

# World Service Conference, 1996 Annual Meeting Approved Minutes

**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1996**

The 1996 annual meeting of the World Service Conference was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:15 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened by Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region), reading from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" and followed by a moment of silence for the still-suffering addict and the Serenity Prayer. Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) read the Twelve Traditions. Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced the members of WSC Administrative Committee, the Interim Committee, the conference committee chairs and vice chairs, and the translator. Pete C (WSB Chairperson) introduced the members of the World Service Board of Trustees, Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) introduced the WSO Board of Directors, and George H (WSO Executive Codirector) introduced members of the WSO staff who were present. After some announcements, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) went over the goals for the day.

Roll call #1 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants were present. 69 represents a 2/3 majority; 53 represents a simple majority; and 85 regions were present.

It was M/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) "To approve the WSC Rules of Order which include the election procedures." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

In discussing the conference election procedures, it was M/S/C Simon T (Australian Region)/Jamie E (RSR, Northern New England Region): "That the words 'There will be introductions, but' be replaced with 'There will be no introductions, and.'" MOTION CARRIED BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

It was M/S/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Pedro C (RSR, Portugal Region): "To approve the WSC 1995 minutes, as amended." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

The WSC '95 minutes were amended in the following way: On page 12, paragraph 7, line 4 the record shall indicate that Frank H (RSR-Alternate, Kentuckiana Region) presented the report for the group with the topic: "Right-sizing of Committees" instead of Gary D, (RSR-Alternate, Arizona Region). No objections were voiced.

Participation privileges for the week (with the exception of voting) were extended to the WCC chairperson and vice chairperson with no objections voiced.

It was announced that the chair of the WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee will be recognized to present the committee's report and answer questions regarding the business of the committee. No objections were voiced.

Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice chairperson and RAP chairperson) introduced the members of WSC Recognition Assistance Panel and then announced that there was one request for seating at the conference, from the South Dakota Region.

It was M/S/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson)/Upper Rocky Mountain Region "To seat the South Dakota Region." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Bella A (RSR-A, Australian Region)/Teri B (RSR, Wisconsin Region) Motion #30: "That the Asia-Pacific Forum representative, Hock Kee, be given non-voting participatory rights for the duration of WSC '96." MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED BY STANDING VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region): "With the exception of motion making or seconding motions." AMENDMENT ACCEPTED, with no objections voiced.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region)/Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region) Motion #52: "That the representative from the Asia-Pacific Forum be allowed to participate in all discussions of the Resolution Group proposals at WSC'96." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The chairperson announced that voting on this motion would take a 2/3 majority. Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) appealed the decision of the chair. Decision of the chair was UPHeld BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting recessed for lunch until 12:05 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the meeting at 1:36 p.m. He gave an overview of the afternoon's agenda. Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) began the presentation for the Resolution Group. He introduced Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) and Mary Kay B who presented an historical overview of the inventory process including all events leading to WSC'96.

Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) acknowledged the help of the members invited to various meetings of the Resolution Group. He then introduced the members of the Resolution Group. Present were: Danette B, Ron H, and Jeff S. Walter J (Resolution Group member) and Bob F (Resolution Group member) were unable to attend the conference. Each member present gave a brief overview of their experience serving on the Resolution Group.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:57 p.m.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) reconvened the conference at 3:20 p.m. and opened up the question and answer session for the Resolution Group. The questions ranged from the content of the individual resolutions presented to the process utilized to arrive at the resolutions.

It was M/S/F Waunell D (RSR-A, Best Little Region)/Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region): "To change the orders of the day and go into an old business session." MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced the locations for the various committee and board meetings.

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 p.m. for conference committee and board meetings.

## **MONDAY, MAY 27, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:15 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts.*" Paul H (WSC Treasurer) read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service. Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll call #2 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 102 participants were present. 68 represents a 2/3 majority; 52 represents a simple majority; and 83 regions were present.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) then reviewed the agenda for the day. After making various announcements, he asked Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) and other members of the Resolution Group to continue to respond to questions and/or concerns from conference participants regarding the proposals the Resolution Group forwarded.

It was M/S/F Rick W (RSR, Mountaineer Region)/Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians): "To suspend the rules so that the orders of the day can be changed for the purpose of entering old business and dealing with the resolutions." MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

It was M/S/F Tobias S (RSR, Sweden Region)/Joao V (RSR, Brazil Region): "To change the orders of the day for the purpose of starting a business session." MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE.

Roll call #3 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) present a total of 101 participants present. 67 represents a 2/3 majority; 52 represents a simple majority; and 84 regions are present.

The conference then moved into committee and board reports. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) presented a report to the conference and answered questions regarding the work of the WSC Administrative Committee.

Scott A (WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee) introduced the members of the ad hoc who were present. He then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee and answered questions from the participants.

Laura J (WSC H&I Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC H&I Committee. She then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSC H&I Committee and answered questions from the participants.

Jane N (WSC Literature Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Literature Committee. She then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSC Literature Committee and answered questions from the participants.

Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Policy Committee present and noted the members not in attendance. He then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSC Policy Committee and answered questions from the participants.

Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC PI Committee and noted members not in attendance. He then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSC PI Committee and answered questions from participants.

Bob M. (World Services Translations Acting Chairperson) introduced the members of the World Services Translations Committee. He then gave a report to the conference regarding activities of the World Services Translations Committee and answered questions from participants.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:05 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity

Prayer. Catherine H, (RSR, Aotearoa/New Zealand Region) read "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*," Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region), read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service, and Nick K (RSR-A, New England Region) read the Twelve Traditions.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reviewed the goals for the day.

Roll call #4 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants were present. 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions were present.

Pete C (WSB Chairperson) introduced the WSB Steering Committee and the other members of the World Service Board of Trustees. Each trustee subcommittee chairperson gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the trustee subcommittees this past year and then answered questions from the participants. The following topics were discussed: Development Forum, Motion #4 (group tally and timeline), Public Relations Work Plan, outreach handbook, bulletins, the additional needs handbook, and Motion #41 (WSB being a separate entity outside the world board-Resolution A).

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:52 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:37 p.m. and the question and answer session for the World Service Board of Trustees was concluded.

Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSO Board of Directors in attendance and noted the members not in attendance. He then gave a report to the conference regarding the activities of the WSO Board and answered questions from the participants. The following topics were discussed: an information pamphlet from Hazelden regarding Narcotics Anonymous, financial statement clarifications (balance sheet vs. income statement, operating expenses, computer software expense, etc.), *The NA Way Magazine*, translation of service related material, financial impacts of various conference motions, tape review, sales policy, WSO-Europe, literature sales, the WSO Home Page, issue of a low cost Basic Text in reference to discounts, WSO database, *Newsline*, strategic business planning and the management structure of WSO, accounts receivable, and other related information.

Mitchell S (WSO Board member) and Mario T (WSO Board member) then answered questions from conference participants regarding the WSO Business Plan and the discussions the board has had regarding the WSO sales policy.

Cary S (World Convention Corporation Chairperson) introduced the members of the WCC and noted the members not in attendance. He then gave a report to the conference and answered questions from the participants. Some of the topics covered included the two-year rotation plan, convention-related expenses, the WCC annual report, the Unity Day celebration at the convention, and the previous year's convention.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 6:20 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. James J (2nd RSR-A, Wisconsin Region), read a letter from the Wisconsin Region to the WSO regarding possible inaccuracies in the WSO database. It was requested that the letter from the Wisconsin Region as well as the response from the WSO be included as a part of the official record of WSC'96 (see addendum). At this point, the conference thanked Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) for his years of service to the WSO board.

