

# THE DA FOCUS

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## Re-list your group

If you would like your group included in the soon-to-be-launched online searchable meeting list, please update your group's information with the General Service Office as soon as possible. All groups and Intergroups are asked to update their info annually.

## Subscribe now

The first official General Service Office (GSO) email version of the DA Focus newsletter is now available. General Service Reps (GSRs) and Intergroup Service Reps (ISRs) at the 2006 World Service Conference (WSC) will automatically receive the email newsletter unless they indicate they prefer not to. All DA members and interested parties are invited to subscribe via the link on the DA Web site [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org).

### NOTICE

A Report from the GSB on the outcomes of the 2005 Issues and Concerns and a list of issues and concerns discussed at the 2006 Conference can be found in a separate booklet which is being mailed with this edition of the DA Focus.

## Primary Purpose Statement presented at 2006 World Service Conference

The Debtors Anonymous General Service Board of Trustees presented the following statement to the delegates at the 2006 World Service Conference as part of the Chairperson's Report.

### Statement on the Primary Purpose of Debtors Anonymous

“Far and above any other issue that faces the DA Fellowship today is our need for strong clarity around our primary purpose. We come together for one reason; because we are compulsive debtors and the only way we can not debt, one day at a time, is by helping another debtor practice the Twelve Steps. Any other focus waters down our message. Frankly, we are afraid for DA. It seems like members around the world want to focus on anything other than not debting. When we are willing to do anything not to debt, our underearning and compulsive spending habits are removed. Visions, prosperity, and abundance are all wonderful side benefits of not debting, but they are not our primary focus. Clutter is an outside issue with its own Twelve Step program and does not have a place in DA. Procrastination, called “time-debting” by some members, is a character defect and is not part of how we define compulsive debting. Our focus must return to our primary purpose, helping other debtors by doing service. We believe it is crucial that this Conference refocus every aspect of DA back on our primary purpose. When we leave here we must be united on one simple message, “Don’t debt.” We believe if we can do that, the fellowship of Debtors Anonymous will prosper and grow.

—The General Service Board of Debtors Anonymous, August 17, 2006

The World Service Conference is the annual business meeting of Debtors Anonymous, where General Service Representatives (GSRs), Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs), and the General Service Board (GSB) gather to work on issues that affect DA as a whole.

### Literature Publications (Lit Pub)

Working with the GSB InfoTech Committee, the GSB Literature Publications committee posted Spanish translations of the Preamble, 12 Steps, and 12 Traditions to the DA Web site. The recently published DA Numbers booklet (P-128, \$2.00) is available for purchase from the General Service Office. See the literature order form.

A non-DA 12 Step program related to underearning has posted some of DA's copyrighted literature on its Web site. One of the Literature Publications mandates is to protect DA's copyrighted literature. A message was sent to the program asking them to remove DA material from their site and encouraging them to write their own literature.

### Literature Services Board (LSB)

Projects include a DA Glossary, a *How to Start an Intergroup* service pamphlet, and revisions to the Debt Payment pamphlet. The LSB asked the Literature Committee to recommend that the 2006 Conference approve the concept for a "Just for This Day" bookmark and text for a *BDA Meeting Format*.

### Ways & Means Committee

The *Ways & Means*, formerly a paid paper subscription newsletter, is now free via a link on the DA Web site. Many DA members download and print several copies of the newsletter to bring to their meetings or give to newcomers. Current subscribers will receive paper copies in the mail until their subscriptions expire.

### InfoTech Committee

The InfoTech Committee has been working with the Technology Caucus to develop and implement a searchable online meeting database. Other projects include implementation of a DA "phone tree" for the DA Office, the implementation of the new GSO email newsletter, and a plan for long-overdue improvements to the DA Web site.

### Public Information Committee

The GSB PI Committee is in discussion with a DA member who may be willing to serve as Media Contact. This person would field media requests from journalists and would locate DA members willing to be interviewed. This work is currently

being handled by the Chair of the WSC Public Information Committee, a task which limits the amount of time the Chair can be working on PI committee projects.

