

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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DATE: August 13, 1992
TO: All Conference Participants
FROM: Joe Gossett, Executive Director
RE: Interim Committee Minutes

Attached are the minutes of the Interim Committee meetings requested by the conference. Any questions about Interim Committee actions should be addressed to Interim Committee members or myself.

The minutes will be provided in a more timely manner in the future.

Interim Committee Meeting, June 18, 1992

Becky M., Dave T., Mary Kay B., Garth P.
Mitchell S., Ron S.

WSO Staff: Joe Gossett, Anthony Edmundsen, George Hollahan, Steve Sigman

I. Treasurer's Update:

- A. Ron S. distributed his report (attached), showing WSC six year Income Trends, Projected 1992-1993 average monthly income, and a Cash and Assett Statement. All figures are current as of 6-15-92.
- B. Ron S. also distributed a draft report on WSC Project Planning Forms for discussion. A long discussion resulted in input to be used by Ron for a revised draft. The revised draft will be sent in for consideration on a future phone call or at the next meeting.
- C. Ron also announced his intention to have the WSC year-end report finalized and ready for distribution by July 15.

II. Other Updates & Communication:

- A. The corrected May 28 Minutes were **approved unanimously**, after the following amendments.
 - 1. Item I-B, Decision was amended to read "This team approach will be discussed on a WSO BOD Executive Committee conference call, and implemented if approved".
 - 2. Item II-B--the figure for Interim Committee approved expenses was changed from \$145,106.45 to \$119,210.
 - 3. Item III, Discussion--amended to read "Abstracts to IFNGO and WFTC was decided previously. Abstracts have already been sent to ICAA. WSO staff will check to see if the others have been sent, and if not, they will be sent".
 - 4. Item V-G--amended to read "...that the request possibly came too late to impact the ECC agenda, ..."
- B. Miscellaneous correspondence from the following people was noted and read.
 - Anita Jackson--a request to avoid having the WSC workshop on the same weekend as their multiregional learning day. Her request for attendance at their event will be on the agenda for August.
 - Brazil, Eduardo--His request to send world service trusted servants to the III Brasil Regional Convention and Conference on October 31, November 1 and 2 in Rio de Janeiro was received and read. This request will be considered, with other requests for 2nd quarter expenses, in August.
 - Ontario/Eric Willis--a note withdrawing his request for funded attendance at an event in Ontario.

Shannon memo (06/17/92)--input on World Services Funding. (The figure \$243,000 from regions and individuals was corrected to be \$211,000.)

C. Europe update--A request for assistance with two topics (Translations and Outside Issues) at the ECC was received and discussed.

1. Becky agreed to draft a response letter, thanking them for the invitation and indicating who will be attending at world service expense.
2. Vivianne will be unable to attend the ECC, and has agreed to inform the local translation committees.
3. The \$1500 previously approved for Vivianne's attendance was discussed, in the context of a request from the Translations Committee for a French speaking meeting to include a member from Montreal, Paris and Belgium. A proposal was made to use the \$1500 for funding a Montreal translations committee member to attend the ECC. Le Nordet Region has agreed to let Montreal represent them, since their region has no translation committee at this time. The purpose is to facilitate the further development of a new process to be worked out by the French Canadians, Paris French, and Belgians in translation projects. After discussion, the Interim Committee approved the offer of a total of \$1500 for funding a person from Montreal and Paris. **Approved (4-0-0).**
4. After discussion, the committee agreed initially that a total of six people will be attending the ECC. Becky M., Dave T., and Jamie S-H will be funded by WSC. Randy J. and Anthony E. will be traveling on WCC business and funded by WCC. George H. will be traveling on WSO business and funded by WSO. Later in the discussion, Garth proposed that Jamie's funded attendance was without clear purpose and should be reconsidered. The committee agreed (3-1-0) to rescind their decision to fund Jamie's attendance at the ECC.

Tim B. (attending on his own) and Uschi M. (in Europe on personal business, possibly to provide some WSO services at ECC) will be considered for reimbursement by WSO BOD.

