

## Fall 2005

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## DA Publications Advisory Statement

Since all publications cannot go through the conference approval process, the DA World Service Conference recognizes that the *Ways & Means* is by tradition the international meeting in print of DA. The *Steps, Traditions and Concepts* are our guidelines, always wishing to reflect DA and nothing but DA. The *DA Focus* and the *DA Web site* are service publications for the DA Fellowship.

—Presented at the 2005 WSC by the General Service Board. Send your comments to the GSO at [da-gso@mindspring.com](mailto:da-gso@mindspring.com).

Discover where DA's money comes from, and where it goes, plus a downloadable donation form. Visit the new 7th Tradition web-page at [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org) and click on the **About DA** link.

# DA Tools Revised at the World Service Conference

## Recovery from incurring unsecured debt continues to be our primary purpose

The assembled GSRs, ISRs and Trustees at the World Service Conference voted to approve the proposed revisions to the DA Tools. A few tools remain the same; most got a face lift, including *Sponsorship* and *Telephone* (now it's *The Telephone and the Internet*). Only one new tool was added—*Action Plan*.

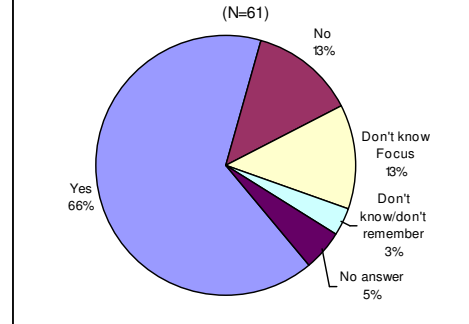
The former first tool, *Abstinence*, is now implicit in the introduction, no longer a tool but still the beginning point of recovery.

The new introduction to the list of twelve Tools reads:

Recovery from compulsive debting begins when we stop incurring new, unsecured debt, one day at a time. (Unsecured debt is any debt that is not backed up by some form of collateral, such as a house or other asset.) We attain a daily reprieve from compulsive debting by practicing the Twelve Steps and by using the following tools.

You can find a complete list of the revised DA Tools at [www.debtorsanonymous.org/help/tools.htm](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/help/tools.htm). ■

### Awareness of DA Focus (N=61)



### Getting to Know You

The DA General Service Board conducted a survey at the World Service Conference. About two-thirds of the 61 people who responded, said they had read the *DA Focus*.

More results from the survey will be coming soon.

## The DA Website

The Website offers information about the DA program to members, prospective members and the helping community.

Visitors can download free DA literature, as well as an order form for ordering the DA book, *Currency of Hope*, and the many DA pamphlets.

You can also find information about BDA (Business Debtors Anonymous), online meetings and telephone meetings. The newly revised Tools can be downloaded for free, as well as the Twelve Concepts for World Service, and the latest issue of this publication, the *DA Focus*.

The DA Website is at [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org). ■

## The Ways & Means soon to be online

The World Service Conference voted to offer the *Ways & Means* newsletter as a free digital download from the DA Website.

The Fellowship Communications Committee presented a persuasive rationale for changing the newsletter from a printed and mailed publication to a digital download, pitching a disappearing subscribership against a potentially huge increase in readership.

The General Service Board is planning for the next issue to be posted on the DA Website. ■

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### Literature Publications

One of the action items received by the GSB Literature Publications Committee from the World Service Conference was the job of preparing the revised *Telephone* pamphlet (revised title: *The Telephone and the Internet*) for reprinting. Other printing projects include a reprinting of the *Currency of Hope*, the *Spending Plan* pamphlet and the *Recordkeeping* pamphlet.

### Literature Services

Works in progress include a *DA Glossary*, a *BDA Newcomers* pamphlet, an *Income Plan* pamphlet and revisions to several existing DA pamphlets. Progress continues on the *DA 12x12*.

### Communications Committee

The delegates at the World Service Conference voted to make the Ways & Means available for download from the DA website. The **Ways & Means Subcommittee** is working toward implementing that task. For more information, please visit the DA website and click on the link to the Ways & Means Announcement.

The **InfoTech Subcommittee** successfully launched the 7th Tradition webpage that shows DA's income and expenses and provides a downloadable contribution form to help groups and individuals donate to DA. Progress continues on obtaining a "non-endorsing" email list management service that the GSO can use to contact DA members.

