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WORLD CONVENTION

The countdown to the convention is getting closer and the air here in New Orleans is sparked with an indescribable electricity. As the date draws nearer, September 3, enthusiasm grows and so does the frequency of our convention committee meetings. The subcommittees, as well as the Host Committee, are now meeting twice a month. By August, we will be meeting every weekend.

There have been some additions to the present agenda, so please make a note of these.

Our "celebration of recovery," WCNA-17, is proceeding quite well, so far. There seems to still be a few kinks along the lines of communications when calling for reservations at the Sheraton. Due to the overwhelming registrations at the Sheraton, the need to use another hotel for the overflow has become evident. If you cannot secure a room at the Sheraton, do not panic! You can reserve a room at the Marriott Hotel.

The Sheraton is full for the dates August 31, thru September 3, 1987. There are a few rooms left for September 4th thru the 6th. The Sheraton should refer you to the Marriott. The phone number for the Marriott is 504-581-1000. There will be a full schedule of activities that will be held in the Marriott which is directly across the street. These activities will include workshops, dance, marathon meetings, etc.

The Hotel & Hospitality Subcommittee will hopefully be able to assist members to work out problems. Please continue to ask for your reservations with the WCNA-17 Convention, instead of the Narcotics Anonymous Convention. This is done to reflect the spirit of our Twelve Traditions. We encourage you to make your reservations with the hotel as soon as possible.

There is transportation available from the airport to the Sheraton by Roads Limousine Service at \$7.00 one way. The driver collects the fares for either one way or round trip transportation.

The Entertainment Sub-Committee has a very exciting agenda worked out. A Mardi Gras Ball is scheduled for Friday night. The Entertainment Sub-Committee would like to invite everyone to bring a costume for the Ball. We are hoping to provide a more detailed explanation to the

Fellowship in the near future. This will give information about each event and a brief history.

If you have any further questions regarding the convention, please write to WCNA-17, P.O. Box 787, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037. You may also call Steve M. at (504) 384-5196 or Nancy S. (504) 835-5296 after 5 P.M. We will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Looking forward to seeing you here in New Orleans, so that we can all celebrate by "Living Our Dreams."

GREAT NEWS FOR LONER GROUP MEMBERS

If you are planning to attend WCNA-17 there will be a special meeting/visiting room set aside for you! This will be a wonderful experience for loner group members. As a result of a suggestion brought forth from one of the Loner Group members, WCNA-17 agreed to set a room aside at the World Convention.

This will be great for N.A. members who have been writing each other to be able to meet, and possibly feel more comfortable at this convention. It will also benefit the Loner Group by letting more N.A. members know of the experience, strength and hope that is expressed through the *Meeting by Mail* publication.

We are in the process of planning and organizing this. Any suggestions, ideas, or input will be greatly appreciated and welcome. Please send it to the World Service Office, Attention: Loner Group.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The bulk of this *Newsline* is dedicated to providing an overview of actions taken at the recent World Service Conference. This summary provides information on some of the highlights in the different areas of concern addressed by the Conference.

A more formalized report is expected in the next Fellowship Report from Conference Committees and Boards. Additionally, the Minutes of the Conference will be available in the near future. An announcement on their availability will be made as soon as they are completed.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

There have been several major changes in H&I service as a result of the 1987 WSC. This is a basic summary of the activity on the motions that were presented by the WSC H&I committee.

The motion to remove the H&I cans and return the responsibility for H&I service efforts back to the service structure of N.A. as a whole was adopted overwhelmingly. What this means is that H&I committees will no longer have a separate funding practice. H&I will now request literature through the service committee that they are responsible to. The WSC H&I committee suggests that H&I service committees having separate funds convert these funds into a literature stockpile for distribution. All bank accounts and other separate financial arrangements should be closed or canceled. After the stockpile of literature is exhausted then the H&I committee will receive literature from the appropriate service committee. This will make the H&I committee just like any other service body.

All references in the H&I Guidelines were changed to reflect the changes in funding for H&I. All specific references to Treasurers and other separate financial matters were removed or changed, also the name of the H&I Guidelines was changed to the H&I Handbook.

The production level for the WSC newsletter the Reaching Out was increased from 3000 to 7000 copies per issue. The committee also discussed the possibility of a format change for the newsletter. This will be further considered at the WSC workshop in July. Additionally, the motion to receive a straight 30% discount on literature for H&I use was sent back to committee for one year.

The committee decided that as a result of the changes in the funding practices for H&I that the WSC H&I Special Fund will be phased out. No more donations to the Special Fund will be accepted. A stockpile of literature will be created from the remaining funds and the literature distribution that takes place from the fund will continue until the stockpile is exhausted. The committee will then submit a budget to the WSC for their literature distribution needs. This is in keeping with the intent of the recent changes.

Some other items were discussed in committee session. The committee elected to do a comprehensive expansion and re-write of the entire H&I Handbook. This project will be going on during the next year. It is the hope of the committee that trusted servants in H&I will get involved in this project at the regional level by submitting input to one of the Ad-Hoc committees that have been established. More discussion of this will be in the upcoming Fellowship Report.

N.A. WAY MAGAZINE

EXPANDED FORMAT

The motion that was considered by this year's World Service Conference to expand the format of the *N.A. Way* was adopted. Here's a brief overview of decisions made for the future of the *N.A. Way*.

The motion that was adopted by the WSC authorized the following changes to the *N.A. Way*:

1. That a section be added to the *N.A. Way* which would report newsworthy happenings around the Fellowship. This may include developments within various service boards or committees, local events in various areas that may be of interest to the Fellowship as a whole, or any other news and information regarding Narcotics Anonymous.

2. That a section be added to the *N.A. Way* which would include editorial comments from selected writers within the Fellowship. The specific intent of this section would be to provide a clear statement from at least two sides of issues of concern to the Fellowship, and to provide space for responsible replies from our readers. Such an editorial section would also provide the forum for statements by the Trustees and for the Fellowship's discussion of those statements.

The World Service Office is planning to begin immediately to work on developing the new format, and to present it gradually over the next several months.

Many people have asked us what the status of the *Newsline* is as a result of this decision. The *Newsline* will be scaled down, since much of what used to be published there may now be published in the magazine, but the *Newsline* will not be eliminated. It will now be published every other month instead of monthly, alternating months with the *Fellowship Report*.

The *Fellowship Report* is a collection of reports from various branches of World Services which is distributed at no cost to regional and area committees. Those reports are quite detailed, as they are intended for use within the service structure.

The *Newsline* will still contain news and announcements from the WSO that are intended for the widest possible readership. This still retains our ability to notify the Fellowship of important announcements or requests for information in a large-scale way at no cost to the reader.

The news provided in the *N.A. Way* will be more along the lines of headline news and feature stories. At this point we are quite open to suggestion as to what you would find most useful and interesting.

CONVENTION SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE

A package including subscription forms and poster boards has been sent out to all conventions and events listed in our "Comin' Up" section. UPS was used to do this economically, so please check

this book. The Office will therefore make available, to registered N.A. literature committees only, a combined volume which includes both the original manuscript (blue) which was distributed in review form in 1985, as well as the revised manuscript (white) which was distributed in approval form from 1986-87. If your local literature committee does not have copies of these two volumes, or requires additional copies for further review and input, contact the office for costs and availability.

IT WORKS

The section below in italics is the full text of the motion adopted by the Conference on how future work will be accomplished on IT WORKS; HOW AND WHY, Part One. This is presented so as to advise the Fellowship of the general plan. The committee has not had time to meet and work out specific implementation. A detailed plan is expected to be available after a Joint Administrative Committee meeting scheduled in early June. The full extent of workshops, their location and frequency, will depend in great measure on the availability of funds.

The Conference Chairperson appointed the WSC Literature Vice-Chairperson and eleven other volunteer Conference participants to serve on this Ad-hoc Committee. The Ad-hoc Committee welcomes written input on It Works. Please send it to the Committee in c/o the World Service Office.

A combined printing of the blue and white editions is expected to be available in early July.

The Conference adopts the formation of a WSC 1987 Adhoc Committee on IT WORKS: How and Why, Part 1.

The Adhoc Committee on It Works would meet throughout the world. Having a task at hand of such proportions would mean a full fledged effort of our Fellowship and all our service arms. We can do this by having a series of open workshops for collection of input, communications, taped input, and recorded workshop meetings.

