

WSC '96 SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

This list contains main motions adopted by the 1996 World Service Conference, as well as committed motions, notes of interest, and election results.

MOTIONS CARRIED AT WSC '96 (final language of the motion includes amendments)

- It was M/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson) "To approve the WSC Rules of Order which include the election procedures, amended as follows: That the words 'There will be introductions, but' be replaced with 'There will be no introductions, and.'"
- It was M/S/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Pedro C. (RSR, Portugal Region): "To approve the WSC 1995 minutes, as amended in the following way: On page 12, paragraph 7, line 4 the record shall indicate that Frank H, RSR-Alternate, Kentuckiana Region presented the report for the group with the topic: "Right-sizing of Committees" instead of Gary D, RSR-Alternate, Arizona Region."
- It was M/S/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson)/Jim H, RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region "To seat the South Dakota Region."
- It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson), Motion #1: "To adopt the proposed vision statement for NA World Services, subject to review and/or revision through the *Conference Agenda Report*."

NA World Services Vision Statement

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- NA communities worldwide and NA world services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power."

- It was M/C Jeff B, (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson), Motion #2: "To adopt the following mission statement for the World Service Conference of NA, subject to review and/or revision by future World Service Conferences:

World Service Conference Mission Statement

The World Service Conference brings all elements of NA world services together to further the common welfare of NA. The WSC's mission is to unify NA worldwide by providing an event at which:

- Participants propose and gain fellowship consensus on initiatives that further the NA world services vision;
- The fellowship, through an exchange of experience, strength, and hope, collectively expresses itself on matters affecting Narcotics Anonymous as a whole;

- NA groups have a mechanism to guide and direct the activities of NA world services;
- Participants ensure that the various elements of NA world services are ultimately responsible to the groups they serve;
- Participants are inspired with the joy of selfless service, and the knowledge that our efforts make a difference.
- It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution A: “To approve *in principle* a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:
 1. to reduce the total number of representatives;
 2. to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and,
 3. to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process”.
- It was M/S/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution B: “To approve in principle the adoption of a World Board, replacing the current World Service Board of Trustees, WSO Board of Directors, WCC Board of Directors and the WSC Administrative Committee. Further, that within the consolidated world board, there be a specific group whose purpose fulfills the role and function as originally defined for the WSB who remain guardians of the traditions and ensure the spiritual nature of the checks and balances they provide.”
- It was M/S/C Shelly S (RSR, Mountain Valley)/Delphine G (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac): “To vote on resolution C through G as written in the CAR with all amendments to be committed to the next group.”
- It was M/C Jeff B (WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution C2: “To approve in principle a significantly downsized standing committee structure responsible to the World Board.”
- It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution E: “To approve in principle the adoption of a unified budget encompassing all world service funds.”
- It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution F: “To approve in principle the adoption of a World Pool of experienced trusted servants as a resource to world service projects and initiatives.”
- It was M/C Jeff B (Resolution Group member and WSC 2nd Vice Chairperson) Resolution G: “To approve in principle the adoption of a Human Resources Panel as a means by which the WSC may choose trusted servants based on the willingness to serve, experience, and knowledge.”
- It was M/C World Service Board of Trustees, Motion #4: “To adopt the following as WSC policy: Any WSC proposal or action to change NA’s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for NA Service, name, nature, or purpose should be approved directly by the groups through a group tally process, administered according to the following guidelines:
 - A registration period, sufficient for non English speaking fellowships to translate proposals or actions (by local translation committee or WSO) will be held to allow all groups who choose to participate, to register for the tally with WSO.
 - At the close of the registration period, the WSO will announce the total number of registrations to all WSC participants.