The **Public Information Subcommittee** is working with the Public Information Committee of the WSC to clarify and define the role of the newly created Media Contact position. Also discussed: what to do when a DA member violates Tradition 11 with regard to media appearances, and the revised PI Manual.

Note: The GSB Communications Committee voted to dissolve itself and allow the three subcommittees to return to their former status as regular committees of the GSB.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the DA General Service Board has the responsibility of managing DA's finances. One of the tasks the Finance Committee faces every year is how to allocate funds to the committees that do service work at the World Service Conference. (See article below).

### Office Committee

The lease on the DA Office in Needham, Mass., has been extended for another year at \$500 per month. The GSB is seeking new quarters and remains open to suggestions for relocating the Office.

### Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee of the GSB is actively seeking nominations for Trustees. If you are interested in nominating someone for Trustee, or becoming a Trustee yourself, please ask your group's GSR for the guidelines published in the GSR Manual, or email the General Service Office for information. ■

## Highlights from the 2005 World Service Conference

*GSRs, ISRs and registered groups will receive a copy of the 2005 World Service Conference Report, which will include minutes from the Convocation.*

Here are some of the highlights.

### General Service Board

The GSB brought a motion to revise the wording of Concept 2, which had been printed in error for several years. The revised 12 Concepts for World Service can be found on the DA website. Click on About DA. The GSB also brought a revised version of a DA Responsibility Statement to the delegates for approval, but the version failed to carry.

### Literature Committee

The WSC voted to approve revisions to the *DA Tools*. The revised *Tools* can be found on the DA website. Click on the link on the homepage. Revisions to the *Telephone* pamphlet were also approved. The GSRs also approved the idea of creating a *PRG Guide* pamphlet, a *Just For Today* bookmark, and an *Issues* pamphlet.

### Conference Committee

The Conference Committee brought a motion to withdraw the Charter Amendment motion that was mailed to the groups with the GSR packet last May. The motion to withdraw required unanimous consent from the delegates, and was granted at the request of the Conference Committee. New England was approved as the site of the 2007 WSC.

### Fellowship Communications Committee

The FCC received approval for a motion to offer the W&M as a free online newsletter on the DA website.

### Resource Development Committee

The RDC brought a motion to create a Visions Caucus, but the motion failed to carry.

### Public Information Committee

The PI Committee received approval for a revised PI Manual. When revisions are completed, the revised manual will be available for free from the website as well as for sale from the GSO.

### Other notes

- The BDA Caucus became a committee.
- San Diego is the site of the 2006 WSC.

The full minutes from the World Service Conference will be mailed to all GSRs, ISRs and groups, and will also be available from the GSO. ■

## Rotation of Service as a Spiritual Principle

The DA GSR pamphlet suggests that General Service Reps serve a maximum of two 3-year terms and then rotate out of the position. The DA Trustees follow the same rotation guidelines. There is a spiritual basis for the principle of rotation of service.

Here are founder of AA Bill Wilson's thoughts on rotation, reprinted in a recent issue of AA's *Box 459* publication (From Volume 51, No. 5, October-November 2005, page 6; The words "sober alcoholic" have been replaced with "solvent debtor.")

*For the recovering debtor, becoming entrenched in one position, whatever it may be, can lead to the desire for power and prestige, something no solvent debtor can afford. In the home group and in service assemblies, rotation gives more people a chance to serve and participate in decision-making, and ensures that no one can impose his or her personal desires on the fellowship as a whole. Rotation has been described as anonymity in action. It keeps re-emphasizing the importance of the message over the messenger. It teaches that none of us is the center of the universe and that what matters is the survival of the fellowship as a whole.*

## About the WSC

### How does DA fund the work of the Committees of the World Service Conference?

DA Treasurers have experimented with several ways to fund the work of the WSC committees. In recent years, each committee was required to submit a spending plan to cover their work during the year. Each committee treasurer submitted receipts to get reimbursed for expenses. Very few committees actually asked to be reimbursed, and the money that was allocated for committee work went unspent.

In an effort to simplify the process, a different method has been in effect for the past couple conferences. The GSB spending plan for the 2005 WSC allotted a total of \$5,000 for committee work. The funds were divided between committees based on the number of members on each committee; 105 delegates meant each committee received \$47.62 per member. Ninety-three GSRs and ISRs participated in committee work; 12 did not participate on any committee.

