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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

My name is Ted Curry and I am an addict. I am a member of the "Against All Odds" Group in Daytona Beach. By the grace of God, I will have 10 years clean time on January 19th. I am the newly elected Area Service Representative of the Daytona Area.

What I am about to say comes from a personal perspective, and only reflects Area Conscience to the extent that might be suggested by the fact that, after presenting these views at the opening of our last ASC, I was elected as ASR by a vote of 19 pro, 3 con, and 2 abstentions.

The points I am addressing in this 3 minute presentation are: fiduciary accountability, fiscal responsibility, adherence to traditions, and copyright ownership. These are heated, emotional issues with legal ramifications that can only be finally decided by full due process in State and Federal courts.

This room, however, is the forum for presentation of words from trusted servants and the group conscience of individual members of Narcotics Anonymous.

I am not now, nor have I ever been, engaged in the sale or distribution of the so called "Baby Blue" Basic Text. I am, however, philosophically aligned with duplication of N.A. literature by N.A. members as a viable option until questions of fiduciary accountability and fiscal responsibility are resolved between World Service Office, Inc. and the groups of N.A. I do, at this time, feel that the copyright for N.A. literature belongs to the spiritual fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. I am, at this time, of the opinion that World Service Office, Inc. has been fiduciarily unaccountable. This accounting could have been sent to each Area or each trusted servant at less expense than that incurred by the "justification" mailing I have received lately.

I have asked W.S.O. by phone on November 30th and was promised (by an administrative assistant of support services) a 1989 audit, but it never arrived, despite his assurance that it would be mailed that afternoon.

I do, at this time, suspect that World Service Office, Inc. may be financially irresponsible. I have heard so many accusations from within the Fellowship, and have received so many communications from the World that included no sufficient answer to questions raised, that I am left unsatisfied.

I have for some time thought that sometimes the Area, often the Region, and usually the World are not directly responsible to those they serve and are therefore in violation of Tradition 9, and function in a governing capacity in violation of Tradition 2. Stuart Tooredman, Acting Director of W.S.O., Inc. has sworn in Federal Court that the "Fellowship's decision-making body is the World Service Conference." Clearly they have placed World at the top of the service structure, not the bottom as intended by the Traditions. They serve us according to what they determine our needs are rather than what we think our needs are.

Our zeal for expediency and organization must not override our most fundamental premises. The unity of the spiritual fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous depends upon our success at this level, in either negotiating with this corporation in California, or replacing it.

Our goal is to return the power in the service structure to the Fellowship. Our goal is to restructure the World Service Office, Inc. so that they are not a decision making body but are directly responsible to the Fellowship.

Our basic tenants are:

1. All decisions should be made by group conscience going through Area to Region to World.
2. The World Service Office, Inc. should have no decision making ability.
3. The 12 Concepts of Service should be abolished.
4. The Joint Administration Committee and the Board of Trustees should be abolished and not replaced.