Tim B (Interim Committee Chair) introduced the members of the Interim Committee, after which the Interim Committee answered questions from conference participants about their activities. Questions included an explanation of the various abbreviations used in

reports, the conference-related mailing schedule, various decisions made during the previous conference year, translations on the priority list this past year and next year, role of WSO executive management on issues other than travel, reading level of *CAR*, funding of regions to Latin American Zonal Forum--and whether this can be done with other zonal forums, distribution of world service trip reports, request for specific travelers to fellowship events, inaccuracies in the listing of regional donations, funding criteria to local workshops, issue of funding or partially-funding regions to the WSC, and the process Interim used to make decisions.

The conference then moved into the old business session.

Roll call #5 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 107 participants were present. 71 represents a 2/3 majority; 55 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions were present.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) informed the participants that the resolutions would require a 2/3 majority vote to pass. He then opened the floor for old business.

It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Motion #1: "To adopt the following vision statement for NA World Services, subject to review and/or revision by future World Service Conferences:

#### NA WORLD SERVICES VISION STATEMENT

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- NA communities worldwide and NA world services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Sandi S (RSR, South Florida)/Dennis R (RSR, Northern New Jersey), Motion #31: "To amend motion #1 to state: "To adopt the (proposed) vision statement for NA World Services, subject to review and/or revision through the *Conference Agenda Report*." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region), Motion #68: "Insert the following into the first bullet of the NA World Service Vision Statement; 'with respect for and in celebration of individual differences.' Thusly, reading with insertion; every addict in the world with respect for and in celebration of individual differences" has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life." Following an objection by Vinnie F (RSR-A, Northern New York Region), the chairperson ruled the AMENDMENT OUT OF ORDER.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Tobias S (RSR, Sweden Region)/Royletta A (RSR, Indiana Region), Motion #64: "Amend Motion #1: To delete 'NA communities worldwide' through end." AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F John A (RSR, Ohio Region)/Thomas D (RSR, German Speaking Region), Motion #32: "To amend motion #1 as follows: 'To remove the last sentence, 'In all our service efforts we rely upon the guidance of a loving higher power.' and to substitute the original wording of the resolution group, '...we pray that a loving Higher Power will guide us.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson), Motion #2: "To adopt the following mission statement for the World Service Conference of NA, subject to review and/or revision by future World Service Conferences:

#### WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE MISSION STATEMENT

The World Service Conference brings all elements of NA world services together to further the common welfare of NA. The WSC's mission is to unify NA worldwide by providing an event at which:

- Participants propose and gain fellowship consensus on initiatives which further the NA world services vision;
- The fellowship, through an exchange of experience, strength, and hope, collectively expresses itself on matters affecting Narcotics Anonymous as a whole;
- NA groups have a mechanism to guide and direct the activities of NA world services;
- Participants ensure that the various elements of NA world services are ultimately responsible to the groups they serve;
- Participants are inspired with the joy of selfless service, and the knowledge that our efforts make a difference.

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Bob L (RSR, Freestate Region)/Debra W (RSR, California Inland Region) "To call the question on Resolutions A-G."

Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) objected to consideration of calling the question. OBJECTION CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE.

It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution A: "To approve *in principle* a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:

1. to reduce the total number of representatives;
2. to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and,
3. to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process".

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #1 (see addendum), resulting in YES-66; NO-17; and ABSTENTIONS-0, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region)/Mark F (RSR, Iowa Region), Motion #59: "Amends Resolution A: 'To approve in principle a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:

1. to reduce the total number of "USA" representatives, "which will"
2. provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and,
3. "will" encourage a consensus-based decision-making process."

AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Bob L (RSR, Southern California Region)/Jamie E (RSR, Northern New England Region) Motion #66: "The Southern California Region moves that the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, within the geo-political boundaries of the United States of America, form a National Service Conference to be called *The United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous (USSCNA)*." MOTION WITHDRAWN, after the following:

It was M/S/C Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/Pedro C (RSR, Portugal Region) "To object to consideration of the motion." MOTION TO OBJECT CARRIED, after the following:

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) explained his rationale to allow Motion #66 to come to the floor at this time. Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region) appealed the decision of the chair. The decision of the Chair was overturned.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 10:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:05 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Hamish A (RSR-A, Aotearoa New Zealand Region) read "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts.*" Barbara, (RSR-2nd Alternate, Volunteer Region) read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service. Terry, (RSR, Carolina Region) read the Twelve Traditions.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) made some announcements and reviewed the goals for the day.

A list of nominations as well as the service resumes were handed out while Paul H (WSC Treasurer) conducted Roll Call #6 of voting participants showing (see addendum) a total of 107 participants were present. 71 represents a 2/3 majority; 55 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions were present.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) explained the procedure for a roll call vote. It was M/S/C Sandi S (RSR, South Florida) /Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region): "That each resolution be decided by a roll call vote." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution B: "To approve *in principle* the adoption of a World Board, replacing the current World Service Board of Trustees, WSO Board of Directors, and the WSC Administrative Committee." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #2 (see addendum), resulting in YES-74; NO 11; and ABSTENTIONS-1, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Cary S (World Convention Corporation Chairperson) Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) Motion #51: "Insert, 'WCC Board of Directors' in resolution B." AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Simon T (RSR, Australian Region)/John P (RSR, Greater New York Region) Motion #41: "That Resolution B be amended to remove the words 'World Service Board of Trustees.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Simon T (RSR, Australia Region)/John P (RSR, Greater New York Region). Motion #75: "To add the following to the end of Resolution B. 'Further that within the consolidated world board, there be a specific group whose purpose fulfills the role and function as originally defined for the WSB (i.e., an objective, non-administrative, non-task orientated group) who remain guardians of the traditions and ensure the spiritual nature of the checks and balances they provide.'" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE.

It was M/W Steve D (RSR, Tejas Bluebonnet) "To refer to Transition Group." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Dana G (RSR-A, Georgia)/Teri B (RSR, Wisconsin Region): "To remove the section in parentheses in the amended resolution, specifically the words 'i.e., an objective non-administrative, non-task oriented group.'" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/W Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region): "To replace the words 'spiritual nature' with the word 'retention.'" AMENDMENT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) asked to address the body regarding the process. The RSR from Ireland objected, and the chair then ruled the original request OUT OF ORDER. The RSR from the Show Me Region appealed the decision of the chair, and conference participants supported the original request. Jeff B reminded the conference that the resolutions were to provide general direction rather than specific mandates for the next group, and that perhaps the conference was becoming a bit too specific in its amendments to the resolutions. He also suggested that such amendments be offered to the Transition Group for their discussions.

Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region) asked that the amendments to the various resolutions be ruled OUT OF ORDER, considering previously stated rulings from the chair. After some discussion, it was M/S/F Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/Rick G (RSR, Northeast Atlantic Region) "To reconsider all previous amendments to Resolution B." MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE.

It was M/S/C Shelly S (RSR, Mountain Valley Region)/Delphine G (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac): "To vote on resolution C through G as written in the CAR with all amendments to be committed to the next group." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution C: "The Resolution Group is unanimous in its belief that the standing committee structure should be eliminated. However, due to some input received at the world services meeting in Manhattan Beach, we feel compelled to present the following two alternatives:

C1: To approve *in principle* the elimination of standing committees.

Option C1 FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #3 (see addendum), YES-33; NO-52; ABSTENTIONS-2.

C2: To approve *in principle* a significantly downsized standing committee structure responsible to the World Board."