The GSB welcomes feedback from the committees on the methods used to allocate funds. Committee members seeking reimbursement for committee expenses should contact their committee treasurer. ■

Issue/Concern/Request	Assigned To
1. Provide a detailed BDA report prior to the first BDA caucus so they actual have the information they need to prioritize their work.	BDA Caucus
2. Adopt the BDA Tools List used in the Chicago Streeterville group as conference approved literature.	BDA Caucus
3. We need more BDA literature.	BDA Caucus
4. Is BDA trying to separate from DA? We are all supposed to be "workers among workers." We work well as a group, because we are a group.	BDA Caucus
5. BDA Literature: The numbers book, literature about how a FICA score is developed without unsecured debt.	BDA Caucus
6. BDA literature: how to write business plans, abstinence pamphlet, prosperity/abundance pamphlet.	BDA Caucus
7. Encourage regional conventions where speakers are taped. Sell the tapes on the website to generate income, carry the message.	Conference Committee
8. Keep the WSC cost affordable; it is hard to raise \$1,000 every year.	Conference Committee
9. The World Conference should meet every year.	Conference Committee
10. Develop the next years WSC agenda at the end of this years agenda.	Conference Committee
11. Have a Tri-Annual convention or more fellowship days. Reduce registration costs.	Conference Committee
12. Propose that DA choose its delegates to the WSC as follows: one (ISR) delegate per Intergroups; one (GSR) delegate for every ten groups belonging to a local area GSR.	Conference Committee
13. Rethink the DA Service Structure so more groups can send delegates. Too few groups send delegates, and therefore the WSC vote doesn't represent the opinion of DA groups worldwide.	Conference Committee
14. Have more scholarships.	Conference Committee
15. New GSRs need more information about what happens at the Conference, e.g., what is "Open Forum," what is "WSB," what is the difference between a committee and a caucus.	Conference Committee
16. Give priority to GSRs from other countries and to groups who have not had previous WSC representation when awarding the WSC scholarship.	Conference Committee
17. Change DA name to "Money Addicts Anonymous."	Everyone
18. Encourage groups to eliminate Christian prayers in favor of non-denominational prayers like the Serenity Prayer.	Fellowship Communications
19. Create an Inspiration telephone line where DAs can call in to hear a 4-minute inspiring message from DAs with at least one year of abstinence. The line would be monitored by a different group every year, funded by DA.	Fellowship Communications
20. Change the name of the "Ways and Means" to "DA Insider."	Fellowship Communications
21. Give more help to BDAs.	Fellowship Communications
22. Create a free DA newsletter online.	Fellowship Communications
23. Publicize workshops through Craig's List or other websites.	Fellowship Communications
24. Encourage area GSRs to visit local meeting to make sure they are registered with the GSO.	Fellowship Communications
25. Make "Ways and Mean" a downloadable PDF file from the website.	Fellowship Communications
26. Increase awareness of phone and online meetings for DAs in remote and international areas.	Fellowship Communications
27. Put Ways & Means online.	Fellowship Communications
28. Keep DA separate from other 12-Step programs, and let go of outside issues, such as family of origin work.	Fellowship Communications
29. Rethink the DA Service Structure so more groups can send delegates. Too few groups send delegates, and therefore the WSC vote doesn't represent the opinion of DA groups worldwide.	General Service Board
30. New GSRs need more information about what happens at the Conference, e.g., what is "Open Forum," what is "WSB," what is the difference between a committee and a caucus.	General Service Board
31. Remove "abstinence" from literature, replace with "not incurring any new unsecured debt."	General Service Board
32. Take a pass/fail vote on the issue of changing the gender in the Steps and Traditions to determine level of support for the issue.	General Service Board
33. Amend the Charter to include a safeguard against a small group of responders changing the wording of the steps, traditions, and charter by including a figure indicating at least a minimum of responses are needed.	General Service Board
34. Retain long time members.	General Service Board
35. DA chips should emphasize abstinence and solvency.	General Service Board
36. Encourage groups to update their group information yearly.	General Service Board
37. Place a moratorium on motions that don't pass at the World conference. As it is now the actions of a few monopolize the energy and good will of many.	General Service Board
38. GSO staff should not have private matters like salary, personal email addresses, or personnel actions open to review by a conference committee and (by inference) at the conference as a whole.	General Service Board
39. Reestablish the Internal Operations Committee as a board committee rather than a Conference Committee.	General Service Board

