

## World Service Conference, 1997 Annual Meeting

### Sunday, 27 April 1997

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97 at 9:05 a.m. in Woodland Hills, California, USA. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region) read the Twelve Concepts. Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region) read the Twelve Traditions.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Administrative Committee, the WSC Interim Committee, the conference committee chairs and vice chairs, and the translators. Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) introduced the World Service Office Board of Directors, Stu T (WSB Chairperson) introduced the members of the World Service Board of Trustees, and George H (WSO Executive Codirector) introduced the members of the WSO staff that were present.

Roll call #1 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 101 participants were present. 67 represents a 2/3 majority; 52 represents a simple majority; and 81 regions were present. For Old Business: 54 represents a 2/3 majority and 42 represents a simple majority.

It was M/S/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson)/Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) "To approve the WSC 1996 minutes as amended." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) submitted the following revision: Page 20, Motion #102, the correct second for the motion is Pierre A (RSR-Alternate, Quebec Region). Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York) noted that on page 5, second paragraph from the bottom, where the minutes now read: "It was M/S/W ...Motion #68:.. AMENDMENT REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION" — the minutes should read as follows: "It was M/S/W ...Motion #68:.. Following an objection by the RSR Alternate from Northern New York, the chairperson ruled the AMENDMENT OUT OF ORDER." Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) pointed out that, in the minutes supplement on page 12, he and not Mike P made the request for the WSC Policy Committee to look into the issue of proxy voting.

Debbie S. (RSR, Greater Illinois Region) introduced Jeff B (RSR, FAITH Region). Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region) asked how many areas are in the region. Jeff B (FAITH Region) responded that the GSRs vote at the region and there are no areas, and then read a report on the status of the FAITH Region.

BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants voted to seat the FAITH Region. (see further conference action on this motion on the following page)

Donna M (WSB) announced two more regions seeking seating: Costa Rica and Norway. Sylvia C (RSR, Panama Region) introduced Oscar Z (RSR, Costa Rica Region). Oscar then gave an overview of the status of Narcotics Anonymous in Costa Rica.

BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants voted to seat the Costa Rica Region.

Pedro C (RSR, Sweden Region) introduced Monica A (RSR, Norway Region). Monica gave an overview of the status of Narcotics Anonymous in Norway.

BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants voted to seat the Norway Region.

Jeff S (RSR, South Florida) raised a point of order, indicating that he did not have the opportunity to ask his second question before the vote. He questioned the WSC Administrative Committee about Page 6, in *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* 1996 edition—Does the FAITH Region meet the definition of a region? He also questioned whether the vote to seat the FAITH Region would need a 2/3 majority since their current structure is in conflict with the description of a region in *TWGSS*. Michael M (WSC Chairperson), noting that the conference has seated regions with less than two areas in the past, ruled that today's conference action on all three regions will stand.

Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region) posed a question for the Greater Illinois Region concerning the FAITH Region. Michael ruled that the time for questions and answers about the FAITH Region and the parent region had passed. Winston then appealed the decision of the chair. The decision of the chair was OVERTURNED as a result of a MAJORITY BY STANDING VOTE: "To uphold the chair's decision?", YES-44; NO-47.

Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region) asked about the impact on the parent region of forming the FAITH Region. He also posed a question to participants about last year's conference decision concerning the resolution about reducing the size of the WSC. Debbie S (RSR, Greater Illinois Region) noted the area that formed the FAITH Region was Greater Illinois's largest source of human and financial resources, and the impact was significant. A discussion ensued about possible effects on the Greater Illinois Region of seating the FAITH Region.

Randy K(RSR, Ontario Region) asked if the WSC has ever not seated a region? Billy E shared that the Region of the Virginians was not accepted by the WSC in 1985 because the parent region did not support it, but the region was seated the following year. After extended discussion, the chairperson pointed out the necessity to now entertain the following motion: "To reconsider the decision to seat the FAITH Region." Conference participants accepted the suggestion and the MOTION TO RECONSIDER CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY STANDING VOTE. YES-71; NO-20.

Conference participants then considered the following motion: "To seat the FAITH Region." MOTION TO SEAT FAITH REGION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY STANDING VOTE. YES-25; NO-62.

It was M/S/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson)/Bud K (WSB) "To approve the 1997 WSC Rules of Order which include the election procedures." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/D Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/ "to amend the WSC Rules of Order, election procedures, with motion #22 as follows: 'The results from the complete election process be printed and distributed to all WSC conference participants and nominees. This process shall include all results from all tallies from each ballot.'" MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/ Darwyn L (WSB) "To suspend the order of the day and go into a business session to consider Motions #20 and #21 from the '97 CAR, to be implemented at this conference." [Motion #20: 'That all World Service Conference elections be decided by vote of the RSRs'. Motion #21: 'That the clean time requirements for the World Service Board of Trustees be increased from eight years to twelve years.] MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY FAILED FOR LACK OF A MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reported that the WCC chair and vice chair will be seated on the

conference floor to give their report and participate in discussions that are relevant to the WCC, as practiced in the past. No objections were voiced.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) gave a report on behalf of the WSC Interim Committee regarding the acquisition of Narcotics Anonymous fellowship archives and other historical material from the family of Jimmy K, one of the founding members of the fellowship. The purchase price was reported as \$50,000. Paul then read one of Jimmy's letters from this material, written in 1969.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) called the meeting in recess for conference participants to attend the WSO Open House and committee meetings.

## **MONDAY, 28 APRIL 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at Woodland Hills, California. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Vinnie F (RSR, Northern NY) read the Twelve Concepts. Laura J (WSO BOD) read a letter written in 1969 by Jimmy K.

The following first-time participants introduced themselves and were welcomed: Jim A (RSR, Show-Me Region), Tom R (RSR Alternate, Show Me Region), Lenny G (RSR, UK Region), Barrington De La R (RSR Alternate, UK), Jeff F (RSR, San Diego Imperial Region), Tom R (RSR Alternate, San Diego Imperial Region), Mike M (2<sup>nd</sup> RSR Alternate, Lone Star Region), Mike B (RSR, Colorado Region), John E (RSR Alternate, Colorado Region), Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region).

The World Services Development Plan panel members were introduced: Stu T (WSB Chairperson), Mario T (BOD), Mitchell S (BOD), Donna M (WSB), Cary S (BOD), and Michael M (WSC Chairperson). They gave a presentation on Goals One through Seven from the World Services Development Plan Report and then opened the floor for a question and answer discussion session. The following topics were included in the discussion: creating a bulletin to increase awareness of fund flow, direct contributions, financial motivation for development of new literature, printing literature outside the US, communication difficulties with world services, integration of service bodies, prioritization of projects, development of tools and implementation combined into a single goal, how to answer the question in Goal 7, how to identify the skills of members, perceived duplication of efforts, how to input the sales and marketing plan, compatibility of business plan and fellowship development plan, Goal 1D, the development of tools by December 31, establishment of a Human Resource pool, type of activities used to support regions, a 90 day operating reserve, improving project management, charting and prioritizing the goals and tasks, and the quality assurance program.

After a lunch break, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) opened the afternoon session and asked Tim B (Transition Group Chairperson) to begin the Transition Group presentation for Resolution A. Tim gave a brief overview of the inventory process. He also described the goals, timelines, and the team approach utilized by the Transition Group this year. He then introduced the members of the Transition Group. Tim reviewed the material presented in the Transition Group Proposals (translated in four languages) and the handout that was distributed to all participants. He described the following goals for the week: to receive direction from conference participants on the proposals, get a clear understanding of the work to date, and focus on concepts rather than the details.

David J (TG member), leader of Team A, described their work and the challenges they encountered: defining the word "equal," adding another layer of service, consensus-based

decision making, and a new WSC. He referred to the four models and indicated that Model Three was worked on extensively in the beginning. He reported that the group, realizing that Model Three calls for a new layer of service, then focused on presenting alternatives.

Susan B (TG member and WSB) presented information about the purpose of the WSC, function of the WSC, responsibilities of the WSC, total number of WSC participants, participation at the WSC, additional layer to the service structure. She described each of these aspects of the WSC with respect to current practice and also to Models One, Two, Three, and Four.

Saul A (TG member) discussed the role of the delegate in the new WSC according to Models One, Two, and Three. He indicated that in Model Four, each conference would determine the role of the delegate. He concluded by asking for questions, opinions, and comments about all aspects of a delegate in a new WSC.

David J (TG member) asked for input to the Transition Group for their work in answering the question: Where do we go from here?

Jane N (TG Member) opened a question and input/discussion period. The following subjects were raised: how the WSO will handle the human resource requirements for Model 3, the importance and desirability of cost equalization, the World Board and voting by board members, Model One and Two being viewed as a transition phase to a more permanent model, concern about lack of continuity as a result of the alternate delegates not attending the conference, questions and input from non-US and non-English speaking members, the FIPT "trustor", disappointment by some at receiving Model Three with alternatives, representation in each of the models and the possibility of populous representation, the US Conference as "senior", and the absence of a business session in Model 4.

In addition, the following subjects were raised: the possibility of a Model 5 to include Model 3 plus a sharing session, the possibility of Mexico and Central America being in the same zone, the difference and similarities of participation by the board members and the delegates, creation and criteria of a district, role of the delegate. Also, the following ideas were discussed: the world service focus on the issues (philosophical, financial, intellectual property) applying to Models One and Two, concern about the six criteria of equal representation, how the conference could benefit from a system of having two or three delegates for each of many unequal regions, concern for creating an additional layer of service, the identified problems and the resolutions from the RG, and sentiment for a conference meeting involving all parts of the world.

