

Debtors Anonymous  
World Service Conferences  
1997-2007  
Summary of  
Motions and Recommendations

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### 1997 | Los Angeles, CA

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- GSB: Motion to ratify of Doyle B. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to interpret the last sentence of Section 3 of the Charter as "no change in. may be made with less than ¾ of the written response of DA groups that respond within a reasonable length of time." Motion declared out of order.
- CC: Motion that the 1998 Seattle WSC be extended to four days, that the GSB trustees be reimbursed 100% fro their reasonable WSC travel expenses, and that Albuquerque NM be approved as the site of the 2000 WSC. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to accept the Conference Committee report. Motion carried.
- GSB: Degenderization ballot straw poll: should the ballot be approved by the WSC, should it be mailed to registered DA groups? No substantial unanimity. Issue tabled to 1998 WSC.
- IOC: Motion that BODA is a viable part of DA and as such all BODA members have access to all meetings, services, privileges, and the right to vote at every DA WSC and Convocation. Motion carried.
- IOC: Motion that online groups be allowed to register with the GSO as DA groups. Motion carried.
- IOC: Motion to accept the report of the Internal Operations Committee. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the wording of all future literature be changed from "pressure group/meeting" to pressure relief group/meeting. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to accept the report of the Literature Committee. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that a non-binding Advisory Action vote be held regarding the \$2500 surplus expected from the spending plan of the 1998 WSC, and that the first \$1,000 in excess of that line on the spending plan be allocated to create a database, with any surplus being used to print the Visions and Awareness pamphlets. Motion was withdrawn.
- RDC: Motion that a non-binding Advisory Action vote that a campaign be created for increasing revenue to encourage DA members to put \$5.00 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket ("Thrive with Five") and to put \$2.00 in the basket instead of the usual one ("Double Your Dollar"). Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion to accept the report of the Resource Development Committee. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that all DA groups endeavor to establish a PO Box. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that the GSB publish three newsletters per year, budget permitting, with two newsletters to be mailed before mid-June. Amended: to be mailed between the annual Conference and mid-June. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that the Convocation will recognize only groups re-registered by July 15, 1998. All others will be moved to the inactive file and not be recognized. This will be binding based on the GSB newsletter publishing this information a minimum of two times before July 15. Amended: all other currently registered groups will be moved to the inactive file. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion to accept the report of the Fellowship Communications Committee. Motion carried.

- WSC: Motion that the delegates recess to check out of their hotel rooms and reconvene for a final 15 minutes. Motion carried.
- PI: Motion to accept the report of the Public Information Committee. Motion carried.

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### 1998 | Seattle, WA

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- GSB: Motion to ratify new trustees Holly A, Suze G., Dick (Class B), Jimmy W., Robert P., River L., Bea K., Tracy C. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion that the WSC approve the DA Responsibility Declaration: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of DA always to be there. And for that I am responsible. [Pending approval from AA World Service.] Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion to adopt the Resolution: that while using the tools of DA will provide some relief from compulsive debting, working the Twelve Steps provides recovery. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion to accept the report of the Fellowship Communications Committee. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to hold the 1999 DA WSC in Boston. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to hold the 2001 DA WSC in Baltimore MD. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to accept the Conference Committee report. Motion carried.
- IOC: Motion that Alice H, former NY City office employee, be granted severance pay, the amount of which to be determined by the GSB. Motion carried. 41 For, 25 Opposed 11 Abstentions.
- IOC: Motion to accept the report of the Internal Operations Committee. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion to adopt the resolution on bankruptcy: We view bankruptcy as an outside issue and therefore have no opinion on it as a matter of tradition. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion: Although the GSB has been entrusted to choose the name of the book, we resolve that the DA General Service Conference approve "A Currency of Hope" as the title of DA's first recovery book. Motion carried 51 For, 21 Opposed, 2 Abstentions.
- GSB: Motion: Now that we have a database, it is the pleasure of the DA General Service Conference to conduct a ballot of all registered DA groups to degenderize the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of DA. Motion carried 57 For, 6 Opposed, 10 Abstentions.
- WSC: Motion: It is the group conscience of the DA General Service conference that even though the DA groups are autonomous, we strongly urge groups not to change the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as is confuses the newcomers who still suffer. Motion withdrawn.
- PI: Motion that the GSB undertake the cost of maintaining an official DA website [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org). Motion carried.
- PI: Motion to accept the report of the Public Information Committee. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the Conference approve the \$90/90 campaign to raise the funds to publish the recovery book. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the Conference approve the WISH 1999 Action Plan. Motion carried.

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- RDC: Motion that the Conference approve the DA Annual Theme Calendar to encourage fellowship unity and spiritual growth in recovery. Motion failed.
- RDC: Motion to accept the report of the Resource Development Committee. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to accept the report of the Literature Committee. Motion carried.
- WSC: Motion to define the words "debt" and "debting" to refer to money and not other issues. Motion tabled.
- WSC: Motion to remove abstinence as a tool. Referred to Literature Committee.

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### 1999 | Craigville, MA

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- GSB: Motion Joanna R voted to be a GSB Trustee. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion Chris F to have her tenure on the GSB extended. Motion carried.
- IOC: Motion that all literature sales be handled as soon as possible by the GSO. Motion carried.
- PI: Motion to adopt an 800 number. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that "A Note for Newcomers" be accepted and designated as Conf approved literature. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the Twelve Signposts of a Compulsive Debtor be accepted and designated as Conf approved literature. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the DA 2002 WSC be hosted in New York City. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion to approve the concept of a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendar. Motion carried.

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### 2000 | Albuquerque, NM

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- RDC: Motion that the Conference adopt the income goal of \$250,000 for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to realize their vision as a whole. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB adopt the concept of materials and themes to encourage regular group and individual contributions so that we may achieve the goal of becoming self-supporting through our own contributions. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the DA WSC approve the concept of recovery products to help DA members affirm and enhance their recovery. Motion carried: 45 Yes, 35 No.
- FCC: Motion that DA develops an outreach program entitled Rooms Without Walls to support the solitary debtor in recovery. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion to send a complimentary copy of the W&M to all registered meetings. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion to accept the 12 Concepts for DA World Service. No vote taken.
- CC: Motion to amend Concept 7 to strikeout "and the Charter" so the last line reads "The Concepts are not legal instruments." Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to accept the amended 12 Concepts for DA World Service. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the 2001 WSC be held in Baltimore, the 2002 WSC be in NYC, and the 2003 WSC be in Pittsburgh. Motion carried.

- CC: Motion that a scholarship fund be established to assist in sending GSRs representing less abundant groups to the WSC. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the following statement be adopted: "the process of recovery begins the day we abstain from incurring new unsecured debt one day at a time." Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to amend the resolution by striking out the wording "the process of" before solvency. Motion failed.
- LIT: Motion to approve the Notes to Newcomers flyer. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve the Service pamphlet. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve The Numbers: One Approach. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion to ratify the election of three Trustees [Michael F, Carla J, Carolyn H.] Motion carried.

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### 2001 | Linthicum Heights, Baltimore, MD

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- IOC: Motion that the DA WSC discharge the office advisory committee. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that the Intergroup Caucus develops an Intergroup Resource Kit to be made available to new and existing GSRs. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that those groups that wish to use a personal telephone number on the office DA Website for their contact number be allowed to do so. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the Twelve Promises of DA be approved. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the pamphlet Business Debtors Anonymous be approved. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB make available to the fellowship of DA chips and tokens that celebrate the debtors' recovery. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB approve the concept of donation envelopes to facilitate ongoing contributions from groups and individuals. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB approve the concept of a survey and collection of ideas for fundraising events. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB provide quarterly financial reports to the GSRs through the Board Call. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the 18<sup>th</sup> annual WSC be held in Sacramento, CA. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the WSC endorse the concept of a triennial DA World Fellowship Convention to begin in 2004. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the WSC endorse the concept of a voluntary buddy system for GSRs and ISRs at their first WSC, providing for orientation of new people by their more experienced peers. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the WSC act to include 60-90 minutes of free time (in addition to mealtimes) on full work days at the WSC, during which no other activities be scheduled. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to amend the last sentence of Article 3 of the Conference Charter of DA to read: No change to Article Ten (10) of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous may be made with less than the consent of a total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the eligible votes. No vote taken.
- GSB: Motion to ratify two non-debting trustees, Jack Blume and James Crossen. Motion carried.

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- LIT: Motion that the proposed revisions to the pamphlet, Communicating with Creditors, regarding debt moratoriums, be approved by this Conference. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the proposed revisions to the pamphlet, Debt Repayment, regarding debt moratoriums, be approved by this Conference. Motion was postponed, and then carried.
- LIT: Motion that the Underearning pamphlet be approved by this Conference. Motion carried.

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### 2002 | Columbia University, New York, NY

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- CC: Motion that the venue of the 2003 WSC be moved from Pittsburgh to Minneapolis. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the 2005 WSC be hosted by the New Jersey/Eastern Penn. Intergroup, site TBD. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the third sentence of Article 9 of the Conference Charter of Debtors Anonymous be amended to read: Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to all registered Intergroups, postmarked sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the last sentence of Article 3 of the Conference Charter of Debtors Anonymous be amended to read: No change in Article 10 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous may be made with less than the consent of a total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the eligible votes. Eligible votes are defined at (1) GSRs and ISRs eligible to vote at the Conference, and (2) Ballots cast by registered groups and received by the deadline set by the GSB. Motion did not carry.
- GSB: Motion that the following trustees be ratified: Class A: Carol B., Phoenix F., Class B: Cookie S., Hugh F..
- RDC: Motion that the GSB [WSC] approve the DA 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet which includes a cover sheet, Leader/Secretary's Announcement, Treasurer's Announcement, Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report, and the four suggested Donation flyers for the purpose of increasing meeting donations. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the GSB [WSC] approve the creation of a World Service Week to replace Wish Week as the week of celebration to commemorate the founding and anniversary of DA. Motion carried.
- PI: [Motion that DA] nurture Spanish speaking meetings using AA Spanish literature until we eventually develop DA Spanish literature. Motion carried.
- PI: [Motion that the WSC] accept the form for Spanish outreach. Motion carried.
- PI: [Motion that the WSC] accept the Adopt-a-College form. Motion carried.
- PI: [Motion that the WSC] designate 2003 as the "Year of the Prisoner" with slogans "From Cell to Solvency" and "Freedom from Bondage to Debt." Amended: "Freedom from Bondage of Debt." Motion carried as amended.
- PI: [Motion that the WSC] start a conference committee for Prisons and Institutions. Motion failed.

- FCC: Motion that the editor of W&M be paid \$300 per issue for the next two issues. Motion carried.

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### 2003 | Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

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- CC: Motion to accept San Diego as the site for the 2006 WSC. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion that the WSC use the suggested guidelines for GSRs as stated in the GSR pamphlet as follows: "It is suggested that a person being considered for GSR have the following qualifications: to be actively working the Twelve Steps, to have had at least two Pressure Relief Meetings, to have abstained from incurring unsecured debt for at least one year, to have given service to a local group and/or been an Intergroup officer, and to be an active member of a home group" to be an officer on a committee or caucus. Motion carried.
- CC: Recommend approval of the draft of the DA Fellowship Convention Opinion Poll.
- CC: Recommend that future Host Committees consider spiritual, environment, and health aspects of potential meeting sites.
- CC: Recommend to future Host Committees that the date, location, and estimated major costs of attending the Conference be communicated to GSRs, ISRs, GSB, and all registered groups at least 90 days prior to the planned early bird registration deadline
- CC: Recommend that the GSO provide a copy of the current Conference planning manual to each Host committee and to any group that requests a copy.
- CC: Recommend that the Conference Committee award future Conference sites three years in advance..
- CC: Recommend that all GSRs and ISRs upon registration with the GSO receive the DA GSR Service Manual, a directory of registered meetings, the GSR and GSO brochures, and the most recent copy of the Board Call.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB review the GSR Service Manual to correct inconsistencies in term length and limits.
- CC: Recommend that the GSR incorporate all info from the GSR pamphlet into the GSR Service Manual.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB insert the following into the GSR Service Manual on page 6, end of para defining the role of the GSR: "At the conclusion of the WSC, GSRs may wish to reflect on their vision for the future of DA in their areas. GSRs are encouraged to develop an action plan that will encompass continued WSC committee work and encourage participation by DA members at the local level. This could include attracting new members, public information work such as mailings or flyers, encouraging others to start groups, including General Service groups and Intergroups in areas that do not already have a DA presence, holding fundraisers and encouraging others to do service.
- CC: Recommend approval of the draft of the Scholarship Fund Policy and Application.
- HIP: Recommend to change the Prisons Caucus to the Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons committee to encourage this committee's development at Intergroup level.
- HIP: Recommend to develop and build the HIP caucus as a body of recovering contactable DA members who can be a supportive resource to initiate and develop HIP committees at local area Intergroups across the DA world.

