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70-30 Plan, charter, by-laws approved at conference

65 delegates attend World Service Meeting in Marina Del Rey, CA

By Jim G.
Editor

The 70-30 donation plan, a conference charter, by-laws for the C.A. World Service Organization and New York as the site of the 1989 convention were approved at November's World Service Conference in Marina del Rey, CA.

Some 65 delegates from across the country attended the three-day session at the Marina International Hotel. The actual votes numbered 80 as some delegates carried more than one vote from their home areas. Each vote represents about 10 meetings.

The 70-30 plan, approved with little debate, suggests that meetings donate 70 percent of their after-expense money to their areas and 30 percent to the World Service Office. It also suggests that areas keep 70 percent of their money for local work and donate 30 percent to the World Service Office.

There was some discussion that the plan should be 30-60-10 with 10 percent going to area Hospitals and Institutions committees. The final vote reflected the feeling that some areas did not have H&I committees and that H&I funds should be provided through the local areas at whatever rate they decide.

The charter, which sets up how the conference will operate, its authority and how delegates will be elected,

The Chair's Corner will not appear in this issue of The NewsGram so we can devote more space to coverage of the Fourth World Service Conference.

among other things, was passed unanimously by the delegates.

The by-laws, according to Ray G. of Riverside, CA, chairman of the board of trustees, are needed legally to set up the corporation that protects the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of C.A.

The biggest debate of the conference was over the selection of a site for the 1989 convention. Phoenix bid for the convention to be held in Scottsdale, AZ, and the delegates from New York and Connecticut bid for New York City.

The first vote gave the convention to Phoenix, but a reconsideration was called for and, after considerable debate, New York won handily. The delegates felt that a convention in the East would help growth of the fellowship there.

The dates for the convention have not yet been selected but it probably will be over either the Memorial Day or Independence Day weekends.

It was announced that planning for the Chicago convention on the July 4 weekend this year is well under way. Brochures have been printed and will be available soon to all areas and the conference passed a resolution providing \$5,000 in seed money to the convention committee.

The conference also passed resolutions to provide literature to all H&I committees at cost and to set guidelines for C.A. donations.

Literature previously has been sold to H&I committees for the same price as to areas.

The guidelines call for a limit of \$2,500 for annual individual contributions to C.A. and the same limit for bequests. The conference also passed a resolution urging local areas to donate 50 percent of the net profits of any event grossing

more than \$1,000 to the World Service Office.

Other motions passed at the conference:

-- Approved nine public service announcements for print and broadcast media.

-- Approved a logo sign for podiums at meetings and the same sign, with the words "Meeting Here," for posting outside meetings. Also approved were C.A. logo stickers and banners of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. The posters, stickers and banners will be available soon for purchase through the WSO.

-- Announced that the board of trustees has decided the conference has the authority to approve new literature.

-- Set the dates of the next World Service Conference for 9 a.m. Aug. 11 to 1 p.m. Aug. 14, 1988 at a site within 50 miles of the World Service Office in Culver City. The conference was expanded from two days to three-and-a-half so more business could be accomplished.

-- Adopted "Robert's Rules of Order" as the official guideline for running the conference.

-- Approved a suggestion that local areas hold benefits to help defray the costs of the World Service Conference.

-- Abolished the World Directory Committee of the conference and transferred its duties to the WSO. It also was urged that the secretaries of each area send their meeting directories to the WSO each time a new one is printed. The deadline for the next World Directory is June 1, 1988.

-- Approved a motion that terms for conference officers be two conferences.

A good part of the weekend was spent in committee work and most committees will continue to meet between conferences.

2nd Concept gives conference authority to act

By Margie G.
Staff Writer

The question arose at the World Service Conference in Marina del Rey in November: Does this conference act for the fellowship as a whole?

The question was raised over conference approval for new meeting formats and other literature from the Chips, Literature and Formats Committee and was turned over to the Board of Trustees for resolution.

