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Motion 1: That the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service continue work on *The Guide to Service* until it is completed, and a final draft is distributed.

Motion 2. "Be It Resolved:

The WSC budget include amounts for travel to the annual World Service Conference for one RSR and one RSR Alternate from each region which has been seated by the conference.

Definitions and Explanations:

WSC Budget: The spending plan adopted at the annual World Service Conference. The budget adopted at the WSC covers the upcoming fiscal year.

Amounts for Travel: Estimated travel costs are determined by the JAC or equivalent world level body.

The amount is approved by the conference as part of the annual budget.

Travel: Generally, travel is considered the most economical airfare available. However, travel may also include auto, bus, train or boat, if it is deemed more convenient. The most economical and convenient mode of travel is the one generally used. Any conflicts with regards to mode or cost of travel will be resolved by the WSC body having such responsibility. (Currently the WSC Administrative Committee has the responsibility for approving and expending WSC funds.)

Regions: Those regions which are seated as conference participants will be included in the budget line item. A new region asking to be seated as a WSC participant will be responsible for the travel of their RSR and RSR Alternate to the World Service Conference at which it asks to be seated. Once a region is seated, its travel to the next conference and all subsequent conferences will be included in the WSC budget.

Regional Splits: When new regions are formed by the splitting of an existing region, the regions themselves must agree on which region is the "parent" (i.e., seated region) and which region(s) is the new region(s).

Defunct Regions: A region which ceases to be a region (i.e., no longer serving areas, no elected officers, no WSC participation, etc.) is no longer considered a conference participant at the annual WSC. Such a region, upon becoming active again, will be considered a new region and will fund its representatives to its first WSC. The failure to seat an RSR or RSR Alternate does not necessarily mean a region ceases to be a region. All activities of a region must be taken into account."

Motion 3. *Statements of function and purpose.* The function and purpose of the World Service Board of Trustees, the World Service Office, and the committees of the World Service Conference are established by the conference itself. Those functions and purposes are described in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* under separate headings for each of these service entities. The conference retains the authority to approve any proposed changes in the defined functions and purposes of these entities.

Policy. Over the years, the World Service Conference itself has established certain policies concerning the operation, function, and responsibility of the various world service boards and committees, such as the requirements for approval of literature, and the 2/3 majority vote to elect trustees. These policies may be changed only by the conference itself.(1)

(1 At the WSC meeting this April, the various world service boards and committees will present a list of those

policies currently in force which would be affected by this motion. With the consent of the conference, those

policies will be published in the body of future printings of the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* under the headings of the respective boards and committees. World service board and committee

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guidelines, on the other hand, will be published as addenda to the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*.)

Changes in guidelines and handbooks. If a world service board or committee wishes to alter its guidelines or one of its handbooks--barring changes in conference established policy or statements of function and purpose--it must do three things. First, it must gain the approval of two-third of its own members. Second, the proposed change must be submitted to the Joint Administrative Committee for its concurrence. And third, it must notify all conference participants of the change within sixty days of its adoption. The World Service Conference reserves the right to reverse any such change made in the guidelines or handbooks of any world service board or committee. The conference may reverse such a change by a majority vote.

Motion 4. "To approve the booklet, 'Behind The Walls,' waiving the restrictions on use and distribution." Intent: This substitute motion would approve the booklet, "Behind The Walls," and eliminate the statement on the cover of the booklet, "Not to be used at N.A. meetings, for service committee use only."

Motion 5: "To delete Section 6, Paragraph G, of the WSC Literature Committee Guidelines and replace with the following:

'G. Special Workers: Special workers are often used to perform tasks which require time and effort beyond what can reasonably be expected of volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that special workers may accomplish for the committee. These duties range from clerical tasks to editing and drafting responsibilities. When using the services of special workers, the WSC Literature Committee maintains responsibility for all its projects.'"

Intent: This substitute motion would expand the resources available to the WSCLC to include the use of non-members.

Motion 6. "To continue the Traditions portion of *It Works-: How and Why* under the management of the Board of Trustees without any of the requirements of the World Literature Committee guidelines. The adoption of this motion will supersede any previous motions regarding the Traditions portion of *It Works-: How and Why*."

