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TO: WSC Policy Committee  
FROM: Steve Sigman  
DATE: August 28, 1991  
RE: Regional Seating Survey; RSR Participation Survey

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Both surveys, Regional Seating and RSR Participation, have been updated and are enclosed for your examination. All reponses received after the deadline of July 31 have been included. Please discard the one you received earlier.

**SUMMARY OF MASTERLIST  
INPUT ON RSR PARTICIPATION SURVEY**

- 1. Including RSRs and/or Alternates in discussions of world service issues on a year-round basis is important.**

29 out of 37 respondents agreed strongly with this statement. 2 of them had additional comments.

- 2. A clear plan should be developed to facilitate this participation year round.**

Out of 37 respondents 33 were in strong agreement and 12 agreed. 2 people had additional comments.

- 3. Work groups/panels/committees of RSRs/Alternates should be available as a resource for world service boards and committees.**

Out of 37 respondents 20 were in strong agreement and 12 more agreed. 2 people had additional comments.

- 4. These groups should act as review and input bodies for world service boards and committees.**

Out of 37 respondents 11 agreed strongly, 12 agreed, 8 were neutral, and 5 disagreed. 4 people had additional comments.

- 5. A purpose of these groups would be to train and educate RSRs/Alternates on the WSC.**

Out of 37 respondents 15 agreed in some fashion, 13 were neutral, and 7 disagreed in some fashion. 4 people had additional comments.

- 6. A purpose of these groups would be to provide a broader cross-section of the fellowship in discussion of important issues.**

Out of 37 respondents 23 agreed strongly, 11 agreed, and 3 disagreed. 1 person had additional comments.

- 7. These groups could make world services more responsive to grass-roots issues.**

Out of 37 respondents 18 agreed strongly and 13 agreed. Three people had additional comments on the question and 4 people had other comments.

- 8. These groups should be composed of RSRs/Alternates who volunteer at the conference.**

Out of 37 respondents 26 agreed in some fashion and 3 people had additional comments.

- 9. These groups should include all RSRs and/or Alternates.**

Out of 37 respondents 16 agreed in some way 10 were neutral and 15 disagreed in some way. 4 people had additional comments.

- 10. Groups should be composed using geographic considerations.**

Out of 37 respondents 20 agreed in some way, 9 were neutral and 11 disagreed in some way. 2 people had additional comments.

- 11. Assignment to these groups should be random (WITHOUT geographic).**

Out of 37 respondents 11 were in agreement 7 were neutral and 20 disagreed. 9 had additional comments.

- 12. These committees should remain intact throughout the year.**

Out of 37 respondents 29 were in agreement, 6 were neutral. 1 had additional comments.

- 13. Membership of these committees should change as regions elect new RSRs.**

Out of 37 respondents 26 were in agreement and six were neutral. 4 people had additional comments on the question and 7 seven had other comments.

- 14. Issues should be developed by the WSC Administrative Committee**

Out of 37 respondents 12 were in agreement, 10 were neutral, and 12 disagreed.

- 15. . . .by boards and conference committees.**

Out of 37 respondents 15 agreed, 13 were neutral, and 5 disagreed.

- 16. . . .by the conference.**

Out of 37 respondents 22 agreed, 8 were neutral, and 3 disagreed.

- 17. . . .by regions.**

Out of 37 respondents 24 agreed, 8 were neutral, and 3 disagreed.

- 18. . . .by a combination of the above.**

Out of 37 respondents 35 agreed and 3 people had other comments.

**19. Panel presentations at conference**

Out of 37 respondents 23 were in agreement, 7 were neutral, and 5 disagreed.

**20. Input to WSC Administrative Committee**

Out of 37 respondents 25 agreed, 5 were neutral, and 4 disagreed.

**21. Input to other committees**

Out of 37 respondents 28 agreed.

**22. Input to trustees**

Out of 37 respondents 28 agreed.

**23. Only a written report to conference**

Out of 37 respondents 5 agreed, 11 were neutral, and 19 disagreed.

**24. Proposal for conference action**

Out of 37 respondents 20 agreed, 10 were neutral, and 4 disagreed.

**25. Combination of the above.**

Out of 37 respondents 34 agreed. 8 people had other comments.

Two survey respondents sent letters with general thoughts.

**MASTER LIST OF INPUT  
RSR PARTICIPATION SURVEY**

**The choice for answers were:**

A for strongly agree  
B for agree  
C for neutral  
D for disagree  
E for strongly disagree

**PURPOSES/OBJECTIVES/GOALS:**

- 1. Including RSRs and/or Alternates in discussions of world service issues on a year-round basis is important.**

A: 29; B: 7; C: 0; D: 1; E: 0;

1. I agree strongly with this, from an experiential and dialectic viewpoint. I think RSR participation should be increased, especially in the utilization of survey forms like this one.

