

TACIT Resolution Proposal



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TACIT RESOLUTION

CONCERNS AND GRIEVANCES TO BE ADDRESSED AS CONSIDERATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES COMPROMISE AND RELEASE

IN THE GUIDANCE OF THE TRADITIONS AND SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:

WHEREAS, certain issues, concerns, grievances and disputes have come to the attention of concerned members, groups, areas and regions of the fellowship that are creating internal strife and promoting an on-going controversy that all agree is unhealthy to the best interest and sole purpose of Narcotics Anonymous;

WHEREAS, solely for the purpose of promoting the best interest of the fellowship and not in any manner, way or interpretation, whether directly or indirectly and specifically without implication nor admission of wrongdoing or liability, this document is being offered in the spirit of resolution to identify, promote and to achieve a fellowship conscience of the following issues stated hereafter;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire that this TACIT Resolution serve as a means to create unity and resolve differences without the necessity of expensive burdensome and contested federal legal action;

NOW THEREFORE, the concerns and grievances to be addressed as consideration for the intellectual properties compromise and release are:

1. An 18-month group conscience period wherein all conference business is suspended so that an adequate review of all current service practices of the WSO, WSB, WCC and WSC can be had by a broad fellowship open forum discussion and therefore group conscience can be conducted and received prior to further changes implemented.
2. Provide for an unedited and uncensored open forum newsletter to be freely distributed to all fellowship groups.
3. To consider and put for approval, the direct election of the WSO Board of Directors by the WSC.
4. To consider the repeal of Article XIII of the WSO Bylaws to eliminate the provision allowing the Board to

adopt amendments to the Bylaws at any special meetings and to provide that no amendments nor modifications to the Bylaws be made except upon a 75% approval of the WSO

5. To implement the motion approved in 1984 for the WSO to create and maintain archive services available to the membership at cost plus 25%.

6. To release all WSC tapes from 1976 to the present totally uncensored, including but not limited to all conferences, minutes of meetings of all bodies of the fellowship and from this date forward to tape all Fellowship business meetings with the availability to purchase the tapes or minutes thereof at actual cost plus mailing fees.

7. To provide C.P.A. standard audits of WSO, WCC and WSC finances from 1985 to the current to be released to the fellowship upon individual group written request.

8. To revise the literature sales procedure of the WSO so that the WSO maintains literature sales to outside organizations at current or slightly higher prices and to establish a new fiduciary entity to provide literature sales to the fellowship to meet the fellowship literature needs at production costs plus a minimum mark-up not exceeding 25%.

9. To place before the fellowship for group conscience the basic text and all changes, (various editions), providing line-by-line comparisons so that a comprehensive approval can be given and a basic text can be unquestionably considered the Fellowship approved basic text. Waiver of the five (5) year moratorium as required if approval of a final version is completed prior to 1993.

10. To restructure the voting of the fellowship to put into effect a group tally service structure modeled along the lines of the 1984 WSC P.I. census whereby the trusted service shall have the obligation to vote according to the regional conscience with votes to be cast democratically/one vote per each group in the region.

11. To eliminate the JAC and/or to remove the JAC's ability to make motions.

12. To allow members of the fellowship, through their groups and groups conscience to write and develop literature projects without interference or threats of legal action, which literature projects can be offered for approval as world literature distribution under NA literature trust copyright. Otherwise said literature can be freely distributed for group, area or regional use and benefit under the guidance and compliance with the Twelve Traditions. In the event of no action taken to publish on the part of WSCLC/WSO, the ownership of the literature shall

revert to the author after a period of two (2) years with a full release of any WSO claim to ownership.

13. To provide upon written request the current addresses for all trusted servants.

14. To move the WSO headquarters to a central location in the United States to avail the fellowship with greater access opportunity as well as to provide for a more economical and financially feasible distribution of literature as well as travel expense associated with all world functions.

15. To conduct world business only upon RSR vote and therefore to eliminate the trustee and committee chair and administration voting, resulting in the return to true group conscience.