Intent: To allow the Board of Trustees to complete this project using all of the resources available to manage the project, until such time as it is decided differently by the fellowship through the WSC. The Board itself will be responsible to approve all decisions relating to the development and production of this project. The deadline of October 1990 for completion of a review-form draft, adopted at WSC '89, will not be applicable. Rather, a detailed content outline of the entire document may be developed and distributed prior to the release of draft review material. The Board will then submit review-form drafts of chapters to a wide cross section of the N.A. fellowship for periods of time sufficient to allow input, revisions and a second review, if necessary, prior to their completion of the entire document. Sending out the review-form draft of each tradition as it is completed would give the fellowship the opportunity to indicate their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each draft. This process would allow for any needed change in direction prior to the development of a complete draft of all 12 Traditions. Additionally, this would be a more efficient use of the resources of the fellowship. An approval-form draft of the entire document will be subsequently completed and submitted to the fellowship as a whole for not less than one year. The Board, or its appointed committee, will regularly communicate the progress of this project to all participants of the WSC, as well as regional literature committees.

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Motion 7. To approve the booklet, "Behind The Walls" (Addendum 2). Intent: There is a widely perceived need for materials aimed toward addicts beginning and/ or maintaining their recovery while incarcerated. This booklet, aimed at addicts in a correctional setting, meets such a need.

Motion 8. "To approve the *Group Booklet*."

Intent: The new *Group Booklet* (see Addendum 3 in this *Conference Agenda Report*) is intended to provide newly forming and established N.A. groups with guidance on some very basic questions: What is an N.A. group? What kinds of meetings can a group have? How does the work get done? When problems arise, how are they solved? This booklet is designed to be useful for groups as they seek to fulfill their primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

The N.A. Group Starter Kit: Adopting the first motion in this report handles only half of the task of having the most complete information available for newly forming N.A. groups. The second half is to provide groups with more than the mere details of forming and operating a group. The following motion provides for this additional information.

Motion 9. "To ask the World Service Office (WSO) to create a group starter kit as an inventory item available for sale."

Intent: This motion creates a starter kit which will incorporate a variety of recovery literature (the *Little White Booklet* and other informational pamphlets), as well as handbooks (the *Group Booklet*, *Treasurer's Workbook*), worksheets, and forms necessary for conducting the business of an N.A. group. This kit will also include other items currently sent out by the WSO when a starter kit is requested. These items include a complimentary copy of the *Newsline*, *The N.A. Way Magazine*, and a WSO catalog. Other items may be added as needed. *I.P. # 18*: Motions #8 and #9, if adopted, provide for two new items that would necessitate the removal of the current *N.A. Group Starter Kit* from the category of conference-approved literature.

Motion 10. "That the *N.A. Group Starter Kit* (*I.P. #18*) be removed from the category of conference-approved literature."

Intent: To remove *I.P. #18* from the category of conference-approved literature.

Motion 11. "To delete Section 6, paragraph G, of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following:

G. 'Special Workers: Special workers are often used to perform tasks which require time and effort beyond what can reasonably be expected of volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that special workers may accomplish for the committee. These duties range from clerical tasks to editing and drafting responsibilities. Special workers used by the WSC Literature Committee for drafting and editing must be N.A. members. Editing and draft recommendations as well as any suggestions are submitted to the WSC Literature Committee for their consideration. When using the services of special workers, the WSC Literature Committee maintains creative responsibility for all its projects.'"

Intent: This motion will give the committee the ability to use the assistance of special workers in all facets of literature development, from clerical tasks to assistance in editing, drafting and writing. This motion limits the use of special workers who assist the committee in editing and drafting to members of Narcotics Anonymous.

Motion 12. "To delete Section 9, paragraph A, of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following:

'A. Time: Each piece of review-form literature is sent out for a period of time to be determined by the WSCLC. Each piece will be accompanied by an input form with instruction for developing input.'"

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Intent: The adoption of this motion will accomplish two things. First, it will give the WSC Literature Committee the responsibility to establish review periods for each piece of review-form literature based on the individual needs of the piece. Second, it will assure that a specific set of instructions for developing input will be provided with each piece.

Motion 13. "To delete the first sentence from Section 9, paragraph B, of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines." (The first sentence reads, "Sold only to registered area and regional literature committees and to groups where no ASC presently exists.")

Intent: The adoption of this motion will allow the sale and distribution of review form literature to any interested N.A. member or service committee.

Approval-Form Literature (Section 10-A): Similar to the change being proposed for Section 9-A, the changes to Section 10-A will allow the WSCLC to be more responsive to the literature needs of the fellowship and to manage fellowship literature projects more effectively. This proposed change will make the WSCLC responsible for establishing an approval period for each piece, rather than following arbitrarily set standards. Adoption of this motion will give the committee the responsibility to establish an approval period based on the individual needs of each project.

