

1997 Motions

Motion 1: That the World Service Conference be held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office.

Intent: To establish a set location for the WSC annual meeting.
This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Motion 2: To discontinue the current format of *The NA Way Magazine*, publication ceasing upon the completion of the June 1997 issue, with current subscribers having the option of receiving a refund of the unused portion of their subscription money.

Intent: To provide a method for the WSO to conclude its responsibilities for the magazine...

Motion 3: To delete the section entitled "*The NA Way Magazine*," from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 1, pages 31-32.

Motion 4: To delete the section entitled "*The World Service Conference Digest*," from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 5, page 36.

Motion 5 To commence publication of the new *NA Way Magazine* format by adding the following language as a new third paragraph to the section entitled "The World Service Office" which begins on page 9 of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition:

"The World Service Office publishes *The NA Way Magazine*, our fellowship's international journal. The magazine provides both a forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, as well as information about world services. Produced in English, *The NA Way* is translated into the primary languages spoken in Narcotics Anonymous. The magazine is distributed four (4) times a year at no cost to subscribers to every trusted servant and NA group contact address in the WSO database, as well as any member who asks to be included in that mailing list. The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board consisting of the chairpersons of the World Service Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Office Board of Directors."

The delivery of the first issue shall be scheduled for October 1997.

Intent: To begin publication of the newly formatted magazine (see Addendum 1 for prototype) and assign the responsibility to the WSO.

Motion 6: To remove Section 12 from the FIPT Operational Rules, page 20, Article W, and replace it with the following:

"Each year, the Trustee shall give a full written report of its activities to the Trustor. This report shall be delivered to all participants of the World Service Conference at or before its annual meeting, and shall be available at cost or less to any Narcotics Anonymous member. This report shall

include:

1. A year-end financial report of the previous calendar year.
2. A description of all Trustee activities funded from proceeds generated by the Trust in the previous year.
3. A budget and project description for Trustee activities planned for the coming year.

"An audit of the Trust for the previous year will be provided, upon completion, to all participants of the World Service Conference as Trustor. This audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant. Additionally, the Trustor may elect to instruct the Trustee to perform a review of operational practices and policies, above and beyond the review of internal controls and procedures which is conducted annually."

Intent: To provide a more reasonable timeline for completion of the annual audit and to lessen the economic burden to the WSO as Trustee of the Ff PT.

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 34.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

Motion 7: To add the following language to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, "Guidelines for Use of NA Trademarks:"

"Narcotics Anonymous trademarks should not be used on locally developed recovery literature."

Intent: To clarify the use of the various NA logos.

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 35.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

Motion 8: To replace the existing "Do's and Don'ts" in the *Hospitals and Institutions Handbook* for treatment facilities (pages 28-29), correctional facilities (pages 40-41), and psychiatric hospitals/forensic units (pages 47-48) with the following:

Motion 9: To approve the WSC Public Information Committee work plan proposal to complete work on the *Guide to PI* and continue the work on the *Guide to Phoneline Service*.

Intent: This will fulfill Objective Five of the work plan adopted at WSC'96.

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: The annual expense and cost associated with the two projects could be \$10,000 - \$16,000 depending on several variables.

Motion 10: To approve the WSCLC's "A" worklist for the 1997-98 conference year:

(1) Step Working Guides

(2) Sponsorship Booklet

Intent: Adoption of this motion will prioritize WSCLC projects for the 1997-98 conference year.

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: A priority list does not necessarily imply funding. The annual expense and cost associated with the two projects could be \$30, 000 - \$50, 000 depending on several variables.

Motion 11: To approve Addendum 3A, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*.

*Intent: Adoption of this motion will place *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* in the WSO inventory as fellowship-approved service material.*

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: This could result in a one-time increase in net income of \$2, 250 - \$5,000.

Motion 12: To remove wording from the 1996 *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* that is redundant and/or inconsistent with *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* by amending the following sections in the 1996 TWGSS:

- Page 1, "The Purpose And Function of the Service Units of Narcotics Anonymous," by deleting points one (1) through four (4).
- Page 1, "The Purpose and Function of the Service Units of Narcotics Anonymous," by renaming it "The Purpose and Function of the World Service Units of Narcotics Anonymous."
- Pages 1-9, "Member" through "Regional Service Representative," by deleting it in its entirety.
- Page 9, World Service, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence, by deleting it in its entirety.
- Page 9, World Service 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence by replacing the words "These are the services ... " with "World services are those ... "

Intent: That A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure's single focus be world service guidelines and policies.

