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Motion 1: Be it resolved that regional service representatives have the same access to the Conference Report as do all conference participants. All material submitted for publication in the Conference Report is subject to the same editorial review by the chairpersons of the WSC Administrative Committee, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the WSO Board of Directors.

*Intent: To formalize awareness of access to the Conference Report. Financial impact: No impact.*

Motion 2: To approve the implementation of Addendum 1, "World Services Translation Committee and Policy," for an additional year; and to direct the Translation Committee to bring its recommendations concerning both its status and its guidelines to WSC'93.

*Intent: To allow the Translation Committee adequate time to evaluate its role in translation projects and examine its guidelines. Financial impact: Cost of \$5,900 to \$14,500.*

Motion 3: To approve the booklet, "Twelve Concepts for NA Service" (Addendum 2).1

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will place the booklet, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, in the WSO inventory as World Service Conference-approved literature. Financial impact: No direct financial impact.*

Motion 4: To continue the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service for the 1992-93 conference year, its task to be completed by WSC '93.

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will allow the ad hoc committee to complete its work within a specified timeframe. After the distribution of the Guide to conference participants, their assigned work will be complete. Financial impact: Cost of \$37,000 to \$39,000.*

Motion 5: That the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of WSC standing committees be funded to attend a minimum of two World Service Board of Trustees meetings each conference year.

*Intent: To allow committee leadership to meet to work with each other and the World Service Board of Trustees. Financial impact: Cost of \$13,680.*

Motion 6: To dissolve the Joint Administrative Committee and delete from the Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure the following paragraphs (1991 edition, pp. 21-22):

"Joint Administrative Committee. The Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) is composed of the following trusted servants: chairperson, vice chairperson, second vice chairperson, and treasurer of the conference; the chairperson and vice chairperson of each of the conference standing committees; the chairperson and vice chairperson of the WSB; and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the WSO board, who are all voting members of this committee. The Joint Administrative Committee meets at least twice each year. The first meeting is held within forty-five days after the close of the annual World Service Conference meeting. This first meeting is for the purpose of familiarizing new members with the procedures used in accomplishing WSC committee responsibilities, setting dates for reports and reviewing the work of each committee, etc. This meeting facilitates the smooth transition of committees and the conference from one year to the next, as well as coordination of efforts within the committees and boards of world services. "The last scheduled meeting of the Joint Administrative Committee is held in early January. The January meeting is an opportunity for the chairpersons to jointly review the material being included in the *Conference Agenda Report*. The Joint Administrative Committee should exercise prudent judgment in recommending changes to clarify reports or proposals, or adding motions or additional reports. "All matters of conference budget (policies, development, review, and reporting) are the responsibility of the JAC. When the JAC meets to

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discuss WSC financial affairs, it will be chaired by the WSC treasurer." and all other references in the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure to the Joint Administrative Committee.

*Intent: To eliminate duplication of responsibilities among the Joint Administrative Committee, the Interim Committee, and the World Service Board of Trustees. Financial impact: Savings of \$17,360.*

Motion 7: That the fiscal responsibilities for the World Service Conference be assigned to the Interim Committee. The committee shall be composed of seven members:

- \* World Service Conference treasurer, in an advisory capacity;
- \* World Service Conference chairperson and (first) vice chairperson, as voting members;
- \* World Service Board of Trustees chairperson and vice chairperson, as voting members; and,
- \* WSO Board of Directors chairperson and vice chairperson, as voting members.

Further, the Interim Committee shall make necessary decisions affecting NA world services when the World Service Conference is not in session, mindful of priorities previously established by the World Service Conference. The Interim Committee shall report its actions throughout the year in the Conference Report.

*Intent: To continue the Interim Committee, with the addition of the vice chairpersons of the World Service Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the WSO Board of Directors.*

*Financial impact: Cost of \$11,170.*

Motion 8: To approve Addendum 3, "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust."

*Intent: To establish a trust that defines how the intellectual properties of the NA Fellowship are to be administered and protected. Financial impact: No direct financial impact.*

Motion 9: To delete the section identified in the 1991 Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure (pp. 13-16) as "The Board of Trustees," and to replace it with the procedures shown in Addendum 4, "World Service Board of Trustees Operational Procedures," which will become policy of the World Service Conference. Any change to these procedures must be made by the WSC and requires a two-thirds vote.

