

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 24, 1993

ATTENDANCE: Rogan Allen, WSC PI Chairperson and Voting Member; Susan Blaue, WSC PI Vice Chairperson and Voting Member; Dianne Gars, WSC PI Secretary and Voting Member; Carl Prescott, WSO/WSC PI Support Staff; other WSC PI Voting Members: Fred Bashour, Peter Morland, Tony Walters, April Ridings, Erik Rogers, Joseph Yoder, Melissa Whaley, and Anita Jackson; WSC PI Pool Members: Bob Ferri, Mac McAvenia, and Sergio Orlando. Other participants: Harold Collum (RSR-A, Lone Star Region), Scott Anderson (RSR-A, Southern Idaho Region), Brian Moore (RSR-A, Alsask Region), David Owens (RSR-A, Southern Nevada), Mark MacDonald (RSR-A, New Jersey), Sarah Leake (RSR, OK Region), Bob Jordan (RSR-A, WI Region), and Leon Battis (RSR-A, Australia). (This list reflects only those persons that signed the Attendance Sheet that was circulated immediately after the opening of this meeting and does not, therefore, reflect subsequent arrivals.)

AGENDA: This meeting was held in Van Nuys, California, and generally follows the WSC PI Agenda prepared and distributed for Saturday, April 24, 1993. Also refer to the information contained in the Agenda Update in section 4, below.

1. Rogan Allen opened this meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.
2. The Twelve Traditions were recited by Bob Jordan.
3. Introductions were made by all present at this time.
4. Roll Call:
 - A. **Note Quorum:** Nine (9) voting members were present; quorum was established.
 - B. **Agenda Update:** Section 7, the Learning Program: PI is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and H&I from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also, add item "E" for Reports on AA, NY, etc. in section 8, WSC PI Project Reports. (*Secretary's Note:* Add item D, "Secretary," to section 8, Elections.)
 - C. **Announcements:** Carl mentioned that the list currently in the database of all world, regional, and area PI and Phoneline Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons is being circulated for the purpose of noting changes or additions.
5. Administrative Business:
 - A. **Chairperson's and Vice Chairperson's oral reports:**
 Chairperson's report: Rogan feels good about the committee, the amount of members, the members themselves, and the amount of work that has been done and is being done. He thinks some of our items hit the conference at the wrong times, as far as funding is concerned. He discussed the motions before the conference this year and would like to have the conscience expressed on these motions and is not in favor of withdrawing any motions (based on the

motion to take our inventory this year). He stated that we put the work out and we would like to know what comes back from the fellowship. Rogan expressed his gratitude for Susan and Carl and their working relationship. He mentioned that he and Susan decided to bring the issue of the *Guide* back to the committee for a decision rather than assigning a new group leader (to take Danny Keelan's place) and assigning members of the working group. He wants input regarding Motion #1 (the "inventory").

Vice Chairperson's report: Susan acknowledged her gratitude to Carl. She has some apprehension about this coming year. It has been a difficult year because the committee only met once and it is difficult to work under those circumstances.

B. Interim Motion #1 (open discussion):

Rogan said the meeting was excellent and productive. Basically, each committee and board (every service area of NA) will commence an inventory process that will take about two years. It was proposed that eight multi-regional forums take place: five in the U.S. and three outside of the U.S. The objective is to determine whether the needs of the fellowship are being met. PI will have approximately \$3,200 to be distributed among our voting members to fund their attendance in Phoenix. (These funds were ear-marked for five members and Rogan wants to distribute it so that all members can attend.) Carl will be looking into our archives to determine the ideas, projects, information, etc. that was, is, or can be valuable to us now. We are to inventory ourselves; the core group will look at our findings. The first year of the inventory will be used to take the inventory and determine what changes need to be made or addressed; the second year will be used to implement changes.

Carl questions whether we can actually and accurately take our own inventories. He wants to emphasize the commitments required for this important endeavor.

Fred thinks that trying to get some survey into the inventory process is a good idea.