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 38.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

Motion 13: To change the name of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* to *A Temporary Working Guide to Our World Service Structure*.

Intent: To rename the document to reflect its content.

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations. The motion would have little or no financial impact.

Motion 14: To amend the 1996 *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* by replacing references to ASR, Area Service Representative, RSR, Regional Service Representative, and Representative with RCM, Regional Committee Member, RD, Regional Delegate, and Delegate respectively.

*Intent: To have the language in the *A Temporary Working Guide to our World Service**

Structure be consistent with the language in *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*.

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 48.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

Motion 15: Replace the contents of *The Group Booklet* with the chapter, "The NA Group," pages 26 through 46 of *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*.

*Intent: That *The Group Booklet* be consistent with the material on "The NA Group" in *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous**

This motion would amend the following NA fellowship-approved literature: *The Group Booklet* (see Addendum 38 for side-by-side comparison).

Financial Impact: Based on annual sales of this booklet, this could result in a one-time increase in net income of \$800- \$1,500.

REGIONAL MOTIONS

The following motions have been considered by conference boards and committees. In the WSC section of *A Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure*, under Committee System, the following process is prescribed:

- "All input to the conference, including questions, ideas, motions, suggestions, etc., is directed to a specialized committee." (Page 17)
- "The committee discusses each item of input during the committee sessions. The committee then drafts a brief report on the discussion (including all important points, pro and con). The report is later presented to the World Service Conference as a whole." (Page 21)
- "Regions are strongly encouraged to work through the conference committee system with their input. Experience has shown that the utilization of the broader base and experience of the conference committees allows for more adequate discussion and consideration of fellowship concerns. It should be stressed that two-way communication between the committees and the fellowship is essential." (Page 22)

Recommendations on each of these motions by the respective world service boards and/or committees are listed following each motion. You will notice that many of the recommendations from the boards and committees this year were to "refer to the Transition Group." Based on the resolutions passed at WSC'96, the Transition Group was directed to develop a world service structure and present it at WSC'98. At this year's annual meeting, the group will be half-way through a two-year process. We believe it is wise for conference participants to examine the completed work of the Transition Group before any structural changes are considered. Therefore, we have recommended referral of these motions, so that they can be considered as input to the Transition Group without circumventing the process.

Motion 16: To distribute the *Conference Agenda Report* at least one hundred fifty days prior to the annual WSC meeting.

Intent: To allow non-English-speaking regions enough time to translate the *CAR* and workshop it, so that their representatives are able to carry an informed conscience.

Maker: Brazil Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 49.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSO Board of Directors: Refer to Transition Group

The WSO board agrees with this motion in principle but cannot support its adoption under the present conference cycle. It would not make sense to initiate this major adjustment to the conference system now, and then adjust it again when the Transition Group finishes its work.

World Service Board: To reject

Currently the WSC operates on a one-year conference cycle, with ninety days for fellowship consideration of the *Conference Agenda Report*. With the required deadlines, this allows for only six months of actual working time to complete projects. We believe that in our current structure to reduce the actual work time to four months, based on this motion, is not practical. This was a key problem identified in our world service inventory

that is currently being worked on by the Transition Group. We support the TG's work and believe that structural changes should not take place until the completion of that work. Therefore we recommend rejection of this motion.

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

World Convention Corporation: Refer to Transition Group

The WCC supports the intent of this motion, but we believe that its implementation under the current conference structure is problematic. Based on the way that the conference conducts business today, this motion would negatively impact the ability of the WCC to include items in the CAR by significantly restricting the schedule for completion of board work to be included in the *Conference Agenda Report*. However, the Transition Group could reasonably address the concerns raised in this motion as part of its deliberations on Resolution A. We believe that allowing the Transition Group the opportunity to consider this motion is the appropriate course of action.

WSC H&I Committee: Refer to Transition Group

World Service Translation Committee: No recommendation

Historically, the WSTC has refrained from engaging in the policy-making aspects of the conference. Therefore, we abstain from giving a recommendation on this motion.

WSC Public Information Committee: Refer to Transition Group

This motion has to do with structural changes, and we would not like to hinder the process we have begun by trying to micromanage the Transition Group.

