

GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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4. CLEAN ACRES AREA

Two new meetings brings our total to 20 in area. 1. Friday 7pm Lincoln University Union Hall, Oxford 2. Sunday 2pm St. James Church, E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown... 17/18 groups at September and October Area Service Meeting. Groups donation Aug: \$232.18; Sept: \$350.18 Regional Donation \$584.00... Home Group Learning Day average attendance was 26.3 people. **EASY DOES IT, INDEPENDENCE, LIFESAVERS**, groups need support. **COMMITMENT TO RECOVERY GROUP**, two year anniversary. **OPTIONS GROUP**, support growing. **FREE AT LAST** looking for new location. **LIFE OR DEATH**, support growing... Elected Edy S. new secretary. Groups still discussing issue of NA groups in re-habs. **ALT-ASR** will be elected in November. 8 motions from groups to be voted on this month. Seeking to elect new position of Co-treasurer by next year. Sub-committee representation working well at establishing communications with the region and each other... Elected Jeff L. as H&I Co-Chair. Seeking to have meetings at the VA consolidated on Sunday Night. Pool Day planned to increase H&I awareness and to qualify panel members. Discussed idea whether or not to have an H&I observer (5 months)... Elected Nadi V. as Public Info/Helpline Co-Chair. Committee in state of disfunction. Lack of support and experience... Literature supply levels are O.K... Donation will be made to Area. **NOTE:** Clean Acres Area sells literature at profit to groups and these profits are turned back over to the Area to help pay expenses... Discussed Convention Program Committee meeting in private home. Clean Acres policy does not allow for any business meetings in private homes.

5. SMALL WONDER AREA

ASC meets the 3rd Sunday of every month. We have no donation this Regional Weekend because of financial difficulties... New Activities Chair is Mike I. 571-1118... H&I is doing well... P.I. is giving two presentations this month. Nov. 15th to Probation & Parole & Nov. 28 at Wilmington College... SWANA is turning in a complete financial Statement for 88 & 89... H&I is having a **LEARNING DAY DEC. 2**. Flyers were handed out to the Regional Sub-committee of H & I... SWANA P.I. has sent letters to area P.I. Chairs about a PSA on WXDR.

6. MONTCO AREA

Area is growing overall . Two new meetings. **THE BASIC RECOVERY GROUP OF NA, WALNUT & SUMMIT AVE. JENKINTOWN, PA. 8:00pm THURS.** and the **WILLOW GROVE MEETING, MCKINLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLOW GROVE 8:30pm SAT.** ... Activities holding dances Nov. 11 & 25 at Plymouth Meeting Mall Church. 9:30 til 1:00... Revised phone list was handed in to Secretary.. Area still struggling with committee chairs. We need **LITERATURE REVIEW P.I. & RSO REP & POOL MEMBERS**... Brand new Unity Committee has been formed and we would appreciate ASR's asking their Unity Committees to contact **PEGGY T. 830-0439** to gather guidelines for this committee. All other committees are doing well... Still struggling with the lack of commitment to NA & some can be attributed to the large amount of institutions in our area. Unity will be focusing on Home Group, Sponsorship, & Traditions to better educate our area. Any support in Sub-committee or Area Meetings is welcome. The Conshohocken Group is no longer an NA meeting and the Tuesday and Thursday meetings should be taken off the meeting list... Motion Failed for taking off Special Interest coding and no S.I. groups at Regional Functions... Motion passed that RSO is not to charge Sub-committees for using office... We would like to know what qualifications are needed to be RSO Board member and pool members... If anyone has any questions or needs to contact me - **PEGGY T. 830-0439**. We vote to accept the Beehive Area to our Region.

7. DELCO AREA

Area is doing OK. Looking into UNITY LEARNING DAY in February...
 ACTIVITIES: NOV. 22nd, THANKSGIVING DAY DANCE TO SUPPORT CONVENTION
 LOC.-GLENOLDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...DEC. 31, NEW YEARS DINNER DANCE
 AT NEWMAN COLLEGE...H & I having problem with panel system - need input
 ...Treasurers Report - New Prudent Reserve is \$800.00 and cash on hand
 is \$900.00...Mark Q. was elected to convention as Delco Rep...Elections
 for all new Area Officers are being taken now.