One participant expressed disappointment at an apparent failure to prioritize and suggested that priority one should be for the Transition Group to work on collapsing the existing current structure to one board, priority two being to redesign and improve our fund-flow system, and representation should be priority three. More discussion included: response to the survey, the effects of a limit on non-US representatives, delegates being encouraged to vote what is best for NA, our practice of sending things back to the groups, a call for the Transition Group to shift their focus away from representation to the immediate problems of one board and fund flow, a suggestion that the conference approve a model and that the Transition Group come back with the details next year and implement it the third year, and the financial impact of creating another level of service in Model Three and Model Four.

After a dinner break at 6:00 PM, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) opened the evening session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Bob J (TG member), the leader of Team B, presented information about their work on Resolution B and C2. He noted current provisions for 51 people in leadership. Rose C (TG

member) noted that Resolutions B and C2 are interrelated. She also spoke about accountability, indicating that the team agreed that the world board would be accountable to the WSC, the committees would be accountable to the world board, and members would be elected by the WSC. She spoke about functions and also duties of the world board. Shannon L (TG member) described the work of the group concerning qualifications for world board members. Bob J (TG member) presented the work on world board committees, committee structure, the executive committee, WSO operations committee, events committee, internal committee, publications committee, and "the group formerly known as the "trustees" (TGFKATT). Bob J, noting that the Transition Group does not plan to present motions about this material, stated their hope to receive direction after the small group discussions. He indicated that the question for the discussion groups is: "Should the responsibilities currently assigned to the World Service Board of Trustees be assigned to the world board, a world board committee, or to a specific group within the world board?"

Jane N (Transition Group Vice Chairperson) opened the input period for the group's work on Resolution B and C2. An RSR from a non-US region spoke passionately about the extreme differences that exist in his country and the difficulties of recovery and service there. The following subjects were raised: submitting input on clean time, H&I and PI function in the world board, maintaining checks and balances, project management, function of the publications committee with translations, size of the world board, the necessity for long range planning, how the world board would go about accomplishing projects, the WSO Operations Committee, voting by world board members, the resource pool. Both frustration and hope were shared. Different perceptions of the 1996 amendment to Resolution B, as well as "downsizing" committees according to C2, were also shared. Reducing the number of representatives and seeking marketing advice from Hazelden were also mentioned. Several questions were asked about the human resource panel. In response, Jane N indicated that the group has produced one draft and is looking forward to input on this and all other topics.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) recessed the meeting for the day at 9: 55 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at 9:05 am in Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA. He opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mike M (2<sup>nd</sup> RSR Alternate, Lone Star Region) read the Twelve Concepts. Steve M (RSR, Free State Region) read the Twelve Traditions. Eric H (RSR Alternate, Free State Region) read a selection from the historical material entitled "Unity", written by George R., date unknown.

Stu T (WSB Chairperson) reported that the Board of Trustees completed the review forms of the Outreach Handbook, the Institutional Group Guide, and the Additional Needs Booklet, with the intention to have approval forms in the 1998 CAR. He also reported significant progress on the Fellowship Development Plan and Public Relations Plan. Floyd B (WSB) gave a report on the WSB Development Forum.

Garth P (WSB External Chair) introduced members of the WSB External Committee. He described the Public Relations Plan, indicating that it is based on training, education and research. He reported on tools in development, translated versions of the basic PI Guide, and recognition of NA at the ICAA meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Donna M (WSB) gave a brief update on the Research Conference project which was scheduled for October, 1996, stating that a variety of concerns eventually lead to cancellation of the October event. She reported

that the project is on hold for one year and that there is international interest in this project.

The members of the board answered questions from conference participants about the following subjects: adapting the survey to accommodate regional assistance, possible assistance by other regions to those requesting funds, helping correctional personnel to start NA meetings, correspondence with professionals, the one-board concept, priority of "Train the Trainer" project, freezing the DF list, assistance to professionals, the value of the WSB, bulletins about retaining NA members in meetings and service, the ICAA, criteria for funding DF participants, study of NA by outside researchers.

Donald G (WCC Chairperson) introduced members of the WCC Board of Directors in attendance. He reported on the WSO/WCC Workshop as an event that allows the WCC to directly interact with regions and assists them with questions about legal issues, facility issues, and hotel arrangements for regional conventions. Donald reported that the *Convention Guidelines* publication is out of date and does not supply much help for regional conventions, and that this is a big project that will require a lot of man hours. The WCC is aware that this may not be a priority project and hopes to get direction from the conference on this matter. Donald also reported that since Motion #26 in the '97 CAR (directing the WCC to include common needs meetings at the World Convention) would be conscienced by regions, the WCC decided not to work on the WSC '96 committed motion #84. The 1997 work plan was discussed, and a revised work plan and budget was submitted. Donald indicated that left-over WCNA-26 merchandise is available at a reduced price for purchase. Donald also reported that the site for WCNA-29 will either be in Orlando, Montreal or Atlanta, with a decision to be made later this year, and that WCNA-28 will be held in Cartagena, Columbia. A video on the City of Cartagena was shown.

Conference participants asked questions and gave input on the following topics: the availability of WCC merchandise, a suggestion for a cruise ship from US east coast to Cartagena, subsidy for the San Jose host committee, effect of downsizing of the WCC Board on the delivery of services, WSO and WCC receivables, seating Rhonda R., the appreciation and hope of the Cartagena fellowship, and providing space for other fellowships at conventions.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) recognized Lee Manchester, who resigned in December after nine years as a WSO employee. George thanked him for his contribution and the love and dedication he has given to his work. Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) recognized Vida Morro, who will retire May 1, 1997 after fourteen years. Conference participants thanked and applauded Vida and Lee as they said their good-byes.

After a lunch recess, the meeting was reconvened at 2:45 pm.

Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSO Board of Directors Executive Committee in attendance. He gave a report to conference participants regarding the activities of the WSO Board and answered questions from the participants. Bob gave some background about the downturn in sales and the effect it had on the office. Bob also noted that there is no major product to offset the downturn in sales of our primary product which is the Basic Text. He also noted the potential for sales that exists in the correctional market. Bob reported that the WSO Board has worked on standardizing the cost of goods and as a result has made several item pricing adjustments. He also reported that the downturn in cash flow forced the BOD to look at the reality of downsizing, and that without a significant increase in cash flow, the WSO will not be able to support fellowship services. After briefly discussing the

NA Way, FIPT, staff reduction, staff planning, Business Plan, and the Sales Policy, Bob recommended that conference participants read "WSO At A Glance".

Cary S (BOD) reported on his assignment of looking at new ways to make the NA Way more productive. He acknowledged WSO staff for their help in developing the new prototype. He reported that last year, the WSO recognized a decrease in fellowship subscriptions and the amount of expenses over income. Basically, this was seen as a lack of interest in the journal. The board researched the suggestions, from having subscription drives to lowering the production quality of the magazine or some combination of both of these ideas. Cary reported that, as a result of their research, the board concluded that these ideas would be only short term solutions.

Jane N (BOD) reported that the large print items in WSO inventory have been completed in double spacing and with line numbers. She also reported some difficulty protecting our trademark in various countries, and also with recovery literature appearing on the internet. To assist with copyright protection, WSO has added a banner on all book length pieces for ease of legal protection. She noted several changes to vendor licensing agreements to help enforce quality control, and the possibility of charging a vendor fee that will help pay for staffing costs.

George H (WSO Executive Codirector) gave some background about the turnover and reduction in staff. George reported that last year the WSO operated in a configuration that was made up of five teams, fellowship services team, accounting and customer service, production and distribution, executive and administration team, and the management team. He indicated that by the end of 1996, the need to streamline and reconfigure the staff was evident.

Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) reported that a process outlined in the Business Plan was implemented. The process has a list of procedures that must occur in a financial crisis, called the Emergency Action Plan, and it was implemented in order to offset the financial downturn that was being experienced. Anthony reported that positions were identified that could be eliminated while minimizing the effect on the delivery of services. These positions included team assistants and executive assistants. This resulted in a reconfiguration that consolidated the work and core services of the previous teams into Fellowship Services Team, Administrative Activities Team, and Production/Customer Service/Shipping/Receiving Team.

All participants and observers joined in a moment of silence and private prayer to remember Debbie Goss, World Service Office employee who passed away in March.

Mario T (BOD Business Plan Chair) gave an overview of the business plan and financial report and Mitchell S (BOD) gave an update on the sales policy. Mitchell pointed out the change in the discount structure which resulted in an overall reduction. The board's emphasis is on the overall goal of keeping our primary service center up and running. Cary S (BOD) gave a report on the cost of goods and our distribution network.

Rogan A (WSO Board Vice Chairperson) facilitated a question and answer/input period, including the following subjects: the effect of the sales policy on local services, regional/WSO sales to the correctional markets, WSO salary cuts, the portion of the WSO budget dedicated to fellowship services, the 36% spent to support the conference, WSO-E administration, delay in CAR shipment to UK, what qualifies a vendor to pay a \$500 fee, cost of employing 52 to 55 people, employee call-backs, the process for applying for a vendor licensing agreement, hiring taping services, format for the New NA Way proposal, copyrighted material on the internet, overdue accounts to WSO, effect of the sales policy on service offices, risk assessment of not registering trademarks and copyrights, editorial process in the New NA Way, concern about the ability of WSO to provide necessary services, credit policy, direct donations to WSO, concern

about financial problems at WSO, and a test-marketing project to correctional institutions in California, Arizona, Texas, and North Carolina.

Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) explained the make-up of the Interim Committee and gave an overview of Interim responsibilities. Michael M reported that the Interim Committee, along with the WSC Administrative Committee, will ask that the treasurer position be reinstated on WSC Administrative Committee and still remain a voting member of the Interim Committee. He also gave an overview of the annual report, stating the committee's goal is to have an annual report at every conference that gives complete details on all fellowship development trips, zonal forums workshops, etc. Bob S (WSB Vice Chairperson) reported that a working group, consisting of himself, Bob F, Michael M, and Anthony Edmondson was formed to look at some of the general concerns about the Internet. The working group gathered some information and asked the WSO, WSB and WSCPI to look at specific issues. Although the working group has not yet received much information, the copyright attorney has recommended against registering groups via internet at this time due to copyright problems. The working group has therefore advised WSO not to do so until the attorney recommends differently. Bob F asked for written suggestions about using the internet to be sent to the Interim Committee. Paul H (WSC Treasurer) gave an overview of the financial report. Paul noted that due to limited resources, both financial and human, the conference cannot support business as usual when we have a major project (Transition Group) to complete. The Interim Committee then answered questions from conference participants. Questions and input included the following topics: projected conference expenses of \$500,000, the nature and importance of the archives, process for selection of travelers, concern for amount of travel expenses, carry-over expenses for 95-96, confusion over EDM expenses, questions on clarity of some entries in the report, the decision-making process for purchase of the archives, the circumstances of the archive purchase, using electronic communication for reports and other information, and the need for requests for WS travelers to go through the WSC Interim Committee.

After a dinner break, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reconvened the meeting and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Administrative Committee and presented their report. He reported that Motion #16 from WSC '96 resulted in a new and useful section of the *Conference Agenda Report* (appendix) but also created an unruly amount of work for WSO staff and the committee. He noted that part of the reason for this extra work is that this is the first year that the motion was implemented, but also emphasized that the problem of the extra work must be addressed some different way or the requirements need to be removed. He also indicated that the committee is uncertain how to proceed with the implementation of this motion for next year, and the committee is looking forward to input from the conference participants. He announced the details of the World Unity Day. Michael reported that, as was discussed last year, all zonal forums that requested conference participant mailings did receive them. However, he asked that zonal forums do not request extra mailings because sending them would be irresponsible, costly, and precedent-setting. He also reported the committee's belief that the conference treasurer should be a member of the WSC Administrative Committee and asked he remain a member and also continue to serve in a voting capacity on the Interim Committee, without making a motion to change *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* at this time. Michael M shared his feeling of great privilege to have served as chairperson.

A discussion period ensued, with questions and comments being made on the following topics:



mail service to Puerto Rico, electronic communication, the possibility of a sharing session at WSC, the possibility of a modem hookup for the Unity Day, concern about receiving the *March Conference Report* without Regional Reports, drawbacks and benefits of the Motion #16 experience, a suggestion that regional motions be workshopped at the WSC and sent out in the next year's CAR, and the positive effects of translating the CAR.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) shared the committee's concern about the motion from last year about retiring certain terminology (Motion #11, #39, and the phrase "poor country boy"). He noted that, even though the motion was humorous, it did pass and ended up in *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*. Unfortunately, these motion numbers were not eliminated in this year's process and the WSC Administrative Committee would like to remove that motion from the service manual. Conference participants unanimously agreed BY VOICE VOTE to remove the motions.

Eddie E (World Services Translations Chairperson) introduced the members of the Committee and WSO staff assigned to the committee, then gave the WSTC report. The report included a listing of all new translated items that are currently being worked on. He reported that translations are occurring in a total of 42 different languages, and that there are seven different language translations occurring in India alone. A question and answer session followed, including: how language priorities are determined, expense of translations, regional translation of items, approval process for translated items.

Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSCLC and WSO staff that work with the committee. He gave an overview and update of the *Steps Working Guides* project. Jorge explained that, due to budget constraints, the committee has not been able to work on the *Sponsorship* project. India T (WSC Literature Vice Chairperson) reported on the work done with WSC Policy Committee on updating the WSCLC handbook.

Jorge B stated his belief that the moratorium on the Basic Text should end, and that it does end at the beginning of the 1998 WSC. He stated his personal belief that two new chapters should be developed: *Sponsorship*, and *Service*. He asked that RSRs take this idea back to their regions and think about it. He then opened the floor for questions and comments from conference participants. The following subjects were raised: support for and against adding the two chapters, time-frame for review of the current project, working with WSTC, questions about the *Steps Working Guides* drafts and the input received, the "B" list projects, a list of suggested changes to the Basic Text, and the chairperson's comments in the *March Conference Report*.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 11:25 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Steve A (RSR-Alternate, Wisconsin Region) read the Twelve Concepts. Wally I (RSR-Alternate, South Florida Region) read the Twelve Traditions. Bryan H (RSR-Alternate, Best Little Region) read the historical reading for the day, "For the Newcomer". David G (RSR, Sierra Sage Region) read the selection for 30 April from *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*.

Mike C (WSC H&I Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Hospital and Institutions

Committee present, and acknowledged the members not present. He gave the H&I Committee report to the conference, noting that the workload this year included: Institutional Group Guide (with WSB), Learning Day Packet, revisions to the handbook, encouraging swift and accurate translations of the H&I guide in Spanish, German, Portuguese, and French, referral letters for facilities, *Reaching Out* review process, and review of "Train the Trainer" material.

Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson) introduced committee members and then gave the WSCPI Committee report to conference participants. He gave an overview of the cooperative effort with H&I in the Development Forum session. He also described the process for the work on the PI Handbook revision project. Tony noted the availability of a working-draft of the "Public Information and the World-Wide Web" resource paper and the "Phoneline Technology" resource paper, and both were distributed to participants. Erik R (WSC PI Vice Chairperson) gave a brief report on the International Federation of Non Governmental Organizations conference in Jakarta that he attended. He spoke about the value of attending professional events, the need for updated PSAs, and noted that PSAs are available from the WSO. The following topics were raised in a question and answer period: process for updating the PI Handbook, use of advisory members, possibility of revising the NA Video, price and impact of PSA's, sales of the NA Video.

Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson) introduced the members of the committee and reviewed the committee's work for the past year. She spoke about the WSC orientation, resource table, clean-time requirement for elected members of the WCC, and the issue of proxy vote or participation via absentee voting. No questions were presented to the committee.

After a break and announcements, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) opened the old business session.

Roll call #2 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 106 participants present. For old business: 58 represents a 2/3 majority; 45 represents a simple majority; and 87 regions are present. Service resumes were handed out with this roll call.

Michael M announced a request by the representatives from the FAITH Region to address the conference. BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants agreed. Tom C (RSR-Alternate, FAITH Region) read a letter describing the process that has occurred since the groups in the FAITH Region became a region, indicating that the groups and the region have come together and strengthened their unity. He called attention to the fact that *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure* contains no criteria for what service structure must exist in order for a region to request seating. He shared his belief that the decision made by the conference earlier was made on emotion and misinformation. He also shared his disagreement with how some conference participants have interpreted Resolution A from last year. He asked that conference participants take another vote on the question of their region being seated. He also asked that, if the conference participants do not wish to vote again, the region be given some direction for what to do in order to become seated in the future. He asked participants to search their conscience and thanked them for their indulgence.

It was M/S/W Debbie W (RSR, California Inland Region)/Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region) "to enter into a new business session for the purpose of reconsidering seating of the FAITH Region." MOTION WITHDRAWN, after the following:

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) explained that the only thing necessary to reconsider is for a person who voted on the prevailing side earlier to simply make a motion to reconsider. It was then M/S/F Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region)/Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) "To reconsider the decision about the FAITH Region." MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3

MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Michael M (WSC Administrative Committee), Motion #1: "That the World Service Conference be held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Diana G (RSR, Mountaineer Region)/Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians) "To substitute Motion #53 [*"That the WSC rotate out of California every other conference."*] for Motion #1." MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson), 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." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Nick G (RSR, New England Region)/Stu B (RSR, Northern New England Region) "To substitute Motion #47 [*"To instruct the WSO Board of Directors to present the fellowship another option concerning the NA Way Magazine. This option should keep the existing "content" and focus on editorial savings, i.e. a) wasted page space, b) cheaper production materials, c) increased marketing efforts."*] for Motion #2. MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/ Juan C (RSR, Rio Grande Region) "Change the order of the day for the purpose of considering Motion #5 first." MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER by Michael M (WSC Chairperson)

It was M/ Mario T (WSO board) "To combine Motions #3, #4, and #5 into one action." Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region) objected.

It was M/C Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) 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 CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/W Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region), Motion #38: "To refer Motion #3 to the WSC Policy Committee."

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region)/Dana G ((RSR, Georgia Region) "To change the word 'Policy' to 'Interim' in Motion #38." AMENDMENT and MOTION #38 WITHDRAWN.

It was M/C Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson), 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 CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson), Motion #5: "To commence publication of the new *NA Way Magazine* format by adding the following language as a new third paragraph to the section entitled "The World Service Office" which begins on page 9 of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition:

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

list. The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board consisting of the chairpersons of the World Service Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Office Board of Directors.'

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

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

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)/Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region), Motion #35: "Amend Motion #5 in the CAR by adding language to the end of the narrative paragraph: "The sharing portion of the publication shall be edited by a review panel as currently described in 1996 TWGSS." AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Conley U (RSR-Alternate, Carolina Region)/Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians), Motion #43: "To amend CAR Motion #5 by adding the following language, paragraph 2, after WSO Board of Directors: 'except for publications that are already edited by standing committees.'" AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Diane S (RSR, Mountaineer Region)/Nick P (RSR-Alternate, Tri-State Region), Motion #54: "Amend CAR Motion #5 to include: That the NA Way editorial board consist of any members, excluding chairpersons of the WSC, WSB and the WSO BOD." AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/D Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/ Motion #52: "Amend CAR Motion #5 to include the WSC H&I Chair and WSC PI Chair to the editorial board of the NA Way." AMENDMENT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

AMENDMENT: It was M/ Phillip C (RSR-Alternate, Region of the Virginians)/ Motion # 81: "That the new NA Way offer up to two pages per issue for the PI committee and up to two pages for the H&I Committee per issue." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/ Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) Motion #6: "To remove Section 12 from the FIPT Operational Rules, page 20, Article IV, 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."