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- HIP: Recommend to reach the suffering debtor that could otherwise not be reached due to locked facilities such as mental and correctional institutions to satisfy Tradition 5.
- HIP: Recommend to communicate with non-debtor professionals and educate them as a means to carry the DA message to reach non-accessible debtors.
- FCC: Recommend that a Q&A web page be created on the DA site with a person from the FCC fielding the questions, ultimately leading to a FAQ page.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB purchase a licensed version of a relationship database.
- FCC: Recommend that the editor of the W&M continue to be a paid position at \$300 per issue for the Winter 2003 through Fall 2004 issues, contingent on a sustainable membership.
- PI: Motion that the Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons (HIP) Caucus become a conference committee. Motion carried.
- PI: Motion that the PI Manual be included in each GSR/ISR packet beginning with the 2004 WSC. Motion carried.
- PI: Recommend that the GSB publish in the Board Call any actions presented by a Conference Committee.
- PI: Recommend that the PI Manual be put on the website.
- PI: Recommend that the GSO forward all Adopt-A-Loner contacts to this committee's Adopt-a-Loner coordinator.
- PI: Recommend that the PI Manual be put into each GSR packet that is sent out.
- GSB: Motion that the Convocation approve the following change to the DA Preamble: "Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt." Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion to accept last year's meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the pamphlet entitled "Spirituality" be approved and published as Conference approved literature. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the pamphlet entitled "The Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous" be approved and published as Conference approved literature. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that the WSC approve the concept of the creation and production of the "Vision Collection: Creating Prosperity" consisting of the following 9 items: DA Vision pamphlet, DA Promises, examples of Visions meeting formats, How to Create an Ideal Spending Plan, How to Create an Ideal Income Plan, How to Create and Suggested uses for a Higher Power Box, How to Create and Suggested Uses for a Vision Board, How to Create your Own Vision Affirmations, and How to Create and Suggested Uses for a Higher Power Money Envelope. Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion to increase DA awareness and financial contributions, that the WSC approve replacing World Service Week with World Service Month celebrating the April anniversary of Debtors Anonymous. Motion carried.
- RDC: Recommend that the Prosperity subcommittee of the RDC meet for up to 45 minutes monthly via conference call for the purposes of 1) creating and preparing The Vision Collection, and 2) engaging in conscious contact with the HP to reinforce the Visions Pyramid of DA as the established 2003-04 of the Board of Trustees.
- RDC: Recommend that the Prosperity Subcom of the RDC collect and submit prosperity profiles for publication in the W&M.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB and the GSO ideal spending plans be published in Board Call.
- RDC: Recommend that the W&M solicit fun ideas having to do with recovery, such as creating a sculpture with cut up credit cards.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB approve a World Service Wee/Month flyer with contribution form that will be emailed and available online. The mailed version will include a World Service Week/Month return envelope and will be distributed by Feb 15, 2004.
- RDC: Recommend that DA groups develop a monthly spending plan include meeting expenses, GSR Conference participation and donations to the GSB, Intergroup, and Area GSR group.
- RDC: Recommend that in order to increase financial contribution, the GSB implement a quarterly contribution appeal whereby a letter and envelope would be sent to each DA group with the quarterly Board Call mailings.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB create a contribution page and printable form for individual and group contributions on the DA website.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB develop guidelines for safeguarding DA funds at all levels.
- RDC: Recommend that the monthly reporting form from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet be made available on the DA website to download.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB offer fellowship sharing of successful fundraising ideas through a page on the DA website.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB study the feasibility of electronic contributions and literature purchases via an online payment system.
- RDC: Recommend that the WSC endorse the concept of simultaneous celebration to generate funds for World Service Month/Week in the form of regional Gratitude Balls or celebrations of choice.
- RDC: Recommend that the Intergroups and Area Groups hold an earning plan meeting for the creation of a monthly calendar of fundraising activities, awareness of need messages, and communication of specific visions and goals.
- RDC: Recommend that DA groups seek info and support from the RDC Events Subcommittee for launching Gratitude Balls of celebrations of choice during World Service Week/Month.
- RDC: Recommend that the Intergroups' and Areas Groups' World Service celebrations include the use of world globes as containers for collecting funds for World Service Week/Month with the slogan "Pass the globe-- give to World Service—DA is in your hands."
- Internet Caucus: Recommend that the GSB set up electronic payments for literature and donations through the DA website.
- Internet Caucus: Recommend that a disclaimer "gate" be fully implemented on the DA website.
- Internet Caucus: Recommend that secure posting of proposed draft materials for the WSC be viewed by moderated DA online groups.
- Internet Caucus: Recommend that this caucus become a subcommittee of the FCC and that the caucus be disbanded.
- Internet Caucus: Recommend that the name of this caucus be changed to the Technology Caucus.
- BDA Caucus: No recommendations presented.
- IOC: Motion that the WSC approve the attached donation letter for immediate distribution. Motion carried.

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IOC: Recommend that the GSB change the current description of the IOC committee in the GSR Service Manual on page 10 to read, "The primary responsibility of the Internal Operations Committee is to review and support the Central Office of Debtors Anonymous. The committee focuses on overall office operations of the GSO, interacts with the Board Office Liaison and the Office Manager to support the ongoing work of the GSO."

IOC: Recommend that the GSB make funds available during the 2003 year for an update of the DA database. If not 2003, then 2004.

IOC: Recommend that the GSB use proceeds from a special donation envelope and its distribution to meet the needs of the fellowship as whole keeping in mind the priorities for the GSO vision 1) having adequate office staff, 2) providing the software, software consulting services and hardware to make the database useable and useful to the greatest number of people, 3) obtaining sufficient additional office space to provide literature storage room and meeting room space, and 4) acquiring high speed internet service.

Intergroup Caucus: No recommendations presented.

GSB: Motion that the WSC ratify new Class A trustees Willie E. W. and Aishlin O.. Motion carried.

GSB: Motion that the WSC ratify trustees Carolyn H. and Carla J. for a second term. Motion carried.

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### 2004 | Sacramento, CA

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FCC: No motions.

FCC: Recommend that committee/caucus chairs use email, conference calls, etc to get regular updates to each other throughout the year about committee/caucus activities.

FCC: Recommend that the GSB continue to pay the W&M editor \$300 per issue through Fall 2005.

FCC: Recommend that the GSB list W&M on the DA literature order form.

FCC: Recommend that the Conference Committee include a sample issue of the W&M in the Conference Binder.

FCC: Recommend that to increase awareness of W&M, the GSB send a mailing to every registered group, with two copies of W&M, subscription forms, and a flyer calling for the renaming of the W&M.

FCC: Recommend that a link dedicated to the W&M be created on the DA website, with back issues and a downloadable subscription form.

FCC: Recommend that the RDC make available existing documents on conducting fundraisers and producing other DA events, and that the GSB put them on the DA website.

IOC: No motions.

IOC: Recommend that DA hire a webmaster for better communications.

IOC: Recommend that a Webmaster could help develop a better group registration process, including automatic updates.

IOC: Recommend that the GSO replace the existing Excel database for registered groups with an Access database.

IOC: Recommend that the GSO hire an archivist to take archived DA material out of boxes and make them available to the fellowship.

IOC: Recommend that the GSO create a tracking system for documenting info requests that would record the media type of the requestor and the type of info requested.

IOC: Recommend that the GSO be able to send literature to helping professionals rather than referring them to the DA website. And that the PI Committee makes a form letter that the GSO could send to professionals in response to requests for DA materials.

IOC: Recommend that a picture of the GSO along with extended plans for a new location be placed on the DA website.

HIP: No motions.

HIP: Recommend that a public info outreach letter be distributed to every DA meeting to gather info about HIP activities.

HIP: Recommend that the GSB develop a video for hospital mental health use.

HIP: Recommend that each GSR and ISR at the 2004 WSC contact and send DA literature to at least one college by August 2005.

HIP: Recommend the HIP Institutions Subcommittee will email or mail a "college info packet" to each GSR and ISR, including a phone script, a cover letter template, and a suggested list of DA literature to include. The subcommittee will contact each GSR and ISR to offer assistance.

HIP: Recommend that the GSB approve a new cover letter template to be used when sending DA literature to parole/probation officers.

GSB: Motion to approve the proposed responsibility statement for Debtors Anonymous: "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere needs DA, to hold out my hand and freely offer the 12 Step recovery program that has been freely given to me." Motion failed.

GSB: Motion that the responsibility statement be referred back to committee, specifically the GSB, and that the GSB report back at the 2005 WSC. Motion carried.

INTERGROUP CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB approve the "How to" Intergroup service pamphlet by Nov 1, 2004.

CC: Motion that the WSC adopt a suggested guideline for the GSR that any member of a WSC committee serve for one year, from one WSC until the next WSC, regardless of when their term as GSR/ISR ends. Amended: "Any member of a WSC committee serves for one year, from that WSC until the next WSC, regardless of when their term of local service ends. Motion failed, 49 For, 47 Opposed.

CC: Motion that Article 3 of the Debtors Anonymous Charter be changed to: "Any change to Article Ten (10) of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous will require the written consent of ¾ of the responding votes from all registered Debtors Anonymous groups." Motion failed. 31 For, 68 Opposed.

CC: Recommend that the GSB reissue the GSR pamphlet to include Article 3 in its entirety between the first and second bullets under the title Service to World Conference, under the heading of "info regarding GSR voting according to the Conference Charter of DA Article 3."

CC: Recommend that at least 2 copies of the Host Committee Planning Manual be made easily available at the WSC for GSRs to examine when considering a bid/proposal for hosting a future World Service Conference.

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- CC: Recommend that the Conference spending plan be made available at the WSC for GSRs to examine when considering a bid/proposal for hosting a future World Service Conference.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB prepare a "rough guide" spending plan for the costs typically associated with attending a WSC and that the guide be distributed to GSRs, groups, and Intergroups. Send with the first general mailing following a WSC to give groups a fundraising target.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB distribute ideas for GSR/ISR fundraising. Ideas: special envelopes, collections, workshops, variety shows, balls, galas, silent auctions, car washes, bake sales, garage and decluttering sales.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB publicize both the need for John Henderson scholarship funds and ideas for fundraising. Ideas: special envelopes/collections, individual scholarship sponsors, sponsor a GSR, a sponsor "sibling" meeting in a different region, larger groups adopt a smaller group, larger Intergroups sponsor smaller groups.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB provide a system that allows conference members to track their issues at a conference, so they can report back to their meetings immediately. The preparation of the tracking sheets will be the responsibility of the Host Committee. Each committee and caucus of the WSC will fill in the tracking sheet at the end of the conference. The sheets will be posted for GSR review before the end of the WSC.
- BDA CAUCUS: Recommend that the Lit Committee give top priority to BDA newcomer's pamphlet, BDA meeting format pamphlet, Separating business and personal finances pamphlet, and BDA debting signposts and tools pamphlet.
- BDA CAUCUS: Recommend that the Lit Committee defer the following literature items to next year's WSC: BDA booklet (40-page "big book," Business Underearning, Spirituality and BDA, and BDA Numbers/recordkeeping booklet.
- BDA CAUCUS: Recommend that the Lit Committee create BDA worksheets for Business Plan, Business Spending Plan, and Business Earning Plan.
- BDA CAUCUS: Recommend that the Conference Committee include in the Host Committee Planning Manual a strong suggestion that the fellowship day at all future WSCs provide a BDA workshop.
- BDA CAUCUS: Recommend that one or more BDA webpages be added to the DA website, including FAQs.
- GSB: Motion to ratify new trustees: Class A Deborah C., Class B Paul S. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion that the Compulsive Spending pamphlet be approved. Motion carried 81 For, 7 Opposed.
- GSB: It came to the attention of the GSB and the Sacramento Host Committee that the Traditions were broken and the Steps were not followed at the WSC Fellowship Day held on Saturday, August 28. The GSB recommends that the Conference develop and adopt clear guidelines for fellowship days, share-a-days, and other DA-related recovery workshops, and that such guidelines emphasize honoring the 12 Steps, following the 12 Traditions, using conference-approved literature only, and focusing on not debting one day at a time.
- CC: Motion that the WSC adopt, as a suggested guideline, that any member of a standing committee, ad-hoc committee, or caucus of the WSC will serve from that WSC until the next WSC. Motion carried.
- GSB: Motion That Concept 12 be amended to read as follows: "The Conference of Debtors Anonymous will observe the spirit of the Traditions by taking care not to become powerful and wealthy, by keeping sufficient operating funds with a prudent reserve, by having no authority over any other members, by making important decisions by discussing and voting on these issues wherever possible by substantial unanimity, by not acting in punitive ways, by not inviting public controversy, by never performing an act of government, and finally, by always remaining democratic in thought and action." Motion carried.
- RDC: Motion that, in the spirit of prosperity, the WSC approve an increase in the limit of an individual's contributions to the GSB from \$3,000 per year to \$5,000 per year. Motion carried.
- RDC: Recommend that the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet be sent to all groups with the Winter 2005 Board Call.
- RDC: Recommend that the RDC created a World Service Month (April 2005) letter, envelope design, and five alternate flyers by early Sept 2004 to be approved by the GSB by Dec 31, 2004, and sent to meetings by Feb 1, 2005.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB create a board-produced literature piece containing suggested guidelines for safeguarding funds at all group levels, similar to item GSB-3, "Conference approved literature."
- RDC: Recommend that to help realize and fund the GSB's vision of increasing our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition income by 30%, the GSB make a fellowship-wide "Prosperity Appeal." Containing a letter, flyer, and a specially marked envelope to track contributions, mailed to all DA meetings by Sept 1, 2005.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB include the revenue and expense pie charts in the quarterly Board Call, with percentages and actual dollar amounts.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB set aside \$800 for the production of the Vision Collection kits approved at the 2003 WSC for the FY beginning July 1, 2005.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB work with the RDC to implement and develop resources to help groups hold events: produce written materials with ESH of other groups that have held successful fundraising events, step-by-step process, develop an Events Service Pamphlet to submit to the GSB by 2005 WSC.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB created a web-based event calendar for all DA/BDA events.
- PI: No motions.
- PI: Recommend that the PI manual be approved and updated with Considerations fro starting a local PI service, activities for attracting new members, letter for financial service professionals, letter for employee assistance professionals.
- PI: Recommend that a photocopied set of the 12 signposts posters, a letter for suggestions for their use, and a feedback card be mailed with the Board call.
- PI: Recommend that the following be included in a DA Focus mailing: PI Manual, PI rep suggestion flyers, PI stories, info on Carry the Message Network.
- INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB investigate and retain services of a multi-technology consulting organization that services non-profits, to help the GSB with technology decisions and implementation.

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INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB in the spirit of DA unity created technology guidelines for DA to use to manage communications and information.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSO invest in a phone tree system with multiple mailboxes to facilitate call handling.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that registered phone meetings be listed on the DA website just as online meetings are.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that a secure web space be created for posting internal draft materials.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that DA refrain from making pamphlets until such time as an online payment and delivery process is established.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that hardcopy communications to GSRs and ISRs also be made available on the DA website for downloading.

INTERNET CAUCUS: Recommend that the Conference Committee put forth a motion changing the name of this caucus to the Technology Caucus at the 2005 WSC.

GSB: Motion that the WSC approve the creation of Literature Services and approve the new literature approval process. Motion carried. A motion to amend selected deadlines failed.

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### 2005 | Mt. Laurel, NJ

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Note that portions of the 2005 convocation minutes were printed in error as follows: The Convocation minutes of the HIP committee and Public Info Committee were accepted as corrected at the 2006 WSC.

GSB: Motion to approve 2004 minutes. Motion carried.

RDC: Motion to approve the creation of a Visions Caucus. In line with the DA website and the Visions pamphlet, the Visions Caucus will help 1) refine the concept of visions for the DA fellowship, 2) show members how to form a clear and specific picture of what they want to do, 3) show members how to have visions in their lives, 4) carry the message to the debtor who still suffers without debting one day at a time by creating additional resources and literature for visions meetings. (Motion co-sponsored by FCC). We have the vision that these efforts will 1) strengthen the DA fellowship, 2) offer experience, strength, and hope to newcomers and old timers, and 3) increase donations to the GSB, so that we can follow our HPs will for us and carry the message to the debtor who still suffers. Motion failed: For 42; opposed 48.

RDC: Recommend that the RDC create a World Service Month (April 2006) letter, envelope design and flyer to present to the GSB, to be approved by the GSB by December 31, 2005, that the materials be distributed with winter issue of DA Focus, that the fundraising goals be \$30K to celebrate DA's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB distribute the Prosperity Appeal flyer in the October 2005 DA Focus.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB create a Treasurer Service Manual that includes "how-to" info for being a treasurer, info about setting up a checking account, guidelines for safeguarding funds at all group levels, what to do if things go wrong.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB create an Events Services Pamphlet similar to the board produced literature offering suggestions on how to have a successful fundraising event, PRG marathon,

vision workshop, silent auction, fellowship day, etc. and focus on reaching out to the newcomer and creating fellowship.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB consider allocating a percentage of WSM 2006 donations to the JHS fund.

RDC: Recommend that whenever members inquire about electronic payments that the GSO informs the person or group that most banks have an online bill pay that will send the funds directly to DA.