The purpose of this Adhoc Committee is to collect worldwide input and foster the group conscience process. After input is gathered by this Adhoc Committee it will be presented to the World Literature Committee to complete the job.

At these workshops, the Fellowship can have the chance to see the WSO and the WSC in action involving a major piece of work. Both service arms need each other and the Fellowship can see how they interface.

This Adhoc Committee is composed of twelve RSR's to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson, four members of the World Literature Committee, four members of the World Service Office Board of Directors, and four members of the Board of

Trustees, to be appointed by the Chairperson of their respective Committee or Board. This will give us a total of twenty-four members.

Seven members will attend the workshops and be responsible for the work-in-progress. These members will consist of three RSR's, two World Literature members, one member of the WSO Board of Directors, and one member of the Board of Trustees. The members shall be chosen from the pool on a workshop by workshop basis in the most logistically, practical way.

In the event that the WSC Chairperson is unable to attend a workshop, that Chairperson may appoint one of those seven members at their discretion. The Chairperson will be able to replace RSR's who become inactive or otherwise unable to serve, as necessary.

The seven members would work in conjunction with the regional literature chairpersons. Notices would be sent out to the Fellowship prior to each workshop. As many regional literature chairpersons as can attend would all work together, along with members of the Fellowship. Preliminary meetings on the eve of each workshop would layout the goals of each workshop.

In order to form a basis of discussion, both the original blue copy and the recent white approval copy would be published as review form literature and made available through regional and area literature committees.

In order to expedite this process and ensure the quality of work, it is the responsibility of the Fellowship to attend these workshops with prepared written input.

The intent of the motion is to ensure full and practical Fellowship participation on a geographically worldwide basis. This is our book, our recovery related material, and our chance to express the group conscience of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship in print.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two new Board of Trustees were elected at this World Service Conference. Elected were: Greg P. (Georgia), and Mario T. (Australia) as new trustees. Jack B. (California), whose term expired at this meeting of the World Service Conference, was reelected.

Mike Bohan, non-addict trustee, fulfilled his term as a trustee and chose not to accept a renomination. Heartfelt appreciation for his devotion was expressed by Conference participants.

Outgoing Board of Trustee Chairperson, Jack B., announced the trustees had elected Bob R. as Chairperson for the next year, and John F. as Vice-Chairperson.

The report from the Board of Trustees generated many questions. Most of this discussion concerned articles written by the trustees and presented to the Conference. The trustees acknowledged that these articles were adopted by simple majority votes, rather than obtaining full support of the board.

A motion was adopted which requires that all articles from the Board of Trustees be considered by the Conference before publication, unless the Board of Trustees can agree by 2/3 majority to publish them. This motion was adopted by a large margin and gave the board a specific criteria for approving articles for future publication.

A motion was considered which stated "that these articles be tabled and placed on the '88 WSC Agenda in the same manner as all issues by all addicts, to see if the Fellowship agrees with these articles." This was amended as follows; "this means the five articles presented to WSC-87 as well as the two articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report." The intent of the amended motion was that these articles, if submitted to WSC by the Board of Trustees, should follow the procedure outlined in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (i.e. submitted in writing 120 days prior to WSC).

A substitute motion was introduced and adopted which stated "to commit the amended motion and the articles back to the Board of Trustees."

In summary, the articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report and the articles presented for consideration at WSC-87 have all been referred back to the Board of Trustees. In view of the above motions, the WSO will not continue to distribute the articles.

Other actions at WSC-87 which pertained to the World Service Board of Trustees included a motion which provides for new trustees to be elected separately by a 2/3 majority of conference participants, instead of a simple majority. This motion was amended to take effect immediately and adopted by a wide margin.

In the report to WSC-87, the Board of Trustees recommended that all vacant positions be filled, bringing membership to the full compliment of fifteen trustees. Additionally, the board recommended that at least two non-addict positions be provided, and held open until it is possible to fill them.

The Board of Trustees currently has twelve addict members; Bob R.(Chairman), John F. (Vice-Chairman), Jack B., Bo S., Sally E., Sydney R., James D., Bob B., Dutch H., Greg P., Mario T., and Tom M.

POLICY COMMITTEE

A new set of guidelines were adopted by the WSC which determines the membership and gives the committee a dual purpose. Not only will they be responsible to resolve structural and procedural problems but will also begin to assist, by providing information and experience, in the re-formation of regions or the development of new ones. During the coming year the Policy committee will spend a good deal of time discussing different criteria to evaluate each individual request for additional regions. Please submit any input that your regional

committee may have on this issue to the Policy Committee c/o WSO, prior to July 1, 1987.

The Conference also took favorable action in regards to the new approval processes for written and audio-visual service materials. These new procedures will guide the WSC committees in developing materials to be used by Fellowship service committees, such as handbooks, filmstrips, and pamphlets. These actions will help clear up some vagueries which existed previously.

A number of new proposals were referred to the Committee for further study during the coming year. Among these important issues was the recurring question of voting participation at the WSC and the development of a policy establishing a process for the appeal of grievances within our service structure. Both of these issues will be carefully considered and recommendations reported to the World Service Conference.

SELECT COMMITTEE

A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous Revised, was presented to the Participants at the World Service Conference. This work in progress contains several new chapters, along with revisions to the original draft. It is now available through the WSO for \$5.00.

The Committee will continue to receive written input from members, groups, and service committees c/o the WSO, until December 1, 1987. Those of you who will be fortunate enough to attend the WSC workshop in July, will be able to address the committee directly at their open forum, to take place during that workshop. The motion adopted at the WSC, directs the committee to produce a final draft by July 1, 1988 to be considered at WSC 1989.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 1987 World Service Conference brought together representatives from around the world. It was exciting to see that N.A. is growing tremendously worldwide.

At the International meeting on the Saturday before the 1987 WSC, an opportunity was provided for those international N.A. members attending to discuss some of their existing needs and plans for the future. Several representatives shared their experience with the growth and problems in their countries. Reports were given from Australia, Canada (Ontario and Quebec), Germany, Japan, Israel, and Ireland. Two of the main concerns brought forth were inadequate finances and literature availability.

There was agreement among the international members that the existing International Committee was not satisfactorily meeting the needs of the evolving worldwide Fellowship. The Committee therefore proposed to the Conference that the Committee be dissolved. As a substitute, the

Committee proposed that a study be conducted on how to best assist the growth of N.A. worldwide.

The Conference adopted this recommendation and dissolved the International Committee as a Standing Committee of the World Service Conference. Additionally, the Conference adopted the recommendation from the Committee to form an Ad-hoc Committee to continue work in this area. The motion proposed, "that the Board of Directors (WSO) form an Ad-hoc Committee to include one or two members of the Board of Trustee's, one or two members of the Board of Directors, one or two members of the World Service Conference as appointed by the WSC Chairperson, and as many representatives from the Fellowship outside the United States as possible."

This Ad-hoc Committee will be responsible for developing recommendations to provide service to and enhance participation in the worldwide service structure of Narcotics Anonymous. This project has an enormous scope of responsibility that will require substantial planning and examination of the problems confronting us as we expand our growth into different cultures and societies. The Conference Chairperson appointed two members, Andree L., Quebec and Michael F., Northern California. The Board of Trustee members are Sally E. and Tom Mc. The rest of the Committee will be appointed soon.

In the meantime, the International Department at the World Service Office will continue to answer and coordinate correspondence from all N.A. communities/N.A. members from the international fellowship. Correspondence has been received from many countries where N.A. meetings exist, that were not represented at the Conference this year. Hopefully, next year, there will be even more countries present.

An overwhelming amount of correspondence has been received from India. Almost every letter received lets us know that they have started a new group and need more literature. We have also received an enormous amount of correspondence from professionals in India. Hopefully, as a result of these meetings, an N.A. service structure will also evolve in India very soon. We are currently assisting this process by coordinating communication between all our contacts in India. However, it appears that the N.A. communities in India will never be able to afford enough literature, as they are a very poor country.

