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WS HEADQUARTERS BURGLARIZED

The World Service Office in Culver City, CA was burglarized and the computer was stolen. The loss in dollars totals approximately \$3,500, and the loss in man-hours and data is still undetermined. The theft was discovered the morning of Oct. 6 by office employee David C. of Los Angeles.

"When I put my key in the door, I noticed the top lock wasn't locked," David said.

At this point, he assumed that a member of the board of directors was in the office working. But then David saw that the computer room door had been opened by force.

"There were splinters of wood from the door frame on the floor and some kind of marks as if the door had been pried," David said. The door jams were reinforced and the locks were changed that same day.

The computer, a 20-megabyte hard disk Compaq Portable, was the only thing taken. The rest of the office, including a small amount of petty cash, appeared to be untouched, said Bob C., WSO director treasurer.

The computer was used for storage of such data as the literature, World Directory, delegate list and finances. David will not know until the end of October what data was stored on diskette and what was lost with the theft of the computer.

The computer itself is a total loss to WSO because of an inability to get insurance.

WSO has no insurance to date because no one has been willing to insure it. "We don't get past the name Cocaine Anonymous," Bob said. The trustees have been working on this problem for many months.

Prior to trustee involvement, the board of directors has been trying to resolve the insurance dilemma for two years.

According to Steve P., director vice-chair, there are basically two problems

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First 'World' WSC

A ripple of excitement swept through the 5th World Service Conference on opening day as Greg D., trustee from Chicago, IL, welcomed Robert F., delegate from Montreal, Canada, making this conference the first that was truly a world-level business function.

Giving the conference an international flavor, delegate Julie K. from the San Fernando Valley read the steps in French. This also served to symbolically remind all present that despite differences among us, we have a strong bond that must be preserved to survive our common disease.

That the WSC has grown in scope and function and that C.A. is maturing, was evidenced by the amount of work completed and the ease with which problem areas were resolved, often through compromise (see 5th concept pg. 5).

After adjournment late Saturday night several committees met to iron out compromises so the issues could be passed and would not remain unresolved for another year. This midnight work was

done after a 15-hour day.

Before his departure Sunday, August 14, Robert stepped up to the microphone to bid his fellow delegates and C.A. members good-bye.

"This has been the most important four days I've experienced for C.A. in Canada," Robert said. "I'm very grateful to have been here and I feel the unity. I hope to see you next year. "The message is going back to Canada that we're 'world', and I love you all!"

The feeling of unity and work well done was reinforced among the 91 delegates by Parliamentarian P. Clay V. from Houston, TX. P. Clay cited the good attendance and participation as an excellent yardstick of C.A. growth.

Leading the final closing prayer as the whole conference joined hands in a circle, P. Clay said, "Remember this circle represents that we are doing together what we cannot do alone: recover from the addition to cocaine and all other mind-altering substances."

Ann Landers Applauds C.A.

An event has happened for Cocaine Anonymous not unlike the event that boosted our cousins, Alcoholics Anonymous, into the national spotlight many years ago when the *Saturday Evening Post* published an informational article.

The event was publication of a letter and reply by Ann Landers Sept. 13, in which the author of the letter applauded C.A. as essential to her husband's continuing recovery, signing it "A True Believer." Landers replied by printing the address and phone number of the World Services Office (WSO). Response was phenomenal.

"Over a three-day period, we had about 500 calls," said Helene H., WSO chairperson from Van Nuys, CA.

As of early October, WSO has received approximately 600 letters from people

asking for information on local meetings or how to help a sibling or spouse.

WSO is busy referring many of the inquiries to Co-Anon, giving phone numbers for both east and west coasts. They are also photostating portions of the new World Directory to send to addicts looking for help.

"We've received some gruesome, heart-wrenching stuff," Helene said, with one call coming from as far away as Saudi Arabia.

While C.A. does not actively promote itself, neither does it remain invisible. Landers has done a service for both her readers and our fellowship with the publication of this information in a nationally syndicated column.

"It was an incredible thing to have happen for Cocaine Anonymous," Helene said.

CHAIRS CORNER

'Unity & Service - Our Continued Goal'

I am really excited about the success of the World Service Conference (WSC) this August. Much work was accomplished by all the committees and that means much new work for the World Service Office (WSO).

WSO is busy preparing the conference-approved literature for publication. On Sept. 17, the Board of Directors met with some members of the Literature Committee to get everything ready for printing. At this time, we are looking towards Jan. 1989 for completion; however, we are hoping to be ready for distribution before that.

