical issues, and effectively utilizing the skills of non-addicts, without affiliation. We have not burdened our AN Committee with restrictive guidelines, and they have responded with frank, open communication. The result has been access to our message where before there was only hopelessness suffering. Perhaps we need to consider this experience when dealing with international issues at the world level.

We hope the WSC can overcome the impasse(s) that have developed in the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service.

So much for brief reports. See you in April.

In loving service,

Shannon Lynagh, RSR
David Jones, RSR Alternate

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UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
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Well folks, another year has shifted out of focus; I need now only to refocus long enough to encapsulate. Seems like so much happens, and my need to write it down as it happens grows with each passing day.

Let me begin by saying that the year has been fraught with fright and faith, but we have survived, and in many areas even flourished. Narcotics Anonymous is a living, breathing entity in the Upper Midwest, and while it is growing tremendously in the Southern and Urban areas, it is also holding it's own in the western part of North Dakota, where the primary occupation seems to be evacuation. Economic hard-times are hitting NA as well as the world in general.

We in the Upper Midwest welcomed a new area to our Region, the "New Directions" area made up of part of the West Central MN Area. This was greeted with joy and encouragement. Last year's new area, (Southern MN), has grown to be one of our strongest. We are also happy to report that the Canadian arm of our Fellowship is growing in Manitoba, which is even more spread and less populated than the Dakota's. Our participation as a Region in the Canadian Assembly of NA is proving beneficial to the development of what will eventually be the Manitoba region. There are several extremely dedicated addicts in this area, centered in Winnipeg, and they are making things happen in Manitoba, and our Region. We used to have the kind of relationship with Manitoba where we took the message to them, and they soaked it up. Presently, they share with us as we do with them. Another example that the investment of time and energy in what seems like a lost cause is usually better spent than we can see today. Seems like we're holding hands with God.

Our new RSO is doing rather well. We've grown from having a self-appointed committee who opened the office to having an elected BOD who is attempting to take the office into the future in a mature manner. There has been great progress!

We continue moving in the direction of dividing our immense region into state-sized regions; we are continuing to move at a slow pace and with a good deal of caution. A small core group exists consisting of three former RSR's and two former RSC chairs who is discussing this issue and attempting to develop a plan for eventual implementation. Should anybody have any experience in this topic, feel free to share.

We continue to move in a positive direction, holding hands with God as we understand him, recovering from addiction and seeking to share that message. We thank the world of NA for your existence and support.

Our seventh regional convention is in June in Duluth MN; and we are hosting in July in St. Paul, MN, "Hope & Inspiration," a four-day H&I learning convenfrence. Flyers for each event should be out. Call or write for information.

Rick

UTAH REGION
WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT
March 1, 1990

The fellowship from the Utah Region wishes to extend warm greetings to all fellow N.A.s.

This past year has been most exciting and productive. Our membership has grown, and we have established many new groups. We sent representatives to the Western States Public Information Learning Days Convention in Denver, Colorado, and we received the bid to host this forum in Salt Lake City, 1990. Our areas have sponsored various recreation activities including theme dances, progressive dinners, talent shows, and sporting events. The region has planned ski days, tubing parties, skating, and a bowling tournament for the coming year. The region has also sponsored several learning days focusing on N.A. service, public information and the phone line, the twelve traditions, and sponsorship. Some of our areas held annual conventions, and the region presented a very enjoyable and well attended three day summer campvention. We invited two speakers from out of state to help us celebrate our 7th annual campout.

Several other accomplishments deserve mention. Our prison meetings have increased from two to seven per week. For the first time we are sending an RSR alternate to accompany our RSR at the 89/90 World Service Convention. We also arranged N.A. public service announcements with five local television stations. Our newsletter, the "N.A. Times" has been published quarterly and is free for the taking. We plan to reserve train space to transport many of us to the 20th Annual World Convention for Narcotics Anonymous, and we hope to meet a multitude of other recovering addicts in Portland to embrace the miracle of recovery.