8. INNER CITY AREA

Area is doing good. We have about 8 new groups in the area in the past
 two months. We are donating \$550.00 to the Region. Our Sub-committees
 are doing good. Area has donated \$400.00 to the Philadelphia Helpline
 in the past two months. The Inner City Area has sold the old merchandise
 of the convention. \$800 was turned in. Area Service meets the second
 Saturday of the Month at 3pm. Location is 2432 N. LEHIGH AVE., THE
 AFCAM BUILDING.

9. BEE HIVE AREA

For a new area all is going well. All groups of the area are doing fine.
 POLICY COMM.: Alive and Well...P.I. COMM.: Alive and Well...ACTIVITIES
 COMM.=Alive and Well...H & I COMM.=Will be having its first meeting
 Nov. 26th and all should be well...We see no upcoming problems with any
 of our Sub-committees...Bee Hive Area will be putting on a CONVENTION
 NOVEMBER, 1990 THANKSGIVING WEEKEND...We have established most of the
 Committees needed and are seeing good involvement and support for the
 Convention. We need to start a few more Committees for the Convention
 but see no problem getting involved people to support these Committees.
 ...There are a few groups in Columbia County and the Pocono's that are
 considering joining our area...We are in the process of buying the
 phoneline from our old ASC.

B. SUB-COMMITTEE1. TREASURERS REPORT

Closing Balance	9-10-89	27,059.76
Donations		
Inner City Area-Leftover	88 Merchandise Sales	806.15
Montco Area Service-Sept.	Donation-G.P.R.C.	200.00
		<u>28,065.91</u>

Expenditures

Literature Review-(2)Workshops Expenses	-	244.15
R.S.R./Alt.-St.Louis ¼ Transportation & Expenses	-	1,204.00
H & I-St.Louis ¼ Transportation & Expenses	-	198.00
P. I. " " " (2)Reps " " "	-	396.00
H & I " " " Transportation & Expenses	-	250.00
P. I. " " " (2)Reps Expenses(Late Fee Airlines)	-	544.00
R.S.C. Weekend(April 90 Deposit)Holiday Inn Midtown	-	400.00
R.S.C. Weekend(Feb. 90 Deposit)Sheraton Brandywine	-	400.00
		<u>-3,636.15</u>

November 12, 1989 Opening Balance	<u>24,429.76</u>
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Area Donations

Phila	0.00
Riverfront	114.19
Bucks	0.00
Clean Acres	584.00
Small Wonder	0.00
Montco	0.00
Delco	0.00
Inner City	550.00
Bee Hive	0.00

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Clean Sheet(subscriptions)		10.00
R.S.C. Weekend Dinner Dance		300.00
Swana Left Over Merchandise		167.00
Return To Treasury From (RSR-RSR Alt.)		263.45

EXPENDITURES

11/11/89RSC Weekend 11-89 Holiday Inn Lionville	-	300.00
11-12-89H & I Learning Day	-	98.16
11-11-89H & I St. Louis $\frac{1}{4}$ Air Fare	-	100.00
11-11-89Clean Sheet Printing	-	130.00
11-11-89Clean Sheet Ribbons & Supplies	-	10.50
11-11-89R.S.C. Secreterial Supplies	-	54.38
11-12-89P.I St. Louis $\frac{1}{4}$ Meals	-	117.61
11-12-89Lit. Review & Ad-Hoc(Air Fare,Mail,St.Louis $\frac{1}{4}$)	-	414.59
11-12-89RSC Weekend Nov 89 Holiday Lionville Balance	-	385.71

Balance before Expenditures	26,418.40
Expenditures for Nov.,89	<u>-1,610.95</u>
NEW BALANCE	24,807.45

C. R.S.R OR R.S.R. ALTERNATE REPORT

1.W.S.C. Chairperson

Agenda Reports due out of W.S.C. Jan.23...All motions from regions in by Dec. 22...Motions from Regions will be in with the W.S.C. Sub-committee reports as opposed to in the back of the report...World Service Trusted Servants(The Administrative Committee)will have open forums throughout the U.S. If we would like one we can get one by written request...The Administrative Committee is planning an open forum weekend next year to discuss problems that we are having. Also, the Agenda Report will be smaller this year providing more time for open discussion at W.S.C.