- At the WSC the WSB will provide the conference with a motion to consider the validity of the database based on a comparison between the group tally database and the group service database.
- Numbered ballots requesting a yes, no, or abstention response will be mailed to each registered group with addressed envelopes. The groups will be provided sufficient time to return their ballots. The WSC may recommend the utilization of an outside resource to receive and count the ballots.
- In order for the tally to be valid, 75% of the groups who registered in the above named period must participate by responding.
- For each decision to pass, 75% of the groups who respond must vote in the affirmative.
- Ballot results will be reported to the fellowship.
- If the group tally affirms the decision(s), a motion will be placed in the next CAR for RSR affirmation per the FIPT.”
- It was M/C Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson), Motion #5: “That Addendum 2, pg. 9, 1995 TWGSS, ‘NA Audio Tape Review’ be removed.”
- It was M/C Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson), Motion #6: “To strike the sentence, ‘As a sideline to literature, the WSO offers reel-to-reel and cassette tape recordings of important NA functions, personal ‘itches,’ typical meetings, and discussions on various topics.’” (1995 TWGSS, p. 9).
- It was M/C Cary S (World Convention Corporation Chairperson), Motion #7: “To approve Addendum 1, ‘WCC Internal Guidelines.’”
- It was M/C Laura J (WSC H&I Chairperson), Motion #8: “To approve revisions to the Hospitals & Institutions Handbook as shown in the following addenda:
2-A: Minor changes to existing chapters.
2-B: New chapter, ‘Forensic and Psychiatric Units.’
2-C: Revised section, ‘Learning Days.’
2-D: Revised section, ‘Preparations for Learning Days.’”
- It was M/C Jane N (WSC Literature Chairperson), Motion #9: “To approve Hospitals and Institutions Service and the NA Member (Addendum 3), a revision of Hospitals and Institutions and the NA Member.”
- It was M/C Jane N (WSC Literature Chairperson), Motion #10: “To approve the WSCLC’s “A” worklist for the 1996-97 conference year:
 - 1) Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides
 - 2) Sponsorship booklet”
- It was M/C Tony W (WSC PI Chairperson), Motion #11: “To approve the WSC PI Committee workplan proposal to revise the Guide to PI and Guide to Phoneline Service handbooks.”
- It was M/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chairperson), Motion #12: “That the handbook, A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous, be released for approval following the 1996 World Service Conference. The handbook will come up for conference action at WSC’97.”

- It was M/S/C Sandi S (RSR, South Florida Region)/John P (RSR-A, Greater New York Region), Motion # 16: "All motions submitted to be placed in the *Conference Agenda Report* that attempt to change, amend or delete WSC Policies, shall include those policies, or sections of those policies, it attempts to amend. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide this information along with the motion."
- It was M/S/C Mitchell P (RSR-A, Indiana)/Teri B (RSR, Wisconsin): "To give a vote of confidence to the Interim Committee to continue to utilize the process for the selection of the nominees to the Transition Group."
- It was M/C Interim Committee: "To approve the Transition Group Plan as presented."
- It was M/S/C Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region)/Craig S (RSR, Pacific Cascade Region) "To accept the nine core members (listed below), two alternates (listed below), and twenty-two working group members (listed below), and amend the Transition Group Plan to read 'up to nine core group members' as presented by Interim."
Transition Core Group: Saul A, Tim B, Susan B, Pete C, Rose C, David J, Bob J, Shannon L, and Jane N.
Transition Core Group Alternates: First Alternate: Matt S; Second Alternate: Adam W.
Working Group: Sylvia Catherine B, Simon T, Dean W, Mitchell S, Donna M; Mary C-V, Susan C, Mary Kay B, Stu T, Greg P, Mario T, Bob L, Joe P, Janis E, Tony W, Garth P, Paul H, Fred B, Larry R, Bob B, Donald G, and Jon T.
- It was M/S/C Barth D (RSR, Georgia Region)/Randy K (RSR-A, Ontario Region) "To approve the budget as presented."
- It was M/S/C Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit all motions pertaining to *The NA Way Magazine* to the WSO Board of Directors."
- It was M/S/C Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Joseph K (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region) "To add the WSB to the motions that were previously committed to the WSO Board regarding the sales policy."
- It was M/S/C Rick G (RSR, North East Atlantic Region)/Nancy H (RSR-A, Louisiana Region), Motion #107: "That the Outreach Handbook developed by the WSC Ad Hoc Outreach Committee be turned over to the WSB and that the board be provided with the resources required to finish developing an Outreach Handbook for the fellowship."
- It was M/C Interim Committee, Motion #26: "To delete the section on page 40 (1995 TWGSS) entitled "Reporting Procedures" and replace with the following language:
Reporting Procedures
The committee will regularly report its routine decisions in a monthly report to WSC participants. Any discussions of a philosophical nature will be included in the *Conference Report*. A summary of Travel Committee decisions for the year will be presented before each annual meeting of the WSC.