The conference APPROVED OPTION C2 BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #4 (see addendum), YES-66; NO-18; and ABSTENTIONS-3.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:21 p.m., and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) requested a point of personal privilege for the purpose of clarifying any misconception created by his comments during the Interim Committee report on the previous day. Tim apologized for his comments being misleading and ambiguous, and for leaving participants with a wrong impression regarding the complete process utilized for obtaining names for the Resolution Group and names for a slate for the Transition Group. He went on to explain that names were submitted, ranked, the list narrowed down to 75, and then narrowed further. Everybody (including the WSO Executive Codirectors) participated in the narrowing down process. When the final group was chosen, a slate was picked by the entire Interim Committee (including the WSO Executive Codirectors), and the slate was then approved by WSC. Other members of the Interim Committee as well as executive management of the WSO responded to additional questions.



It was M/F James M (RSR, Ireland Region) "To move to open a business session for the purpose of hearing motions about the Interim Committee processes." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Simon T (RSR, Australian Region) requested a straw poll to provide the Interim Committee with a vote of confidence for the current processes utilized by the Interim Committee. The RSR from the Western New York Region, and others, objected to the straw poll and no poll was taken.

It was M/C Dee S (RSR, Nebraska Region) "Called for orders of the day." Hearing no objections, the conference returned to the old business session.

It was M/F Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution D: "To approve in principle the adoption of an ad hoc committee structure responsible to the World Board." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #5 (see addendum), YES-53; NO-32; and ABSTENTIONS-3.

It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution E: "To approve in principle the adoption of a unified budget encompassing all world service funds." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #6 (see addendum), YES-73; NO-11; and ABSTENTIONS-4.

It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution F: "To approve in principle the adoption of a World Pool of experienced trusted servants as a resource to world service projects and initiatives." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #7 (see addendum), YES-73; NO-12; and ABSTENTIONS-1.

It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution G: "To approve in principle the adoption of a Human Resources Panel as a means by which the WSC may choose trusted servants based on the willingness to serve, experience, and knowledge." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #8 (see addendum), YES-71; NO-13; and ABSTENTIONS-2.

It was M/F World Service Board of Trustees, Motion #3: "Should the NA groups consider a proposal to eliminate gender specificity in NA's Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?" MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE, after the following;

It was M/S/W Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region)/Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians): "To call the question." The chair ruled the motion to end debate OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/F Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region)/Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region): "To have this motion pass by a minimum of a 2/3 majority vote." MOTION FAILED BY STANDING VOTE.

It was M/S/F John A (RSR, Ohio Region)/Rick F (RSR-A, Tri-State Region): "To have a roll call vote." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees, Motion #4: "To adopt the following as WSC policy: Any WSC proposal or action to change NA's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, name, nature, or purpose should be approved directly by the groups through a group tally process, administered according to the following guidelines:

- A sufficient registration period will be held to allow all groups who choose to participate to register for the tally with the WSO.
- At the close of the registration period, the WSO will announce the total number of registrations to all WSC participants.
- Numbered ballots requesting a yes, no, or abstention response will be mailed to each registered group with addressed envelopes. The groups will be provided sufficient

time to return their ballots. The WSC may recommend the utilization of an outside resource to receive and count the ballots.

- In order for the tally to be valid, 75% of the groups who registered in the above named period must participate by responding.
- For each decision to pass, 75% of the groups who respond must vote in the affirmative.
- Ballot results will be reported to the fellowship.
- If the group tally affirms the decision(s), a motion will be placed in the next CAR for RSR affirmation per the FIPT.”

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians)/Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region) Motion #55: “To include the Twelve Concepts for NA Service in Motion #4 from the World Service Board of Trustees.” AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Stefania P (RSR, Italy Region)/Adam W (RSR, Quebec Region) Motion #40: “To delete bullet #1 of Motion 4 and replace with the following: ‘A registration period, sufficient for non English speaking fellowships to translate proposals or actions (by local translation committee or WSO) will be held to allow all groups who choose to participate, to register for the tally with WSO’” AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/W Frank W (RSR, Northern New York Region) “To divide the question (Motion #4) from ‘Any...process.’ with the guidelines being a separate motion.” MOTION TO DIVIDE DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Robert P (RSR, Mid-Atlantic Region)/Steve D (RSR, Tejas Bluebonnet Region) “To reconsider Motion #55.” MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Simon T (RSR, Australian Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) “To change the wording from ‘75%’ to ‘67%’ wherever it appears in Motion #4.” AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) Motion #5: “That Addendum 2, pg. 29, 1995 TWGSS, ‘NA Audio Tape Review’ be removed.” MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) Motion #6: “To strike the sentence, ‘As a sideline to literature, the WSO offers reel-to-reel and cassette tape recordings of important NA functions, personal ‘itches,’ typical meetings, and discussions on various topics.’” (1995 TWGSS, p. 9). MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Cary S (World Convention Corporation Chairperson) Motion #7: “To approve Addendum 1, ‘WCC Internal Guidelines.’” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Laura J (WSC H&I Chairperson) Motion #8: “To approve revisions to the Hospitals & Institutions Handbook as shown in the following addenda:

2-A: Minor changes to existing chapters.

2-B: New chapter, ‘Forensic and Psychiatric Units.’

2-C: Revised section, ‘Learning Days.’

2-D: Revised section, ‘Preparations for Learning Days.’”

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians)/Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region) Motion #54: To amend motion #8: "To amend addendum 2, page 58-- 'close with prayer of your choice,' to 'close with Serenity Prayer.'" AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians)/Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region) Motion #53: To amend motion #8: "To delete the section in addenda 2, pg. 52 of the *CAR* titled *Psychiatric Hospitals*, and insert in the section of *H&I Handbook* on treatment centers. To delete the section in addenda 2, pg. 53 on Forensics units, and to insert in the section of the *H&I Handbook* on Corrections." AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jane N (WSC Literature Chairperson) Motion #9: "To approve *Hospitals and Institutions Service and the NA Member* (Addendum 3), a revision of *Hospitals and Institutions and the NA Member*." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jane N (WSC Literature Chairperson) Motion #10: "To approve the WSCLC's "A" worklist for the 1996-97 conference year:

- 1) Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides
- 2) Sponsorship booklet"

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F John A (RSR-A, Ohio Region)/Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region) Motion #33: "That the literature committee be adequately funded, so that it may accomplish its work on the "A" List during the '97 conference year." AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER by the Chairperson, to be taken up at a later time, specifically during budget discussions.

It was M/C Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson), Motion #11: To approve the WSC PI Committee workplan proposal to revise the *Guide to PI* and *Guide to Phoneline Service* handbooks. MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) Motion #12: "That the handbook, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*, be released for approval following the 1996 World Service Conference. The handbook will come up for conference action at WSC'97." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/R Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region)/Jamie R (RSR, Northern New England Region) Motion #50: "To add the amendment titled Area Service Conference to the current approval draft of *A Guide to Local Service in NA*." AMENDMENT COMMITTED to World Service Board of Trustees.

Roll call #7 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 103 participants were present. 69 represents a 2/3 majority; 53 represents a simple majority; and 85 regions were present.

It was M/S/W Sylvia Catherine B (RSR, Ontario Region)/George C (RSR-A, Chesapeake/Potomac Region), Motion #13: "That the WSO make available to the fellowship Book One of the Basic Text in English in the same format and at the same price as the French and Spanish language versions." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER, after the following:

Sylvia Catherine B (RSR, Ontario Region) requested to read a two-page intent which was included in the March *Conference Report*. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled the request OUT OF ORDER as he thought it was excessive. Decision of the Chair was UPHeld BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region) objected to consideration of the motion due to the existing moratorium on any changes to the Basic Text which will not expire until 1998.