2.Treasury

Income	174,600.00
Expenses	<u>97,485.88</u> (as of Oct.31)
Balance	77,152.42

Donations are averaging 20,300 a month. This is 4,000/month greater than last year.

3.Board of Trustees

Chairperson of the Board talked about the disunity we have and our need to slow down our World Services and for the fellowship to "talk"

a. Traditions Ad-Hoc

The Trustees Ad-Hoc Committee is currently exploring using computer programs to assist in the writing of the Traditions section of "It Works:How & Why...They are determining what style, tone, readability level, etc. that they want to use in developing a review and input draft. They are also exploring what format the work will be in.

4. WSO Board of Directors

French Basic Text out by Dec. 15...Spanish looking better, meeting in Miami Dec. 2 to explore what dialect of Spanish would be most universal for the Spanish version...European Service Office is open... Looking at the feasibility of having a service center east of the Mississippi. Looks feasible. More info later...Lawsuit against private vendors who are selling WSO copyrighted materials...Portland Convention is all set...Preliminary contracts for the Australian Convention are being worked on...Received bids from Canada for 1992.

5. Policy

Working on Seating of New Regions at WSC. Possibly in Conference Agenda Report...Working elections and Rotation of Trusted Servants... Working on the languages of TWGSS.

6. Literature

Steps Ad-Hoc going over basic parameters of the book. Reports coming. 4 more Ad-Hoc meetings this year...The Steps Ad-Hoc Committee and WLC are recommending that we use the Staff Team approach for drafting "IT WORKS...WLC voted to use Staff Team at present for everything but drafting of the work...Staff Team would consist of 2-3 full time employees of WSO to draft the material...WLC is hoping and preparing for the fellowship to give the O.K. for Staff Team at WSC 90...Making changes to the guidelines to accomodate this...Working on "Group Starter Kit", "In Times of Illness" and "For Those In Treatment"... "Just For Today:-preliminary pieces going to a review panel.

7. Ad-Hoc Committee on N.A. Service

Guide to service due to fellowship by WSC 90. Open forum workshops around the country in summer of 90...International charter coming in conference agenda report along with questions, concerns, issues for Fellowship discussion...The Ad-Hoc Committee received a lot of input that the Fellowship is generally displeased with the lack of communication that they are receiving from the Committee...We met with the RSR's from surrounding Regions and discussed meeting in Baltimore on Dec. 2nd. Purpose is to improve communication amongst local Regions mainly because it seems to be the East Coast Regions that are experiencing difficulties with World Services...We will, with the approval of the Region, work towards having an open forum, open to everyone, on the East Coast in the Spring. World Trusted Servants and others, will try to resolve some of the problems...OUR BUDGET-we were allowed \$1204 for the Quarterly meeting. After expenses we are returning \$283.45.

D. R.S.O. BOARD INC./MEETING LIST

Meetings held 9-11-89/10-2-89/11-6-89

On Sept. 11th, R.S.O. Chair and Treasurer were asked to step down. The Chair stepped down. The Treasurer and our new Treasurer, Lou C., are in a transition period wherein the new Treasurer is learning about the Treasury. The Treasurer will officially step down Dec. 31, 1989.

Elections: Jim K./CHAIR...Bobby B./CO-CHAIR...Lou C./TREASURER...

John D./SECRETARY. Discussed the Regions motion for our Chair and Treasurer to step down... more discussion went in to working together with the Region...On October 2nd Linda was accepted in as Swana Rep...

Copies of the By-Laws are to be made available for each Board Member...

MOTION was passed to have names on checking account changed to new Chair and Treasurer...MOTION was passed for Lou to order \$40,000 in literature from WSO on 11-9...MOTION was passed to change office hours from Saturday 10am-3pm to **TUESDAY 6:30pm to 9:30pm effective 1-1-90**...MOTION passed to give all Board Members keys, including meeting list chair...MOTION passed to ask RSC how they feel about any or all sub-committee chairs having a key...MOTION was passed to research & have bids for lease purchase option of a copy machine...**REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED FROM MONTGOMERY CO., RIVERFRONT, AND BEEHIVE AREAS**...Issues the Board would like discussed on Area Group level are 1)COPY MACHINE 2)PROBLEM WITH COMPUTER...MOTION was passed to get keys for literature workers...MOTION was passed for Frank to check with management about changing locks...Talked about accountants and lawyers to be interviewed by the board...MOTION was passed to open up to the Fellowship need for volunteer workers...On November 6th Dave C. was accepted as new Swana Rep...MOTION was passed to open bids for computer consultant following guidelines from Steps (1-5) as follows:

