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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 fellowships 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 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."

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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.

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.

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 ... "

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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 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 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.

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.

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.

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 8, 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.

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

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. Page 21

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. Page 21

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.

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.

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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. Page 24

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.

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. Page 25

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. Page 25

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

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. Page 26

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 Page 27

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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 Page 27-28

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 adopted at the 1996 WSC.

Maker: South Florida. This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 53.

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 Page 28-29

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 Page 29-30

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

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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 Page 30

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 Page 30