A request from Ivan F. to attend the ECC and also assist the German Speaking Region with H&I projects was discussed. Since others with H&I expertise will be present (Randy and Anthony), the request was denied.

Of the originally proposed side trips, only France and Denmark are still viable. A trip to Germany will not be necessary. Travel to Spain will not be possible due to the Olympics.

George H. agreed to communicate the above discussions to the ERG and the Denmark fellowship, and Dave T. agreed to communicate with Ivan.

D. Non-NA Events

1. A letter from the ICAA was read, indicating that a time slot for an NA presentation has been reserved. The committee agreed to reconsider the May 2 decision to deny funding for participation at this conference. Discussion focused on NA's credibility in Europe, categories of attendees

at the ICAA conference, and the value of participation by NA. After considering several options, the committee **approved (4-0-0) up to \$1000** to fund attendance by Jamie S-H, a European representative, registration fees, and literature for the event.

- E. WSO--Anthony requested authorization (as required by previous action) to use the WSO emergency fund to pay a portion of the Harvey Hotel bill for WSO staff accomadations at the WSC. The emergency fund (from donations) now totals \$6100. WSO staff's portion of the hotel bill is \$6900. **Approved 4-0-0.**
- F. WSC--Dave T. reported that WSC Administrative Committee recommends that one WSC workshop be held at the end of October, to coincide with the WSCLC meeting. He indicated that details of the production schedules for the CAR and Conference Report will be reported at the WSB meeting.
- G. Becky reported on plans for the weekend meeting. She indicated that several requests from the WSB External Affairs Committee may be coming to the Interim Committee after the WSB prioritizes their work.
- H. The PI Video Group response to the Interim Committee letter (*attached*) was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the funding request for the committee increased by approximately \$14,000. It was apparent from this group's response that they have rethought their original proposal and plan for greater control of the work. Becky will chek with Susan that this is correct, and the proposal will be sent to the BOD meeting since this is being funded out of their budget.

III. WSC Motions

- A. The following motions were committed to Interim Committee at the annual WSC meeting. They will be discussed on a future phone call.
 - 1. It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Tom R. (WSC Treasurer) "To amend by inserting at the end of the second sentence (*of the motion creating the Interim Committee*) which reads 'The committee shall be composed of seven members' the statement, 'of whom are all elected directly by the conference.'"
 - 2. It was M/S/ Stan S. (RSR, New England)/Kevin B. (RSR, Mountain Valley) "That the WSC agree to assist in the funding of regions worldwide to attend the annual WSC if needed and if possible."
 - 3. It was M/S/ David J. (RSR, Tri-State)/Mike C. (RSR, Mountaineer) "That the WSC Administrative Committee develop a proposal for inclusion in the 1993 C.A.R., a proposal for funding all WSC committee and board voting members travel to all WSC quarterly and regular meetings of those boards and committees." It was M/S/C Joe Y. (RSR, Greater Illinois) "To commit to the Interim Committee." **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**
 - 4. It was M/S/ Eduardo M. (RSR, Brazil)/Mike P. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic) "The WSC through their H&I, PI Committee, the W.S. Board of Trustees, and WSO will be represented at the III Brazil Region Conference and Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in Rio de Janerio on October 10th, 11th, and 12th." It was M/S/ Dave T. (WSC Vice Chairperson)/Paul T.

(RSR, Spain) "To commit the above motion to the Interim Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. The RSR from Show-Me Region asked that the Funding Report from the RSR Working Group be referred to Interim Committee as input. (attached).

IV. Interim Committee Communication

- A. Is there an immediate need for a letter to WSC boards/committees, stating IC decision criteria and information needed with submitted requests?

Decision: Yes. Becky will draft a letter for consideration. After approval, it will go with Ron's material on project planning/funding.

- B. Communication of IC decisions--how, who, when?

Discussion: Communication up until now was discussed at length.

