



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP REPORT

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From: Ed Duquette, Chairperson
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It quickly became clear to me this year that there are four distinct facets of world services that have, for the most part, functioned independently. There is the conference and its committees which work within parameters that have evolved within their specific areas of expertise. These committees and the tasks they perform are probably the most widely understood.

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The WSO Board of Directors oversees the operation of the World Service Office and its subsidiary, the World Convention Corporation. This service board has probably functioned more efficiently than the conference or the trustees. They have had little of the financial problems that both the conference and trustees have had to deal with. They have had the most autonomy of the three service arms (the conference and its committees, the Board of Trustees and its committees, and the WSO Board of Directors) because their guidelines [by-laws] offer them the latitude they need to perform their tasks.

The last, but by no means least, facet of world services is the World Service Office. The WSO staff facilitate holding the whole package together by performing various tasks, including the coordination of communications between the rest of world services.

Collectively, world services performs an absolutely mind-boggling number of tasks simultaneously. It is difficult to comprehend all the correspondence generated. If you stacked all the information I received last week alone, it would be at least an inch and a half thick. With all these projects running concurrently, it's difficult, no impossible, to stay on top of it all.

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decisions have little or no knowledge of the rationale. The repercussions ripple through world services and on through the fellowship.

We, as the administrative committee, are now feeling the turbulence of decisions made years ago. This is my third year as a member of the administrative committee. My first two years as vice chairperson were frustrating ones. I knew that each chairperson I served under wasn't involving me as consult to their decisions. It left me with confusions of my abilities; what was I doing wrong, how was I deficient, how could I involve myself more. As I grew more confident I began confronting these chairpersons about the nature of my frustrations. Each of them told me that they had wished they could have used me more, that the conflict of managing their time between their personal lives and their service responsibilities was tedious. Out of compromise they managed their decisions with the corresponding members of the other service arms.

I now understand the frustration of the compromise. When the administrative committee came together this year, we shared a desire to unify the conference officers into a strong working committee. I believe we are accomplishing that task and that the committee is as strong as it has ever been. Reuben, Barbara, Tom and myself believe that this is a time of many changes that hinge on frank discussion and perseverance. These ideals sometimes set the stage for confrontation within the community of world services.

We believe, that given all the concurrent tasks, we must be involved in the discussions and decisions to assure the conference's needs are not overlooked. And as a committee, we can delegate responsibility within our committee. With regular communication, we can be much more effective. I have a strong conviction to involve the entire administrative committee in discussions and decisions. There are so many projects and interactions within world services, each requiring attention, discussions, and ultimately decisions. Many are approached in a time frame that doesn't allow me opportunity to consult the rest of the administrative committee.

This also can lead to the confrontation I mentioned earlier. Confrontation is not one of my better suits. Already this year I have had to confront and be confronted several times. I have brought our position to the other service arms numerous times; in fact, they may be tired of listening to me. The conference officers believe we are collectively an important part of the decision-making process within world services. It is our hope that the administrative committee will function as a committee of leaders, rather than a chairperson with a committee.

I have the greatest respect for all the trusted servants, including the WSO staff, involved in world services. I truly believe that we can overcome anything through cooperation. I am offering you this discourse to emphasize the importance of interrelation and communication within all of world services. Thanks for indulging me! Now, on to other things.

Finance

I'm not going to say a lot about finances. I'll let the treasurer's report run down our present picture. I would, though, like to simply say that we are not in good shape. By the end of September, we will have spent nearly all of our reserve, as well as all donations we have received this year. Given this situation, the administrative committee has established a list of project priorities. These priorities have come about as a result of discussions with the WSO Board, the Board of Trustees, and discussion that took place during the annual WSC meeting.

First priority:

Steps portion of *It Works: How and Why*
 Traditions portion of *It Works: How and Why*
A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous
 Ad Hoc Committee on Isolated Groups
 October WSC workshop (Van Nuys)

Second priority:

Multi-regional workshops/learning events
Public information events for international agencies

Several tentatively scheduled meetings will take place if funds are available. Those meetings include a JAC meeting to discuss the budget, meetings of the Board of Trustees, and WSC committee meetings. It is important to note that unless the present level of donations increases, we will be hard pressed to continue even our first priority projects. We hope the WSO Board will provide assistance if needed.

October Workshop

The administrative committee has committed to an October WSC workshop in Van Nuys, California. The committees will need to take advantage of all available time for their work, therefore there will not be any forum for fellowship participation. We were hoping to repeat the type of event that took place in Arlington. Unfortunately, because of our financial situation, we were forced to postpone many of the scheduled committee activities. The conference committees will need this workshop to finish the projects they have committed themselves to this year.