The International Public Information Manual is available for purchase or free download from the DA Web site. The PI Manual, written by the WSC Public Information Committee, contains templates of letters that groups and Intergroups can use to carry the DA message locally.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the DA General Service Board has the responsibility of managing DA's finances. See pages 5-7 for the Treasurer's Report.

### Office Committee

Two members of the Office Committee visited the General Service Office (GSO) in Needham and implemented a number of upgrades to improve the efficiency and performance of the office. Regular staff meetings between the liaison and office staff were established. Additional computer software training was authorized for the staff. The Committee also worked with the staff to bring a more professional appearance to the GSO.

### Nominations Committee

The GSB continues to actively seek nominations for Class A (debtor) 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.

### The (Ad Hoc) Archive Committee

Discussion involved two main topics—gathering physical historical material, and creating an electronic storage space for electronic files. Work continues on finding appropriate climate controlled physical storage space near the DA Office. Electronic storage space was acquired and is being populated with important documents such as leases, contracts, and DA literature text files, both current and archival. The Archive Committee is reaching out to longtimers who may have historical material and information about the early days of DA. If you have some material you think would belong in a DA archive, please contact the Archive Committee through the General Service Office.

### World Service Conference Issues

**Policy & Delegate Support Committee.** This new ad hoc (temporary) GSB committee is working on carrying out action items recommended by the WSC Conference Committee, plus other activities to help GSRs and ISRs. Set to expire with the 2006 Conference, the committee voted to change its name to the Policy Committee and asked the GSB to extend its existence through the Spring face-to-face meeting.

**WSC Ad Hoc Site Selection Committee.** This committee was formed in response to a recommendation by the Conference Committee that the process for selecting sites for DA's World Service Conference be reviewed and revised.

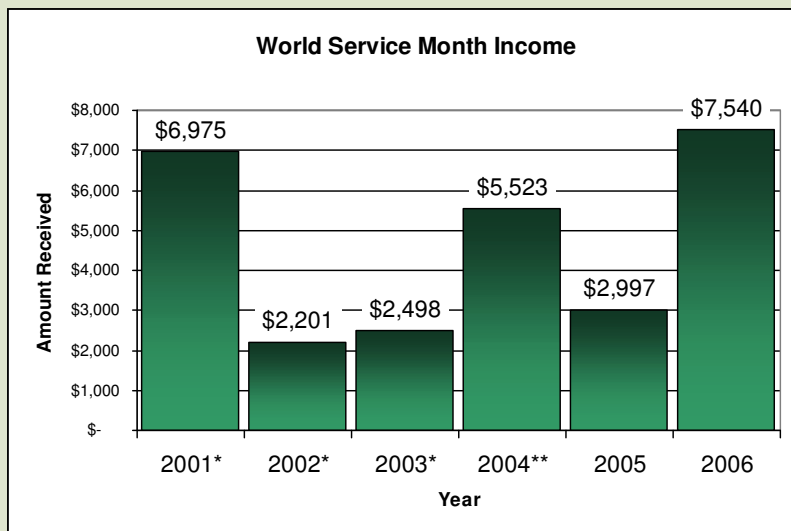
### The DA Focus Committee

A committee was formed to handle the production of the GSB service newsletter *The DA Focus*. This newsletter is intended to serve DA as a whole, and does not accept submissions that are local or regional in scope. Announcements of local events should be submitted to the Ways & Means at [waysandmeansda@hotmail.com](mailto:waysandmeansda@hotmail.com). ■

# World Service Month

World Service Month is the annual celebration of DA's birthday, traditionally held in April. Formerly known as WISH Week (Week of International Support and Hope), World Service Month is a yearly fundraising effort to support the work of the General Service Office. The Resource Development Committee (RDC), a committee of the World Service Conference, launches

the campaign with a flyer and a letter of appeal that is sent to all registered DA groups and Intergroups. Below is a chart showing the income received since 2001. For 2001-2003, the income shown reflects a calendar year. In 2004 DA changed its reporting period to a fiscal year ending June 30.



\*2001, 2002, 2003 = January 1-December 31

\*\*2004 = January 1-June 30

## Fundraising and the DA Traditions

Debtors Anonymous groups and Intergroups often need to raise money to cover expenses such as rent, literature, and contributions to other levels of the fellowship's service structure (Intergroups, area groups, and the General Service Office). Many groups collect funds to produce local or regional events such as workshops, share-a-days, and fellowship days.

