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REPORT TO 1983 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
FROM : W.S.C. SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER... PUBLISHING OF THE
MONTHLY MAGAZINE ON RECOVERY FROM THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION
THE N.A. WAY"

In the spring of 1982 the chairman of the '82 WSC received this input for our annual world service conference; "That the WSC form a new sub-committee to administer the publishing of a monthly magazine on recovery from the disease of addiction the N.A. way." This idea was published as part of the agenda for the 1982 conference and distributed to the N.A. Fellowship for a group conscience. The Groups, areas, and regions of N.A. voted on this idea and when the motion was brought to the floor of the 1982 conference in its original form it passed. Our WSC had its first new sub-committee since its formation.

Three members were nominated to chair this new sub-committee and in the spirit of innovation all three were appointed to serve as the committee and select a chairman among themselves.

We held our first two meetings at the '82 WSC and immediately after, planning to accomplish our directive; to produce and distribute a Fellowship-wide N.A. recovery magazine on a monthly basis.

The first issue of your magazine, The N.A. Way, was prepared in July from articles compiled from existing local newsletters and a few "new" articles. It was produced as the September issue and distributed primarily at WCNA-12 in Milwaukee. Many members purchased single copies and subscribed. The co-chairperson who sold these single copies and subscriptions then effectively resigned and this subcommittee has never seen either the subscription list or money.

It became obvious by late October to the editorial committee that both of the other co-chairpeople had effectively resigned and if N.A. was to have a recovery magazine it was our responsibility to do it. We went on as best we could without our subscription list or money. Every attempt we made to include the other co-chairpeople in this sub-committee failed.

A few "very influential" N.A. members decided that the N.A. Way was a "private enterprise". Their enthusiastic, but mis-guided support resulted in a great deal of misunderstanding and controversy. This sub-committee felt that a loving Ultimate Authority had spoken through the Group Conscience expressed at WSC 82. As a sub-committee we decided to continue serving N.A. to the best of our ability by: "administering the publication of a monthly magazine on recovery...". The N.A. Way is an N.A. Fellowship project sharing members' experience in recovery from addiction through a sub-committee of our W.S.C.. The N.A. Way magazine is NOT a private enterprise. The N.A. Way magazine is a non-profit SERVICE, DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE to Narcotics Anonymous.

More members subscribe every day. Today there are near 300 subscribers from over thirty states in the U.S., two Canadian Provinces, Australia, England, and New Zealand. Several members and lit. committees are bulk distributors. New subscriptions and single copy sales have provided just enough money to produce and distribute each monthly issue.

We have as a WSC sub-committee compiled a set of guideline proposals from Fellowship suggestions. These guideline proposals and a copy of our Feb. issue were distributed to the NA Fellowship through the best mailing list available to us. Each active member of this sub-committee has expressed

GRATITUDE for the growth experience of participating in the process of : writing for, seeking Group Conscience on appropriateness of articles submitted, editing, producing and distributing the N.A. Way magazine. Our active sub-committee members come from more than 12 different states and three foreign countries. We believe active participation in this sub-committee requires maturity of leadership, dedication, commitment, and follow-through by all members and that this participation enhances our personal recovery. Our painful experience with the lost subscription list and money leads us to suggest that no single member be forced into such a position of sole responsibility. The entire Fellowship suffers disunity, disillusionment, and confusion when service committees place individuals in positions that allow their addiction to use such lists and monies as instruments of manipulation and control.

Despite all of our difficulties and growing pains we have achieved our goal as a sub-committee. Eight monthly issues have been produced and distributed since September and the ninth will be out in May. We feel that the quality of recovery shared, improves every month.

We believe that Narcotics Anonymous can grow up. We feel that this sub-committee is demonstrating just how effective our World Services all can be if we remain Directly Responsible to those we serve. We believe that the will of our Ultimate Authority is stronger than the self-will of well intentioned but unrepresentative members no matter how powerful or influential they perceive themselves to be.

Narcotics Anonymous now has a Fellowship-wide monthly journal of recovery; a meeting in print that can help us carry our message all over the world. The success of this Fellowship project is dependent on us the Trusted Servants of N.A.. YOUR MAGAZINE needs subscribers and bulk distributors. Are you willing to help? We have the very best recovery magazine anywhere, ...will you help it continue?

We as a sub-committee, with the help of God, have achieved our simple but demanding directive: "to administer the publishing of a monthly magazine on recovery from the disease of addiction the N.A. Way". Your representative response to the guideline proposals we distributed to the Fellowship will provide the necessary guidance for the N.A. Way magazine to continue as a project of N.A. as a whole.

.....BALANCE SHEET : FINANCIAL SUMMARY

.....IMPORTANT QUESTION # 1 ... see roman numeral #11. Guideline Proposals
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W.S.C. SUB COMMITTEE FORMED TO: "ADMINISTER THE PUBLISHING
OF A MONTHLY MAGAZINE ON RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION THE NA WAY"

. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Balance Sheet

INCOME

Subscriptions (accounted alone).....	\$1332.00
Single copies	604.50
Donations	132.35
Subscriptions & Single Copies(acc'd together)	564.50
	Total...\$2633.35

EXPENSES

Printing.....	\$1334.61
Postage	451.63
Phone	593.09
Office Supplies	152.44
P.O. Box	20.00
Miscellaneous.....	77.57
	Total...\$2639.34

Balance...\$-5.99

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (approximate)

Printing.....	\$1216.75
Postge	63.35
Phone	155.29
	Total \$1435.39

ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLE (approximate)

Total \$1536.00

INVENTORY VALUE (Minimum figures)

Range...\$885.00--\$1327.00

... see attached sheets for details

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