Arlington Workshop

The Arlington workshop, held this past July, was a wonderful success. Admin had asked the conference committees, the Board of Trustees, the WSO Board of Directors, and WSO staff to participate in a workshop that encouraged fellowship participation. The idea was well received by the world services community. In fact, once the idea was presented to the JAC in May, everyone supplied Admin with input on topics they thought were essential.

There was a moderator for each panel discussion. The moderator opened the session, introduced the panel members, and briefly talked about the main topic. Each panel member talked for five to ten minutes on their subtopic. Following the panel members' presentations, there was a discussion period where participants could respond to comments from the panel or offer new comments. This worked quite well.

In concert with the panel discussions, there were workshops by each of the conference committees and ad hoc committees. What I observed was open, lively discussion concerning all aspects of service and recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. It was wonderful to put down the oppression for a weekend and talk. I believe we have a healing tool with this type of event, and I encourage next year's administrative committee to commit to several of them.

September JAC

There will be a JAC meeting September 15th and 16th. The primary topic for this weekend will be the creation of a unified budget that would include all projects within world services. I have asked each of the committee chairs to have production schedules ready for all projects they are planning for the 1991 year. These schedules will include long range forecasts of meetings and support services through the completion of the projects, and associated costs.

When these production schedules are "solid", they will be discussed at a joint meeting of the WSO Board, the Board of Trustees, and the administrative committee in October. We will combine all our projects into a unified budget, funded from all available sources, and evaluate it. If this budgeting plan is well supported, Admin will recommend that we present this as a budgeting option for consideration at WSC 1991. Stay tuned for further developments.

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From: Bryce Sullivan, Chairperson
WSC Literature Committee

The WSCLC met at the Arlington WSC Workshop in July. Our three-day agenda was full and productive. The main items of business and production work were the I.P.s *For Those in Treatment* and *In Times of Illness*, the daily book, regional literature assignments, and review of the Steps Ad Hoc Committee's work. We also spent a good deal of time discussing the status of regional assignments, and held a forum for regional literature chairs to discuss their projects with each other.

The two A-list I.P.s, *For Those in Treatment* and *In Times of Illness*, are nearing completion. We spent a majority of our time at the workshop working on these projects. WSCLC working groups factored into the drafts personal stories received from the fellowship. The drafts were also thoroughly reviewed and edited by the working groups. Both pieces will be receiving final editing in August by a small team of WSCLC members. The I.P.s will then go to the full WSCLC for review and final approval by the committee at our October meeting.

The committee has decided to release these two I.P.s to the fellowship for a 90-day approval period in the 1991 *Conference Agenda Report*. We plan to send out the approval-form I.P.s to international committees in manuscript form as soon as possible following the October workshop. This will allow these committees additional time to review these pieces.

In Arlington, the committee was able to resolve the remaining issues around the proposed daily book project design. Source material, which has already been received from the fellowship, will be edited or rewritten by WSCLC members and WSO staff. Edited pieces will go to a WSCLC review panel, which will evaluate each piece. Rewrites will be completed by staff editor(s) and resubmitted to the panel. Completed pieces will go to the WSCLC for further revision and/or approval. By using this design, it is hoped that considerable work will be completed on the daily book this year.

Four projects on the literature committee's secondary priority lists, the "C" and "D" lists, were assigned to regional and area literature committees last year. A learning workshop on these assignments was held in Arlington. The workshop was well attended and a great deal of discussion took place. Literature chairs were given an opportunity to share their work on the projects assigned to their committees. They used this time to get clarifications from the WSCLC and to get help from other committees on their work.

The WSCLC continues to look for international advisory members for appointment to the committee. In a past edition of the *Newsline*, a request was sent out for multi-lingual individuals who might like to work with the committee. We have received little response to this request and are still seeking interested members. Please contact the WSCLC c/o the WSO if you are interested. We also have two vacancies on the committee, and have discussed appointing an international registered member. Initially, the cost factor involved in this type of participation seemed prohibitive. This kind of involvement by members who have experience in translations seems so vital that we hope cost concerns don't override our capacity to serve effectively in this area.

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The WSCLC met at the Arlington WSC Workshop in July. Our three-day agenda was full and productive. The main items of business and production work were the I.P.s *For Those in Treatment* and *In Times of Illness*, the daily book, regional literature assignments, and review of the Steps Ad Hoc Committee's work. We also spent a good deal of time discussing the status of regional assignments, and held a forum for regional literature chairs to discuss their projects with each other.

The two A-list I.P.s, *For Those in Treatment* and *In Times of Illness*, are nearing completion. We spent a majority of our time at the workshop working on these projects. WSCLC working groups factored into the drafts personal stories received from the fellowship. The drafts were also thoroughly reviewed and edited by the working groups. Both pieces will be receiving final editing in August by a small team of WSCLC members. The I.P.s will then go to the full WSCLC for review and final approval by the committee at our October meeting.