The region experienced substantial internal growth with respect to such issues as language in N.A. meetings, the traditions, rotation of leadership, and subcommittee activity and development. Virtually all of our subcommittees instituted guidelines that were ratified by the regional service committee. The Snake River Valley Area from Idaho, which has been part of our region for over two years, has matured to the point that it plans to seek independent regional status at the 90/91 World Service Conference. We are very grateful for their involvement and contributions during their years with us, and we fully endorse and support this aspiration.

Recently, the Wasatch Front Area opened a service office in Salt Lake City to more effectively carry the N.A. message of recovery. We anticipate further regional growth and development in the coming year and are truly grateful to Narcotics Anonymous for our new way of life.

Submitted in loving fellowship,

Mel Nosan, RSR
Utah Regional Service Committee
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VOLUNTEER REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF N.A.

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W.S.C. REPORT

2-23-90

Greetings from the Volunteer Region! Narcotics Anonymous is alive and well in Tennessee, and we are growing and recovering. N.A. meetings are available to addicts in all of the major cities and towns of our region, and our message of recovery is slowly spreading to the smaller towns of our state. Addicts from Johnson City to Memphis are finding recovery from the disease of addiction thru the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of N.A.

The Volunteer Region consists of six Area Service Committees from throughout the state. Our most recent meeting schedule lists 240 weekly meetings state-wide. This shows an increase of thirty to fifty meetings in the last twelve months. We are currently carrying 60 H&I Presentations/Meetings to addicts in prisons, treatment centers, and hospitals around the state. State-wide we are getting more requests for this type of meeting than we can satisfy. We continue to enjoy a good reputation with the Correctional and Treatment Center community.

We have initiated several projects in our Region during the last year that are worth noting. A project was completed to supply literature to fifteen state correctional institutions that are currently without H&I meetings. PI participated in six National Non-N.A. events, and hosted an eleven state PI workshop in Chattanooga. Nashville celebrated its ten year anniversary with a convention that raised over \$7000 for the W.S.C. Our Volunteer Regional Convention VII was held in Memphis this year, and was a wonderful celebration of recovery. VRC VIII will be held in Nashville this Thanksgiving Day weekend, and is already shaping up to be great time. Our Region submitted input on two Traditions for IT WORKS, and also did some work on the two I.P.s now up for review.

It has been a year of growth and increased unity in the Volunteer Region, and we are grateful to be a part of the W.S.C., and to be able to witness the growth of Narcotics Anonymous. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Regions to the W.S.C. this year.



Washington • Northern Idaho Region
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Greetings from the Washington/Northern Idaho Region,

We seem to be continuing in the area of growth, for we have two new areas that have formed. They are the Blue Mountain Area in Walla Walla, Washington and the Northern Idaho Area in Northern Idaho. This addition brings our meeting total to 408. We have had a number of catastrophes in the past year. All of them seem to have been worked out, due to fellowship support and not just writing checks. It is wonderful to watch those new areas take that chance at the wheel of change, to see them fall, get back up as a team and reach out for support. Most of all to watch them listen open-mindedly to what has worked for others.

We have also had a number of successes! Our Conventions continue to be in the black, allowing our region to function nicely. We have recently approved travel funds for world P.I., H&I, and literature committee members, allowing us to be represented at the world level.

We would like to thank the WSO for the support we received at our winter P.I. workshop. Attendance was big and many questions were answered. We would also like to express our disappointment at the WSO for cancelling a workshop in our area and then bypassing us just recently again....

We have seen some real changes in our region leading to positive growth. Despite being split by a mountain range, we seem to be working more as a team, rather than "Us versus Them". We are finding that more business is getting done and less personalities are getting in the way. Hope is for continued progress in this area.

Being that Washington and Northern Idaho are such hotspots for outside growth, into this region, we are continually faced with many newcomers coming with a mixed message. In other words the "Anda Complex". We have all been through this before and we are working hard to welcome them to our fellowship, to teach them the difference and most of all to be there when they need us.

In closing, We have had a somewhat mixed response to the Twelve Concepts. We have seen more positive reaction than negative, though a lot of questions were answered, there is still some negative reaction to growth and change. We believe growth and change go hand in hand with addicts in recovery. If (The Big "If"), we had more support from the WSO we would not find ourselves sometimes confused and frustrated with what is going on at the world level. We are one region that gives a hoot and we are not going to take being passed up or forgotten anymore! Got it! Good!