The trustees, who are the guardians of the Traditions and the Concepts, upheld the principle behind Concept Two and said the conference is empowered to act for the fellowship.

The issue was decided and a precedent was set. The formats and other literature would not have to go back to the groups for approval, then return once again to the next conference.

The Second Concept states: "The C.A. Groups delegate to the World Service Conference the complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby make the conference, excepting for any changes in the Twelve Traditions, the actual voice and the effective conscience of our whole fellowship."

"This concept essentially gives the conference the active voice," said Trustee Reggie L. of Los Angeles.

While the groups retain the supreme and final authority, it is necessary for the conference to act as the active voice and effective conscience of the fellowship. This simply means that the conference is the only practical way to get the work

done with groups spread across the country -- and soon the world.

The Second Concept is based on Tradition Two and the principle of leaders as "trusted servants." The delegates, whose very title states their function, are the trusted servants of delegated responsibility and authority.

"The whole idea is delegation of responsibility," Reggie said. "We do so through those chosen representatives that we refer to as 'trusted servants.' They are completely empowered to speak and to act for the groups.

"As trusted servants, the Board of Trustees, the WSO officers, and the delegates should be selected with the utmost care and should not be chosen with any degree of frivolity. It is my opinion that the delegate is the single most important representative of group conscience. It is a solemn responsibility."



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Themes follow Steps

Since the Second Annual World Service Convention, the themes have followed the 12 Steps of Recovery.

At the first convention, in Santa Barbara, CA, in 1985, the theme was "Serenity, Unity, Acceptance."

Beginning in 1986, however, the themes have followed the steps, in order. The first was the convention in San Diego, CA, which used "Celebration of

Freedom" as a theme based on the First Step.

This year's convention, over the July 4 weekend in San Francisco, used "Out of the Fog" as the theme based on the Second Step.

The theme for next year's convention in Chicago is "Under New Management," relating to the Third Step.

Information Numbers

Canada	(416)445-3896	Illinois	(312)278-7444
Alabama	(205)869-0779	Kansas	(316)264-3066
Arizona		Massachusetts	(617)581-5600
Phoenix	(602)279-3838	Nebraska	(402)556-2126
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Northern California		New Mexico	(505)984-9207
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Sonoma County	(707)578-4160	Pennsylvania	(215)270-3036
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Southern California		Texas	
Los Angeles	(213)839-1141	Houston	(713)668-6822
San Fernando Valley	(818)988-1777	Austin	(512)397-6700
San Gabriel Valley	(818)447-2887	Utah	(801)266-1793
Inland Empire	(714)369-8220	Washington	(206)722-6117
Orange County	(714)650-1011	Wisconsin	(414)257-1510
San Diego	(619)268-9109		
Santa Barbara	(805)969-5178		
Colorado	(303)650-8989		
Georgia	(404)255-7787		

(Please submit any information on new meetings or hotline numbers to the CAWSO, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.)

Signs, PSAs, stickers approved at conference

Items available soon from WSO, says P.I. committee chair

By Margie G.
Staff Writer

Podium and meeting signs, nine public service announcements and round logo stickers proposed by the Public Information Committee were approved at the World Service Conference.

The podium and meeting signs will show the C.A. logo and be for sale through the World Service Office for those who wish to use them. The logo stickers will be approximately two inches in diameter and contain the message of "Hope, faith, courage."

"The stickers will be the hot new item of the year," said Bob G. of Los Angeles, the newly elected chair of the committee.

Of the nine PSAs for use on radio, one will be aimed at adolescents:

"If you started using crack with your friends and now you are the one who

can't stop...there is help. Call Cocaine Anonymous. It's confidential and it's free."

Another will be aimed at previous members:

"If you are powerless over your need for cocaine and your life is unmanageable...there is help. Call Cocaine Anonymous."

The PI committee's purpose is to get the message to the addict who still suffers, always guarding the spiritual principle of anonymity especially in relation to the public-at-large and the media.