IOC: No motions.

IOC: Recommend that the GSB complete a comprehensive Office Operation Manual first draft due for review by Jan 1, 2006, final draft due at the 2006 WSC.

IOC: Recommend that the Office Ops Manual include 1) clear job descriptions for staff positions, 2) intro paragraph in Spanish that the staff can refer inquiries to, 3) a non-English speaking volunteer list, other languages to be added later, 4) recommendations from the Office staff, and a subcommittee of the IOC.

IOC: Recommend that the following people be considered as potential trustees: Leslie K (CA), John P (CA), Bob K (CA), Diana D (NJ), Pat B (Chicago), Jan J. (Chicago).

IOC: Recommend that the GSO staff prepare a list of non-English speaking volunteers. Find speakers via request in DA Focus, W&M, email request to all GSRs and Intergroups, and get further info from the NY Intergroup, complete the list by Jan 1, 2006 and update it regularly. The IOC will produce a flyer to send to GSRs and ISRs at this WSC.

IOC: Recommend that the GSO remain in the greater Boston area where it can continue utilizing the services of an experience office manager and support from local DA members. Further recommend that a search committee be formed consisting of the GSB liaison Boston-area DA members, an office staff member, and IOC members to assist in finding a larger, more efficient and prosperous office. Hope the move can be completed by April 1, 2006.

IOC: Recommend that the funds already available for the purchase of new computer system and database software be used to buy and install new equipment vital to the enhanced operation of the GSO.

IOC: Recommend that we gratefully acknowledge the following vision for new office space reflecting an attitude of prosperity and the 12 Promises: abundant space, a board room for meetings, opportunities for volunteer work by local DA members, a well-lit work area, abundant storage for literature and office supplies, a healthy and beautiful environment, updated computer equipment and software able to meet the needs of a growing fellowship, convenient access to freeways, airport, shipping services, etc., a prosperous office spending plan that meets the needs of the office, and the retention of experience, competent staff.

IOC: Recommend that to ensure that correct contact info is available, that all registered DA groups and Intergroups be required to re-register annually, with a 3-month grace period. Any group that does not re-register within that time period would be removed from the list of registered groups.

IOC: Recommend that to facilitate ongoing contact with DA groups, that all registered groups be required to provide updated contact information for two contact persons, including telephone

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- numbers, email address, and mailing address. A subcommittee of the IOC will help the office staff update this info.
- GSB: Motion to approve the Responsibility Statement. *"Each one of us is responsible, when anyone anywhere wants DA; we share the 12-Step recovery that has been given to us."* Motion failed.
- INTERGROUP CAUCUS: No recommendations presented. First draft of a How to service pamphlet was submitted to the GSB. Plan to work on a service mentoring publication, final draft of How to service pamphlet, set up Internet bulletin board to improve communication between Intergroups.
- BDA Caucus: Recommendation that the BDA Caucus be made into a WSC committee.
- CC: Motion to withdraw the Charter Amendment motion. (Unanimous consent required.) Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to change the name of the Internet Caucus to the Technology Caucus. Motion carried.
- CC: Motion to approve New England as the site of the 2007 WSC. Motion carried.
- CC: Recommend rotation of service: maximum of 3 years on one WSC committee.
- CC: Recommend the GSB establish a World Fellowship Convention Committee to explore the concept of the triennial convention, report back to 2006 WSC with a formal proposal.
- CC: Recommend the GSRs, ISRs and Trustees agree to a 2-year spiritual moratorium on proposing any Charter Amendments from not till beginning of 2007 WSC
- CC: Recommend DA members address their HP as they see fit and that the GSB publish a statement suggesting that in the W&M and DA Focus for two years.
- CC: Recommend that the John Henderson fund be funded by 33% of the net profit from each WSC after funds are set aside for next year's conference.
- CC: Recommend that committees/caucuses and GSB work together during the year to develop guidelines and policies [about how to work together?]
- CC: Recommend making GSR manual on website.
- CC: Recommend creating an issue tracking system to track and record the outcome of issues for each committee to follow during the year
- CC: Recommend a meeting list management policy, GSO procedure for annual registration/annual updating of groups before 2006 WSC.
- LIT: Motion to approve the revisions to the Tools. Motion carried
- LIT: Motion to approve revisions to the Telephone pamphlet. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to adopt the AA Service Manual until we get our own. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of the creation of a DA Service Manual. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a PRG guide pamphlet. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a Just For Today bookmark. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of an Issues pamphlet. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion to change the BDA Caucus to the BDA Committee. Motion carried.
- LIT: Recommend that all conference-approved literature, whether existing or created in the future be translated into Spanish.
- GSB: Motion to approve Concept 2/revise wording
- WSC: Motion to approve substitute wording. YES 50, NO 38. Motion carried.
- WSC: Motion to reconsider previous motion: Motion carried
- WSC: Motion to vote again on substitute wording motion. Motion carried.
- WSC: Motion to approve substitute wording. Motion failed.
- WSC: Motion to approve GSB wording of Concept 2. Motion carried. "The DA groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to the General Service Board. The groups have made the Conference the voice and conscience for the whole Fellowship, excepting for any changes in the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and in Article 10 of the General Warranties of the Conference Charter."
- HIP: No motions. HIP: Recommend that the GSB post in DA Focus and online an ongoing request for HIP speakers and stories.
- HIP: Recommend that an HIP info packet for Intergroup reps be created for outreach purposes.
- HIP: Recommend that HIP gather recovery stories from among DA members.
- HIP: Recommend that a list of solvent HIP speakers be created.
- HIP: Recommend that the ESH of HIP committees from other 12-Step programs be gathered.
- HIP: Recommend that the GSB produce an educational video for distribution to hospitals, recovery and other institutions, and prisons.
- PI: (Note that the 2005 PI report was reported inaccurately in the 2005 minutes, and corrected at the 2006 WSC as follows:)
- PI: Motion to adopt the amended PI Manual, which includes the sample media release form. Motion carried.
- FCC: Motion that in keeping with our 12<sup>th</sup> Step and 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition of carrying the message to the debtor who still suffers, we propose to make the Ways & Means a free online publication rather than a paid subscription newsletter. Motion carried.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB fund the implementation of a searchable DA meeting online directory.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSO add Spanish content to the DA Website.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB continue to pay the W&M editor \$300 per issue through Fall 2006.
- FCC: Recommend that a new name for the W&M be considered. The committee will solicit suggestions from the fellowship and present as a motion at the 2006 WSC.
- FCC: Stands in strong solidarity with the RDC in the creation of a Visions Caucus.
- TECH CAUCUS: Recommend a phone tree for the GSO.
- TECH CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB create a master technology/communication plan that addresses long-term needs of DA, including flexible and expandable website, multi-language content.
- TECH CAUCUS: Recommend redesign of the website to make it more attractive, including Flash animation. All content and changes are to be managed by the InfoTech subcommittee of the GSB.

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TECH CAUCUS: Recommend creating procedures to submit content to the GSO.

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend easy online access to DA meeting info using a searchable, open source, my SQL database.

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend technology education for the fellowship (how to's re: use of pdfs, electronic documents, phone, internet, email tools in recovery).

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend setting up a web-based template-driven email system to disseminate official DA email announcements to meetings and individuals.

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend creating a resource pool of DA technology experts.

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend the development of electronic payments capabilities

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend making the website more search-engine friendly

TECH CAUCUS: Recommend the creation of "web sites in a box" to help small DA groups use a template driven web site system.

GSB: Ratification of new trustee Alan K and returning trustees Carol B and Cookie S. Motion carried.

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### 2006 | San Diego, CA

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GSB: To accept the 2005 minutes with the inclusion of the corrections handed out at the Convocation. Motion carried.

GSB: That the language of Concept 6 be amended to read: "The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Debtors Anonymous General Service Board." Motion carried.

GSB: That the languages of Concept 5 be amended to read: "The traditional Rights of Appeal and Petition ought to protect the minority opinion and ensure the consideration of personal grievance." Amendment: "The traditional Rights of Appeals and Petition protect the minority opinion and ensure the consideration of personal grievances." Amendment carried. Motion to reconsider failed. Vote on amended motion carried.

RDC: Recommend the GSB establish a separate, autonomous fund to manage bequests from estates or trusts of deceased members.

RDC: Recommend the GSB allocate a prime right-hand block of space on DA home page for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition awareness info from RDC.

RDC: Recommend that info about online bill paying or auto withdrawals be available and added to FAQs for GSO staff and 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition page on website.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB approve sending five letters with DA Focus mailings: JHS fund, birthday/anniversary letter, WSMonth, 7<sup>th</sup> Promise Month, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Month.

RDC: Recommend that the RDC continue work on a Treasurer Service Manual by 2007.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB approve an "Events Service Resource" by RDC, suggestions on how to hold fundraising events, reach out and strengthen membership, etc.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB approve a worldwide fundraising event to celebrate DA recovery around the world.

PI: No motions presented by PI Com.

PI: Recommend reaching out to isolated areas by encouraging use of online and phone meetings.

PI: Recommend encouraging strong meetings to function as "sister" meetings.

PI: Recommend defining the needs of small or weak meetings, develop responses to help.

PI: Recommend increasing awareness of available literature.

PI: Recommend connecting people with human resources.

PI: Recommend supporting existing groups with Carry the Message Network.

PI: Recommend the use of group inventories.

PI: Recommend suggesting to struggling meetings to change their formats to "tried and true" formats discussed in DA literature.

PI: Recommend encouraging use of DA pamphlets as discussion topics.

PI: Recommend encouraging members of established groups to speak at isolated or struggling meetings.

PI: Recommend use of a speakerphone when a speaker can't attend in person.

PI: Recommend using teleconferencing to bring a meeting to a remote meeting.

PI: Recommend using tapes and CDs at remote meetings.

PI: Recommend that remote meetings establish contact with strong meetings.

BDA: Recommend BDA is an integral part of DA.

CC: Recommend that the GSB provide the funding for the host committee chair for following year WSC to attend WSC.

CC: Recommend that conference members serve on the same WSC committee maximum 3 consecutive years.

CC: Recommend that the trustees serve on the same committees or officer positions for maximum 3 years.

CC: Recommend that the GSB implement a web-based file-sharing system for the purpose of being accountable to and sharing info with the DA Fellowship before and after each WSC, in collaboration with Tech Caucus, Conf Committee, and other committees. Being 12-month trial period on or before May 1, 2007.

CC: Recommend that the GSB create and maintain separate lists of motions and recommendations approved at each Convocation.

CC: Recommend that every new trustee of the GSB receive training in the management and operations of non-profit orgs and leadership during first year on GSB, all other trustees to receive same within one year of the passage of this rec.

CC: Recommend that future Conference Committees accept candidate cities to host WSCs contingent on the approval of a complete spending plan by the GSB Finance committee no later than one year before actual date of WSC.

CC: Recommend that the GSB choose a broad theme concept for the WSC and the Host com develop specific wording.

CC: Recommend that groups and Intergroups should be self-supporting in sending delegates. If a member chooses to personally and voluntarily fund the trip, it's allowed, and regardless of funding, the GSR retains the rights of decision and participation.

CC: Recommend that the WSC Host Com hold Fell Day workshops on best practices for groups treasurers, service people, cross-talk issues, checking accounts, group debting, keeping newcomers.

CC: Recommend that the Host Com open a PO Box 10-11 months before the WSC begins.

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- CC: Recommend that groups use creative methods to raise GSR funds.
- CC: Recommend that the Tech Caucus evaluate online registration for the WSC.
- CC: Recommend that the WSC reg packets be mailed and posted online 120 days before WSC begins.
- CC: Recommend that the Host Com establish a formal mentor program to match new GSRs with experienced delegates at 2007 WSC.
- CC: Recommend that a WSC sample spending plan be published in three issues (fall, winter, spring) of the DA Focus, and the W&M newsletters before the 2007 WSC.
- CC: To amend Article 9, Amendment to the Conference Charter to state the following: "Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups [and] to all registered Intergroups postmarked ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.
- CC: That the WSC recommends to the GSB that it prepare a Five-Year Strategic Plan by or before June 30, 2008, and present it to the 2008 WSC for review and approval. The 5-Year plan shall include but not be limited to a vision for DA , a Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives, Capabilities Analysis, Trend Analysis, Action plan, and prosperity spending plan. Motion carried.
- CC: That the WSC establish a Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission to evaluate the selection, by geographic and cyberspace region, of Class A debting GSB trustees. Review draft prepared by Conf Com and present a final proposal to 2007 WSC. Chair and Vice Chair of FCC, REC, CC, IOC, or delegates of same, and trustee members of the PDSC of the GSB. Amendment: add at end "and other such members and outside consultants as the GSB may choose." Motion carried as amended.
- GSB: To establish the standard for substantial unanimity as being 2/3 of the members present. Motion carried.
- CC: That the WSC accept Salt Lake City as the host city for 2008 WSC provided the Finance Com of the GSB approves the spending plan 12 months before the WSC begins. Motion carried.
- CC: That the WSC create a Diversity Caucus beginning at the 2007 WSC. Motion carried.
- CC: That the official WSC schedule be amended so that the caucus meetings are held at the same time as the committee meetings. Motion was not voted on due to lack of time.
- HIP: Recommend that the GSB post letter and flyer on Website to Intergroups and groups requesting HIP service, and mail hard copies to groups.
- HIP: Recommend encouraging members to write HIP articles for W&M.
- HIP: Recommend that the GSB approve FAQs for DA members in HIP service.
- HIP: Recommend gathering HIP stories from DA members about being confined in institutions.
- HIP: Recommend building list of HIP speakers.
- HIP: Recommend assisting with inquiries to GSO from prisoners and institutionalized persons.
- HIP: Recommend drafting a form letter to answer info requests.
- HIP: Recommend having HIP members go to sites to gain ESH about serving hospitals, institutions, and prisons.
- HIP: Recommend working with DA Intergroups.
- HIP: Recommend gathering ESH from HIP in other 12 step programs.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB create an info management and approval process for website and email news content.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB hire a professional Web producer.
- FCC: Recommend that all content changes and additions to the website be directed to the FCC.
- FCC: Recommend that the IOC group registration form collect email addresses.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB research the feasibility of posting a sample COH chapter online.
- FCC: Recommend that the IOC give new groups instructions on how to receive the W&M online.
- FCC: Recommend that the IOC make sure the W&M is available to all meetings that lack online access.
- FCC: Recommend that the GSB hire a part-time professional web content editor.
- FCC: Recommend W&M section on website.
- FCC: Recommend making "submit to W&M" a separate white box.
- FCC: Recommend posting past issues online.
- FCC: Recommend providing instructions on submitting articles online.
- FCC: Recommend allowing submitting articles through W&M web page.
- FCC: Recommend adding submission deadlines to web page.
- FCC: Recommend mailing hard copy of W&M to registered groups.
- Tech Caucus: Recommend bringing searchable meeting list online ASAP.
- Tech Caucus: Recommend adding appropriate disclaimers to results pages.
- Tech Caucus: Recommend that the IOC and GSB create clear process for re-listing meetings and for adding/updating them, have all proofed for accuracy.
- Tech Caucus: Recommend GSB hire a professional web production person.
- Tech Caucus: Recommend adding the DA eNews to the website ASAP.
- IOC: That DA meetings and Intergroups renew their listing annually for inclusion in the DA International Directory. The purpose of this motion is to have updated meeting information and does not affect the registered status of meetings. Motion carried.
- IOC: Recommend that the GSB adopt a revised meeting reg/update form.
- IOC: Recommend that the GSB create an Office Development Plan to present to 2007 WSC, with input from the IOC, NE Intergroup, and GSO staff.
- INTERGROUP CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB create an Intergroup-specific form.
- INTERGROUP CAUCUS: Recommend that the GSB develop a service mentoring pamphlet.
- LIT: Motion to withdraw the concept of the creation of a PRG Guide pamphlet as approved by 2005 WSC and instead revise the existing PRG and PRM pamphlet to include more detail "nuts and bolts' suggestions on how to give a PRM. Motion carried.
- LIT: Motion To adopt the following statement regarding conference approved literature: In the spirit of clarity of the DA message and the unity called for in the first Tradition, the DA WSC strongly suggests that only conference approved DA literature be

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displayed or distributed at DA meetings. If a group chooses not to follow this recommendation, and makes non-conference approved literature available at its meeting, it is suggested that it be placed in a different area from the DA conference approved literature and that it be clearly designated as outside literature. We encourage all DA meetings to recommend conference approved literature to newcomers. We also encourage and welcome all DA meetings who have developed literature for local use to submit it to the Lit Com of the WSC for conference approval consideration. Motion carried 66 For, 23 Opposed.