Respectively in Service

Jerry M. RSR

Larry L. RSR/ALT

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WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

4622 West Center Street • Milwaukee, WI • 53201

Dear Fellowship,

Greetings from America's Dairyland and home of the so-called Cheeseheads. The Wisconsin region has had a busy year with much growth in recovery, spirituality, members and area numbers. We currently have approximately 300 meetings and 11 areas, three of which have just formed and two that are joining in spring. Our total number of areas will have increased by five this year, giving us 13 areas in the Wisconsin region.

Our regional conference has just completed its first year of two-day meetings, every other month. Our sub-committees meet on Saturdays, and on Saturday afternoons we have a two- to three-hour P & A meeting plus a general open forum. This has worked well for us and the majority of the areas now require attendance of sub-committee chairs at the RSC.

I have been able to attend every area service, as well as the new area formation meetings, at least once during the year. The RSR-A has done about the same. I mention this only as it has helped me gain insight and awareness of our area's needs. It certainly helps in unity and letting areas know there is someone who will help and who cares.

My biggest realization was how ineffective we've been in the area's PI and H & I work. We've worked hard at getting the region as well as areas into working toward a more unified and goal-directed commitment in 1990 to improve our sub-committees of PI and H & I.

WSNAC VI was held in Packerland (Green Bay) and was a huge success. WSNAC VII will be in Madison, Wisconsin and we invite you all to a weekend of recovery on October 26, 27 and 28. The WSNAC B.O.D. is doing very well. This is our fourth year; we have 11 directors who meet one or two days every two months (sometimes more). We are writing specific guidelines for WSNAC and have recently set a prudent reserve of \$25,000. We hope we will reach our goal soon so we can pass on excess funds. We have formed an ad hoc meeting and have asked area conscience on a rotating WSNAC convention, perhaps in zones. It seems dates are becoming harder to come by with only 10 or 12 months to reserve the facility.

WRSO (Wisconsin Regional Service Office), one of the first offices in the US, is making a positive turn. One addict in particular has been volunteering to be at the office eight days a week, eight hours a day. With his effort, the increased membership of the B.O.D., and regional support, we hope to hire an employee this year and possibly move to a more professional-looking office. This office has been run by a very few dedicated members for the last five years with very little help from the fellowship at large.



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We have finally made contact with NA meetings and members of northern Wisconsin (Ashland, River Falls, Shell Lake, etc.). They are either forming an area or already have. This contact means the establishment of NA throughout the entire state of Wisconsin. Thank God! We are excited about helping to carry the message to our North Woods and Mississippi Valley addicts.

The ad hoc committee for WCNA 23 has been working on the bid for WCNA 1993. We believe we can put on the world convention for less money (less for WCC and the member) and include one of the wildest celebrations of recovery ever put together. As far as cost goes, one rating scale for individuals and facilities rates Milwaukee 43rd in cost, whereas other Midwest cities rank in the Top 10.

Overall the Wisconsin region has been growing and feeling some of the pain that accompanies growth. We're working at becoming more responsible, productive and direction-oriented as time goes on. We have just begun to function in unity and enthusiasm at sub-committee levels. With the help of H.P., our fellowship, and our spiritual principles all will be well.

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On the pages following are reports from regions that have not been seated at the World Service Conference yet. The representatives from these regions have expressed an intention to attend the 1990 meeting of the World Service Conference. The reports from their regions are included here for your information.

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TO:WORLD SERVICE OFFICE
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FROM: ROBERT FENERAN
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SUBJECT: NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL SERVICE REPORT

The Northern New Jersey Region was formed on October 29, 1989 as a subdivision of the New Jersey region and is presently organized to include eight previously established areas which were once part of the mother region.

The Region is geographically boarded by the Hudson river to the east and the Delaware river to the west with the New York /New Jersey State line being the northern boarder. The present southern boarder is a somewhat irregular line which will encompass the area code of 201 when a third area code is established for New Jersey some time in late 1990. The only exception being the area service presently known as the Northeast Area which has remained with the mother region.

