

## WSC '98 ABBREVIATED MOTIONS LIST

For reference only

**Motion 1:** To implement Resolutions B and C-2 by adopting the following External Guidelines for the World Board. Further, that elections for the World Board be held at WSC 1998 with the new corporation taking effect 12 June 1998. The current Interim Committee, World Service Office Board of Directors, and the World Convention Corporation will continue to function until 11:59PM 11 June 1998. The Interim Committee will be responsible to make necessary decisions affecting NA world services and to assist in preparing the agenda for the first meeting of the new World Board.

*Maker: Interim Committee, page 3*

**Motion 2:** To implement Resolution E by adopting the following Guidelines for the Unified Budget for NA World Services.

*Maker: Interim Committee, page 10*

**Motion 3:** To implement Resolutions F & G by adopting the following External Guidelines for the World Pool and the Human Resources Panel. Further, that elections for the Human Resources Panel be held at WSC 1998.

*Maker: Interim Committee, page 13*

**Motion 4:** To create and implement the conference positions of WSC Co-Facilitators by adopting the following guidelines. Further, that the WSC Co-Facilitators be elected at WSC 1998.

*Maker: Interim Committee, page 17*

**Motion 5:** To implement a two-year conference cycle beginning at the end of WSC 2000. Prior to implementation, all changes to conference policy will be presented to the World Service Conference by the World Board.

*Maker: Interim Committee, page 19*

**Motion 6:** To approve the production of the Group Readings Wallet Card as shown in Addendum B.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 21*

**Motion 7:** To approve the inclusion of the words "Narcotics Anonymous" in the name of the legal entity for the new World Board.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 22*

**Motion 8:** To amend the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 22*

**Motion 9:** To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, by changing the name of the World Service Office, Inc. to Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. as shown in Addendum D.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 22*

**Motion 10:** To change the name of "regional service representative" to "regional delegate" and "RSR" to "RD" and remove all references to *The NA Way* wherever it appears in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 23*

**Motion 11:** To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, as shown in Addendum D.

*Maker: WSO Board of Directors, page 23*

**Motion 12:** To rescind WSC '96 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.

*Maker: WSC Administrative Committee, page 25*

**Motion 13:** To consider the following proposal: To include the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book) in the World Services Translation Committee policy on Basic Text personal stories. (WSC '97 Motion 79b)

*Property of WSC, page 25*

**Motion 14:** That the WSC direct the WSCLC to begin development of a Sixth Edition of the Basic Text as soon as the moratorium expires. The Sixth Edition should include a chapter on Sponsorship, a chapter on Service and new stories of an international fellowship. (WSC '97 Motion 102)

*Property of WSC, page 26*



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**Motion 15:** To select two issue discussion topics from the following list for discussion at the 1999 World Service Conference:

*Maker: WSC Administrative Committee, page 27*

**Motion 16:** To approve *The Institutional Group Guide*, as shown in Addendum E.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 29*

**Motion 17:** To approve the *Additional Needs Booklet*, as shown in Addendum F.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 29*

**Motion 18:** To approve the *Outreach Booklet*, as shown in Addendum G.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 29*

**Motion 19:** To approve the *IP, Self-Support, Principle and Practice*, as shown in Addendum H.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 30*

**Motion 20:** To remove IP #24, *Hey, What's the Basket For?* from the WSO inventory.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 30*

**Motion 21:** That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous (The Little White Book)*, be committed to a service body who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options.

*Maker: Board of Trustees, page 31*

**Motion 22:** To approve the 1998-99 WSC PI work plan proposal for revising *A Guide to Public Information* and the *Guide to Phoneline Service* handbooks.

*Maker: WSC Literature Committee, page 33*

**Motion 23:** To approve *The Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*, as shown in Addendum I.

*Maker: WSC Literature Committee, page 35*

**Motion 24:** To approve the following as WSCLC's "A" work list for the 1998-99 conference year.

*Maker: WSC Literature Committee, page 35*

**Motion 25:** To maintain all standing committees, i.e., World Hospitals & Institutions (H&I), World Public Information (PI), World Policy, World Translations, and World Literature.

*Maker: WSC Literature Committee, page 37*

**Motion 26:** To postpone the election of the members to the World Board and implementation of the World Board and committee systems, Resolution B and C2, until WSC '99.