- 1) FULLY EVALUATE THE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM NOW IN PLACE.
- 2) WRITE A REPORT/MANUAL OUTLINING THE SYSTEMS NOW IN PLACE AND A USERS GUIDE. THIS GUIDE IS NOT A GUIDE DESCRIBING THE USES OF THE INDIVIDUAL SOFTWARE PACKAGES FOR WHICH MANUALS MAY ALREADY BE PURCHASED, BUT FOR THE CUSTOMIZED PORTIONS OF THE SYSTEMS.
- 3) UPGRADE THROUGH CUSTOMIZATION. UPGRADE OF DESIRED SYSTEMS (i.e.) INCREASED FINANCIAL REPORTING CAPABILITIES, COMPLETION OF SYSTEMS STARTED BUT NOT COMPLETED, ADDING CAPABILITIES NOT YET PRESENT BUT DESIRED.)
- 4) UPDATE USERS MANUAL TO INCLUDE NEW SYSTEMS.
- 5) CLASS ROOM INSTRUCTION. JIM MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TRAINING FOR KEY INDIVIDUALS.

INTENT: TO STRAIGHTEN OUT OUR COMPUTER PROBLEMS.

SUBMIT BIDS TO R.S.O. BY DECEMBER 31, 1989 SO WE WILL HAVE THEN FOR OUR JANUARY 8 MEETING. MAILING ADDRESS: G.P.R.S.O., 6182 RIDGE AVENUE, ROXBOROUGH, PA. 19128...

TREASURY REPORT	Previous Balance	1751.40
	Utilities/Oct.	377.75
	Phone/Sept-Nov	200.66
	Rent-Util/Nov	377.08
	American Tax Consult	<u>500.00</u>
	RSO Account Balance	295.81

LITERATURE ACCOUNT	Previous Balance	3,032.69
	Literature Sales	<u>8,402.70</u>
	Cash in Account	11,435.39

Literature sold from March til now-	\$63,892.88
Gross Gains	17,986.81
Lit On Hand	20,000.00
Money Owed RSO	3,065.66

NOTE: Region was submitted a computer print out that is on file and the summation is as follows:

OCTOBER SALES \$6,357.20 GAINS \$2,134.95

YEAR TO DATE SALES \$63,892.88 GAINS \$17,986.81

MEETING LIST COMMITTEE

Since last Regional Meeting, the Fall 1989 meeting lists were printed and are now available at our Regional Office. The time and location of the Regional Weekend were listed in this meeting list and will be included in the future. We ordered 20,000 copies; I do not have the figure for sales to date, but it appears that sales are going a little slower than for the summer 1989 meeting lists...At our November 11 meeting we welcomed a new committee member, Charles M., representing Delco. That meeting was attended by four of the eight areas...Because of the number of changes that have come in since the last printing, we will stick to our original schedule and come out with a new meeting list in December. We would like to remind all the areas that it is very important that meetings that have folded be deleted from our meeting list; Please be sure that the info is passed on to your area meeting list rep., or to the committee chairperson, ARLENE F. 473-3249..There was one problem with the fall meeting list-some of them were not cut properly and there are pages that have to be ripped open. The committee decided that cases containing bad copies will be returned to the printer and that we will not pay for these

...The RSO Board voted at their November meeting that keys to the Regional Office will be provided to the meeting list chair person. This will help us to better coordinate delivery of the meeting lists, and possibly facilitate sale of meeting lists...The Meeting List Committee meets at each Regional Weekend and at other times on an "as needed" basis.

E. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION

The P.I. Committee is aware that Montco & Riverfront do not have P.I. and Inner City is in the process of forming one...The regional Committee has made a commitment in helping these areas with P.I...Delco is planning to hold a P.I. Learning Day. Swana is running a PSA on Channel 22 This Station serves New Castle County only. P.I. has formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to set up a Multi-Regional Learning Day hosted by the Phila. Region and about Public Service Announcements...We are concerned with the Helpline and what is going on with it...