The region overlaps a population of approximately 2.5 million people and is heavily populated to the east and moderately populated to the west. Concurrent with the population, the cities and towns to the east are compact with little or no clear areas of demarkation whereas the to the west, towns are clearly separated but still considered dense by some of the western states standards.

The region was originally formed by the following area services: The Bergen Area, The Essex Area, The Hudson Area, The Morris Area, The Passaic Area, and The Sussex/Warren Area. The Raritan Valley Area and The Original New Jersey Area Services join in late December and January.

The mother region as of five years ago consisted of six areas and had grown over the years to include 15 area service committees eight of which have formed the Northern New Jersey Regional Service Committee. This rapid rate of growth was paralleled by and in response to a rapid rate of growth in the number of meetings (approximately 150 in 1985 to more than 440 by 1989) in the state of New Jersey. This same rate of growth was also observed with respect to H & I commitments as well as a tremendous need for PI work.

The reasons for the Area subdivisions and the Regional subdivision were the constant need to serve the still suffering addict along with the extremely fast growth in the number of meetings and the concurrent and still increasing need for stronger and more thorough H&I and PI work.

Indeed Area Service meetings originally attended 15 to 20 Group Service Representative were in most cases attended by as many as 45 to 50 GSRs and became unwieldy and unworkable. Subdivision allowed these area Service meetings to proceed in a organized manner with each group receiving the needs , attention and care which they required.

As an example of this rapid growth, the current complexion of the Bergen Area now servicing approximately 40 meetings and in excess of 18 H&I panels has many well qualified serving members and an outstanding PI commitment. This Bergen Area structure is almost double the structure of the Original New Jersey Area which existed five years ago and which subdivided into Bergen, Passaic, Northeast, Sussex/Warren and Morris Area Services.

This rapid rate of growth has not been without its personality conflicts and political issues indicative of NA or any other organization, but the underlying issues for the subdivision process was and still is the need for improved service structure to meet the needs of the exponential growth rate of those addicts who want recovery, the number of meetings being started, the ability of the meeting places to handle current and anticipated overflows.

It should also be noted that although we have numerous meetings there are large areas of the region where no meetings occur and NA is indeed not known of and is virtually inaccessible to those active addicts who may have a desire to seek recovery.

Thus, this fundamental inertia or spirit which drove the participating Areas to form, has drawn them together for the common purpose of forming a new region and to meet the challenge of the growth of NA in Northern New Jersey. The benefits are:

- (1) The close proximity of the regional level of service thus allowing greater access by the membership to the decision making process.
- (2) New service positions becoming available to allow more recovering addicts to participate in the challenge which is presenting itself as we literally grow in geometric proportions.


- (3) With the structure and participation strengthened we will be able to invest the energy and the personnel resources to deal with the urban and suburban growth and rural areas hitherto unattended.
- (4) Under the one region structure growing pains and the political issues in one end of the state were different than in the opposite end of the state. This difference resulted in conflict and a lack of unity due to decidedly different yet justifiable views. This subdivision will allow each region to grow at its own pace and serve the needs of the addict, the group and areas within the new regional boundaries yet at the same time provide for unity within the entire state with a variety of shared service.

In the spirit of unity, both the Mother Region and The northern New Jersey Region have been working together on such issues as the Statewide mailing list, the Statewide Helpline and future Statewide Unity Conventions as well as other areas. Business meetings of the two regions have occurred and will continue with Joint Action Committees when deemed necessary as well as workshops for the CAR report etc.

The Northern New Jersey Regional Service Committee as of this writing has not filled all of its subcommittee positions with H&I Chairperson and Conference Chairperson and Literature Chairperson positions still unfilled. However we feel that these positions will be filled without difficulty as we mature.

I feel it is important to note that Jon Thompson, the RSR for the Mother region of New Jersey should be given a great deal of credit for the smooth and orderly subdivision process. His love of the fellowship and his commitment for unity within fellowship were the primary reasons that the State of New Jersey has two working and functional regions who not only work together but also share the same goals and objectives. He sacrificed many hours of his time over and above what is required to assure that I and the other trusted servants of the northern region were brought up to speed on the many issues at hand at the World Service Level and at the Regional Level. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts.