## 2005 World Service Conference | Open Forum Triage Items and Meeting Concerns

Issue/Concern/Request	Assigned To
40. Develop DA coins. Currently we use AA coins!!	General Service Board
41. Have the GSB report the status of the database and a plan to improve communications.	General Service Board
42. Update group information every year.	General Service Board
43. Focus on unity of purpose: recovery from unsecured debt.	General Service Board
44. Report on the status of the database and a plan for improved communications.	General Service Board
45. Focus on attraction of newcomers and retention of oldtimers. Leave the Charter for later.	General Service Board
46. The Internal Operations committee should be a GSB committee not a Conference committee.	General Service Board
47. Can we develop a special DA anniversary coin?	General Service Board
48. DA charter amendment should only be allowed every 5 years.	General Service Board
49. Remove the word "abstinence" from DA literature and reinstate the use of traditional language in the DA Preamble.	General Service Board
50. Should groups use Robert's Rules for business meetings?	General Service Board
51. Focus on singleness of purpose as shown in our "grandfather" program, AA. Do not use other programs like CODA and SLAA as precedents.	General Service Board
52. Are we underearning? If so how do we stop?	General Service Board
53. Translate the web site into Spanish.	General Service Board
54. How can the Board of Trustees be leaders of DA? Doesn't that violate traditions?	General Service Board
55. What happened to the longtimer's survey?	General Service Board
56. Make the DA Focus article available on the web site.	General Service Board
57. Allow donations on-line through the DA web site via Pay Pal.	General Service Board
58. Put a flashing message on the web site "keep coming back."	General Service Board
59. Do a more accurate job tracking the existing and defunct groups.	General Service Board
60. The current funding of WSC committees via the "per capita" process is not supportive of committee work. Fund the committees based on...record keeping, and adjust for future realistic needs. It is not a good use of committee time lobbying other committees for funds.	General Service Board
61. Why aren't Jerrold Mundis's books Conference-approved literature?	General Service Board
62. Increase revenue of literature by improving graphics quality and crating user-friendly literature ordering form for the individual DA member.	General Service Board
63. The cost of pamphlets hinders DA as a whole. The cost of postage is high.	General Service Board
64. Literature on substantial unanimity. What is it and how do we use it?	General Service Board
65. Encourage DAs to be honest about abstinence and to keep coming back if they slip.	General Service Board
66. Distribute the WSC minutes ASAP after the WSC so GSRs can announce it at their meetings, and keep it "fresh" in everyone's minds.	General Service Board
67. Put the list of meetings on the website.	General Service Board
68. Change DA name to "Money Addicts Anonymous."	General Service Board
69. Increase group awareness of DA's actual financial condition.	General Service Board
70. Why did A Currency of Hope go out of print?	General Service Board
71. Revise Tool 11: "Our DA literature is our portable program. It aids us in understanding our Steps, Traditions, and Tools. We also study the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous to strengthen our understanding of compulsive disease. We can identify with many of the situations described therein by substituting the words "compulsive debt" for "alcohol."	General Service Board
72. Distribute the WSC minutes ASAP after the WSC so GSRs can announce it at their meetings, and keep it "fresh" in everyone's minds.	General Service Office
73. Keep DA separate from other 12-Step programs, and let go of outside issues, such as family of origin work.	General Service Office
74. Spread the word to those in financial trouble in the court system that it is clear that the principal of anonymity does not guarantee protections from prosecution for actions admitted to in meetings.	HIP Committee
75. Give priority to GSRs from other countries and to groups who have not had previous WSC representation when awarding the WSC scholarship.	Host Committee
76. On Fellowship Day: make sure speakers speak clearly into the microphones so their voices get taped.	Host Committee
77. In the World Conference registration, make a category for the subscription to "Ways and Means."	Host Committee
78. Pair up first timers at the WSC to old timers with the conference.	Host Committee
79. Add more space on the "Let the Conference Hear from You" form.	Host Committee
80. Encourage groups to eliminate Christian prayers in favor of non-denominational prayers like the Serenity	Intergroup

