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CHAIR'S CORNER:

Unity the goal of new board

I am honored to have been asked by the trustees of Cocaine Anonymous to fill temporarily the position of chairperson of the World Services Office. I am committed to making the World Services Office function smoothly and properly.

Temporary directors and committee heads have all been chosen with great care. We represent the fellowship as a whole. As a board, we look forward to working with all the areas we represent and invite you to get involved. We welcome your participation in making this new office work.

I am looking forward to being of service and hope to meet many of you at the World Services Convention in San Francisco.

Coco C.
Venice, CA
Temporary Chair

Welcome to the 'NewsGram'

Welcome to the first issue of the Cocaine Anonymous World Services Office "NewsGram."

When the new temporary board of directors took over recently, one of its first actions was to institute a newsletter to keep those in the fellowship informed.

The "NewsGram" will report on activities at the world level and on news of interest to members of the fellowship. It is our thought that in order to unify the fellowship, we first must keep it informed.

"NewsGram" will be published on alternate months with "The Connection," C.A.'s other publication.

12 Steps, Traditions approved at World Services Conference

More than 50 delegates from across the country approved several important documents at March's World Services Conference in Woodland Hills, CA.

The 12 Steps of recovery and the 12 Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous were officially approved as were the 23 questions to help determine who has a problem. The steps and traditions were adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous with changes to indicate addiction to cocaine rather than alcoholism.

The new "To the Newcomer" brochure that had been making its rounds at individual meetings failed to be approved and is back on the drawing boards. The old "To the Newcomer" brochure will continue to be used.

Jennifer R., Ray G. and Greg D., trustees from New York, Riverside, CA, and

Chicago, respectively, attended the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Board of Trustees meeting in New York and reported that they were well received.

They were given permission for C.A. to adapt the 12 Concepts for World Service for use by C.A. Those concepts also were approved at the Woodland Hills conference.

Johnny S. of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, announced his resignation from the Board of Trustees at the conference.

It was announced that the 1988 World Services Convention will be on the July 4 weekend in Chicago and that the next World Services Conference will be in November in the Los Angeles area.

Also approved was the purchase of a computer for the World Services office.

WSO San Francisco Convention

Workshops, dances and banquets will be on tap July 4th weekend in San Francisco for the Third Annual Cocaine Anonymous World Services Convention.

Hundreds of members of the fellowship are expected at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel near Union Square in downtown San Francisco for the July 3-5 convention.

It all begins Friday, July 3, with a dance featuring (really!) the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra.

Saturday is the big day of the convention with a full schedule of workshops on such topics as sponsorship, nutrition, relationships, sex and sobriety and the Fourth and Ninth steps; special meetings for women, men, gays and young people and round-the-clock marathon meetings. The day ends with a banquet, speaker meeting and disc jockey dance.

The convention ends Sunday with a farewell breakfast, spiritual speaker and

closing ceremonies.

Cost for the convention is \$20 for those who register before June 15 and \$25 for those who register after that date. The Saturday night banquet is \$25 and the Sunday morning breakfast \$10. For those who register for both the convention and the limited-seating Saturday banquet will receive a free convention T-shirt.

Rooms at the hotel are \$75 for either a single or double and reservations should be made directly with the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco, CA 94102-2865, telephone 415/392-8000.

Conference reservation forms are available at most meetings or reservations may be made by writing to C.A. World Services, San Francisco Convention Committee, P.O. Box 4802, Mt. View, CA 94040.

Hotline Numbers

Alabama	(205)320-9998
Arizona	(602)934-0009
Northern California	
San Francisco	(415)563-2358
East Bay	(415)757-6965
South Bay	(408)378-6097
Mid-Peninsula	(415)367-7107
Marin County	(415)485-1251
Sonoma County	(707)578-4160
Southern California	
Los Angeles	(213)839-1141
San Fernando Valley	(818)988-1777
San Gabriel Valley	(818)447-2887
Inland Empire	(714)369-8220
Orange County	(714)650-1011
San Diego	(619)275-3078
Colorado	(303)650-8989
Connecticut	(203)374-4714
Florida	(305)394-8433
Hawaii	(808)923-COKE
Illinois	(312)278-7444
Massachusetts	(617)581-5600
New Hampshire	(603)889-6681
New York	(212)496-4266
Pennsylvania	(215)789-5343
Tennessee	(615)327-8991
Texas	(713)668-6822
Wisconsin	(414)257-1510

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



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World Service Concepts

(These concepts of world service were adapted from the "Twelve Concepts for World Service" of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were approved at the March C.A. World Services Conference in Woodland Hills, CA)

CONCEPT 1: The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for C.A. World Service should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole.

CONCEPT 2: 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, except for any change in the Twelve Traditions, the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole fellowship.

CONCEPT 3: As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the conference, World Service Board of Trustees and its service corporation, staffs, committees, and thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of World Service with a traditional "right of decision".