In addition, many groups and Intergroups need additional funds to send their GSRs or ISRs to the annual World Service Conference.

While raising money is important, maintaining the integrity and independence of the D.A. program is even more important. All fundraising for these and other purposes needs to be done within the spirit of

the 12 Traditions.

These traditions, which represent the collective, unified experience of DA groups over more than 30 years, state that DA accepts money only from DA members, does not accept contributions from or make contributions to any outside entities, and spends money only on our primary purpose. We also do not enmesh the contributions of members with private businesses or services, even if members work for or own those businesses.

Three of the Traditions are particularly applicable:

**Tradition 5.** Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the debtor who still suffers.

**Tradition 6.** A DA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the DA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

**Tradition 7.** Every DA group should be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

There are many ways of raising funds for DA purposes that fit well within our Traditions. If you need help, contact your GSR, ISR, or the General Service Office. More detailed treatment of fundraising issues and the 12 Traditions can be found in several of the printed guidelines published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services. ■

## Answers to Your Literature Questions

These items are from the Meeting Concerns and Open Forum topics collected at the 2005 WSC and distributed to the General Service Board Literature Publications Committee for action. The item numbers refer to the original list of topics that was published in the Fall issue of the DA Focus.

**31. Remove "abstinence" from literature, replace with "not incurring any new unsecured debt."**

Background: when DA was younger, the original term for "not debting" was "solvent." When DA came to the West coast, the term "abstinence" replaced "solvent" to mean "not debting." Choosing one word over the other, or eliminating them both entirely, is a decision that will affect the entire Fellowship, and therefore should not be placed entirely in the hands of one committee or the General Service Board. As with any important decision that affects the entire Fellowship, the words DA chooses to describe itself should be given thoughtful consideration with input from as many DA groups as possible. No action is being taken on this issue at this time at the General Service Board level.

**53. Translate the Web site into Spanish.**

To translate the entire Web site into Spanish would be an expensive and time-consuming process. At present, Spanish translations of the DA Preamble, the Twelve Steps, and the Twelve Traditions are available on the DA Web site.

**70. Why did *Currency of Hope* go out of print?**

*Currency of Hope* is not out of print; in fact, the first edition is in its sixth printing. The hardcover book is no longer being printed, but you or your group may order the soft cover *COH* from the General Service Office (GSO). The *COH* is also available from other non-DA vendors. See the DA Web site or a literature order form for price and quantity discount information.

**71. Revise Tool 11**

Ideas for new literature or revisions to existing literature can come from anywhere—an individual, a group, an area, or a WSC committee. The 2004 World Service Conference adopted a revised Literature Creation and Approval Process for use with recovery-related material. Briefly, ideas are approved by the WSC Literature Committee and then handed off to the Literature Services Board (appointed committee members working with the General Service Board) who find a writer for the project. The writer's final draft is approved by the GSB and the Literature Committee,

and then presented by the Literature Committee to the WSC for approval; if it passes, it becomes "Conference-approved." If you have an idea for new literature or revisions to existing literature, please ask your group's GSR to pass them along to the appropriate Literature Committee member, or email the General Service Office for more information.

**76. Create a Treasurer Service Manual.**

DA literature that is focused on service rather than recovery issues is sometimes allowed to go through a streamlined literature creation and approval process if the material does not require Conference approval. Examples of this type of service-related literature are the GSO and GSR pamphlets. Ideas for new literature or revisions to existing literature can come from anywhere—an individual, a group, an area, or a WSC committee. If you have an idea for new literature or revisions to existing literature, please ask your group's GSR to pass them along to the appropriate Literature Committee member, or email the General Service Office for more information. See also item 71.

**79. Revise the "Using the Telephone" pamphlet.**

The "Using the Telephone" pamphlet was revised by the Literature Services Board (LSB) and brought to the 2005 WSC, where the revisions were approved. The revisions will be incorporated into the next printing of the pamphlet, which is in progress as of this writing.