Issue/Concern/Request	Assigned To
81. Encourage area GSRs to visit local meeting to make sure they are registered with the GSO.	Intergroup Caucus
82. Have GSRs represent more than one group.	Intergroup Caucus
83. Create pressure relief group availability lists.	Intergroup Caucus
84. Encourage GSRs to visit other meetings.	Intergroup Caucus
85. Have an Intergroups conference call every two months.	Intergroup Caucus
86. Have GSRs visit various groups.	Intergroup Caucus
87. Update the meeting database so we have accurate representation of our fellowship.	Internal Operations Committee
88. Create an Inspiration telephone line where DAs can call in to hear a 4-minute inspiring message from DAs with at least one year of abstinence. The line would be monitored by a different group every year, funded by DA.	Internal Operations Committee
89. Need a pamphlet on sponsorship.	Literature / Already exists
90. Need literature on underearning.	Literature / Already exists
91. Need literature on relationships and money.	Literature / in process
92. Produce Just for One Day bookmark.	Literature / In process
93. Need a DA Twelve and Twelve.	Literature / In process
94. Define what constitutes debt.	Literature / Glossary subcommittee
95. Correct grammar in second Promise.	Literature / Revisions subcommittee
96. Change wording under "sponsor" entry in tools pamphlet.	Literature / Revisions subcommittee
97. Reword 11th Tool.	Literature / Revisions subcommittee
98. Numerous requests for BDA literature.	Literature / Subcommittee formed
99. Adopt Southern California DA literature.	Literature / Subcommittee formed
100. Need more guidelines for how to conduct a PRG.	Literature / Subcommittee formed
101. Need literature on time issues.	Literature / Subcommittee formed
102. Translate DA literature into Spanish.	Literature / Motion to DA WSC
103. Need a DA Service Manual.	Literature / Motion to DA WSC
104. Need literature on DA and ADD.	Literature / No action taken
105. Delete references in all literature to other 12 Step fellowships.	Literature / No action taken
106. Delete use of terms such as "self-debting," "time-debting," and "space-debting."	Literature / No action taken
107. Need literature on member retention.	Literature / No action taken
108. Need literature on action plans and action partners.	Literature / No action taken
109. Need pamphlet that explains service and role of various service positions.	Literature / No action taken
110. Add double-entry system to spending pamphlet.	Literature / No action taken
111. Need a step workbook.	Literature / No action taken
112. Need literature on how to finance an education without student loans.	Literature / No action taken
113. Address issue of coming late to meetings.	Literature / No action taken
114. Need literature on how to strengthen meetings.	Literature / No action taken
115. Need literature on the history of DA.	Literature / No action taken
116. Need literature on recovery from deprivation mentality.	Literature / No action taken
117. Need literature on "additional (though unofficial) tools."	Literature / No action taken
118. Add action partner to tools.	Literature / No action taken
119. Discuss issue of non-DA spouse attending a PRG.	Literature / No action taken
120. Create a "DA sobriety card."	Literature / No action taken
121. Explain legal limits of anonymity.	Literature / No action taken
122. Produce DA literature on tapes/CDs.	Literature / No action taken
123. Create an "Al-Anon-style blue card."	Literature / No action taken
124. Need literature for spouses of DAs.	Literature / No action taken
125. Combine all pamphlets and A Currency of Hope into one book.	Literature / No action taken
126. Need literature on how to run a business meeting.	Literature / No action taken
127. Need literature on savings/building assets/investing.	Literature / No action taken
128. Need literature on how to buy a home/property solvently.	Literature / No action taken
129. Need literature on how to build a prudent reserve.	Literature / No action taken
130. Need literature on the spiritual benefits of giving.	Literature / No action taken