LIT: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the GDA Business Plan pamphlet as developed by the BDA Committee. Motion carried.

LIT: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the BDA Numbers pamphlet as developed by the BDA Committee. Motion carried.

LIT: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the DA Basics Steps and Tools workshop format as developed by the Capitol Area DA Intergroup. Motion carried.

LIT: Motion To approve the BDA Meeting Format. Motion carried.

LIT: Motion To approve the Just for This Day bookmark. Motion carried.

LIT: Recommend that the statement on CAL along with contact info for the Lit Com be posted on DA website, emailed with eNews list, published in W&M and DA Focus during 2006-07.

LIT: Recommend that the LSB 12x12 writer build on the existing work of the DA 12x12 subcom.

LIT: Recommend that a DA newcomer packet of existing material be created.

LIT: Recommend allocating funds to pay for translation of literature into Spanish.

GSB: To ratify new Class A trustees: Jan S, Jan J, Chris S, and Class B trustees: Peggy R and MaryJane R. Motion carried.

GSB: To ratify Class A trustees Aishlin O and Willie W for second term. Motion carried.

**2007 | Sturbridge, MA**

GSB: Motion to accept minutes from 2006 WSC. Motion carried.

GSB: Motion to adopt the following: Pursuant to the spirit of rotation and in accordance with Recommendation 2 of the Conference Committee of the 2006 World Service Conference, the General Service Board moves that beginning with the 2008 World Service Conference, GSRs and ISRs may serve on the same WSC Committee for a total of no more than three (3) years. Amendment to change the motion to three consecutive years and three years off in between. Amendment carried. The amended motion carried. 94 in favor; 1 opposed.

GSB: Motion to adopt a Spiritual Selection Process: In the spirit of rotation of service, dedication of all to a common goal, selfless service and seeking a balance of membership among the committees, the GSB moves that beginning with the 2008 WSC, GSRs and ISRs will be assigned to their WSC committees by a method of random selection to be determined by the host committee and designed to ensure that approximately equal numbers of GSRs and ISRs are assigned to each WSC committee. This motion shall continue in effect for a trial period that shall encompass the 2008, 2009 and 2010 World Service

Conferences, to be reevaluated by the 2010 World Service Conference. Amendment: to change the language to new GSRs. Amendment did not receive substantial unanimity; 51 for 48 against. Due to the lack of substantial unanimity on the amendment vote, members were asked to indicate if they were willing to change their votes from for to against the amendment. In light of the show of hands and the time constraints, the amendment was withdrawn by general consent. Discussion continued on the original motion. The motion did not carry.

PI: No motions presented by PI Com.

PI: Recommend that the Fellowship Communications Committee address the issue of retaining DA membership. We would also like to respectfully submit the following recommendations to the Conference:

PI: Recommend that all meeting start-up materials include wording that encourages the selection of meeting locations that are handicapped-accessible whenever possible.

PI: Recommend that the Conference endorse the idea of group sponsorship, defined as established DA groups sponsoring other groups that express a desire to be sponsored and/or working with individuals who want to start a DA group. Modeled on the concept of individual sponsorship—sharing our experience, strength, and hope—group sponsorship could include: Exchanging phone lists; Providing PRGs via phone and in person Offering outreach and fundraising ideas; Collaborating on workshops or fellowship days; Providing business meeting support; Providing literature; Offering temporary individual sponsorship or helping newcomers get started; Providing guidance in working the Steps; Mentoring trusted servants (group officers) to perform their duties.

HIP: No motions or recommendations presented by HIP Committee.

IOC: Recommend that the GSB continue to enhance office operations by centralizing document storage, integrating operating systems for cross referencing databases, and upgrading equipment and space as needed.

FCC: No motions were presented by the FCC.

FCC: Recommend that the General Service Board and the 2007 World Service Conference authorize the Fellowship Communications Committee to develop a plan to implement a program that will match isolated members with members in established groups who can provide experience, strength, and hope. This program will include communicating with each other by email, postal mail, or telephone. Fiscal impact this year: \$0.

FCC: Recommend that the General Service Office determines the cost of disseminating individual issues of Ways & Means to be made available at reasonable cost to members with no Internet access by adding to the Literature order form.

FCC: Recommend that the FCC, working with the Intergroup Caucus, encourages Intergroups to develop a list of qualified Debtors Anonymous speakers from their areas to use as a resource for meetings and events.

FCC: Recommend that the FCC strongly supports the Resource Development Committee's recommendation to the GSB for an Inter-committee Liaison. We, the FCC further suggest that each committee's Vice Chair assume the responsibility of this liaison.

CC: Motion to amend Article 9, Amendment to the Conference Charter, to state the following: "Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to

the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to the Intergroup Service Representatives of all registered Intergroups postmarked one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference, except that any change to Article 3 of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to the Intergroup Service Representatives of all registered Intergroups postmarked one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. The vote was taken with 102 members in the room. The result was 69 in favor, 27 against, 6 abstentions. The motion failed on both counts—it did not achieve the ¾ substantial unanimity requirement and did not meet the ¾ in favor out of the number of people actually in the room. The minority right to appeal the outcome was exercised. Seven people stood to change their votes. A second vote with 107 people in the room yielded 82 in favor, 21 against, and 5 abstentions. A revote was called for due to irregularities in the voting process. The re-count resulted in 87 in favor, 13 against, and 8 abstentions. The Charter Amendment motion carried.

CC: Motion that the World Service Conference in 2009 be held in Dallas, Texas. Motion carried unanimously by general consent.

CC: Motion that the Treasurer include a 'budget vs. actual' for the previous year's conference in the annual treasurer's report that is given at the current year conference. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.

Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission Motion: (Part 1) The Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission moves that it be reformed until August 15, 2008, for the purpose of developing and presenting to the 2008 World Service Conference a five-year strategy and action plan for creating a structure for the regional selection of trustees. Development of the five-year strategy and action plan will be based on the 2007 Report entitled "Toward a Regional Selection Consensus." (Part 2) The Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission also moves that the membership of the Commission be expanded to a total of fifteen (15) members, according to the following criteria: (a) Five actively serving GSR members from the following WSC Committees—Conference, Resource Development, Fellowship Communications, and Internal Operations—and the Intergroup Caucus. These members must be either the Chair, Vice-Chair, or a member appointed by each Committee or Caucus. (b) Five serving Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) from areas that represent a cross-section of DA meeting locations, such as the East and West Coasts, the Midwest, the South, and the Southwest. The Chair of the General Service Board will first ask for volunteers from the Intergroup Caucus. If a total of five Caucus members do not volunteer, the Chair of the GSB will be empowered to invite members from the available Intergroup Service Representatives. These ISRs must represent registered DA Intergroups. (c) Five members appointed by the Chair of the GSB and ratified by a majority vote of the total number of Trustees serving at the time of the appointments. (d) Each duly elected ISR or GSR member presently representing a registered group or Intergroup will serve a maximum of one two-year term as part of his or her suggested six-year service at the world service conference. If a Commission member resigns before

his/her term is complete, the Chair of the GSB, with the consent of the General Service Board, will fill the vacancy within 30 days of the effective vacancy date. The replacement appointee (also a serving GSR or ISR of a registered DA group or Intergroup or a member chosen by the GSB) will serve only the remainder of the term of the original member. Motion carried with substantial unanimity.

RDC: Motion: To add to the current RDC mission statement the following phrase: "Encouraging member participation in service at all levels." Proposed new RDC mission statement: Revenue for DA is the focus of the Resource Development Committee, including: Encouraging member participation in service at all levels; Reminding groups about the 7th tradition; Addressing income needs through special events, such as World Service Month; Communicating with the Fellowship about the concept of self-support in DA. Motion carried by general consent.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB create a new service role, Inter-Committee Liaison. This role will be assumed by the Vice Chair of each committee or other committee member as its group conscience decides. This new service role will serve to identify gaps in service delivery, facilitate methods to unite common committee goals, and streamline committee activities in order to develop suggestions to expedite the work of the committees and the General Service Board at the World Service conference.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB distribute the John Henderson Fund prosperity appeal letter drafted by the RDC in the next issue of the DA Focus and be distributed by DA's ENews List.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB distribute the World Service Month (April 2008) letter drafted by the RDC in the issue of the DA Focus nearest, but prior to April 2008 and be distributed by DA's ENews List.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB reinstate the practice of publishing contributing groups 7th Tradition donations in each issue of the DA Focus.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB edit and publish the Service Guide for Events drafted by the 2006 RDC.

RDC: Recommend that the GSB make available the information about on-line bill pay drafted by the 2006 RDC.

RDC: Recommend that the RDC create a series of special initiatives to encourage donations directed toward supporting the spending plan for the DA 12-Steps and 12-Traditions book: A world-wide DA service event; Publish a survey of the fellowship for event ideas via the E-List, DA website, DA Focus and Ways & Means; 12-Step weekend workshop, held simultaneously throughout the world; Recruit group of old-timers willing to travel for speaker events; DA 12-Step speaker swap: DA groups or Intergroups sponsor each other with guest speaker for a 12-Step workshop. It is suggested that the group donate frequent flyer miles and house the speaker in a member's home; In a fun, game-like manner, have a DA talk-a-thon or debate-a-thon where members pre-pay to speak and are charged extra if they exceed their time or talk about outside issues.

RDC: Recommend that a portion of GSR-fundraising events be earmarked toward the General Service Office. Possible fellowship events include: 1) GSR training and World Service Conference advance-training workshops; 2) Old-timer panels; 3) 12-Step workshops; 4) 12-Tradition workshops; 5) 12-Promises workshops; 9) Have a project of creating a prosperity document.

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- 10) That in the future, the GSB respond to issues and concerns that have been previously addressed. Please include decision and date addressed on the issues and concerns document. For example: 2007 Items 67 (John Henderson fund), and items 68 & 69 (DA recovery chips).
- BDA: No motions or recommendations were presented by the Business Debtors Anonymous Committee.
- CC: Motion that the Conference moves to create an Underearning Caucus. The vote was 54 for, 39 against. The motion did not carry. The minority right of appeal was invoked, and 8 people were willing to change their vote. A revote was called: 62 were for the motion, 35 were against the motion. Motion did not carry.
- CC: Motion that the D.A. fellowship reaffirm D.A.'s primary purpose as stated in the preamble: "Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt." Motion carried by general consent.
- CC: Recommend that the General Service Board use the Ways & Means, DA Focus, DA Website and any internal methods of getting the news out regarding Salt Lake City's World Service Conference email for roommates.
- CC: Recommend that the Information Technology Caucus investigate how to broadcast the Open Forum of the World Service Conference while maintaining anonymity.
- CC: Recommend that the GSB expand the current Conference link on the DA website to include a suggested estimated spending plan for GSRs, updated as more specific information comes in, the registration packet, how to prepare for Conference, fundraising ideas, how the Conference works, etc.
- CC: Recommend that the host committee make a reasonable effort to make each conference as environmentally responsible as possible; i.e., no styrofoam and recycle bins for cans, bottles, paper, printer cartridges, etc.
- CC: Recommend that the "Issues for the DA World Service Conference" form be available on the website permanently in printable form, emailed in the eNews four months before the Conference, included in the DA Focus and Ways & Means, prior to the Conference and included in the Conference registration packet.
- LIT: Motion that all new DA literature, including literature in process, be written in such a way that all references to Higher Power and/or God are gender neutral. The language of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions will not be changed as a result of this motion. Friendly amendment to add the phrase, "Except for personal stories" after "gender-neutral." Amendment adopted by general consent. Friendly amendment so that the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions are not a separate sentence, to avoid them getting lost in the shuffle. No general consent was given to approve this amendment. A formal amendment: "...gender neutral, save and except 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and personal stories," and delete the last sentence. The vote was taken on the amended motion. The vote was 45 for the amended motion, 48 opposed. The second amendment failed. A member asked to make a privileged motion of postponement and made a motion to recommit this issue to the committee. There was not general consent to recommit. The vote was taken on the amended motion. The motion carried by substantial unanimity. The member invoked the minority right of appeal and made a statement. The Chair asked if anyone was willing to change his or her vote. One person was willing to change his or her vote, which was not enough to change the outcome, so the outcome was unchanged. Final amended motion: The Literature Committee moves that all new DA literature, including literature in process, be written in such a way that all references to Higher Power and/or God are gender neutral, except for personal stories. The language of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions will not be changed as a result of this motion.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a DA 12 Step Study Guide, which shall include content specific to both DA and BDA for each Step. Motion carried by general consent.
- LIT: Motion that the Literature Committee moves that the word "international" be used rather than the word "national" in all future DA literature, including literature in process, when referring to the DA Fellowship as a whole. Existing literature to be revised when reprinted. Motion carried by general consent.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept and outline of an Income Plan pamphlet. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a Beginner's Meeting Format, to be made available for download on the DA Website. Motion carried by general consent.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a Business Meeting Format to be made available for download on the DA Website. Motion carried by general consent.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a DA Glossary. Motion did not carry.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a Newcomers Welcome Booklet. Motion carried by general consent.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a "Starting and Financing a Business Without Incurring Unsecured Debt" pamphlet, as recom-mended by the BDA Committee. Motion failed.
- LIT: Motion to approve the concept of a DA basic text (How It Works) book. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.
- LIT: Motion that the 2007 WSC approve the following statement regarding Conference-approved literature in lieu of the statement that was approved at the 2006 WSC: "In the spirit and clarity of the DA message and the unity called for in the First Tradition, the Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference strongly suggests that only Conference-approved literature be displayed or distributed at DA meetings. We encourage all DA meetings to recommend Conference-approved literature to newcomers. We also encourage and welcome all DA meetings who have developed literature for local use to submit it to the Literature Committee of the WSC for Conference approval consideration." Motion did not carry. The right of minority appeal was invoked. Not enough people were willing to change their votes. Motion did not carry.
- DIV: There were no recommendations presented by the Diversity Caucus.
- INTERGROUP: There were no recommendations presented by the Intergroup Caucus.
- TECH: The Technology Caucus did not meet in 2007.
- GSB: Motion to ratify new General Service Board Class A Trustees, Allen A. and James Q. Motion carried unanimously.
- GSB: Motion to ratify returning GSB Trustee Paul S.