The chair requested the opinion of the WSCLC as well as the WSTC about this issue. Both committees indicated that they consider the Basic Text to be one book composed of two sections (also called books). The Chair then ruled motion #13 OUT OF ORDER due to the moratorium. Sylvia Catherine B (RSR, Ontario Region) appealed the decision of the chair. Decision of the Chair was UPHeld BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) requested that it be noted in the minutes that all RSRs from Canada voted to overrule the chair's decision.

It was M/S/W Donna R (RSR, Show-Me Region)/Thomas D (RSR-A, German Speaking Region) Motion #14: "That recognized regions whose primary language is not English be allowed to translate, publish, and distribute approved NA literature promptly after WSTC approval." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled the motion OUT OF ORDER, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W Wade A (RSR, San Diego/Imperial Region)/Jamie E (RSR, Northern New England Region): "Add 'of the translated material' after 'promptly after WSTC approval.'"

Bud K (WSB) objected to consideration of the motion and amendment. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled Motion #14 OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/F Wade A (RSR, San Diego/Imperial Region)/John P (RSR, Greater New York Region): "To appeal the decision of the chair." Decision of the chair was UPHeld BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Bob McK (World Service Board of Trustees)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region): "To appeal the decision of the chair." Decision of the chair was UPHeld BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Debra W (RSR, California Inland Region)/David P (RSR, Louisiana Region) Motion #15: "To make the Ad Hoc Outreach Committee of the World Service Conference into a standing Outreach Committee of the World Service Conference." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F John R (RSR, Alabama/Northwest Florida Region)/Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region): "To call for a roll call vote." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) Motion #16: "All motions submitted to be placed in the *Conference Agenda Report* that attempt to change, amend or delete WSC Policies, shall include those policies, or sections of those policies, it attempts to amend. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide this information along with the motion." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) Motion #17: "On motions committed to the *Conference Agenda Report* which have been discussed at the previous conference, the WSC Administrative Committee will include a pro and con with each motion." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION: It was M/S/F Mark P (RSR, Central California)/Donna R (RSR, Show-Me) Motion #46: "That in addition to the intent of motions in the *Conference Agenda Report*, the maker will provide a pro statement to be included in the CAR. A con statement will be provided for by the conference administration." AMENDMENT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region) requested that Motion #17 be sent out to the fellowship in the 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*. The chair ruled the request OUT OF ORDER due to motion having been in 1996 CAR.

It was M/S/F Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Diana S (RSR, Buckeye Region) Motion #18: "That the trustees write a position paper on the use of antidepressants in recovery." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Diana S (RSR, Buckeye Region)/Susanne E (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho Region) Motion #63: "That the trustees write a position paper on the use of psychotropics in recovery." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/W David P (RSR, Louisiana Region): Motion #19: "To make the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee a standing committee of the World Service Conference." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) Ruled Motion #19 OUT OF ORDER due to previous conference action.

It was M/W Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region) Motion #20: "To make *The NA Way* a special periodical with conference-approved status." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/R Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region) Motion #21: "To create a book using selected articles from the first ten years of *The NA Way*." MOTION REFERRED TO WSCLC as follows:

It was M/S/C Pedro C (RSR, Portugal Region)/Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region) "To commit to WSCLC." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE.

It was M/F Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region) Motion #22: "That the WSO create a new inventory item, the Introductory Basic Text. The Introductory Basic Text would consist of all of Book One of our current text. This would not affect the moratorium on our current text. It would be a new inventory item." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled Motion #22 OUT OF ORDER due to the previous WSC decision about any changes that would effect the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text.

It was M/S/F Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region) Motion #23: "That the WSC install a ten-year moratorium on changes to the steps and traditions as currently written." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F J C (RSR, Connecticut Region)/Jamie E (RSR, Northern New England Region) Motion #24: "That WSC set up an ad hoc committee to share experience, strength, and hope with sponsorship of incarcerated addicts. The committee can give direction as well as help coordinate input from all regions." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/W Sylvia Catherine B (RSR, Ontario Region): "To refer Motion #24 to the Transition Group." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Steve D (RSR, Tejas Bluebonnet Region)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region) Motion #25: "To consider at WSC '96 directing the WSO to create an additional text on lower quality paper, cheaper binding, or any other available method, including omitting the personal stories if it is the only way to accomplish this." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/David C (RSR-A, British Columbia Region): "To move to commit Motion #25 to the WSO Board of Directors." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:16 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mitch P (RSR-A, Indiana Region) read *"Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts"*. David G (RSR, Sierra Sage Region) read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service. Royletta L (RSR, Indiana Region) read the Twelve Traditions.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reviewed the goals for the day, indicating that the first item of business for the day will be WSC elections. Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) then explained the WSC election procedures to the conference participants and answered some questions regarding the single transfer vote system.

Roll call # 8 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 107 participants were present. 71 represents a 2/3 majority; 55 represents a simple majority; and 88 regions were present. As roll call was called, election ballots were distributed. The marked ballots were then picked up by roll call process as well.

Pete C (WSB Chairperson) asked the participants to allow Bob M. (WSB) to address the conference as he is completing his five-year term as trustee. Bob M. spoke of his experience serving the conference and the fellowship as a trustee and thanked the participants for their support and trust.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) opened the budget presentation session for the '96-'97 conference year. He began by informing the conference of the current level of donations as well as the current level of expenses for the '95-'96 conference year. In reviewing the proposed '96-'97 conference budget, he pointed out various items within each budget category. This was followed by a question and answer session with conference participants. Some of the topics included various line items, the Transition Group expenses, the expenses associated with fellowship development trips, conference committee and board work, the conference fiscal year, the relationship between world services and local fellowships regarding service delivery, as well as projected increases in conference income, various ways of utilizing conference funds to serve the needs of the fellowship, the function of the board and committee liaisons, the expenses associated with the WSC Development Forum, expenses associated with the publications and translations line item, human resource issues, and earmarked funds from local fellowships.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) then announced the agenda for the balance of the day and gave the results for the 1996 WSC elections:

WSC Chairperson—Michael M  
WSC Vice-chairperson—Ron S  
WSC 2nd Vice-chairperson—Jon T  
WSC Treasurer—Paul H  
WSC Policy Committee Chairperson—Mary C-V  
WSC Policy Committee Vice-chairperson—Lib E  
WSC Literature Committee Chairperson—Jorge B  
WSC Literature Committee Vice-chairperson—India T  
WSC H&I Committee Chairperson—Mike C  
WSC H&I Committee Vice-chairperson—Craig R  
WSC PI Committee Chairperson—Tony W  
WSC PI Committee Vice-chairperson—Erik R

World Convention Corporation—Donald G  
WSO Board of Directors—Laura J, Jane N, Cary S  
WSO Board of Directors Pool—Claudio L, Bob F, Nick K, Tom. L  
World Service Board of Trustees—Mary Kay B, Pete C, Stu T, Larry R  
WSC Policy Committee members—Roy J, Barb P, Sandi S, Dee S, Richard S  
WSC Literature Committee members—Stuart B, Jim B, Eddie M, Donna W, Emma W.  
NA Way Associate Editor—Mary F

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) and Stu T. (WSB Vice Chairperson) gave a report about the Transition Group plan and the resolution process. They gave an overview of the actions of the Interim Committee in the development of the plan mailed to participants prior to the conference. They also informed the conference of the criteria they were using to screen the nominees for the Transition Group. The discussion then switched to the nominees to be presented by the Interim Committee, after which they responded to questions from the participants. Some of the questions centered around the proposed membership of the Transition Group, the criteria for membership, the selection process, the relationship between the Transition Group and the Interim Committee, whether or not there would be an RSR-review panel attached to the group, as well as non-US participation on the Transition Group.