The committee has decided to release these two I.P.s to the fellowship for a 90-day approval period in the 1991 *Conference Agenda Report*. We plan to send out the approval-form I.P.s to international committees in manuscript form as soon as possible following the October workshop. This will allow these committees additional time to review these pieces.

In Arlington, the committee was able to resolve the remaining issues around the proposed daily book project design. Source material, which has already been received from the fellowship, will be edited or rewritten by WSCLC members and WSO staff. Edited pieces will go to a WSCLC review panel, which will evaluate each piece. Rewrites will be completed by staff editor(s) and resubmitted to the panel. Completed pieces will go to the WSCLC for further revision and/or approval. By using this design, it is hoped that considerable work will be completed on the daily book this year.

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A report on rotation and continuity was sent to all conference participants in July for input. This information should be available through your RSC. Please send any input to the WSC Policy Committee, c/o WSO.

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There has been some criticism of our letter to the fellowship that reported the activities leading to our recommendation to the BOD. Most of the criticism is centered on the perception that we did not report all the information. The simple fact is that we did report all the information, and the announcement clearly stated the reasons for our recommendation.

Our July meeting at the WSC workshop in Arlington provided the opportunity for discussing the illicit Basic Text, the change at the WSO, and some issues of local concern to the C&P Region, directly with members of the fellowship. The response to this type of open trustee meeting was so positive that we intend to hold our February meeting outside of California where a similar type of open forum and cross discussion can take place. As soon as a site and date are selected, and providing that a lack of funds does not keep us from this plan, we'll notify the fellowship of the details. The rest of our meeting time in Arlington was spent discussing upcoming trustee participation in several non-N.A. events, and meeting with representatives of the Center for Disease Control.

At our August meeting, we were finally able to begin work on our agenda for this year. We also discussed some new procedures which are still being developed for translations, world service travel, budget review and utilization, a proposal for a unified budget, and fellowship communications. The proposed new policies have been assigned to work groups composed of members from the BOT, BOD, and WSC Administrative Committee. These work groups will present their recommendations to the BOT and BOD when they meet together in October. The boards will, in turn, make their recommendations to the WSC in 1991.

During the August BOT meeting, we received a letter indicating that a member of the BOT was involved in the production of the illicit Basic Text. We had a closed session to allow full discussion of this rumor. After discussing the issue for an hour or more, each member of the board reaffirmed the position stated in our open letter to the fellowship regarding the illicit production and distribution of the Basic Text. During this discussion, some disturbing information was also revealed about members of the fellowship supposedly taping phone conversations with other members, without informing them that they were being taped. These taped conversations may also have been edited to support the positions of those doing the taping. We are all deeply concerned about this type of behavior and can only pray that it will stop. I would like to repeat the offers already made several times to meet with those members committed to continuing the production of the illicit Basic Text, in an open forum before the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. It's time for healing and the promotion of unity, so let's stop our pointless bickering.

The following is a brief description of each committee's current work assignments.

External Committee is now addressing the concerns brought to the board from N.A. communities outside the U.S. The committee is discussing the various needs voiced by members at the last WSC. Among the many issues talked about are how to match the service needs and priorities with each stage of development, further communication with each community about themselves and their needs, and recommendations for change in the WSC format to accommodate our worldwide fellowship. Our other discussions concerned future P.I. and H&I work with professional and government agencies, including infrastructures of other cultures.

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There has been some criticism of our letter to the fellowship that reported the activities leading to our recommendation to the BOD. Most of the criticism is centered on the perception that we did not report all the information. The simple fact is that we did report all the information, and the announcement clearly stated the reasons for our recommendation.

Our July meeting at the WSC workshop in Arlington provided the opportunity for discussing the illicit Basic Text, the change at the WSO, and some issues of local concern to the C&P Region, directly with members of the fellowship. The response to this type of open trustee meeting was so positive that we intend to hold our February meeting outside of California where a similar type of open forum and cross discussion can take place. As soon as a site and date are selected, and providing that a lack of funds does not keep us from this plan, we'll notify the fellowship of the details. The rest of our meeting time in Arlington was spent discussing upcoming trustee participation in several non-N.A. events, and meeting with representatives of the Center for Disease Control.

At our August meeting, we were finally able to begin work on our agenda for this year. We also discussed some new procedures which are still being developed for translations, world service travel, budget review and utilization, a proposal for a unified budget, and fellowship communications. The proposed new policies have been assigned to work groups composed of members from the BOT, BOD, and WSC Administrative Committee. These work groups will present their recommendations to the BOT and BOD when they meet together in October. The boards will, in turn, make their recommendations to the WSC in 1991.