We also receive correspondence from many other countries. Some of the correspondence is from professionals asking for Narcotics Anonymous information, as they may have contact with addicts. Other correspondence is from addicts seeking help. Some of these countries are:

PAKISTAN	EGYPT	CHILE
EQUADOR	GREECE	HOLLAND
MAURITIUS ISLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS

The possibility of Narcotics Anonymous meetings evolving in these places is very likely. It is encouraging to see that the Narcotics Anonymous message is being heard and utilized worldwide. Narcotics Anonymous has made it possible for many addicts to have a new chance at living life.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTES AND NEWS

You will find attached to this *Newsline* a registration form designed specifically for Public Information and Phoneline Subcommittees. This was just one of many items which WSC P.I. discussed and took action on during its recent meetings at WSC 87-88. It will be most appreciated if this form is filled out and returned to WSC P.I., c/o WSO, as soon as possible. The amount of progress in P.I. during the past several years is due, in large part, to increased communication between the various levels of service. However, there are still many functioning P.I. subcommittees around the world that are not registered at WSO and, therefore, are not getting all the support and experience that is available. Hopefully, continued distribution and use of registration forms will increase our sharing abilities.

A previous *Newsline* article mentioned the fact that the *P.I. News*, a quarterly publication, is mailed to Phoneline and P.I. Subcommittee chair and vice-chairpersons only, due to budgetary constraints. This procedure was discussed and altered slightly during the WSC P.I. Committee's meetings. It was decided to add RSR's to the *P.I. News* mailing list. It was further agreed to have WSO prepare a cost analysis of the publication so that the committee could discuss options for selling issues to other interested members.

Please be advised that P.I. subcommittees and RSR's are encouraged to duplicate the newsletter for other people involved with P.I. in their N.A. communities. This, in itself, may solve the problem of not being able to send it to everyone who would like to read it. If your regions and areas believe they can handle the cost of duplicating and supplying it to those other interested members, please let the Committee Chairperson or WSO P.I. Coordinator know.

Although a detailed report of World Service Conference activities will be provided by committee chairpeople in the next Fellowship Report, a few highlights will be included here.

There were a number of motions adopted which require changes in the *Guide to Public Information*. Of course, many other items of literature were also amended, so P.I.'s changes were added to a priority

list and must wait their turn. Notification will be made to the Fellowship as newly revised items become available. Because of the format of our handbooks, every effort will be made to make substitute pages available rather than complete new Guides.

The committee met three times during the conference as well as holding two other Ad-Hoc committee meetings to address items which came up during the Conference. The agendas of each of the meetings were very long, but the committee did touch on every subject. The majority of the work was agreed to be of such a nature as to require more time for discussion and responses from area and regional P.I. subcommittees. So, P.I. people, look forward to increased correspondence from WSC P.I. in the upcoming weeks and months.

Some changes were made to the internal committee structure which should prove helpful in providing more more support to area and regional P.I. efforts. WSC P.I. members, voting and non voting, will be responsible to act as primary contacts between the WSC P.I. Committee, WSO and P.I. subcommittees in their nearby vicinities.

WSC P.I. members will also be involved in more internal training and workshopping so that their experience will be unified and strengthened, allowing each member to carry a stronger P.I. message to surrounding P.I. subcommittees. An added boost to that internal training will be the fact that the BOT member assigned as committee's liaison for this year is a past member of the International Committee (I.C.) who resides in Hawaii. That, along with input from other members of the recently dissolved I.C. and our WSC P.I. members living outside the U.S. will increase the committee's ability to address P.I. needs on an international scope.

A list of projects, needs and goals will be compiled and mailed to all registered P.I. subcommittees for input, review and comment. WSC P.I. members will be available to assist in discussing the list of needs and determining what the disposition of items should be.

The committee decided that two of those items should be presented here as well as the next issue of the *P.I. News*. One of those is the idea of a census. The question of a census was asked in the Conference Agenda Report and a motion was passed asking "that the WSC P.I. Committee thoroughly plan a Fellowship-wide census to be presented to WSC 1988, and then implemented if approved". So, the request for Fellowship input on that project is beginning here. Any ideas, drafts, comments, criticisms, please feel free to pass on to

WSC P.I.,c/o WSO. The committee wants to develop something that the Fellowship will use, and that can best be accomplished if the members advise the Committee of what they feel is important. Remember this is a census to help us do P.I. work; to answer those questions that the non N.A. community asks about us as a Fellowship.

The other topic regards a draft item entitled "Traditions and P.I." The WSC P.I. committee received it as a draft over a year ago and did some limited review of it during the past year. However, it was not ready for the conference agenda this year and the committee would like Fellowship P.I. input on whether or not it, or any part of it, should be considered as possible new material for the Guide to P.I. If your P.I. subcommittee decides it would like to work on the review of this item, please request a copy from the WSO P.I. Department.

WORLD DIRECTORY

When the World Service Office Report was given at WSC, there was considerable interest in the section which pertained to the World Directory. Discussion produced many questions and one motion.

The motion which was made, seconded, amended, and eventually tabled, supported a recently suggested proposal. This proposal called for publishing a directory which would permit someone to find the nearest N.A. meeting to them by using the telephone.

A directory of all the phone numbers for N.A. offices and phonelines would accomplish this goal in most situations. Initial discussion revealed that there would still be many other considerations involved in producing this type of directory. For instance, the nature of phoneline service outside of the United States may necessitate the continued listing of meeting locations and times in the directory. Also, both old and new group registrations and updates will still need to be maintained on file for many purposes.

Further discussion indicated that it would be impossible to reword the motion on the spot and that extensive planning was necessary. With this in mind, the motion was tabled and the WSO expressed the intent to pursue this project and accomplish the wishes of the Fellowship. Assurance was given that the intent of the motion would be kept as a primary goal.

A detailed report concerning changes in the World Directory will follow in an upcoming issue of the Newsline.

WSO CATALOG

The long awaited catalog has finally been completed. We produced a limited number (2,800)

of copies and hope to make them available to literature committees for their use. A new catalog with a larger printing (approximately 10,000) will be printed in August.

Because such a small quantity has been produced and the next edition will be coming out soon, only those persons responsible for ordering literature should write to obtain a copy. Although the catalog costs about \$.75 each, we are sending it out on request at no cost.

The catalog identifies all inventory items in the style and manner shown below in the Update on Inventory Items. You may continue to order literature on the previously used order form.

In the last issue of the *Newsline*, we reported the availability of N.A. literature tapes. The article included a price of \$20.00 for the entire set of five tapes which includes the Basic Text, the Newly Revised White Booklet, the *Group Starter Kit*, and all informational pamphlets. At their recent meeting, the Board of Directors made a decision to reduce the price and make the set of tapes available for the same price as the printed literature items. Therefore, revised prices for these literature tapes are shown below.

FROM BOB STONE

The Conference adopted a considerable volume of changes to handbooks and guidelines. It will take several months to prepare and print all of these materials. We will report their availability when printing is completed.

Because of the tremendous workload associated with the Conference, an April edition of the *Newsline* was not printed. We anticipate a bi-monthly publication schedule for the *Newsline* beginning this summer.

COMING EVENTS

This space has been reserved for coming events anywhere in N.A. If you wish to list an event, send us a flier or note at least two months in advance. Include title, location, P.O. Box, dates, contacts.

CALIFORNIA: July 10-12, 1987; San Diego Imperial Regional Convention III; Holiday Inn at Embarcadero, 1355 Harbor Drive, San Diego; (619) Elisa 563-1759; Olga 296-2920; Ron 282-6777

2) Sept. 19, 1987; Stanislaus Valley Area Celebration; Elks Lodge, 945 McHenry, Modesto, CA; (209) 524-4421; Ken 634-3197; Ron 529-6728

3) Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1987; Ninth Annual So. CA Reg. Conv.; Anaheim Hilton Towers, 777 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA; Bob (714) 540-0668; Vallerie (213) 370-8052

CANADA: June 12-14; Edmonton 2nd Annual Convention; Garneau Community Hall, 10943 84th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta; (403) Neil 465-5424; Sue 464-2805

2) July 3-5, 1987; 8th Annual BCNA Rally '87; Fernwood Community Center, 1240 Gladstone Ave., Victoria, B.C. Canada; (604)383-3553

3) Oct. 23-25, 1987; 10th PNWCNA; Interested speakers submit tapes to PNWCNA Box 468-810, West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4C9; (604) Wendy 294-9016; Brant 254-9094

COLORADO: Oct 23-25, 1987; CRCNA-I; Antler Hotel, Colorado Springs; (303) Julie 321-8930; Jeff 755-6813; George 830-7811