Decision: 1) One staff person from the WSO Administrative Team will be designated as the Interim Committee contact. 2) The WSO Administrative Team will communicate decisions to the appropriate staff team. 3) Every request will receive an appropriate response as approved by the Interim Committee Chairperson. 4) All questions will be dealt with by whoever receives the question. Interim Committee members are asked to refer questions to the Chairperson if they cannot provide a complete answer.

V. Project Planning Forms

Discussion: brief discussion.

Decision: agreement to evaluate them after they have all been turned in

VI. Funding Requests

A. Fixed

1. WSC Workshop (Quarterly)

Decision: After discussion, the Interim Committee approved (4-0-0) the recommendation and set target dates of October 30, 31, and November 1 with October 23, 24, 25 as an alternate. Upon recommendation from WSO staff, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, or Columbus are preferred locations at this time. By a vote of 4-0-0, WSO staff was authorized to negotiate with hotels.

B. Discretionary

1. A WSC Unity Day proposal (attached) was considered and discussed.

Decision: Approved \$2000 as per the proposal.

2. The Policy Elections working group submitted a request for funding a meeting of the working group members, to include a phone call with the member in Australia.

Discussion: The project is one that was not budgeted but directed by WSC motion. The work will impact the CAR and is a high priority, even

though "elections" is nowhere on the priority lists. If two quarterly workshops were scheduled before the CAR deadline, the working group would not need to meet.

Decision: Approved \$1850, 4-0-0.

3. The Policy RSR Participation Working Group submitted requests for \$471 for a meeting already held in Chicago, a meeting planned for August, and a conference call in August.

Discussion: These meetings may or may not impact the CAR. They have been ranked as #21 on the discretionary list, although there is strong WSC sentiment for some type of increased RSR participation in world services. The committee members will be giving input on this to the Ad Hoc NAS Committee.

Decision: All three requests were denied (0-4-0) at this time, to possibly be reconsidered on the next phone call.

4. WSB-- a request has been made for a conference call with the RSR working group to discuss the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust.

Discussion: The call will be 2 hours maximum and involve 7 people, for the purpose of answering questions from the RSR working group and outlining the workplan for the year. Members of the working group are receiving questions from the fellowship and need some direction.

Decision: Approved 4-0-0

5. PI Video Group request for a July conference call.

Discussion: Discussed previously (II-H).

Decision: The Interim Committee approved funding for the July Conference Call (1.5 hour maximum), and also agreed that information on the production estimates would be requested.

6. Eduardo, Brazil (see II-B)

Discussion: This request will be considered, with other requests for 2nd quarter expenses, in August.

Decision: Postponed until August

7. Western States RSR Forum

Discussion: This event will be August 14, 15, 16 in Las Vegas. No information or specific request has been received.

Decision: No Action.

8. Ivan's request to attend ECC

Discussion: see discussion, II-D-4

Decision: Denied

9. WCC Travel list was provided for consideration.

Discussion: The WCC is looking at changing the composition and number of directors on its board, and also will be evaluating the event itself with reference to being self supporting. For this year, travel expenses for 10 WCC members, 4 program committee members, 6 speakers, 2 translators, 5 WSO/WCC staff members, and lodging for 15 entertainers will be funded by WCC.

Decision: Approved 4-0-0.

VII. Other business

A. Phone calls

Discussion:

Are all past phone call minutes now considered to be approved?

Are they available on request?

Decision: All minutes since the WSC meeting will be sent to the Interim Committee members for final approval. On each phone call, the first item of business will be to approve the most recent minutes. All approved minutes are available on request.

B. Deadlines for submission of funding requests will be August 1 for second quarter, October workshop date for third quarter expenses, and February 1 for fourth quarter.

C. A brief discussion about voting membership on the Interim Committee revealed differing opinions about an optimal system and the ability of the committee to change its own voting participation.

D. A discussion about the Interim Committee process resulted in general agreement to reflect on the problems encountered so far this year, with hopes of agreeing on solutions at the next meeting or phone call.

E. Consideration of accountability reports

Discussion: Input from Barbara J. indicates that accountability reports (after funding has been used) are very helpful in consideration of future requests.

Decision: none

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 a.m.