Further, it is the committee's goal to offer the C.A. message freely to anyone interested in the disease of addiction because this is how sober members received the message -- freely.

"The P.I. Committee is interested in informing any of the general public who is interested in the disease," Bob said, "and also in reaching the 'third person' -- the one who works with the addict in a professional capacity.

"Both Jennifer (R. of Yonkers, NY, a trustee) and I stay in contact with A.A. public information a lot. They've been wonderful. We feel we're carrying the

message in the broadest spectrum of the 12th Step."

In addition, four sub-committees were formed, which will:

-- Write a public information workbook as the fellowship is now using the workbook written by A.A. Brian N. of Monrovia, CA, is the chair.

-- Write a pamphlet on how to start a C.A. meeting within the guidelines of the Traditions. This pamphlet will be used in institutions, which wish to start open meetings. The chair is Burt R. of New York.

-- Write a national telephone hotline guide. Lisa F. of San Francisco is chairing this committee.

-- Write a guide establishing convention guidelines in relation to public information, mostly press relations. Gradie P. of Chicago is chair.

-- Write a pamphlet on guidelines for speaking at meetings other than C.A. Scott B. of Kenneson, GA, is chair.

Communication and unity were the goals of the committee at the conference.

A lot of work was accomplished by the committee at the conference, Bob said.

Work begun on formats, pamphlets by committee

Banners of Steps, Traditions approved at conference

By Jim G.
Editor

Although only the resolution to produce banners of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions for meetings was passed out of the Chips, Literature and Formats Committee, preliminary work was begun in a number of areas.

Initial drafts of new formats for participation, speaker and step study meetings were written, and assignments were made for the writing of several new pamphlets hopefully before the next conference in August.

Chairman Allan S. of Santa Fe, NM, told the delegates that he hoped to have drafts of pamphlets on "To the Newcomer," "Sponsorship," "Tools and Techniques," "The First 30 Days," and "A

Power Greater Than Ourselves" ready by the next conference. He also hopes the committee will begin work soon on pamphlets on working the Fourth Step and possibly a manual for C.A., which would include stories.

A pamphlet on introduction to service work in hospitals and institutions was given to the committee for review and editing by the H&I Committee.

Allan said the chip situation seems to be in good shape with the World Service Office delivering orders in a timely fashion.

He also said he hopes standardized formats will be approved at the next conference. "These will be the formats that will go out in newcomer kits and copies of which will be sent to all meetings as suggested formats," he said.

The committee elected Steve F. of Woodland Hills, CA, as the vice chairman and divided into three subcommittees. Carla A. from Los Angeles will chair the format subcommittee, Craig H. of Chicago will chair the pamphlet sub-

committee and Sam T. from Los Angeles will chair the chips and logos subcommittee.

The committee will meet again on the weekend of Jan. 29-31 in the Los Angeles area. All interested members of the fellowship are invited to attend.

Allan said that a letter will go out soon asking members of the fellowship to consider writing their stories for inclusion in a book of stories. He also said that all literature to be brought before the conference will be mailed to delegates beforehand.

Mark Your Calendars!

4th WSO Convention

July 1-4

Chicago, IL

Conference charter, by-laws passed by delegates in November

By Lisa O.
Staff Writer

A conference charter and by-laws for the World Service Organization were passed out of the Structure and By-Laws Committee and ratified at November's World Service Conference.

The documents are needed to legally set up the World Service Organization corporation and to give structure to the Board of Trustees and the conference.

The charter is the most important of the two measures. It sets up the structure for how the conference will be run and what its powers will be, as well as the powers of the Board of Trustees.

The most important items in the charter are:

-- That any conference action that passes with at least a two-thirds vote is binding on the Board of Trustees, although those votes should not impair the conduct of routine business. Also that a three-fourths vote of the conference can bring about the reorganization of the Board of Trustees.

