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**WSC POLICY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE RECORD
MAY 01, 1992**

Mitchell S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance

Mitchell S.
Bud K.
Mary C.
Jon T.
John H.
Ron S.
Shannon L.

WSO Staff

Steve Sigman
Donna Smylie

Several visitors were present.

The following new members were welcomed: Ted L., Jim E., Lib E. and Mike P. The committee agreed that new members would have full participation today.

An Open Forum was held for one hour.

Mike C. asked for input to his motion #122 regarding election procedures. Several people expressed their desire to be kept informed of the committee's work. Sentiment for RSR working group involvement was expressed. Gratitude for the committee's leadership and incentive was expressed. A letter from the RSR from Arkansas was read, expressing his apology for any implied insensitivity to the committee process and his support for the committee's work. Spence shared his interest in NA's changing structure, and his experience with implementing some of the GTS structure in the UMW Region. Several committee members shared their thanks for the leadership and contributions from everyone. Mary C. applauded the committee for keeping their focus despite the constant threat to disband the committee. Bud encouraged the committee to follow the precedent set by this year's committee.

Bud informed the committee that there are three slots open for returning members and four want to return. There are also two appointments to be made. John H. withdrew his name at this time to run for 2nd vice chair of the conference.

Gene R., Shannon L., and Mary C. were elected unanimously to serve on the WSC Policy Committee.

The WSC Policy Committee work list was discussed, including: national and world service (GTS); Election procedures; nomination committee, RSR participation rotation and continuity; budget adoption process; conference format; WSC Rules of

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Order, policy guidelines, full-funding proposal. The WSB Internal Affairs Committee will be working on long-range aspects of election procedures and the nomination committee so these two items could be moved to the bottom of the list. Dave suggested that the policy committee work on improving election procedures for 1993. Dave T. also indicated that the Interim Committee will take up budget process, the WSC Chair and parliamentarian will work on the WSC Rules of Order. He requested general and visionary input on the national and world service chapters of the GTS. He also asked for specific input on RSR participation and delegate review panel system. There will be two GTS meetings, the first will be on metro services, and then a meeting to work on national and world service chapter. Rotation and continuity are a low priority. Dave said that the input date on national section of the GTS will be September 1, and all individual or committee input would be helpful.

Shannon feels that election procedures are not the main problem. He shared his observation that the largest problem is the process for nominating people.

After more discussion the following plan developed:

1. RSR Participation Working Group -- Mary C., Shannon L., Jim E., and Mike P.,
2. Election procedures -- Ted L., Lib E., Gene R., Bud K., and Jon T.
3. Each committee member will be charged with providing written input to the Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service. The input should cover the National and WS chapters of A Guide to Service, as well as Delegate Review Panels.

Jon suggested for source material to be sent out and each individual will come to the meeting with their work. The source material will be sent out by June 1 and send the work back to WSO by July 15 and then send merged work back to the committee by August 1.. Lib will be sent air mail or faxed.

In addition to the WSC Policy Committee material, the WSB Internal Affairs Committee minutes and the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service minutes will be sent to all committee members. Extended work groups could possibly be formed from the Policy Info Mail Lists.

The following conference motions were discussed:

Motion #120: It was M/S/ Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/Jamie S-H. (WSB) "That the policy committee and the BOT Internal Committee be directed to review the WSC election rules and procedures and recommend possible changes which would afford greater participation by all NA communities."

It was M/S/U Gene R./Shannon L. "For the policy committee to recommend adopting the above motion."

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Motion #121: It was M/S/ Lynn R. (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand)/Tony W. (RSR, Australia) "To change election procedures to not require attendance at conference for nomination to Board of Directors for WSO or WCC."

It was M/S/U Gene R./Jim E. "To recommend committing motion #121 to the World Service Office Board of Directors and WSC Policy Committee."

Motion #122: It was M/S Mike C. (RSR, Iowa/Pete C. (WSB) "That the WSC Policy Committee be directed to create a procedure for elections at the WSC. Further, this procedure should reflect the input from the 91, 92 RSR working groups on this issue as well as input from the WSB, BOD, and the Admin Committee. This procedure will be placed in procedures at WSC '93 for approval at the beginning of the conference."

It was M/S/U Gene R./Ted L. "To recommend committing motion #122 to the WSC Policy Committee."

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m..