

DRAFT MINUTES
WSC H&I COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 1989
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Session 1, Friday, 11-3-89 6:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was opened by WSC H&I Chairperson, Barbara J., with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and reading of the Twelve Traditions of N.A.

Voting members present

David B.
Pete C. (Vice-Chairperson)
John E.
Ivan F.
Patty H.
Dave H.
Barbara J. (Chairperson)
Joe K.
Bean L.
Diana L.
Stuart S.
Fred S.
Rudy S.

(TOTAL - 13)

Pool members present

John C.
Rich C.
Steve F.
Laura J.
Shemus Mc.
Jean M.
Jill O.
Jay R.
Timmy S.
Dale S.
Dick H. (new member)
Michael P. (new member)

(TOTAL - 12)

Also present was Steve L., WSO Staff.

2. Jean M. was appointed acting secretary, by Barbara J.
3. Approval of April Minutes - discussion ensued regarding the following: The letter to the Fellowship regarding the Handbook is to be included as an addendum to the minutes; and, Rudy noted that his name was not listed as a member of the Starter Kit Ad Hoc Committee.

M/S/C to approve the April Minutes with the above mentioned amendments.

4. Committee Membership:

- a. M/S/C/ to reaffirm Donald F.
- b. M/S/F to reaffirm Diana L. She was placed on recently active list.
- c. M/S/C to accept John H. into voting membership.
- d. M/S/C to accept Dale S. into voting membership.
- e. M/S/C/ to remove Valerie A. from pool.
- f. M/S/C/ to remove Doug M. from pool.
- g. The Committee received a resignation letter from Randy J. He is also placed on recently active list. Tom C. resigned from pool. John S. wishes to remain in pool although he is eligible for voting membership because of distance.

5. Open Forum:

- a. *Oregon Men's Prison has independent meeting and is looking for paid N.A. coordinator. Some suggestions were to support the meeting by helping them communicate with the fellowship. Have H&I and P.I. go talk to the administration. Make sure they know where to obtain literature; bring them some literature and meeting lists, as well as a Handbook. Start an Outreach subcommittee to help. Communication seems to be the key.*
 - b. *Men with men and women with women was discussed (again!) One comment made was that if it's not practical, it's not spiritual. We are members of the committee, and even if we don't agree with everything, we need to follow the guidelines. The collective experience of the Fellowship wrote those guidelines.*
 - c. *Stuart S. needs a skit describing a regional or WSC H&I committee meeting.*
 - d. *At this point there was some discussion regarding the need for maintaining our members' anonymity in those instances where they have committed something that is detrimental to the credibility of the Fellowship. The "janitor clause"--what would you do in such a situation if it was not a member of the Fellowship?--was mentioned.*
 - e. *Tips for generating addict power: ASC and RSC learning days; use WSC H&I speakers; dinners and dances; fundraisers, awareness raisers, t-shirts, sign up sheets; announce at every group, where panel leaders are needed. Announce where ASC H&I and RSC H&I subcommittees meet. Don't dope-fiend. Use group representative system. Encourage sponsorees to participate in H&I. Share about H&I at every group attended. Encourage people with a clear N.A. message to get involved in carrying the message inside institutions.*
6. *The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. with a circle, reading Just for Today and the Serenity Prayer.*
 7. *Behind the Walls, Tape Scripts and Starter Kit ad hocs met individually after committee meeting.*

Session 2, Saturday, 11-4-89 9:00 a.m.

8. Meeting was opened by WSC H&I Chairperson, Barbara J. with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and reading the Twelve Traditions of N.A.

Voting members present

David B.
 Pete C. (Vice-Chairperson)
 John E.
 Ivan F.
 Patty H.
 Dave H.
 Barbara J. (Chairperson)
 Joe K.
 Bean L.
 Stuart S.
 Fred S.
 Rudy S.
 Dale S.

(TOTAL - 13)

Pool members present

John C.
 Rich C.
 Steve F.
 Laura J.
 Shemus Mc.
 Jean M.
 Jill O.
 Jay R.
 Timmy S.
 Dick H. (new member)
 Michael P. (new member)

(TOTAL - 11)

Also present were Reuben F., WSC 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Steve L., WSO Staff.

9. Chairperson gave an explanation of who was eligible to share - committee voting and nominee pool members only.

10. **Ad Hoc Committee reports:**

a. **Starter Kit**

1. Rudy S. reporting for Mary H. Discussed why Starter Kit input is needed. H&I Starter Kit is on hold, so we're inputting this to the WSC Literature project on I.P. #18 (Starter Kit). The insert was passed out and everyone agreed it needed only to be polished up.
2. M/S/C to table until Sunday morning.

b. **Reaching Out**

1. Patty H. reported that we need to discuss possible format changes, including having two separate newsletters, one for members in institutions and one for H&I subcommittees. Also discussed using a section on upcoming events as the N.A. Way Magazine does. Reaching Out needs constant input from ASC and RSC H&I subcommittees.
2. M/S/C to have format of Reaching Out include a calendar section of upcoming H&I events, with no personal phone numbers or addresses included.

c. **Tape scripts**

1. Ivan F. reported that they are concentrating on treatment tape script, because that was the only one they received input on. They are taping that once again. May want to use professionals (from within the fellowship?) for the final tape.

d. Guidelines

1. Dave B. reported that work is still needed on proxy voting, and pool members needing to be reaffirmed every two years by their RSC. Another item to consider is their receiving first consideration when there's an opening on WSC H&I committee voting membership. Dave passed out guidelines that were edited for grammar and mechanics by Steve L. of the WSO at the request of the Committee in April.
2. M/S/C to accept revised guidelines.
3. Learning day report forms are working out well using two forms - one for WSC H&I member and one for ASC and RSC H&I subcommittee who are hosting. Discussion ensued regarding who is to receive the copy from the host committee.
 - a. M/S/F/ to send all reports to whomever they are about.
 - b. M/S/C to let Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and attending member have a copy of report.