All world service travelers are required to submit trip reports to the committee within 45 days of completing their travel. These reports will be reviewed and prepared for appropriate distribution and publication."
- It was M/C Interim Committee, Motion #27: "To delete the section on page 41 (1995 TWGSS) entitled WSO Travel Organizer, and further, delete all other references to the WSO Travel Organizer where they may occur and replace with WSO."

- It was M/C Interim Committee, Motion #28: “To delete the sections on pages 41 and 42 (1995 TWGSS) entitled Personal Expense Allowance, Transportation, and Hotel Accommodations; and replace with the following language:

Personal Expense Allowance and Reimbursement for World Service Travel

World service travelers may claim reimbursement for specified expenses for each day of travel on an approved world service trip. Typical expenses allowed under the policy are for meals, transportation and ground transportation, parking fees, tolls, and tips. Allowance limitations are established by the US Internal Revenue Service for business travel in the US and by the US State Department for business travel outside the US. Those limitations as published will be used to administer this policy.

Each year at the annual meeting of the WSC, newly elected and continuing trusted servants will be given a written description explaining all processes and procedures to be followed by world services travelers. Included in the package will be the kind of expenses that can be reimbursed, the limits of reimbursement, which items require receipts, expense forms, advances, and how to submit claims for reimbursement.

Air transportation will be reserved and ticketed through the WSO or its agent, whenever possible. Travelers should make air travel arrangements as far in advance as possible. Travelers are responsible for their tickets once they have been received. The use of other modes of transportation is permitted, but only the most economical mode of transportation will be reimbursed.

It is the policy of NA world services to use reasonably priced facilities. Reimbursement for lodging commonly will be for double occupancy. NA world services does not reimburse for companion accompaniment.

Fraudulent claims or violations of the policy and/or procedures can result in one or more of the following actions:

- Request for repayment of all unauthorized expenditures.
 - Rejection of reimbursement for submitted expenses.
 - Rejection of request for travel advance.
 - Suspension of trusted servant from office.”
- It was M/C Interim Committee, Motion #29: “To delete the section on pages 42 and 43 (1995 TWGSS) entitled Credit Cards and replace it with the following language:

Credit Cards

In recent years we have found it productive to use credit cards to facilitate the service responsibilities of specific individuals in world services. The WSO maintains a policy on the use of credit cards for employee responsibilities and has since their initial use. It seems responsible to apply those parameters to credit card use for WSC responsibilities. These policies will ensure that credit card use conforms to a standard set of guidelines.

Distribution of cards

- A. The issuance of credit cards *for WSC responsibilities* is subject to the approval of the Interim Committee. Each person approved for credit card issuance shall be provided a Conditions of Authorized Use form, which must be completed, signed, and on file prior to issuance of a credit card. Credit cards will be routinely offered to the individual positions listed below:
 1. Chairperson of the WSO Board of Directors
 2. Chairperson of the World Service Board of Trustees