**101. Produce an educational video for distribution to hospitals, recovery and other institutions, and prisons.**

A feasibility study that includes a spending plan, action plan, and time frame needs to be done by a WSC committee.

**130. FAQ page.**

DA FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) can be found on the DA Web site at <http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/About/DA/FAQs>. These FAQs—a work in progress—were compiled by the Fellowship Communications Committee (FCC). If you would like to help prepare answers to more FAQs, please ask your group's GSR to put you in contact with the FCC. ■

# The DA Web site: [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org)



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Anonymous \(BDA\)](#)

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The DA Web site is one of our most important resources for communicating with the Fellowship, the public, and for attracting new members. In the past eight months over 169, 000 people visited our site, viewing its pages more than 470, 000 times. The site has received over 1.2 million hits since January 2006.

For announcements about DA, join the new e-News email list.

The Info Tech Committee is looking for qualified GSRs or ISRs who are interested in serving as Appointed Committee members to the GSB Info Tech Committee. Please email the General Service Office for more information.

## Join Our E-News List

Email:

The Debtors Anonymous Web site offers resources for newcomers, longtimers, and non-members.

- Locate a DA meeting: contact numbers, Web sites, telephone meetings, and online meetings.
- Download a printable literature order form.
- Find these free Board-produced literature items:
  - How to Keep Your Meeting Alive
  - Group Inventory: All Shapes and Sizes
  - Conference Approved Literature at Our Meetings: Assuring Our Unity
- Read the DA Preamble, 12 Steps, & 12 Traditions en español.
- Download current copies of the DA Focus and the Ways & Means newsletters.
- Register new meetings and update current meeting information.
- Sign up for the official DA General Service Office e-News email list. You will receive the DA Focus and announcements from the General Service Office.
- Find information for professionals and the news media.

## Concepts 5 and 6 Revised at 2006 World Service Conference

As part of an ongoing effort to bring clarity to the guidelines that help the entities of DA world service work together in spiritual harmony, the DA General Service Board brought to the WSC two motions to revise two of DA's Twelve Concepts of World Service.

### Concept 5

**New Language:** The traditional Rights of Appeal and Petition protect the minority opinion and ensure the consideration of personal grievances.

**Old Language:** Throughout our world service structure, a "Right of Appeal" protects minority opinion and assures that they be heard.

### Concept 6

**New Language:** The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Debtors Anonymous General Service Board.

**Old Language:** The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility and other duties of the Debtors Anonymous General Service Board. The Trustees delegate full authority for routine management of the DA headquarters to its executive committee.

The revised Twelve Concepts can be found on the DA Web site: [www.debtorsanonymous.org/About DA/12 Concepts](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/About DA/12 Concepts)



## Income Exceeds Spending for Fourth Consecutive Year

The Finance Committee prepares and presents the annual Spending Plan to the GSB for approval. The Spending Plan for fiscal year 2006-2007 has been, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, completed and approved by the GSB at the first Board meeting of the year, which was July 9, 2006.

The Finance Committee meets monthly to review the financial reports prepared by the Treasurer to be presented to the GSB for approval

and is prepared to make recommendations to assist the Board in making prudent spending decisions. In addition to preparing the year's Spending Plan, an important function of the Committee is the 6-month review of the plan, making revisions when needed and presenting the revised plan to the Board for approval. The Finance Committee is pleased to report that fiscal year 2005-2006 has ended with a net income for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

### John Henderson Scholarship Fund

A revised method of funding of the John Henderson Scholarship was adopted by the GSB. In the spirit of John Henderson and his personal contributions to DA, all profits and contributions from Fellowship Day, beginning with the 2007 WSC, will be designated as donations to the John Henderson Scholarship Fund. This funding will be in addition to the existing request for voluntary scholarship contributions on the WSC registration form and scholarship contributions mailed to the GSO. The JH Scholarship Fund is distributed by the Host Committee to as many GSRs and ISRs as possible who apply for financial assistance to attend the World Service Conference.