Issue/Concern/Request	Assigned To
131. Need literature on compulsive shopping.	Literature / No action taken
132. Need literature on caring for our health needs.	Literature / No action taken
133. Increase group awareness of DA's actual financial condition.	Literature Committee
134. Write literature on relationships and money issues.	Literature Committee
135. Literature on DA for ADD and time debting issues.	Literature Committee
136. Literature addressing deprivation issues.	Literature Committee
137. Literature should use the word "debt" only in reference to money, and not other outside issues such as time, clutter, self-deprivation, etc.	Literature Committee
138. Remove male gender from all publications.	Literature Committee
139. Create literature on action partners and action groups.	Literature Committee
140. Create a service position pamphlet to train a group how to do service.	Literature Committee
141. De-genderize the literature.	Literature Committee
142. BDA literature: how to write business plans, abstinence pamphlet, prosperity/abundance pamphlet.	Literature Committee
143. Keep DA separate from other 12-Step programs, and let go of outside issues, such as family of origin work.	Literature Committee
144. Revise Tool 11: "Our DA literature is our portable program. It aids us in understanding our Steps, Traditions, and Tools. We also study the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous to strengthen our understanding of compulsive disease. We can identify with many of the situations described therein by substituting the words "compulsive debt" for "alcohol."	Literature Committee
145. Respond immediately to misinformation on TV and radio, especially radio call in shows, from people who call in looking for help and don't get it from the TV or radio host.	Public Information
146. Reach out to people of color.	Public Information
147. Have more scholarships.	Resource Development Committee
148. Increase contributions so we can lower the WSC registration fee to allow more groups to send GSRs.	Resource Development Committee
149. Create a "How to be a Treasurer" pamphlet.	Resource Development Committee
150. Increase awareness of phone and online meetings for DAs in remote and international locations.	Technology Caucus
151. Create the capability to take online contributions.	Technology Caucus
152. Create a hotline where DAs can call in to bookend, similar to Clutterers Anonymous.	Technology Caucus
153. There should be more information on the web site.	Technology Caucus
154. Post the DA Charter and related info on the website.	Technology Caucus

## Open Forum Triage Items and Meeting Concerns: where do they come from and what happens next?

The list of items on the preceding pages represents the beginning of what the GSB hopes will be an ongoing effort to address the concern that groups have regarding the status of the issues they send to the WSC. Groups often ask: Was our issue received? Was our issue discussed? What was the outcome? Will there be a resolution? How can we find out what happened to our specific concern? The GSB was asked by the Conference Committee to work toward finding ways to track the status of the issues that are submitted. Eventually we hope to streamline the process through the website, but for now, this is our initial attempt to capture the list of concerns in its entirety, and distribute it to the groups.

### Where do these issues come from?

The items on this list come from two sources:

1. *Written* on the **Meeting Concern sheets** that were filled out by groups and individuals and either mailed to the GSO or hand-carried by the group's GSR to the World Service Conference.
2. *Spoken* during the **Open Forum** at the Conference. The Open Forum is the portion of the busi-

ness meeting where delegates have the opportunity to share their concerns about DA issues, ask questions and make suggestions. Each person is allowed two minutes. Action items are submitted in written form.

The GSB makes every effort to capture each item exactly as it is presented (both verbal and written) and then assigns the items to the appropriate DA entity or entities.

### What happens next?

At the World Service Conference, the various committees (Conference Committee, Resource Development Committee, Fellowship Communications Committee, Internal Operations Committee, Literature Committee, Hospitals/Institutions/Prisons Committee, the Public Information Committee and the new BDA Committee) and the two caucuses (the Intergroup Caucus and the Technology Caucus) are given the items that seem to fall into their domain. For example, questions regarding literature or suggestions for new literature are given to the Literature Committee. Suggestions for the General Service Office are given to the Internal Operations Committee. Each committee

and caucus of the World Service Conference is expected to address the questions, concerns and issues from the Fellowship.

The committees and caucuses discuss each issue at the Conference. At the end of the Conference, the committees bring motions and recommendations to the Convocation for the assembled delegates to consider and vote on as a whole. The committees and caucuses usually also generate a list of prioritized items that they feel they can work on during the upcoming year.

Sometimes issues cannot be addressed. In some cases, an issue may fall outside the domain of DA, such as a suggestion to endorse outside literature. In other cases, an issue must be tabled by a committee due to lack of time, lack of funding, or lack of trusted servants to work on the issue.

At the Convocation, each committee and caucus chairperson reports the disposition of the issues they were given. The GSB invites the WSC committees and caucuses to share their progress during the year in the DA Focus. ■

## Public Information Committee

### Success Stories Wanted

The "Carry the Message Network" of the Public Information Committee would like to hear from you. Do you have a success story relating how your DA group, GSR or Public Information Representative spread the word about DA in your area? Have you spread the word to therapists, lawyers, doctors, bankers, credit unions, credit counseling agencies, religious organizations, libraries, colleges, or other 12 Step fellowships? Have you placed literature, posted flyers, mailed letters or spoken to groups about DA? Let us hear from you. Submit an article or a brief summary of your successful activities. Include your contact information and e-mail to [acucinotta@earthlink.net](mailto:acucinotta@earthlink.net). If you would like to join the DA Carry the Message Network and get support for your DA group's 12<sup>th</sup> Step outreach in your community contact Richard H. at (818) 843-7058 or [rharisj@pacbell.net](mailto:rharisj@pacbell.net).

