

**WSB LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 19, 1992**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Bob McKendrick (WSB)  
Steve Bice (WSB)  
Mary Jensen (WSCLC Chairperson)  
Ron Sheppard (WSC Admin Com)  
Julie Kirkpatrick (WSO)  
Uschi Mueller (WSO)  
Bob McDonnough (WSO)  
Steve Lantos (WSO)

**Agenda:** Funding of World Services  
Introduction to Tradition Part of "It Works"  
Scheduling of approval form release of complete book  
HIV Article  
Prejudice Article  
Literature Development process

**Funding World Services Article**

General discussion about scope of project. A comprehensive approach would include subjects such as: History, use of WSO sales to fund, direct contributions and donations, fund flow and accountability, alternative sources etc.

Possible objectives: 1. Education, 2. Healing process in terms of trust, 3.

Generating of funds.

Bob McD., WSO Accountant, joined temporarily to participate in discussion.

Determination of project stages and approx. time line:

1. Bob McK., Ron S. and Bob McD (additional resource) will compile information package based on parameters given by committee until July 15. They will review the material and create an outline draft of a report together that encompasses a "Definition/Scope of the Funding Problem".
2. The report draft will be faxed to Mary J. for editing around the 8th of August. The written out draft will be sent to the WSO Fellowship Services staff team August 17-18 for formatting and mailing.
3. Staff will mail report to the literature review committee members and a review panel (WCC chairperson, Becky M for Interim Committee, Ron S for Admin, the RSR working group members on funding, and 2 RSOs) for review and input on solutions. The input deadline is September 20.
4. The committee hopes that the September WSB meeting will be scheduled after that date to allow for a committee meeting at that time to review the

input received and factor in the input. On that weekend the committee will prepare a paper on the issue of funding (scope of the problem).

5. Staff will mail the paper to all RSRs for input and ownership. The committee hopes to conduct a workshop/Open Forum at the October Quarterly.
6. The committee will prepare either a basic status report on the spectrum of the funding problem for inclusion in the Conference Report or a more extensive report including recommended solutions from input received for presentation at the WSC '93.
7. The committee will develop a project development plan for 2-3 years, utilizing an expanded committee with members chosen for their expertise and skills.

The committee agreed that the project is movable while its time line could be kept (the open forum could be held at the WSC '93 instead of the October Quarterly).

### **Introduction to "It Works: How and Why"**

Steve Lantos joined temporarily in the capacity of *It Works* project manager. Committee consensus was to have a joint introduction of the WSCLC and the WSB with separate brief preambles with statement of purpose preceding the two sections of the book.

The addition to the traditions preamble reads:

The Traditions portion of *It Works: How and Why* shall serve as a resource for NA groups and the individual member. The book seeks to: explore the spiritual principles within the traditions; engage members with the spirit--not the law--of the traditions; and provide a basis for thought and discussion about the traditions. This book is not meant to fulfill every need for every group or every member, rather it is to be a book that will generate discussion and allow for local interpretation of the practical application of the principles contained in the traditions.

The committee developed an outline and submitted it to the Publications Team for the creation of an introduction draft by a staff writer prior to the August meeting. The draft should be reviewed and approved at the respective meetings of both bodies in August.

The committee recommends that after approval at the August meeting the WSB should formally turn *It Works: How and Why* over to the WSCLC for presentation at the WSC 93 for conference approval.

The committee will take the question of whether "sign-off lines" are appropriate for the book to the full board for consideration.

The committee reached consensus to index *It Works*, using only the listed principles from the outlines of both sections.

The release of the complete book in it's approval form (incl. introduction and index) to RLCs and conference participants is planned for early December.

The full WSB is requested to examine the possibility and financing of a special first edition.

### **Election of committee chair person**

Bob McK was elected.

### **HIV Article**

The committee requested that the Publications Team reconsider the staff article "Aids in the NA Community" for printing in the NA Way Magazine after some editing.

The committee will write an informational position paper on the subject with a focus on where we stand as a fellowship in regards to AIDS, including aspects like answers to isolation, a loving stance and nurturing as a fellowship in regards to AIDS, the Third Tradition, open-mindedness and honesty.

The audience was determined:

1. NA members with AIDS and their shared experience that we are continuing to learn from.
2. Groups and members who are being responsive to their fellow addicts who have AIDS.

A first draft will be prepared by Steve B. Staff will distribute the first draft to the other committee members for comments or input. Mary J. will edit the draft. The Publications Team will be requested to finalize the draft. The HIV article will be presented to the WSC '93.

### **Follow-up on the Prejudice Article**

A FAX was received from the Greater Los Angeles Area Service Committee pertaining to prejudice requesting WSB action, possibly in the form of a position paper.

The committee decided it may not be able to commit significant time to the project and may recommend publication of the existing WSB article after some editing.

Some ideas for expansion were brought up: to pre-judge, intolerance toward things we do not know or understand, taking inventory, Tradition One quote: "We are accepted and loved for who we are, not in spite of who we are." (BT, p.59)

Bob McK will prepare the first draft. Staff will distribute the first draft to the other committee members for comments or input. Mary J. will edit the draft. The Publications Team will be requested to finalize the draft. The Prejudice article will be presented to the WSC '93.

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