ST. LOUIS WORLD QUARTERLY REPORT...The World P.I. Committee is currently working on the following projects: a) INFORMATION ABOUT NA/TO PRODUCE AN INFO PACKET TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY P.I. TO THE PUBLIC(NON ADDICTS), AND THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY AT CONFERENCE PRESENTATION, HEALTH FAIRS, SCHOOLS ETC. b) PHONELINES/CIRCULATE A SURVEY TO FIND OUT HOW WELL THE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS USED AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP OPERATE. c) NEWSLETTER FOR PROFESSIONALS/TO DEVELOP A NEWSLETTER THAT WOULD BE SENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL. d) KEEPING THE NA FELLOWSHIP INFORMED/RENAMED LEARNING DAYS "WORKSHOPS"/A NEW OUTLINE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED THAT MAKES THE SECTION WITHIN THE HANDBOOK EASIER TO UNDERSTAND. e) P.I. AND THE N.A. MEMBER/TO DEVELOP AN I.P. TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE GROUPS EXPLAINING WHAT P.I. DOES AND HOW WE GET INVOLVED. f) GRAPHICS AND DISPLAYS/RENAMED "DISPLAY KITS"/DISCUSSED THE BEST APPROACH TO PRESENT NA TO THE PUBLIC VIA THE DISPLAY BOARD. WHAT TO DISPLAY 1)Literature 2)Photos 3) Signs with Information...A report from the Swanna Area P.I. presentation to the University of Delaware to be published in the P.I. news and a current list of Regional P.I. chairs and members (voting and non-voting)

2. HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

6 out of 8 areas present at Regional H&I meeting. Phila. & Delco not present...Sub-committees are doing well but there is still a need for women to get involved in all areas. Committees are growing in support and carrying the message... Reg. H&I Chair received a letter from the WSO H&I coordinator about a proposal for paying for "REACHING OUT" as the Newsletter is in demand...Elected Regional Chair and Vice Chair to coordinate & assist area sub-committees in holding learning days & workshops and any other H&I presentations. INTENT:To open up lines of communications & unity throughout the Region..Handed in to DEBBIE, Activities Committee a calendar up to Feb. 1990 to hold days for us for learning days and workshops...Some Vice Chairs have moved to Chair positions. Clean Acres Chair is ERIC & Vice Chair is JEFF; Montco received Vice Chair MIKE B...

ST LOUIS QUARTERLY H & I REPORT

The booklet "BEHIND THE WALLS" is done. Now its just going through the process of JAC and should be in our agenda for approval... S.W.A.N.A. is holding a Learning Day December 2, 12:00 to 5:00...Also, we are working on an H&I starter kit just for H&I mtgs./presentations in correctional facilities. How can they be recognized and how can we help out in the H&I effort?...Requesting that the RSO Board purchase a decent amount of the New Approved H& I guidelines Booklet for our Region.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Committee is doing much better these days. Held a workshop on 9-23,24 in Lower Bucks working on Traditions 5 & 6. Having sporadic support from the local area, but received very little from Montco, Phila., & Small Wonder Areas. Worked in groups of six on each Tradition laying some excellent groundwork. We've yet to resume with our eager & willing crew. Working on Area/Regional Literature Committee Guidelines given to us by the Florida These Guidelines will hopefully be used for inclusion in the present Literature Committee Handbook. Last weekend I attended the WSC Quarterly in St. Louis. Several Regional Literature Committee Chairs (RLC), from the Eastern U.S. gathered for an impromptu meeting, one of the many planned, to exchange input. 16 RLC's were represented of which 13 were chair people. Topics discussed centered around lack of communication between regions and how to better support each other...The main concern in St. Louis, that I as a chair had questions with, were about WLC 'inner committee correspondence.' The WLC chair stated that in order for anyone outside of the World Literature Committee to see these letters a motion must be passed at WSC otherwise, they are not public! I was unable to attend Sunday mornings forum of the "12 Principles of Service" now "12 Concepts ..." Our RSR stated a workshop is coming to this region ...Our RLC is now finalizing drafts for our areas to resume work on the Traditions. The Trustees have now stated their intentions to welcome any raw input and extended the deadline for this...Phila. is now an active committee meeting regularly; Bucks, Delco & Riverfront are also working well, meeting once or twice a month. Small Wonder and Clean Acres are struggling with membership and Montco has yet to send a chair from their area. Next RLC meeting will be held in Delco Area in early December, date & location TBA...There is no budget for Nov. 89 however, our committee is working on a letter to various regions with a request for more involvement with Regional Literature Committee correspondence between Regions.

4. ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

No New News...Please inform me about NEW ACTIVITIES. DEBBIE FINKELSTEIN 215 532-7113...504 SPRUCE STREET, DARBY, PA. 19023...Balance in Treasury is \$42.12.

5. CLEAN SHEET COMMITTEE

Current involvement from Clean Acres, Delco, Small Wonder, and a new rep from Inner City. We need representation from all areas...The theme for the 8th Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention is "THROUGH PRINCIPLES WE UNITE". The Clean Sheet will follow the same theme for the March-April issue. We ask you, the members of our region to please take the time and send us input. We need articles, poems, letters, stories and selections from our literature - so, do not sit there and think that your experience, strength and hope is not important because its THROUGH PRINCIPLES WE UNITE and everyone counts as we are nothing without each other. Please send your information and ideas to the CLEAN SHEET or your area Rep. Meetings at 504 SPRUCE ST., DARBY, PA. JANUARY 2nd and 16th. TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00pm ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ALLEN (302)652-3038 OR DEBBIE(215)532-7113

6. JAC COMMITTEE (No Written Report)

7. CONFERENCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

All Sub-Committees, Ad-Hoc, J.A.C. and Executive Committees had rooms for their meetings...Room negotiations with the hotel were changed from 5 rooms to 4 upon arrival. This required some shuffling around but all in all everything worked out well...Only 5 dinner tickets were confirmed just 4 days prior to the conference. The Committee decided to tell the hotel 30 would be coming for dinner. The hotel was not very happy so our originally planned meeting space was changed...Our financing report is about \$300 expense to the Committee. Total receipts were \$820.00. The proposed conference committee guidelines are still out for approval. Until that time, this committee will function as it has been. The next RSC MEETING WILL BE AT THE ADAMS MARK HOTEL, PHILA. This is ONE DAY (JAN. 14) at 10:00 AM. The next RSC weekend will be at the Sheraton Brandywine, Delaware. Two-Day format resumes on the first weekend of the even months per change in policy. (Hotel is on Route 202).

8. 7TH TRADITION COMMITTEE

Reggie J./Chair Deryk M./Co-Chair...The purpose and Intent-To promote a conscience of being self-supporting through self-sacrifice. To promote the spirit of "GIVING IT BACK". To recommend the most autonomous and verifiable way to keep account of all monies that go through our 7th Tradition. Recommendations: Educating the Individual members of the spiritual principles involved in the 7th Tradition. SPIRIT OF: GIVING TRUSTING, HONESTY (AS TO HOW MUCH WE CAN GIVE), UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, WILLINGNESS, SURRENDER (OLD WAYS)...To have a 7th Tradition LEARNING/UNITY DAY Hopefully to get support from area Treasurers and all interested members...To work with any LEARNING/UNITY DAYS in the Region and Areas for input and improvement...To have a floating Ad-Hoc Committee to visit all area service meetings.. It is SUGGESTED that all groups acquire TREASURERS HANDBOOK and GROUP TREASURERS RECORD as an autonomous and verifiable way to keep a recorded account of all monies collected on all disbursements. ACCEPTANCE- TAXES, IT'S INEVITABLE THAT ALL GROUPS, AREAS, REGIONS ARE ACCOUNTABLE!

9. AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WSO, WSL, BOT, & WSC
WSO

Discussed and Proposed following: a) discussed Staff Team approach that the office wants to use on our literature process. 1) What type of qualifications will these professional writers have. Since last time we tried to do this the WSO hired a member from another fellowship. 2) Where will the finances come from THE WSO? or WSC? This is unclear. 3) The method of using the Staff Team approach is not in our literature guidelines. 4) The decision to use a Staff Team approach was made at the St. Louis Quarterly by the Literature Committee. This is not what our guideline states that was voted on by our fellowship. 5) If we use the Staff Team approach: Due to a new law passed in the State of California, the Fellowship will no longer own the right to any literature that was written by an employee of any Corporation. At this point the Fellowship owns the rights to all literature written. The WSO just holds it for use and prints it for us. If we follow through with this we will no longer own rights to any literature written by a staff member of a corporation

b) PUBLICATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE EDITION of the basic text to celebrate the one millionth copy sold. 1)The WSO made the decision to go ahead and do this and the Fellowship at large was not informed of the this even in the making. 2)The WSO is using all the profit to translate the Basic Text into other languages. This also was not communicated to the Fellowship. c) SPECIAL WORKERS have personal opinions in NA publications such as the Newsline, Fellowship Report, etc. There were statements like "THE PRESENT LITERATURE PROCESS IS NO LONGER EFFECTIVE" and "THERE IS LOTS OF MONEY BEING RIPPED OFF FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP FROM THE GROUP LEVEL TO THE REGIONS" There are many other comments made about our Fellowship by the workers of the WSO in these publications. d) Communication- Ineffective and insufficient from World Service Office to Trusted Servants...When you ask the WSO for a mailing list of ASR's, they will not give it to you. Also you cannot get a mailing list from ANY Sub-committees what so ever.

WSL

By using a Staff Team approach this is not in line with our literature guidelines. Actually it is the complete opposite...As quoted in the WSC Fellowship Report (8-1989)The World Lit Chairperson gives the intent of using the Staff Member approach..."STAFF WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS NECESSARY IN WRITING AND REWRITING THE DRAFTS"...Here is the Policy that is in our TWIGGS that talk about the complete opposite of what the World Literature decided to do...(PAGE 37)...It has been proven in personal recovery that "THE THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF ONE ADDICT HELPING ANOTHER IS WITHOUT PARALLEL." We have found from experience that this concept is inherent in the creative development of NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Literature. We recognize that NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Literature in all stages, can only be written by the collective effort of NA Members and not professional writers. Our shared experience in written form maintains the spirit of anonymity...The Committee met twice on Saturday and because of the complexity of the issues involved, was not able to complete the work. It is recommended that the committee continue its work to identify the specific issues and potential solutions or motions that should be recommended for action by the Region. The Riverfront Area Ad-Hoc Committee requested that its work on an "INVENTORY OF WORLD SERVICE" be taken over by the Regional Ad-Hoc Committee and this was accepted. Committee supports meeting in Baltimore of surrounding regions with potential for an Open Forum Meeting on East Coast in the Spring of 1990.

V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (No Business Done)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. That the RSO does not charge any Sub-committee rent for a committee meeting.

Passed 6/0/2

INTENT: THAT THE FUNDS FROM THE LITERATURE FLOW PAYS FOR THAT OFFICE.

B. That there be no codes in the Regional Meeting List reflecting Special Interest Groups and that the Region not have Special Interest groups at any Regional Activity.

Passed 4/1/3

INTENT: TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE MOTION THAT PASSED AT THE REGION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO "THAT THE REGION NOT HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS"

- C. In regards to motion passed at last Regional Meeting that all areas stop their efforts in regards to the "12 Principles of Service" a motion was passed(7/0/1) to table all discussion on a Workshop concerning same until the next Regional.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

To give the RSR & RSR Alt. a vote of confidence to confer with other local regions to work towards developing an Open Forum on the East Coast.
 INTENT: SO THAT WE MAY ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING WITH OUR UNITY AND CONCERNS ABOUT OUR WORLD SERVICES.

M/S/P (7-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

(Amended Motion) That the Convention Committee work with the Region when there is a Regional function.

INTENT: TO AVOID HAVING REGIONAL FUNCTIONS THAT CONFLICT WITH ONE ANOTHER

M/S/P (7-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To give the RSR and RSR Alt. a vote of confidence to purchase 150 copies of the Agenda Report.

INTENT: TO BETTER SERVE THE AREAS & GROUPS

M/S/P (4-2-2) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

To make RSC Meeting Non-Smoking

INTENT: SO WE CAN BREATHE BETTER

A point of information was made at this point that an RSO Rep from the Region had missed two consecutive RSC Meetings and the applicable policy was read and discussed

M/S/P (7-0-1) MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

That the RSO Rep be removed.