One goal for WSO is to begin production on the banners of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous. We hope to have them ready for sale by the first of the year. Another goal is to find a new and bigger office so that we can keep a full inventory of everything that is distributed through our office. This is possible only if finances permit.

Everything we do at the world service level is based upon financial support from you, the fellowship. We cannot stress enough the need for your donations so that we can continue to serve with the utmost speed and efficiency.

We are very proud of the work we are doing this year. The hard work pays off when we realize just how many new meetings start and how many new areas open up, as evidenced in many requests for starter kits, information and fact files from all over the country. This tells us that C.A. is growing rapidly and that our primary purpose is being achieved.

Helene H.
WSO Chairperson



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Scottsdale Named 1990 Site

Scottsdale, Arizona was selected by the WSC Convention Committee as the location for the 1990 convention, which will take place over the Memorial Day weekend. The Committee also presented three motions to the Conference floor.

Two of the motions dealt with a "C.A. Dance Around the World", a world-scope, annual event to take place on the second Saturday in February. The net proceeds of this event would go to support World Services Office (WSO)

"Let's give something back that's been so freely given to us and support World Services," said a committee member.

"We have to remind our areas that we wouldn't be sitting in our areas' service meetings if it weren't for World Services," another member added.

The statement reads: "The purpose of

the WSC Convention is to provide a World Service Convention for members of C.A., solicit applications for future conventions, assist the host city as a resource for information, and to develop convention guidelines and policies."

"The purpose of the World Service Convention is to promote enthusiasm and unity within the fellowship of C.A. by supporting World Services' efforts to carry the message."

Debbie B. committee chair from Chicago, IL, added that the convention guidelines are being written for projected presentation at the next WSC, August 1989.

Also, the budget for the '89 New York World Services Convention were presented to the Finance Committee and brought more in line, according to Debbie.

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with getting insurance: first, all the anonymous programs have problems with insurance because of the possibility of law suits filed by people who may get hurt at meetings. And second, while this first obstacle can be overcome, the building the office is in makes it uninsurable. The building is an older office/apartment complex with no security

features. This has ultimately been the dead end as far as insurability, Steve said.

"We need to reach out to the fellowship," Steve said. "The theft of the computer has made it clear that WSO cannot wait any longer to move. We need a more secure and larger office to better serve the fellowship. And that takes money."

Information Numbers

Canada		Hawaii	(808)942-0606
Montreal, Quebec	(514)481-8511	Illinois	(312)278-7444
Alabama	(205)323-HOPE	Kansas	(316)264-3066
Arizona		Massachusetts	(617)581-5600
Phoenix	(602)279-3838	Nebraska	(402)556-2126
Tucson	(602)326-2211	New Hampshire	(603)889-6681
Northern California		New Mexico	(505)984-9207
San Francisco	(415)474-7133	New York	
East Bay	(415)654-8885	Manhattan	(212)496-4266
South Bay	(408)274-6015	Peekskill	(914)739-8105
Mid-Peninsula	(415)592-9499	Westchester	(914)941-7590
Marin County	(415)453-8439	Oklahoma	(918)660-8665
Sonoma County	(707)578-4160	Oregon	(503)256-1666
Monterey	(408)372-4190	Pennsylvania	(215)270-3036
Santa Cruz	(408)462-1926	Tennessee	(615)327-8990
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)488-2151
Inland Empire	(714)359-3895	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		
Connecticut	(203)358-8833		
Georgia	(404)255-7787		

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

Meeting count

SEE HOW WE'VE GROWN:

	1988	1987	1986	1985
Alabama	10	8	3	--
Alaska	3	3	3	--
Arizona	41	38	19	4
California	374	326	221	108
Colorado	24	8	3	--
Connecticut	35	25	17	4
Dist. Columbia	10	10	1	1
Delaware	2	2	--	--
Florida	23	23	8	--
Georgia	31	31	7	7
Hawaii	6	4	4	1
Idaho	4	--	--	--
Illinois	65	56	28	13
Indiana	3	2	--	--
Kansas	7	7	2	--
Louisiana	4	3	--	--
Maine	4	1	--	--
Maryland	9	--	--	--
Massachusetts	8	8	3	--
Michigan	28	28	10	--
Minnesota	14	--	--	--
Missouri	4	4	--	--
Nebraska	3	1	--	--
Nevada	6	6	2	2
New Hampshire	2	2	1	--
New Jersey	6	6	3	3
New Mexico	7	4	4	2
New York	38	33	15	8
Ohio	17	8	7	1
Oklahoma	7	--	--	--
Oregon	16	8	5	--
Pennsylvania	17	5	--	--
Tennessee	13	13	9	2
Texas	42	38	20	5
Utah	10	5	--	--
Virginia	7	2	2	1
Washington	36	31	10	3
Wisconsin	18	18	13	4
Canada	26	11	7	--
TOTAL	980	776	427	169

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.