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD (GSB)**

- 1997 Motion to ratify of Doyle B. Motion carried.
- 1997 Degenderization ballot straw poll: should the ballot be approved by the WSC, should it be mailed to registered DA groups? No substantial unanimity. Issue tabled to 1998 WSC.
- 1998: Motion To ratify new trustees Holly A, Suze G., Dick (Class B), Jimmy W., Robert P., River L., Bea K., Tracy C. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion That the WSC approve the DA Responsibility Declaration: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of DA always to be there. And for that I am responsible. [Pending approval from AA World Service.] Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion To adopt the Resolution: that while using the tools of DA will provide some relief from compulsive debting, working the Twelve Steps provides recovery. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion To adopt the resolution on bankruptcy: We view bankruptcy as an outside issue and therefore have no opinion on it as a matter of tradition. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion Although the GSB has been entrusted to choose the name of the book, we resolve that the DA General Service Conference approve "A Currency of Hope" as the title of DA's first recovery book. Motion carried 51 For, 21 Opposed, 2 Abstentions.
- 1998: Motion: Now that we have a database, it is the pleasure of the DA General Service Conference to conduct a ballot of all registered DA groups to degenderize the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of DA. Motion carried 57 For, 6 Opposed, 10 Abstentions.
- 1999: Motion Joanna R voted to be a GSB Trustee. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion Chris F to have her tenure on the GSB extended. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To accept the 12 Concepts for DA World Service .No vote taken.
- 2000: Motion To ratify the election of three Trustees [Michael F, Carla J, Carolyn H.] Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion To ratify two non-debting trustees, Jack Blume and James Crossen. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion that the following trustees be ratified: Class A: Carol B., Phoenix F., Class B: Cookie S., Hugh F..
- 2003: Motion That the Convocation approve the following change to the DA Preamble: "Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt." Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion that the WSC ratify new Class A trustees Willie E. W. and Aishlin O.. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion That the WSC ratify trustees Carolyn H. and Carla J. for a second term. Motion carried.
- 2004: Motion To approve the proposed responsibility statement for Debtors Anonymous: "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere needs DA, to hold out my hand and freely offer the 12 Step recovery program that has been freely given to me." Motion failed.
- 2004: Motion that the responsibility statement be referred back to committee, specifically the GSB, and that the GSB report back at the 2005 WSC. Motion carried.

- 2004: Motion to ratify new trustees: Class A Deborah C., Class B Paul S. Motion carried.
- 2004: It came to the attention of the GSB and the Sacramento Host Committee that the Traditions were broken and the Steps were not followed at the WSC Fellowship Day held on Saturday, August 28. The GSB recommends that the Conference develop and adopt clear guidelines for fellowship days, share-a-days, and other DA-related recovery workshops, and that such guidelines emphasize honoring the 12 Steps, following the 12 Traditions, using conference-approved literature only, and focusing on not debting one day at a time.
- 2004: Motion That Concept 12 be amended to read as follows: "The Conference of Debtors Anonymous will observe the spirit of the Traditions by taking care not to become powerful and wealthy, by keeping sufficient operating funds with a prudent reserve, by having no authority over any other members, by making important decisions by discussing and voting on these issues wherever possible by substantial unanimity, by not acting in punitive ways, by not inviting public controversy, by never performing an act of government, and finally, by always remaining democratic in thought and action." Motion carried.
- 2004: Motion that the WSC approve the creation of Literature Services and approve the new literature approval process. Motion carried. A motion to amend selected deadlines failed.
- 2005: Motion to approve 2004 minutes. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve the Responsibility Statement. "Each one of us is responsible, when anyone anywhere wants DA; we share the 12-Step recovery that has been given to us." Motion failed.
- 2005: Motion to approve Concept 2/revise wording.
- 2005: Motion to approve substitute wording. YES 50, NO 38. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to reconsider previous motion: Motion carried
- 2005: Motion to vote again on substitute wording motion. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve substitute wording. Motion failed.
- 2005: Motion to approve GSB wording of Concept 2. Motion carried. "The DA groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to the General Service Board. The groups have made the Conference the voice and conscience for the whole Fellowship, excepting for any changes in the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and in Article 10 of the General Warranties of the Conference Charter."
- 2005: Ratification of new trustee Alan K and returning trustees Carol B and Cookie S. Motion carried.
- 2006: To accept the 2005 minutes with the inclusion of the corrections handed out at the Convocation. Motion carried.
- 2006: That the language of Concept 6 be amended to read: "The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Debtors Anonymous General Service Board." Motion carried.
- 2006: That the languages of Concept 5 be amended to read: "The traditional Rights of Appeal and Petition ought to protect the minority opinion and ensure the consideration of personal grievance." Amendment: "The traditional Rights of Appeals and Petition protect the minority opinion and ensure the consideration of personal grievances." Amendment carried. Motion to reconsider failed. Vote on amended motion carried.

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## PART 2 | CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD BY COMMITTEE/CAUCUS

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- 2006: To establish the standard for substantial unanimity as being 2/3 of the members present. Motion carried.
- 2006: To ratify new Class A trustees: Jan S, Jan J, Chris S, and Class B trustees: Peggy R and MaryJane R. Motion carried.
- 2006: To ratify Class A trustees Aishlin O. and Willie W. for second term. Motion carried.
- 2007: Motion to accept minutes from 2006 WSC. Motion carried.
- 2007: Motion to adopt the following: Pursuant to the spirit of rotation and in accordance with Recommendation 2 of the Conference Committee of the 2006 World Service Conference, the General Service Board moves that beginning with the 2008 World Service Conference, GSRs and ISRs may serve on the same WSC Committee for a total of no more than three (3) years. Amendment to change the motion to three consecutive years and three years off in between. Amendment carried. The amended motion carried. 94 in favor; 1 opposed.
- 2007: Motion to adopt a Spiritual Selection Process: In the spirit of rotation of service, dedication of all to a common goal, selfless service and seeking a balance of membership among the committees, the GSB moves that beginning with the 2008 WSC, GSRs and ISRs will be assigned to their WSC committees by a method of random selection to be determined by the host committee and designed to ensure that approximately equal numbers of GSRs and ISRs are assigned to each WSC committee. This motion shall continue in effect for a trial period that shall encompass the 2008, 2009 and 2010 World Service Conferences, to be reevaluated by the 2010 World Service Conference. Amendment: to change the language to new GSRs. Amendment did not receive substantial unanimity; 51 for 48 against. Due to the lack of substantial unanimity on the amendment vote, members were asked to indicate if they were willing to change their votes from for to against the amendment. In light of the show of hands and the time constraints, the amendment was withdrawn by general consent. Discussion continued on the original motion. The motion did not carry.
- 2007: Motion to ratify new General Service Board Class A Trustees, Allen A. and James Q. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2007: Motion to ratify returning GSB Trustee Paul S. for second term. Motion carried.

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### BUSINESS DEBTORS ANONYMOUS CAUCUS / BDA COMMITTEE

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- 2003: No recommendations presented.
- 2004: Recommend that the Lit Committee give top priority to BDA newcomer's pamphlet, BDA meeting format pamphlet, Separating business and personal finances pamphlet, and BDA debting signposts and tools pamphlet.
- 2004: Recommend that the Lit Committee defer the following literature items to next year's WSC: BDA booklet (40-page "big book," Business Underearning, Spirituality and BDA, and BDA Numbers/recordkeeping booklet.
- 2004: Recommend that the Lit Committee create BDA worksheets for Business Plan, Business Spending Plan, and Business Earning Plan.

- 2004: Recommend that the Conference Committee include in the Host Committee Planning Manual a strong suggestion that the fellowship day at all future WSCs provide a BDA workshop.
- 2004: Recommend that one or more BDA webpages be added to the DA website, including FAQs.
- 2005: Recommendation that the BDA Caucus be made into a WSC committee.
- 2006: Recommend BDA is an integral part of DA.
- 2007: No motions or recommendations were presented by the Business Debtors Anonymous Committee.

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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (CC)

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- 1997 Motion to interpret the last sentence of Section 3 of the Charter as "no change in. may be made with less than ¾ of the written response of DA groups that respond within a reasonable length of time." Motion declared out of order.
- 1997 Motion That the 1998 Seattle WSC be extended to four days, that the GSB trustees be reimbursed 100% fro their reasonable WSC travel expenses, and that Albuquerque NM be approved as the site of the 2000 WSC. Motion carried.
- 1997 Motion to accept the Conference Committee report. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion To hold the 1999 DA WSC in Boston. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion To hold the 2001 DA WSC in Baltimore MD. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion to accept the Conference Committee report. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion that the DA 2002 WSC be hosted in New York City. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To amend Concept 7 to strikeout "and the Charter" so the last line reads "The Concepts are not legal instruments." Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To accept the amended 12 Concepts for DA World Service. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion that the 2001 WSC be held in Baltimore, the 2002 WSC be in NYC, and the 2003 WSC be in Pittsburgh. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion that a scholarship fund be established to assist in sending GSRs representing less abundant groups to the WSC. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion that the 18<sup>th</sup> annual WSC be held in Sacramento, CA. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the WSC endorse the concept of a triennial DA World Fellowship Convention to begin in 2004. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the WSC endorse the concept of a voluntary buddy system for GSRs and ISRs at their first WSC, providing for orientation of new people by their more experienced peers. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the WSC act to include 60-90 minutes of free time (in addition to mealtimes) on full work days at the WSC, during which no other activities be scheduled. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion To amend the last sentence of Article 3 of the Conference Charter of DA to read: No change to Article Ten (10) of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous may be made with less than the consent of a total of ¾ of the eligible votes. No vote taken.

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## PART 2 | CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD BY COMMITTEE/CAUCUS

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- 2002: Motion that the venue of the 2003 WSC be moved from Pittsburgh to Minneapolis. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion that the 2005 WSC be hosted by the New Jersey/Eastern Penn. Intergroup, site TBD. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion That the third sentence of Article 9 of the Conference Charter of Debtors Anonymous be amended to read: Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to all registered Intergroups, postmarked sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion That the last sentence of Article 3 of the Conference Charter of Debtors Anonymous be amended to read: No change in Article 10 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous may be made with less than the consent of a total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the eligible votes. Eligible votes are defined at (1) GSRs and ISRs eligible to vote at the Conference, and (2) Ballots cast by registered groups and received by the deadline set by the GSB. Motion did not carry.
- 2003: Motion to accept San Diego as the site for the 2006 WSC. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion that the WSC use the suggested guidelines for GSRs as stated in the GSR pamphlet as follows: "It is suggested that a person being considered for GSR have the following qualifications: to be actively working the Twelve Steps, to have had at least two Pressure Relief Meetings, to have abstained from incurring unsecured debt for at least one year, to have given service to a local group and/or been an Intergroup officer, and to be an active member of a home group" to be an officer on a committee or caucus. Motion carried.
- 2003: Recommend approval of the draft of the DA Fellowship Convention Opinion Poll.
- 2003: Recommend that future Host Committees consider spiritual, environment, and health aspects of potential meeting sites.
- 2003: Recommend to future Host Committees that the date, location, and estimated major costs of attending the Conference be communicated to GSRs, ISRs, GSB, and all registered groups at least 90 days prior to the planned early bird registration deadline
- 2003: Recommend that the GSO provide a copy of the current Conference planning manual to each Host committee and to any group that requests a copy.
- 2003: Recommend that the Conference Committee award future Conference sites three years in advance.
- 2003: Recommend that all GSRs and ISRs upon registration with the GSO receive the DA GSR Service Manual, a directory of registered meetings, the GSR and GSO brochures, and the most recent copy of the Board Call.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB review the GSR Service Manual to correct inconsistencies in term length and limits.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSR incorporate all info from the GSR pamphlet into the GSR Service Manual.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB insert the following into the GSR Service Manual on page 6, end of para defining the role of the GSR: "At the conclusion of the WSC, GSRs may wish to reflect on their vision for the future of DA in their areas. GSRs are encouraged to develop an action plan that will encompass continued WSC committee work and encourage participation by DA members at the local level. This could include attracting new members, public information work such as mailings or flyers, encouraging others to start groups, including General Service groups and Intergroups in areas that do not already have a DA presence, holding fundraisers and encouraging others to do service.
- 2003: Recommend approval of the draft of the Scholarship Fund Policy and Application.
- 2004: Motion that the WSC adopt a suggested guideline for the GSR that any member of a WSC committee serve for one year, from one WSC until the next WSC, regardless of when their term as GSR/ISR ends. Amended: "Any member of a WSC committee serves for one year, from that WSC until the next WSC, regardless of when their term of local service ends. Motion failed, 49 For, 47 Opposed.
- 2004: Motion that Article 3 of the Debtors Anonymous Charter be changed to: "Any change to Article Ten (10) of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of Debtors Anonymous or in the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous will require the written consent of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the responding votes from all registered Debtors Anonymous groups." Motion failed. 31 For, 68 Opposed.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB reissue the GSR pamphlet to include Article 3 in its entirety between the first and second bullets under the title Service to World Conference, under the heading of "info regarding GSR voting according to the Conference Charter of DA Article 3."
- 2004: Recommend that at least 2 copies of the Host Committee Planning Manual be made easily available at the WSC for GSRs to examine when considering a bid/proposal for hosting a future World Service Conference.
- 2004: Recommend that the Conference spending plan be made available at the WSC for GSRs to examine when considering a bid/proposal for hosting a future World Service Conference.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB prepare a "rough guide" spending plan for the costs typically associated with attending a WSC and that the guide be distributed to GSRs, groups, and Intergroups. Send with the first general mailing following a WSC to give groups a fundraising target.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB distribute ideas for GSR/ISR fundraising. Ideas: special envelopes, collections, workshops, variety shows, balls, galas, silent auctions, car washes, bake sales, garage and decluttering sales.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB publicize both the need for John Henderson scholarship funds and ideas for fundraising. Ideas: special envelopes/collections, individual scholarship sponsors, sponsor a GSR, a sponsor "sibling" meeting in a different region, larger groups adopt a smaller group, larger Intergroups sponsor smaller groups.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB provide a system that allows conference members to track their issues at a conference, so they can report back to their meetings immediately. The preparation of the tracking sheets will be the responsibility of the Host Committee. Each committee and caucus of the WSC will fill in the tracking sheet at the end of the conference. The sheets will be posted for GSR review before the end of the WSC.
- 2004: Motion that the WSC adopt, as a suggested guideline, that any member of a standing committee, ad-hoc committee, or caucus