MOTION DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

It was M/S/C Gordon C (RSR, Northern California Region)/ Mike (RSR, Utah Region) Motion #46: "That CAR motion #6 be divided as follows:

Motion #6 up to "This audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant." As a separate motion: "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.” MOTION TO DIVIDE CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

The resulting divided motion was considered as follows:

It was M/S/C Gordon C (RSR, Northern California Region)/Mike R (RSR, Utah Region), Motion #6A: "To remove Section 12 from the FIPT Operational Rules, page 20, Article IV, 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.”

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

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F David S (RSR, Ohio Region)/Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region), Motion #58: “To amend CAR Motion #6A, in the sentence after item 3 by replacing “upon completion” with “within the conference year.” AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Gordon C (RSR, Northern California Region)/Mike R (RSR, Utah Region), Motion #6B: “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.” MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F John H (RSR, Wisconsin Region)/Mike (RSR, Utah Region) “To commit Motion #6B to WSO board for the purpose of the board producing a detailed report to the conference .” MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson), 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.'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W John H (RSR-Alternate, Carolina Region)/Phillip C (RSR-Alternate, Region of the Virginians), Motion #44: “To amend CAR Motion #7, paragraph 1: To replace the word ‘should’ with ‘will.’” AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN.

It was M/C Mike C (WSC H&I Committee Chairperson), 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 [specific language as listed on pages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of the *Conference Agenda Report 1997*].

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, after the following:

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Joao V (RSR, Brazil Region)/Bartolomeu P (RSR, Portugal Region), Motion #36: “Amend motion #8, section Residents Meeting Participation: To strike the

wording: "emphasize the importance of a sponsor, regular meeting attendance, and group commitments after release" and replace it with the wording: "emphasize the importance of getting a sponsor and a home group, the ongoing nature of recovery, and the importance of attending meetings (suggest 90 meetings in 90 days)." AMENDMENT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Krista L (RSR, Iowa Region)/Debbie (RSR, Greater Illinois Region), Motion #51: "Amend CAR motion #8, by adding to each section (Treatment Facilities page 9, Correctional Facilities page 10, Psychiatric Hospitals and Forensic Units page 12) under the Panel Leaders and Members don'ts: 'Don't attend H&I facilities alone.'" AMENDMENT CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson), 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*." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Jorge B (WSC Literature Committee Chairperson) Motion #10: "To approve the WSCLC's "A" worklist for the 1997-98 conference year:

1. Step Working Guides
2. Sponsorship Booklet"

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

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F John S (RSR, Carolina Region)/Phillip C (RSR, Region of the Virginians), Motion #59: "To amend Motion #10 to extend the WSCLC's timeline for the *Step Working Guides* project from 1998 CAR submission to 1999 CAR submission." AMENDMENT FAILED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-38; NO-46.

It was M/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson), Motion #11: "To approve Addendum 3A, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*." In response to a question from Randy K (RSR, Ontario), Michael M declared that the motion only needs a majority to pass. MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #1 (see addendum). YES-74; NO-6; and ABSTENTIONS-2.

It was M/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson), Motion #12: "To remove wording from the 1996 *A 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, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, by deleting it in its entirety.
- Page 9, World Service 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence by replacing the words "These are the services..." with "World services are those..."

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson), 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*." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson), Motion #14: "To amend the 1996

*A 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." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #2 (see addendum) YES-58; NO-22; ABSTENTIONS-4.

It was M/C Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson), 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*." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE., after the following:

In response to a question from Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector), Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson) indicated that if motion #15 is carried, she recommends to go by the existing precedent which is to deplete the existing stock (of *The Group Booklet*) before the new item is placed in inventory (this includes WSO-Europe and WSO-Canada).

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced late nominations for WSC Policy Committee, World Service Board of Trustees, WSO board, WSC Literature Committee, WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson, and WSC Treasurer.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 9:20 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, 1 MAY 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at 9:05 a.m., in Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA. The meeting was opened by Michael with a moment of silence to remember the still suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson) read the Twelve Concepts. Hermann D (RSR, Italy Region) read the Twelve Traditions. Mary Kay B (WSB) read the historical reading for the day: "It is possible for us to overcome the obstacles to recovery."

Roll call #3 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants present. 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions are present. The WSC '97 election ballots were handed out along with this roll call.

The completed WSC'97 election ballots were picked up as roll call #4 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants present. 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions are present. For Old Business; 57 represents 2/3 majority and 44 represents a simple majority.

It was M/S/F Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Jon T (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Motion #83: "That Motions #16, #17, #19, #20, #21, and #27 be referred to the Transition Group. MOTION TO REFER FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Joao V (RSR, Brazil Region)/Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) "To commit to the Transition Group Motion #16 which reads 'To distribute the Conference Agenda Report at least one hundred fifty days prior to the annual WSC.'" MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: YES-52; NO-30.

It was M/S/F Debra W (RSR, California Inland Region)/Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) Motion #17: "To create a World Service Conference where voting is limited to RSRs only. This would

be accomplished by amending *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, as follows:

- Page 11, "World Service Board of Trustees Operational Procedures," 1" paragraph, 5th sentence, by deleting the following: "and also serves as a full participant at the annual meeting of the WSC."
- Page 15, Guidelines of the World Service Conference," Section 1, by deleting Paragraphs B, C, and E and replacing them with the following:
  - B. The participants of the World Service Conference consist of:
    - 1. Duly elected regional service delegates
    - 2. In the absence of a duly elected regional service delegate, the conference may recognize a qualified replacement from that region.
  - C. Only conference participants are allowed to vote. When RSRs are not on the floor of the conference, duly elected alternates may vote, make motions, or address the conference. [No member may speak on a motion more than once unless others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity. Committee vice chairs and RSR alternates are considered to be the same "member" as their respective chair/RSR.] The World Service Office executive director(s) will be allowed to address the conference, to make reports, answer questions, and discuss matters of their responsibilities when requested by the conference.
  - E. All members of the World Service Board of Trustees, World Service Office Board of Directors, the WSC Administrative Committee, and the chairs and vice chairs of the WSC standing committees are allowed a seat on the floor of the WSC. Except for voting, all other conference participation privileges are granted to these members.
- Page 16, Section II, "The Consensus of the World Service Conference," by deleting paragraph E in its entirety."

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE BY STANDING VOTE: YES-37; NO-40; ABSTENTIONS-7; after the following:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/ Bruce K (RSR-Alternate, Southern California Region)/Pedro C (RSR, Sweden Region) "To substitute Motion #60 [That the voting privileges for all those who are eligible to vote on new business be extended to all business sessions .] for Motion 17." MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE NOT CONSIDERED, after the following:

Bruce K (RSR-A, Southern California Region) suggested suspension of the rules for the purpose of allowing an NA member (Bob B) to address conference participants about motion #17 and #60. This informal request was withdrawn as a result of objections voiced by Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) and Cindy M (RSR, California Mid-State Region).

It as M/S/F Pedro C (RSR, Sweden Region)/Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region) "To suspend the Rules of Order to allow a non-conference participant (Bob B) to address the conference." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE as a result of the following:

After an objection to consideration of suspending the rules by Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region) and Cindy M (RSR, California Mid-State Region), several participants asked for clarity.

Michael then rephrased the question as follows, noting that 2/3 yes vote is required to pass: "To allow the NA member (Bob B) to address the conference?" MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

Cheryelle M (RSR, OK Region) asked for a point of personal privilege (to be included in the minutes) and stated her dismay that conference participants would not allow a member of the



fellowship to address the body and questioned who are we here to serve.

It was M/S/C Debra W (RSR, California Inland Region)/Nick P (RSR-A, Tri State Region) "To object to consideration of the substitution of Motion #60 for Motion #17. MOTION TO OBJECT CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Jon T (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson)/Cindy M (RSR, California Mid- State Region) "To commit Motion #17 to the Transition Group." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Debra W (RSR, California inland Region)/Chuck (RSR, Michigan Region) "To have a roll call vote on Motion #17." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced the election results as follows:

- Ron S (WSC Chairperson)
- Jon T (WSC Vice Chairperson)
- Mary C-V (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson)
- Paul H (WSC Treasurer)
- Craig R (WSC H&I Committee Chairperson)
- David J (WSC H&I Committee Vice Chairperson)
- Jorge B (WSC Literature Committee Chairperson)
- India T (WSC Literature Committee Vice Chairperson)
- WSC Literature Committee members: Cindy M, Muhammad A, Vinnie F, Steve M, and Bess H
- Lib E (WSC Policy Committee Chairperson)
- Steve R (WSC Policy Committee Vice Chairperson)
- WSC Policy Committee members: Gwen M, Roy J, Denver W, Epharin W, Barb P
- Erik R (WSC PI Committee Chairperson)
- Cynthia E (WSC PI Committee Vice Chairperson)
- WSO board, one year seat: Bob L
- WSO board pool: Joe P
- Michael M (WSB)
- Tony W (WSB)

After a break, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) reopened the session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Stu B (RSR, Northern New England Region) read the daily reading from "Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts."

Roll call #5 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 100 participants present. For Old Business, 57 represents a 2/3 majority; 44 represents a simple majority; and 86 regions are present.