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Fifth Concept: 'Right of Appeal'

By Margie G. Editor

One of the most impacting motions passed at the WSC last August was a direct result of Concept Five.

The reapportionment of delegate representation in the ratio of 1 delegate to 15 meetings was passed through Structure & By-Laws Sunday morning due to a suspension of rules. The motion carried by a voice vote with 85 delegates present.

Structure & By-Laws presented a reapportionment of delegates to meetings motion Saturday night, doubling the meeting count per delegate representation. They proposed one delegate per 20 meetings instead of the existing 1/10. The reason cited was at the rapid rate of growth of the fellowship, the WSC would be economically unfeasible by August, 1989.

The issue had been haggled over, discussed and voted on Saturday night and was finally passed by a hand-count vote.

Sunday morning, Parliamentarian P. Clay V. of Houston, TX, stated that in the interest of unity and trust and the principles behind Concept Five, the

rules would be suspended to entertain a new motion on the reapportionment of delegates.

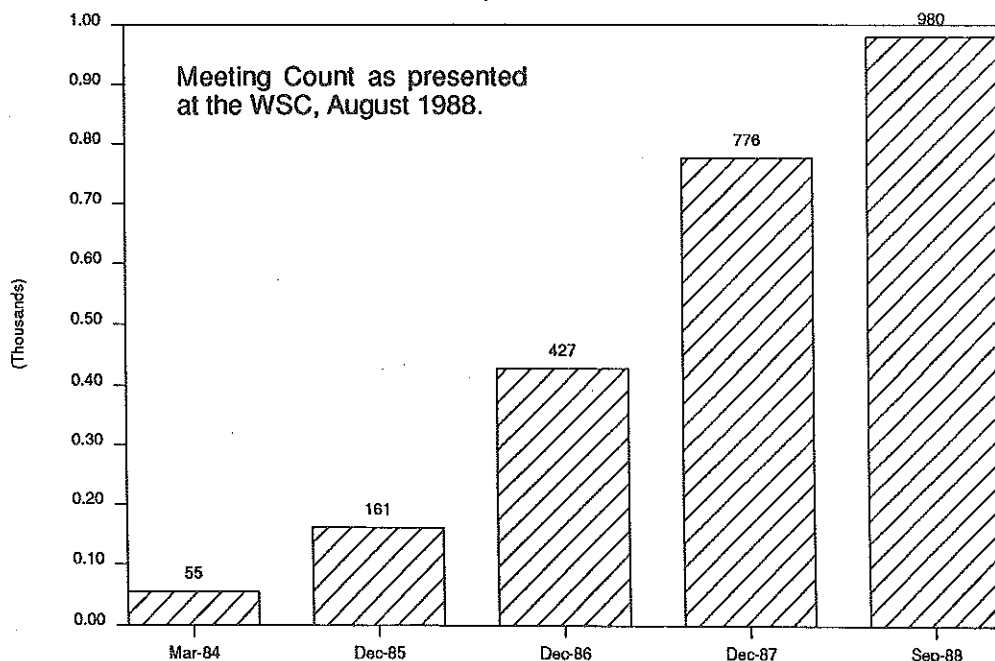
"The principle in this concept is that through the traditional 'Right of Appeal,' the minority may be right," said Fenn P., trustee from Fairfax, CA. "A minority opinion may provide information that is valuable to maintain a checks and balances system. The rights of 'Appeal' and 'Petition' aim at protecting and making the best possible use of minority feeling."

This is where the principle behind Concept 5 came into play. Ray G., Chairman of the Board of Trustees from Riverside, CA, brought a "point of clarification" to the floor in which he used past growth-rate figures to project the number of meetings by the next WSC (see chart).

This real-life example provides a working demonstration of Concept Five in action safeguarding our democratic structure.

"The 12 Concepts work together," Fenn adds. "A portion of Concept 12 states 'that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.'"