4. At this point there was discussion regarding the nomination procedures for Committee chair and vice-chair.

M/S/C all nominees for Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson will leave the room during the vote for their position.

5. Instead of having lengthy discussions at this point regarding the guidelines, Barbara asked the whole Committee to be involved with the Guidelines project by providing input.
 - a. M/S/C all WSC H&I members will participate in input to guidelines.
6. Letter sent out with Handbook will state that if the recipient wishes to have an updated copy of WSC H&I Committee guidelines, they are available from the WSO.
 - a. M/S/C (This will be included in the next printing and with Fellowship Report.)

- e. Irish Fellowship letter needs to be worked on ASAP.

- f. Behind the Walls: Stuart S. reporting. Dick and Shemus did a read-through; committee made comments regarding the draft for consideration to ad hoc. Editing for verb tense still needed to be done. Keep the first two sections in past tense and use present tense for the rest. Introduction and conclusion needs work. Sponsorship issue still needs to be addressed.

- g. As a final note, the committee discussed how to get Behind the Walls out to the Fellowship. Some suggestions: A special five year anniversary issue of Reaching Out; forward to JAC for inclusion in the Conference Agenda Report; or, turn it over to WSC Literature Committee.

11. The meeting closed at 3:00 p.m. with a circle, reading Just for Today and the Serenity Prayer.

Session 3, Sunday, 11-5-89 8:00 a.m.

12. The meeting was opened by WSC H&I Chairperson Barbara J. with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, and reading the Twelve Traditions of N.A.

Voting members present

David B.
Pete C. (Vice-Chairperson)
John E.
Ivan F.
Patty H.
Dave H.
Barbara J. (Chairperson)
Joe K.
Bean L.
Stuart S.
Fred S.
Rudy S.
Dale S.

(TOTAL - 13).

Pool members present

John C.
Rich C.
Steve F.
Laura J.
Jean M.
Jill O.
Jay R.
Timmy S.
Dick H.
Michael P.

(TOTAL - 10)

Also present was Steve L., WSO Staff.

13. **Ad Hoc Committee reports:**

a. **Starter Kit**

1. Rudy S. passed out input to I.P. #18.

b. M/S/C to accept and present to WSC Literature input to I.P. #18.

b. **Reaching Out**

1. No roving reporter report.

c. **Tape Scripts**

1. Ivan F. reported that the taping was completed the previous evening and turned over the resulting tape for transcription.

d. **Guidelines**

1. No report.

e. Behind the Walls

1. Stuart S. reporting. He and Pete C. did a read-through.
2. M/S/C to accept Behind the Walls with grammatical (non-conceptual) edits being completed by Barbara and Pete.
3. M/S/C to accept new introduction, as read by Stuart, for Behind the Walls.
4. M/S/C to remove dedication from Behind the Walls.
5. M/S/C to combine ^{BARBARA & PETE} dedication and introduction in Behind the Walls.
6. Options
 - a. Options on presenting Behind the Walls to the Fellowship was discussed again.
 - b. M/S/C to send Behind the Walls to JAC.

14. New Business

- a. Steve L. presented and passed out a proposal for a subscription plan for Reaching Out.
- b. Barbara indicated that there will be an ad hoc committee to study the proposal.
- c. Everyone has Guidelines assignment.
- d. Fred S. asked about writing a booklet for hospitals.
- e. Barbara mentioned that the contact with National Drug Research Institute has been continued.
- f. Requests for attendance at learning days by WSC H&I members: it is planned to send one experienced member and one new member.
- g. A flier for the H&I Learning Conference in St. Paul in July 1990 was passed out.

15. New ad hoc assignments

- a. Treatment Tape Ad Hoc - Dave A., Laura J., Shemus Mc., Dave H., Ad hoc Chairperson, Zena L. Joe M.
- b. Starter Kit Ad Hoc - Steven B., Patty H., John S., Rich C., Bean L., Rudy S., Ad Hoc Chairperson
- c. Reaching Out Ad Hoc - Dennis C., Mary E., John H., Joseph K., Ad Hoc Chairperson, Michael P., Jenny D., Donald F., Dick H., Jill O., John S.
- d. Guidelines Ad Hoc - David B., Mary H., Terry R., John E., Ad Hoc Chairperson, Jean M., Stuart S.

- e. Subscription Ad Hoc - Rob C., John Mac., Fred S., Ivan F., Jay R.
 - f. Correctional Tape Ad Hoc - John C., Steve F., Timmy S., Steve D., Walter P., Dale S., Ad Hoc Chairperson.
16. The committee was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with a circle, reading Just for Today and the Serenity Prayer.