CONNECTICUT: June 5-7, 1987; G.W.A.N.A.'S 1st Annl Family Campout; Lone Oak Campsites, Route 44, East Canaan, Ct.; (203) Jim 264-0911; Ken 734-2416; LuAnn 792-6643

2) July 10-12, 1987; 3rd Annl N.A. Campathon, Seaport Campgrounds, Route 184, Old Mystic, CT; (203) Sonny 233-0936, Bob 233-2567

ENGLAND: May 30-31, 1987; 4th N.A. West Country Convention; Knightstone Pier, Weston Super Mare, Bristol, Avon; Ben (W.S.M.)635301; Cathy (W.S.M.)635117; Toby (Bristol)739819

FLORIDA: July 2-5, 1987; FRCNA 6; Diplomat Hotel, 3515 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019, (305) Mike 564-1262; Chris 891-1867; Bee Gee 565-7312

GERMANY: July 24-26, 1987; European Service Conference IV; Kolping Haus Frankfurt, LangestraBe 26, Frankfurt, West Germany

HONDURAS: June 13, 1987; 1st Annual Birthday Celebration and Open Meeting; Hotel Prado, Tejucigalpa; Jean D 22-38-63

ILLINOIS: June 26-28, 1987; 3rd Annual Flight to Freedom Campout; Coy's & Wilma's Campground, Rend Lake, Sesser, IL; (618) Vicky 242-5968; Mark 532-1327

2) July 24-26, 1987; 3rd Mid-Coast Convention; Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St., Rockford, Ill 61107; (815)398-2200; Greg 963-5811

IOWA: July 3-5, 1987;IRCNA IV; Civic Center Holiday Inn, 4th & Commercial, Waterloo, IA; (800)465-4329; Don (319) 233-2906; Paul (515) 274-4347

KANSAS: July 3-5, 1987; MARC '87 Camp Out; Lone Star Lake, Douglas County, KS; (913) Jenny/Chris 235-9045; Blake 843-0667

LOUISIANA: June 12-14, 1987; (BRASCNA) June Bug Fever Campout, North Tangi Beach Campground; Chris 356-0849; Debbie, Pam, John 292-9115

2) Sept. 3-6, 1987; World Convention; WCNA 17; Sheraton New Orleans Hotel & Towers, 500 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130; (504)525-2500

MARYLAND: June 12-14, 1987; Vision of Hope University of Maryland, College Park & Kent State; (202) Mark 387-2871; Chris 337-0022

MICHIGAN: July 2-5 1987; Freedom III MRCNA; Hyatt-Regency, P.O. Box 525, Flint, MI 48501; (313) Jim 233-4704; Mike 232-7490

MINNESOTA: Aug 7-9, 1987; Willmar Campout; Willmar, MN; Pat or Lenore (612) 235-7271; Jim (612) 231-2168

MISSOURI: June 5-7, 1987; 2nd Annual Show-Me Regional Convention; Ramada Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO; Bob R. (417)358-5800; (800)781-0500

2) July 17-19, 1987; 8th Annual High-on-Life Picnic; Stockton Lake, MO; (417) Bob 358-5800; 782-1467

NEBRASKA: Oct. 9-11, 1987; NRCNA IV; Holiday Inn, 72nd Grover, Omaha: 1-800-HOLIDAY; P.O. Box 3532, Omaha, NE 68103

NEVADA: July 10-12, 1987; 1st Sierra Sage Regional Convention '87; Peppermill Inn & Casino (702)826-2121; (800)648-6992

2) Aug 27-30, 1987; 5th Annual Stampede for Serenity Campout; Stampede Reservoir; (702) 322-4811

NEW JERSEY: July 17-19, 1987; 4th Annual Powerless in the Pines Campout; Sonya F. (609) 227-2319

NEW MEXICO: July 3-5, 1987; WSUC IV; Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87110; (505) Ron 294-4808; Peter 344-6490, Julee 983-5171

NEW YORK: May 29-31, 1987; Freedom Three; Third Annual Greater NY Reg Conv; Stevensville Country Club, Swan Lake, NY; (718) Danny 347-6643; Tina 342-5233

2) July 12, 1987; (Rain Date-July 19) 4th Annual Glen Cove Group Anniversary; Tappen Beach Park, Glen Cove, Long Island; (516) Dave 484-1907; Lori 596-1551

NORTH CAROLINA: June 26-28, 1987; Carolina Regional Convention; Marriott Executive Center, I-77 & Tyvola, Charlotte, NC; David (919) 847-5682; Rich (803) 235-7485; (704) 527-2091

OHIO: June 12-14, 1987; 8th ECCNA; Kent State University, Kent, OH; P.O. Box 1492, Youngston, OH 45501; (216) Bob 545-4387; Laura 898-2176; Roy 638-7895

2) July 17-19, 1987; 3rd CCANA; Camp Vention; Summit Valley Park, Summitville, OH 43926; (216) Rusty 385-5761; Bill 424-7681

OKLAHOMA: June 12-14, 1987; 6th Annual Clean N' Crazy Campout; Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater, OK; Bobby (918) 742-3032; Jimbo (405) 329-9258

OREGON: July 24-26, 1987; 2nd Annual Oregon & Southern Idaho Reg Conv; Black Angus/Executive Inn, Salem, OR; (503) Barry 371-7928; Larry 371-7782

PENNSYLVANIA: Oct. 9-11, 1987; T.S.R.C.N.A. V; Hyatt Hotel, Pittsburgh; (412) Ken 521-1086; Roz 361-6250; Rich 371-3891

SOUTH DAKOTA: June 5-7, 1987; Upper Midwest Regional Convention IV; Holiday Inn, 2727 Sixth Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD; (605) Scott 353-1555; Ed (612) 824-9225

TEXAS: June 27, 1987; Lone Star Region Activities Dance; Dallas, TX; (214) Phill 526-4539; Brenda 381-6949

WASHINGTON: May 29-31, 1987; (WNIR) Multi-Region Public Info Phone Line Learning Days; Fife, WA; (206) Walt 848-4915; Jerry 772-2852; Jon 695-3368

2) July 3-5, 1987; Wariki Freedom Retreat V; 3913 S.E. Woodburn Rd., Washougal, WA; (206) Nancy 835-9288; Mike 254-0179

VIRGINIA: Aug. 14-16, 1987; 1st Mini Convention; 4-H Educational Center, Route 522 South, Front Royal, VA; (703) Pat 667-9312; Bill 662-4418; Kevin; Rob (304) 267-4418; Bob (301) 797-3563;

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WORLD CONVENTION

The countdown to the convention is getting closer and the air here in New Orleans is sparked with an indescribable electricity. As the date draws nearer, September 3, enthusiasm grows and so does the frequency of our convention committee meetings. The subcommittees, as well as the Host Committee, are now meeting twice a month. By August, we will be meeting every weekend.

There have been some additions to the present agenda, so please make a note of these.

Our "celebration of recovery," WCNA-17, is proceeding quite well, so far. There seems to still be a few kinks along the lines of communications when calling for reservations at the Sheraton. Due to the overwhelming registrations at the Sheraton, the need to use another hotel for the overflow has become evident. If you cannot secure a room at the Sheraton, do not panic! You can reserve a room at the Marriott Hotel.

The Sheraton is full for the dates August 31, thru September 3, 1987. There are a few rooms left for September 4th thru the 6th. The Sheraton should refer you to the Marriott. The phone number for the Marriott is 504-581-1000. There will be a full schedule of activities that will be held in the Marriott which is directly across the street. These activities will include workshops, dance, marathon meetings, etc.

The Hotel & Hospitality Subcommittee will hopefully be able to assist members to work out problems. Please continue to ask for your reservations with the WCNA-17 Convention, instead of the Narcotics Anonymous Convention. This is done to reflect the spirit of our Twelve Traditions. We encourage you to make your reservations with the hotel as soon as possible.

There is transportation available from the airport to the Sheraton by Roads Limousine Service at \$7.00 one way. The driver collects the fares for either one way or round trip transportation.

The Entertainment Sub-Committee has a very exciting agenda worked out. A Mardi Gras Ball is scheduled for Friday night. The Entertainment Sub-Committee would like to invite everyone to bring a costume for the Ball. We are hoping to provide a more detailed explanation to the

Fellowship in the near future. This will give information about each event and a brief history.