*Intent: To establish new WSC policy regarding the operational procedures of the World Service Board of Trustees. Financial impact: Cannot be determined.*

Motion 10: To adopt Addendum 5, "Dual Membership Proposal for WSB and WSO Board for Conference Year 1992-93," for a one-year period.

*Intent: To allow for the implementation of Section 3, Paragraph F, of the WSB Operational Procedures during the next year. Financial impact: Cost of \$3,280.*

Motion 11: To approve Addendum 6, "World Service Board of Trustees Internal Guidelines." Any changes to the WSB Internal Guidelines would be reported to conference participants in the next scheduled issue of the Conference Report. The WSC may reverse any such change by a majority vote.

*Intent: To allow the WSB the flexibility to change its internal guidelines, and to establish how any changes are to be reported and/or reversed. Financial impact: Cannot be determined.*

Motion 12: To remove the following statement from the Convention Guidelines (4/88 version, pg. 26):

"5. What about special interests? To what extent should special meetings or activities be provided at the world convention? "NA world conventions are many things to many people, but most NA members would agree that the world convention is primarily a celebration of our shared recovery, a living testimony to our worldwide unity, and a public statement of our common purpose--to help the addict who still suffers. "We believe that NA world conventions are not an appropriate place for special interest

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meetings of Narcotics Anonymous. Unity, however, is something that can always be increased and enhanced. World conventions offer an opportunity for recovering addicts from different backgrounds and lifestyles to learn about each other and, by doing so, break down any remaining barriers between us. The more we know about each other, the more we can help each other. "It is recommended, therefore, that world convention committees be particularly sensitive to the differences in backgrounds of NA members and be careful to select NA speakers who represent a variety of experiences and lifestyles and who carry a message of commonality and unity in recovery."

*Intent: To give the WSC the opportunity to lift existing restrictions prohibiting special interest meetings at NA world conventions. Financial impact: No direct financial impact.*

Motion 13: To approve the booklet, "In Times of Illness" (Addendum 7)

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will place In Times of Illness in the WSO inventory as World Service Conference-approved literature. Financial impact: No direct financial impact.*

Motion 14: To approve "Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts" (Addendum 8).

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will place Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts in the WSO inventory as World Service Conference approved literature. Financial impact: No direct impact.*

Motion 15: To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's "A" work list for the 1992-1993 conference year:

- 1) The steps portion of It Works: How and Why.
- 2) The step writing guides.

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will make these two items the priority projects of the WSCLC.*

*Financial impact: Cost of \$56, 600.*

Motion 16: To adopt the Procedure for Seating of Regions at WSC and the Admissions Panel policy (Addendum 11).

*Intent: To give the WSC a procedure for the seating of regions. Financial impact: Cost of \$2,560.*

Motion 17: To delete certain portions of the statement of purpose contained in the WSC Policy Committee guidelines (TWGSS'91, p. 40) as follows: "The purpose of the Policy Committee is to evaluate suggestions in conference policy or procedure and proposed changes or modifications to the service structure.

*Intent: To update WSC Policy Committee guidelines in light of the creation of the Admissions Panel.*

## REGIONAL SUBMISSIONS

Motion: Carolina Regional Service Committee moves that the WSO be moved to the Carolina Region. If this is not possible, that the WSO BOD explore the possibility of moving the WSO to a location in the Eastern or Southeastern area that would be more cost effective.

*Intent: To lower the overhead of the WSO in an attempt to alleviate the financial crisis the WSO is experiencing. Carolina Region*

Motion: That the WSO Board of Directors establish one standard price for all literature sold to the fellowship.

*Intent: To establish an equitable system for all fellowship purchasers of our literature. Northern New York Region*

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MOTION: That a committee of RSRs be formed to receive all Regional motions and working along with WSC Administrative Committee have them inserted under its proper heading in the Conference Agenda Report.

