

# WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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To: The Fellowship  
From: Steve Ringer, Chairperson  
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Your WSC P.I. Committee will be continuing towards completion of the following projects in the 1990-1991 conference year:

- 1) A pamphlet for the public about Narcotics Anonymous. This pamphlet will include facts about N.A., results of the recent survey, and a section concerning N.A. in the community. It will be completed and included in the *Conference Agenda Report* in 1991.
- 2) A pamphlet entitled "P.I. and the N.A. Member." This pamphlet will explain to our members what P.I. does, and offer some encouragement to participate in this work. This piece will be in the *Conference Agenda Report* in 1991.
- 3) Revision of *A Guide to Phoneline Service*. No completion date as of now.
- 4) Completion of the section in *A Guide to Public Information* entitled "Learning Days and Workshops."

We wish to thank you for your support and response to our survey. The data that we have compiled through this effort will be included in our pamphlet for the public (#1 above). It serves to support our reputation in the general public as a stable and reliable program for recovering addicts.

Our fellowship continues to receive more requests for participation in what we term national or multi-regional non-N.A. events. These are essentially health-related seminars and conferences. Your WSC P.I. members will continue to be called upon to visit these events and try to interact with concerned members of the public who are also trying to help the still-suffering addict. Our growth in many areas is directly related to how the professionals in the field of addiction feel about our fellowship.

Your WSC P.I. Committee sponsored two phoneline workshops this last year; the first in Baltimore and the last in Phoenix. These workshops provided us all with a forum to discuss problems and to share our experiences with this important method of carrying the message. It appears that over the last few years the idea of having an addict answer our helpline is no longer the goal of our fellowship in most areas. We believe we need to have further discussion concerning the importance of phonelines.

The N.A. display booths for health fairs, seminars, etc., are available for purchase through the WSO, and we are working on graphics for use with the booths later this year. There are 15 booths in use throughout the U.S at this time, and the booths available to lend from the WSO are in use constantly throughout the year.

We have discussed the possibility of producing a 20-minute video tape about the Narcotics Anonymous program and the fellowship at large. We believe this tape will be of enormous value in introducing N.A. to various segments of the public here in the U.S. and abroad. The Internal/External Committee of the Board of Trustees has also begun some dialogue with us concerning this potential public information tool.

Your WSC P.I. members look forward to serving our worldwide fellowship in whatever capacity we can. We are privileged to respond to your requests for our involvement throughout the N.A. community. The major goal of this committee is to support P.I. committees in the direct services they provide in their areas and regions, and we welcome invitations to participate in your regional and multi-regional events. We have attended a number of service meetings, conferences and conventions this year and have been rewarded for the experience and growth they have provided us as recovering addicts.

We would also like to acknowledge the World Service Office and especially the staff members. Our growth as a worldwide fellowship would be considerably handicapped, were it not for their continued follow-up and communication.

We thank you for the privilege of service to Narcotics Anonymous, and may the power of love be in your lives today.