It was M/D Mike B (RSR, Colorado Region), Motion #18: "To direct the World Service Office to reduce the retail price of the Basic Text by fifty percent." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/D Mike B (RSR, Colorado Region), 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." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/Nick G (RSR, New England Region) Motion #20: "That all World Service Conference elections be decided by vote of the RSRs." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #3 (see addendum), resulting in YES-47; NO-30; and ABSTENTIONS-6. (55 represents a 2/3 majority; 43 represents a simple majority; 83 regions were present), after the following:

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled that Motion #20 was OUT OF ORDER because a similar motion was just proposed and failed. Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) appealed the decision of the chair. The decision of the Chair was OVERTURNED BY VOICE VOTE, and Motion #20 was in order.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/D John R (Alabama/NW Florida Region)/ Motion #65: "To amend CAR Motion #20 by adding the following language at the end of the motion to read: 'all boards and committee chairs.'" MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S John S (RSR-Alternate, Metro Detroit Region)/Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region). "To refer Motion #20 to Transition Group." Motion not considered as follows:

It was M/S/C Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/Nick G (RSR, New England Region) "Objected to consideration of the motion to refer." MOTION TO OBJECT CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Barrington de la R (RSR, UK Region)/Mike E (RSR, Mid-Atlantic Region) 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." MOTION COMMITTED to the Transition Group, as follows:

It was M/S/C Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region) "To commit Motion #19 to the Transition Group." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY STANDING VOTE: YES-42; NO-35; ABSTENTIONS-0.

It was M/S/F Jimmy (RSR-Alternate, Georgia Region)/Richard B (RSR, Alsask Region), Motion #21: "That the clean time requirements for the World Service Board of Trustees be increased from eight years to twelve years." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following.

AMENDMENT: It was M/S/W Richard B (RSR, Alsask Region) "To change the clean time requirement from 12 year to 10 years." AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN after objections were voiced and an informal question from the chair revealed that conference participants were opposed to this amendment.

It was M/S/W Bella A (RSR, Australian Region)/Charles (RSR-Alternate, Mountaineer Region) "To commit Motion #21 to the Transition Group." The motion to commit was withdrawn after the following:

It was M/D Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/ "Object to consideration of the motion to commit." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled the objection OUT OF ORDER.

It was M/S/W Thomas D (RSR, German Speaking Region)/Nancy (RSR, Louisiana Region) "To call all the questions in old business."

It was M/D Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/ Region 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." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/C Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region)/Bella A (RSR, Australian Region) Motion #23: "To amend the motion previously adopted by the 1992 World Service Conference (*A 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.'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/D Tim S (RSR, Mid-America Region)/ Motion #24: "To edit the NA video entitled Just for Today to include at least one extra actress during the Twelfth-Step call." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Nick G (RSR, New England Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region), 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." MOTION COMMITTED to WSO Board as follows:

It was M/S/C Nick G (RSR, New England Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region) " To commit Motion #25 to the WSO Board." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Catherine H (RSR, Aotearoa New Zealand Region)/Horacio R (RSR, Argentina Region), Motion #26: "That the World Convention Corporation program common-needs meetings at world conventions and delete statement #5 from the Convention Guidelines, page 26." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/D Mark E (RSR, Northern California Region), 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." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/D David S (RSR, Ohio Region)/ 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." MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/C Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region)/John H (RSR, Wisconsin Region), Motion #30: "To change the review and/or revision provision of the World Service Conference Mission Statement as stated in *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, page 14, footnote #5, by deleting the language 'by future World Service Conferences' and replacing it with 'through the Conference Agenda Report.'" MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Dean W (RSR, Upper Midwest Region)/Richard B (RSR, Alsask Region) Motion #32: "That the World Service Office put aside \$250,000 a year until a ninety-day operating reserve has been established." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C David S (RSR, Volunteer Region)/Rick F (RSR, Tri-State Region) Motion #33:

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

AMENDMENT: It was M/D Steve H (RSR-Alternate, Wisconsin Region) "To amend Motion #33 to include payables." AMENDMENT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

It was M/S/F Sarah B (RSR, Washington/N Idaho Region)/Hermann D (RSR, Italy Region) 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." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region) "To bring Motion #90 (about a sales policy moratorium) from WSC '96 that was committed to the WSO Board of Directors and discharge it from the WSO Board of Directors and bring it to the floor for a vote." Michael M (WSC Chairperson) RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) presented the Interim Committee's budget proposal for the 1997-98 conference year. He reported that the 1997-98 projects, in order of budget priority as determined by the Interim Committee are as follows: Routine Services, Transition Group, Combined Fellowship Development/Business Plan, Translations, WSC Literature Committee and WSC PI Committee. Stu T (WSB Chairperson) discussed the Transition Group section, Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) discussed the WSO staff resources, and George H (WSO Executive Codirector) discussed routine services. Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) then opened a question and answer session and the following subjects were raised: money allocated to zonal forums, time allocated to issue discussions and zonal forum meeting at the WSC, WSB meetings budget increase, possible World Service travel requests, current bank account balance, cost of WSTC meetings, the necessity for quarterly planning, method of reporting expenses, reduction in budgeted amount for Fellowship Development, development of subcommittee budgets, the need for a fund flow discussion, WSC PI Committee budget and expenses for two international members, WCC income utilization, conference carry-over expenses, WSO downsizing and financial status improvement.

It was M/S/C Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region)/Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) "To adopt the WSC 1997-98 budget as presented." MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE #4 (see addendum), YES-79; NO-2; ABSENTIONS-2; after the following:

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced the room assignments for the evening's board and committee meetings. He then recessed the meeting for the day at 7:15 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, 2 MAY 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Peggy W (RSR-Alternate, Central California Region) read the Twelve Concepts. Kim S (RSR-Alternate, California Mid-State Region) read the Twelve Traditions. Kimberly M (RSR-Alternate,

Upper Rocky Mountain Region) read the historical reading for the day.

Roll call #6 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 107 participants present. 71 represents a 2/3 majority; 55 represents a simple majority; and 87 regions are present.

Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) identified the elected members of the Interim Committee for CY '97-'98: Ron S, Jon T, Rogan A, Mitchell S, Stu T, Bud K, Paul H. Paul called attention to the newly revised travel guidelines and announced that a detailed accounting, year by year, for the inventory group, composite group, resolution group, and transition group projects will be compiled and sent to conference participants soon. This report will include projections for this coming conference year.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region)/Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region), Motion #41: "That the WSO BOD eliminate one of the Executive Codirector positions at the WSO." MOTION COMMITTED TO WSO BOARD, as follows:

It was M/S/C David C (RSR-Alternate, British Columbia Region)/Nick K (RSR-Alternate, New England Region) "To commit Motion #41 to WSO Board of Directors for the purpose of receiving a report about this issue." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Debra W (RSR, California Inland Region)/JB M RSR, Southern Idaho Region) Motion #97: "To create position of WSC Vice Treasurer to begin term WSC'98." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region)/Mike E (RSR, Mid-Atlantic Region), Motion #84: "No voting recommendations may be printed in future editions of the *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Richard S (RSR, Connecticut Region)/Gwen D-M (RSR, Chicagoland Region) "To commit Motion #84 to WSC Policy Committee and WSC Administrative Committee." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mike E proposed adding the WSB as a friendly amendment to the motion to commit. Roy J offered a friendly amendment that only advantages and disadvantages be printed in future *CAR*. Conference participants objected to both.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Vinnie F (RSR, Northern New York Region), Motion #95: "To commit [the following] to Interim Committee: "to review editorial process available and expand language regarding the process which will be used for the *New NA Way Magazine*." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

It was M/S/F Mario T (WSO board)/Cheryelle (RSR, OK Region) "To object to consideration of this motion." MOTION TO OBJECT FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region)/Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region), Motion #40: "To direct the WSC Administrative Committee to include the financial impact, staff and resources, to the WSO with all conference agenda motions." MOTION COMMITTED to the WSC Administrative Committee as follows:

It was M/S/C Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region)/Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) "To commit Motion #40 to the WSC Administrative Committee." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) introduced the other members of the WSC Administrative Committee for CY '97-'98: Jon T, Mary CV, and Paul H. He announced the following deadlines:

World Unity Day speaker recommendations to be submitted by 31 May 1997, World Unity Day to be held 30 August at the three-day world services meeting, the regional motion deadline is 15 October, deadline for issue discussion papers is 1 December (to be compiled and sent out separately in January), and the regional report deadline is tentatively 15 February. Ron reported the committee's recommendation that only one issue be selected for issue discussion next year and that it should be "Fund Flow". Noting the difference between issue papers and issue discussion papers, Ron reported that issue papers about regional motions will be published in either the fall *Conference Report*, or the next scheduled *Conference Report* after submission of the paper.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) asked if there were any objections to the recommendation about having fund flow as the issue for discussion next year. None were voiced.

Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region) asked that a discussion, with fund flow as the only issue, be held at this meeting and early in the day. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) pointed out that, because of time, this suggestion would require participants to ignore the issues that were already slated for discussion. After further discussion, conference participants were asked by straw poll: "Should fund flow be discussed tomorrow instead of the other issues slated for discussion? Conference participants replied NO. There was discussion, with no specific decision, about reconsidering this question later.

It was M/S/C Steve D (RSR, Tejas Bluebonnet Region)/Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region), Motion #48: "That the World Service Conference place issue discussion topics into the *Conference Agenda Report* and final two topics be selected by the fellowship. Topics are to be submitted by RSRs at the 1997 World Service Conference and placed in the 1998 *Conference Agenda Report*." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/Conley U (RSR-Alternate, Carolina Region), 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." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE, after the following:

It was M/SF Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region)/John H (RSR, Wisconsin Region) "To commit Motion #22 to the WSC Administrative Committee for review." MOTION TO COMMIT FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Dean W (RSR, Upper Midwest Region)/Bella A (RSR, Australian Region), Motion #103: "Amend 1996 TWGSS, page 26, 10<sup>th</sup> motion by adding to the end of the sentence: 'That Canadian Assembly of Narcotics Anonymous CANA be recognized as a non-voting participant on the conference floor.'" MOTION COMMITTED as follows:

It was M/S/C Louis D (RSR, Le Nordet Region) Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) "To commit Motion #103 to the Transition Group." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians)/Diane (RSR, Mountaineer Region), Motion #82: "That the new *NA Way* will provide up to 2 pages per issue for both the WSC PI and WSC H&I committees." MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Mike C (WSC H&I Chairperson) proposed a friendly amendment to change the wording to: "That the new *NA Way* provide one to two pages each per issue for the WSC PI Committee and

WSC H&I Committee.” No objections were voiced.