It was M/S/C Mitch P (RSR-A, Indiana Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada): "To go into a business session to make a decision about the selection process for the Transition Group." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Mitch P (RSR-A, Indiana Region)/Teri B (RSR, Wisconsin Region): "To give a vote of confidence to the Interim Committee to continue to utilize the process for the selection of the nominees to the Transition Group." MOTION CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE (YES-63; NO-22; ABSTAIN-3) after the following:

It was M/S/W Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey)/Bob L (RSR, Freestate Region): "To call the question on the previous motion." Rick W (RSR, Mountaineer Region)/Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region) objected to ending debate on the previous motion. The chair determined that the motion "to call the question" may have been made to stifle debate and as a result, RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/F Phillip C (RSR-A, Region of the Virginias)/Gailla R (RSR, Volunteer Region): "To expand this business session to allow for a substitute motion." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Frank W (RSR, Northern New York Region): "To request a roll call in order to have a roll-call vote." The chair ruled the motion OUT OF ORDER. The RSR from South Florida Region appealed the decision of the chair. The chair's decision was UPHeld BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was recessed at 4:40 p.m. for committee and board meetings.

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:05 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Ricardo S (RSR, Ecuador Region) read "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*," Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region) read the Twelve

Traditions, and the James M (RSR, Ireland Region) read the Twelve Concepts for NA Service.

Bob L (RSR, Southern California Region) asked for a point of personal privilege to state his dismay and embarrassment regarding a "package" that was passed out to conference participants from the Advanced Recovery Group of the South Coast Area within his region.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) acknowledged the efforts of Scott A during his tenure as the leader of the WSC Outreach Ad Hoc Committee. Scott A then addressed the conference and thanked the committee members and others who supported the work of the ad hoc.

The conference moved into the issues discussion portion of the meeting. The first topic was "Cultural Diversity and Our First Tradition." Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region), Muhammad A (WSCLC member), and Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) presented their issue papers which were published with the *March Conference Report*. The panel members then responded to questions and suggestions from conference participants. One of the suggestions given was to have a welcoming committee at future conferences to greet the newcomer to the conference, especially the non-English speaking members.

The next issue being presented and discussed was "Group Conscience." Presenters included Fred B (WSC PI Committee member), Carl D (RSR-A, Michigan Region), Steve D (RSR, Tejas-Bluebonnet Region), Denver W (WSC Policy Committee member), and Jane N (WSCLC Chairperson). The panel members then responded to questions and suggestions from conference participants. Several participants suggested beginning future conferences with issue discussions before beginning the business session to set the tone and allow participants to get to know each other somewhat better before the start of business sessions. Some participants took the opportunity to express their disappointment at the relatively small number of conference participants present for the issues discussions. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) expressed his dismay at the noticeable absence of many RSRs and world service trusted servants to even hear the discussion about the one issue that has torn the conference apart for many years. It was noted that "leading without listening" sets a poor example.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:50 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the conference at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) asked conference participants to list any issues they wished to be discussed at next year's conference during the day. The topics will be ranked, with the top two being issues for discussion at next year's conference.

Roll call #9 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants were present. 69 represents a 2/3 majority; 53 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions were present.

It was M/C Interim Committee: "To approve the Transition Group Plan as presented."  
MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The Interim Committee presented the following list of names for membership on the Transition Group. Core members: Saul A, Tim B, Susan B, Pete C, Rose C, David J, Bob J, Shannon L, and Jane N. First Alternate: Matt S; Second Alternate: Adam W.

Working Group Nominees: Sylvia Catherine B, Simon T, Dean W, Mitchell S, Donna M; Mary C-V, Susan C, Mary Kay B, Stu T, Greg P, Mario T, Bob L, Joe P, Janis E, Tony W, Garth P, Paul H, Fred B, Larry R, Bob B, Donald G, and Jon T.



James M (RSR, Ireland Region) requested a point of personal privilege and asked that it be reflected in the official record of the conference that he feels that his region and his region's conscience is not being respected and, as a result, he feels that he has no choice but to leave the conference floor. (The roll call listed above includes this action)

It was M/S/C Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region)/Craig S (RSR, Pacific Cascade Region): "To accept the nine core members, two alternates, and twenty-two working group members and amend the Transition Group Plan to read 'up to nine core group members' as presented by Interim." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #9 (see addendum), resulting in YES-69 NO-11; and ABSTENTIONS-10, after the following:

It was M/S/C Mark R (RSR, Central California)/David P (RSR, Louisiana Region): "To extend debate." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) opened up the budget-approval session. The revised budget was presented and discussed.

It was M/S/C Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/Randy K (RSR-A, Ontario Region): "To approve the budget as presented." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/R Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region)/Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region), Motion #61: "That the WSCLC take the issue discussion papers titled- *Racial and Cultural Diversity and Our First Tradition* as input and create an IP on this subject." MOTION REFERRED TO WSCLC.

It was M/S/C Pedro C (RSR, Portugal Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region): "To commit to the WSCLC." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Mario T (WSO Board of Directors)/Mitchell S (WSO Board of Directors), Motion #67: "That the World Service Conference elect a single board of 20 people and a pool of 5 people, from the existing World Services Leadership, for conference year '96-97. They will report back to WSC '97 with future structural proposals. This board will serve for one year."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/W Mario T (WSO Board of Directors)/Mitchell S (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #105: "To direct the Transition Group to present a proposal to implement Resolution B immediately following the close of WSC'97. The proposal if approved will replace all appropriate sections of the TWGSS." SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED due to the following objection to consideration:

Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region) objected to the consideration of the motion (#67) and the substitute motion. MOTION TO OBJECT CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

The chair ruled the objection from the Georgia RSR OUT OF ORDER. Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/Frank W (RSR Northern New York Region) appealed the decision of the chair on the grounds of previous WSC decision about forwarding such motions to the Transition Group for consideration. The chair's decision was OVERTURNED.

It was M/S/F Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region) Motion #68: "Insert the following into the first bullet of the NA World Service Vision Statement; 'with respect for and in celebration of individual differences.' Thusly, reading with insertion; every addict in the world with respect for and in celebration of individual differences has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled the motion OUT OF ORDER due to the wording of the Motion #1 passed in old business which stated that the vision statement can only be changed through the *Conference Agenda Report* process.

It was M/S/F Joao V (RSR, Brazil Region)/Michel G (RSR, France Region) Motion #83: "To distribute the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* no less than 5 months prior to the WSC '97." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/R Susanne E (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho Region)/Juan C (RSR, Rio Grande Region) Motion #62: "That the WSC appoint an ad hoc committee to draft an activities handbook to be distributed to the fellowship when approved." MOTION REFERRED TO WCC.

It was M/S/C Bud K (World Service Board of Trustees)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit to WCC." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region): "To add the language to report by WSC '97." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Mario T (WSO Board of Directors) asked for redress under the Tenth Concept. He believed that, due to some of the discussion about Motion #105, participants had a misconception about the nature or process implied by the motion and voted against it as a result. The chair requested that Mario and he discuss the matter later in the evening and if Mario still wished to be heard under the Tenth Concept, it would be possible the following day.