WSC Literature Committee: Refer to Transition Group

The WSC Literature Committee agrees with this motion in principle but cannot support its adoption, given the present conference calendar. We ask the Transition Group to view our reasoning as positive input regarding the intent of this motion.

Motion 17: To create a World Service Conference where voting is limited to RSRs only. This would be accomplished by amending the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, as follows:

Page 11, "World Service Board of Trustees Operational Procedures," 1st paragraph, 5th sentence, by deleting the following: "and also serves as a full participant at the annual meeting of the WSC."

Page 15, "Guidelines of the World Service Conference," Section 1, by deleting Paragraphs B, C, and E and replacing them with the following:

- B. The participants of the World Service Conference consist of:**
 - 1. Duly elected regional service delegates**
 - 2. In the absence of a duly elected regional service delegate, the conference may recognize a qualified replacement from that region.**
- C. Only conference participants are allowed to vote. When RSRs are not on the floor of the conference, duly elected alternates may vote, make motions, or address the conference. [No member may speak on a motion more than once unless others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity. Committee vice chairs and RSR alternates are considered to be the same "member" as their respective chair/RSR.] The World Service Office executive director(s) will be allowed to address the conference, to make reports, answer questions,**

and discuss matters of their responsibilities when requested by the conference.

- E. All members of the World Service Board of Trustees, World Service Office Board of Directors, the WSC Administrative Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of the WSC standing committees are allowed a seat on the floor of the WSC. Except for voting, all other conference participation privileges are granted to these members.

Page 16, Section II, "The Consensus of the World Service Conference," by deleting paragraph E in its entirety.

Intent: To keep the decision-making process grounded in the Second Tradition by placing the final responsibility and authority for NA services with the NA groups (Second Concept) through their regional service representatives.

Maker: California Inland Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 50.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: Refer to Transition Group

Interim Committee: No Recommendation

WSO Board of Directors: Refer to Transition Group

World Service Board: To reject

Currently, all voting on old business and on matters related to the fellowship's intellectual properties is by RSRs only. These matters are sent out in the *Conference Agenda Report* so that RSRs can gather a group conscience, which they vote at the World Service Conference. New business is not sent out to the fellowship for group conscience, so no RSR would have a conscience to carry on matters of new business. An RSR has no more group conscience on new business than any other participant of the conference. Matters of new business relate to conference procedures and administration; we believe such matters require a conscience of the conference, not the fellowship. Therefore, matters of new business should be voted on by that group (WSC), following Concept Seven's explanation of full participation. In this way we can fulfill our Second Tradition: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." In addition, we believe this was a key issue identified in our world service inventory; as such, it is currently being considered by the Transition Group. We support the TG's work and believe that structural changes should not take place until the completion of that work. Therefore, we recommend rejection of this motion.

WSC H&I Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC Public Information Committee: Refer to Transition Group

The WSC Public Information Committee recommends referring this motion to the Transition Group because this motion has to do with structural changes, and we would not like to hinder the process we have begun by trying to micromanage the Transition Group.

WSC Literature Committee: To reject

Motion 18: To direct the World Service Office to reduce the retail price of the Basic Text by fifty percent.

Intent: To make the Basic Text more readily available to addicts who cannot currently afford it.

Maker: Colorado Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: A 50% reduction in the gross income for Basic Texts would be about \$1,071,201. About \$321,360 (\$192,816 to Regions and Areas) of this amount would normally be applied in discounts. The net affect would be a reduction of income after discounts of about \$749,841 (about 20% of the total 1996 income after discounts).

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: To reject

The Basic Text still represents the single largest source of income to the WSO. Approximately half of our income is spent in the provision of service to members, groups, areas, and regions in more than seventy countries. The effect of this motion would be the elimination of a significant portion of all fellowship services. We will be sending out a comprehensive report on the price of the Basic Text prior to the conference.

World Service Board: To reject

Currently, the World Service Office operates on revenues generated by the sale of the Basic Text. Reducing the selling price of the Basic Text by fifty percent would require reducing services provided to the fellowship by approximately fifty percent to offset the loss of revenue. We believe this would render our World Service Office ineffective and significantly compromise the fellowship's ability to carry its message worldwide. NA's array of booklets and pamphlets include many low-cost items that effectively carry the message of recovery. We acknowledge and encourage our members' efforts to provide Basic Texts for newcomers or others who cannot afford to purchase one.

