

WSC Policy Committee

April 26, 1991
Committee Record

Mitchell S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serentiy Prayer at 8:39 a.m.

Attendance

Mitchell S.
Al R.
Shannon L.
Mary C.
John H.
Bud K.
Gina O.
Gene R.
Ron S.
Jon T.

WSO Staff

Steve Sigman
Donna Russ

Debbie O., Mariasha P.-W., Chris C., Bob F., and several visitors were also in attendance.

Mitchell asked each new committee member to introduce themselves and for everyone to briefly share their perspective on what had happened so far this conference week.

Bud K. felt caught in the middle of change of service structure. He feels we are moving away from conference committee service structure (grass roots) and this is not a good thing. He feels we need to keep in mind what we're supposed to be doing.

John H. feels we are getting more educated trusted servants, and that RSR-Alternates are participating much more than ever before. He expressed the need for direction on priorities from the conference.

Al R. believes the work of the conference should be done by conference committees. He doesn't believe that a one board approach is what should be done.

Jon T. is pleased that the policy committee still exists and feels a need for at least one full committee meeting. Shannon L. said that, considering the budget, there would only be one meeting this year. Gene R. hopes for an active committee and feels a need to come back from our regions with proposals instead of motions. Ron S. requested that an agenda for the year be established.

Gina O. expressed that she had felt some discomfort during conference discussions, and is questioning the need for a WSC Policy Committee.

Mariasha P.-W., feels a loss and suggests the committee not generate tasks. She is no longer on this committee but is an available resource for them. Bob F. is no longer on this committee but also is an available resource.

Debbie O. suggested more exchange of ideas from the fellowship as a whole and encouraged the committee to strive to reach unanimity.

Mitchell suggested that a work schedule be established by rating, as most or least important, the following items:

- Regional motions and communication
- Conference format
- Elections procedures
- Rules of order
- Seating of regions
- Direct funding of WSC
- Conference committee structure
- National conference
- Guidelines
- WSC Rules of Order
- Funding WSC committee members to meetings

After prolonged discussion, no consensus was reached. Jon T. asked how many members expected to be funded by their regions? Four committee members indicated yes and five indicated no. Barbara J. suggested that the committee could provide input to WSC Admin. about isolated groups, and could also possibly serve a facilitator role for regions submitting motions, questions, issues, or material to a WSC committee or board. Gina feels the committee should not take on more than three projects.

Mitchell suggested that the committee work on the following four items as priority: 1-Seating of new regions; 2-Conference Format; 3-Elections; 4-Guidelines.

The WSC motion list was then examined, and the committee formulated the following recommendations:

Motion #115 - recommend defeat

Motion #123 - recommend adoption (8y, 1n), and add "consecutive" to 7 & 8

Motion #125 - the committee supports this motion.

Motion #126 & #143 - Vote 5/3/1 to reject.

Mitchell in favor of supporting the motion because the need for trustee or other guidance is evident from WSC vote.

Motion #145: It was M/ S/C Shannon L./Jon T. to commit Motion #145 to interim committee. Eight in favor.

Motion #129: It was M/S/C Gina O./Gene R. to reject Motion #129 as it is written. Seven in favor of rejection.

Motion #130: It was M/S/C Shannon L/Gina O. to reject Motion #130 as it is written. Eight in favor of rejection.

STRAW POLL: For the WSC Policy Committee to be involved in the *Guide to Service* but not to take on the project as a whole. Vote: YES-8; UNANIMOUS.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the work and the needs of the WSC Policy Committee. Several members expressed their feelings of frustration. Mitchell shared his hope that the committee would be able to work closely with the BOT Internal Committee in the future.

Mitchell indicated that he will communicate with committee members about appointees to working groups and progress of work.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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