During the August BOT meeting, we received a letter indicating that a member of the BOT was involved in the production of the illicit Basic Text. We had a closed session to allow full discussion of this rumor. After discussing the issue for an hour or more, each member of the board reaffirmed the position stated in our open letter to the fellowship regarding the illicit production and distribution of the Basic Text. During this discussion, some disturbing information was also revealed about members of the fellowship supposedly taping phone conversations with other members, without informing them that they were being taped. These taped conversations may also have been edited to support the positions of those doing the taping. We are all deeply concerned about this type of behavior and can only pray that it will stop. I would like to repeat the offers already made several times to meet with those members committed to continuing the production of the illicit Basic Text, in an open forum before the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. It's time for healing and the promotion of unity, so let's stop our pointless bickering.

The following is a brief description of each committee's current work assignments.

External Committee is now addressing the concerns brought to the board from N.A. communities outside the U.S. The committee is discussing the various needs voiced by members at the last WSC. Among the many issues talked about are how to match the service needs and priorities with each stage of development, further communication with each community about themselves and their needs, and recommendations for change in the WSC format to accommodate our worldwide fellowship. Our other discussions concerned future P.I. and H&I work with professional and government agencies, including infrastructures of other cultures.

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One of the things this whole controversy has caused us to do, as was suggested to us in Arlington, is spend the time developing a clear statement about fellowship properties. This statement will highlight our past decisions to create a fiduciary entity, the rights, responsibilities, and relationships of that trust, and the proper utilization of fellowship properties. When the statement is completed it will be sent to all regions for their information.

The search for a new executive director continues. The Search Committee, composed of trustees, directors, and WSC Admin. members, has reached an agreement to contract the services of an agency to aid in the search for prospective candidates. The agency will handle all inquiries about the position as the announcement in the most recent *Newsline* indicates. That announcement also elaborates on the basic requirements of the position and all interested members should be referred to the *Newsline* for more information. The general feeling among the members of this committee is that the search for a qualified person(s) will take about six months. The Search Committee will then make its recommendation(s) to the full Board of Directors.

The WSO Board is committed to improving the office's relations with the fellowship. All current management policies are under review in order to assert changes in management style at the WSO. Board committees have been appointed to review the WSO by-laws, as per several motions referred by the WSC, and the personnel policy. All recommendations for changing the by-laws will be forwarded to the WSC, and any changes to the personnel policy will be available upon request.

Open communication among the boards and committees is essential to providing effective services to the fellowship. We are now jointly working on several new policy proposals concerning translations, world service travel, budget review and fund utilization, and a unified budget approach to funding world services. What these new plans call for is a more goal-oriented approach to the projects requested by the WSC each year and those carried out by the WSO, i.e., translations. By reasonably projecting the time frame, the human and material resources needed, and the expected completion date, the cost of each project can be known prior to the actual decision making required to initiate it. This type of production planning is intended to promote a better understanding of each project's requirements and the commitment of resources necessary to complete it. The September JAC meeting will begin the process towards this type of budget planning.

These new policy proposals also seek to combine the experience of our world service entities (WSO BOD, WSB, and WSC), creating a collective administration for N.A. projects. The idea is to diminish much of the separation between our three service arms, and alleviate many of our past problems with communication and joint consultation. Using the translation plan as an example, it calls for the establishment of a committee composed of trustees, directors, WSC Literature Committee members, WSO staff (non-voting), and members from the country of primary use, as well as members outside the country of primary use who are fluent in the specific language. The committee will be responsible for establishing priorities, decision making, and implementing the policy, which includes a process for review and approval. The proposed policy also includes sections for the approval of personal stories in each language, and the development of original material in languages other than English.

Opening the interaction of our committees and boards to jointly consider all significant decisions and actions, begins the process of having the WSO function as our primary service center. A service center that supports the function of boards and committees, and those services (internal administration, business management, publishing and distribution) directed by the BOD, and not as a separate service entity.

All of these new proposals have been assigned to small working groups and will be discussed at the JAC meeting in September and our upcoming meeting with the trustees in October. Our recommendations from these meetings will then be made to the WSC in April for approval.

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German Speaking Region: Fritz, who is eleven years clean, gave the German report. There are currently fifty-four meetings in the German Speaking Region; fifty-one in Germany, two in Switzerland and one in Italy, with loners identified both in Austria and in East Germany. The region also hosts five H&I meetings. There is one area service committee and they rotate the RSC to the smaller communities as part of an outreach effort. The German Speaking Region also has a magazine in its second year of publication. They report that the literature committee is older than the region. This committee is in the process of translating the Basic Text. They have a tape committee which has recently purchased new equipment and is reproducing quality recovery tapes in German. Some of the concerns expressed by the German Speaking Region regarded finances. One concern is the financial priorities of sending an RSR to the World Service Conference versus the European Service Conference. Apparently sending an RSR to Van Nuys from Germany takes about 80% of the region's annual budget.