Motion 19: To direct all world service boards and committees to investigate and propose alternative ways to complete their work in such a way as to reduce their travel expenses by twenty-five percent of their 1996-97 budget levels. This reduction in travel expenses will be presented by the Interim Committee during the budget session at the 1998 WSC annual meeting. This will effect the 1998-99 WSC budget and the 1999 budget of the WSO and WCC.

Intent: To divert funds that are currently being used for travel to other areas.

Maker: Colorado Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: The cost of the investigation and developing alternative proposals would be approximately \$2,500 - \$5,500. Travel expenses for one year are approximately \$490,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: Refer to Transition Group

Interim Committee: To reject

The Interim Committee is always looking for ways to reduce travel costs. We believe that the eventual consolidation of the conference's administrative duties and financial responsibilities into a single board functioning under a unified budget will reduce overall administrative expenses. However, to adopt this motion now would be to prematurely

restrict any forthcoming proposals from the Transition Group regarding the administration of budgetary and/or travel allocations. We also believe that, while the intent of this motion is directed toward reduced travel expense, we share the WSB's concerns about the limitations this motion could place upon individuals' ability to serve based on their personal finances. Therefore, we recommend rejection of this motion.

WSO Board of Directors: Refer to Transition Group

The WSO Board believes that one of the purposes of the resolutions to create a single board and a unified budget for world services is to help reduce the current administrative overhead. That overhead includes travel, staff time, meetings, mailings, phone calls, etc. Rather than mandate some set reduction under the current system, we believe it more responsible to wait for the recommendations and discussions from the Transition Group.

World Service Board: To reject

Currently, world service travel is confined to meeting attendance, developmental travel, and workshop or forum attendance. We believe the current budget limits our ability to provide fellowship development services. If the budget allowed, we would be seeking an increase to the line item for travel. Additionally, We believe that to significantly reduce this travel would compromise an elected trusted servant's ability to fulfill the responsibilities for the position to which he or she was elected. As a result, the reduction in travel would limit participation in world services to those who could afford it or those who lived in certain locations. We believe that our fellowship has grown over the past years from an isolated western United States service system to a worldwide service delivery system that allows anyone, regardless of their location or financial status, to serve our fellowship. We believe this motion would force us to revert once again to an isolated service delivery system. Therefore, we recommend rejection of this motion.

World Convention Corporation: To reject

This motion would significantly impair our ability to plan a world convention. Face-to-face interaction with volunteers, hotels, meeting facilities, and vendors is essential during the planning of a world convention. This motion requires us to make decisions today about tomorrow's business without having information available on projected income and expenses, or knowledge of the projects and workload of the corporation for the timeframe indicated in the motion. Since much of the work of planning conventions is time-specific, complete information would be needed in order to determine if travel can either be eliminated or alternatives found that would not impede the work of the corporation.

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC H&I Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC Public Information Committee: Refer to Transition Group

The WSC Public Information Committee recommends referring this motion to the Transition Group because this motion has to do with structural changes, and we would not like to hinder the process we have begun by trying to micromanage the Transition Group.

World Service Translation Committee: To reject

This motion would dramatically impact this committee. If the WSTC had to cut travel expenses by twenty-five percent, it would require us to consider where someone lived and, consequently, typical airfare costs from that location when evaluating a person's qualifications to sit on this committee. We believe that this committee and the fellowship need to be careful not to create boundaries for committees that may produce such a potentially discriminatory scenario. Since more than half of the committee resides in

countries outside of the United States, a twenty-five percent reduction in travel expenses would inevitably affect our ability to execute our work. The WSTC has to have meetings, but at the same time the WSTC will continue to look for and institute cost-saving measures in *all* areas of its operations.

WSC Literature Committee: No recommendation

The WSC Literature Committee has no recommendation because we budget according to our own projects.

Motion 20: That all World Service Conference elections be decided by vote of the RSRs.

Intent by Georgia Region: To allow the regions represented to have the voice in choosing the trusted servants of the World Service Conference.

Intent by New England Region: To have trusted servants at the World Service Conference be elected by those they serve through the voice of the regional service representatives.

Intent by Portugal Region: That only RSRs participate in the selection of world trusted servants. To further a greater rotation of members in world service and therefore lessen the tendency for perpetuating the same people in world service positions.