2.- 12. No comment.

13. What about the cost to do this?

14.- 37. No comment.

- 2. A clear plan should be developed to facilitate this participation year round.**

A: 23; B: 12; C: 1; D: 1; E: 0;

1. This balances out my sentiments in #1.

2. No comment.

3. No comment.

4. Allow a process to emerge to develop plan. Don't micro-man age.

5.- 37. No comment.

**3. Work groups/panels/committees of RSRs/Alternates should be available as a resource for world service boards and committees.**

A: 20; B: 12; C: 3; D: 1; E: 1;

1. I feel that the committees should take the initiative in cultivating input from RSRs. I disagree with this strongly because I feel that this should already be occurring via the participatory member pool for each committee. I do feel that the BOT receives it's share of input from RSR, solicited and unsolicited. I think that the BOD really needs to upgrade it's utilization of RSR advisory panels. Admin needs to do this to, especially concerning the preparation of the CAR. Overall, my sentiment is that the availability of RSR for being a resource is implicit in the service description, and that this already is the status quo in most cases. As for any panels or other such, I believe that it would be retrogressive to put the onus of initiation of utilizing RSRs on any proposed panels/work groups. (Already exists except for BOD and Admin).

2.- 12. No comment.

13. What about cost to do this?

14.- 37. No comment.

**4. These groups should act as review and input bodies for world service boards and committees.**

A: 11; B: 12; C: 8; D: 3; E: 2; No  
comment: 1

1. They already do to a large extent. I feel that if they were given a larger role in input and review advisory bodies for boards and committees, it would enhance the incidence of self-serving RSRs being detached from their region's concerns. Also, many of our regions are not developmentally evolved enough to handle a surplus of I & R responsibilities, and I know that a number of RSRs would be tempted to make up the difference.

2. - 11. No additional comment.

12. Review and input of what? Our decisions? Our projects? Our discussions?

13. No comment.

14. No comment.

15. ?? Shouldn't the whole fellowship?

16. No comment.

17. No comment.
18. We are looking at this committee to act independently of boards and committees to a certain extent..
- 19.- 37. No additional comment.

**5. A purpose of these groups would be to train and educate RSRs/Alternates on the WSC.**

A: 3;  
2      B: 12;    C: 13;    D: 5;    E: 2;    No comment:

1. This is strongly needed, and would be an ideal utilization of experienced RSRs or former conference participants. Also, I would caution that any committee or panel assigned this responsibility remove itself from general considerations regarding the philosophical contexts of RSC conscience, and restrain itself in opining in this area. I would envision a set of panels designed to orient the participants to practical concerns: how to utilize WSO staff, where to eat and group out, rules of order, HALTS, etc.
2. No comment.
3. Not clear.
4. - 12. No additional comment.
13. Not possible unless funding were available.
14. No comment.
15. ?? Any shared communication could fall under educating in the broadest sense. Not clear on the context of train.
16. - 37. No additional comment.

**6. A purpose of these groups would be to provide a broader cross-section of the fellowship in discussion of important issues.**

A: 23;      B: 11;    C: 0;      D: 1;      E: 2;

1. This seems to be a redundancy. This would be the role of the evolving WSC, rather than a RSR panel. I think that these discussions can be beneficial, but should be published or taped to facilitate a wider dissemination. I think that the

representation and acknowledgment of a broader cross-section of the fellowship is directly related to spiritual, rather than political means.

2. - 37. No comment.

**7. These groups could make world services more responsive to grass-roots issues.**

A: 18; B: 13; C: 3; D: 0; E: 2; No comment: 1

1. Again, the RSR role has this as an implicit responsibility. I think discussion of these issues can be facilitated by a single RSR, rather than a panel of RSRs, otherwise plural concerns (multi-region) would be considered at the expense of singular concerns (one region) and we would set a precedent that common interest issues are strictly heterogenous.

2. No comment.

3. We hope.

4. - 14. No additional comment.

15. Change "make" to "help" world services *to be* more responsive. . .

16. - 37. No additional comment.

**Other:**

1. No comment.

2. Present motions for CAR.

3. - 10. No comment.

11. A primary benefit is having an alternative communication channel intentionally outside the constraints of the standing committee system.

12. No comment.

13. No comment.

14. Would help for better communication to all levels of service if RSRs were involved more.

15. - 22. No comment.



23. An RSR can be one committee, while the alternates (s) can be on other committees. This would give a region representation on more than one committee.

24. - 29. No comment.

30. Panels/work group should be used except caution should be taken to prevent duplication of efforts. (i.e. panel group/working on exact same thing as conference committee.)

31. - 37. No comment.

