

TO : WSC PARTICIPANTS

FROM: Bob Lemoine, Regional Service Representative - Southern California

DATE : December 17, 1995

RE : CAR '96 Motion Submission

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The Southern California Fellowship has asked me to forward the enclosed documents for your consideration. Some of you may have gotten a glimpse of this motion, and subsequent discussion, by way of the Internet; by talking to other addicts; from conversations at the World Services Meeting in November; or whatever other NA "grapevine" means.

The purpose of this mailing is to let you know about the motion from the Southern California Region concerning a United States Conference and the Administrative response in our request for CAR '96 submission. You will note in the October 19 letter to the WSC ADMIN COMMITTEE, in the next to the last sentence, that our request was ". . . *that you consciously consider this request to waive the deadline for CAR '96 motions*".

We did not ask for any special consideration for the Southern California Region. Our service structure should always remain one of service in the intended inverted structure where the addict is most important. A negative response from a World Service body that is there to serve is not in line with our Twelve Concepts or Twelve Traditions. These spiritual principles are the current basis for assisting us in carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

Please note that this motion does not discourage the assistance asked for by developing Fellowships. We feel that providing a United States Conference will remove the burden that the World Service Conference may currently feel in trying to be all things for all Fellowships. We believe that this United States body may be the missing link necessary in allowing International Fellowships to develop at their own rate and within their own geographical boundaries. We ask that you seriously consider this motion as it is proposed.

Respectfully Submitted

In Loving Service,



Bob Lemoine

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TO : WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

FROM  Bob Lemoine, Regional Service Representative - Southern California

DATE: October 15, 1995

RE : Motion for WSC '96

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***Motion :***

The Southern California Region moves that the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, within the geo-political boundaries of the United States of America, form a National Service Conference to be called *The United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous (USSCNA)*.

***Intent :***

To allow the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship to grow as an International Fellowship without burdening those outside the *USSCNA* with issues that are of concern only to the U.S. Fellowship; or, of only a passing interest to the International Fellowship. To relieve the U.S. Fellowship of the burden of trying to resolve every issue outside of the U.S..

“World Services”, as we know it today, has many obstacles. Good people of good will trying to do the most spiritual things for the Fellowship find their efforts diluted or destined to failure by cross efforts and issues that are beyond the scope of their activities.

The primary purpose of our Fellowship is to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. We have found that the best way to do this is to do it as locally as possible. Recovery meetings for the addicts close by. The local Areas provide the best general services to the addicts in those meetings because they are closest to them. The local Region provides the best resource for the local Areas because they are closest to that Area in customs; language; and, temperament. Then we come to a National Conference which is exactly what “World Services” was until at least 1986! For seventeen of the twenty-five years , we called the U.S. National Conference a ‘World Service Conference’. The way we have structured “World Services”; and what we ask of it, is not the most efficient for either the U.S. or the International Fellowship.

Examples? Our basic services . . . (1) H&I : A National body could deal with the U.S. Federal Government and concentrate on that relationship. Can a world body do that? If it can, is that the focus that a World H&I body should have? (2) PI : A National campaign to let people know that Narcotics Anonymous exists is possible. All we have to do is look at other national Public Information efforts from "The March of Dimes" to the "Just Say No" campaigns. Would not the addicts of the U.S. be better served by such a National Service Committee? "World Services" should provide the World-Wide Fellowship with philosophical direction on the many issues. Instead, the World Service Conference now has no time for such matters and creates an atmosphere of seemingly secondary status for those International Fellowships outside of the U.S..

We need to let that International Fellowship provide to their membership what will work for them in the arenas of H&I; PI; and, Literature. Develop their own services as necessitated by their culture; language; etc. , to be approved by their National or multi-National Service Conferences - i.e. The Canadian National Service Conference (already meeting); The European Community Service Conference (already meeting); The Australian National Service Conference (already meeting); The Pacific Rim Service Conference (First Meeting 1995); The South American Service Conference (already meeting). A National Fellowship would give addicts in the U.S. a more effective way to carry the message nationally and relieve the WSC of a great deal of its problems (attempting to be both National and International at the same time). Both the U.S. Fellowship and the WSC would be strengthened without measure, allowing each body to focus on their appropriate issues.



TO : WSC ADMIN COMMITTEE

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I would like to take a moment to address the current status of a motion from the Southern California Region regarding the creation of a USSCNA. After a conversation with Donna Smiley at the World Service Office about the non-acceptance of this motion, I wanted to take the opportunity to explain, in writing, the reason the Southern California Region asked that the motion deadline be waived on this issue.

This motion was originally planned for submission at WSC '95; however, there was some wording that referred to the Guide to Service. When amended at the Conference in 1995, the then RSR decided not to continue the process at that time. This motion was then brought to the Southern California Region table in July, 1995 for reconsideration. After being brought back for their respective group conscience, the ASR's voted unanimously for its passage at the August, 1995 Regional Service Committee meeting. The reworded motion was then to be brought to the September Regional Service Committee meeting to be readied for submission to the 1996 CAR. The problem came at this point in time. My employment took me to Texas for a training seminar and the ASR from the originating area, that proposed the motion and was coming with the finalized wording, also was not able to attend the September meeting. It was not until the October Regional Service Committee meeting of October 15, 1995, that the Southern California Region could put this motion before the World Service Conference.

I ask, as the Regional Service Representative from Southern California, that you consciously consider this request to waive the deadline for CAR '96 motions. Let it be known that there has been no precedence for Southern California to ask its World Services leadership for any type of special consideration and it is my hope that you will make every effort possible to reconsider your decision.

Respectfully Submitted  
In Loving Service,



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October 25, 1995

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Dear Bob,

I am writing you in response to your letter dated October 19, 1995, regarding the disposition of the Southern California motion for the 1996 CAR that was received at the WSO on October 23. We are unable to grant your request for special consideration. As you know the deadline for motions was announced at the conference to be either, September 1, 1995 or after considerable input, October 1, 1995. This deadline was reported in a mailing to all conference participants after the conference as well, and the finalized date of October 1 was published at that time. It would be unfair to all the other regions to waive the date for your motion.

While I realize that the Southern California Region would like to see their motion in the 1996 CAR, you will still be able to submit your motion in the new business session at the conference. I hope you will understand my unwillingness to waive the deadlines for the Southern California Region. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

In service to the fellowship,

*Michael McDermott /ds*

Michael McDermott, Chairperson  
World Service Conference

cc: **Southern California RSC**

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