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 38*

**Motion 27:** To elect the members of the World Board as follows: 12 will be elected as Trustees (Guardians) and 12 will be elected as Board Members. Any member or trustee can hold any position within the World Board.

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 38*

**Motion 28:** That all elections of candidates to the World Board would require a 2/3rd majority vote.

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 38*

**Motion 29:** At the WSC, the World Board will have full participation rights, except for voting on all business (old, elections, and new).

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 39*

**Motion 30:** That at least 8 members of the recently elected World Board be from outside of the USA and that at least 3 of these not be from the regions in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, or Australia.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 39*

**Motion 31:** That the clean time requirement for candidates for the World Board be set at 8 years.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 40*

**Motion 32:** That the length of term for members of the World Board be set at 4 years and that 6 of the 24 newly elected members serve for 2 years, 6 others serve for 3 years, 6 others serve for 4 years, and 6 others serve for 5 years.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 40*

**Motion 33:** To postpone voting on all the Transition Group's proposals/motions until the 1999 conference.

*Maker: South Florida Region and Portugal Region, page 41*



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**Motion 34:** To extend the Transition Group until the 1999 conference to continue guiding us through Resolution A.

*Maker: South Florida Region, page 43*

**Motion 35:** That the WSCLC collect and compile personal stories from recovering addicts in NA throughout the world, to be published as an anthology. This anthology shall be completed by the WSCLC, following the WSCLC review, input and approval guidelines.

*Maker: Volunteer Region, page 43*

**Motion 36:** To implement a five (5) year moratorium on the Basic Text, section one (1), book one (1), the first ten (10) chapters, pages ix to 103. This moratorium would begin at the end of the 1998 World Service Conference and end at the beginning of the 2003 World Service Conference.

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 44*

**Motion 37:** That no board/committee be allowed to appoint an individual to their board/committee if that individual has run for election to that board/committee and was not elected by the conference. This would be in effect for one full conference cycle.

*Maker: Georgia Region, page 45*

**Motion 38:** That the WSB develop an Outreach Handbook, considering all previously submitted drafts and input. The handbook to be placed in the 2000 CAR for fellowship approval.

*Maker: British Columbia Region, page 46*

**Motion 39:** The World Service Conference (WSC) facilitates hospitality room refreshments at the WSC meetings for individual purchase only. The WSC will not purchase refreshments. Additionally, neither WSO staff, nor WS trusted servants, will be responsible for directly providing refreshments.

*Maker: Wisconsin Region, page 46*

**Motion 40:** That the World Service Conference Literature Committee add a third book to the Basic Text that would contain four chapters entitled: God, Self, Service and Society.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 47*

**Motion 41:** That at least this year the WSC include in its budget \$150 to be used towards phone calls or letters with the purpose of maintaining communication with groups on the African continent.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 47*

**Motion 42:** That the WSC include in its budget at least \$150 for the current year to establish contact via telephone or correspondence with isolated NA group communities that are in the initial stages of their development like Bolivia, Poland, Eastern Europe, Russia, Malaysia and Indonesia.

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 48*

**Motion 43:** That one section of our Vision Statement be modified so it reads in the following manner: "Our vision is that one day: Every addict in the world will experience our message in his or her own language and culture, and find a new way of life."

*Maker: Ecuador Region, page 48*

**Motion 44:** To remove the WSCLC from standing committee status after work on the Step Working Guides has been completed. Future literature projects prioritized by WSC would be handled by an ad-hoc committee when the conference chooses to develop new literature pieces.

*Maker: Iowa Region, page 49*

**Motion 45:** That the WSO begin producing and release the Basic Text (5th edition) and It Works How & Why in CD (audio) form.

*Maker: Lone Star Region, page 49*

**Motion 46:** To adopt the following as the NA Service Prayer: "God, grant us knowledge that we may act according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of Your selflessness, that this may truly be Your work, not ours - in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

*Maker: Lone Star Region, page 50*

**Motion 47:** That the "Just for Today" video no longer be conference approved material. Further, production and distribution of this video will cease.