CONCEPT 4: Throughout our conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "right of participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

CONCEPT 5: Throughout our World Service structure, a traditional "right of appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

CONCEPT 6: On behalf of C.A. as a whole, our World Services Conference has the principal responsibility for maintenance of our World Services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But, the conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the trustee members of the conference when they act among themselves as the World Service Board of Trustees of Cocaine Anonymous.

CONCEPT 7: The conference recognizes that the charter and the bylaws of the World Services Board of Trustees are legal instruments: That the trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the World Service Affairs of Cocaine Anonymous. It is further understood that the World Service Conference charter itself is not a legal document, that it relies instead upon the force of tradition of the power of C.A. pursue for its final effectiveness.

CONCEPT 8: The trustees of World Service Board act in two primary capacities:

A) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. B) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the trustees is mainly that of custodial oversight, which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

CONCEPT 9: Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.

CONCEPT 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority--the scope of such authority to be always well-defined, whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description, or by appropriate charters and by-laws.

CONCEPT 11: While the Trustees hold final responsibility for C.A.'s World Service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, directors, staffs, and consultants; therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

CONCEPT 12: GENERAL WARRANTIES OF THE CONFERENCE: In all its proceedings, the World Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the C.A. Traditions; taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve be its prudent financial principle; that none of the conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. That no conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Cocaine Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous which it serves, the conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Coco C: Service to C.A. 'is what has saved me'

Improving communications is what Coco C., the new temporary chairperson of Cocaine Anonymous World Service, would like to see most during her tenure.

There are four areas that rate as top priorities for Coco as she takes the reins of the fast-growing fellowship. They all involve increased communications between the World Service office and regional and area offices.

"Most important is to promote unity," she said during an interview in mid-May. "Secondly, I'd like to see more involvement in the World Services Office from Orange County and San Diego in California.

"I also think we need to be more conscientious in our follow-ups on starter kits and we need to extend a hand into the fellowship.

"Lastly, I'd like to increase public awareness of the fellowship by using our public relations committee. What I'd really like to see is some C.A. promotions on MTV."

Coco, with more than six years clean and sober, keeps up a pace that would

drag down most.

She will receive her bachelor's degree in June from UCLA and will begin graduate school in the school of social work this fall.

But service to C.A. remains a top priority with her. "I just can't imagine not being of service to the fellowship," she says. "Service work is what has saved me."

She began her service work when she had just 60 days sober in A.A., before C.A. was started.

Her C.A. involvement began as a GSR for a meeting in Los Angeles, she became active in the Los Angeles area and was elected assistant vice chair, then vice chair before shifting her activities to World Services.

"My sponsor told me to get active in service to the fellowship," she said. "Without service, one has too much time to worry about their own problems. Without service, I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

Coco started on the C.A. speaker circuit shortly after the fellowship began.

She joined C.A. because cocaine had been her biggest problem.

She said she wants to see C.A. become more active in states other than California.

Now about 2/3 of the fellowship's meetings are in California, where it began. "It's overloaded here now because it started here, she said.

"But as people find out about it through conferences and conventions, what's happened in California will happen in other places, too."

While Coco doesn't believe that a C.A. Big Book is necessary, she would like to see a book of C.A. stories.

"I'd like to see a C.A. version of 'A.A. Comes of Age,' she said.

"A basic text and historical document along with some C.A. stories would be very beneficial--and, of course, a source of revenue."

Coco and the new board of directors will face approval by the board of trustees at the July convention and by the next World Services Conference in November.

World Services Financial Statement

Following is the Cocaine Anonymous World Services pro-forma financial statement for 6/1/86 to 4/15/87:

PRO FORMA INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME:

Chips and literature	32,898.63
Events	15,137.05
Donations	12,613.09
Connection subscriptions	1,294.00
Interest earned	49.42
TOTAL INCOME	61,992.19

EXPENSES:

Chips	16,111.38
Events (convention)	7,634.30
Connection	2,777.71
Printing & photocopies	6,744.11
Literature	1,586.65
Postage	2,301.45
Total cost of services	37,155.60
Rent	3,750.00
Phone	630.86
Electricity	297.42
Office salary	1,080.00

Office supplies	926.42
Stationary	327.77
Petty cash	203.27
Total cost of office	7,215.74
Conference delegate expense	6,309.05
Professional services	5,855.59
Bank charges	44.08
Miscellaneous	1,355.91
I.R.S.	940.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	58,876.85
NET INCOME	3,115.34

PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:

Cash	
Checking (0615-042066)	2,765.38
Checking (0615-043304)	3,560.32
Savings (6615-192119)	49.42
Total Cash	6,375.62
Note Receivable -	500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,875.12

LIABILITIES:

Rent	375.00
Office salary	300.00
Tax penalty	840.00
Total accounts payable	1,515.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,515.00

