

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



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To: WSC Policy Committee
From: Work Group on Policy Guidelines
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RE: Proposed Working Document

Enclosed please find the work to date on our guidelines, by the Great Lakes cadre of the Policy Army. The group has consisted of John Halverson, and myself. Jim Fodey has not as yet responded to our phone calls, so we don't know his status as a member of the committee. We had hoped to meet in person at a convention in the upper mid-west, but circumstances didn't permit that to happen. We exchanged a couple of phone calls and John sent me written input.

This proposed working document was compiled with consideration of the motion made by the RSR's from "Best Little Region" and "Tri-State" and referred to us by the conference. We also factored in ideas on future funding of Policy members to working sessions, as we feel this is an important ingredient to getting members with substantial WSC experience. The feeling of a significant number of regions that Policy need remain accessible to input and direction from regions was also taken into consideration. The purpose of the Policy Committee was also expanded to what our work load should be. Rather than waiting for work to be given us, we should have the ability to see for ourselves what needs to be done from time to time. Hopefully, this working document will be a springboard for a new set of guidelines, and a more productive experience for the Policy Committee.

WSC POLICY GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the WSC Policy Committee is threefold.

a) To evaluate current World Service Conference policy and/or procedure as to its effectiveness, and to recommend changes or modifications where appropriate.

b) To evaluate any proposed changes of modifications to WSC policy and/or procedure, coming from sources other than the WSC Policy Committee. These sources may include:

1) Motions committed to the Policy Committee by the World Service Conference at its annual meeting.

2) Motions committed to the Policy Committee by the World Service Conference at its annual meeting.

3) Motions and or written input received from Regional Service Committees which have been seated as conference participants

4) Written input from individual members of Narcotics Anonymous

****** The WSC Policy Committee will report its evaluation of any such proposed change or modification to the source and will include any discussions, recommendations, and committee votes taken to reach the evaluation.

c) To compile and evaluate information from Regions seeking to become World Service Conference participant. (See procedure for seating new regions)

****** A full report on ALL Policy Committee actions will be included in the World Service Conference Agenda Report and reported to the Conference itself at its annual meeting, by the Policy Committee Chairperson.

II. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be fourteen (14) voting members of the WSC Policy Committee. Members will serve for one (1) Conference year. Members will be elected as follows:

a) The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be nominated and elected by the World Service Conference.

b) Four (4) Current or past world level trusted servants, with a minimum of two (2) years WSC experience will be nominated and elected by the WSC.

c) Four (4) RSRs will be nominated by their respective Regions, and elected by the WSC. Such nominations must be in written form, including a service resume, and must be received by the WSC Policy Chair, in care of the World Service Office, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Conference.

d) To allow for continuity of service within the Policy Committee, four (4) current members of the Policy Committee will be elected by the Policy Committee, to remain for an additional year.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

a) Each member of the WSC Policy Committee must have a minimum of five years clean.

b) Each member must attend all WSC working sessions in which the Policy Committee participants, or have a compelling reason otherwise.

c) Each member must have the ability to provide written input to the Policy Committee as a whole, as well as to their respective work group.

d) In addition to scheduled WSC working sessions that Policy participants in, members must have the time and willingness to participate in conference phone calls, smaller work group sessions, and individual work at their homes to complete the work Policy has on its agenda.

IV. FUNDING OF MEMBERS

The four (4) members elected from Regional nominations, will be funded to all WSC working sessions in which Policy participates, by their respective regions. All other members will be funded to these same sessions through the WSC budget as a Policy Committee line item.

V. VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE

Any member may resign voluntarily, or involuntarily by relapse or failure to fulfill their duties on the Committee. Involuntary resignations must be approved by a majority of this Committee.

Vacancies in Committee will be filled by appointment by the chairperson, and majority agreement of the Committee's remaining voting members.

VI. PARTICIPATION

At the WSC quarterly meetings, the Committee will conduct an open forum session to receive written input, presentations, and/or discussions regarding the Committee's work from any interested member of the Fellowship. This session will be limited to two hours, after which participation, other than the voting members and the WSO project Coordinator, will be at the discretion of the Chairperson.