*Maker: Florida Region, page 50*

## WSC '98 ABBREVIATED MOTIONS LIST

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Motion 48: To add the following to TWGWSS:

That WSC elected trusted servants be limited to serving in WSC elected positions for a total of twelve years. Trusted servants who are currently elected to positions that would cause them to exceed the twelve year limit may fulfill their current commitment.

*Maker: Florida Region, page 51*

Motion 49: To recommend that the WSC place Addendum K "Am I too Young to be an Addict?", on the WSCLC's A-list.

*Maker: Southern California Region, page 52*

Motion 50: To postpone voting on the Step Working Guides but keep it as a priority literature project. The guide is to go out in its entirety to the fellowship following the 1998 World Service Conference for a six month review and input period to be placed in the 1999 CAR for approval.

*Maker: South Florida Region, page 52*

Motion 51: That the new NA Way Magazine should have 6 issues per year.

*Maker: Sweden Region, page 53*

Motion 52: That the price of the Basic Text and other book type items should be increased.

*Maker: Sweden Region, page 53*



## REGIONAL MOTIONS

The following motions have been considered by conference boards and committees. In the WSC section of *A Temporary Working Guide to our World 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 10)
- "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 13)
- "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 14)

Recommendations on each of these motions by the respective world service boards and/or committees are listed following each motion.

**Motion 34: To extend the Transition Group until the 1999 conference to continue guiding us through Resolution A.**

*Maker:* South Florida Region

*Intent:* To keep Resolution A assigned to an ad-hoc committee so that we can continue pursuing the goals of a downsized conference.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* Without a specific workplan it is not possible to project direct costs at this time.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*Transition Group:* To reject.

We believe that all available time, as well as human and financial resources, need to be devoted to developing the system that we have provided the frame for. We are tired and do not want to continue as an Administrative Committee ad-hoc or another separate committee. We will be making recommendations about Resolution A to the conference and do not believe that the timeline specified is realistic.

*Interim Committee:* No recommendation

We do not believe it is appropriate for the administrator to provide a recommendation on this motion.

**Motion 35: That the WSCLC collect and compile personal stories from recovering addicts in NA throughout the world, to be published as an anthology. This anthology shall be completed by the WSCLC, following the WSCLC review, input and approval guidelines.**

*Maker:* Volunteer Region

*Intent:* That an anthology of personal stories of recovering addicts in NA throughout the world be in our inventory of approved recovery literature.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* Since we have no idea of how many personal stories will be submitted, the languages and translations, or what specific tasks will be required, it is impossible to project the staff hours at this time. Given that this appears to be a major literature development project, the direct cost associated with this motion may be near what similar projects have cost in the past (\$200,000-\$375,000 or more).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board:* No recommendation.

The WSO Board will implement whatever the conference decides.

*WSB:* No recommendation

Without a work plan proposal and timeline, the board is unable to support any recommendation.

*WSCLC:* No recommendation

The WSCLC does not want to impact this decision and will support whatever the conference decides.

**Motion 36: To implement a five (5) year moratorium on the Basic Text, section one (1), book one (1), the first ten (10) chapters, pages ix to 103. This moratorium would begin at the end of the 1998 World Service Conference and end at the beginning of the 2003 World Service Conference.**

*Maker:* Georgia Region

*Intent:* To prevent revisions to the Basic Text, Book One, for five (5) years.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* *Undetermined at this time (9/97).*

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board:* No recommendation

The WSO Board, in fulfilling our responsibility as the Trustee of the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*, has researched past conference action regarding the Basic Text. In our opinion the Basic Text is one item and does not contain separate books.

*WSB:* To reject.

See WSB Motion 21 that says "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book), be committed to a service body who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options."

*WSCLC:* To reject.

The WSCLC believes that the existing section, entitled Book One in our Basic Text, should not be changed. The committee, as put forth in our motion, does believe that Book One should be enlarged by the addition of two (2) new chapters. Since this motion is unclear on this point, we feel that it should be rejected. Also our understanding is that the current moratorium expires at the beginning of the conference not the end of the conference.



**Motion 37:** That no board/committee be allowed to appoint an individual to their board/committee if that individual has run for election to that board/committee and was not elected by the conference. This would be in effect for one full conference cycle.

*Maker:* Georgia Region

*Intent:* To insure that the conscience of the World Service Conference is carried out.