Intent: To cut down confusion concerning Regional Motions and their validity and order of importance.  
LOUISIANA REGION

Motion: "That the 1993 World Service Conference and all succeeding WSC annual meetings be held during the last week of May with the CAR published 120 days before each WSC. "

Intent: "To extend the length of time available to the Service Structure to review Conference motions and issues. This proposal would extend the window of time for consideration of Conference Agenda Review items to 120 days. This is warranted by the following reasons: Numbered 1-7  
(Regional Intent: After traveling to the ASCs, one fact became clear: ASC participants wished to have more time to review the CAR items. Passage of this motion by our Region would provide the Fellowship with an opportunity to select a 120 day review period, which would aid our Region's Areas.) Iowa Region

MOTION: That the WSC direct the World Service Office to produce and stock Braille literature, specifically- the White Book, Newly Revised .

INTENT: To carry the message of recovery to visually impaired addicts and to meet ongoing demands for Braille literature. Wisconsin Region

MOTION: That WSC create a transition plan that participation at WSC will be based on national/zonal/continental representation; such plan to be included in the Conference Agenda Report '93.

INTENT: To have the fellowship, as a whole, direct the resources of the current WSC to assist the United States regions in the creation of a conference that more equitably represents a world (multi - national) fellowship. Wisconsin Region

MOTION: That the World Convention for Narcotics Anonymous / World Convention Corporation stop supplying free coffee at the World Convention. This action is to take effect before or by WCNA-23 1993.

Intent: To save Narcotics Anonymous \$10,000 to \$40,000 and to help keep the cost of convention registrations down. Chicagoland Region

MOTION: That no changes be made in Narcotics Anonymous literature without the approval of the N.A. Fellowship as voiced through the normal NA literature approval process.

Intent: to prevent any changes in NA literature without Fellowship approval. Chicagoland Region

MOTION: That the WSC adopt guidelines stating that the members of the WSC Board of Trustees have one (1) vote collectively at the WSC expressed through their chairperson or in the absence thereof, their vice-chairperson. All other conference participation privileges will continue to be granted.

INTENT: To acquire and maintain a consistent voting structure throughout the WSC where all voting participants represent a group not an individual conscience. New Jersey Region

MOTION: That the WSC adopt guidelines allowing all members of the WSO Board of Directors a seat on the floor of the WSC. Except for voting, all other conference participation privileges will be granted. They will continue to have one ( 1) vote collectively at the WSC as expressed through their chairperson or in the absence thereof, their vice-chairperson.

INTENT: To give each member of our WSO Board of Directors a voice in the group conscience process on the floor at the WSC. New Jersey Region

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MOTION: That the *World Service Conference* be renamed the *United States National Assembly*, and the *Multi-National Development Forum* be renamed the *World Service Conference*.

INTENT: To properly identify and align our service structure along with the majority of services being offered. New Jersey Region

MOTION: To include the IP #6 "Recovery and Relapse" into the next printing of the Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous .

INTENT: Although not a requirement, relapse is a reality in recovery and this IP brings to light for the newcomer that recovery is always available to them and encourages them to KEEP COMING BACK ! New Jersey Region

MOTION: That the WSC strongly recommends to the WSO Board of Directors to look into the formation of an electronic bulletin board computer system for the expressed use of the Fellowship and reports back with their findings .

INTENT: To look into possible ways copying and distribution costs communication and access to these the fellowship. New Jersey Region

MOTION: To insert in The Group Booklet under the section "How Can Our Groups Solve It's Problems?", page 17, 6th line from the top, after the sentence ending " ... in all our affairs.", the sentence that states, "When we collectively apply the insight received from that spiritual awakening to our group's problems, we call that *group conscience*."

INTENT: This sentence, which appears in the proposed Group Chapter of The Guide to Service, was deleted during the revision to The Group Booklet . Although it is understood differently in different places, obtaining group conscience is the practice by which our second tradition is exercised throughout our Fellowship. Nowhere in The Group Booklet is the term "group conscience" mentioned. To deprive members and newly forming groups of any exposure to this process deprives them of the opportunity to experience the second tradition in action. New Jersey Region

MOTION: That the WSC adopt guidelines stating that only RSRs or in their absence, their alternate will be the voting member at the WSC.

INTENT: That voting at the WSC reflect only the conscience of the Fellowship as a whole and not that of individuals. New Jersey Region

MOTION: "That the WSC LC produce an information pamphlet entitled "Seniors in Recovery".