### New York DA Produces Public Service Announcement

DA members in New York developed a Public Service Announcement (PSA) which was broadcast on TV in the state of New York. NY Intergroup provided \$300 to produce the 30 second mini Digital Video (DV) tape. DA members with voice over experience donated their services to read text from DA Conference Approved literature. Local cable networks were contacted, and all were willing to schedule air time to broadcast the PSA. The cable companies required an application, a copy of DA's 501(c)(3) tax exempt letter, the text and the tape. The entire process to create and distribute the PSAs took about one year.

If you would like information about the production of this PSA, including English/Spanish text, please contact the Chairperson of the WSC PI Committee, Lisa W. at [lisawda03@yahoo.com](mailto:lisawda03@yahoo.com) or (512) 453-1885. Note: A DA Conference-Approved PSA is available from the General Service Office. See the website for details.

### Intergroup Caucus

The first draft of a pamphlet on how to start an Intergroup was approved at the 2005 WSC. This is a big step toward providing information to help local area groups maximize their outreach and fundraising efforts by forming an Intergroup. The new pamphlet will go through the GSB approval process that is used for service literature and be available as quickly as possible.

### The Technology Caucus

The caucus formerly known as the Internet Caucus has changed its name to reflect its broader role of technology resource for the Fellowship. One of the projects that is nearing completion is the proposal for the General Service Office to adopt a voice mail "tree" that will allow callers to the Office to select from a variety of options and find DA information more easily.

## Resource Development Committee

### "Invitation to Prosperity"

The Resource Development Committee introduced a campaign called "Invitation to Prosperity" (look for the flyer and table tent in this mailing). The year-long campaign will include World Service Month. In future mailings the RDC plans to remind DA members about sharing their prosperity to help the debtor who still suffers and to help DA as a whole. There will be a theme for each mailing:

- Celebrate your individual DA birthday or abstinence anniversary.
- Give back what you have been so freely given.
- Increased donations = Increased prosperity
- Add the GSO to your monthly spending plan.

The RDC hopes to have special prosperity envelopes printed in quantity that will be sent to the meetings and displayed with the table tent.

### Fellowship Communications Committee

The FCC continues to work with the Ways & Means Committee of the GSB to prepare for the launching of the first free online issue of the Ways & Means, the "meeting in print" for the DA fellowship. See info below on how to submit your article to the editor. (Please note that all submissions become the property of the W&M and the GSB.)

Other WSC committees include the Conference, Committee, the Literature Committee and the Hospitals/Institutions/Prisons (HIP) Committee. ■

# Attention WSC Committees and Caucuses

The DA Focus invites you to tell the fellowship what you have been working on during the past quarter. Email your (brief) report to your GSB liaison(s), and mark it "DA Focus."

### Note to WSC GSRs and ISRs:

You will be receiving a copy of the minutes from the 2005 WSC which will include a roster of all the participants who attended the Conference. The names and contact information on this roster are confidential and are provided to help you do your committee work. *Please do not use these names for any other purpose.*

## DA Publications Schedules

### Ways & Means (DA's "meeting in print")

Send your electronic submissions to W&M Editor, at [waysandmeansda@hotmail.com](mailto:waysandmeansda@hotmail.com)

Issue	Submission deadline	Publication Date	Suggested Theme
Winter 2006	December 1, 2005	January 1	Fundraising/taxes/clarity
Spring 2006	March 1	April 1	Housecleaning/vacations
Summer 2006	June 1	July 1	WSC/Service
Fall 2006	September 1	October 1	Holiday survival

### DA Focus (service newsletter from the GSB)

World Service Conference committees and caucuses can submit material for publication in the DA Focus. Material for the DA Focus must be GSB approved. Ask your committee/caucus liaisons for the date of the next GSB conference call so you can submit your material in time. Submit your electronic material to your liaison.