### WSC Committee Spending Plan

The GSB approved a \$1,000 increase, bringing the total amount for WSC committees to \$6,000 for 2006-2007. The \$6,000 will be allocated as follows: \$250 each to the eight committees and two caucuses for a total of \$2,500. This will ensure every committee and caucus at least one mailing to the Fellowship without regard to the number of committee members. Using it for a mailing, however, is not a restriction, just a recommendation.

Under the old plan, caucuses received no funding and had to solicit a committee to pay for a mailing or project. The \$3,500 balance will be allocated to the eight committees on a per capita basis using the following formula: the committee's percentage of the registered

GSR/ISRs multiplied by the number of people on each respective committee. For example, if there are 110 people registered and the committee has 12 people, the committee would have 10.9% of the \$3,500, or \$381.50, plus \$250, for a total of \$631.50 for the year. The GSB recommends communication between committee chairs to "share the wealth."

Funds allocated to committees go unused every year by many of the committees. Other committees stop projects due to insufficient funding. Committee helping committee is the way all committees can support the work for the benefit of all of DA.

## Cash Position Comparison | June 2005 to June 2006

	<u>JUNE 30, 2005</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 2006</u>
CHECKING	\$ 9,172.49	\$ 4,836.48
SAVINGS	\$ 82,441.72	\$ 109,752.05
PRUDENT RESERVE:	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
LITERATURE RESERVE:	\$ 4,595.39	\$ 4,091.85
W&M RESERVE:	\$ 1,358.74	\$ 904.99
WSC SEED FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE:	\$ 836.59	\$ 1,122.92
BOOK PRINTING RESERVE:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
OFFICE MOVE RESERVE:	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
UNRESTRICTED SAVINGS:	\$ 17,151.00	\$ 38,632.29
	<u>\$ 82,441.72</u>	<u>\$ 109,752.05</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE:	<u>\$ 26,323.49</u>	<u>\$ 43,468.77</u>

## Income Statement Comparison of Plan to Actual | July 2005 to June 2006

Income exceeding the Spending Plan made it possible for the Board to approve the expenditure to send 3 Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) of the Literature Services Board (LSB) to the Board's April face-to-face meeting in Houston: Two ACMs joined the Board, and the third, unable to attend, contributed remotely via teleconferencing.

The cost of reprinting and shipping literature increased. Two reprinting cost increases during the year and a postal increase resulted in a GSB decision to

increase the prices of most literature and the shipping and handling prices. The total cost of printing the new "The Numbers: One Approach" and reprinting of existing literature was \$23,058 for the year. It is still the long-term goal of the Finance Committee and the GSB to reduce literature prices. In order to do this, the fellowship must continue to increase individual and group contributions.

	<b>PLAN</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
	7/01/2005 to 6/30/2006	7/01/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Literature Sales	\$ 71,150	\$ 71,806
Group Contributions	\$ 35,000	\$ 39,994
Individual Contributions	\$ 18,500	\$ 24,224
World Svc. Month Contributions	\$ 3,500	\$ 10,508
Invitation to Prosperity	\$ -	\$ 582
World Service Conference	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,399
Ways & Means Income	\$ 2,100	\$ 506
Interest Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,290
Misc. Income	\$ 50	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 141,300</b>	<b>\$ 156,308</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Board Administration	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,936
Board Travel	\$ 14,500	\$ 13,455
General Administration	\$ 12,975	\$ 10,383
Office Administration	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,690
Proposed Office Computer	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,395
Proposed Office Improvements	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Literature Printing & Production	\$ 22,500	\$ 28,175
Ways & Means	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,613
Payroll Expense	\$ 56,620	\$ 53,972
Conference Committees	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,540
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 138,345</b>	<b>\$ 130,659</b>
<b>NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,955</b>	<b>\$ 25,650</b>

**Balance Sheet | June 30, 2006**

Total Assets increased from year-end 2005 by \$21,662 and the total of all Equity accounts increased by \$23,250. The GSB approved increasing the Prudent Reserve to \$35,000 and the reserve established for a future move of the Office was increased to \$15,000. The long-

term goal for the Prudent Reserve is one year's expenses. We are about one-third of the way to this goal. Equity accounts, reserves, and this and prior year's net income make future projects possible.