16. To suspend efforts to unify the WSB/WSO Boards, as it may be determined threatening to a necessary checks and balance system.

17. To discontinue efforts to unify the budget unless adequate audit and finance committee review procedures are instituted, committee to be comprised of 2/3rds RSR's elected by WSC.

18. To provide a full apology from the WSO and the WSB for promoting the controversy concerning the alleged illegal literature publication and distribution.

19. To cease and desist all legal actions against members and provide full releases.

20. To provide an apology to all groups for statements made by the speaker at the WCC NA conference and cease and desist further distribution of all recordings of the speech.

21. Obtain an independent written legal opinion from non-biased legal counsel on the fiduciary relationships and ownerships of physical and intellectual properties of Narcotics Anonymous available to all registered groups.

22. Create a charitable trust in perpetuity in which the benefits totally and truly accrue to the membership of Narcotic Anonymous with strict guidelines for adherence in respect to the percentage of funds from all literature sales to be returned to promote the basis purpose of the fellowship, our fifth tradition.

23. All world business travel shall be recorded and made available by monthly published document setting forth whom, what, where and for what reason such travel is deemed necessary.

24. World shall use all due diligence to book all flights and travel arrangements at the cheapest advanced rate with all travel to be booked by the World Travel Department, and with all frequent flyers miles to accrue to the benefit of the WSC.

25. Provide video and/or telephone conferencing, fax machine usage and modem use wherever possible to conduct world business rather than concentrated group meetings only.

26. All WCC/WSO merchandising profits shall revert to the fellowship to be used in the charitable trust.

27. Change the WSC annual meeting to the East Coast or at least alternate every other year.

28. Access to the press. Differing viewpoints must be heard. As it stands they are not being represented by the WSO. Access must be provided to the Newline and/or Fellowship Report mailing addresses. An un-edited/un-censored mailing will be sent out by the WSO to these addresses. This mailing will contain opinions, ideas and information from Fellowship members, committees, and services bodies who are not being represented by our world service and whose voice is not being heard by the Fellowship at large.

29. Already, information of this kind as been sent out through other channels and experience shows there are enough members, servants and committees interested in hearing all viewpoints to warrant this kind of mailing. If the WSO and WSC is truly interested in fully serving the Fellowship, then full access to differing viewpoints and opinions is a desirable end for all of us.

30. Fellowship-wide access to a complete, independent audit of the WSO including salaries of all paid workers. If an individual owns stock in a corporation, this kind of information is routinely provided. Each member of NA is like a stockholder in the business of NA and as such deserves access to our fiscal information.

31. The Fellowship Team Approach. Organize and implement an alternative draft of It Works: How and Why. Teams of volunteer addicts will gather at literature workshops to complete the draft. The cost to world services would be minimal. The workshops will be hosted by various regional or area lit committees. The WSO or WSC will primarily be called upon to disseminate information about the workshops. The final result, two drafts of It Works, will provide the Fellowship with a choice; between NA literature written by paid staff team writers and NA literature written by addicts at workshops.

32. Adjust literature prices internationally to reflect the resources of members in difference countries.

33. Issues of racism, classism, and sexism must be addressed in our service structure. Our structure must more accurately reflect the diversity of our membership.

34. In response to the 43% drop in donations to the WSC, the Conference will distribute a questionnaire to the fellowship asking things such as: What do you want from the WSC? Does your region feel it is being served by the WSC? If not, why?

35. To hire independent tax/corporate attorneys to work with a joint committee. (Structure to be discussed). To look into the "corporate structures" of NA and to access whether WSO/WCC should be for profit and WSC/RSC's should be non-profit for greater tax and charitable benefit to the fellowship.

36. To forbid interested Board of Director members of WSO/WCC, pursuant to Article 6.04 Section 3.

37. To allow inspection pursuant to Article 9.03 to any RSC or ASC when signed request is made by chair and RSR and ALT.

38. To have finance committee approve all WSO, WCC and WSC Board of Director and employee travel.

39. That paid workers never take the place of volunteers in their respective catagories, as we do not pay for Twelfth Step work.