3. Chairperson of the World Service Conference
 4. Chairperson of the World Convention Corporation
 5. *Executive Management of the World Service Office*
 6. *WSO Managers*
- B. The chairperson of one of the service arms identified above may designate the vice chairperson or any member of their respective service board or committee to be issued a credit card in lieu of the card being assigned to that chairperson.
- C. Board or committee members who reside outside the continental United States may be issued credit cards to facilitate the fulfillment of their service responsibilities, at the discretion of the Interim Committee.
- D. Boards and committee members may be issued credit cards on a temporary basis for a designated trip or function. All cards issued under this criteria will be returned to the WSO by registered mail within thirty days of completion of the trip or function. All invoices or other accompanying documentation shall be returned at the time of card surrender.
- E. All cards shall be returned within thirty days of the closure of the term of office of the card holder. All invoices or other accompanying documentation shall be returned at the time of card surrender.
- F. WSO executive staff shall have the authority to cancel all cards on the closure of a term of office based upon the surrender criteria outlined above.

Credit card expenditures

All expenditures on the credit card must be substantiated by the receipts issued at the time of card use. Individuals utilizing the credit cards will submit an expense statement accompanied by the invoice(s) resulting in card use—not the credit card slip, but the actual hotel bill, car rental agreement, etc. All receipts will be attached to the permanent record of the trip or function. World service credit cards shall not be used to cover personal expenses not directly related to the trip or function, even though the individual may intend to repay the conference for the expenditures. The WSC *Interim Committee* shall conduct quarterly audits and/or reviews of WSC credit card activity by all trusted servants and report such findings to the fellowship in the *Conference Report*.

Credit card misuse

Any alleged inappropriate and/or unauthorized credit card use, or persistent failure to submit appropriate documentation of credit card use, requires a thorough investigation by the committee. The committee will review all necessary documentation and request written statements of explanation from the individual involved and anyone else who may have knowledge of the situation. A determination will be made by the committee and reported to the fellowship. The determination of the committee can result in one or more of the following actions:

Reinstatement of credit card privileges, if previously removed.
Revocation of credit card privileges.
Request for repayment for all unauthorized expenditures.
Rejection of reimbursement for submitted expenses.
Suspension of trusted servants from office.”

- It was M/S/C Jon T (WSC Policy Chair)/Barb P (RSR, Minnesota Region), Motion #93: “To commit 1993 Motion #145 which reads (‘A Guide To Service in Narcotics Anonymous be set aside until the completion of the World Services inventory. At that point, the Guide will be assessed to determine whether it addresses any of the issues raised in the inventory. If it becomes apparent that additional revisions to the Guide are needed, they will be made after which A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous should go out for a one-year input and review period’) to the Transition Group as resource material.”
- It was M/C (WSC Administrative Committee), Motion #104: “To delete Section 1.B on Page 13, 1995 *TWGSS* and replace with the following language: ‘The site of the World Service Conference is held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office.’” [After further discussion, Ron S. (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced, and conference participants agreed, that the above motion will be in the 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*.]
- It was M/C (WSC Administrative Committee), Motion #108: “That the WSC acknowledges and supports that the duties of the WSC Treasurer for CY ‘96-’97 will be the following:
 - The WSC Treasurer is a WSC officer and as such will continue to fulfill the responsibilities and duties described for that position in *TWGSS*.
 - The WSC Treasurer will serve as a voting member of the WSC Interim Committee.
 - WSC treasurer will be released from all responsibilities associated with the WSC Administrative Committee as described in *TWGSS*.”
- It was M/S/C James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region)/Simon T (RSR, Australian Region) “That the number “39”, the introduction ‘I’m just a poor country boy’, and ‘Motion 11’ be permanently retired from use at this or any future WSC; thereby removing the immediate confusion at the mere mention of the number.”