It was M/S/R Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region)/Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region) Motion #34: "That the cost of publication of the *NA Way Magazine* be reduced by dispensing with the graphic designs and the high quality paper used on the front and back cover - and that the subscription cost be increased 75%." MOTION REFERRED TO THE WSO BOARD, as follows:

It was M/S/C Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Vinnie F (RSR-A, Northern New York Region): "To commit to WSO Board as input." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/R Mark P (RSR, Central California Region)/Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region) Motion #49: "To continue the publication and distribution of the *NA Way Magazine*." MOTION REFERRED TO THE WSO BOARD as follows:

It was M/S/C Sylvia Catherine B (RSR, Ontario Region)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit to WSO Board." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/R Barb P (RSR, Minnesota Region)/Mark P (RSR, Central California Region) Motion #95: "That the WSO continue publication of the *NA Way* with the provisions that:  
1) The price be raised.  
2) Subscription drives utilizing the current subscriber list be undertaken."  
MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It was M/S/C Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit all motions pertaining to *The NA Way Magazine* to the WSO Board of Directors." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) requested that the following statement be included in the official record of the conference: "That the will of the conference, specifically that *The NA Way Magazine* continue until at least WSC'97, has been heard by the WSO Board of Directors. Also, that the WSO Board of Directors understand and recognize that in order

to stop publication of *The NA Way Magazine* that formal notice through the *Conference Agenda Report* is required.”

The meeting was recessed at 6:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1995-96, at 9:15 a.m. in Greensboro, NC, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Laura F-K (RSR, Puerto Rico Region) read "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*" and Susan C (WSO Board of Directors) read Twelve Concepts for NA Service.

Pete C (WSB Chairperson) requested a point of personal privilege to ask that the regional report from the Mississippi Region be read to conference participants and that the letter be included in the WSC'96 minutes (see addendum). Michael M (WSC Chairperson) then read the letter and noted that it will be included with the minutes.

Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region) asked for a point of personal privilege to address the conference. He thanked the conference for welcoming him and talked about what it has meant to him to be an RSR at the WSC.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reviewed the goals of the day. He then thanked the WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee for their service to the conference and their efforts to make the fellowship aware of the need for outreach.

Roll call #10 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 104 participants were present. 69 represents a 2/3 majority; 53 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions were present.

It was M/S/C Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region), Motion #69: "To change 'which' to 'that' in the first bullet of the Mission Statement; Thusly, "Participants propose and gain fellowship consensus on initiatives that further the NA world services vision." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) asked if the conference would have any objection to making this change. No objections were voiced thus, the change will be made.

Bob L (RSR, Southern California Region) requested that Motion #66 (*It was M/S Bob L (RSR, Southern California Region)/Jamie R (RSR, Northern New England Region): "The Southern California Region moves that the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, within the geo-political boundaries of the United States of America, form a National Service Conference to be called The United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous--USSCNA.)* which has been discussed through e-mail fairly extensively by some conference participants be REFERRED to the Transition Group. No objections were voiced.

Following up on the previous day's request for a redress, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) allowed Mario T. to bring Motion #105 to the floor for discussion. (*It was M/S/F Mario T (WSO Board of Directors)/Mitchell S (WSO Board of Directors) Motion #105: "To direct the Transition Group to present a proposal to implement Resolution B immediately following the close of WSC '97. The proposal if approved will replace all appropriate sections of the TWGSS."* On Friday, this motion failed due to objection of consideration.) Mario asked for a straw poll on this issue. John A (RSR, Ohio Region) and Frank W (RSR, Northern New York Region) objected to the straw poll. The objection was UPHELD.

Within his report to the conference, Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) announced an upcoming WSO/WCC workshop in Denver, Colorado, September 27-29, 1996.

It was M/S/T Jim C (RSR, Michigan Region)/Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region) Motion #47: "(Motion #21 1995): That the WSO be given responsibility for translating *Conference Agenda Report* motions and intent, (not including the text of addenda), into languages other than English, and for distributing these translations to the respective regions." MOTION TABLED until later time, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/T Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region)/Jim C (RSR, Michigan Region): "To add language after English, (French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese)." AMENDMENT TABLED until later time.

It was M/S/R Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) Motion #82: "That the BOD makes no change to the existing literature discounts given to regional service offices without conference approval of an alternate system of distribution." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/R Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region)/Jim A (RSR, Ohio Region) Motion #90: "That no action be taken to change the WSO sales policy regarding the reduction of literature discounts to RSO's. This moratorium to be in place until such time as a motion to proceed with the WSO sales policy be placed in the *CAR*. This motion will include a discussion paper outlining the rationale of decreasing literature discounts, financial impact studies on WSO revenues, and an implementation timeline." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It was M/S/C Teri B (RSR, Wisconsin Region)/Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region): "To commit Motion #82 and Motion #90 to the WSO Board." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The Lenny G (RSR, UK Region) asked if the chair would consider holding off on the decision until more participants were in the room. The Chair ruled that taking action on the motion was in order.

It was M/S/ Pete C (WSB Chairperson)/Lenny G (RSR, UK Region): "To appeal the decision of the chair." The Chair allowed a second vote to take place on committing Motions #82 and #90 to the WSO BOD. Both times, the motion to commit passed by a 2/3 Voice vote.

It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region), Motion #71: "The WSO begin production of the Spanish text in soft cover." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It was M/S/R Bob S (World Service Board of Trustees)/Pierre A (RSR-A, Quebec Region), Motion #102: "That the WSO be directed to produce a 'Slug' anthology from those cartoons published in the *NA Way* and others which may be available." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It was M/S/F Gailla R (RSR, Volunteer Region)/Mike E (RSR, Lone Star Region) Motion #65: "That WSO hire a special worker solely to update and maintain the database." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) noted that the World Service Office does not remove dated or any other information from the database until they are requested to do so.

It was M/S/R Dean W (RSR, Upper Mid-West Region)/Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) Motion #94: "That the WSO establish an operating reserve of 90 days. To be phased in over 5 years." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It was M/S/C Dean W (RSR, Upper Mid-West Region)/Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region): "To commit Motion #94 to the WSO Board of Directors." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) acknowledged Theresa M for her service efforts the past four years on the World Services Translations Committee.

Cary S (World Convention Corporation Chairperson) acknowledged the support of the regions as well as all NA groups and those members who attend the various world conventions.

It was M/S/R Catherine H (RSR, Aotearoa/New Zealand Region)/Miguel C (RSR, Spain Region), Motion #84: "That the WCC research the need for 'common needs' meetings, workshops, or forums at world conventions of NA and report back to the next WSC." MOTION REFERRED TO WCC.

Pete C (WSB Chairperson) acknowledged the support of WSO staff for all their help this past year. He announced WSB internal elections for the WSB Steering Committee: Stu T, chair; Bob S, vice chair, Donna M, lit review, Garth P, external chair, and Floyd B, internal chair.

It was M/S/C Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Joseph F (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region): "To add the WSB to the motions that were previously committed to the WSO Board regarding the sales policy." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region), Motion #103: "To reconsider Motion #4 from the WSB by inserting 'To insert between bullets #2 and #3 the following: at the WSC the WSB will provide the conference with a motion to consider the validity of the database based on a comparison between the group tally database and the group service database.'" MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Rick G (RSR, North East Atlantic Region)/Nancy H (RSR-A, Louisiana Region) Motion #107: "That the Outreach Handbook developed by the WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee be turned over to the WSB and that the board be provided with the resources required to finish developing an Outreach Handbook for the fellowship." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Craig R, WSC H&I Committee explained that the chair and vice chair of the WSC H&I Committee were unable to be present and he was asked to provide a brief report as the incoming WSC H&I vice chair.