We of NNJRSCNA hope that you find us qualified to be seated at the World Service Conference as a region worthy of serving the fellowship.



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January 20, 1990

To: WSC Policy Committee

This letter is to inform you that as of this date, the first meeting has been held of the South Florida/Bahamas Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous, attended by Area Service Representatives of the following areas: North Dade, Conch Republic, and Bahamas areas, all of whom had previously been members of the Florida Region. Also in attendance were ASR's from Gold Coast, Mid Coast, Gulf Coast, and South Dade areas.

The process of regionalization has been underway in these three areas, as well as in the four above mentioned areas, for more than two years. It is anticipated that these four other adjoining areas will join the South Florida/Bahamas Region shortly. At the present, the three member areas represent approximately 86 N.A. Groups, with over 350 weekly meetings.

In August of 1988, in response to a request by its members, the South Dade ASC formed a multi-area Ad Hoc Committee to begin investigating the possibilities for forming a South Florida Region. This committee met for several months and conducted a survey of all of the existing areas within the Florida Region, as well as a separate survey of other regions which had formed out of larger regions within the past six years. This committee's final report was submitted to the Area Service Committees of North Dade, South Dade, Conch Republic, Bahamas, Gulf Coast, Gold Coast, Mid Coast, and Palm Coast areas in May of 1989. In response to this report, a request was made of the Florida Region to appoint its own Ad Hoc sub-committee to look into the feasibility of a new region. This committee met for several months during 1989 and published its final report in December, 1989. Copies of both the South Dade and the Florida Regional ad-hoc committees are attached to this letter, and we feel that the combined content of these reports expresses clearly the reasons that members feel that a new region was needed, as well as expressing a clear group conscience of those surveyed that such a new region was favored.

The process continued with many months of discussion at the area and group levels throughout 1989. Votes were taken in each of the areas and a decisive group conscience emerged to form the new region, which has since been designated as the South Florida/Bahamas Region. At an organizational meeting on January 7, 1990, a steering committee was formed and a post office box was established for the new region. At the first official RSC meeting held on January 20, 1990, nominations were requested for trusted servants to be brought back from the areas. At our next RSC meeting, scheduled for March 18, 1990, elections of trusted servants will be held, including an RSR who will be sent as our representative to the World Service Conference in April. We ask that you seat our RSR and accord him all due privileges including the right to vote our conscience as our RSR. We expect to be formally introduced to the Conference as a new region at the WSC.

Two of the most difficult issues to deal with in the process of regionalization was what to do with the existing Florida Regional Service Office corporation and the Florida Convention Corporation. It is the hope if this new region to continue to share the facilities of the Florida RSO for at least two years, at which time a determination can be made whether or not to establish a separate RSO. In so doing, it is anticipated that the membership of the Florida RSO board of directors will be proportionally populated with members from both regions. The Florida Convention Corporation will present FRCNA 9 in Miami, as planned, in June. It is anticipated that immediately following this year's FRCNA that discussions will take place as to whether or not future conventions will be combined under some form of shared services.

We believe that the formation of the South Florida/Bahamas Region is a good idea whose time has come. We also believe that the formation of this region will result in two strong regions, as we are confident that the existing Florida Region will continue to grow and thrive.

We believe that the formation of this region has been totally in accordance with the spiritual principles of the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and along the guidelines of the Temporary Working Guide of the Service Structure as it describes the development of new regions to be dictated by the needs of its member areas. We believe our needs have been expressed in our group conscience with the decision to form the South Florida/Bahamas Region. Thank you.

In Loving Service,

South Florida/Bahamas Regional Service Committee
for Narcotics Anonymous

DEVELOPMENT OF N.A. IN SPAIN

The first N.A. group in Spain appeared in Barcelona in 1984. It was formed, as in so many other places, as a result of A.A. members feeling the need for meeting where they could identify themselves as addicts. One of these members had heard of N.A. while travelling the U.S. and attended a few meetings there.