Motion 14. "To delete Section 10, paragraph A, from the Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following:

'A. Time: Approval-form literature is prepared by the WSCLC and distributed for a period of time determined by the WSCLC of not less than 90 days.'"

Intent: Adoption of this motion will give the WSC Literature Committee the responsibility to establish approval periods for each piece of approval-form literature based on the individual needs of each piece. This motion assures an approval period of not less than ninety days.

Motion 15. "To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's A-list for the 1990-91 conference year.

1. The Steps portion of *It Work\': How and Why*
2. *For Those in Treatment*
3. *In Times of Illness*"

Intent: This list consists of the maximum amount of material that the WSCLC can reasonably work on during the 1990-91 conference year.

Motion 16. "To amend the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* (1989 edition) by replacing the language contained in 1.C.(5) with "Committee Chairpersons."

Intent: The current language gives the appearance that both the outgoing and incoming chairs have a vote at the WSC. The proposed language states clearly that only the individual who serves as chair of a committee during a WSC session will be considered to be a voting participant. Newly elected chairs do not assume their duties until the close of the WSC.

Motion 17. "The World Convention Corporation is authorized to change the date of the World Convention.

Intent: With the World Convention being held outside the North American continent at least twice in every nine-year period, the possibility of having to change the date of the convention becomes greater. The World Convention Corporation does not believe that it currently has sufficient administrative authority to make this type of a decision.

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Even if the date is changed, it seems prudent to keep the time frame within ninety days of the original date so as to minimize the impact to other service committees who currently plan around the existing world convention date.

REGIONAL PROPOSED MOTIONS

Motion: That all Narcotics Anonymous literature be written and developed through fellowship via the Regional literature Committees. Overseen and facilitated by the World Literature Committee (WLC) and that the staff team approach recommended by the WLC not be approved.

Intent: To ensure the spirit of recovery in our literature it must be developed in accordance with our 7th and 9th traditions. The workload must be shared throughout the fellowship. It is the experience of our Regional Literature Committee that quality literature is and can be produced at the regional level. This is how one addict best helps another in print. By allowing the Fellowship as a whole to share its experience, strength and hope in our literature process we believe that more and better literature can be produced at a minimum of fellowship expense. The World literature Committee has proposed that its guidelines be amended that the Steps portion of the book IT WORKS : HOW AND WHY be written by a paid WSO staff team. If our literature is to carry a pure message of recovery, it must be written in the pure spirit of recovery. "In the Eighth Tradition" states our Basic Text "we do not single out members as professional." Designation and employment of staff writers is clearly such a singling out. Further identifying staff writers destroys the concept of anonymity that is the foundation of everything we believe. According to the Twelfth Tradition. "No member is greater or lesser than any other" -- yet the offer of money and prestige to a staff writer or writers is clearly an identification of that person or group as greater than. We believe that a book on the steps which is written in defiance of our Traditions is worse than no book at all. Chesapeake Potomac Region

Motion: That the World Literature Committee Guidelines be amended to provide that all Regional Literature Committee Chairpersons be voting members of the World Literature Committee.

Intent: To ensure regional representation in the World Literature Committee... Chesapeake Potomac Region

MOTION: To recommend that the WSO translate and produce for sale our existing conference-approved PSA's to American Sign Language.

INTENT: To make available to area and regional committees, PSA's that would not only reach suffering addicts with hearing ability, but also those with hearing impairments. This carries the message of N.A. further. The WSO is presently in the process of translating our literature into foreign languages and it seems important and plausible that we translate those applicable forms into the American Sign Language.

Southern California Region

MOTION: That the WSO make available its regional literature review committee chair's mailing list to Regional literature review chairpersons who request it.

Intent: To facilitate more and better communication among regional lit review chairs... NEW JERSEY REGION

Motion: Amend section 9b of the WSCLC guidelines: That all literature in review form be available to all members of the fellowship.

Motion: That time periods for review form literature be set by the originating committee.

Motion: The WSCLC develop a review/input form that is different than line by line input.

Motion: That as review drafts or sets of review drafts are completed they be released to the fellowship.

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Motion: That the WSCLC add to its purpose: To support area/regional lit. committees with ideas and information for the discussion of review form literature.

Motion: That approval form literature be released no later than 90 days prior to the forthcoming conference.

Intent: Doing something different to get a different result. California Midstate Region

Motion: "To open the North American Service Office in Kansas City Missouri".

Intent: None provided.

Greater Illinois Region