

WSC '97, SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

This list contains main motions adopted at the 1997 World Service Conference annual meeting, as well as committed motions, notes of interest, and election results.

MOTIONS CARRIED AT WSC '97 (*final language of the motion includes amendments*)

- "To approve the WSC 1996 minutes as amended"
- "To seat the Costa Rica Region"
- "To seat the Norway Region"
- "To approve the 1997 WSC Rules of Order which include the election procedures"
- Motion #1. "That the World Service Conference be held within seventy-five miles of the World Service Office."
- 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 #3 "To delete the section entitled "*The NA Way Magazine*," from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 1, pages 31-32."
- Motion #4 "To delete the section entitled "The World Service Conference Digest," from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition, Addendum 5, page 36."
- Motion #5. "To commence publication of the new *NA Way Magazine* format by adding the following language as a new third paragraph to the section entitled "The World Service Office" which begins on page 9 of *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure*, 1996 edition: 'The World Service Office publishes *The NA Way Magazine*, our 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 #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 #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 #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 #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*], 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.'"
- 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 #10. "To approve the WSCLC's "A" worklist for the 1997-98 conference year: (1) Step Working Guides, (2) Sponsorship Booklet"
- Motion #11. "To approve Addendum 3A, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*."
- 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, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence, by deleting it in its entirety; Page 9, World Service 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence by replacing the words "These are the services..." with "World services are those...""
- 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 #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 #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 #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 #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 #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."

- "To adopt the WSC 1997-98 budget as presented."
- 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 #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."
- "To ratify the appointment of Rich Silva to the WSC Policy Committee."

MOTIONS COMMITTED AT WSC '97:

WSC Administrative Committee

- 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 #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 #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." (committed as input only)
- 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." (committed to the CAR)

WSC Interim Committee

- 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*."

Transition Group

- Motion #16. "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 #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 #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 #103. “Amend 1996 TWGSS, page 26, 10th 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.’”

WSO Board of Directors

- 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 #41. “That the WSO BOD eliminate one of the Executive Codirector positions at the WSO.” (committed for the purpose of receiving a report about this issue)
- Motion #78. “To delete the word ‘Europe’ from the title “World Service Office- Europe.””.
- 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.” (committed as input only)

World Convention Corporation

- 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.”
- Motion #68. “That the assistance which will be available for addicts at WCNA be more specifically listed on WCNA registration form.”

NOTES OF INTEREST

- Paul H (WSC Treasurer) gave a report on behalf of the Interim Committee regarding the acquisition of historical and archival material from the family of one of the founding members of the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship, Jimmy K. The purchase price reported was \$50,000.
- On behalf of the Interim Committee and the WSC Administrative Committee, Michael M asked that the conference treasurer remain a member of the WSC Administrative Committee 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.
- Conference participants unanimously agreed BY VOICE VOTE to remove the WSC ‘96 motion (about retiring Motion #11, #39, and the phrase “poor country boy”) from *A Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure, 1996 edition*.
- 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).
- Ron S (WSC Vice Chairperson) introduced the members of the WSC Administrative Committee for CY ‘97-’98. 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.
- With reference to motion #89 (about translating documents into Spanish at WSC '98), 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.

1997 WSC Election Results

- 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 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 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 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)

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