Peter questions whether the inventory is something that was made up by world services as "something to do," which is the question the inventory seeks to have the committees and boards ask themselves. Also, it is important to get something for the professionals.

Tony thinks that world services doing an inventory of world services is a good idea. He thinks the survey would be one way to implement the inventory process and would like to see the two joined. He raised issues regarding the funding of the inventory. He thinks an inventory would do some good and help us grow. He does not like the idea of the inventory "stopping" everything. Tony does not believe that the information is getting out, nor is the information coming in to world services. He believes an inventory will help us with our communication and will help us with our focus.

April said that she has gone through area and regional inventories in the past five months and was apprehensive when she first read about this proposal. However, she feels this is needed. She wants to know what happens with such projects as the *Guide* and the survey. She also looked at the financial implications and wonders how regions will look at financing members during this two-year process when nothing but the inventory is being worked on. She also

questions how and whether she could separate this process from her personal opinions and values.

Erik has been attending the CAR workshops and it was unanimous in his region that an inventory of world services was needed. He has the same concerns about "where to draw the line" regarding new projects. He thinks the survey should be a part of the inventory. He is apprehensive, but he is in favor of the inventory.

Joe has thought about this a lot. He thinks the *PI News* could be utilized in the inventory process. He sees an inventory process as an on-going endeavor and is in favor of this being done regularly. He believes we have to slow our work down and let go of some projects; the problem is determining what to do with current matters.

Melissa does not know how to let go of international development because she believes that it is very important. She thinks that PI work is often negated, unappreciated, or taken over and she does not like that! She wants to see us do the survey no matter what it takes. She likes the idea of using the *PI News* as part of the inventory process.

Anita was surprised that the WSC has never taken an inventory before. She believes in inventories and she knows we need the survey. She said the "solutions are in the steps" and we need to get back to basics.

Mac said that this is his first conference, but is familiar with voting on issues in the CAR for a number of years on a group or area level. He thinks there may be too many committees or boards. He is open for any thing this year.

Bob F. is in favor of the inventory, especially with the *Twelve Concepts* and the *Guide to Service* coming out. He is impressed with the inventory work this committee has done in the three years he has been involved. He is emotionally attached to the survey but understands that the time and funding may not be available to complete it at this time.

Dianne said that she thinks an "inventory" is healthy and is in favor of some type of inventory taking place (now and regularly hereafter). However, she said that she is not fully informed as to what the current works-in-progress or planned (new) projects of the other committees and/or boards are and, therefore, it is difficult (if not impossible) to approve or disapprove of "stopping" all current work. Further, is the plan presented the only plan available? Is this a situation where the choice is from a list of one, or do we have alternatives? These questions and other items need to be addressed before a competent decision can be made. She would like to see work continue on the revision of the *Guide* and would like the survey to proceed without delay.

Sergio said that inventories are good. He strongly believes that if it is happening, there is a reason for it to happen and he is okay with that.

Susan said it is never really a bad time to take an inventory. She thinks it is a very good idea to get involved in this. She has emotional ties to PI projects and particularly feels the survey should be done. She said we need to resolve among ourselves those projects we want to complete and those we should put on hold.

Rogan said the conference needs to hear why PI is important. How do we make our fellowship aware that what PI does is vital to the growth of our fellowship? We are not heard when it comes to budgeting, funding, prioritizing. He made notes of our comments so that he can address these when discussions

about Motion #1 come up. He thinks the trustees need to inventory themselves as well. He thinks a core group can handle this and we do not need the trustees to do it. He does not believe they have enough time to do this anyhow.

C. Committed Motions:

- (1) **Motion #67:** "That all WSC committee meetings including BOT meetings (with the exception of privileged legal issues and personnel meetings) be open to all members of the fellowship for observation."

The maker of the motion was present. Discussion followed as to whether we consider this as it relates to PI or to all committees. Rogan said that honesty and openness do not seem to prevail if the meeting is open to anyone desiring to observe the meeting. It was noted that the WSO BOD is not included in the motion. The maker of the motion said that it was originally included and should be included. Also raised was the question of the use of the terms "privileged" and "personnel" and their meanings and intentions.