If you have any further questions regarding the convention, please write to WCNA-17, P.O. Box 787, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037. You may also call Steve M. at (504) 384-5196 or Nancy S. (504) 835-5296 after 5 P.M. We will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Looking forward to seeing you here in New Orleans, so that we can all celebrate by "Living Our Dreams."

GREAT NEWS FOR LONER GROUP MEMBERS

If you are planning to attend WCNA-17 there will be a special meeting/visiting room set aside for you! This will be a wonderful experience for loner group members. As a result of a suggestion brought forth from one of the Loner Group members, WCNA-17 agreed to set a room aside at the World Convention.

This will be great for N.A. members who have been writing each other to be able to meet, and possibly feel more comfortable at this convention. It will also benefit the Loner Group by letting more N.A. members know of the experience, strength and hope that is expressed through the *Meeting by Mail* publication.

We are in the process of planning and organizing this. Any suggestions, ideas, or input will be greatly appreciated and welcome. Please send it to the World Service Office, Attention: Loner Group.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The bulk of this *Newsline* is dedicated to providing an overview of actions taken at the recent World Service Conference. This summary provides information on some of the highlights in the different areas of concern addressed by the Conference.

A more formalized report is expected in the next Fellowship Report from Conference Committees and Boards. Additionally, the Minutes of the Conference will be available in the near future. An announcement on their availability will be made as soon as they are completed.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

There have been several major changes in H&I service as a result of the 1987 WSC. This is a basic summary of the activity on the motions that were presented by the WSC H&I committee.

The motion to remove the H&I cans and return the responsibility for H&I service efforts back to the service structure of N.A. as a whole was adopted overwhelmingly. What this means is that H&I committees will no longer have a separate funding practice. H&I will now request literature through the service committee that they are responsible to. The WSC H&I committee suggests that H&I service committees having separate funds convert these funds into a literature stockpile for distribution. All bank accounts and other separate financial arrangements should be closed or canceled. After the stockpile of literature is exhausted then the H&I committee will receive literature from the appropriate service committee. This will make the H&I committee just like any other service body.

All references in the H&I Guidelines were changed to reflect the changes in funding for H&I. All specific references to Treasurers and other separate financial matters were removed or changed, also the name of the H&I Guidelines was changed to the H&I Handbook.

The production level for the WSC newsletter the Reaching Out was increased from 3000 to 7000 copies per issue. The committee also discussed the possibility of a format change for the newsletter. This will be further considered at the WSC workshop in July. Additionally, the motion to receive a straight 30% discount on literature for H&I use was sent back to committee for one year.

The committee decided that as a result of the changes in the funding practices for H&I that the WSC H&I Special Fund will be phased out. No more donations to the Special Fund will be accepted. A stockpile of literature will be created from the remaining funds and the literature distribution that takes place from the fund will continue until the stockpile is exhausted. The committee will then submit a budget to the WSC for their literature distribution needs. This is in keeping with the intent of the recent changes.

Some other items were discussed in committee session. The committee elected to do a comprehensive expansion and re-write of the entire H&I Handbook. This project will be going on during the next year. It is the hope of the committee that trusted servants in H&I will get involved in this project at the regional level by submitting input to one of the Ad-Hoc committees that have been established. More discussion of this will be in the upcoming Fellowship Report.

N.A. WAY MAGAZINE

EXPANDED FORMAT

The motion that was considered by this year's World Service Conference to expand the format of the *N.A. Way* was adopted. Here's a brief overview of decisions made for the future of the *N.A. Way*.

The motion that was adopted by the WSC authorized the following changes to the *N.A. Way*:

1. That a section be added to the *N.A. Way* which would report newsworthy happenings around the Fellowship. This may include developments within various service boards or committees, local events in various areas that may be of interest to the Fellowship as a whole, or any other news and information regarding Narcotics Anonymous.

2. That a section be added to the *N.A. Way* which would include editorial comments from selected writers within the Fellowship. The specific intent of this section would be to provide a clear statement from at least two sides of issues of concern to the Fellowship, and to provide space for responsible replies from our readers. Such an editorial section would also provide the forum for statements by the Trustees and for the Fellowship's discussion of those statements.

The World Service Office is planning to begin immediately to work on developing the new format, and to present it gradually over the next several months.

Many people have asked us what the status of the *Newsline* is as a result of this decision. The *Newsline* will be scaled down, since much of what used to be published there may now be published in the magazine, but the *Newsline* will not be eliminated. It will now be published every other month instead of monthly, alternating months with the *Fellowship Report*.

The *Fellowship Report* is a collection of reports from various branches of World Services which is distributed at no cost to regional and area committees. Those reports are quite detailed, as they are intended for use within the service structure.

The *Newsline* will still contain news and announcements from the WSO that are intended for the widest possible readership. This still retains our ability to notify the Fellowship of important announcements or requests for information in a large-scale way at no cost to the reader.

The news provided in the *N.A. Way* will be more along the lines of headline news and feature stories. At this point we are quite open to suggestion as to what you would find most useful and interesting.

CONVENTION SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE

A package including subscription forms and poster boards has been sent out to all conventions and events listed in our "Comin' Up" section. UPS was used to do this economically, so please check

those convention committee mailboxes for the UPS notice.

Conventions have proven to be a very effective place to gain magazine subscriptions. Committees should encourage subscribers to use the "bill me later" policy to sign people up. No money need change hands at the convention. This avoids any confusion and possible problems. After the convention, the committee sends us a package of completed subscription forms and we bill the subscribers. Last summer, with the help of some enthusiastic members who approached this project with vigor, 1000 subscriptions were sold. We're hoping that this summer convention committees themselves will include this project in their plans, so we can allow a maximum of interested members the opportunity to get on board.

If you are interested in a subscription, but do not have a subscription form, just send a note to the *N.A. Way* at the WSO post office box, and a subscription will be sent to you. Include your name, mailing address and phone number. You may include a check or money order for \$12, or you can be billed.

UPDATE ON INVENTORY ITEMS

N.A. Basic Text The Conference-approved recovery text *Narcotics Anonymous*. Book One comprises five sides of three cassette tapes, forty-five minutes apiece. Excellent listening for blind or visually-impaired addicts as well as anyone who wishes to listen to the message of recovery.

Item No. 954 Each: \$8.00
 Item No. 954B (Braille Label) Each: \$8.00

N.A. Informational Pamphlets Conference-approved pamphlets on N.A. recovery make the message of recovery available to addicts with limited reading skills, visual impairments and all others who desire the accessibility of cassette tapes. Side One contains I.P. Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 13 and 16; Side Two contains I.P. Nos. 6, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 19.

Item No. 952 Each: \$2.00
 Item No. 952B (Braille Label) Each: \$2.00

N.A. White Booklet and Service Pamphlets The Little White Booklet *Narcotics Anonymous Newly Revised* comprises Side One of this 90 minute cassette. Side Two includes the *N.A. Group Starter Kit* (I.P. No. 18) as well as I.P. Nos. 2 and 20.

Item No. 953 Each: \$2.00
 Item No. 953B (Braille Label) Each: \$2.00

Complete N.A. Literature Set The entire set of N.A. literature tapes (a five tape set) which includes the Basic Text, the Little White Booklet, the *N.A. Group Starter Kit*, and informational pamphlets listed above.

Item No. 955 Each: \$10.70
 Item No. 955B (Braille Label) Each: \$10.70

In addition to the above mentioned N.A. literature tapes, new speaker tapes are available as well. Write the Office for an updated list of these new tapes.

NEW LITERATURE AVAILABLE

At the recent World Service Conference several decisions were reached with regard to new literature items. Three new pieces of literature were approved and will soon be available for sale from the World Service Office. They are: I.P. No. 21 *The Loner--Staying Clean in Isolation*, I.P. No. 22 *Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous*, and the *Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees Newly Revised*. Typesetting has already begun on these three new items and we anticipate that they will be available soon.

The World Literature Committee made available five new publications in approval form at the WSC. They are available for sale at a nominal cost to all N.A. members, groups and committees. They are published on plain white paper to differentiate them from the Conference-approved literature used in N.A. meetings and will be sold by the WSO for a period of one year. Keeping with N.A.'s established procedures, they will be considered at the 1988 World Service Conference for approval or disapproval. These new publications are as follows: I.P. No. R-2 *The Group Newly Revised*, I.P. No. R-7 *Am I an Addict? Newly Revised*, I.P. No. R-10 *Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous*, I.P. No. 23 *Staying Clean on the Outside*, and I.P. No. 24 *"Hey! What's the Basket for?"* Be sure to contact your local literature committee for copies, or write to the World Service Office for a special order form.