Issue	Submission deadline for approved material	Target Publication Date	Theme
Winter 2006	January 15	January 31	TBD
Spring 2006	April 15	April 30	TBD
Summer 2006	July 15	July 31	TBD
Fall 2006	October 15	October 31	TBD

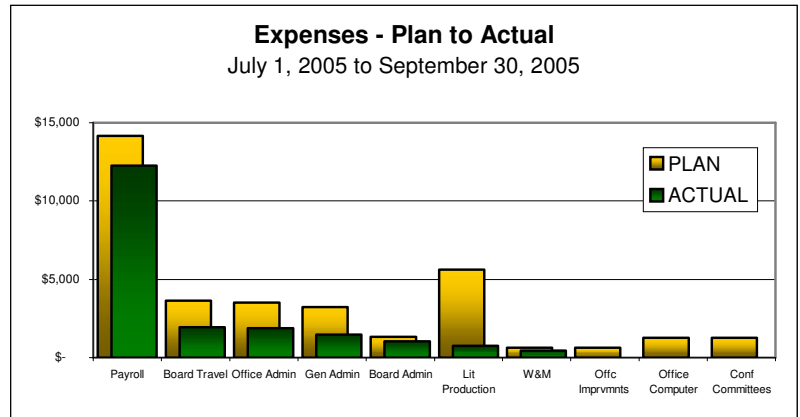
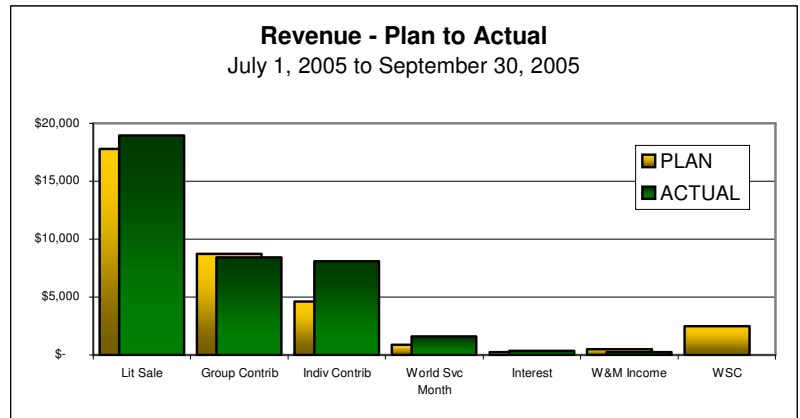
## DA's income is more than planned for first quarter of 2005-06

**Debtors Anonymous General Service Board**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
 As of June 30, 2005

	7/01/2005 to 9/30/2005	7/01/2005 to 9/30/2005
	<b>PLAN</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Literature Sales	\$17,787	\$18,927
Group Contributions	8,750	8,428
Individual Contributions	4,625	8,109
World Svc. Month Contributions	875	1,630
Interest Income	250	399
Ways & Means Income	525	259
World Service Conference	2,500	0
Misc. Income	12	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 35,325</b>	<b>\$ 37,752</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>PLAN</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Payroll Expense	\$14,155	\$12,266
Board Travel	3,625	1,956
Office Administration	3,500	1,880
General Administration	3,244	1,467
Board Administration	1,313	1,033
Literature Printing & Production	5,625	767
Ways & Means	625	425
Proposed Office Computer	625	0
Proposed Office Improvements	1,250	0
Conference Committees	1,250	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 35,211</b>	<b>\$ 19,794</b>
<b>NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 114</b>	<b>\$ 17,958</b>

**Income for the first quarter of the fiscal year was \$2,427 more than planned and spending was \$15,417 less than planned.**

- **INCOME:** The increased income was the consequence of higher-than-expected literature sales and one large individual donation. World Service Month (April) picked up speed after a slow start, bringing in more than anticipated during this quarter. The net from the World Service Conference has not yet been processed.
- **EXPENSES:** Literature printing costs during the first quarter were low, although several projects are upcoming, including a reprinting of the Currency of Hope. Committees of the World Service Conference have not yet begun to submit for reimbursements. The Spending Plan expense figures are pro-rated across all four quarters of the fiscal year.



These figures are unaudited, and intended for information purposes only.

Please note: A group contribution that doesn't have the group number on the check is categorized as an "individual contribution."

Please send your personal and group contributions to the General Service Office. You can find a donation form on the DA website. Click on the 7th Tradition link.

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