Switzerland: The Swiss fellowship is basically trilingual with five French meetings, three German meetings, and no Italian meetings. The report came from Pierre, a Frenchman whose home group is actually in Switzerland, on the Swiss-French border, who is connected with the French area. Therefore, he stated that he didn't truly carry a group conscience. The major problem with the Swiss fellowship is a sense of not really feeling attached to any place in the fellowship because of the trilingual nature of their fellowship. They have not formed a region and don't really know how to proceed towards forming one. The dilemma is whether to have the French groups join the French region, the German groups join the German Speaking Region and the Italian meetings join the Italians, or to form a separate regional service unit accommodating all three languages. There seems to be a problem of both language and culture among the French, German and the Italian members in Switzerland. They also report that they cannot use the N.A. symbol because the N.A. logo in Switzerland is currently being used by a political party which is an ultra right wing party with political ads displaying an "N.A." type of logo. The organization reports that their platform is to stamp out drugs.

Sweden: There is no regional structure in Sweden. N.A. was begun in 1987 in three areas of the country simultaneously, all of which are isolated from each other. There are three area committees serving a total of forty meetings per week. The Swedes reported that they have men's, women's, and gay meetings. The H&I efforts cover one prison meeting per month. P.I. efforts are mostly concentrated on developing professional contacts. They currently have one pamphlet translated and reported problems with getting the translations approved.

France: Jean Pierre reported that there are 25 to 27 meetings; 25 in Paris, three of which are English speaking. N.A. in Paris is apparently well developed since its start in 1983. N.A. outside of the Paris region appears to be very slow growing.

United Kingdom: Ruth, the representative from the United Kingdom, was elected by the UK assembly as the "ESR" or European Service Representative. This is a separate service position from the RSRs as elected from the two regions with the United Kingdom. Apparently it is indicative of the desire of the UK assembly (or the British fellowship) to move toward a European-community-type service structure. The UK assembly serves two regions covering 12 areas, four of which are in London, with a total of 211 meetings, 112 in London alone. The representative described the activities conducted by the UK assembly, which meets quarterly about the country, and described ongoing efforts to anglicize the Basic Text. They are also looking to approve recovery stories from the UK for inclusion in an anglicized Basic Text.

Portugal: Represented by Joao. Portugal currently has 14 groups conducting 16 meetings, as well as three hospitals and institutions meetings. Public information efforts are active. They are currently in the process of reviewing a final translation draft of the Basic Text in Portuguese. They are also pursuing efforts towards legalization, which is the equivalent of incorporation. During the weekend they met with Tim Banner to review some of the legal documents and

concerns about their effort to legalization. Apparently the meeting went very well and they are proceeding nicely towards eventual legalization/incorporation.

On Friday evening, we attended an informal meeting and dinner of the European RSRs and delegates. On Saturday afternoon, there was a meeting identified in the program as the "international meeting," which in essence was a round table or presentation from the European representatives on the topic of what they saw as the future of the European Service Conference. The Germans expressed a desire that the ESC become a line between the region and the WSC with a possibility of sending a European from the ESC to the WSC. The representative from Holland merely stated that he hoped to develop contacts at the ESC, especially with Lizzie from the European Service Office, to help him to network after the ESC and to maintain contact with other members within the European fellowship. The Spanish representative expressed a hope for a more organized European service structure and expressed a desire for a poly-lingual translation at the European Service Conference. The Irish, on the other hand, stated that their hopes for the future of the ESC were to "have a good time."

Finally on Saturday night, the RSRs from Europe met together in a more structured setting. The meeting of the RSRs was also attended by personnel from both the World Service Office and the European Service Office. That meeting culminated in a proposal from that group to the Sunday morning session of the conference that a study group composed of representative European delegates meet during the year to present options and ideas for changes in the European Service Conference and the formation of the European service structure. It was made very clear that this body would have no authority to set policy but only to make recommendations to next year's European Service Conference. Paul, the RSR from Spain, was chosen by the group to serve as their chairperson.

At the Sunday morning session, bids were made for next year's ESC, much in the manner of previous years to select for the World Convention. That is, communities got up and expressed their need and desire to host a conference, and among cheering and yelling, a site was selected. Both the Italians and the Swedish bid for the conference and the vote was rather close in favor of the Italians. I believe it was 90 to 79 in favor of the Italians. So it looks like next year's European Service Conference will be in Rome in July.