*Policy affected:* This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 58.

*Financial Impact:* None

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*Administrative Committee:* To adopt.

We believe that the outcome of elections should be the final word and that the process should not be circumvented.

*WSO Board:* To reject.

While we support the intent that all world level trusted servants should have the support of the conference, the language of this motion is very restrictive. If someone runs for the World Service Board of Trustees and receives 60%, they would not be elected. Does this mean that this person would have less support to serve on a specific project or committee than someone who has never run for any position at the conference? We believe that many people do not receive the necessary support because the conference is not familiar with them. We do believe that all decisions and appointments should be clearly communicated to conference participants who then have the ability to object to any decision that they do not support.

*WCC:* No recommendation

The WCC has no recommendation on this motion because we view the setting of general conference policy as being beyond our purview.

*WSB:* To reject.

In terms of the WSB or WSO Board, there is not the ability to "appoint" a person to one of the boards now. Nor will there be such an ability in the proposed single world board, should that board be approved. The WSB, as currently structured, has from time to time appointed people to its committees on an ad hoc basis for short term help with projects, but those people are not appointed as permanent members of a WSB committee. In terms of the proposed world board, the board would appoint people to its committees on an as-needed basis from the world resource pool. Basically, the WSB feels that this motion is too restrictive, limiting the ability of one of the current boards or the new proposed board to utilize human resources.

However, what this motion would affect now would be the ability of the WSC Policy Committee or the WCC to appoint. If we do not adopt the proposed single board service structure, and maintain the current conference committee structure, with the current WCC and Policy Committee guidelines, the WSB would approve, in principle, a motion to limit the Policy Committee's or the WCC's ability to appoint a person who directly ran for election and was not elected.

*WSC H&I Committee:* To reject.

While there is inconsistency in the internal guidelines of the present standing committees' guidelines that lends itself to confusion, we feel there is some latitude that is warranted

by a committee's leadership. We also feel this type of action is premature considering the proposals being put forth by the Transition Group.

*WSC PI Committee: To reject.*

We believe that not being elected by the conference should not preclude a member from participating on a conference committee.

*WSC Policy Committee: No recommendation.*

Policy recommends no action at this time. We believe that this motion may lead to structural changes and we are committed to waiting until decisions have been made about the Transition Group proposals. During committee discussions it was evident that there was support for the intent of this motion.

*WSCLC: To reject.*

This motion goes directly against our current policy in that an individual who is not elected is automatically made a general (non-voting) member of the committee. Due to the overly restrictive nature of this motion we have no choice but to recommend rejection as currently worded.

*WSTC: No recommendation.*

This is a question of conference procedure. As we have done before in matters of conference business, the WSTC chooses to stay out of these kinds of issues keeping its focus on the single purpose of translations.

**Motion 38: That the WSB develop an Outreach Handbook, considering all previously submitted drafts and input. The handbook to be placed in the 2000 CAR for fellowship approval.**

*Maker: British Columbia Region*

*Intent: To create an outreach handbook that contains more detailed information about outreach than is contained within the Outreach Booklet put forward for approval in the 1998 CAR by the WSB.*

*Policy affected: This motion would not amend any WSC policies.*

*Financial Impact: Without a specific workplan it is not possible to estimate staff time or direct cost at this time.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSB: To reject.*

The WSB is offering the *Outreach Booklet* for approval at this WSC. The WSB noted its original concerns about the previous version of the Outreach Handbook, as developed by the former Outreach Ad Hoc Committee, to the conference. The conference dissolved the Outreach Ad Hoc and assigned the task of developing an outreach tool to the WSB. The work has been reported on, input has been requested, received, and factored, and the WSB believes the work as presented in the CAR to be a finished product.

**Motion 39: The World Service Conference (WSC) facilitates hospitality room refreshments at the WSC meetings for individual purchase only. The WSC will not purchase refreshments. Additionally, neither WSO staff, nor WS trusted servants, will be responsible for directly providing refreshments.**

*Maker: Wisconsin Region*



*Intent:* That World Service Conference funds not be spent on refreshments. Also, to remove any implied endorsement by Narcotics Anonymous world services through the purchasing of controversial substances.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* The identified direct cost associated with the refreshments has been approximately \$5,500 each year. This cost has been offset by donations which totaled approximately \$4,000 each year. The approximate staff time spent on refreshments is 31.5 hours. The information is based on the last two conference years

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*Administrative Committee:* To adopt.