It was M/S/R Phillip C (RSR-A, Region of the Virginians)/Bob S (WSB), Motion #56: "To add to new H&I guidelines the following: 'Whenever possible the suggested clean time for panel leaders is three years, and two years for any other panel members. Sometimes an area may not have a sufficient pool of volunteers that meet this requirement: when this circumstance exists, it is suggested that volunteers have a minimum of one year clean time.'" MOTION REFERRED TO WSC H&I Committee.

Jorge B (WSC Literature Vice Chairperson) welcomed India T as the new vice chair and acknowledged Jane N for her many years of service and leadership to the WSCLC. He then introduced the new WSC Literature Committee and described the workplan for this next conference year.

It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region), Motion #70: "That the World Service Conference Literature Committee solicit new stories for inclusion in Book 2 of the Basic Text." MOTION REFERRED TO WSCLC.

It was M/S/C Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Bob L (RSR, Southern California Region) "To commit to WSCLC." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Mary C-V (WSC Policy Vice Chairperson) acknowledged Lib E, who was not in attendance, and then introduced the rest of the policy committee. She then acknowledged members that were rolling off the committee and thanked them for their service, especially Jon T. She also described the workplan for this next conference year.

Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) asked for a point of personal privilege to address one of the issues listed within the letter from the Mississippi Region read earlier today, specifically the issue of proxy vote. He requested that the WSC Policy Committee look into this issue as a possible way to ensure the conscience of those regions unable to attend would still be heard or at least recorded at the conference. The WSC Policy Committee chairperson indicated that the policy committee would look into this issue and report back at WSC '97.

Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson) expressed appreciation to the conference for their trust and confidence expressed this past week. He introduced the current committee and described the workplan for the coming conference year.

It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Dennis R (RSR, Northern New Jersey Region) Motion #72: "The WSC PI Committee create updated PSAs." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO Board of Directors TO WORK WITH WSC PI Committee in developing PSAs.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced next year's Interim Committee. He thanked staff attached to the committee as well as those who assisted with the projects undertaken by the Interim Committee.

It was M/C Interim Committee Motion #26: "To delete the section on page 40 (1995 TWGSS) entitled "Reporting Procedures" and replace with the following language:

#### Reporting Procedures

The committee will regularly report its routine decisions in a monthly report to WSC participants. Any discussions of a philosophical nature will be included in the *Conference Report*. A summary of Travel Committee decisions for the year will be presented before each annual meeting of the WSC.

All world service travelers are required to submit trip reports to the committee within 45 days of completing their travel. These reports will be reviewed and prepared for appropriate distribution and publication."

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Interim Committee Motion #27: "To delete the section on page 41 (1995 TWGSS) entitled WSO Travel Organizer, and further, delete all other references to the WSO Travel Organizer where they may occur and replace with WSO." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Interim Committee Motion #28: "To delete the sections on pages 41 and 42 (1995 TWGSS) entitled Personal Expense Allowance, Transportation, and Hotel Accommodations; and replace with the following language:

Personal Expense Allowance and Reimbursement for World Service Travel

World service travelers may claim reimbursement for specified expenses for each day of travel on an approved world service trip. Typical expenses allowed under the policy are for meals, transportation and ground transportation, parking fees, tolls, and tips.

Allowance limitations are established by the US Internal Revenue Service for business travel in the US and by the US State Department for business travel outside the US. Those limitations as published will be used to administer this policy.

Each year at the annual meeting of the WSC, newly elected and continuing trusted servants will be given a written description explaining all processes and procedures to be followed by world services travelers. Included in the package will be the kind of expenses that can be reimbursed, the limits of reimbursement, which items require receipts, expense forms, advances, and how to submit claims for reimbursement.

Air transportation will be reserved and ticketed through the WSO or its agent, whenever possible. Travelers should make air travel arrangements as far in advance as possible. Travelers are responsible for their tickets once they have been received. The use of other modes of transportation is permitted, but only the most economical mode of transportation will be reimbursed.

It is the policy of NA world services to use reasonably priced facilities. Reimbursement for lodging commonly will be for double occupancy. NA world services does not reimburse for companion accompaniment.

Fraudulent claims or violations of the policy and/or procedures can result in one or more of the following actions:

- Request for repayment of all unauthorized expenditures.
- Rejection of reimbursement for submitted expenses.
- Rejection of request for travel advance.
- Suspension of trusted servant from office.”

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Interim Committee Motion #29: “To delete the section on pages 42 and 43 (1995 TWGSS) entitled Credit Cards and replace it with the following language:

Credit Cards

*In recent years we have found it productive to use credit cards to facilitate the service responsibilities of specific individuals in world services. The WSO maintains a policy on the use of credit cards for employee responsibilities and has since their initial use. It seems responsible to apply those parameters to credit card use for WSC responsibilities. These policies will ensure that credit card use conforms to a standard set of guidelines.*

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF CARDS**

- A. The issuance of credit cards *for WSC responsibilities* is subject to the approval of the Interim Committee. Each person approved for credit card issuance shall be provided a Conditions of Authorized Use form, which must be completed, signed, and on file prior to issuance of a credit card. Credit cards will be routinely offered to the individual positions listed below:
1. Chairperson of the WSO Board of Directors
  2. Chairperson of the World Service Board of Trustees
  3. Chairperson of the World Service Conference
  4. Chairperson of the World Convention Corporation
  5. *Executive Management of the World Service Office*
  6. *WSO Managers*
- B. The chairperson of one of the service arms identified above may designate the vice chairperson or any member of their respective service board or committee to be issued a credit card in lieu of the card being assigned to that chairperson.

- C. Board or committee members who reside outside the continental United States may be issued credit cards to facilitate the fulfillment of their service responsibilities, at the discretion of the Interim Committee.
- D. Boards and committee members may be issued credit cards on a temporary basis for a designated trip or function. All cards issued under this criteria will be returned to the WSO by registered mail within thirty days of completion of the trip or function. All invoices or other accompanying documentation shall be returned at the time of card surrender.
- E. All cards shall be returned within thirty days of the closure of the term of office of the card holder. All invoices or other accompanying documentation shall be returned at the time of card surrender.
- F. WSO executive staff shall have the authority to cancel all cards on the closure of a term of office based upon the surrender criteria outlined above.

### **CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES**

All expenditures on the credit card must be substantiated by the receipts issued at the time of card use. Individuals utilizing the credit cards will submit an expense statement accompanied by the invoice(s) resulting in card use—not the credit card slip, but the actual hotel bill, car rental agreement, etc. All receipts will be attached to the permanent record of the trip or function. World service credit cards shall not be used to cover personal expenses not directly related to the trip or function, even though the individual may intend to repay the conference for the expenditures. The WSC Interim Committee shall conduct quarterly audits and/or reviews of WSC credit card activity by all trusted servants and report such findings to the fellowship in the *Conference Report*.

### **CREDIT CARD MISUSE**

*Any alleged inappropriate and/or unauthorized credit card use, or persistent failure to submit appropriate documentation of credit card use, requires a thorough investigation by the committee. The committee will review all necessary documentation and request written statements of explanation from the individual involved and anyone else who may have knowledge of the situation. A determination will be made by the committee and reported to the fellowship. The determination of the committee can result in one or more of the following actions:*

- Reinstatement of credit card privileges, if previously removed.*
- Revocation of credit card privileges.*
- Request for repayment for all unauthorized expenditures.*
- Rejection of reimbursement for submitted expenses.*
- Suspension of trusted servants from office."*

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chair)/Barb P (RSR, Minnesota Region) Motion #93: "To commit 1993 Motion #145 which reads ('A Guide To Service in Narcotics Anonymous be set aside until the completion of the World Services inventory. At that point, the Guide will be assessed to determine whether it addresses any of the issues raised in the inventory. If it becomes apparent that additional revisions to the Guide are needed, they will be made after which A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous should go out for a one-year input and review period') to the Transition Group as resource material." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.