MOTIONS COMMITTED AT WSC '96:

WSC Administrative Committee

- It was M/S/R Randy K (RSR-A, Ontario Region)/Stefania F (RSR, Italy Region) Motion #85 "That zonal forum chairpersons receive the same mailings as conference participants." The following *TWGSS* policy would be affected: Page 33: World Service Conference Report, line 8. New language: 'The report is distributed to Conference Participants and zonal forum.' Page 33: The *Conference Agenda Report* paragraph 1, lines 3 & 4. 'One copy of the report is mailed to each voting participant of the conference, each RSR Alternate, and the mailing address of each region and each zonal forum.'
- Motion #92: "That inventory related communications mailed to Conference Participants also be sent to conference Standing and Ad Hoc Committee members."
- Michael M. (WSC Chairperson) reported that Motion #85 and #98 will be reviewed by the WSC Administrative Committee over the coming year. He also announced that all zonal forums that have provided mailing addresses as well as conference committee members will receive conference participant mailings during the year. At the end of the year, the process will be assessed, WSC Administrative Committee will report to conference participants, and zonal forums and committee members will report to WSC Administrative Committee about how well it worked overall. Conference participants expressed unanimous support for this approach. Mary C-V (WSC Policy Committee chairperson) requested that Motion #92 be included in the review by the Administrative Committee. Michael M indicated that it would be included.
 - Motion #98: "To allow each zonal forum (who requests) to receive all Conference Participants mailings."
- Michael M. (WSC Chairperson) responded that WSC Administrative Committee would consider the matter (of a 1995 video featuring Bob Stone -- its approval, distribution, and/or a written transcript of it) and let the conference know next year.
- It was M/S/R Jim C (RSR, Michigan Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region) Motion #47: "(Motion # 21 1995): That the WSC be given responsibility for translating *Conference Agenda Report* motions and intent, (not including the text of addenda), into languages other than English, and for distributing these translations to the respective regions."

AMENDMENT: It was M/R Joao V (RSR-A, Brazil Region) "To return to the original motion and delete the word 'not' and the parentheses." AMENDMENT REFERRED TO WSC Administrative Committee.

- It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee Motion #104 ["To delete Section 1.B on Page 13, 1995 *TWGSS* and replace with the following language: 'The site of the World Service Conference is held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office.'"] carried by 2/3 majority vote. After further discussion, Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that this motion will be in the 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*. Conference participants agreed by acclamation.

WSC Recognition Assistance Panel

- It was M/S/R Mike E (RSR, Lone Star Region)/Elise S (RSR, Arkansas Region) Motion #78: "To allow designated representatives of any Zonal Forums a voice on WSC Floor and to include them as non-voting conference participants for inclusion on WSC mailings." **MOTION COMMITTED to the WSC Recognition Assistance Panel to be rewritten with the RSR from Lone Star and be included in 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*."**

WSO Board of Directors

- It was M/S/C Roy J (RSR, Metro Detroit Region)/Steve S (RSR, Northern California Region): "To commit all motions pertaining to *The NA Way Magazine* to the WSO Board of Directors."
- It was M/W Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region) Motion 20: "To make *The NA Way* a special periodical with conference-approved status."
- It was M/S/R Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region) Motion 21: "To create a book using selected articles from the first ten years of *The NA Way*." MOTION REFERRED TO WSCLC
- It was M/S/R Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region)/Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region) Motion #34: "That the cost of publication of the *NA Way Magazine* be reduced by dispensing with the graphic designs and the high quality paper used on the front and back cover - and that the subscription cost be increased 75%."
- It was M/S/R Mark R (RSR, Central California Region)/Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region) Motion #49: "To continue the publication and distribution of the *NA Way Magazine*."
- It was M/S/R Barb P (RSR, Minnesota Region)/Mark R (RSR, Central California Region) Motion #95: "That the WSO continue publication of the *NA Way* with the provisions that:
 - 1) The price be raised.
 - 2) Subscription drives utilizing the current subscriber list be undertaken."
- It was M/S/R Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) Motion #82: "That the BOD makes no change to the existing literature discounts given to regional service offices without conference approval of an alternate system of distribution."
- It was M/S/R Terry M (RSR, Carolina Region)/John A (RSR, Ohio Region) Motion #90 "That no action be taken to change the WSO sales policy regarding the reduction of literature discounts to RSO's. This moratorium to be in place until such time as a motion to proceed with the WSO sales policy be placed in the *CAR*. This motion will include a discussion paper outlining the rationale of decreasing literature discounts, financial impact studies on WSO revenues, and an implementation timeline."
- It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) Motion #71: "The WSO begin production of the Spanish text in soft cover."
- It was M/S/R Bob S (World Service Board of Trustees)/Pierre A (RSR-A, Quebec Region) Motion #102: "That the WSO be directed to produce a 'Slug' anthology from those cartoons published in the *NA Way* and others which may be available."
- It was M/S/R Dean W (RSR, Upper Mid-West Region)/Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) Motion #94: "That the WSO establish an operating reserve of 90 days. To be phased in over 5 years."
- It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Dennis R (RSR, Northern New Jersey Region) Motion #72: "The WSC PI Committee create updated PSAs." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO Board of Directors TO WORK WITH WSC PI Committee in developing PSA's.