This activity is money and staff intensive as well as unmanageable.

### **Motion 40: That the World Service Conference Literature Committee add a third book to the Basic Text that would contain four chapters entitled: God, Self, Service and Society.**

*Maker:* Ecuador Region

*Intent:* So that our worldwide community can have at their disposal our accumulated/combined experiences on these recovery issues/matters.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* Without a specific workplan it is impossible to project the staff hours at this time. Given that this appears to be a major literature development project, the direct cost associated with this motion may be near what similar projects have cost in the past (\$200,000-\$375,000 or more).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board of Directors:* No recommendation.

The WSO Board will implement whatever the conference decides.

*WSB:* To reject.

See WSB Motion 21 that says "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book), be committed to a service body who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options."

*WSCLC:* No recommendation.

While we find this an interesting idea we do not have enough information to make an informed decision, so we are making no recommendation.

### **Motion 41: That at least this year the WSC include in its budget \$150 to be used towards phone calls or letters with the purpose of maintaining communication with groups on the African continent.**

*Maker:* Ecuador Region

*Intent:* So that the World Service Conference can (1) begin guiding and stimulating these groups, and (2) at the same time obtain accurate information that can be used in the creation of future development plans supported by the WSC.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* See motion.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*Interim Committee:* To reject.

World services each year goes through an assessment process to allocate resources for fellowship development. Once NA communities are assessed, the outcome is prioritized and put in the fellowship development plan as well as annual budget. It would not be wise to allocate resources without going through this process because an NA community may not need these resources or may be in need of other resources. Currently, we maintain communication with these NA communities through the WSO. We believe that our communication effort with these NA communities far exceeds what is asked for in this motion.

**Motion 42:** That the WSC include in its budget at least \$150 for the current year to establish contact via telephone or correspondence with isolated NA group communities that are in the initial stages of their development like Bolivia, Poland, Eastern Europe, Russia, Malaysia and Indonesia.

*Maker:* Ecuador Region

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*Financial Impact:* See motion.

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*Interim Committee:* To reject.

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**Motion 43:** That one section of our Vision Statement be modified so it reads in the following manner: "Our vision is that one day: Every addict in the world will experience our message in his or her own language and culture, and find a new way of life."

*Maker:* Ecuador Region

*Intent:* To place our efforts and focus on a broader vision, in such a way so that, by means of the attraction to our program, all addicts around the world will experiences our message and find a new way of life, and not just have "the chance" to do so.

*Policy affected:* This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 58.



*Financial Impact:* None, assuming the depletion of anything that contains the existing Vision Statement prior to producing the new statement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*Administrative Committee:* To reject.

The proposed change makes the mission impossible to accomplish and outside the realm of what Narcotics Anonymous does in terms of carrying the message versus making sure that the message is received by all addicts.

*WSO Board:* To reject.

We believe that the Narcotics Anonymous message should be offered and available to any addict seeking help. This motion seems to attempt to have NA act as a missionary organization and implies that NA can somehow make someone find a new way of life. It is our collective responsibility to provide the opportunity for recovery as is already stated in the Vision Statement.

*WSB:* To reject.

The language steps outside of our public relations policy of attraction vs. promotion, in that all we can realistically do is to provide the opportunity for an addict to experience our message. To reflect in our vision statement that NA's goal is to somehow ensure that every addict experiences our message, would seem to portray us as more of a missionary style organization.

**Motion 44:** To remove the WSCLC from standing committee status after work on the *Step Working Guides* has been completed. Future literature projects prioritized by WSC would be handled by an ad-hoc committee when the conference chooses to develop new literature pieces.

*Maker:* Iowa Region

*Intent:* To redirect fellowship resources to other priority projects.

*Policy affected:* This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 58.

*Financial Impact:* Under our present system approximate savings of \$60,000 – 75,000. Although these funds would probably be transferred to whatever group assumed the functions of the committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*Administrative Committee:* No recommendation.

We are not prepared to look at only one committee's place in an entire system that is being evaluated for change.

*WSCLC:* To reject.