### **COMPOSITION:**

**8. These groups should be composed of RSRs/Alternates who volunteer at the conference.**

A: 14; B: 12; C: 3; D: 4; E: 4;

1. I would favor a pool of volunteers to be used, with Admin doing the selecting. This would insure fidelity of motives, since there appears to be of "bargaining" among RSRs, and a political agenda may be aided by restricting the composition to volunteers without a selective process.

2. - 11. No comment.

12. Although this eliminates those trusted servants who can't afford to attend the WSC. Is this fair?

13. - 17. No comment.

18. All volunteers should be assigned.

19. - 32. No comment.

33. Could also be requested by Admin to address issues we know a particular region has experience with.

34. - 37. No comment.

**9. These groups should include all RSRs and/or Alternates.**

A: 9; B: 7; C: 10; D: 8; E: 3;

1. As a part of an orientation session, or as a part of a "good of the whole" concluding meeting.
  2. - 13. No comment.
  14. These groups should include all RSRs and/or Alternates. (who care to)
  15. Broken up by geographic or topics to best address issues while keeping within reasonable economic and time constraints.
  16. No comment.
  17. No comment.
  18. Anyone who volunteers.
  19. - 37. No comment.
- 10. Groups should be composed using geographic considerations.**
- A: 11;      B: 9;      C: 9;      D: 4;      E: 5;
1. No. This can implement factionalism that could counter the essence of concerns with unity. Besides, a geographically/culturally diverse committee would be even more valuable to the participants and can synergies rather than group-think opinions and concerns.
  2. - 22. No comment.
  23. Yes, but not the way the Interim committee has set up this year's committees. (See comments later).
  24. - 37. No comment.
- 11. Assignment to these groups should be random (WITHOUT geographic).**
- A: 5;  
1      B: 6;      C: 7;      D: 9;      E: 9;      No comment:
1. No comment.
  2. - 14. No additional comment.
  15. Whatever makes the most sense. How can issues affecting a world-wide fellowship be geographically influenced?

- 16. No comment.
- 17. No comment.
- 18. RSRs from geographically adjacent regions would incur less travel costs.
- 19. - 37. No additional comment.

**12. These committees should remain intact throughout the year.**

A: 12; B: 17; C: 6; D: 2; E: 0;

- 1. Yes, for requirements of group bonding and exchange of information.
- 2. - 37. No comment.

**13. Membership of these committees should change as regions elect new RSRs.**

A: 14; B: 12; C: 6; D: 3; E: 1; No comment:  
1

- 1. Yes. Rotation and clambake variety. This would seem to favor evolution rather than continuity.
- 2. - 6. No additional comment.
- 7. Possible if RSRs serve two-year terms.
- 8. - 17. No additional comment.
- 18. May want to leave it open to past RSRs.
- 19. - 23. No additional comment.
- 24. New RSR & RSR-Alt added to committees. Outgoing RSR remain on committee.
- 25. - 37. No comment.

**Other:**

- 1. No comment.
- 2. With possible participator by member 1 or boards or committees

3. Ad hoc committees would serve best made as issues arise, reband as task completed.
4. - 10. No comment.
11. Retaining "former" RSRs may stifle the open spontaneity.
12. When choosing trusted servants to guide us and broaden our minds, we should choose those people who are most qualified, rather than base it on where they live.
13. No comment.
14. Any RSR or Alt should be able to participate.
15. No comment.
16. New members should be appointed as necessary
17. - 22. No comment.
23. For #10, this geographic consideration should be to try to get regions from all geographic locations on each committee to make sure each committee gets different geography-related perspectives.
24. - 28. No comment.
29. No comment.
30. If committee completes its task, RSR or RSR Alt ouhgt to be reassigned to another or new committee.
31. - 32. No comment.
33. For continuity RSR and RSR Alt could serve on same panel and then new RSR Alt would joing RSR to give them a period to familiarize with issues.
34. - 37. No comment.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF ISSUES:**

### **14. Issues should be developed by the WSC Administrative Committee**

A: 1;      B: 11;      C: 10;      D: 9;      E: 3;      No comment:  
3

1. - 12. No addiitonal comment

13. In a leadership role.

14. - 37. No additional comment.

**15. ...by boards and conference committees.**

A: 2; B: 13; C: 13; D: 4; E: 1;  
No comment: 4

1. - 12. No additional comment

13. In a leadership role.

14. - 37. No comment.

**16. ...by the conference.**

A: 11; B: 11; C: 8; D: 3; E: 0; No comment:  
4

**17. ...by regions.**

A: 12; B: 12; C: 8; D: 3; E: 0; No comment:  
2

**18. ...by a combination of the above.**

A: 24; B: 11; C: 0; D: 1; E: 0;  
No comment: 1

**Other**

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1. I feel that questions #14-18 should be developed by both the RSR panel and other arms of the WSC. I feel strongly that the combination of the above would optimize the development and content of information exchange.