Juan C (RSR, Rio Grande Region) proposed a friendly amendment to make the motion read “... a minimum of one to two pages ...”, that was not accepted by the maker of the motion.

Joseph F (RSR, San Diego/Imperial Region) submitted a friendly amendment to insert “but not be limited to” after “provide.” The friendly amendment was accepted and no objections were voiced.

It was M/SF Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)/Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region), Motion #77: “To abolish the procedure established in 1996 CAR Motion #16, which provides as follows: ‘All motions submitted to be placed in the *Conference Agenda Report* that attempt to change, amend or delete WSC Policies, shall include those policies, or sections of those policies, it attempts to amend. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide this information along with the motion.’” MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, then by STANDING VOTE: YES-66; NO-27; ABSTENTIONS-3, (required 71 yes out of total 107 at last roll call), after the following:

It was M/S/F Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region)/ Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) “To have a roll call vote on Motion #77.” MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region)/Laura K (RSR, Puerto Rico Region), Motion #92: “To have the DF & BOT notify conference participants and/or regions their decisions for funding to the WSC in a timely manner with a plan and/or guideline to allow for those not funded the time to receive aid or assistance from other conference participants and/or regions.” MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Jon T (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) friendly amendment to remove the words “DF and.” The friendly amendment was accepted with no objections voiced.

It was M/S/F Kevin H (RSR-Alternate, New Jersey Region)/Paulie F (RSR-Alternate, Western New York Region), Motion #74: “Any motion presented, discussed and brought to a final disposition during the current conference cycle, will be ineligible to be brought before the conference for the entire next conference cycle.” MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE, after the following:

Denver W (RSR-Alternate, Northern New England Region) suggested a friendly amendment to change wording as follows: Replace all words up to “final.” with “Any motion whose essential nature and intent has reached.” Objections were voiced and the amendment was not accepted.

It was M/S/F Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)/Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region), Motion #86: “To refer all regional motions submitted for inclusion in the 1998 CAR that pertain to issues encompassed by the resolutions approved at WSC '96, directly to the Transition Group as input. These shall include all motions as described above that effect WSC structure, policy and/or procedures.” MOTION TO REFER FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Javier C (RSR, Ecuador Region)/Laura K (RSR, Puerto Rico Region), Motion #89: “That a person be assigned the responsibility, whether hired or a volunteer, of translating all one or two page documents at the next WSC into Spanish, as they are produced in English, for handing to the Latin American representatives as the business meeting continues.” MOTION COMMITTED as follows:

It was M/S/C Bryant R (RSR-Alternate, Ecuador Region)/Laura K (RSR, Puerto Rico Region)

"To commit Motion #89 to the WSC Administrative Committee and the WSO Board of Directors as input only." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Paulie F (RSR-Alternate, Western New York Region) suggested investigating the use of a foreign language overhead projector. Bartolomeu P (RSR, Portugal Region) and Emiko I (RSR, Japan Region) reminded everyone to think of the other languages besides Spanish.

It was M/S/F John H (RSR, Wisconsin Region)/Mike C (WSC H&I Chairperson), Motion #75: "The World Service Conference facilitate hospitality refreshments at the WSC annual meeting for 'purchase only.' All refreshments provided will be for sale to participants." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/SF Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region)/Terry Don M (RSR, Best Little Region), Motion #69: "The World Service Conference will not entertain seating any new regions from within the North American Continent at the 1998 WSC." MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #5 (see addendum), resulting in YES-50; NO-37; and ABSTENTIONS-4., after the following:

It was M/S AJ H (RSR, Northern New Jersey Region)/Phillip C (RSR, Region of the Virginians) "To call the question." Paul H (WSC Treasurer) ruled that those people still standing at the microphone could finish their debate. AJ H (RSR, Northern New Jersey Region) appealed the decision of the chair. Conference participants UPHELD the decision of the chair BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Richard B (RSR, Alask Region) proposed a friendly amendment to change "North American Continent" to say "the US and Canada." No objections were voiced and the amendment was accepted.

Paul H (WSC Treasurer) ruled that Motion #69 will require a 2/3 majority vote to pass. Winston N appealed the decision of the chair. Conference participants UPHELD the decision of the Chair BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Jim E (RSR, Greater New York Region) "Requested a roll call vote on Motion #69." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE (see further action).

Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region) requested that his region's vote be recorded. The Chair RULED his request OUT OF ORDER. By popular request, Paul H (WSC Treasurer) asked again for a vote on whether or not to have a roll call vote on Motion #69. BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants responded YES.

The meeting was recessed for lunch until 3:30 p.m.

Roll call #7 of voting participants was conducted by Paul H (WSC Treasurer), showing (see addendum) a total of 105 participants present. 70 represents a 2/3 majority; 54 represents a simple majority; and 85 regions are present.

It was M/S/C Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)/Donald G (World Convention Corporation Chairperson), Motion #76: "That the WSC hereby ratifies the WCC Board election of Rhonda Richetta as the "Past Host Committee Chair" board member, pursuant to TWGSS, Addendum 10, page 48." MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Jim A (RSR, Show-Me Region)/Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region), Motion #67: "That the World Convention Corporation have contracted with a reasonable amount of ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters at least four months before WCNA."



Without objection, and at the request of Jim A, conference participants agreed to COMMIT to WCC.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Jim A (RSR, Show-Me Region)/Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region) Motion #68: "That the assistance which will be available for addicts at WCNA be more specifically listed on WCNA registration form." Without objection, and at the request of Jim A, conference participants agreed to COMMIT to WCC.

It was M/S/F Jimmy C (RSR-Alternate, Tejas Bluebonnet Region)/Winston N (RSR, Lone Star Region), Motion #49: "That the World Service Conference direct the World Convention Corporation to lower the on-site registration costs of future world conventions, and for the next two conventions not to exceed \$25." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) introduced the executive committee of the board for CY '97-'98: Rogan A, Mitchell S, Susan C, Mario T. Bob reported that he had received several suggestions in writing for increasing the WSO income, and he asked that anyone with an idea submit it in writing to the board.

It was M/S/F Pedro C (RSR, Sweden Region)/Tom F (RSR-Alternate, Southern Nevada Region) Motion #104: "To increase the price of the Basic Text by \$2." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Bella A (RSR, Australian Region), Motion #78: "To delete the word 'Europe' from the title 'World Service Office- Europe.'" By request of the WSO board chairperson, conference participants voted to COMMIT Motion #78 to the WSO Board.

It was M/S Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Bella A (RSR, Australian Region), Motion #79: "To suspend the rules of the FIPT specifically page 15, Article III, Section 3 of the Operational Rules, 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.'"

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) ruled that the question be divided between "...Operational Rules" (Motion #79A) and "To consider..." (Motion #79B).

Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) asked George H (WSO Executive Codirector) to give information to conference participants about Motion #79A and Motion #79B. He indicated that these motions are attempting to (1) suspend the requirements of FIPT that require a ninety day notice period for this kind of change, and if so then (2) to amend the translations policy. In response to questions, George noted that to pass both motions would add the Little White Booklet to the section of the translation policy that allows the personal stories in the non-english basic texts to be developed by those language groups. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) asked for a straw poll on whether conference participants want to consider either aspect of motion #79: Conference participants replied NO.

Rogan A (WSO Board) asked for verbal and written ideas and suggestion on the topic of how to support NA world services. He emphasized the need for concensus of WSC participants on this subject.

It was M/W Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region) "To go into the committee of the whole to discuss fund flow." MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Further discussion resulted in an informal agreement that a committee of the whole discussion

on fund flow and support of services was desirable but not in the middle of the WSO board business. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) proposed opening the Saturday session with the suggested committee of the whole discussion. No objections were voiced.

It was M/S/F Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region)/Claudio L (RSR, Mexico Region), Motion #93: "To have BOT & WSO put a plan and/or guideline together to assist regions and other interested members of the fellowship in their efforts to provide literature to the developing regions and those regions who request the need." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

In response to questions, George H (WSO Executive Codirector) explained that the WSO has a very informal process for specific contributions to provide extra literature to some needy regions. However, he emphasized that there is no formal and established process. He also noted that specific contributions can be made to the WSO emergency fund which is controlled by the Interim Committee. He explained that any region wanting to send literature to another country can simply fill out a literature order form and complete the "ship to \_\_\_\_\_" section as desired.

Stu T (WSB Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSB for CY '97-'98.

It was M/S/F Bruce K (RSR-Alternate, Southern California Region)Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region), Motion #105: "To seek direct donations to the WSC, in the sum of \$1 per week from all active meetings." MOTION FAILED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Mike R (RSR, Utah Region) offered a friendly amendment to change \$1 per week to \$5 per month. Lynne B (RSR, Western New York Region) questioned if this motion was in order now that the *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* passed and provides a venue for group contributions. The chairperson ruled that the motion is in order. No objections were voiced.

It was M/S Ross M (RSR, Ontario Region)/Claudio L (RSR, Mexico Region), Motion #66: "That the WSCLC solicit personal stories from throughout the international fellowship for the purpose of an international anthology reflective of diversity of our world wide fellowship." MOTION NOT CONSIDERED, after the following:

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) OBJECTED TO CONSIDERATION of Motion #66. Conference participants upheld the objection and Motion #66 was not considered.