Another item of interest is the action taken by the World Service Conference on the Twelve Steps book, *It Works: How and Why*. This book was distributed in approval form for one year and considered at the 1987 WSC for approval or disapproval. The book was not approved. The World Service Conference directed that an ad-hoc committee be formed for the purpose of collecting additional input from the worldwide Fellowship on

this book. The Office will therefore make available, to registered N.A. literature committees only, a combined volume which includes both the original manuscript (blue) which was distributed in review form in 1985, as well as the revised manuscript (white) which was distributed in approval form from 1986-87. If your local literature committee does not have copies of these two volumes, or requires additional copies for further review and input, contact the office for costs and availability.

IT WORKS

The section below in italics is the full text of the motion adopted by the Conference on how future work will be accomplished on IT WORKS; HOW AND WHY, Part One. This is presented so as to advise the Fellowship of the general plan. The committee has not had time to meet and work out specific implementation. A detailed plan is expected to be available after a Joint Administrative Committee meeting scheduled in early June. The full extent of workshops, their location and frequency, will depend in great measure on the availability of funds.

The Conference Chairperson appointed the WSC Literature Vice-Chairperson and eleven other volunteer Conference participants to serve on this Ad-hoc Committee. The Ad-hoc Committee welcomes written input on It Works. Please send it to the Committee in c/o the World Service Office.

A combined printing of the blue and white editions is expected to be available in early July.

The Conference adopts the formation of a WSC 1987 Adhoc Committee on IT WORKS: How and Why, Part I.

The Adhoc Committee on It Works would meet throughout the world. Having a task at hand of such proportions would mean a full fledged effort of our Fellowship and all our service arms. We can do this by having a series of open workshops for collection of input, communications, taped input, and recorded workshop meetings.

The purpose of this Adhoc Committee is to collect worldwide input and foster the group conscience process. After input is gathered by this Adhoc Committee it will be presented to the World Literature Committee to complete the job.

At these workshops, the Fellowship can have the chance to see the WSO and the WSC in action involving a major piece of work. Both service arms need each other and the Fellowship can see how they interface.

This Adhoc Committee is composed of twelve RSR's to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson, four members of the World Literature Committee, four members of the World Service Office Board of Directors, and four members of the Board of

Trustees, to be appointed by the Chairperson of their respective Committee or Board. This will give us a total of twenty-four members.

Seven members will attend the workshops and be responsible for the work-in-progress. These members will consist of three RSR's, two World Literature members, one member of the WSO Board of Directors, and one member of the Board of Trustees. The members shall be chosen from the pool on a workshop by workshop basis in the most logistically, practical way.

In the event that the WSC Chairperson is unable to attend a workshop, that Chairperson may appoint one of those seven members at their discretion. The Chairperson will be able to replace RSR's who become inactive or otherwise unable to serve, as necessary.

The seven members would work in conjunction with the regional literature chairpersons. Notices would be sent out to the Fellowship prior to each workshop. As many regional literature chairpersons as can attend would all work together, along with members of the Fellowship. Preliminary meetings on the eve of each workshop would layout the goals of each workshop.

In order to form a basis of discussion, both the original blue copy and the recent white approval copy would be published as review form literature and made available through regional and area literature committees.

In order to expedite this process and ensure the quality of work, it is the responsibility of the Fellowship to attend these workshops with prepared written input.

The intent of the motion is to ensure full and practical Fellowship participation on a geographically worldwide basis. This is our book, our recovery related material, and our chance to express the group conscience of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship in print.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two new Board of Trustees were elected at this World Service Conference. Elected were: Greg P. (Georgia), and Mario T. (Australia) as new trustees. Jack B. (California), whose term expired at this meeting of the World Service Conference, was reelected.

Mike Bohan, non-addict trustee, fulfilled his term as a trustee and chose not to accept a renomination. Heartfelt appreciation for his devotion was expressed by Conference participants.

Outgoing Board of Trustee Chairperson, Jack B., announced the trustees had elected Bob R. as Chairperson for the next year, and John F. as Vice-Chairperson.

The report from the Board of Trustees generated many questions. Most of this discussion concerned articles written by the trustees and presented to the Conference. The trustees acknowledged that these articles were adopted by simple majority votes, rather than obtaining full support of the board.

A motion was adopted which requires that all articles from the Board of Trustees be considered by the Conference before publication, unless the Board of Trustees can agree by 2/3 majority to publish them. This motion was adopted by a large margin and gave the board a specific criteria for approving articles for future publication.

A motion was considered which stated "that these articles be tabled and placed on the '88 WSC Agenda in the same manner as all issues by all addicts, to see if the Fellowship agrees with these articles." This was amended as follows; "this means the five articles presented to WSC-87 as well as the two articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report." The intent of the amended motion was that these articles, if submitted to WSC by the Board of Trustees, should follow the procedure outlined in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (i.e. submitted in writing 120 days prior to WSC).

A substitute motion was introduced and adopted which stated "to commit the amended motion and the articles back to the Board of Trustees."

In summary, the articles published in the January 1987 Fellowship Report and the articles presented for consideration at WSC-87 have all been referred back to the Board of Trustees. In view of the above motions, the WSO will not continue to distribute the articles.

Other actions at WSC-87 which pertained to the World Service Board of Trustees included a motion which provides for new trustees to be elected separately by a 2/3 majority of conference participants, instead of a simple majority. This motion was amended to take effect immediately and adopted by a wide margin.

In the report to WSC-87, the Board of Trustees recommended that all vacant positions be filled, bringing membership to the full compliment of fifteen trustees. Additionally, the board recommended that at least two non-addict positions be provided, and held open until it is possible to fill them.

The Board of Trustees currently has twelve addict members; Bob R.(Chairman), John F. (Vice-Chairman), Jack B., Bo S., Sally E., Sydney R., James D., Bob B., Dutch H., Greg P., Mario T., and Tom M.

POLICY COMMITTEE

A new set of guidelines were adopted by the WSC which determines the membership and gives the committee a dual purpose. Not only will they be responsible to resolve structural and procedural problems but will also begin to assist, by providing information and experience, in the re-formation of regions or the development of new ones. During the coming year the Policy committee will spend a good deal of time discussing different criteria to evaluate each individual request for additional regions. Please submit any input that your regional

committee may have on this issue to the Policy Committee c/o WSO, prior to July 1, 1987.

The Conference also took favorable action in regards to the new approval processes for written and audio-visual service materials. These new procedures will guide the WSC committees in developing materials to be used by Fellowship service committees, such as handbooks, filmstrips, and pamphlets. These actions will help clear up some vagueries which existed previously.

A number of new proposals were referred to the Committee for further study during the coming year. Among these important issues was the recurring question of voting participation at the WSC and the development of a policy establishing a process for the appeal of grievances within our service structure. Both of these issues will be carefully considered and recommendations reported to the World Service Conference.

SELECT COMMITTEE

A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous Revised, was presented to the Participants at the World Service Conference. This work in progress contains several new chapters, along with revisions to the original draft. It is now available through the WSO for \$5.00.

The Committee will continue to receive written input from members, groups, and service committees c/o the WSO, until December 1, 1987. Those of you who will be fortunate enough to attend the WSC workshop in July, will be able to address the committee directly at their open forum, to take place during that workshop. The motion adopted at the WSC, directs the committee to produce a final draft by July 1, 1988 to be considered at WSC 1989.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 1987 World Service Conference brought together representatives from around the world. It was exciting to see that N.A. is growing tremendously worldwide.

At the International meeting on the Saturday before the 1987 WSC, an opportunity was provided for those international N.A. members attending to discuss some of their existing needs and plans for the future. Several representatives shared their experience with the growth and problems in their countries. Reports were given from Australia, Canada (Ontario and Quebec), Germany, Japan, Israel, and Ireland. Two of the main concerns brought forth were inadequate finances and literature availability.

There was agreement among the international members that the existing International Committee was not satisfactorily meeting the needs of the evolving worldwide Fellowship. The Committee therefore proposed to the Conference that the Committee be dissolved. As a substitute, the

Committee proposed that a study be conducted on how to best assist the growth of N.A. worldwide.