RESULT: 9/0/1 in favor of this motion (by straw poll).

- (2) **Motion #89:** "Change the first sentence under TWGSS policy F., WSC Public Information Committee II, PI Committee authority and responsibility to read: 'A quorum is one-half of the total voting members.'" (The intention of this motion is to change the quorum from one-third () to one-half (1/2).)

RESULT: 9/0/0 in favor of this motion (by straw poll).

- (3) **Motion #98** (addressed to all committees): "To combine all conference periodicals—*Reaching Out*, *PI News*, *Conference Report*, *Newsline*, *Conference Digest*, *Meeting by Mail*—into one periodical."

RESULT: 0/9/0 against this motion (by straw poll).

- (4) **Motion #99:** "That any member of World Service Conference committees having knowledge of misappropriation of funds and not revealing such information to the fellowship by written communication, within a reasonable period of time, shall be removed from office." (The intention was to create policy and motivate full disclosure to the fellowship of financial discrepancies.)

RESULT: 0/8/2 against this motion (by straw poll).

- (5) **Motion #103:** "Amendment to Motion #15. Division of question. Consider items 1, 2, and 3 as separate questions."

RESULT: 0/9/1 against this motion (by straw poll).

- (6) **Motion #111:** "That the WSC adheres to the Twelve Concepts by allowing full participation privileges to the following: (full participation is voting, making and speaking to motions) to RSRs, RSR Alternates, committee chairs and vice chairs, and BOD members."

RESULT: 0/7/2 against this motion (by straw poll).

- D. **Internal committee guidelines:** *Secretary's Note:* Except for the amendments below, this item was postponed until our April 30 meeting and was placed on that day's Agenda in section 5.

Motion: "As to the internal guidelines: (a) to amend Addendum F, Section 3, Officers, by adding 'in each position' at the end of the last

sentence which reads: 'Each may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms as an officer,' and (b) to amend the requirement for quorum from one-third (1/3) to one-half (1/2). (There was, by a show of hands, no objection to making one motion for both issues.)

RESULT: Motion carried 10/0/0.

6. *Conference Agenda Report items:*

- A. **Internal Survey:** Rogan said many people he spoke with objected to putting forth the survey motion we prepared (in Cincinnati). We do not have enough information about cost and how it is going to be implemented. Also, not many people in the fellowship were aware of the intention to do a survey (it was only addressed in the *PI News* and WSC PI Minutes. Discussion followed about whether to let the survey issue be decided upon as presented or to commit it to the BOT.

RESULT: 10/0/0 in favor of presenting this motion as indicated in the CAR (by straw poll).

- B. **A Guide to Phoneline Service:** There was some discussion.

RESULT: 10/0/0 in favor of presenting this motion as indicated in the CAR (by straw poll).

- C. **Conference Policies:** We have dealt with these above, except for: Carl's comments on Internal Guidelines discussed above are appropriate to this portion of the Agenda. Some discussion followed.

- D. **Revision of NA= A Resource in Your Community:** There was some discussion.

RESULT: 10/0/0 in favor of presenting this motion as indicated in the CAR (by straw poll).

7. Learning Program (2:00-4:00 p.m. for PI; 4:00-6:00 p.m. for H&I on Wednesday):

Rogan said he talked with Susan and Carl about this. He said the overall vision was to come up with three to five PI topics that could be presented by members during the PI portion of the Learning Program. Rogan asked for suggestions for topics. We hope to involve the audience during the presentations on PI and PI-related issues. An outline for the Learning Program was distributed. We went over the outline and discussed the items listed and the order of the items listed. Lengthy discussion followed concerning educating the fellowship and about what WSC PI is or is not doing and is or is not being permitted or funded to do regarding world-level PI work.

Note: Panel discussions will be from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on Monday to discuss our motions.

