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WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF N.A. PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The purpose of an Institutional Committee, as set up under the Ninth Tradition, is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers but cannot attend our regular meetings because of confinement in an institution. For the purposes of institutional work in N.A., an institution will be defined as any facility that has rules conflicting with our traditions, making a regular meeting impossible, ie., correctional facilities, hospitals, recovery houses, rehabilitation centers, etc.

The Conference Committee will help coordinate communication and cooperation between the local institutional committees directly carrying the message inside the facilities in their areas and regions.

Whenever possible, a regular meeting is preferred, but if even one of our traditions cannot be followed, an institutional meeting of one type or another must be held. In this way, hopefully, no addict need ever die without hearing the message.

Any other proposed thoughts you may have, if submitted, may help us greatly in the institutional work that we do.

Yours in Fellowship,

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Henry S. Chairman W.S.C.I.C.