2. Any member with a good idea or solution for sightedness for our fellowship.

3. - 17. No comment.

18. We want the issues assigned randomly (drawn from a hat).

19. - 28. No comment.

29. No comment.

30. Issues could come out of the WSC Admin Committee.

31. - 37. No comment.

## RESULTS OF RSR GROUPS' WORK:

### 19. Panel presentations at conference

A: 5;  
2 B: 18; C: 7; D: 3; E: 2; No comment:

1. - 3. No additional comment.

4. *BRIEF*

5. - 37. No additional comment.

### 20. Input to WSC Administrative Committee

A: 8;  
3 B: 17; C: 5; D: 3; E: 1; No comment:

### 21. Input to other committees

A: 9;  
2 B: 19; C: 3; D: 3; E: 1; No comment:

### 22. Input to trustees

A: 10;  
comment: B: 18; C: 5; D: 1; E: 1; No  
2

### 23. Only a written report to conference

A: 1;  
2 B: 4; C: 11; D: 13; E: 6; No comment:

1. - 22. No additional comment.

23. Feel strongly that message would be lost in written report.

24. - 37. No additional comment.

### 24. Proposal for conference action

A: 6; B: 14; C: 10; D: 3; E: 1; No comment:  
3

1. - 9. No additional comment.

10. The same as regional motions.

11. - 37. No comment.

## 25. Combination of the above.

A: 18; B: 16; C: 1; D: 1; E: 0;  
No comment: 1

### Other:

1. On questions #19-25 I feel that a combination of all the medias mentioned would enhance information exchange and work of the panels.
2. Be made available to fellowship through *Conference Digest/Report*.
3. No comment.
4. Increasing use of such groups might necessitate partial funding for conference calls and other minor expenses.
5. No comment.
6. Results should be presented at one WSC, and than sent out to the entire fellowship for a *group conscience* for one year, then action will be taken at the next WSC.
7. No comment.
8. No comment.
9. No comment.
10. For consideration of inclusion in the CAR. "It's better to burn out than to rust."
11. No comment.
12. We should deal with issues that naturally arise, not those issues which become forced by a particular group of people. Increased involvement by any member of N.A. is always welcome and will better aid us in making sound decisions for Narcotics Anonymous. the panel presentations at last years conference were

not of particular interest to me, although, including RSRs to participate in those work groups made us all feel more unified in world services.

13. No comment.
14. It would also all depend on the type of project it was.
15. I was a little astonished at the topics and content of the RSR/Alt panel presentations at the WSC. I believe there are many other, more pertinent issues that need to be addressed. I wholeheartedly endorse a proposal to use RSR/ALT throughout the year to develop and discuss relevant issues in conjunction with the rest of the boards and committees. I'll pray the composition issues, and results are beneficial to N.A. as a whole and addicts seeking recovery.
16. - 28. No comment.
29. No comment.
30. A combination of one or more of the above is most appropriate relative to the committees/panels specific purpose/task.
31. - 37. No comment.

*Note to reader:* See attached letters from Tom McKee and Roger Tuck.



## RSR PARTICIPATION SURVEY

1. Cevin McGuire, RSR  
Iowa Region
2. Ted Logue, RSR Alt  
Region of Virginians
3. Alden Irish, Vice Chairperson  
WSC Literature Committee
4. Anonymous
5. Anonymous
6. Anonymous
7. Jenny DeBerg, RSR Alt  
Nebraska Region
8. Paul Butterbaugh, Jr.  
RSR Alt Georgia Region
9. Rory Augustson, RSR Alt  
Central California
10. Volunteer Region
11. Scott Allen, RSR  
San Diego/Imperial Region
12. Susan Blauce, Vice Chairperson  
WSC P.I. Committee
13. Walter Johnson,  
Board of Directors
14. David Jones, RSR Alt  
Tri-State Region
15. Dan Kearns, RSR Alt  
Southern Idaho
16. Jim Edgren, RSR Alt  
Chicagoland
17. Bob Ferneran, RSR  
Northern New Jersey
18. Carol Kenney, RSR Alt  
Michigan Region
19. Tom McKee, RSR  
Together We Can
20. Richard Hill, RSR  
Arizona Region
21. Daniel Bekins, RSR Alt  
Arizona Region
22. Roger Tuck, RSR Alt  
Connecticut Region
23. Marjorie Kleiman, RSR  
GNYRSC
24. Anonymous
25. Anonymous
26. John H., RSR  
Arkansas Region
27. Stan Sanchez, RSR Alt  
New England Region
28. Mountaineer Region
29. Free State Region
30. Jimmy Harper, RSR  
Kelly Snell, RSR Alt  
Lone Star Region
31. W.M.L. King  
Cinn. Ohio
32. California Mid-State
33. J. Scroggs,  
Springfield, MO
34. - 37. Were from the BOT