C.A. GROWTH



Delegates Vote for H & I Starter Kit

By Melanie C.
Staff Writer

"High energy, eager, working people and a lot of good ideas," characterized the Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) world service committee meeting at the WSC, said Meredith A., San Gabriel Valley delegate and conference committee chairperson.

The delegates met in Los Angeles, CA on August 11-14. Once the delegates had met, they broke off into their various committees. When the H & I committee got together, there was much tension and excitement as the issues brought to the conference from the fellowship were addressed.

There was discussion on the need to have an H & I working committee at the

World Service Office (WSO). This discussion led to the formulation of the motion which was presented. The motion reads as follows: "That WSO will establish by Jan. 1989 an H & I working committee at World Service Office to take calls, answer correspondence, and report on a monthly basis to WSO."

The motion was passed unanimously and the delegates talked about the H & I table at World Service Convention and the starter kit.

The main goal is to have a starter kit available for areas interested in starting an H & I committee. After a lengthy conversation and comments back and forth between Meredith and the committee, H. Lee S., trustee from Houston, TX finally said, "Let's boil this sucker down."

What the committee "boiled down" was

the starter kit made up of 10 items. The kit will contain: a cover letter, an H & I statement of purpose working with the traditions, suggested meeting formats, contacting facilities, suggested guidelines which involve sobriety requirements, panel structures, and voting and elections list of suggestions. The kit will also contain "how-to" literature on conduct on a panel and forming a committee.

"Overall," Meredith said, "the committee meeting was a success. WSO needs your help and input in order to fairly represent the fellowship of C.A." Please contact the delegate in your area to find out how you can voice your opinion, share your ideas and be of service.

Structure, Bylaws Defined for C.A. World

By Margie G.
Editor

The fifth World Service Conference (WSC) Structure and By-Laws Committee chiseled out a structure for the fellowship which will promote uniformity, streamline communications and distribution of information to reduce duplication of effort and funds in certain areas according to a member of the board of trustees.

Nine motions were passed by the delegates, involving such items as suggested description of an area and area service committee, suggested description of a district, delegate reapportionment (see Concept 5, page four), and an updated and amended temporary working guide to the service structure. Also passed was the structure for areas as established Aug. 13, 1988, with the provision that new areas may be created and approved by the conference as the need arises. In general, one state equals one area, except where pre-existing areas have been established or where overlapping state boundaries occurs.

After areas had been established by conference approval, the committee presented the six suggested regions which divide the world of C.A. structure into groupings of areas, each assigned to a trustee. This was done for several reasons: to provide a direct personal link for each region via trustee to WSO

to enhance communication, troubleshooting and promote uniformity.

The impact of the regional concept will be felt in uniformity of organization and compatibility of different elements. "It will be apples talking to apples," said Bob C., WSO treasurer director and committee member since its inception. There will be less duplication of expenses and energies as a result of the es-

establishment of regions.

"We're trying to set up a structure for the future," Bob said.

A vast amount of structure was created by the work approved by the conference. Compromises were made on issues with an eye towards the accomplishment of strength through unity. Always present was the idea that the only constant is change.

The six suggested regions are

- Pacific South
 - Hawaii
 - So. California
 - So. Nevada
- Atlantic South
 - Florida
 - Georgia
 - Tennessee
 - Virginia
 - Louisiana
 - South Carolina
- Pacific North
 - Alaska
 - No. California
 - Colorado
 - Idaho
 - Washington
 - Oregon
 - Utah
- Midwest
 - Nebraska
 - Minnesota

- Wisconsin
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Southwest
 - Arizona
 - New Mexico
 - Texas
 - Oklahoma
 - Kansas
- Atlantic North
 - Washington D.C.
 - Maryland
 - Pennsylvania
 - New Jersey
 - New York
 - Connecticut
 - East Canada (east of Manitoba)
 - New Hampshire
 - Maine
 - Massachusetts

P.I. Committee Illustrates: 'Cocaine Shatters Lives'

For when it gets hideous



Cocaine Anonymous

Since the world of drug addiction is inherently one of shattering realities, the WSC Public Information (PI) Committee members drew upon their personal experiences, added their strengths and hopes to present for conference approval dynamic Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for radio, television and artwork for billboards.

Jennifer R., trustee from New York who handles PI relations, stated the committee's purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. The message will be carried by electronic or printed media or treatment professionals. The PI committee is ever-mindful to stay within the limits of the traditions, most especially 10, 11 and 12. With this in mind, four motions were presented to the conference floor

and were approved.