The Conference adopted this recommendation and dissolved the International Committee as a Standing Committee of the World Service Conference. Additionally, the Conference adopted the recommendation from the Committee to form an Ad-hoc Committee to continue work in this area. The motion proposed, "that the Board of Directors (WSO) form an Ad-hoc Committee to include one or two members of the Board of Trustee's, one or two members of the Board of Directors, one or two members of the World Service Conference as appointed by the WSC Chairperson, and as many representatives from the Fellowship outside the United States as possible."

This Ad-hoc Committee will be responsible for developing recommendations to provide service to and enhance participation in the worldwide service structure of Narcotics Anonymous. This project has an enormous scope of responsibility that will require substantial planning and examination of the problems confronting us as we expand our growth into different cultures and societies. The Conference Chairperson appointed two members, Andree L., Quebec and Michael F., Northern California. The Board of Trustee members are Sally E. and Tom Mc. The rest of the Committee will be appointed soon.

In the meantime, the International Department at the World Service Office will continue to answer and coordinate correspondence from all N.A. communities/N.A. members from the international fellowship. Correspondence has been received from many countries where N.A. meetings exist, that were not represented at the Conference this year. Hopefully, next year, there will be even more countries present.

An overwhelming amount of correspondence has been received from India. Almost every letter received lets us know that they have started a new group and need more literature. We have also received an enormous amount of correspondence from professionals in India. Hopefully, as a result of these meetings, an N.A. service structure will also evolve in India very soon. We are currently assisting this process by coordinating communication between all our contacts in India. However, it appears that the N.A. communities in India will never be able to afford enough literature, as they are a very poor country.

We also receive correspondence from many other countries. Some of the correspondence is from professionals asking for Narcotics Anonymous information, as they may have contact with addicts. Other correspondence is from addicts seeking help. Some of these countries are:

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| EQUADOR | GREECE | HOLLAND |
| MAURITIUS ISLAND | BELGIUM | NETHERLANDS |

The possibility of Narcotics Anonymous meetings evolving in these places is very likely. It is encouraging to see that the Narcotics Anonymous message is being heard and utilized worldwide. Narcotics Anonymous has made it possible for many addicts to have a new chance at living life.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTES AND NEWS

You will find attached to this *Newsline* a registration form designed specifically for Public Information and Phoneline Subcommittees. This was just one of many items which WSC P.I. discussed and took action on during its recent meetings at WSC 87-88. It will be most appreciated if this form is filled out and returned to WSC P.I., c/o WSO, as soon as possible. The amount of progress in P.I. during the past several years is due, in large part, to increased communication between the various levels of service. However, there are still many functioning P.I. subcommittees around the world that are not registered at WSO and, therefore, are not getting all the support and experience that is available. Hopefully, continued distribution and use of registration forms will increase our sharing abilities.

A previous *Newsline* article mentioned the fact that the *P.I. News*, a quarterly publication, is mailed to Phoneline and P.I. Subcommittee chair and vice-chairpersons only, due to budgetary constraints. This procedure was discussed and altered slightly during the WSC P.I. Committee's meetings. It was decided to add RSR's to the *P.I. News* mailing list. It was further agreed to have WSO prepare a cost analysis of the publication so that the committee could discuss options for selling issues to other interested members.

Please be advised that P.I. subcommittees and RSR's are encouraged to duplicate the newsletter for other people involved with P.I. in their N.A. communities. This, in itself, may solve the problem of not being able to send it to everyone who would like to read it. If your regions and areas believe they can handle the cost of duplicating and supplying it to those other interested members, please let the Committee Chairperson or WSO P.I. Coordinator know.

Although a detailed report of World Service Conference activities will be provided by committee chairpeople in the next Fellowship Report, a few highlights will be included here.

There were a number of motions adopted which require changes in the *Guide to Public Information*. Of course, many other items of literature were also amended, so P.I.'s changes were added to a priority

list and must wait their turn. Notification will be made to the Fellowship as newly revised items become available. Because of the format of our handbooks, every effort will be made to make substitute pages available rather than complete new Guides.

The committee met three times during the conference as well as holding two other Ad-Hoc committee meetings to address items which came up during the Conference. The agendas of each of the meetings were very long, but the committee did touch on every subject. The majority of the work was agreed to be of such a nature as to require more time for discussion and responses from area and regional P.I. subcommittees. So, P.I. people, look forward to increased correspondence from WSC P.I. in the upcoming weeks and months.

Some changes were made to the internal committee structure which should prove helpful in providing more support to area and regional P.I. efforts. WSC P.I. members, voting and non voting, will be responsible to act as primary contacts between the WSC P.I. Committee, WSO and P.I. subcommittees in their nearby vicinities.

WSC P.I. members will also be involved in more internal training and workshopping so that their experience will be unified and strengthened, allowing each member to carry a stronger P.I. message to surrounding P.I. subcommittees. An added boost to that internal training will be the fact that the BOT member assigned as committee's liaison for this year is a past member of the International Committee (I.C.) who resides in Hawaii. That, along with input from other members of the recently dissolved I.C. and our WSC P.I. members living outside the U.S. will increase the committee's ability to address P.I. needs on an international scope.

A list of projects, needs and goals will be compiled and mailed to all registered P.I. subcommittees for input, review and comment. WSC P.I. members will be available to assist in discussing the list of needs and determining what the disposition of items should be.

The committee decided that two of those items should be presented here as well as the next issue of the *P.I. News*. One of those is the idea of a census. The question of a census was asked in the Conference Agenda Report and a motion was passed asking "that the WSC P.I. Committee thoroughly plan a Fellowship-wide census to be presented to WSC 1988, and then implemented if approved". So, the request for Fellowship input on that project is beginning here. Any ideas, drafts, comments, criticisms, please feel free to pass on to

WSC P.I., c/o WSO. The committee wants to develop something that the Fellowship will use, and that can best be accomplished if the members advise the Committee of what they feel is important. Remember this is a census to help us do P.I. work; to answer those questions that the non N.A. community asks about us as a Fellowship.

The other topic regards a draft item entitled "Traditions and P.I." The WSC P.I. committee received it as a draft over a year ago and did some limited review of it during the past year. However, it was not ready for the conference agenda this year and the committee would like Fellowship P.I. input on whether or not it, or any part of it, should be considered as possible new material for the Guide to P.I. If your P.I. subcommittee decides it would like to work on the review of this item, please request a copy from the WSO P.I. Department.

WORLD DIRECTORY

When the World Service Office Report was given at WSC, there was considerable interest in the section which pertained to the World Directory. Discussion produced many questions and one motion.

The motion which was made, seconded, amended, and eventually tabled, supported a recently suggested proposal. This proposal called for publishing a directory which would permit someone to find the nearest N.A. meeting to them by using the telephone.

A directory of all the phone numbers for N.A. offices and phonelines would accomplish this goal in most situations. Initial discussion revealed that there would still be many other considerations involved in producing this type of directory. For instance, the nature of phoneline service outside of the United States may necessitate the continued listing of meeting locations and times in the directory. Also, both old and new group registrations and updates will still need to be maintained on file for many purposes.

Further discussion indicated that it would be impossible to reword the motion on the spot and that extensive planning was necessary. With this in mind, the motion was tabled and the WSO expressed the intent to pursue this project and accomplish the wishes of the Fellowship. Assurance was given that the intent of the motion would be kept as a primary goal.

A detailed report concerning changes in the World Directory will follow in an upcoming issue of the Newsline.

WSO CATALOG

The long awaited catalog has finally been completed. We produced a limited number (2,800)

of copies and hope to make them available to literature committees for their use. A new catalog with a larger printing (approximately 10,000) will be printed in August.

Because such a small quantity has been produced and the next edition will be coming out soon, only those persons responsible for ordering literature should write to obtain a copy. Although the catalog costs about \$.75 each, we are sending it out on request at no cost.

The catalog identifies all inventory items in the style and manner shown below in the Update on Inventory Items. You may continue to order literature on the previously used order form.

In the last issue of the *Newsline*, we reported the availability of N.A. literature tapes. The article included a price of \$20.00 for the entire set of five tapes which includes the Basic Text, the Newly Revised White Booklet, the *Group Starter Kit*, and all informational pamphlets. At their recent meeting, the Board of Directors made a decision to reduce the price and make the set of tapes available for the same price as the printed literature items. Therefore, revised prices for these literature tapes are shown below.