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## PART 2 | CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD BY COMMITTEE/CAUCUS

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- of the WSC will serve from that WSC until the next WSC. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to withdraw the Charter Amendment motion. (Unanimous consent required.) Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to change the name of the Internet Caucus to the Technology Caucus. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve New England as the site of the 2007 WSC. Motion carried.
- 2005: Recommend rotation of service: maximum of 3 years on one WSC committee.
- 2005: Recommend the GSB establish a World Fellowship Convention Committee to explore the concept of the triennial convention, report back to 2006 WSC with a formal proposal.
- 2005: Recommend the GSRs, ISRs and Trustees agree to a 2-year spiritual moratorium on proposing any Charter Amendments from not till beginning of 2007 WSC
- 2005: Recommend DA members address their HP as they see fit and that the GSB publish a statement suggesting that in the W&M and DA Focus for two years.
- 2005: Recommend that the John Henderson fund be funded by 33% of the net profit from each WSC after funds are set aside for next year's conference.
- 2005: Recommend that committees/caucuses and GSB work together during the year to develop guidelines and policies [about how to work together?]
- 2005: Recommend making GSR manual on website.
- 2005: Recommend creating an issue tracking system to track and record the outcome of issues for each committee to follow during the year
- 2005: Recommend a meeting list management policy, GSO procedure for annual registration/annual updating of groups before 2006 WSC.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB provide the funding for the host committee chair for following year WSC to attend WSC.
- 2006: Recommend that conference members serve on the same WSC committee maximum 3 consecutive years.
- 2006: Recommend that the trustees serve on the same committees or officer positions for maximum 3 years.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB implement a web-based file-sharing system for the purpose of being accountable to and sharing info with the DA Fellowship before and after each WSC, in collaboration with Tech Caucus, Conf Committee, and other committees. Being 12-month trial period on or before May 1, 2007.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB create and maintain separate lists of motions and recommendations approved at each Convocation.
- 2006: Recommend that every new trustee of the GSB receive training in the management and operations of non-profit orgs and leadership during first year on GSB, all other trustees to receive same within one year of the passage of this rec.
- 2006: Recommend that future Conference Committees accept candidate cities to host WSCs contingent on the approval of a complete spending plan by the GSB Finance committee no later than one year before actual date of WSC.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB choose a broad theme concept for the WSC and the Host com develop specific wording.
- 2006: Recommend that groups and Intergroups should be self-supporting in sending delegates. If a member chooses to personally and voluntarily fund the trip, it's allowed, and regardless of funding, the GSR retains the rights of decision and participation.
- 2006: Recommend that the WSC Host Com hold Fellowship Day workshops on best practices for groups treasurers, service people, cross-talk issues, checking accounts, group debting, keeping newcomers.
- 2006: Recommend that the Host Com open a PO Box 10-11 months before the WSC begins.
- 2006: Recommend that groups use creative methods to raise GSR funds.
- 2006: Recommend that the Tech Caucus evaluate online registration for the WSC.
- 2006: Recommend that the WSC reg packets be mailed and posted online 120 days before WSC begins.
- 2006: Recommend that the Host Com establish a formal mentor program to match new GSRs with experienced delegates at 2007 WSC.
- 2006: Recommend that a WSC sample spending plan be published in three issues (fall, winter, spring) of the DA Focus, and the W&M newsletters before the 2007 WSC.
- 2006: Motion to amend Article 9, Amendment to the Conference Charter to state the following: "Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups [and] to all registered Intergroups postmarked ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion that the WSC recommends to the GSB that it prepare a Five-Year Strategic Plan by or before June 30, 2008, and present it to the 2008 WSC for review and approval. The 5-Year plan shall include but not be limited to a vision for DA , a Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives, Capabilities Analysis, Trend Analysis, Action plan, and prosperity spending plan. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion that the WSC establish a Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission to evaluate the selection, by geographic and cyberspace region, of Class A debting GSB trustees. Review draft prepared by Conf Com and present a final proposal to 2007 WSC. Chair and Vice Chair of FCC, REC, CC, IOC, or delegates of same, and trustee members of the PDSC of the GSB. Amendment: add at end "and other such members and outside consultants as the GSB may choose." Motion carried as amended.
- 2006: Motion that the WSC accept Salt Lake City as the host city for 2008 WSC provided the Finance Com of the GSB approves the spending plan 12 months before the WSC begins. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion that the WSC create a Diversity Caucus beginning at the 2007 WSC. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion that the official WSC schedule be amended so that the caucus meetings are held at the same time as the committee meetings. Motion was not voted on due to lack of time.
- 2007: Motion to amend Article 9, Amendment to the Conference Charter, to state the following: "Amendment of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to the Intergroup Service Representatives of all registered

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Intergroups postmarked one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference, except that any change to Article 3 of the Conference Charter will require that the text of such amendment be sent to the General Service Representatives of all registered groups and to the Intergroup Service Representatives of all registered Intergroups postmarked one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Conference. The vote was taken with 102 members in the room. The result was 69 in favor, 27 against, 6 abstentions. The motion failed on both counts—it did not achieve the  $\frac{3}{4}$  substantial unanimity requirement and did not meet the  $\frac{3}{4}$  in favor out of the number of people actually in the room. The minority right to appeal the outcome was exercised. Seven people stood to change their votes. A second vote with 107 people in the room yielded 82 in favor, 21 against, and 5 abstentions. A revote was called for due to irregularities in the voting process. The re-count resulted in 87 in favor, 13 against, and 8 abstentions. The Charter Amendment motion carried.

- 2007: Motion that the World Service Conference in 2009 be held in Dallas, Texas. Motion carried unanimously by general consent.
- 2007: Motion that the Treasurer include a 'budget vs. actual' for the previous year's conference in the annual treasurer's report that is given at the current year conference. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.
- 2007: Motion that the Conference moves to create an Underearning Caucus. The vote was 54 for, 39 against. The motion did not carry. The minority right of appeal was invoked, and 8 people were willing to change their vote. A revote was called: 62 were for the motion, 35 were against the motion. Motion did not carry.
- 2007: Motion that the D.A. fellowship reaffirm D.A.'s primary purpose as stated in the preamble: "Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt." Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Recommend that the General Service Board use the Ways & Means, DA Focus, DA Website and any internal methods of getting the news out regarding Salt Lake City's World Service Conference email for roommates.
- 2007: Recommend that the Information Technology Caucus investigate how to broadcast the Open Forum of the World Service Conference while maintaining anonymity.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB expand the current Conference link on the DA website to include a suggested estimated spending plan for GSRs, updated as more specific information comes in, the registration packet, how to prepare for Conference, fundraising ideas, how the Conference works, etc.
- 2007: Recommend that the host committee make a reasonable effort to make each conference as environmentally responsible as possible; i.e., no styrofoam and recycle bins for cans, bottles, paper, printer cartridges, etc.
- 2007: Recommend that the "Issues for the DA World Service Conference" form be available on the website permanently in printable form, emailed in the eNews four months before the Conference, included in the DA Focus and Ways & Means, prior to the Conference and included in the Conference registration packet.

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### DIVERSITY CAUCUS

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2007: There were no recommendations from the Diversity Caucus.

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### FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE (FCC)

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- 1997: Motion that all DA groups endeavor to establish a PO Box. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion That the GSB publish three newsletters per year, budget permitting, with two newsletters to be mailed before mid-June. Amended: to be mailed between the annual Conference and mid-June. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion that the Convocation will recognize only groups re-registered by July 15, 1998. All others will be moved to the inactive file and not be recognized. This will be binding based on the GSB newsletter publishing this information a minimum of two times before July 15. Amended: all other currently registered groups will be moved to the inactive file. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion to accept the report of the Fellowship Communications Committee. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion to accept the report of the Fellowship Communications Committee. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion that DA develops an outreach program entitled Rooms Without Walls to support the solitary debtor in recovery. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To send a complimentary copy of the W&M to all registered meetings. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion that the Intergroup Caucus develops an Intergroup Resource Kit to be made available to new and existing GSRs. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That those groups that wish to use a personal telephone number on the office DA Website for their contact number be allowed to do so. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion that the editor of W&M be paid \$300 per issue for the next two issues. Motion carried.
- 2003: Recommend that a Q&A web page be created on the DA site with a person from the FCC fielding the questions, ultimately leading to a FAQ page.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB purchase a licensed version of a relationship database.
- 2003: Recommend that the editor of the W&M continue to be a paid position at \$300 per issue for the Winter 2003 through Fall 2004 issues, contingent on a sustainable membership. 2004: No motions.
- 2004: Recommend that committee/caucus chairs use email, conference calls, etc to get regular updates to each other throughout the year about committee/caucus activities.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB continue to pay the W&M editor \$300 per issue through Fall 2005.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB list W&M on the DA literature order form.
- 2004: Recommend that the Conference Committee include a sample issue of the W&M in the Conference Binder.
- 2004: Recommend that to increase awareness of W&M, the GSB send a mailing to every registered group, with two copies of W&M, subscription forms, and a flyer calling for the renaming of the W&M.

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- 2004: Recommend that a link dedicated to the W&M be created on the DA website, with back issues and a downloadable subscription form.
- 2004: Recommend that the RDC make available existing documents on conducting fundraisers and producing other DA events, and that the GSB put them on the DA website.
- 2005: Motion that in keeping with our 12<sup>th</sup> Step and 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition of carrying the message to the debtor who still suffers, we propose to make the Ways & Means a free online publication rather than a paid subscription newsletter. Motion carried.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB fund the implementation of a searchable DA meeting online directory.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSO add Spanish content to the DA Website.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB continue to pay the W&M editor \$300 per issue through Fall 2006.
- 2005: Recommend that a new name for the W&M be considered. The committee will solicit suggestions from the fellowship and present as a motion at the 2006 WSC.
- 2005: Stands in strong solidarity with the RDC in the creation of a Visions Caucus.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB create an info management and approval process for website and email news content.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB hire a professional Web producer.
- 2006: Recommend that all content changes and additions to the website be directed to the FCC.
- 2006: Recommend that the IOC group registration form collect email addresses.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB research the feasibility of posting a sample COH chapter online.
- 2006: Recommend that the IOC give new groups instructions on how to receive the W&M online.
- 2006: Recommend that the IOC make sure the W&M is available to all meetings that lack online access.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB hire a part-time professional web content editor.
- 2006: Recommend W&M section on website.
- 2006: Recommend making "submit to W&M" a separate white box.
- 2006: Recommend posting past issues online.
- 2006: Recommend providing instructions on submitting articles online.
- 2006: Recommend allowing submitting articles through W&M web page.
- 2006: Recommend adding submission deadlines to web page.
- 2006: Recommend mailing hard copy of W&M to registered groups.
- 2007: No motions were presented by the FCC.
- 2007: Recommend that the General Service Board and the 2007 World Service Conference authorize the Fellowship Communications Committee to develop a plan to implement a program that will match isolated members with members in established groups who can provide experience, strength, and hope. This program will include communicating with each other by email, postal mail, or telephone. Fiscal impact this year: \$0.
- 2007: Recommend that the General Service Office determines the cost of disseminating individual issues of Ways & Means to be made available at reasonable cost to members with no Internet access by adding to the Literature order form.
- 2007: Recommend that the FCC, working with the Intergroup Caucus, encourages Intergroups to develop a list of qualified Debtors

Anonymous speakers from their areas to use as a resource for meetings and events.

- 2007: Recommend that the FCC strongly supports the Resource Development Committee's recommendation to the GSB for an Inter-committee Liaison. We, the FCC further suggest that each committee's Vice Chair assume the responsibility of this liaison.

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### HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PRISONS COMMITTEE (HIP)

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- 2003: Recommend to change the Prisons Caucus to the Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons committee to encourage this committee's development at Intergroup level.
- 2003: Recommend to develop and build the HIP caucus as a body of recovering contactable DA members who can be a supportive resource to initiate and develop HIP committees at local area Intergroups across the DA world.
- 2003: Recommend to reach the suffering debtor that could otherwise not be reached due to locked facilities such as mental and correctional institutions to satisfy Tradition 5.
- 2003: Recommend to communicate with non-debtor professionals and educate them as a means to carry the DA message to reach non-accessible debtors.
- 2004: No motions.
- 2004: Recommend that a public info outreach letter be distributed to every DA meeting to gather info about HIP activities.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB develop a video for hospital mental health use.
- 2004: Recommend that each GSR and ISR at the 2004 WSC contact and send DA literature to at least one college by August 2005.
- 2004: Recommend the HIP Institutions Subcommittee will email or mail a "college info packet" to each GSR and ISR, including a phone script, a cover letter template, and a suggested list of DA literature to include. The subcommittee will contact each GSR and ISR to offer assistance.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB approve a new cover letter template to be used when sending DA literature to parole/probation officers.
- 2005: No motions. HIP: Recommend that the GSB post in DA Focus and online an ongoing request for HIP speakers and stories.
- 2005: Recommend that an HIP info packet for Intergroup reps be created for outreach purposes.
- 2005: Recommend that HIP gather recovery stories from among DA members.
- 2005: Recommend that a list of solvent HIP speakers be created.
- 2005: Recommend that the ESH of HIP committees from other 12-Step programs be gathered.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB produce an educational video for distribution to hospitals, recovery and other institutions, and prisons.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB post letter and flyer on Website to Intergroups and groups requesting HIP service, and mail hard copies to groups.
- 2006: Recommend encouraging members to write HIP articles for W&M.

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- 2006: Recommend that the GSB approve FAQs for DA members in HIP service.
- 2006: Recommend gathering HIP stories from DA members about being confined in institutions.
- 2006: Recommend building list of HIP speakers.
- 2006: Recommend assisting with inquiries to GSO from prisoners and institutionalized persons.
- 2006: Recommend drafting a form letter to answer info requests.
- 2006: Recommend having HIP members go to sites to gain ESH about serving hospitals, institutions, and prisons.
- 2006: Recommend working with DA Intergroups.
- 2006: Recommend gathering ESH from HIP in other 12 step programs.
- 2007: No motions or recommendations.

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### INTERGROUP CAUCUS

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- 2003: No recommendations presented.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB approve the "How to" Intergroup service pamphlet by Nov 1, 2004.
- 2005: No recommendations presented. First draft of a How to service pamphlet was submitted to the GSB. Plan to work on a service mentoring publication, final draft of How to service pamphlet, set up Internet bulletin board to improve communication between Intergroups.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB create an Intergroup-specific form.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB develop a service mentoring pamphlet.
- 2007: No recommendations.