World Service Board of Trustees

- It was M/S/R Ephrain W (RSR, New Jersey Region)/Jamie E (RSR, Northern New England Region) Motion #50: "To add the amendment titled Area Service Conference to the current approval draft of *A Guide to Local Service in NA*."

It was M/S/C Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/Joseph K (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region) "To add the WSB to the motions that were previously committed to the WSO Board regarding the sales policy."

Note: As a result of the adopted motion above, the following two committed motions (#82 and #90) are included in this list.

- It was M/S/R Lenny G (RSR, UK Region)/James E (RSR-A, Greater New York Region) Motion #82: "That the BOD makes no change to the existing literature discounts given to regional service offices without conference approval of an alternate system of distribution."
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WSC Literature Committee

- It was M/S/R Janice M (RSR, Southern Nevada Region)/Gwen D (RSR, Chicagoland Region): Motion #61 "That the WSCLC take the issue discussion papers titled- *Racial and Cultural Diversity and Our First Tradition* as input and create an IP on this subject."
- It was M/S/R Bob B (RSR, Hawaii Region)/Nicholas G (RSR, New England Region) Motion 21: "To create a book using selected articles from the first ten years of *The NA Way*."
- It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Bob J (RSR-A, Wisconsin Region): Motion #70: "That the World Service Conference Literature Committee solicit new stories for inclusion in Book 2 of the Basic Text."

Transition Group

- It was M/S/C Jon T, (WSC Policy Chair)/Barb P (RSR, Minnesota Region) Motion #93: "To commit 1993 Motion #145 which reads ('A Guide To Service in Narcotics Anonymous be set aside until the completion of the World Services inventory. At that point, the Guide will be assessed to determine whether it addresses any of the issues raised in the inventory. If it becomes apparent that additional revisions to the Guide are needed, they will be made after which A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous should go out for a one-year input and review period") to the Transition Group as resource material."
- It was M/S/R James M (RSR, Ireland Region)/Joseph F (RSR-A, San Diego/Imperial Region) Motion #73: "That all service positions at world service level to include BOT, BOD, Admin, Policy, to exclude the standing committees, be limited to a period of 5 years, or two terms of office, and that no members who have served their terms at this level be eligible for any other positions at this level until a period of at least 3 years has elapsed since the end of term of their service."
- It was M/S/R Mike E (RSR, Lone Star Region)/Elise S (RSR, Arkansas Region) Motion #78: "To allow designated representatives of any Zonal Forums a voice on WSC Floor and to include them as non-voting conference participants for inclusion on WSC mailings."