Makers: Georgia Region, New England Region, and Portugal Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 51.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSO Board of Directors: Refer to Transition Group

World Service Board: To reject

Currently, the WSC elects members to serve as conference officers and committee chairpersons. It also elects trustees and members to serve in other task-oriented positions. We believe that removing from certain segments of the conference the ability to elect those who serve them denies them the ability to elect qualified leaders and does not allow them full participation in the conscience of the World Service Conference. In addition, removing those who are not RSRs from participation in developing the conference's conscience removes a significant amount of experience and knowledge that is essential when electing qualified leaders. We believe this motion is not consistent with our Twelve Concepts for Service, nor will it further our efforts to elect the most qualified leadership. In addition, this issue is currently under consideration in the Transition Group. We support the TG's work and believe that structural changes should not take place until the completion of that work. Therefore, we recommend rejection of this motion.

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC H&I Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC Public Information Committee: Refer to Transition Group

The WSC Public Information Committee recommends referring this motion to the Transition Group because it has to do with structural changes, and we would not like to hinder the process we have begun by trying to micromanage the Transition Group.

WSC Literature Committee: To reject

Motion 21: That the clean time requirements for the World Service Board of Trustees be increased from eight years to twelve years.

Intent: To increase the clean time requirements for the members of the board of trustees.

Maker: Georgia Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 52.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Service Board: Refer to Transition Group

The World Service Board agrees with this motion in principle but does not believe that this is the appropriate time to deal with this issue. We support the TG's work and believe that changes of this nature should not take place until the completion of that work. We recommend that this motion be referred to the Transition Group.

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

Motion 22: That the results from the complete election process be printed and distributed to voting World Service Conference participants and all nominees. This process shall include all results from all tallies from each ballot.

Intent: To inform the conference participants of the complete tally, balloting, and results from the election process and establish this as standing policy of the WSC.

Maker: Georgia Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: To reject

The WSC Administrative Committee believes this motion is in conflict with the anonymity spoken of in Tradition Twelve, allowing personalities to come before principles. We believe that announcing the vote count would compromise the integrity of the election process and, therefore, we recommend rejection of this motion.

WSC Policy Committee: To reject

WSC Policy Committee believes this will not enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, or integrity of the election process, and on these grounds recommends rejection. In addition, the committee is concerned that the release of such information may well serve to place personalities before principles.

Motion 23: To amend the motion previously adopted by the 1992 World Service Conference (*Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, page 26, tenth motion down) by adding the following language at the end: "When requested by the conference, the designated representative of any zonal forum will be allowed to address the conference, make reports, and answer questions pertaining to specific information. Any zonal forum with a registered address with the WSO will receive the same WSC mailings as conference participants."

Intent: To allow for an additional voice to provide specific information on issues where needed.

Maker: Lone Star Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 52.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: To adopt

Motion 24: To edit the NA video entitled *Just for Today* to include at least one extra actress during the Twelfth-Step call.

Intent: To keep in line with the teachings of Narcotics Anonymous that a minimum of two persons be utilized when making a Twelfth-Step step call.

Maker: Mid-America Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: The cost of a complete new video project could be approximately 6% more than the original project, \$75,000 - \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: To reject

This single scene in the video can not be redone. The actress cannot be located and it would be difficult to match the existing footage. The alternative is to produce an entirely new video. Due to the cost of undertaking a new video project, the current financial position of the WSO, and the sales level of this item (less than 100 copies sold in 1996), the board recommends to reject at this time.

World Service Board: Refer to the WSO Board of Directors

We would support the inclusion of an additional person on the Twelfth-Step call in the video, if it were not cost prohibitive to do so. However, because we do not have expertise in film production, we recommend that this motion be referred to the WSO Board of Directors for a definite period so that the effects of this motion can be researched.

WSC PI Committee: Refer to WSO Board of Directors

The WSC Public Information Committee recommends submitting this motion to the World Service Office Board of Directors because this motion will have some financial impact on the fellowship and, therefore, needs to be researched before we can recommend adoption.

Motion 25: To direct the World Service Office to increase the size of the "Just for Today" poster to approximately 150% of its current size.

Intent: To make the poster easier to read at a distance and still keep it smaller than the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions posters.

Maker: New England Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: Recommend to not consider

The WSO board will increase the size of this poster after we have sold our existing inventory. This type of request can be made directly to the WSO board and does not require a conference motion.

Motion 26: That the World Convention Corporation program common-needs meetings at world conventions and delete statement #5 from the *Convention Guidelines*, page 26.

Intent: To ensure the diversity of the fellowship is acknowledged and celebrated at our conventions in the spirit of unity and our primary purpose.