John A (RSR, Ohio Region) OBJECTED TO CONSIDERATION of the motion due to his belief that this motion required taking a motion from the table from the 1993 conference. The Chair ruled the objection OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/W Phillip C (RSR-A, Region of the Virginian's)/Maimu A (RSR-A, Buckeye Region), Motion #100: "That the Interim Committee operate and function as described in *The Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*; specifically as it relates to the codirectors and other staff participation." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER as it was in conflict with previous conference action.

It was M/S/R Jim C (RSR, Michigan Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region) Motion #47: "(Motion # 21 1995): That the WSC be given responsibility for translating *Conference Agenda Report* motions and intent, (not including the text of addenda), into languages other than English, and for distributing these translations to the respective regions." MOTION REFERRED TO WSC Administrative Committee.

AMENDMENT: It was M/R Carlos P (RSR-A, Brazil Region): "To return to the original motion and delete the word 'not' and the parentheses." AMENDMENT REFERRED TO WSC Administrative Committee.

It was M/S/C Michael E (RSR-A, Mid-Atlantic Region)/Mitch P (RSR-A, Indiana Region): "To commit to WSC Administrative Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W David P (RSR, Arkansas Region)/Mike E (RSR, Lone Star Region), Motion #77: "To direct the Transition Group to designate Zonal Forums as the geographic entities called for in Resolution A in the '96 CAR." The chair ruled the MOTION OUT OF ORDER.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced the new 1996-97 WSC Administrative Committee and acknowledged the outgoing Admin. members. He then announced that the WSC'97 will be in Woodland Hills, CA starting Sunday, April 27 and end Saturday, May 3, 1997. He then spoke briefly about the plans of the WSC Administrative Committee for this next year. One of the plans discussed was doing an annual World Unity Day regardless of whether or not there is a world convention during that year (The WCNA will move to a two-year cycle after WCNA 26.). Plans are being made to hold the 1997 Unity Day event in the New England Region.

It was M/C (WSC Administrative Committee), Motion #104: "To delete Section 1.B on Page 13, 1995 *TWGSS* and replace with the following language: 'The site of the World Service Conference is held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office.'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE. (YES-66; NO-14)

The chair requested a roll call vote, but conference participants did not agree.

After further discussion, Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that Motion #104 will be in the 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*. Conference participants supported this approach by acclamation.

It was M/C (WSC Administrative Committee), Motion #108: "That the WSC acknowledges and supports that the duties of the WSC Treasurer for CY '96-'97 will be the following:

- The WSC Treasurer is a WSC officer and as such will continue to fulfill the responsibilities and duties described for that position in *TWGSS*.
- The WSC Treasurer will serve as a voting member of the WSC Interim Committee.
- WSC treasurer will be released from all responsibilities associated with the WSC Administrative Committee as described in *TWGSS*."

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: (Y-79; N-1, A-5)

Roll call #11 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 96 participants were present. 64 represents a 2/3 majority; 49 represents a simple majority; and 80 regions were present.

It was M/S/R Randy K (RSR-A, Ontario Region)/Stefania P (RSR, Italy Region), Motion #85: "That zonal forum chairpersons receive the same mailings as conference participants." The following TWGSS policy would be affected: Page 33: World Service Conference Report, line 8. New language: 'The report is distributed to Conference Participants and zonal forum.' Page 33: The *Conference Agenda Report* paragraph 1, lines 3 & 4. 'One copy of the report is mailed to each voting participant of the conference, each RSR Alternate, and the mailing address of each region and each zonal forum.'

MOTION REFERRED TO WSC Administrative Committee, as follows:

It was M/S/C (WSC Administrative Committee)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit Motion #85 to WSC Administrative Committee." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Pedro C (RSR, Portugal Region)/Simon T (RSR, Australian Region) Motion #98: "To allow each zonal forum (that request it) to receive all Conference Participants mailings." MOTION FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reported that Motion #85 and #98 will be reviewed by the WSC Administrative Committee over the coming year. He also announced that all zonal forums that have provided mailing addresses as well as conference committee members will receive conference participant mailings during the year. At the end of the year, the process will be assessed, WSC Administrative Committee will report to conference participants, and zonal forums and committee members will report to WSC Administrative Committee about how well it worked overall. Conference participants expressed unanimous support for this approach. Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee chairperson) requested that Motion #92 be included in the review by the Administrative Committee. Michael M indicated that it would be included.

It was M/S/R James M (RSR, Ireland Region)/Joseph F (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region) Motion #73: That all service positions at world service level to include BOT, BOD, Admin, Policy, to exclude the standing committees, be limited to a period of 5 years, or two terms of office, and that no members who have served their terms at this level be eligible for any other positions at this level until a period of at least 3 years has elapsed since the end of term of their service. MOTION REFERRED TO THE TRANSITION GROUP, as follows:

It was M/S/C Phillip C (RSR-A, Region of the Virginians)/Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region): "To commit to the Transition Group.: MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/W Joseph F (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region)/Mike C (RSR, Colorado Region) Motion #37: "That we the conference, approve for sale and/or distribution the video given to and shown at WSC'95 featuring Bob Stone and his views on our fellowship. This video will become available to all NA service communities in a timely fashion." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled the MOTION OUT OF ORDER.

Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) asked if a written transcript could be made available. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) responded that WSC Administrative Committee would consider the matter and let the conference know next year.

It was M/S/R Mike E (RSR, Lone Star Region)/David P (RSR, Arkansas Region) Motion #78: "To allow designated representatives of any Zonal Forums a voice on WSC Floor

and to include them as non-voting conference participants for inclusion on WSC mailings." MOTION REFERRED as follows:

It was M/S/C John A (RSR, Ohio Region)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit Motion #78 to the WSC Recognition Assistance Panel to be rewritten with the RSR from Lone Star Region and be included in 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. It was M/C (RSR, British Columbia Region): "To refer Motion #78 to the Transition Group as well as *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region)/Simon T (RSR, Australian Region), Motion #80: "That the number "39" be permanently retired from use at this or any future WSC; thereby removing the immediate confusion at the mere mention of the number." MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

AMENDMENT: M/C (WSC Administrative Committee): "To retire the introduction 'I'm just a poor country boy' and 'Motion 11.'" AMENDMENT CARRIED.

During WSC Administrative Committee announcements, Paul H (WSC Treasurer) noted that the conference spent \$6,315 on the refreshments this week and participants have donated \$3,573.53. There was a brief discussion about next year's issue discussion topics (see list in addendum). Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced that the issues chosen by conference participants will be announced in an upcoming communication from the Administrative Committee. He also noted that the issue discussion tapes will be available for sale separately from the conference tapes. Conference participants will be notified of the cost shortly after the conference.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) acknowledged the resignations of two WSO staff members: Dottie R and Stephan L. He thanked them for their years of service at the World Service Office.

The "Mike Hog Award" was presented to James M (RSR, Ireland Region).

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced that deadline for regional motions is October 15, 1996, and the World Service Conference is April 27-May 3, 1997 in Woodland Hills, California.

It was M/S/C John P (RSR, Greater New York Region)/James M (RSR, Ireland Region): "To close the conference." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

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