- Bob L, RSR, Southern California Region requested that Motion #66 ("The Southern California Region moves that the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, within the geographical boundaries of the United States of America, form a National Service Conference to be called The United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous--USSCNA.") which has been discussed through e-mail fairly extensively by some conference participants be referred to the Transition Group. Conference participants agreed and no objections were voiced.
- Note -- It was M/S/C Shelly S (RSR, Mountain Valley/Delphine G (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac): "To vote on resolution C through G as written in the CAR with all amendments to be committed to the next group." Therefore, the following amendments from the motion list are committed to the Transition Group:
- Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois/Jim H (RSR, Upper Rocky Mountain Region): Motion #57 amends Resolution C2 "To approve in principle a significantly downsized standing committee structure responsible to 'World Service Conference'." *Intent: To approve downsizing committee structure, not replacing standing committees, whether the World Board is approved or not.*
- Deborah T (RSR, Greater Illinois Region/Mark F (RSR, Iowa Region): Motion #58 Amends Resolution D "To approve in principle the adoption of an ad hoc committee structure responsible to 'World Service Conference'." *Intent: To approve ad hoc committee structure, not replacing standing committees, whether the World Board is approved or not.*

World Convention Corporation

- It was M/S/R Susanne E (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho Region)/Juan C (RSR, Rio Grande Region) Motion #62: "That the WSC appoint an ad hoc committee to draft an activities handbook to be distributed to the fellowship when approved."
- It was M/S/R Catherine H (RSR, Aotearoa/New Zealand Region)/Miguel C (RSR, Spain Region) Motion #84 "That the WCC research the need for 'common needs' meetings, workshops, or forums at world conventions of NA and report back to the next WSC."

WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee

- It was M/S/R Billy E (RSR-A, Region of the Virginians)/Bob S (WSB) Motion #56 "To add to new H&I guidelines the following: 'Whenever possible the suggested for panel leaders is three years, and two years for any other panel members. Sometimes an area may not have a sufficient pool of volunteers that meet this requirement: when this circumstance exists, it is suggested that volunteers have a minimum of one year clean time.'"

WSC Public Information Committee

- It was M/S/R Jeff S (RSR-A, South Florida Region)/Dennis R (RSR, Northern New Jersey Region) Motion #72: "The WSC PI Committee create updated PSAs." MOTION REFERRED TO WSO Board of Directors TO WORK WITH WSC PI Committee in developing PSA's.

WSC Policy Committee

- Frank H, (RSR, Kentuckiana Region) requested that the WSC Policy Committee look into the issue of proxy vote (reference Mississippi letter to WSC) as a possible way to ensure the conscience of those regions unable to attend would still be heard or at least recorded at the conference.

Notes of interest:

- James J, (RSR-A Wisconsin Region), read a letter from the Wisconsin Region to the WSO regarding possible inaccuracies in the WSO database. It was requested that the letter from the Wisconsin Region as well as the response from the WSO be included as a part of the official record of WSC'96.
- The Chair ruled Motion #13 ("That the WSO make available to the fellowship Book One of the Basic Text in English in the same format and at the same price as the French and Spanish language versions.") out of order due to the moratorium. Sylvia B (RSR, Ontario Region) appealed the decision of the chair. Decision of the Chair was upheld by majority voice vote. Rob A (RSR, British Columbia Region) requested that it be noted in the minutes that all RSRs from Canada voted to overrule the chair's decision.
- James M (RSR, Ireland Region) requested a point of personal privilege and asked that it be reflected in the official record of the conference that he feels that his region and his region's conscience is not being respected and, as a result, he feels that he has no choice but to leave the conference floor. (The roll call listed includes this action)
- Within his report to the conference, Tim B (WSO Board Chairperson) announced an upcoming WSO/WCC workshop in Denver, Colorado, September 27-29, 1996.
- Anthony E (WSO Executive Codirector) noted that the World Service Office does not remove dated or any other information from the database until they are requested to do so.
- Michael M (WSC Chairperson) requested that the following statement be included in the official record of the conference: "That the will of the conference, specifically that *The NA Way Magazine* continue until at least WSC'97, has been heard by the WSO Board of Directors. Also, that the WSO Board of Directors understand and recognize that in order to stop publication of *The NA Way Magazine* formal notice through the *Conference Agenda Report* is required."
- Pete C (WSB Chairperson) requested a point of personal privilege to ask that the regional report from the Mississippi Region be read to conference participants and that the letter be included in the WSC'96 minutes. (see addendum) Michael M (WSC Chairperson) then read the letter and noted that it will be included with the minutes.
- Frank H (RSR-A, Kentuckiana Region) asked for a point of personal privilege to address one of the issues listed within the letter from the Mississippi Region read earlier today, specifically the issue of proxy vote. He requested that the WSC Policy Committee look into this issue as a possible way to ensure the conscience of those regions unable to attend would still be heard or at least recorded at the conference.
- Michael M (WSC Chairperson) spoke briefly about the plans of the WSC Administrative Committee for this next year. One of the plans discussed was doing an annual World Unity Day regardless of whether or not there is a world convention during that year (The WCNA will move to a two-year cycle after WCNA26.). Plans are being made to hold the 1997 Unity Day event in the New England Region.
- Michael M (WSC Chairperson) announced that deadline for regional motions is October 15, 1996, and the World Service Conference is April 27-May 3, 1997 in Woodland Hills, California.
- Motion #104 ["To delete Section 1.B on Page 13, 1995 TWGSS and replace with the following language: 'The site of the World Service Conference is held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office.'"] carried by 2/3 majority vote. After further discussion,