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### INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (IOC)

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- 1997: Motion That BODA is a viable part of DA and as such all BODA members have access to all meetings, services, privileges, and the right to vote at every DA WSC and Convocation. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion that online groups be allowed to register with the GSO as DA groups. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion to accept the report of the Internal Operations Committee. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion that Alice H, former NY City office employee, be granted severance pay, the amount of which to be determined by the GSB. Motion carried. 41 For, 25 Opposed 11 Abstentions.
- 1998: Motion to accept the report of the Internal Operations Committee. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion that all literature sales be handled as soon as possible by the GSO. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the DA WSC discharge the office advisory committee. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion That the WSC approve the attached donation letter for immediate distribution. Motion carried.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB change the current description of the IOC committee in the GSR Service Manual on page 10 to read, "The primary responsibility of the Internal Operations Committee is to review and support the Central Office of Debtors Anonymous. The committee focuses on overall office operations of the GSO,

- interacts with the Board Office Liaison and the Office Manager to support the ongoing work of the GSO."
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB make funds available during the 2003 year for an update of the DA database. If not 2003, then 2004.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB use proceeds from a special donation envelop and its distribution to meet the needs of the fellowship as whole keep in mind the priorities for the GSO vision 1) having adequate office staff, 2) providing the software, software consulting services and hardware to make the database useable and useful to the greatest number of people, 3) obtaining sufficient additional office space to provide literature storage room and meeting room space, and 4) acquiring high speed internet service.
- 2004: No motions.
- 2004: Recommend that DA hire a webmaster for better communications.
- 2004: Recommend that a Webmaster could help develop a better group registration process, including automatic updates.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSO replace the existing Excel database for registered groups with an Access database.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSO hire an archivist to take archived DA material out of boxes and make them available to the fellowship.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSO create a tracking system for documenting info requests that would record the media type of the requestor and the type of info requested.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSO be able to send literature to helping professionals rather than referring them to the DA website. And that the PI Committee makes a form letter that the GSO could send to professionals in response to requests for DA materials.
- 2004: Recommend that a picture of the GSO along with extended plans for a new location be placed on the DA website.
- 2005: No motions.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB complete a comprehensive Office Operation Manual first draft due for review by Jan 1, 2006, final draft due at the 2006 WSC.
- 2005: Recommend that the Office Ops Manual include 1) clear job descriptions for staff positions, 2) intro paragraph in Spanish that the staff can refer inquiries to, 3) a non-English speaking volunteer list, other languages to be added later, 4) recommendations from the Office staff, and a subcommittee of the IOC.
- 2005: Recommend that the following people be considered as potential trustees: Leslie K (CA), John P (CA), Bob K (CA), Diana D (NJ), Pat B (Chicago), Jan J. (Chicago).
- 2005: Recommend that the GSO staff prepare a list of non-English speaking volunteers. Find speakers via request in DA Focus, W&M, email request to all GSRs and Intergroups, and get further info from the NY Intergroup, complete the list by Jan 1, 2006 and update it regularly. The IOC will produce a flyer to send to GSRs and ISRs at this WSC.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSO remain in the greater Boston area where it can continue utilizing the services of an experienced office manager and support from local DA members. Further recommend that a search committee be formed consisting of the GSB liaison Boston-area DA members, an office staff member, and IOC members to assist in finding a larger, more efficient and prosperous office. Hope the move can be completed by April 1, 2006.

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- 2005: Recommend that the funds already available for the purchase of new computer system and database software be used to buy and install new equipment vital to the enhanced operation of the GSO.
- 2005: Recommend that we gratefully acknowledge the following vision for new office space reflecting an attitude of prosperity and the 12 Promises: abundant space, a board room for meetings, opportunities for volunteer work by local DA members, a well-lit work area, abundant storage for literature and office supplies, a healthy and beautiful environment, updated computer equipment and software able to meet the needs of a growing fellowship, convenient access to freeways, airport, shipping services, etc., a prosperous office spending plan the meets the needs of the office, and the retention of experience, competent staff.
- 2005: Recommend that to ensure that correct contact info is available, that all registered DA groups and Intergroups be required to re-register annually, with a 3-month grace period. Any group that does not re-register within that time period would be removed from the list of registered groups.
- 2005: Recommend that to facilitate ongoing contact with DA groups, that all registered groups be required to provide updated contact information for two contact persons, including telephone numbers, email address, and mailing address. A subcommittee of the IOC will help the office staff update this info.
- 2006: That DA meetings and Intergroups renew their listing annually for inclusion in the DA International Directory. The purpose of this motion is to have updated meeting information and does not affect the registered status of meetings. Motion carried.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB adopt a revised meeting reg/update form.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB create an Office Development Plan to present to 2007 WSC, with input from the IOC, NE Intergroup, and GSO staff.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB continue to enhance office operations by centralizing document storage, integrating operating systems for cross referencing databases, and upgrading equipment and space as needed.

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### LITERATURE COMMITTEE (LIT)

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- 1997: Motion that the wording of all future literature be changed from "pressure group/meeting" to pressure relief group/meeting. Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion to accept the report of the Literature Committee. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion to accept the report of the Literature Committee. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion That "A Note for Newcomers" be accepted and designated as Conf approved literature. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion That the Twelve Signposts of a Compulsive Debtor be accepted and designated as Conf approved literature. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion that the following statement be adopted: "the process of recovery begins the day we abstain from incurring new unsecured debt one day at a time." Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To amend the resolution by striking out the wording "the process of" before solvency. Motion failed.

- 2000: Motion To approve the Notes to Newcomers flyer. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To approve the Service pamphlet. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion To approve The Numbers: One Approach. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the Twelve Promises of DA be approved. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion that the pamphlet Business Debtors Anonymous be approved. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion that the proposed revisions to the pamphlet, Communicating with Creditors, regarding debt moratoriums, be approved by this Conference. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion that the proposed revisions to the pamphlet, Debt Repayment, regarding debt moratoriums, be approved by this Conference. Motion was postponed, and then carried.
- 2001: Motion That the Underearning pamphlet be approved by this Conference. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion That the pamphlet entitled "Spirituality" be approved and published as Conference approved literature. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion that the pamphlet entitled "The Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous" be approved and published as Conference approved literature. Motion carried.
- 2004: Motion that the Compulsive Spending pamphlet be approved. Motion carried 81 For, 7 Opposed.
- 2005: Motion to approve the revisions to the Tools. Motion carried
- 2005: Motion to approve revisions to the Telephone pamphlet. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to adopt the AA Service Manual until we get our own. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve the concept of the creation of a DA Service Manual. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve the concept of a PRG guide pamphlet. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve the concept of a Just For Today bookmark. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to approve the concept of an Issues pamphlet. Motion carried.
- 2005: Motion to change the BDA Caucus to the BDA Committee. Motion carried.
- 2005: Recommend that all conference-approved literature, whether existing or created in the future be translated into Spanish.
- 2006: Motion to withdraw the concept of the creation of a PRG Guide pamphlet as approved by 2005 WSC and instead revise the existing PRG and PRM pamphlet to include more detail "nuts and bolts" suggestions on how to give a PRM. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion To adopt the following statement regarding conference approved literature: In the spirit of clarity of the DA message and the unity called for in the first Tradition, the DA WSC strongly suggests that only conference approved DA literature be displayed or distributed at DA meetings. If a group chooses not to follow this recommendation, and makes non-conference approved literature available at its meeting, it is suggested that it be placed in a different area from the DA conference approved literature and that it be clearly designated as outside literature. We encourage all DA meetings to recommend conference approved literature to newcomers. We also encourage and welcome all DA meetings who have developed literature for local use to submit it to the Lit Com of the WSC for conference approval consideration. Motion carried 66 For, 23 Opposed.

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- 2006: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the GDA Business Plan pamphlet as developed by the BDA Committee. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the BDA Numbers pamphlet as developed by the BDA Committee. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion To approve the concept and outline of the DA Basics Steps and Tools workshop format as developed by the Capitol Area DA Intergroup. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion To approve the BDA Meeting Format. Motion carried.
- 2006: Motion To approve the Just for This Day bookmark. Motion carried.
- 2006: Recommend that the statement on CAL along with contact info for the Lit Com be posted on DA website, emailed with eNews list, published in W&M and DA Focus during 2006-07.
- 2006: Recommend that the LSB 12x12 writer build on the existing work of the DA 12x12 subcom.
- 2006: Recommend that a DA newcomer packet of existing material be created.
- 2006: Recommend allocating funds to pay for translation of literature into Spanish.
- 2007: Motion that all new DA literature, including literature in process, be written in such a way that all references to Higher Power and/or God are gender neutral. The language of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions will not be changed as a result of this motion. Friendly amendment to add the phrase, "Except for personal stories" after "gender-neutral." Amendment adopted by general consent. Friendly amendment so that the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions are not a separate sentence, to avoid them getting lost in the shuffle. No general consent was given to approve this amendment. A formal amendment: "...gender neutral, save and except 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and personal stories," and delete the last sentence. The vote was taken on the amended motion. The vote was 45 for the amended motion, 48 opposed. The second amendment failed. A member asked to make a privileged motion of postponement and made a motion to recommit this issue to the committee. There was not general consent to recommit. The vote was taken on the amended motion. The motion carried by substantial unanimity. The member invoked the minority right of appeal and made a statement. The Chair asked if anyone was willing to change his or her vote. One person was willing to change his or her vote, which was not enough to change the outcome, so the outcome was unchanged. Final amended motion: The Literature Committee moves that all new DA literature, including literature in process, be written in such a way that all references to Higher Power and/or God are gender neutral, except for personal stories. The language of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions will not be changed as a result of this motion.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a DA 12 Step Study Guide, which shall include content specific to both DA and BDA for each Step. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Motion that the Literature Committee moves that the word "international" be used rather than the word "national" in all future DA literature, including literature in process, when referring to the DA Fellowship as a whole. Existing literature to be revised when reprinted. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept and outline of an Income Plan pamphlet. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.

- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a Beginner's Meeting Format, to be made available for download on the DA Website. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a Business Meeting Format to be made available for download on the DA Website. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a DA Glossary. Motion did not carry.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a Newcomers Welcome Booklet. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a "Starting and Financing a Business Without Incurring Unsecured Debt" pamphlet, as recom-mended by the BDA Committee. Motion failed.
- 2007: Motion to approve the concept of a DA basic text (How It Works) book. Motion carried by substantial unanimity.
- 2007: Motion that the 2007 WSC approve the following statement regarding Conference-approved literature in lieu of the statement that was approved at the 2006 WSC: "In the spirit and clarity of the DA message and the unity called for in the First Tradition, the Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference strongly suggests that only Conference-approved literature be displayed or distributed at DA meetings. We encourage all DA meetings to recommend Conference-approved literature to newcomers. We also encourage and welcome all DA meetings who have developed literature for local use to submit it to the Literature Committee of the WSC for Conference approval consideration." Motion did not carry. The right of minority appeal was invoked. Not enough people were willing to change their votes. Motion did not carry.

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### REGIONAL TRUSTEE SELECTION STUDY COMMISSION (RTSSC)

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- 2007: Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission Motion: (Part 1) The Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission moves that it be reformed until August 15, 2008, for the purpose of developing and presenting to the 2008 World Service Conference a five-year strategy and action plan for creating a structure for the regional selection of trustees. Development of the five-year strategy and action plan will be based on the 2007 Report entitled "Toward a Regional Selection Consensus." (Part 2) The Regional Trustee Selection Study Commission also moves that the membership of the Commission be expanded to a total of fifteen (15) members, according to the following criteria: (a) Five actively serving GSR members from the following WSC Committees—Conference, Resource Development, Fellowship Communications, and Internal Operations—and the Intergroup Caucus. These members must be either the Chair, Vice-Chair, or a member appointed by each Committee or Caucus. (b) Five serving Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) from areas that represent a cross-section of DA meeting locations, such as the East and West Coasts, the Midwest, the South, and the Southwest. The Chair of the General Service Board will first ask for volunteers from the Intergroup Caucus. If a total of five Caucus members do not volunteer, the Chair of the GSB will be empowered to invite members from the available Intergroup

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Service Representatives. These ISRs must represent registered DA Intergroups. (c) Five members appointed by the Chair of the GSB and ratified by a majority vote of the total number of Trustees serving at the time of the appointments. (d) Each duly elected ISR or GSR member presently representing a registered group or Intergroup will serve a maximum of one two-year term as part of his or her suggested six-year service at the world service conference. If a Commission member resigns before his/her term is complete, the Chair of the GSB, with the consent of the General Service Board, will fill the vacancy within 30 days of the effective vacancy date. The replacement appointee (also a serving GSR or ISR of a registered DA group or Intergroup or a member chosen by the GSB) will serve only the remainder of the term of the original member. Motion carried with substantial unanimity.

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### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC)

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- 1997: That a non-binding Advisory Action vote be held regarding the \$2500 surplus expected from the spending plan of the 1998 WSC, and that the first \$1,000 in excess of that line on the spending plan be allocated to create a database, with any surplus being used to print the Visions and Awareness pamphlets. Motion was withdrawn.
- 1997: Motion That a non-binding Advisory Action vote that a campaign be created for increasing revenue to encourage DA members to put \$5.00 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket ("Thrive with Five") and to put \$2.00 in the basket instead of the usual one ("Double Your Dollar"). Motion carried.
- 1997: Motion to accept the report of the Resource Development Committee. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion that the Conference approve the \$90/90 campaign to raise the funds to publish the recovery book. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion that the Conference approve the WISH 1999 Action Plan. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion that the Conference approve the DA Annual Theme Calendar to encourage fellowship unity and spiritual growth in recovery. Motion failed.
- 1998: Motion to accept the report of the Resource Development Committee. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion To approve the concept of a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendar. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion that the Conference adopt the income goal of \$250,000 for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to realize their vision as a whole. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion That the GSB adopt the concept of materials and themes to encourage regular group and individual contributions so that we may achieve the goal of becoming self-supporting through our own contributions. Motion carried.
- 2000: Motion That the DA WSC approve the concept of recovery products to help DA members affirm and enhance their recovery. Motion carried: 45 Yes, 35 No.
- 2001: Motion That the GSB make available to the fellowship of DA chips and tokens that celebrate the debtors' recovery. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the GSB approve the concept of donation envelopes to facilitate ongoing contributions from groups and individuals. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the GSB approve the concept of a survey and collection of ideas for fundraising events. Motion carried.
- 2001: Motion That the GSB provide quarterly financial reports to the GSRs through the Board Call. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion that the GSB [WSC] approve the DA 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet which includes a cover sheet, Leader/Secretary's Announcement, Treasurer's Announcement, Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report, and the four suggested Donation flyers for the purpose of increasing meeting donations. Motion carried.
- 2002: Motion That the GSB [WSC] approve the creation of a World Service Week to replace Wish Week as the week of celebration to commemorate the founding and anniversary of DA. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion That the WSC approve the concept of the creation and production of the "Vision Collection: Creating Prosperity" consisting of the following 9 items: DA Vision pamphlet, DA Promises, examples of Visions meeting formats, How to Create an Ideal Spending Plan, How to Create an Ideal Income Plan, How to Create and Suggested uses for a Higher Power Box, How to Create and Suggested Uses for a Vision Board, How to Create your Own Vision Affirmations, and How to Create and Suggested Uses for a Higher Power Money Envelope. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion To increase DA awareness and financial contributions, that the WSC approve replacing World Service Week with World Service Month celebrating the April anniversary of Debtors Anonymous. Motion carried.
- 2003: Recommend that the Prosperity subcommittee of the RDC meet for up to 45 minutes monthly via conference call for the purposes of 1) creating and preparing The Vision Collection, and 2) engagin in conscious contact with the HP to reinforce the Visions Pyramid of DA as the established 2003-04 of the Board of Trustees.
- 2003: Recommend that the Prosperity Subcom of the RDC collects and submits prosperity profiles for publication in the W&M.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB and the GSO ideal spending plans be published in Board Call.
- 2003: Recommend that the W&M solicit fun ideas having to do with recovery ,such as creating a sculpture with cut up credit cards.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB approve a World Service Week/Month flyer with contribution form that will be mailed and available online. The mailed version will incldue a World Service Week/Month return envelope and will be distributed by Feb 15, 2004.
- 2003: Recommend that DA groups develop a monthly spending plan inclduine meeting expesnes, GSR Conference participation and donations to the GSB, Intergroup, and Area GSR group.
- 2003: Recommend that in order to increase financial contributions, the GSB implement a quartlerly contribution appeal whereby a letter and envelop would be sent to each DA group with the quarterly Board Call mailings.
- RDC: Recommend that the GSB create a contribution page and printable form for individual and group contributions on the DA website.