8. WSC PI Project Reports:

- A. **Survey:** Tony has been in contact with a professional (Bob Hubbard, Research Triangles, North Carolina) regarding surveys. Hubbard is mainly concerned with research about addictions, etc. He believes the help we are going to get will

come from the people who are working in the field of addiction. These people want to help us and all we have to do is tell them what we want them to do. Tony thinks this survey can be accomplished for approximately \$15,000.00 (and not the \$50,000.00 mentioned as the price AA paid for its survey). Tony asked for input about what questions we wanted to ask. It was suggested that we think of what we want to know to determine what we want to ask.

- B. **Publications:** Fred said that a written report would be distributed at another time.

- C. **Worldwide Public Information:** Joe discussed the following items:

- (1) The questionnaire was sent out in February and Joe thinks that we received a considerable amount of information in the short period of time since then and responses are still coming in. He wants to develop a report based on the input and hopes to have that available soon. Also, H&I contacted Joe regarding the questionnaire and he hopes to have some interaction between our two committees and combine the needs of both into one questionnaire.
- (2) *Basic PI Guidelines* was sent out after Cincinnati and some input was received and factored in and it was sent out again in March. Joe wants input during this WSC. He will hold a meeting later in the week and hopes to get a draft copy out to the fellowship during the conference.
- (3) He wants to work on setting up a continental resource group.
- (4) He hopes to be able to help on the professional conferences (ESO).
- (5) He wants to initiate more translations of some PI-related literature.
- (6) He wants to work on initiating ideas for international magazines.

- D. **A Guide to Public Information:** Everyone was advised of Danny's decision to discontinue work on this and stop attending meetings of this committee. Carl said we should evaluate whether we need or are willing to continue with the revision of the *Guide*. Discussion followed. An informal vote indicated that five members were in favor of revising the *Guide* now and five were in favor of postponing revising the *Guide* at this time. Dianne volunteered to head a working group this week for anyone interested in this project for the purpose of deciding what could be done now. At this point, it was decided to postpone this item until after that group could meet and report back to the committee (during the April 30 meeting).

- E. **Reports on AA, NY, etc.** These issues were not addressed at this time. Refer to April 30 Minutes.

9. Elections:

- A. **Voting members:** Danny K. resigned; Dianne G. and Peter M. declined the nominations for an additional two-year term as voting members. Tony W. and April R. are first term officers. Joe Y. and Melissa W., will be voting members for a second term of two years. Erik R., Anita J., and Fred B. will be voting members for a first term of two years. We had a discussion about who was available, qualified, and/or willing. Bob F., Mac M., and Sergio O. were

nominated. Bob F. was willing; Mac M. declined; and Sergio said he wanted to remain in the pool (he reconsidered this during the May 30 meeting). Bob F. qualified.

ELECTION RESULT: Bob F. was duly elected as a voting member of WSC PI. Congratulations Bob!

- B. **Chairperson:** At this time Rogan and Susan stated their desire to have the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions remain status quo (i.e. Rogan as Chairperson, and Susan as Vice Chairperson). Discussion followed: It was M/S Fred B./Joe Y. as follows:

Motion: To rotate [the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson according to the *Guidelines* currently in place].

RESULT: After discussion and pros and cons, the Motion carried 7/1/1.

ELECTION RESULT: Susan Blaue was duly elected Chairperson of WSC PI. Congratulations Susan!

- C. **Vice Chairperson:** Tony W., Joe Y. and Fred B. were duly nominated and qualified.

ELECTION RESULT: Tony Walters was duly elected Vice Chairperson of WSC PI. Congratulations Tony!

- D. **Secretary:** This election was postponed until April 30.

10. Announcement of working group meetings:

- A. Worldwide PI: Joe will meet with Erik, Sergio, Bob, Leon, Christophe, Eduardo, and Umbra at a time and date to be announced.
- B. *A Guide to Public Information:* Dianne will meet with Anita, Erik, April and Willie at a time and date to be announced.

11. Closing Prayer: Having concluded the business scheduled for the day, this meeting was adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

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Note: Before the meeting began, two video public service announcements were shown (one by AA, another entitled "4 Your Health").

AGENDA: This meeting was held in Van Nuys, California, and generally follows the WSC PI Agenda prepared and distributed for Saturday, April 30, 1993. Also refer to the information contained in the Agenda Update in section 2, below.