Ron S. (WSC Vice Chairperson) announced that this motion will be in the 1997 *Conference Agenda Report*. Conference participants agreed by acclamation.

Issue Discussion Topics from WSC'95

1. *Racial and cultural diversity and our First Tradition (Discussed at WSC'96)*
2. *Group conscience in the service structure (Discussed at WSC'96)*
3. Retention of experienced members
4. HIV & AIDS in NA
5. Seventh Tradition
6. Misappropriation of funds and accountability
7. How to deal with disruptive, violent, or inappropriate behavior in meetings
8. Medication in recovery
9. Multilingual fellowship
10. Non-alcoholic beverages & methadone and recovery

Suggested Issue Topics for CY 1996-97

- Unity and fellowship and service
- Encouraging minority view and opinions
- Problems of growth of fellowship
- Faith and trust in our service structure; particularly with the WSC
- Term levels for WSC trusted servants
- WSC election process--principles vs personalities
- Multilingual fellowship
- Geographic entities--divisions?
- Cost-equalization/subsidization - funding conference participants
- Isolated groups
- Groups that choose to not be a part of the service structure
- Sexual harassment in the NA meeting
- Lack of group participation in the discussion process
- Restraining orders against other members
- Non-alcoholic beverages, methadone, psycotropics and recovery
- Retention of experienced members in service and recovery
- How to deal with disruptive, violent, or inappropriate behavior in meetings
- Election process - principles vs personalities

1996 WSC Election Results

- WSC Chairperson—Michael M
 - WSC Vice-chairperson—Ron S
 - WSC 2nd Vice-chairperson—Jon T
 - WSC Treasurer—Paul H
 - WSC Policy Committee Chairperson—Mary C-V
 - WSC Policy Committee Vice-chairperson—Lib E
 - WSC Literature Committee Chairperson—Jorge B
 - WSC Literature Committee Vice-chairperson—India T
 - WSC H&I Committee Chairperson—Mike C
 - WSC H&I Committee Vice-chairperson—Craig R
 - WSC PI Committee Chairperson—Tony W
 - WSC PI Committee Vice-chairperson—Erik R
 - World Convention Corporation—Donald G
 - WSO Board of Directors—Laura J, Jane N, Cary S
 - WSO Board of Directors Pool—Claudio L, Bob F, Nick K, Tom. L
 - World Service Board of Trustees—Mary Kay B, Pete C, Stu T, Larry R
 - WSC Policy Committee members—Roy J, Barb P, Sandi S, Dee S, Richard S
 - WSC Literature Committee members—Stuart B, Jim B, Eddie M, Donna W, Emma W
 - NA Way Associate Editor—Mary F
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- Pete C. announced WSB internal elections for the WSB Steering Committee: Stu T, chair; Bob S, vice chair, Donna M, lit review, Garth P, external chair, and Floyd B, internal chair.

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