Also at the final meeting, the entire assembly decided how to split the profits of this European Service Conference. In prior years, it had been split 50/50 between the host committee and next year's committee. The decision made by this year's group was to repay the World Service Conference the \$300 provided to the ESC, plus a token contribution to WSC, with the remaining funds being split 40/40/20. With 40% going to the Portuguese, 40% going to the Italians and 20% going to fund the study groups to propose a possible service structure development for Europe.

Final profit figures for the convention were not available as of Sunday morning, but it was quite clear that a profit had been made. Final numbers for the ESC showed 282 registered members representing 19 countries and over 567 years of clean time. This compares to last year's ESC at Barcelona with an attendance of 100 members.

Guide to Service/Twelve Concepts

I held two workshops at the conference, each an hour and a half long, on on the Twelve Concepts and one on the *Guide to Service*. Both were somewhat poorly attended with perhaps ten to twelve non-U.S. members in the audience. David T. was not able to make the conference, so I handled the workshops by myself, although George was available in the audience for some support. The *Guide to Service* and Twelve Concepts have not gotten a lot of exposure in Europe, although prior notice that I would be presenting these workshops had generated some interest in the week or two prior to the ESC. After briefly describing the history of the development of the concepts and briefly describing each concept, the floor was open for discussion and questions. Most of their questions are concerned with how the concepts would apply in our day-to-day N.A. service situations. There seemed to be, in general, excellent acceptance of the Twelve Concepts, with some misgivings over the necessity of the Tenth Concept. Certainly, I think we have

stimulated interest enough to encourage the Europeans to begin reading and examining the document.

The *Guide to Service* workshop was equally poorly attended with ten to fifteen non-Americans in attendance. In general, there weren't a great deal of questions or comments regarding the proposed structural changes, although there was a lively dialogue. The sense I got was the European community didn't have a very good feel of how "world services" functioned and how the structural units interrelated, and were not particularly concerned. There was some confusion or concern among several of the European members as to just where their developing service committees or service efforts did fit in the existing structure as well as the proposed new structure (whether they would be the equivalent of area service committees or regional service committees or national service committees, etc.). Discussion stressed that the important thing with regard to their delivery of service was the *function* and not the *form*. What I see is a very clear need for the development of a level of service that would exist between what would be regional/national European service communities and a European-wide interactive service body. As the European fellowship grows and the European political situation moves ever closer to the European Economic Community (EEC), with a common currency, the European structure may prove even more essential.

General Impressions

The European community appears to be on the verge of what could be a tremendous growth surge. There seems to be a core of active, dedicated leadership within all the communities in attendance, although some are certainly more advanced along the development of services than others.

It was most encouraging to hear several members of the European community turning towards an outreach type of philosophy, asking themselves "who's not here." The Portuguese seem very concerned that their meetings have not managed to attract and retain black members or the poor. They are quite encouraged that a member with AIDS has stayed around the meetings and has offered support for a second newcomer coming through their doors who is HIV positive. In their bid for the 1991 ESC, the Swedes asked somewhat the same question. Where is Norway? Where is Denmark? Where is Finland? So, while developing N.A. fellowships within Europe are turning their attention toward organizing their local services, they also seem to be quite concerned with seeing that the hand of Narcotics Anonymous reaches out to those in Europe who have yet to find us.

In conclusion, it was a quite informative though exhausting experience. I believe that the money was well spent, both in terms of what we could offer in experience and direction of efforts, and in what we could learn of their needs. The Europeans accepted the relating of our prior experiences and minimal suggestions with much grace and eagerness. Although a few were somewhat disappointed that we did not have "the answer" and that they would have to look within themselves to work out solutions to many of their problems. The experience has certainly broadened my viewpoint of the N.A. Fellowship; the service structure (both in the United States and outside) as we see it; and where we may be headed as a truly world-wide fellowship.

I look forward to sharing more of my experience and impressions with you when I can buy you a cup of coffee. Until then, I hope this report gives you some idea of what went on at the European Service Conference and how I spent your money. God be with you until we meet again.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 89/90

INCOME

Fellowship Contributions	237,065.87		
Interest Bank of America	2,242.22		
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Total Gross Income	239,308.09	239,308.09	
Deposits Returned by Bank	-202.45		
Outside Contributions	-350.00		
Foreign Currency Return	-500.00		
For WSO/Deposited in WSC	-250.00		
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Total Returns	-1,302.45	-1,302.45	
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Net Income		238,005.64	\$238,005.64

EXPENSE

88/89 Expenses Paid 89/90	5,691.26		
Service Charges/Capital Bank	12.43		
WSC Expenses Repaid to the WSO	228,823.43		
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Total Expense	234,527.12		\$234,527.12
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Total Income Less Expense			\$3,478.52 * * *