1. Susan Blaue opened this meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6:47 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
 - A. Note Quorum: Six voting members were present; quorum was established.
 - B. Agenda Update:
 - (1) Elections of Secretary and additional voting members were inserted as item D in this section of the agenda.
 - (2) The positions of section 4 and 5 were reversed (i.e. WSC PI Projects became section 4, and the Open Forum section became number 5 on the agenda).
 - (3) The following items were added to section 5: E. Cooperation with AA/New York; F. Internal Committee Guidelines; Internal Guidelines; G. Renew H&I Cooperative; H. International pool members; I. *N.A. Update*; J. Audio Tape/Learning Program; K. Workplan; and L. Inventory.
 - C. Announcements:
 - (1) Susan welcomed new members and visitors.
 - (2) Carl sent the PI/Phoneline Area and Regional list of contacts around for corrections, changes, and/or additions. Carl passed out handouts: (a)

total voting members (to be adjusted and sent out in monthly mailing); (b) WSC PI Project List; and (c) a working draft of the *Basic PI Guidelines*. Carl mentioned the survey and the differences based on what is determined regarding the inventory. He welcomed the new voting and pool members. Further, Carl taped the learning program and said that it was a great success. He will propose at the team meeting that a copy be made for all voting, pool, and advisory members, and suggested that perhaps something could appear in the *PI News* that the tape is available (free, if possible).

- (3) Tony thanked everyone for the support given him by this committee. He shared about what transpired regarding his commitment and/or possible conflict as RSR Alternate for his region and his nomination as Vice Chairperson of this committee were concerned. He felt his decision was based on how he could best be of service and would let go of the RSR Alternate position.

3. Elections: There are currently seven voting members, plus the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson; we have a capacity for twelve voting members.

- A. Nominations for Voting Members: Sergio Orlando was duly nominated by Joe Y. and seconded by Fred B. Sergio qualified.

ELECTION RESULT: Sergio was elected as a voting member of the WSC PI Committee. Congratulations Sergio!

- B. It was M/S by Melissa W./Joe Y. "to suspend the rules for the purpose of holding elections." [The intention was that this action would ratify the above election and would be appropriate regarding the election below.]

RESULT: Motion carried, 6/1/1.

- C. Nomination for Secretary: April Ridings was duly nominated by Melissa W. and seconded by Bob F. April qualified.

ELECTION RESULT: April was elected as Secretary of the WSC PI Committee. Congratulations April!

Introductions were made by all present at this time.

3. Announcement of pool members: Bob Jordan, Scott Anderson, Craig Smith, Willie Worley, Bob Lowery, Leonard Harris, Bob Cothran, and Harold Collum. Christophe De Pierre, was elected as an international pool member. Congratulations to all!

4. WSC PI Project Reports:

- A. **Survey:** The survey motion(s) passed! Tony said he was awaiting direction from the WSC. Several members were dropped from the working group due to lack of participation. He is now looking at the questions and has asked for members of this committee to give input as to information we feel would be important. The PI survey will be an internal survey intended to help the professionals and is not a survey of our membership.

We discussed the "list" of the names for the conference task force of six people; that list will be submitted to the RSR working group. The RSR working

group will include Fred. (This specifically refers to Item 2 on page 24 of the 1993 CAR, which states: "A list will be compiled from names submitted by the WSC PI Chairperson, the WSC H&I Chairperson, and the WSB.") The list will then be directed for final selection to a RSR working group appointed by the WSC Chairperson. Tony formed the list: Tony W., Eric R., April R., Bob J., Bob F., and Harold C. Further, Joe indicated an interest to be on this list. This discussion also included item 14 on page 25 of the 1993 CAR, which states: "To approve the formation of a World Services task force that will, after consulting with survey professionals, develop a questionnaire and plan to conduct an internal survey of the fellowship in 1994. Intent: to initiate the research, investigation, and development of a questionnaire and a plan to survey the fellowship."