-- That delegate elections should be held by area GSOs at least 120 days

before the next conference. Delegates should be elected to two-year terms but, in the first year, half the delegates may be elected to three-year terms to create rotating panels of delegates.

-- That the conference must meet at least once a year but special meetings may be called. The conference will always be held within a 50-mile radius of the WSO.

-- That the Board of Trustees will elect its own successors, who are confirmed by the conference. Also that any changes to the by-laws or charter of the Board of Trustees must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the conference.

-- That the conference should decide what questions should be taken to the group level.

The by-laws chiefly are needed for legal reasons to set up the corporation that protects the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service for C.A.

The charter, however, sets up the structure for future conferences and a standard procedure for the election of delegates.

It will be in effect for the next conference, Aug. 11-14.

Meeting count

There are now more than 775 meetings worldwide in Cocaine Anonymous. Following is a list of meetings by state and country in 1985, 1986 and 1987

	1987	1986	1985
Alabama	8	3	--
Alaska	3	3	--
Arizona	38	19	4
California	326	221	108
Colorado	8	3	--
Connecticut	25	17	4
Dist. Columbia	10	1	1
Deleware	2	--	--
Florida	23	8	--
Georgia	31	7	7
Hawaii	4	4	1
Illinois	56	28	13
Indiana	2	--	--
Kansas	7	2	--
Louisiana	3	--	--
Maine	1	--	--
Massachusetts	8	3	--
Michigan	28	10	--
Missouri	4	--	--
Nebraska	1	--	--
Nevada	6	2	2
New Hampshire	2	1	--
New Jersey	6	3	3
New Mexico	4	2	--
New York	33	15	8
Ohio	8	7	1
Oregon	8	5	--
Pennsylvania	5	--	--
Tennessee	13	9	2
Texas	38	20	5
Utah	5	--	--
Virginia	2	2	1
Washington	31	10	3
Wisconsin	18	13	4
Canada	11	7	--
TOTAL	776	425	167

These figures are the best available. If you have corrections, please send them to the C.A. World Services Office, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.

1987-88 WSO budget approved

The 1987-88 World Services budget was approved at the conference in Marina del Rey, CA. It calls for \$110,200 in income and \$110,040 in expenses for the year.

Broken down, it looks like this:

-- Income, \$72,000 from chip sales, \$3,600 from literature sales, \$21,600 from donations and \$13,000 from events.

-- Expenses, \$30,815 for conference committees (\$750 for Structure and By-Laws, \$750 for Literature, Chips and Format, \$500 for Finance, \$350 for Hospitals and Institutions, \$2,365 for Public In-

formation, \$10,000 for Conference, and \$16,100 for the Board of Trustees), \$36,000 for chip purchases, \$1,500 for literature purchases, \$8,500 for printing and photocopies, \$3,800 for postage, \$3,600 for rent, \$2,000 for phones, \$250 for electricity, \$17,375 for office salaries, \$1,200 for office supplies, \$1,500 for stationary, and \$3,500 for professional services.

This figures out to projected revenue above profits of \$160.

Calendar of Events

Arizona

Second Annual Arizona State Convention, April 8-10, 1988, Scottsdale Safari Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ. For further information, write Arizona State Convention, P.O. Box 54206, Phoenix, AZ, 85078.

California

Fifth World Service Conference, Aug. 11-14, 1988, within 50 miles of World Service Office. Details will be announced at a later date.

Illinois

Fourth Annual World Service Convention, July 1-4, 1988, Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, IL. For further information, call Debbie B. (312/334-5620) or Steve B. (312/541-3212) or write C.A. World Service Convention, P.O. Box 14518, Chicago, IL 60614.

Please send any announcements of upcoming events for your region to "News-Gram," P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.

NewsLines

The trustees of C.A. have been hard at work protecting the name and logo of the fellowship.

There have been several instances of misuse of the name and trustees have been successful in stopping these actions.

"This is a very important item for us," said Ray G. of Riverside, CA, chairman of the board. "We need to protect our name to protect the integrity of the fellowship."