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

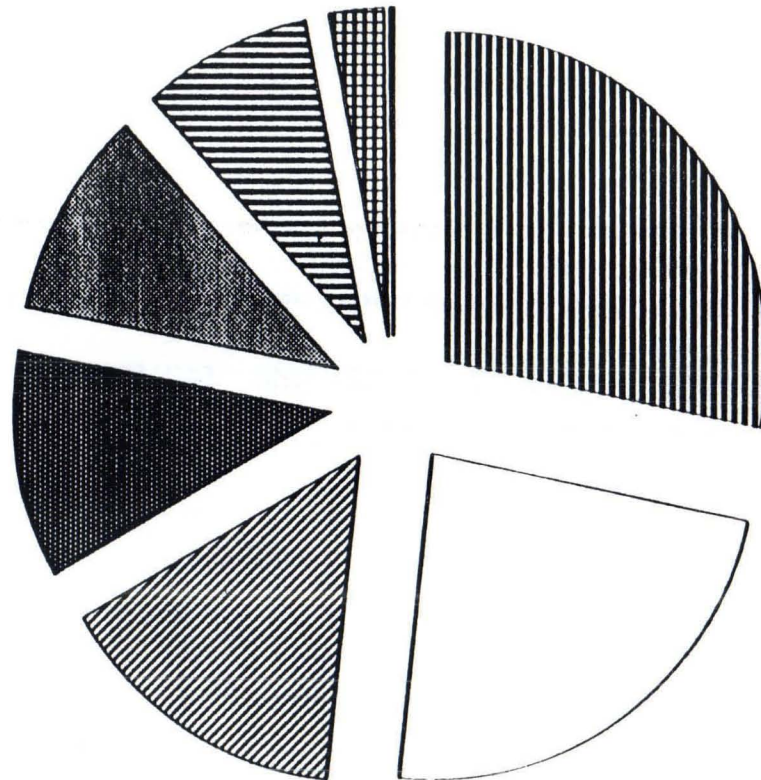
Capital Bank Balance 6/1/89	32,671.03		
Bank of America Balance 6/1/89	50,000.00		
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Total Beginning Checking Accounts	82,671.03	82,671.03	
Capital Bank Balance 5/31/90	33,907.33		
Bank of America Balance 5/31/90	52,242.22		
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Total Ending Checking Accounts	86,149.55	86,149.55	
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Net Change in Checking Accounts		3,478.52	\$3,478.52 * * *

NOTE: There is \$23,413.41 in 1989-90 Expenses to be paid as of 5/31/90

COMMITTEE	1989/1990 EXPENSES		TOTAL	% TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BUDGET ***	% TO BUDGET
	PAID 89/90	PAID 90/91				
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	64,973.60	6,938.83	\$71,912.43	28.51%	\$78,300.00	91.84%
LITERATURE COMMITTEE	56,615.47	2,402.11	\$59,017.58	23.40%	\$74,400.00	79.32%
ADMINSTRATIVE COMMITTEE	29,298.62	8,409.04	\$37,707.66	14.95%	\$56,300.00	66.98%
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	25,859.31	2,492.54	\$28,351.85	11.24%	\$31,900.00	88.88%
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON N.A. SERVICE	25,950.93	45.00	\$25,995.93	10.31%	\$16,400.00	158.51%
PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE	20,612.45	1,436.04	\$22,048.49	8.74%	\$25,600.00	86.13%
POLICY COMMITTEE	5,113.05	1,689.85	\$6,802.90	2.70%	\$8,500.00	80.03%
NON-LITERATURE TRANSLATIONS	400.00	0.00	\$400.00	0.16%	\$15,000.00	2.67%
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TOTALS	228,823.43	23,413.41	\$252,236.84	100.00%	\$306,400.00	82.32%

*** These reflect Baseline Budgets as adjusted at WSC-89. The JAC and the Administrative Committee approved adjustments during the year that appeared in reports throughout the year but did not affect the total amount approved.

WSC 89-90 BY COMMITTEE



-  BOARD OF TRUSTEES
-  LITERATURE COMMITTEE
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-  HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS
-  AD HOC COMMITTEE ON N.A. SERVICE
-  PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
-  POLICY COMMITTEE
-  NON-LITERATURE TRANSLATIONS