It was M/S/ Thomas D (RSR, German Speaking Region)/Ron B (RSR-Alternate, Australian Region), Motion #73: "That the WSCLC create a piece of literature that reflects the diversity of viewpoints and beliefs expressed by our membership in the issues passed by WSC '92 motion 39 and subsequent actions. This could be either a pamphlet or a book length piece depending on the amount and nature of the input received." MOTION NOT CONSIDERED, after the following:

Roy J (RSR-Alternate, Metro Detroit Region) OBJECTED TO CONSIDERATION of Motion #73. MOTION TO OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)David S(RSR, Ohio Region), Motion #87: "That the WSC approves in principle, subject to group conscience and approval within the respective participating regions, seating two (2) voting representatives from the Midwest Forum, in lieu of regional delegates, by WSC 2000." MOTION COMMITTED to Transition Group, as follows:

It was M/S/C Mitchell P (RSR, Indiana Region)/Gwen D-M (RSR, Chicagoland Region) "To commit Motion #87 to the Transition Group." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/F Laura L (RSR, Mississippi Region)/Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson), Motion #88: "To commit the issues of conference participation, cost equalization, development forum funding criteria, regional financial sponsorship and zonal forum representatives to the Transition Group and the World Service Board of Trustees for examination and development to be reported to the 1998 World Service Conference." MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE, after the following:

Darwyn L (WSB) offered a friendly amendment to change "1998" to "1999" in the motion. Laura L (RSR, Mississippi Region) did not accept the friendly amendment.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) introduced the H&I leadership for CY '97-'98, and Craig R recognized the new voting and pool members for the H&I committee.

Eddie E (World Services Translations Chairperson) noted that the committee had not met and no report was available. Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced that motions pertaining to the WSTC were in order.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Ron B (RSR, Australian Region), Motion #79B: "To commit the following motion to the 1998 CAR: '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.'" MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Jorge B (WSC Literature Chairperson) introduced the committee members for CY '97-'98 and gave a report to conference participants.

It was M/S/COMMITTED Mark E (RSR, Northern California Region)/Sam G (RSR, Central California Region), Motion #102: "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." MOTION COMMITTED TO THE CAR, after the following:

It was M/S/C Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region)/Diane S (RSR, Mountaineer Region) "To commit Motion #102 to the CAR." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

It was M/S/C Thomas D (RSR, German Speaking Region)/Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) "To call the question." MOTION TO END DEBATE CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson) introduced the new leadership of the committee for CY '97-'98. Erik R (WSC PI Vice Chairperson) then introduced the members of the committee and gave a report on the committee's work.

Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson) introduced the new leadership of the policy committee for CY '97-'98. Lib E (WSC Policy Vice Chairperson) then introduced the members of the committee (both incoming and departing) and gave a report on the committee's work for the coming year. Lib asked if there were any objections to her appointing a member to the committee that did not get elected to the position during the election process. Stu T (WSB Chairperson) objected to the appointment and stated his belief that conference participants must ratify any such appointment by 2/3 majority vote.

A discussion ensued about the policy in *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*.

By 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, conference participants expressed the desire to vote on ratifying this appointment.

It was M/C WSC Policy Committee "To ratify the appointment of Rich Silva to the WSC Policy Committee." MOTION CARRIED BY STANDING VOTE: YES-59; NO-28;

Mary C-V (WSC Policy Chairperson) reported that the WSC Policy Committee believes that this action is the desire of the conference, and also voiced concern that the entire process and intent could possibly be usurped by simply asking someone to not stand for election and then appointing them. She stated that, for the purpose of maintaining integrity of the process and the intent of WSC participants, the WSC Policy Committee intends to ask WSC participants to ratify all committee members appointed by the committee chairperson.

It was M/S/F Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Pedro C (RSR, Sweden Region), Motion #80: "That *A Guide to Local Services* be amended to include the following: A glossary in the section 'For developing NA communities' to describe commonly used terms such as 'group conscience' and 'leader.'" After an incorrect ruling of "motion passed by majority", the chairperson ruled that MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE BY STANDING VOTE: YES-54; NO-27. Then MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE #6 (see addendum), resulting in YES-57; NO-27; and ABSTENTIONS-6 (90 participants voting; 60 represents a 2/3 majority; 46 represents a simple majority, and 79 regions were present), after the following:

Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) suggested a friendly amendment to delete wording "in the section 'For developing NA communities'" and "such as". The friendly amendment was first accepted and then later the friendly amendment was withdrawn.

Joe F (RSR, San Diego/Imperial Region) offered a friendly amendment to change the motion to read "That *A Guide to Local Services* be amended to include the following commonly used terms in the glossary: 'group conscience' and 'leader'." The friendly amendment was accepted.

Jon T (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) announced that the quorum from the last roll call was 90.

Joseph F (RSR, San Diego/Imperial Region) requested a roll call vote. Jon T (WSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) ruled that the request was too late since the vote had already been taken. However, after confusion was voiced and subsequent discussion, Jon announced that there would be a roll call vote.

Michael M S (WSC Chairperson) called the conference in recess for the day at 9:22 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, 3 MAY 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Michael M, Chairperson of the World Service Conference 1996-97, at Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence to remember the still-suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mark R (RSR-Alternate, Mid-Atlantic Region) read the Twelve Traditions. Charles A (RSR, Mountaineer Region) read the Twelve Concepts. Rogan A (WSO board) read the archival selection for the day.

Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced a committee of the whole session for a period of 90 minutes for the purpose of discussing fund flow. The following comments were made:

- Bob F (WSO Board Chairperson) shared his hope that the WSO can participate in electronic commerce so that the fellowship can purchase literature over the Internet. He also talked about the desirability of direct donations to WSC by groups.

- Randy K (RSR, Ontario Region) believes that we should inform the groups of all the literature we have available, including *It Works: How & Why* and "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts.*" His hope is that maybe home groups could announce and stock these two books. He suggested that home group members avoid taking money home and use a night depository. He also noted that a policy is needed to prevent money from sitting in the bank.
- Willie L (RSR-Alternate, Indiana Region) suggested setting up a vehicle, by way of utilizing the literature order forms, for direct donations to be sent in with literature orders.
- Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region) suggested direct donations, with each member donating a penny a day each year. He noted that inner city meetings that are not a part of the service structure affect the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition because their money often does not go any further than the group or area.
- Bella A (RSR, Australian Region) suggested educating the groups. Her region has developed two readings: one is a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition statement that is serious and explains where the money goes, and the other one is humorous. Workshops are held to educate the treasurers.
- Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region) suggested utilizing *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* and sending twelve envelopes along with a letter containing information explaining the fund flow process in the *Guide* to each home group and ask them to send \$5 per month. Another idea is to feature two or three groups in each issue of the new *NA Way* as a way to gain the interest of more groups in world services.
- Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region) shared his belief that improving service from WSO and demonstrating respect will result in increased donations.
- Denver W (RSR, Northern New England Region) noted the importance of the spiritual principle of giving and that sponsors should teach this with the other spiritual principles.
- Pam H (RSR-Alternate, Utah Region) noted that the groups in her region have no idea of the magnitude of services that are provided by WSO and world services. She shared her belief that all participants should concentrate on getting this information to the groups and then the donations will increase.
- Gary D (RSR, Nebraska Region) raised the question of people knowing how much per meeting per week it costs to fund their home group, area, region, and participation in WSC. He challenged the participants to find out what the costs for each of these services is and give this information to the groups.
- Roy J (RSR-Alternate, Metro Detroit Region) suggested that each zonal forum have a convention in the world convention off-year and donate all the funds to the WSC. He believes that donations would increase by taking a separate donation for world services in addition to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. He also suggested that we each encourage members to put in more money for longer clean time.
- Cary S (WSO board) noted that it costs money when the elected member does not do their job efficiently, so it pays to elect willing and qualified people instead of people who are willing but not qualified.
- Nick G (RSR, New England Region) noted that his home group puts aside 20% after expenses each month for donation to world services. His region sends on everything after expenses and prudent reserve. He believes the fund flow should be rooted in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and not in the sale of products and conventions.
- John H (RSR, Wisconsin Region) noted that having faith makes a prudent reserve not necessary. His region donates a percentage of income before expenses.
- Floyd B (WSB) believes that the problem is that we are not passing on the principle of giving, and our history is being ignored. He spoke against the need for a prudent reserve in

today's fellowship. He also noted that the increase in area conventions is taking the money away from 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition because we haven't educated areas on what to do with the money.