The first motion was to approve a PI press packet which included such things as literature, agreement of anonymity, statement of purpose, etc.

The second motion was to approve the words and artwork for use as a PSA on billboards only. The artwork pictured a distorted face with the words, "For When It Gets Hideous" above it, then beneath it, "Cocaine Anonymous", plus a spot for the local C.A. phone number. The artwork was brought to the WSC by Delegate Phil C. of Salt Lake City, Utah, whose area produced and donated the work to the fellowship.

Phil also brought a 30-second television PSA entitled, "Falling Down," produced by the Salt Lake Area which was shown to the conference. The spot is a hard-hitting scenario which opens with children playing in the back yard singing "London Bridge's Falling Down". The camera pans into the house to show an ash tray brimming with cigarette butts, booze and a mirror where (apparently) their mother is chopping and dividing the cocaine into lines. The camera comes in for a close-up to show her snorting the lines - a scene

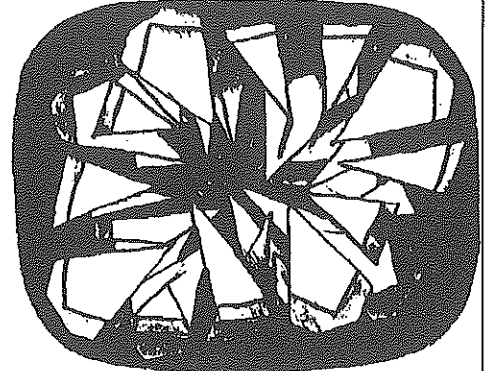
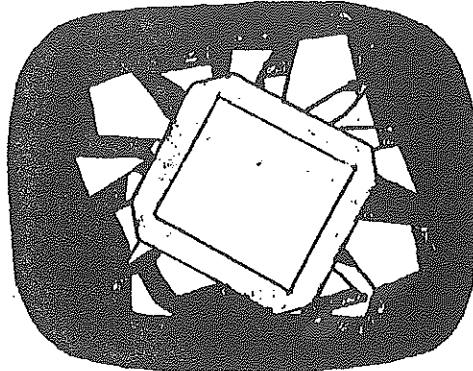
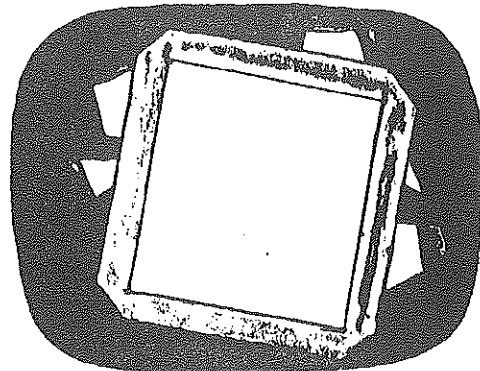
high produced chills and murmurs from many of the delegates. The woman then frantically searches the discarded envelopes for any remaining drug, finally licking it to get the last speck. From the reaction, there was not an addict present who was not "reached".

The fourth motion dealt with a 30 second video-spot entitled "Cocaine Shatters Lives" and was presented in the form of a storyboard. The actual video has yet to be produced.

A price list/order form is available through WSO, and local area information numbers can be inserted in the PSAs.

"We have an extremely qualified committee," said Julie K., subcommittee chair from the San Fernando Valley, California, "Many individuals have PI experience in C.A., as well as in the public arena. I feel we accomplished a great deal, not the least of which was drafting an agenda for the coming WSC-approved regions (see structure and bylaws).

"Any member of the fellowship is invited to serve on these. We would welcome *any* and *all* ideas. Let's all work together to carry the message!"



On the Conference Approved Storyboard, consecutive panels will show a graduation photo, followed by a marriage photo and family photo dropping and shattering. The final sequence will show, cocaine, straw, pipe, and mirror, dropping onto the shattered photos. The closing shot will say, "Cocaine Shatters Lives," with local phone number listed.

Calendar of Events

California

Orange County C.A. Second Annual Convention, October 28 - 30, San Diego Double Tree Hotel. For more information call (714)650-1011.

New York

1989 World Services Convention, "Steps to Liberty," July 4th weekend 1989, Grand Hyatt, Grand Central Station, New York, NY. Further details to be announced at a later date.

Texas

Texas State Third Annual Convention, October 28 - 30, Brookhallow Marriot, Houston, TX. For further information, call (713)796-8127.