SOME EVENTS AND PROJECTS	1989/1990 EXPENSES		TOTAL	% TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	PAID 89/90	PAID 90/91		
INTERNATIONAL	16,556.18		\$16,556.18	6.56%
IT WORKS: STEPS	20,061.71		\$20,061.71	7.95%
IT WORKS: TRADITIONS	13,886.10	1,491.50	\$15,377.60	6.10%
GUIDE TO N.A. SERVICE	25,950.93	45.00	\$25,995.93	10.31%
GUIDE TO SERVICE: ALBUQUERQUE	23,324.95	-4.35	\$23,320.60	9.25%
JAC: MEETING	3,291.92		\$3,291.92	1.31%
WSC: NOVEMBER WORKSHOP	15,190.44		\$15,190.44	6.02%
ISOLATED GROUPS AD HOC	1,568.65	444.50	\$2,013.15	0.80%
WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE-1990	7,750.65	17,345.81	\$25,096.46	9.95%
FELLOWSHIP & AGENDA REPORTS	7,821.76		\$7,821.76	3.10%
LITERATURE STOCKPILE (H&I)	4,278.43	1,079.84	\$5,358.27	2.12%
REACHING OUT (H&I)	8,770.19		\$8,770.19	3.48%
BEHIND THE WALLS (H&I)	1,927.06		\$1,927.06	0.76%
PI/NON N.A. EVENTS	5,829.00		\$5,829.00	2.31%
PI NEWS	1,473.50		\$1,473.50	0.58%
REGIONAL: WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES	12,019.79	112.41	\$12,132.20	4.81%
OTHER	59,122.17	2,898.70	\$62,020.87	24.59%
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OVERALL TOTALS	228,823.43	23,413.41	\$252,236.84	100.00%

SOME TYPES OF EXPENSES	1989/1990 EXPENSES		TOTAL	% TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	PAID 89/90	PAID 90/91		
TRAVEL	122,121.49	4,519.00	\$126,640.49	50.21%
LODGING	39,290.16	7,283.27	\$46,573.43	18.46%
MEALS	22,100.56	2,773.14	\$24,873.70	9.86%
COPYING, POSTAGE, PHONE AND MISC.	15,782.37	2,943.70	\$18,726.07	7.42%
OTHER	29,528.85	5,894.30	\$35,423.15	14.04%
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OVERALL TOTALS	228,823.43	23,413.41	\$252,236.84	100.00%

GUIDE TO SERVICE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Over the next four months, the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service will hold six multiregional workshops on *A Guide to Service in Narcotics Anonymous* (Spring 1990 general review draft). The cities, dates, and locations appear below. All interested members are encouraged to attend these workshops. The workshops will be conducted with three purposes in mind:

Education, information--to help N.A. members become familiar with the material, so that the fellowship can make informed decisions about the *Guide*.

Discussion, input--to help the WSC Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service revise the draft material into final form.

Training for trainers--to help trusted servants at the regional and area levels prepare to conduct local workshops on the *Guide*.

Note: We can hold these workshops only if the fellowship contributes enough money for the World Service Conference to continue its work. So far this year, the conference has received far less than what's needed. If this pattern continues, the *Guide to Service* workshops may be postponed or cancelled. For more information, contact the World Service Office.

PHILADELPHIA, PA

August 24-26
Marriott at the Airport
4509 Island Avenue
(215) 365-4150

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

September 14-16
Bellevue Concourse
505 106th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA
(206) 454-5505
For lodging information, call:
Connie F.: (206) 762-9079
Jerry M.: (206) 952-5249
Walt A.: (206) 847-2306

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

October 5-7
Best Western Inn
501 Southwest Blvd.
(913) 677-3060

COLUMBUS, OHIO

September 7-9
Airport Holiday Inn
750 Stelzer Road
(614) 237-6360

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 21-23
Howard Johnson Hotel
1569 Phoenix Blvd.
(1 mi. south of Airport)
(404) 996-4321

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

October 26-28
Location to be announced.
Contact WSO for further
information:
(818) 780-3951

GUIDE TO SERVICE Completion and approval plan
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- March 1990 Spring 1990 general review draft of *Guide* was distributed, minus world service chapter
- April 1990 *World Service Conference annual meeting*--conference approved motion directing the committee to continue work on the *Guide to Service* until it is completed
- May 1990
through April 1991..... multi-regional workshops on the *Guide* and the Twelve Concepts; general review period
- April 1991 *World Service Conference annual meeting*:
approval form of Twelve Concepts to be released for twelve-month period
- May-September 1991..... continued review and comment on *Guide*;
make necessary adaptations to finish the *Guide*;
develop plan for transition to *Guide* model for national and world services
- September 1991 **approval form of A Guide to Service** to be released for eighteen-month period;
draft transition plan released for six-month review period
- April 1992 *World Service Conference annual meeting*:
approval sought for Twelve Concepts;
straw poll taken on *A Guide to Service*;
approval form of transition plan released for twelve-month review period
- April 1993 *World Service Conference annual meeting*:
approval sought for A Guide to Service and the transition plan;
if approved, both the *Guide* and the transition plan would be implemented immediately

Copies of the Spring 1990 draft of *A Guide to Service* are available from the World Service Office. Specify item #2100. The cost is \$5.00 U.S. per copy, plus shipping and handling. California orders add 6.75% sales tax.