Retained Earnings	2,244.78
Net income 6/1/86-4/15/87	3,115.34

TOTAL NETWORTH 5,360.12

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH 6,875.12

PRO FORMA CHANGE IN CASH

CASH BALANCE JUNE 1, 1986	2,760.28
Gross income 6/86 - 4/87	61,992.19
Note paid - LAGSO	4,000.00
ADDITIONAL CASH ADDED	65,992.19
Expenses 6/86-4/87	58,876.85
Notes - Sun Valley, LAGSO	3,500.00
Cash disbursed	62,376.85
ADDITION TO CASH	3,615.34
CASH BALANCE 4/15/87	6,375.62

60-30-10 plan: Support your support system

The World Services Organization of Cocaine Anonymous currently operates on funds received through the sale of chips and literature and the money raised by hosting an annual convention. While various central offices and regions have on occasion made contributions to the WSO, it is vitally important that we support the WSO.

Cocaine Anonymous accepts no outside contributions in accordance with the Seventh Tradition. Contributions made by the various region and central offices permit the WSO to furnish assistance and free literature to new groups getting started, pay legal fees, take care of conference expenses, provide group communications, carry the message through public information and cooperation with professionals and answer thousands of inquiries a year from the press and health-related professions -- and most importantly -- from the addict who still suffers.

To accomplish the goals of Cocaine Anonymous as a whole, the delegates

at the First World Service Conference held in February of 1986 adopted the 60-30-10 plan. The 60-30-10 plan provides for disbursement of contributions collected as follows:

After all of the obligations of a particular meeting are met (i.e., rent, literature, coffee and a prudent emergency reserve), 60 percent of the contributions are sent to the local central office to support phone services and group activities as well as the printing of local meeting directories. Then, 30 percent of the contributions are sent to the World Services Organization of Cocaine Anonymous and 10 percent of the contributions go to the local area committee.

So, please, help support your support system. Contributions can be sent directly to the WSO on a monthly, bimonthly or quarterly basis. Receipts will be provided and the contributions will be reflected in the financial statements of the World Services Office. The address is CAWSO, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.

NewsLines

The 1988 C.A. World Services Convention will be held in Chicago on the July 4 weekend. The site of the 1989 convention will be decided at the next World Services Conference in November in 1987.

Volunteers are needed by the World Services Office to serve on various committees. Service can be a rewarding experience and a great help to sobriety. Please contact the World Services Office, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.

If anyone has ordered a national directory and not received it, don't panic. New issues are due out in mid-July and we have withheld sending recent orders until that time. We apologize for the delay, but the World Services Offices wants all to have the latest directory. If you have not received your directory by mid-August, write the Directory Committee, CAWSO, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA.

Thanks are in order for Trustees Reggie L. from West Los Angeles, CA, and Ray G. from Riverside, CA for their input at the WSO board meetings. Their help has been invaluable for the new board.

Mike L. of Riverside, CA, has resigned his post as temporary director on the

WSO Board of Directors after helping to form the new WSO office. The board is grateful for his help.

The World Services Office has purchased a \$6,000 personal computer for the wholesale price of about \$2,500. The computer will be used to keep track of delegates, handle finances and mailing and eventually to handle orders for chips and literature.

California

Third Annual C.A. World Services Convention, July 3-5, 1987, Ramada Renaissance Hotel, San Francisco, CA. For reservations contact C.A. World Services Convention Committee, P.O. Box 4802, Mt. View, CA 94040

Third Annual Greater Los Angeles C.A. Convention, November 6-8, 1987, Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills, CA. For further information contact L.A. Central Office, 6125 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, Attn: Convention Committee

Meeting count

There are now nearly 650 meetings worldwide in Cocaine Anonymous. Following is a list of meetings by state and country in 1985, 1986 and 1987

State	1987	1986	1985
Alabama	3	3	--
Alaska	3	3	--
Arizona	35	19	4
California	303	221	108
Colorado	8	3	--
Connecticut	21	17	4
Dist. Columbia	10	1	1
Delaware	2	--	--
Florida	23	8	--
Georgia	25	7	7
Hawaii	4	4	1
Illinois	35	28	13
Kansas	2	2	--
Louisiana	3	--	--
Maine	1	--	--
Massachusetts	3	3	--
Michigan	11	10	--
Missouri	3	--	--
Nebraska	1	--	--
Nevada	3	2	2
New Hampshire	1	1	--
New Jersey	3	3	3
New Mexico	4	2	--
New York	25	15	8
Ohio	7	7	1
Oregon	8	5	--
Pennsylvania	5	--	--
Tennessee	13	9	2
Texas	26	20	5
Utah	2	--	--
Virginia	2	2	1
Washington	24	10	3
Wisconsin	18	13	4
Canada	9	7	--
TOTAL	646	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.

Calendar of Events

Texas

Second Annual Texas C.A. Convention, August 28-30, 1987, Houston, TX. For reservations contact C.A. Houston Area Service Committee, P.O. 300154, Houston, TX 77230-0154

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