This motion is in direct conflict with prior decisions of the conference. Resolution C-1 (1995 Conference), the forming of an adhocracy from the existing conference committee structure, was overwhelmingly defeated when presented. We see this as another attempt through another channel to create an "Adhocracy" structure against the already expressed group conscience of the fellowship. Additionally the WSCLC has a large backlog of projects submitted by different regions worldwide and the conference for further development. It is the opinion of the WSCLC that continuity is important so that there are always individuals experienced in the process to help newer members. This motion

would remove that and create inefficiencies as ad-hoc committees had to "re-invent the wheel" each time a project was assigned.

**Motion 45: That the WSO begin producing and release the Basic Text (5<sup>th</sup> edition) and It Works How & Why in CD (audio) form.**

*Maker:* Lone Star Region

*Intent:* To create a new inventory item at the WSO.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* Undetermined at this time.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*WSO Board:* To reject.

We have had the Basic Text on audio tape for many years and produced *It Works: How & Why* last year. We currently have no audio versions of our literature available in any languages other than English. It would seem that if we were to develop other audio products we would concentrate our efforts on non-English audio versions of the items already available. Further, the sales of our current audio products do not seem to represent a large demand in the fellowship, as very small quantities of these products are sold each year. The WSC has left the decisions about alternate media to the WSO Board of Directors in the past and we see no reason to change that. The WSO is constantly exploring new media technologies and when appropriate institutes these kinds of changes.

**Motion 46: To adopt the following as the NA Service Prayer: "God, grant us knowledge that we may act according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of Your selflessness, that this may truly be Your work, not ours - in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction." (adapted from Basic Text, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, page xvi)**

*Maker:* Lone Star Region

*Intent:* To make our traditional service prayer official.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* None based upon wording in motion.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*WSB:* To reject.

The wording from the Basic Text is not intended to be an official literature prayer; NA does not have any "official" prayers. Adopting official prayers would seem in conflict with our statement that we are a simple, spiritual, not religious program.

**Motion 47: That the "Just for Today" video no longer be conference approved material. Further, production and distribution of this video will cease.**

*Maker:* Florida Region

*Intent:* To remove material that conflicts with *A Guide to Public Information*, regarding "how to do a 12 step call." To remove from approved service material status.



*Policy affected:* This motion would remove the "Just for Today" video from the WSO inventory.

*Financial Impact:* Based on an average of the sales of this product over the last two years, income over direct production costs would be approximately \$5,700 annually and the remaining items in stock would be valued at approximately \$3,600. It is assumed that the lost income and value would be approximately \$9,300

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board:* To reject.

This tape was made primarily for those unfamiliar with Narcotics Anonymous, outside the fellowship and not as a training tool for NA members. The 1997 World Service Conference considered a motion to edit the video and to add a trailer to the end of this tape, to address this issue, and neither motion was adopted. We believe that nothing has substantially changed since the last time the WSC took up this issue.

*WSB:* To reject.

The board concurs with the WSO Board and the WSC PI Committee in their reasons to reject this motion.

*WSC PI Committee:* To reject.

The JFT video is a valuable PI tool. Its intended audience is the public, not the fellowship. The video is not intended to be a training tool for 12 Step work. WSC PI believes that the issue raised concerning the video does not warrant removal of this item from WSO inventory and or availability to the fellowship's PI committees.

**Motion 48: To add the following to TWGWSS: That WSC elected trusted servants be limited to serving in WSC elected positions for a total of twelve years. Trusted servants who are currently elected to positions that would cause them to exceed the twelve year limit may fulfill their current commitment.**

*Maker:* Florida Region

*Intent:* To establish term limits for WSC elected trusted servants.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* None

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*Administrative Committee:* To reject.

We believe that elections themselves should set term limits. Also, it is not appropriate for WSC '98 to decide who shall be eligible for election in 2009.

*WSO Board:* To reject.

This information is included in the service resume that is required of every candidate and distributed to conference participants prior to every election. The conference then has the ability to consider this information when choosing who they wish to serve.

*WCC:* No recommendation.

The WCC has no recommendation on this motion because we view the setting of general conference policy as being beyond our purview.

*WSB:* To reject.