Susan asked how we wanted to proceed. (There will probably be two surveys.) Do we want to make a motion? Do we want to make a plan? Do we want to hold back for a year? This will come up on the conference floor tomorrow. This will come up on the priority list and will be ranked based upon decisions made by RSRs. The sum of \$7,900.00 has been listed as a line item for the funding of this project.

There were some arguments against including the survey as part of the inventory and they should be considered in planning and presenting the inventory to the conference.

The consensus was that when the budget gets presented, Susan will remind everyone that item 14 was overwhelmingly passed and PI is looking for direction to move forward, based on the placement on the priority list.

- B. **Publications:** Fred circulated a written report on Sunday and briefly discussed what took place during the last year. He has some questions as to what the publications position is on this committee. Fred asked for a clarification of the purpose of function of this working group as it relates to input and editing of PI material. This was discussed. The specific question was whether this working group was to perform input and/or editing functions on WSC PI material and, if so, whether or not the decisions of this working group would reverse decisions made by the working group that produced the material. The PI Secretary pointed out that the October, 1992 Minutes contained a clarification that was sought during those meetings (because of a misunderstanding of the direction given during the 1992 WSC).

RESULT: By straw poll, this committee reversed its prior decisions by now deciding that the Publications working group would *edit* WSC PI material. When a conceptual change is suggested or made by the Publications working group, that change will be presented to and discussed with the originator of the material. The final decision regarding conceptual changes rests with the originator of the material.

N.A. Update focus will be the survey. Some articles will be written by NA members, and some will be solicited from professionals. Joe brought up concern about the method of approaching professionals for articles.

PI News will be discussed later.

- C. **Worldwide Public Information:** Joe said that the abbreviated draft of the *Basic PI Guidelines* will be given out tomorrow to some of the conference participants.

- D. **A Guide to Public Information:** A letter was prepared and will go out to conference participants with the "Proposed Outline" and a Worksheet. Anita J. and Bob J. were appointed co-leaders of this working group.

Announcement: A message was just received that the video project will proceed. That's great news! Yea!

(*Secretary's Note:* Several of the items below occurred or were discussed in a different order than they appear here. The order below was determined by the revisions made to today's agenda.)

- E. **Cooperation with AA/New York:** Rogan and Susan met in New York in November with the OSAS (Office of Substance Abuse). The OSAS wants to set up an agency (model) for substance abuse. Some OSAS people are advocates of Twelve-Step fellowships and they said that it was important to include the fellowships. The OSAS sent people to Twelve-Step meetings to educate them about recovery. Rogan and Susan discussed our basic philosophy, program, etc. There was a round-table discussion during which Rogan made a presentation. Rogan was there on behalf of NA, and others present included a trustee from AA, Nar-Anon, Al-Anon, ACOA, SOS (Secular Order of Sobriety), and another group that used bible verses for all of the Twelve Steps.
- The *NA Update* was given out. They liked it and wanted more. They want NA to be a part of their recovery system. Rogan explained that H&I was the particular committee that took meetings into facilities, however we could get them started with regular meetings. California has the same thing in the works. Rogan thinks other states are going to start looking into this also. They came to the conclusion that they do not have the funding to deliver "treatment on demand," and Twelve-Step recovery would be important when addressing substance abuse. The AA trustee said that she thinks NA is ready to take off like AA did some time ago; she cautioned NA/Rogan about some things she knew about or that AA had learned from experience. She agreed to provide their inventory questions and send them to Rogan. This relationship will be continued in the future. She said that AA is willing to share its experience with us and told us that we were really off base about some things that were discussed with her. She cautioned about "promoting" and "marketing." She said that exhibiting at professional conferences and the survey were invaluable to AA. It is extremely important to set up a network of PI committees to have them do presentations or exhibits. (This is the basis of their success.)
- F. **Internal Committee Guidelines:** Carl said that some conference changes have been made (with edits) and additional work needs to be done. He feels they need more work. Further, this work is to be assigned to the working group for *A Guide to Public Information*.
- G. **Renew H&I Cooperative:** Bob F. asked what we were doing or wanted to do. Susan said it was basically regarding communication with PI and H&I and would encourage our renewing that effort again. Carl said that there is a need but he can not see the result or benefit; also, they meet at the same time as PI and that would make interaction difficult for our liaison. Further, we are already doing some things and do not need an official "appointee" at this time.