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- 2003: Recommend that the GSB develop guidelines for safeguarding DA funds at all levels.
- 2003: Recommend that the monthly reporting form from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet be made available on the DA website to download.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB offer fellowship sharing of successful fundraising ideas through a page on the DA website.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB study the feasibility of electronic contributions and literature purchases via an online payment system.
- 2003: Recommend that the WSC endorse the concept of simultaneous celebration to generate funds for World Service Month/Week in the form of regional Gratitude Balls or celebrations of choice.
- 2003: Recommend that the Intergroups and Area Groups hold an earning plan meeting for the creation of a monthly calendar of fundraising activities, awareness of need messages, and communication of specific visions and goals.
- 2003: Recommend that DA groups seek info and support from the RDC Events Subcommittee for launching Gratitude Balls of celebrations of choice during World Service Week/Month.
- 2003: Recommend that the Intergroups' and Areas Groups' World Service celebrations include the use of world globes as containers for collecting funds for World Service Week/Month with the slogan "Pass the globe-- give to World Service—DA is in your hands."
- 2004: Motion that, in the spirit of prosperity, the WSC approve an increase in the limit of an individual's contributions to the GSB from \$3,000 per year to \$5,000 per year. Motion carried.
- 2004: Recommend that the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Awareness Packet be sent to all groups with the Winter 2005 Board Call.
- 2004: Recommend that the RDC created a World Service Month (April 2005) letter, envelope design, and five alternate flyers by early Sept 2004 to be approved by the GSB by Dec 31, 2004, and sent to meetings by Feb 1, 2005.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB create a board-produced literature piece containing suggested guidelines for safeguarding funds at all group levels, similar to item GSB-3, "Conference approved literature."
- 2004: Recommend that to help realize and fund the GSB's vision of increasing our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition income by 30%, the GSB make a fellowship-wide "Prosperity Appeal." Containing a letter, flyer, and a specially marked envelope to track contributions, mailed to all DA meetings by Sept 1, 2005.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB include the revenue and expense pie charts in the quarterly Board Call, with percentages and actual dollar amounts.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB set aside \$800 for the production of the Vision Collection kits approved at the 2003 WSC for the FY beginning July 1, 2005.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB work with the RDC to implement and develop resources to help groups hold events: produce written materials with ESH of other groups that have held successful fundraising events, step-by-step process, develop an Events Service Pamphlet to submit to the GSB by 2005 WSC.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB created a web-based event calendar for all DA/BDA events.
- 2005: Motion to approve the creation of a Visions Caucus. In line with the DA website and the Visions pamphlet, the Visions Caucus will help 1) refine the concept of visions for the DA fellowship, 2) show members how to form a clear and specific picture of what they want to do, 3) show members how to have visions in their lives, 4) carry the message to the debtor who still suffers without debting one day at a time by creating additional resources and literature for visions meetings. (Motion co-sponsored by FCC). We have the vision that these efforts will 1) strengthen the DA fellowship, 2) offer experience, strength, and hope to newcomers and old timers, and 3) increase donations to the GSB, so that we can follow our HPs will for us and carry the message tot eh debtor who still suffers. Motion failed: For 42; opposed 48.
- 2005: Recommend that the RDC create a World Service Month (April 2006) letter, envelope design and flyer to present to the GSB, to be approved by the GSB by December 31, 2005, that the materials be distributed with winter issue of DA Focus, that the fundraising goals be \$30K to celebrate DA's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB distribute the Prosperity Appeal flyer in the October 2005 DA Focus.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB create a Treasurer Service Manual that includes "how-to" info for being a treasurer, info about setting up a checking account, guidelines for safeguarding funds at all group levels, what to do if things go wrong.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB create an Events Services Pamphlet similar to the board produced literature offering suggestions on how to have a successful fundraising event, PRG marathon, vision workshop, silent auction, fellowship day, etc. and focus on reaching out to the newcomer and creating fellowship.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB consider allocating a percentage of WSM 2006 donations to the JHS fund.
- 2005: Recommend that whenever members inquire about electronic payments that the GSO informs the person or group that most banks have an online bill pay that will send the funds directly to DA.
- 2006: Recommend the GSB establish a separate, autonomous fund to manage bequests from estates or trusts of deceased members.
- 2006: Recommend the GSB allocate a prime right-hand block of space on DA home page for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition awareness info from RDC.
- 2006: Recommend that info about online bill paying or auto withdrawals be available and added to FAQs for GSO staff and 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition page on website.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB approve sending five letters with DA Focus mailings: JHS fund, birthday/anniversary letter, WSMonth, 7<sup>th</sup> Promise Month, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Month.
- 2006: Recommend that the RDC continue work on a Treasurer Service Manual by 2007.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB approve an "Events Service Resource" by RDC, suggestions on how to hold fundraising events, reach out and strengthen membership, etc.
- 2006: Recommend that the GSB approve a worldwide fundraising event to celebrate DA recovery around the world.
- 2007: Motion: To add to the current RDC mission statement the following phrase: "Encouraging member participation in service at all levels." Proposed new RDC mission statement: Revenue for DA is the focus of the Resource Development Committee, including: Encouraging member participation in service at all levels; Reminding groups about the 7th tradition; Addressing income needs through special events, such as World Service

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- Month; Communicating with the Fellowship about the concept of self-support in DA. Motion carried by general consent.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB create a new service role, Inter-Committee Liaison. This role will be assumed by the Vice Chair of each committee or other committee member as its group conscience decides. This new service role will serve to identify gaps in service delivery, facilitate methods to unite common committee goals, and streamline committee activities in order to develop suggestions to expedite the work of the committees and the General Service Board at the World Service conference.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB distribute the John Henderson Fund prosperity appeal letter drafted by the RDC in the next issue of the DA Focus and be distributed by DA's ENews List.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB distribute the World Service Month (April 2008) letter drafted by the RDC in the issue of the DA Focus nearest, but prior to April 2008 and be distributed by DA's ENews List.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB reinstate the practice of publishing contributing groups 7th Tradition donations in each issue of the DA Focus.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB edit and publish the Service Guide for Events drafted by the 2006 RDC.
- 2007: Recommend that the GSB make available the information about on-line bill pay drafted by the 2006 RDC.
- 2007: Recommend that the RDC create a series of special initiatives to encourage donations directed toward supporting the spending plan for the DA 12-Steps and 12-Traditions book: A world-wide DA service event; Publish a survey of the fellowship for event ideas via the E-List, DA website, DA Focus and Ways & Means; 12-Step weekend workshop, held simultaneously throughout the world; Recruit group of old-timers willing to travel for speaker events; DA 12-Step speaker swap: DA groups or Intergroups sponsor each other with guest speaker for a 12-Step workshop. It is suggested that the group donate frequent flyer miles and house the speaker in a member's home; In a fun, game-like manner, have a DA talk-a-thon or debate-a-thon where members pre-pay to speak and are charged extra if they exceed their time or talk about outside issues.
- 2007: Recommend that a portion of GSR-fundraising events be earmarked toward the General Service Office. Possible fellowship events include: 1) GSR training and World Service Conference advance-training workshops; 2) Old-timer panels; 3) 12-Step workshops; 4) 12-Tradition workshops; 5) 12-Promises workshops; 9) Have a project of creating a prosperity document. 10) That in the future, the GSB respond to issues and concerns that have been previously addressed. Please include decision and date addressed on the issues and concerns document. For example: 2007 Items 67 (John Henderson fund), and items 68 & 69 (DA recovery chips).

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### PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE (PI)

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- 1997: Motion to accept the report of the Public Information Committee. Motion carried.
- 1998: Motion That the GSB undertake the cost of maintain an official DA website [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org). Motion carried.

- 1998: Motion to accept the report of the Public Information Committee. Motion carried.
- 1999: Motion To adopt an 800 number. Motion carried.
- 2002: [Motion That DA] nurture Spanish speaking meetings using AA Spanish literature until we eventually develop DA Spanish literature. Motion carried.
- 2002: [Motion That the WSC] accept the form for Spanish outreach. Motion carried.
- 2002: [Motion That the WSC] accept the Adopt-a-College form. Motion carried.
- 2002: [Motion That the WSC] designate 2003 as the "Year of the Prisoner" with slogans "From Cell to Solvency" and "Freedom from Bondage to Debt." Amended: "Freedom from Bondage of Debt." Motion carried as amended.
- 2002: [Motion That the WSC] start a conference committee for Prisons and Institutions. Motion failed.
- 2003: Motion That the Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons (HIP) Caucus become a conference committee. Motion carried.
- 2003: Motion that the PI Manual be included in each GSR/ISR packet beginning with the 2004 WSC. Motion carried.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSB publish in the Board Call any actions presented by a Conference Committee.
- 2003: Recommend that the PI Manual be put on the website.
- 2003: Recommend that the GSO forward all Adopt-A-Loner contacts to this committee's Adopt-a-Loner coordinator.
- 2003: Recommend that the PI Manual be put into each GSR packet that is sent out.
- 2004: No motions.
- 2004: Recommend that the PI manual be approved and updated with Considerations fro starting a local PI service, activities for attracting new members, letter for financial service professionals, letter for employee assistance professionals.
- 2004: Recommend that a photocopied set of the 12 signposts posters, a letter for suggestions for their use, and a feedback card be mailed with the Board call.
- 2004: Recommend that the following be included in a DA Focus mailing: PI Manual, PI rep suggestion flyers, PI stories, info on Carry the Message Network.
- 2005: (Note that the 2005 PI report was reported inaccurately in the 2005 minutes, and corrected at the 2006 WSC as follows:)
- 2005: Motion to adopt the amended PI Manual, which includes the sample media release form. Motion carried.
- 2006: No motions presented by PI Com.
- 2006: Recommend reaching out to isolated areas by encouraging use of online and phone meetings.
- 2006: Recommend encouraging strong meetings to function as "sister" meetings.
- 2006: Recommend defining the needs of small or weak meetings, develop responses to help.
- 2006: Recommend increasing awareness of available literature.
- 2006: Recommend connecting people with human resources.
- 2006: Recommend supporting existing groups with Carry the Message Network.
- 2006: Recommend the use of group inventories.
- 2006: Recommend suggesting to struggling meetings to change their formats to "tried and true" formats discussed in DA literature.
- 2006: Recommend encouraging use of DA pamphlets as discussion topics.

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- 2006: Recommend encouraging members of established groups to speak at isolated or struggling meetings.
- 2006: Recommend use of a speakerphone when a speaker can't attend in person.
- 2006: Recommend using teleconferencing to bring a meeting to a remote meeting.
- 2006: Recommend using tapes and CDs at remote meetings.
- 2006: Recommend that remote meetings establish contact with strong meetings.

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### TECHNOLOGY CAUCUS / INTERNET CAUCUS

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- 2003: Recommend that the GSB set up electronic payments for literature and donations through the DA website.
- 2003: Recommend that a disclaimer "gate" be fully implemented on the DA website.
- 2003: Recommend that secure posting of proposed draft materials for the WSC be viewed by moderated DA online groups.
- 2003: Recommend that this caucus become a subcommittee of the FCC and that the caucus be disbanded.
- 2003: Recommend that the name of this caucus be changed to the Technology Caucus.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB investigate and retain services of a multi-technology consulting organization that services non-profits, to help the GSB with technology decisions and implementation.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSB in the spirit of DA unity created technology guidelines for DA to use to manage communications and information.
- 2004: Recommend that the GSO invest in a phone tree system with multiple mailboxes to facilitate call handling.
- 2004: Recommend that registered phone meetings be listed on the DA website just as online meetings are.
- 2004: Recommend that a secure web space be created for posting internal draft materials.
- 2004: Recommend that DA refrain from making pamphlets until such time as an online payment and delivery process is established.
- 2004: Recommend that hardcopy communications to GSRs and ISRs also be made available on the DA website for downloading.
- 2004: Recommend that the Conference Committee put forth a motion changing the name of this caucus to the Technology Caucus at the 2005 WSC.
- 2005: Recommend a phone tree for the GSO.
- 2005: Recommend that the GSB create a master technology/communication plan that addresses long-term needs of DA, including flexible and expandable website, multi-language content.
- 2005: Recommend redesign of the website to make it more attractive, including Flash animation. All content and changes are to be managed by the InfoTech subcommittee of the GSB.
- 2005: Recommend creating procedures to submit content to the GSO.
- 2005: Recommend easy online access to DA meeting info using a searchable, open source, my SQL database.
- 2005: Recommend technology education for the fellowship (how to's re: use of pdfs, electronic documents, phone, internet, email tools in recovery).

- 2005: Recommend setting up a web-based template-driven email system to disseminate official DA email announcements to meetings and individuals.
- 2005: Recommend creating a resource pool of DA technology experts.
- 2005: Recommend the development of electronic payments capabilities
- 2005: Recommend making the website more search-engine friendly
- 2005: Recommend the creation of "web sites in a box" to help small DA groups use a template driven web site system.
- 2006: Recommend bringing searchable meeting list online ASAP.
- 2006: Recommend adding appropriate disclaimers to results pages.
- 2006: Recommend that the IOC and GSB create clear process for re-listing meetings and for adding/updating them, have all proofed for accuracy.
- 2006: Recommend GSB hire a professional web production person.
- 2006: Recommend adding the DA eNews to the website ASAP.
- 2007: The Technology Caucus did not meet in 2007.

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### THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (WSC)

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- 1997: Motion It is the group conscience of the DA General Service conference that even though the DA groups are autonomous, we strongly urge groups not to change the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as it confuses the newcomers who still suffer. Motion withdrawn.
- 1998: Motion To define the words "debt" and "debting" to refer to money and not other issues. Motion tabled.
- 1998: Motion To remove abstinence as a tool. Referred to Literature Committee.