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Dear Trusted Servant,

I have heard a lot of things about the WSC requesting the areas to put on fund-raising events for some needed money for WSC to carry out it's mission. I have a problem with fund-raising events in the first place since we are here to carry the message of recovery to the suffering addicts. I believe these events do have a place in recovery, but I don't think the monies generated from these affairs should be used to carry the message in a general sense. Here in Ct. the average price "contribution/donation" is about \$5.00. A lot of us got here with the clothes we were wearing and not much else, maybe alot of false pride. I know when I got here I could not have asked to attend a dance or any other event when the asking donation was \$5.00 if I didn't have it. I, today, don't think I am or was that much different than anyone else that comes into the program. I feel in keeping with the spirit of self-help and non-profit we should take these monies that are generated from these events and try to lower the overall cost of them. The WSC was also asking for the proceeds from these fund-raisers to be sent directly to WSC. Why is WSC asking us to contribute as an area or group directly to them? According to the TEMPORARY WORKING GUIDE TO THE SERVICE STRUCTURE the group is supposed to contribute to the area after it's own needs are taken care of. The area in turn takes what it needs to operate on and then gives the remainder to the region. When the region has met it's financial obligations, it then gives the remainder to the WSC. Are we writing out directions, that the fellowship approves, and then not following them? When we start changing the Temporary Working guide to the Service Strusture without group conscience and fellowship approval we are in violation of the second tradition, "For our Group purposes there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group conscience, our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern."

Also, in the R.S.R. report of the Mid-Atlantic Region minutes dated 4/23/84 it says, "The WSC for 1985 will need a lot of money. The reasons: Our seventh tradition is to be followed by paying our service workers for expences on the world level. Also because of all of the service conferences to be put on this year." In the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure it gives suggested qualifications for the area and region service workers. One of these requirements is the resources to carry out the job. All areas and regions that I know of have this requirement because they are trying to work within these guidelines as laid out in the Service Structure. If they can pay these servants they try to reimburse

these people. It is not in the manual for the servants at the world level, but I feel it is implied since the requirements for all levels of service build on each other. For us to say that we will pay all expences for these people I believe is a violation of the eighth tradition. How I think this is a violation is my job requires a lot of travel. I get paid for that. When we promise to pay up front we can incur a lot of unnecessary and unplanned expences. The eighth tradition states, "Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers." I don't feel being a trusted worker falls into the category of special worker. We don't have professional GSR's, ASR's, RSR's, or any of the other positions in service.

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