- David S (RSR, Ohio Region) called for more accountability from area conventions, and prosecution of theft in the fellowship. He also noted that distrust often results in less donations.
- Wolfgang W (RSR-Alternate, German Speaking Region) noted that by sharing experience about help given by the WSO and world services, we can increase 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations.
- Mitchell S (WSO board) talked about how the purchase of literature, and not the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, funds NA services. He suggested having a 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Basic Text by only adding one page that explains how the purchase of this literature provides for emerging and struggling NA communities.
- Michael P (RSR-Alternate, Greater New York Region) shared his estimate that if we did not buy birthday cakes for people's first year anniversary, the money would fund services for a year. He suggested that a world services letter of congratulations could be sent to the member, and also that the financial situation should be explained in a written document sent to the groups.
- Craig S (RSR, Pacific Cascade Region) noted that his region utilizes outreach efforts to visit groups that do not attend area service and find out what they are doing with their money. He expressed concern about everyone sending \$1 donations and the cost of processing at the WSO.
- Rogan A (WSO Board Vice Chairperson) suggested that participants go back and share about what was shared here and what they personally received at the WSC this year.
- Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region) noted that the extra expense of meeting in clubhouses often drains the treasuries.
- Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region) reiterated that experience, education, and setting examples are some of the best tools for increasing 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
- Jim G (RSR-Alternate, Georgia Region) suggested to stop purchasing coffee with 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition money.
- Laura J (WSO board) reiterated that lack of education is a problem. She suggested not asking your home group to buy a cake and to buy a Basic Text to donate as one way of getting back to the principle of giving.
- Carl D (RSR, Michigan Region) called attention to the process of teaching and passing it along. He cited the example of a poster used in another fellowship that outlines the history of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and shows a 1950 average donation of \$1 and in 1997 the average donation is still \$1, with a caption saying "What is wrong with this picture?" It is a basic education tool.
- Joao V (RSR, Brazil Region) shared about how he has been learning about the big picture. He encouraged all RSRs from developing recovery communities to educate the members at home about how they are part of this bigger picture.
- Laura K (RSR, Puerto Rico Region) suggested donating extra money when you don't attend as many meetings as usual, and also opening meetings with a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition statement and possibly other service statements.
- Mario T (WSO Board) shared about how participation and donating is the way groups direct the service structure. When we live off conventions and literature sales, then we become non-responsive to the groups. The problem is not money, it is that groups are not sending it and also not participating because we are not communicating. World services should devote time and effort to communicating what we do and finding out if it is what the groups want.
- Mary Kay B (WSB) suggested to itemize how much money it costs to translate an IP or ship

a case of books to a developing NA community. She shared her observation that this generates a lot of excitement and participation, and that we can suggest this amount be sent to the WSC. She also suggested that maybe some regions should only send one representative to the WSC

- Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) spoke about educating our members about the principle of self-support. He shared his belief that members will give for what they value and donate when they understand the need, and that educating each other through sponsorship is important. He also shared about how he was taught about the principles of our program.
- George H (WSO Executive Codirector) noted that creating new areas and regions results in our groups paying double for the same services. He shared that our service structure cannot be viewed as a charity and that accountability in NA is not with the service structure but with the members. The responsibility for services is with our members and the fear that NA won't exist is what motivated many in the past. World services has no prudent reserve and not one penny stolen in 18 years. He noted the diversions presented by merchandise at conventions when he got clean.
- Frank H (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) says as a sponsor he bakes cakes for the people he sponsors. He asked, will the sale of our literature be enough to fund our services?
- Javier C (RSR, Ecuador Region) shared his understanding that we are made of three parts, mind, heart, and spirit. His region has a problem with people wanting to donate to their office because of the location of the office. They believe that the money will stay in that city, when in truth the money will be used for NA in all of Colombia. This is an example of how our minds sometimes get in the way of our spirit. He shared that they are here to work together with World Services to carry the message everywhere.
- Barbara P (RSR-Alternate Volunteer Region) expressed her concern that there are many people not in attendance right now, and that she doesn't believe people are really listening. She shared that any size donation is worthwhile and that they don't take cake or coffee money out of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition in her region.
- Manuel (RSR France Region) asked people to think about each region giving a certain percent (5%) of their annual budget and a certain percent from every convention. He also suggested a short video about what the WSO is and the work that gets done there.
- Oscar Z (Costa Rica Region) shared that, thanks to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, his region is represented here. At times, they took the money they receive from 7<sup>th</sup> traditions and had dinners, but when asked to donate to the office, people got mad. He talked about how this is gradually changing and there is a lack of awareness about World Services and fund flow. It would help to send out a bulletin from the WSB explaining fund flow.
- Craig R (H&I Chair) shared that they talk about the principle of responsibility in his region. Sometimes they get more money from correctional institutions than some of the outside meetings because of the educational efforts. He shared that his group does not let people share during the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collection, and he doesn't accept cakes that are from 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds.
- Delphine P (RSR Chesapeake/Potomac Region) shared about the idea of only buying cakes for the first year. She suggested that each person speaking at conventions could say something about the importance of fund flow.

Tim B (Transition Group Chairperson) opened the Transition Group wrap-up session. He reported that all input received will be distributed to TG members and reviewed by their June meeting. He noted the strengths and weakness of the team approach utilized last year and that the entire group will develop Resolutions B through G, and a work team will develop material for Resolution A.

Shannon L (TG member), discussing the committee system, indicated that input from conference participants was specifically noted on the following topics: two board members serving as leadership of a committee, committees will have ongoing functions (i.e., training and education, etc.), current committee functions will be maintained in the downsized committee system (internal and external).

Jane N (Transition Group Vice Chairperson and WSO board), discussing small group input, indicated the clearest message was for none/no change with reference to preferred service structure model. Model Three was the next model most preferred (24%). She reported that, for the future, Model Three (30%) and Model Four (38%) were most preferred by conference participants. Some of the recurring themes in small groups were: two-year conference cycle, eventual implementation of Resolution A to be very slow and gradual, the presence of alternates at the conference, sharing session to be part of the conference, funding and cost equalization to be an important consideration, fairness with less US dominance, freezing the number of US representatives, attention to boundaries of regions, preserving and protecting the copyrights. She reported that for Resolution A only, a work-plan will be presented next year with no motions.

Regarding the question of "Guardians," Jane N indicated that conference participants rated charging the world board as a whole with this responsibility at 20%, and a specific group within the world board as their preference at 32%. She noted that the Transition Group erred in presenting their ideas about this in the report, and that the intention of conference participants to preserve the present function of the WSB has been definitely heard. Jane also noted that 25% of the small groups voluntarily expressed their preference for a separate unit within the world board to preserve the WSB function. She reported that the Transition Group intends to place material about Resolutions B through G, including two proposals for preserving trustee functions, in CAR 1998. A question, answer and input session followed including the following topics: reporting nominations to Human Resources panel, preferences of small groups, distribution of 1<sup>st</sup> drafts by August 15, explanation of graphs in the presentation, Resource Pool, WSB function in the past vs today, size of committees, committee interaction with WSC participants, "gaurdians" as separate elected committee with non-task oriented functions, concern for the fate of new projects and ideas, voting status of the world board, publications, down-sized committees, and replenishing the pool for committee members and replacements.

Billy E asked for a straw poll on the question of committing the following motion (#106) as input to the Transition Group (*Motion #106 "To direct the Transition Group to create a valid board model that includes a separate group known as the Trustees, to provide checks and balances, whose members are directly elected to that position by a 2/3 majority vote of the World Service Conference"*). Mitchell objected and suggested the development of several questions by the Transition Group instead of one question be used for a straw poll. Michael M (WSC Chair) objected to the poll because the motion to be committed is really direction as opposed to input.

It was M/W Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians) "To change the orders of the day to go into a business session." MOTION WITHDRAWN, after the following:

Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) asked conference participants if they wanted to discuss Motion #106. Conference participants replied NO.

Jeff S (RSR, South Florida Region) presented Motion #107 ("To waive the requirements outlined in WSC '96 'Motion 16,' for all motions relating to Resolutions B-G submitted by the Transition Group for inclusion in the '98 *Conference Agenda Report*." for discussion.

Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) asked conference participants if there were any objections to



discussing Motion #107. Objections were voiced to the discussion and also to this process. Conference participants expressed their strong preference not to discuss the motion at all.

Roy J (RSR-Alternate, Metro Detroit Region) expressed his disappointment at the unfairness of the last discussion and the way it occurred. Billy E (RSR, Region of the Virginians) asked for redress, and expressed his strong feelings of being treated unfairly. He noted that he considers Michael's point to be personal, to be a "con", and that it was expressed at an unfair time and in an unfair way.

Jon T (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) apologized for an error he made in clearing the gallery at an earlier point in the meeting. He stated that he acted too quickly with too little information and expressed regret.

After a lunch break, Michael M (WSC Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Michael P (RSR-Alternate, Greater New York Region) read the selection for 3 May from "*Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*".

Bud K (WSB) informed conference participants that the trustee paper on methadone and other drug replacement programs was written for members of the fellowship, but unfortunately was printed in the *NA Update* for distribution to professionals. He expressed disappointment on behalf of the board and asked that people encourage local committees not to distribute it further to the general public. Erik R (WSC PI Vice Chairperson) concurred.

Donna M (WSB) and Floyd B (WSB) opened the WSC Development Forum wrap-up session. Floyd reported that the small group discussions resulted in the following input:

- The WSC Development Forum is regarded as valuable.
- The PR Plan is helping the European fellowship.
- There is a need for translated simplified service material.

Donna M (WSB) reviewed the history of the WSC Development Forum, noting that over the last three years the WSC Development Forum has become a vehicle for funding instead of fulfilling the purpose for which it was formed (to make this a world-wide participatory event). Consequently the WSB and conference participants have been looking for a better way to assist emerging fellowships. The representatives from Brazil Region, Aotearoa New Zealand Region, Colombia Region, and Italy Region each shared about their experience with the WSC Development Forum and attending the WSC.

Donna M (WSB) asked for input on the direction of the WSC Development Forum for the future. The following points were raised by conference participants: more time is desired for DF meetings and zonal forum meetings at the conference, the high priority of translations work, selecting travelers for developmental trips on the basis of skills, the need for funding both travel to WSC and developmental trips, recognition of differing stages of development for each fellowship community, the need for a visionary DF plan, the importance of all regional reports as a communication and helping tool for many non-US regions, wider reporting of DF activities, and the invaluable role of DF help in the growth of NA in many regions.

Thirteen participants were nominated for the annual Mike-Hog Award. After two rounds of voting by applause, the award was presented with enthusiasm to Steve M (RSR, Freestate Region).

It was M/S/C Paul H (WSC Treasurer)/Dana G (RSR, Georgia Region) "To adjourn the 1997 World Service Conference annual meeting at 5:50 p.m.." MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

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