The first meeting was held once a week in a room where A.A. meetings were also held, until this arrangement no longer seemed suitable a few months later and a separate meeting place was found. Growth was very slow, and the group had difficulties developing an N.A. 'identity' separate from A.A. This eventually happened after the world convention in London in 1986.

Meanwhile, 4 years ago in early 1986 meetings were started in Ibiza by a member who had got clean in N.A. in England. Due to the large international community living in Ibiza, the meetings there were originally in English. The limitations of this soon became apparent, though, as Spanish addicts were suspicious of N.A. from the start as a 'cosa de extranjeros'. Thus many experiments were made concerning which language to use. One of the main problems was the lack of 'constants' as very few members actually managed to stay clean, or even attend meetings regularly, for long, so needs were constantly changing. Gradually a bi-lingual solution was found where meetings cater for whoever is there, and the more experienced members are getting quite practised in simultaneous translation. For now this system seems to work well and it improves unity where numbers are still so small as to make separate meetings impractical.

Since it started the group in Ibiza had been in contact with members in Barcelona but really almost as loners seeking support from other loners, though there was a meeting of N.A. members in Spain in April 1988 in Barcelona. People from Barcelona, Ibiza and Madrid were there. It wasn't until the European convention / conference in Barcelona in 1989 that the advantages of organising a region in Spain became apparent. A new but enthusiastic group had sprung up in Valencia, started by a member who knew N.A. from being in Florida, and during the Barcelona Convention members from the 3 areas came together for the first time - Barcelona, Ibiza and Valencia.

No groups were open in Madrid at this time. there were also members from a small English speaking group in Marbella. During the convention a 'spanish meeting' was spontaneously called and the first regional meeting for Spain was set to take place in Valencia on 10th - 11th November.

The original meeting in Valencia was a great success and all three areas were well represented. Also members from a new group in Madrid were there. Once again this new group was formed of people from the 'other' fellowship who had experience of the 12 steps but felt the need to identify themselves as addicts. Thus they had opened a meeting in early September 1989. The regional meeting in Valencia was a great encouragement for them and their numbers have since grown steadily.

Sadly no members from Marbella were present and it has been impossible to contact them since. A loner from Zarragossa was there who hopes to open a meeting soon.

Many issues were discussed in Valencia. An R.S.R. was elected, reports on H+I and P.I work were made and discussed. Members from Barcelona reported on developments they had made in translating literature from English to European Spanish - a badly needed task as Spanish translations from the U.S. had proven not to be very suitable for use in Spain. The steps and traditions have already been finished, as have most of the information pamphlets. Now they are working on translations of the Basic Text and the little White Book.

Finally it was decided to hold two such regional meetings a year - the next one to take place in Ibiza on May 19th - 20th.

There are now 14 meetings open in Spain. Average attendance is still very small - about 10 people. With the groundwork started however members in Spain are confident that there members will soon increase in numbers.

MEETINGS IN SPAIN

JAN. 1990

BARCELONA

TEL. 93-431 51 28

Tuesday 11 a.m. Grupo Libertad
C/- Valencia, 302
(metro - Passeig de Gracia)

Wednesday + Sunday 8 p.m. Grupo 84
C/- Mes Alt de Sant Pere, 25
(metro-Urquiraora)

Friday 8 p.m. Grupo Vida
Pza. Lesseps, 25
(metro - Lesseps)

VALENCIA

TEL. 96-372 12 25

Monday + Wednesday + Friday 8 p.m. C/- San Martin, 2 (ACC)

Tuesdays + Thursdays 8 p.m. C/-Salvador Berles 8 Chaflan
Barrio San Marcelino

IBIZA

TEL. 971-315982

Monday 12:30 (Midday) 6:30 p.m. Edificio Insalud 1
Santa Eulalia

Wednesday 8:30 p.m. Mercado Clot Mares 3a planta
entrada C/- Progreso
San Antonio

MADRID

TEL. 91-7637042

Tuesdays + Fridays 7:30 p.m. Grupo Fenix
C/- Basilica (frente Numero 20)
Basilica (20)