The conference has always had the ability to impose term limits and healthy rotation by choosing to elect or not. This motion would arbitrarily limit a future conference's ability to exercise its discretion.

*WSC H&I Committee: To reject.*

While there is some validity to the intent of the motion, we feel this action is also somewhat premature until upcoming proposals are dealt with. In addition, there are some circumstances where a trusted servant could serve more than twelve years in several different positions while observing the spirit of rotation. If they are not performing up to expectations, then the fellowship will limit the term utilizing elections.

*WSC PI Committee: To reject.*

The regional delegates should be allowed to choose whomever they wish to serve in world services. This motion would restrict their choices and future regional delegates' choices.

*WSC Policy Committee: To reject.*

The committee does not support setting a specific life time limit to serve within World Services. In addition we, as a committee, are committed to waiting until decisions have been made about the Transition Group proposals insofar as this motion may lead to structural changes.

*WSCLC: To reject.*

We believe that the conference should always be able to select the most qualified individuals to serve. This motion would put a restriction on that ability.

*WSTC: No recommendation*

In matters of conference business, the WSTC chooses to stay out of these kinds of issues keeping its focus on the single purpose of translations.

**Motion 49: To recommend that the WSC place Addendum K "Am I too Young to be an Addict?", on the WSCLC's A-list.**

*Maker:* Southern California Region

*Intent:* To include to the WSCLCs A list (Am I too Young to be an Addict?)

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* None based on wording of motion.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSCLC: Commit to WSCLC*

The committee recommends that this motion be committed to the WSCLC due to a lack of direction from the fellowship on the various items previously proposed on similar or related topics (see WSCLC work list in Addendum J).

**Motion 50: To postpone voting on the *Step Working Guides* but keep it as a priority literature project. The guide is to go out in its entirety to the fellowship following the 1998 World Service Conference for a six month review and input period to be placed in the 1999 CAR for approval.**

*Maker:* South Florida Region

*Intent:* To allow additional time for fellowship review and input on a book length piece of literature in its entirety.



*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* The identified direct cost associated with this motion would be between approximately \$8,900 and \$17,400.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSB: Adopt.*

The WSB noted its concerns about the timeline for this project at WSC '97. We believe it to be in the best interest of the fellowship to be able to see this piece in its entirety, before stopping the review and input stage of the process.

*WSCLC: To reject.*

This project was developed over more than a nine year period with the involvement of more than 30 regions throughout its evolution through the early stages ("C" and "D" Lists phases). The piece spent five years on the "A" List as a conference-approved priority of the WSCLC. The project, which had the most participation of any project in at least the last nine years (WSCLC project), received overwhelmingly positive statements and input from over 90% of the respondents. We believe that with the extensive participation and the number of years that this project has been in development that any further work would result in no material changes of any significance and would be a waste of money and resources better utilized by the fellowship.

### **Motion 51: That the new NA Way Magazine should have 6 issues per year.**

*Maker:* Sweden Region

*Intent:* To improve fellowship communication.

*Policy affected:* This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in the Appendix, page 59.

*Financial Impact:* Based on current distribution levels of the new NA Way, the identified direct cost associated with this motion would be approximately \$67,600.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board: To reject.*

We are currently producing four issues per year in five languages. Given the current availability of both human and financial resources it is impossible to accomplish this motion.

*NA Way Editorial Board: To reject.*

The NA Way Magazine has received positive feedback from inside and outside the United States. However, we are in our first year of production. We believe we need the magazine to be in production for at least two years before there is an overall evaluation of the magazine or consideration of an increase in the frequency or circulation. In addition, we support the WSO Board of Directors' recommendation relating to both our human and financial resources.

### **Motion 52: That the price of the Basic Text and other book type items should be increased.**

*Maker:* Sweden Region

*Intent:* To improve the finances of the World Service Office.

*Policy affected:* This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

*Financial Impact:* Undetermined at this time

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

*WSO Board:* To reject.

Although the WSO board appreciates the intent of the motion, it does not believe that increasing the price of literature is the means to address the financial condition of the WSO.

*WSB:* To reject.

The current WSO BOD already has the ability to adjust the price of the Basic Text if necessary. The proposed world board would also have the same ability. The WSB does not think the WSC is the appropriate forum for adjusting the price of the Basic Text.