FROM BOB STONE

The Conference adopted a considerable volume of changes to handbooks and guidelines. It will take several months to prepare and print all of these materials. We will report their availability when printing is completed.

Because of the tremendous workload associated with the Conference, an April edition of the *Newsline* was not printed. We anticipate a bi-monthly publication schedule for the *Newsline* beginning this summer.

COMING EVENTS

This space has been reserved for coming events anywhere in N.A. If you wish to list an event, send us a flier or note at least two months in advance. Include title, location, P.O. Box, dates, contacts.

CALIFORNIA: July 10-12, 1987; San Diego Imperial Regional Convention III; Holiday Inn at Embarcadero, 1355 Harbor Drive, San Diego; (619) 563-1759; Olga 296-2920; Ron 282-8777

2) Sept. 19, 1987; Stanislaus Valley Area Celebration; Elks Lodge, 945 McHenry, Modesto, CA; (209) 524-4421; Ken 634-3197; Ron 529-6728

3) Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1987; Ninth Annual So. CA Reg. Conv.; Anaheim Hilton Towers, 777 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA; Bob (714) 540-0668; Vallerie (213) 370-8052

CANADA: June 12-14; Edmonton 2nd Annual Convention; Garneau Community Hall, 10943 84th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta; (403) Neil 465-5424; Sue 464-2805

2) July 3-5, 1987; 8th Annual BCNA Rally '87; Fernwood Community Center, 1240 Gladstone Ave., Victoria, B.C. Canada; (604)383-3553

3) Oct. 23-25, 1987; 10th PNWCNA; Interested speakers submit tapes to PNWCNA Box 468-810, West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4C9; (604) Wendy 294-9016; Brant 254-9094

COLORADO: Oct 23-25, 1987; CRCNA-I; Antler Hotel, Colorado Springs; (303) Julie 321-8930; Jeff 755-6813; George 830-7811

CONNECTICUT: June 5-7, 1987; G.W.A.N.A.'S 1st Annl Family Campout; Lone Oak Campsites, Route 44, East Canaan, Ct.; (203) Jim 264-0911; Ken 734-2416; LuAnn 792-6643

2) July 10-12, 1987; 3rd Annl N.A. Campathon, Seaport Campgrounds, Route 184, Old Mystic, CT; (203) Sonny 233-0936, Bob 233-2567

ENGLAND: May 30-31, 1987; 4th N.A. West Country Convention; Knightstone Pier, Weston Super Mare, Bristol, Avon; Ben (W.S.M.)635301; Cathy (W.S.M.)635117; Toby (Bristol)739819

FLORIDA: July 2-5, 1987; FRCNA 6; Diplomat Hotel, 3515 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019, (305) Mike 564-1262; Chris 891-1867; Bee Gee 565-7312

GERMANY: July 24-26, 1987; European Service Conference IV; Kolping Haus Frankfurt, LangestraBe 26, Frankfurt, West Germany

HONDURAS: June 13, 1987; 1st Annual Birthday Celebration and Open Meeting; Hotel Prado, Tejucigalpa; Jean D 22-38-63

ILLINOIS: June 26-28, 1987; 3rd Annual Flight to Freedom Campout; Coy's & Wilma's Campground, Rend Lake, Sesser, IL; (618) Vicky 242-5968; Mark 532-1327

2) July 24-26, 1987; 3rd Mid-Coast Convention; Holiday Inn, 7550 E State St., Rockford, Ill 61107; (815)398-2200; Greg 963-5811

IOWA: July 3-5, 1987;IRCNA IV; Civic Center Holiday Inn, 4th & Commercial, Waterloo, IA; (800)465-4329; Don (319) 233-2906; Paul (515) 274-4347

KANSAS: July 3-5, 1987; MARC '87 Camp Out; Lone Star Lake, Douglas County, KS; (913) Jenny/Chris 235-9045; Blake 843-0667

LOUISIANA: June 12-14, 1987; (BRASCNA) June Bug Fever Campout, North Tangi Beach Campground; Chris 356-0849; Debbie, Pam, John 292-9115

2) Sept. 3-6, 1987; World Convention; WCNA 17; Sheraton New Orleans Hotel & Towers, 500 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130; (504)525-2500

MARYLAND: June 12-14, 1987; Vision of Hope University of Maryland, College Park & Kent State; (202) Mark 387-2871; Chris 337-0022

MICHIGAN: July 2-5 1987; Freedom III MRCNA; Hyatt-Regency, P.O. Box 525, Flint, MI 48501; (313) Jim 233-4704; Mike 232-7490

MINNESOTA: Aug 7-9, 1987; Willmar Campout; Willmar, MN; Pat or Lenore (612) 235-7271; Jim (612) 231-2168

MISSOURI: June 5-7, 1987; 2nd Annual Show-Me Regional Convention; Ramada Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO; Bob R. (417)358-5800; (800)781-0500

2) July 17-19, 1987; 8th Annual High-on-Life Picnic; Stockton Lake, MO; (417) Bob 358-5800; 782-1467

NEBRASKA: Oct. 9-11, 1987; NRCNA IV; Holiday Inn, 72nd Grover, Omaha: 1-800-HOLIDAY; P.O. Box 3532, Omaha, NE 68103

NEVADA: July 10-12, 1987; 1st Sierra Sage Regional Convention '87; Peppermill Inn & Casino (702)826-2121; (800)648-6992

2) Aug 27-30, 1987; 5th Annual Stampede for Serenity Campout; Stampede Reservoir; (702) 322-4811

NEW JERSEY: July 17-19, 1987; 4th Annual Powerless in the Pines Campout; Sonya F. (609) 227-2319

NEW MEXICO: July 3-5, 1987; WSUC IV; Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87110; (505) Ron 294-4808; Peter 344-6490, Julee 983-5171

NEW YORK: May 29-31, 1987; Freedom Three; Third Annual Greater NY Reg Conv; Stevensville Country Club, Swan Lake, NY; (718) Danny 347-6643; Tina 342-5233

2) July 12, 1987; (Rain Date-July 19) 4th Annual Glen Cove Group Anniversary; Tappen Beach Park, Glen Cove, Long Island; (516) Dave 484-1907; Lori 596-1551

NORTH CAROLINA: June 26-28, 1987; Carolina Regional Convention; Marriott Executive Center, I-77 & Tyvola, Charlotte, NC; David (919) 847-5682; Rich (803) 235-7485; (704) 527-2091

OHIO: June 12-14, 1987; 8th ECCNA; Kent State University, Kent, OH; P.O. Box 1492, Youngston, OH 45501; (216) Bob 545-4387; Laura 898-2176; Roy 638-7895

2) July 17-19, 1987; 3rd CCANA; Camp Vention; Summit Valley Park, Summitville, OH 43926; (216) Rusty 385-5761; Bill 424-7681

OKLAHOMA: June 12-14, 1987; 6th Annual Clean N' Crazy Campout; Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater, OK; Bobby (918) 742-3032; Jimbo (405) 329-9258

OREGON: July 24-26, 1987; 2nd Annual Oregon & Southern Idaho Reg Conv; Black Angus/Executive Inn, Salem, OR; (503) Barry 371-7928; Larry 371-7782

PENNSYLVANIA: Oct. 9-11, 1987; T.S.R.C.N.A. V; Hyatt Hotel, Pittsburgh; (412) Ken 521-1086; Roz 361-6250; Rich 371-3891

SOUTH DAKOTA: June 5-7, 1987; Upper Midwest Regional Convention IV; Holiday Inn, 2727 Sixth Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD; (605) Scott 353-1555; Ed (612) 824-9225

TEXAS: June 27, 1987; Lone Star Region Activities Dance; Dallas, TX; (214) Phill 526-4539; Brenda 381-6949

WASHINGTON: May 29-31, 1987; (WNIR) Multi-Region Public Info Phone Line Learning Days; Fife, WA; (206) Walt 848-4915; Jerry 772-2852; Jon 695-3368

2) July 3-5, 1987; Wariki Freedom Retreat V; 3913 S.E. Woodburn Rd., Washougal, WA; (206) Nancy 835-9288; Mike 254-0179

VIRGINIA: Aug. 14-16, 1987; 1st Mini Convention; 4-H Educational Center, Route 522 South, Front Royal, VA; (703) Pat 667-9312; Bill 662-4418; Kevin; Rob (304) 267-4418; Bob (301) 797-3563;

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