- H. **International Pool Members:** We discussed "pool" members who can not participate by regular attendance. It was suggested that we allow more freedom and flexibility regarding the Guidelines for pool members and determine whether these people should be included or a part of the continental resource group (ten members were suggested).

RESULT: We formed a "PI Resource Pool" consisting of ten members. Joe Y. will be the communicator with these people and they will receive the necessary mailings from this committee. Christophe (France) and Umbra (Italy) were appointed as two of the ten members. (Carl has a list of all members.)

- I. **NA Update/ A Newsletter for Professionals:** Carl said there was a great response to this from professionals and that they felt this was a great tool. Regions have also been inspired and would like this available in their regions. There was a concern expressed that running this on a mimeograph machine should be avoided. There was discussion about the need to produce this in a professional way (type of paper, print, etc.). Should there be some guidelines regarding the reproduction of this in or by regions desiring to use this resource? A question was raised as to how these guidelines could be "enforced" or insured. It was also discussed that guidelines be considered regarding the duplication of all or portions of the *Newsletter* by others.

Motion (informal): To indicate that we are in favor of regions reproducing *NA Update/ A Newsletter for Professionals*. The motion failed.

RESULT: Motion failed by a show of hands.

- J. **Audio Tape/Learning Program:** We viewed a video from a PI committee in the Nashville area (showed a man in an alley). Also, there is a woman in London who wants to do a documentary on NA, and France is working on something to be ready for the convention.

- K. **Workplan:** Refer to section 6, below.

- L. **Inventory:** The WSC Chairperson notified our Chairperson of the need to appoint a member of this committee to direct the inventory to be administered by the WSC and to deliver that name within the next ten minutes. Susan stated what was required of the position and of the member.

RESULT: By general acknowledgement of the committee, Susan was appointed to this position referred to above.

The inventory will be developed from a composite group. Susan will address this in our monthly mailings.

Secretary's Note: We departed from the order of our agenda to address the following:

Election of voting member: We discussed whether a pool member who became a pool member in the current conference year is permitted to seek a voting member position. It was noted: (1) that this is not clear in our current Guidelines (although the newly approved guidelines did not prohibit pool members from being considered for voting positions), and (2) that voting members have traditionally come from the available pool members. We need to address this in our Guidelines, including the issue

of "participation." It was also brought up that Bob J. was a pool member one or more years ago.

RESULT: It was determined that Bob J. could be a nominee for a voting member position on this committee during the 1993 quarterly.

6. **Workplan update** (also refer to the January 20, 1993 revised Workplan):

- A. **Survey:** Depends on conference direction; we hope that someone from our committee will be on the task force being formed.
- B. **Publications:** This group wants to meet tomorrow. The summer (July) *NA Update* will focus on the survey; the *PI News* will be out at the quarterly (October). Further, this working group will edit the revised version of *A Guide to Public Information* after all other input and editing has been correlated. The statement of purpose of this working group has been amended to read: "To facilitate the publication of the *PI News* and the *NA Update*—*A Newsletter for Professionals*, to provide a final copy-editing service for other PI-related publication projects, and to develop articles for submission in major international publications."
- C. ***A Guide to Public Information:*** Proceed with revision process; wait for input from letter distributed to conference participants (which included a "Proposed Outline" and a worksheet). Further, the statement of purpose of this working group has been amended to read: "To review, revise and restructure *A Guide to Public Information* in order to better reflect current thinking in relation to public information efforts."
- D. **Worldwide PI:** It is the intent of this group to complete the Basic PI Guide, initiate the continental resource groups, and follow-up on the questionnaires that were sent to the non-US PI and representative members.

7. **Closing Prayer:** Having concluded the business scheduled for the day, this meeting was adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

In loving service to Narcotics Anonymous,

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