Maker: Aotearoa New Zealand Region

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 52.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the financial impact, if any, of this motion is very unclear.

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Service Board: To reject

We believe that this motion was offered at WSC'96 and was committed to the World Convention Corporation for discussion and a report at WSC'97. To adopt this motion prior to receiving the report is premature and does not support having an informed conscience.

World Convention Corporation: Refer to WCC

Motion #84, which addressed the issue of "common needs meetings," was committed to us at WSC'96. Motion #84 reads, "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." It is premature for us to render any opinion at this time since the current WCC board has not had the opportunity to consider the issue of common needs. The only time the board has met since WSC'96 was two weeks following the last conference. Motion #84 is due to be discussed at our January 1997 board meeting as we review our guidelines and plan for WCNA-27. We will be report the results of those discussions to the WSC in the March 1997 *Conference Report*.

Motion 27: The World Service Conference budget shall include funding for travel expenses for voting members to attend approved meetings and/or work group meetings of their respective WSC standing committee.

Intent: Give trusted servants from all regions equal opportunity to serve on WSC committees.

Maker: Northern California Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the financial impact of this motion is very unclear. The variables are many. As a guideline, however, if all of the trusted servants (intended to be covered by this motion) were to meet for one day, the cost would be about \$22,800. The cost would escalate at a rate of about \$2,700 per day for each additional day of meeting time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSO Board of Directors: Refer to Transition Group

The WSO board supports the intent of this motion, but does not believe that it is possible to implement at the present time. The Transition Group has been charged with proposing a single board for world services, which we believe will include funding for projects as they are prioritized.

World Service Board: Refer to Transition Group

We are in support of this motion in principle but do not believe that it should be mandated, because funds may not always be available. In addition, this issue is part of the Transition Group's discussions. We support the TG's work and believe that changes of this nature should not take place until the completion of that work. We recommend that this motion be referred to the Transition Group.

WSC Policy Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC H&I Committee: Refer to Transition Group

WSC Public Information Committee: Refer to Transition Group

The WSC Public Information Committee recommends submitting to the Transition Group because it has to do with structural changes, and we would not like to hinder the process we have begun by trying to micromanage the Transition Group, although we do have strong feelings about this motion and support its intent.

WSC Literature Committee: No recommendation

Motion 28: That the World Service Board of Trustees develop six service messages to be included in the 1998 Conference Agenda Report for fellowship approval. These service messages would then be put on posters for distribution and become inventory items in the WSO Product Catalog.

Intent: So that meeting places, clubhouses, and service offices can have a gentle reminder that service is what makes NA possible and a part of our recovery process.

Maker: Ohio Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: There are too many undefined variables to project a reliable cost for this project. For instance there is no reference to translations. However, assuming that they would be produced only in English and based on factors associated with similar projects, the cost of development and approval could be \$12,000 - \$25,000. Based on sales of existing posters, the productions costs for 1,000 sets of six would be \$1,500 - \$2,000. The discounted income based on current poster pricing would be about \$4,550.

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Service Board: To reject

We believe that our existing workload and priorities prevent us from accepting this project.

WSO Board: No Recommendation

The WSO board does not have sufficient information about what the maker of this motion is looking for as the content for these posters. If the conference wishes, these items could be produced.

Motion 29: That all zonal forums registered with the World Service Office be entitled to receive all the same World Service Conference mailings as conference participants.

Intent: To follow up on the motion that was approved at WSC'92 in Dallas, which stated that "the World Service Conference affirms that zonal forums...are valuable components of NA." Allowing zonal forums to receive all major WSC mailings would "support the continued work of the zonal forums...." By adopting this motion, the conference will be enhancing communication with those valuable components of NA, thus furthering unity.

Maker: Portugal Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: To adopt

WSO Board of Directors: Recommend to not consider

The zonal forums who have asked to be added to the mailing list are already receiving conference participant mailings.

Motion 30: To change the review and/or revision provision of the World Service Conference Mission Statement as stated in the *Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, page 14, footnote #5, by deleting the language "future World Service Conferences" and replacing it with "through the *Conference Agenda Report*."

Intent: To allow the groups to participate in any changes to the WSC Mission Statement. This will also be consistent with the current policy for the WSC Vision Statement as amended and adopted at the 1996 WSC.