M/S TO GO BACK TO THE GROUPS

That all Narcotics Anonymous literature be written and developed through fellowship via the Regional Literature Committees, overseen and facilitated by the World Literature Committee (WLC) and that the Staff Team approach recommended by the WLC not be approved.

INTENT: TO ENSURE THE SPIRIT OF RECOVERY IN OUR LITERATURE IT MUST BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR 7th AND 9th TRADITIONS AND THE WORKLOAD MUST BE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE FELLOWSHIP. IT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR REGIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT QUALITY LITERATURE IS AND CAN BE PRODUCED AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. THIS IS HOW ONE ADDICT BEST HELPS ANOTHER IN PRINT.

BY ALLOWING THE FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE TO SHARE ITS EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE WITHIN OUR LITERATURE PROCESS, WE BELIEVE THAT MORE AND BETTER LITERATURE CAN BE PRODUCED AT A MINIMUM OF FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The World Literature Committee has proposed that its guidelines be amended that the Steps portion of the book, "IT WORKS, HOW & WHY" can be written by a paid WSO staff team. If our literature is to carry a pure message of recovery, it must be written in the pure spirit of recovery. "In the Eighth Tradition," states our basic text, "we do not single out members as professional." Designation and employment of staff writers is clearly such a singling out. Further, identifying staff writers destroys the concept of anonymity that is the foundation of everything we believe. According to the Twelfth Tradition, "No member is greater or lesser than any other"--yet the offer of money and prestige to a staff writer or writers is clearly an identification of that person or group as greater than. We believe that a book on the steps which is written in defiance of our Traditions is worse than no book at all!

VIII. OPEN FORUM

DISCUSSION OF BOUNDARIES OR LACK OF WHEN ALLOWING GROUPS TO JOIN AN AREA THAT IS SEEMINGLY IMPRACTICAL GIVEN GEOGRAPHICAL PLACEMENT. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS MATTER BE TAKEN TO THE AREA SERVICES OF ANY AREA QUESTIONED.

M/S/P (?-?-?) MOTION CARRIES BY MAJORITY VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING AT 4:05.

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N.A. MEETINGS

SUNDAY

3:30 P.M.
KEEP IT GREEN GROUP
(O) (S) (D)
Nesbitt Care Unit
Division St. & Wyoming Ave.
Kingston, Pa.

8:00 P.M.
WE CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
Holy Trinity Church
Wyoming Ave. & Bennett St.
Kingston, Pa.

MONDAY

7:30 P.M.
ACCEPTANCE GROUP
(C) (ST) (S) (D)
St. Stephen's Church
35 S. Franklin St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

TUESDAY

6:00 P.M.
WE DO RECOVER GROUP
(C) (T) (D) Traditions
(o) for anniversaries
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
190 South Main St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

TUESDAY (cont.)

8:00 P.M.
SURVIVOR'S GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
(O) for anniversaries
Good Shepherd Lutheran
190 South Main St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 P.M.
NEW THOUGHT GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
(BT-D) 3rd week
(O) for anniv./last week
First Presbyterian Church
97 S. Franklin St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THURSDAY

12:30 P.M.
ACCEPTANCE GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
Stephen's Church
35 S. Franklin St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

8:00 P.M.
SURVIVOR'S GROUP
(C) (S) (T) (D)
Dorrancton United Meth. Church
547 Wyoming Ave.
Kingston, Pa.
from Nesbitt Mem. Hosp.

FRIDAY

7:30 P.M.
SURVIVOR'S GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
Dorrancton United Meth. Church
549 Wyoming Ave.
Kingston, Pa.
across from Nesbitt Mem. Hosp.

SATURDAY

7:00 P.M.
WE DO RECOVER GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
St. Stephen's Church
35 S. Franklin St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

SATURDAY (cont.)

10:00 P.M.
WE CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
(C) (T) (D)
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hanover and Lockhart Sts.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
(basement)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

USE PHONE NUMBERS NOT DRUGS!

MEETING CODES

(S)-Speaker Meeting (C)-Close
(D)-Discussion meeting (BT)-Basic Text meeting
(O)-Open (ST)-Step Meeting
(T)-Topic Meeting