Intent: To produce an information pamphlet similar to I.P. number 13 entitled "Youth and Recovery", aimed at welcoming seniors into Narcotics Anonymous. ALSASK Region

MOTION: The WSC develop a system, whereby a seated region could adopt a different multinational region and assist in getting the basic necessities of recovery, to include but not limited to, funds for local translation of our literature, items not currently in a group starter kit and any other mechanism to further assist the adopted regions ability to carry the message.

INTENT: To allow our fellowship to be more responsive and responsible to the ever increasing needs of a World Wide fellowship . MID AMERICA REGION

MOTION: That the World Service Conference send back to the Fellowship for consideration the following motion: "That the WSO produce a low-cost version of the Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, 5th Edition utilizing Measures One, Two, Three, Four, and Five detailed in the 1991 WSO "Report Concerning The

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Motion For A Low-Cost Basic Text." Said motion to be included in the 1992/93 Conference Agenda Report, along with the above cited Measures from the WSO 1991 report, for action at WSC 1993.

INTENT: To allow the Fellowship of NA to choose a viable option for the creation of a low-cost Basic Text without jeopardizing WSO services or translation funds. Indiana Region

MOTION: That only RSRs or their duly elected alternate be the voting participants at the World Service Conference.

INTENT: To allow a loving God to express himself only through the spiritual principle of group conscience throughout the entire service structure of NA. Indiana Region

MOTION: That non-voting participants {WSC officers; WSC committee chairpersons; Trustees) may make motions and/or address the conference, provided that said motions are seconded by an RSR or duly elected alternate.

INTENT : To allow the experience, strength and hope of said participants to be a part of the WSC while maintaining the principle of group conscience. Indiana Region

Motion: That the WSC send out a referendum/questionnaire to all registered groups asking the following question: Does your group feel that the Fellowship as a whole is represented at the WSC, and if so, is your group willing to financially support the decisions that are made there?

Intent: The discrepancy between WSC directives during the conference year, and the Fellowship donations, or lack thereof, submitted by the Fellowship to support those directives, raises the fundamental question as to whether or not the Fellowship truly feels it is being represented at the WSC. This motion implies a mass educational process throughout our Fellowship, at all levels of service, yet, we believe, must be answered before any grass-roots support of conference decisions on a financial or spiritual level can be expected.

Additionally, if the conference itself does not truly represent the Fellowship, then a group-wide survey, which would by-pass the world service mechanism, would seem to be essential for an accurate Fellowship wide conscience. Indiana Region

Motion: We move that the WSC adopt a popular vote tally procedure to accurately reflect the true fellowship conscience about issues sensitive to the fellowship.

Intent: To promote the development of a process or voting procedure that can accurately reflect the conscience of the mass general fellowship. Buckeye Region

Motion: We move that the WSC Literature Committee restructure its guidelines to eliminate the use of a "Select Committee".

Intent: The Literature Committee has not directly involved the fellowship's participation. If the "Select Committee" is eliminated, participation must be solicited in order to prepare anything for approval. Buckeye Region

Motion: We move that the WSC Literature Committee return to the practice of conducting "Literature Conferences".

Intent: The use of "Literature Conferences" produced most of the literature enjoyed by the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship. Since this practice was discontinued, literature production has fallen off. Buckeye Region

Motion: We move that the Conference Treasurer produce a financial definition of:

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- A. How many groups or members are represented by each voting participant of the Conference. And...
- B. How much money is spent in services to each country or region from the WSC.

Intent: To quickly determine if the money from the World Service Conference is being spent responsibly and appropriately. Buckeye Region

Motion: We move that the WSC stop funding all travel from foreign countries.

Intent: To spend fellowship money as the fellowship directs. The Conference needs to be accountable to the fellowship it serves. Money donated from this country should be used to provide services in this country. Buckeye Region

Motion: Delete sentence 4, paragraph 1, of page 1 from the IP "For Those In Treatment". (WSO Catalog Item No. 3117)

Intent: The sentence reads: "Treatment can help you start to live life drug-free." Although the statement is probably true in some cases, making a statement about treatment like this could be seen as an affiliation, an endorsement, and/or an opinion; thus possibly violating our Sixth and Tenth Traditions. The pamphlet still reads well without the sentence and by removing the sentence there will not be any possible implied endorsement and/or affiliation with treatment centers. Greater Illinois Region