Maker: South Florida

This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 53.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: To adopt

Motion 31: To add the following three paragraphs to the White Booklet, *Narcotics Anonymous*; and IP #1, *Who, What, How, and Why*; immediately following the Twelve Traditions sections:

"Understanding these traditions comes slowly over a period of time. We pick up information as we talk to members and visit various groups. It usually isn't until we get involved with service that someone points out that 'personal recovery depends on NA unity,' and that unity depends on how well we follow our traditions. The Twelve Traditions of NA are not negotiable. They are the guidelines that keep our fellowship alive and free.

"By following these guidelines in our dealings with others, and society at large, we avoid many problems. That is not to say that our traditions eliminate all problems. We still have to face difficulties as they arise: communication problems, differences of opinion, internal controversies, and troubles with individuals and groups outside the fellowship. However, when we apply these principles, we avoid some of the pitfalls.

"Many of our problems are like those that our predecessors had to face. Their hard-won experience gave birth to the traditions and our own experience has shown that these principles are just as valid today as they were when these traditions were formulated. Our traditions protect us from the internal and external forces that could destroy us. They are truly the ties that bind us together. It is only through understanding and application that they work."

Narcotics Anonymous, Fifth Edition, p. 58

This change can be done as World Service Office inventories of these items are depleted and reordering is done.

Intent: To put more information about the traditions in the White Booklet, *Narcotics Anonymous*; and IP #1, *Who, What, How, and Why*, making it consistent with our group reading card.

Maker: South Florida Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the financial impact of this motion is very unclear. The possible impact could be severely negative.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: To reject

IP#1, *Who, What, How, and Why*, is usually the first piece of recovery literature that is translated by local translation committees. It is ideally suited for this purpose because it contains the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and is not a lengthy piece. The proposed revision would also impact the White Booklet, *Narcotics Anonymous*. We believe that amending the White Booklet and IP #1 would be impractical and cumbersome for the translations process.

World Service Translations Committee: To reject

The WSTC's recommendation is to reject. If this motion passed, it would require seventeen language groups to drop their current projects and divert their resources to make these revisions. Seen in the light of the overwhelming work priorities we are currently facing, we can't support non-essential revisions to our literature, at least for the time being.

World Service Board: To reject

We recommend rejecting this motion because it would adversely affect local translation activities. In addition, we view the White Booklet, *Narcotics Anonymous*, as a historical piece that should not be changed.

WSC Literature Committee: To reject

We recommend rejection of this motion because it would negatively impact local translation committee efforts. We wish to remain supportive of the WSTC's direction.

Motion 32: That the World Service Office put aside \$250,000 a year until a ninety-day operating reserve has been established.

Intent: To establish a prudent reserve that ensures continuous operation during temporary revenue shortfall.

Maker: Upper Midwest Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: There is not any proposal to increase income in this motion, nor is there a defined dependency with any potential increase in income. The motion is thus a reallocation of existing projected income, without identification of the areas that would be affected (decreased or not funded) by the reallocation. The creation of a reserve of this size without defining conditions for use, appears to simply "tie up" cash and would have a severe negative financial impact on operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: To reject

We support the intent of this motion. The establishment of a prudent reserve is one of the goals of the current "WSO Business Plan." At the present time, the implementation of this motion is not possible. The language of this motion is too restrictive.

Motion 33: That detailed accounts receivable information be provided in the World Service Office Annual Report. This information should include an aging sheet providing a breakdown of totals which are 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, and more than 90 days past due. Also, that the report list the names of regions and/or regional offices with a past due balance greater than five percent of the total outstanding accounts receivable as shown on the balance sheet.

Intent: To allow the home group member to see how his dollar is being handled and to make RSOs more accountable to the fellowship.

Maker: Volunteer Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: Given current practices and considerations, the motion would have little or no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSO Board of Directors: No recommendation

Barring legal restrictions on disclosing such information, the WSO will comply with the will of the conference on this matter.

Motion 34: That the World Service Conference proclaim every July to be "Freedom From Active Addiction" month. During this month the fellowship will be encouraged to purchase Basic Texts and provide them to individuals, facilities, schools, and libraries who do not have or cannot afford to buy their own books.

Intent: To carry the message of recovery to the newcomer, promote unity, and increase book sales.

Maker: Washington/Northern Idaho Region

This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: There are too many undefined variables to project any approximate cost/income for this motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WSC Administrative Committee: To reject

The WSC Administrative Committee believes that individual NA communities should make their own decisions about when and if to hold this type of event, and that the WSC should not proclaim when these events occur in the fellowship.