		7/01/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
	Checking & Petty Cash	\$ 5,036
	Savings	\$ 109,752
	Set Aside for Reserves	\$ (65,000)
	Accounts Receivable	\$ 5,663
	Prepaid Expenses	\$ -
	Conference Advance	\$ -
Total Current Assets		<u>\$ 55,451</u>
Other Assets		
	Inventory	\$ 19,359
	Copyright & Trademark	\$ 4,339
	Office Equipment	\$ 2,126
	Rent Security Deposit	\$ 300
Total Other Assets		<u>\$ 26,124</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>\$ 81,575</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
	Accounts Payable	\$ 5,428
	Ways & Means Liability	\$ 905
Total Liabilities		<u>\$ 6,333</u>
Equity		
	Restricted Reserves	\$ (65,000)
	Unrestricted Reserves	\$ 110,697
	Net Income	\$ 29,545
Total Equity		<u>\$ 75,242</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>		<u><b>\$ 81,575</b></u>

## World Service Conference Committee Reports

The eight committees and two caucuses of the 2006 World Service Conference were asked to focus their discussions on the primary purpose of DA: **Don't debt**. What follows are brief summaries of their reports. Full reports, including minutes of committee meetings, will be published in the Conference Report which will be mailed to all Conference attendees in the Fall, and available for purchase from the GSO by any member or group.

### Internal Operations Committee

At the 2006 WSC, the 2006 Internal Operations Committee brought a motion that DA groups and Intergroups renew their listing annually for inclusion in the DA International Directory. The purpose of this renewal is to have updated meeting information for the searchable meeting list database and does not affect the registered status of meetings.

### Technology Caucus

The 2006 Technology Caucus continues to work with the GSB InfoTech on the development and implementation of a searchable online meeting database. At the 2006 WSC, the Technology Caucus recommended that the GSB hire a professional web production person, and is working with the Conference Committee on a file sharing pilot program.

### Literature Committee

The 2006 Literature Committee continues to work with the Literature Services Board (LSB) and the GSB Literature Publications Committee to keep the writing of DA's *Twelve and Twelve* moving forward.

At the 2006 WSC, the Literature Committee voted to recommend that the Conference approve the "Just for This Day" bookmark concept and a BDA Meeting Format. Both pieces were approved by the assembled delegates and will be published as official DA Conference-approved literature as soon as possible.

### Fellowship Communications (FCC)

The Fellowship Communications Committee works with the Ways & Means editor to gather and manage content for the newsletter. The 2006 FCC is working on expanding the FAQs on the DA Web site. At the 2006 WSC, the FCC recommended that a part-time professional editor be hired to manage content on the DA Web site.

### Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons (HIP)

The work of the HIP Committee involves reaching out to the debtor who is confined in hospitals, recovery and other institutions, and prisons. The 2006 HIP Committee plans to design a packet of materials that Intergroups can use to do HIP service, and write HIP-related FAQs to post on the DA Web site.

### Business Debtors Anonymous (BDA)

The BDA Committee completed its first year as a committee. Over 20 GSRs and ISRs joined the 2006 BDA Committee to discuss how DA issues affect business owners.

### Resource Development (RDC)

The 2006 Resource Development Committee recommended that DA establish a separate fund to manage bequest from the estates or trusts of deceased members. The committee also plans to do several mailings during the year to encourage the Fellowship to send contributions to the GSO.

### Public Information Committee (PI)

The Public Information Committee focuses its efforts on reaching out to and supporting debtors in isolated areas, as well as working to communicate the DA message to news media and helping professionals.

### Conference Committee

The 2006 Conference Committee presented several motions, including a motion to change the DA Charter to require mailings of pending motions to change the DA Charter to be sent to the groups no less than 90 days before the Conference. The motion carried. Other motions that were approved included a request for the GSB to prepare a 5-year strategic plan and to establish a commission to study the issue of regional trustee selection. A Diversity Caucus was also approved by the Conference.

### Internal Operations Committee Report

The 2005 Internal Operations Committee of the World Service Conference continued its work throughout the past year via regular conference calls.

We worked with the Conference Committee on laying the groundwork for the creation of a policy on annual re-listing of D.A. groups, which will help in the maintenance of an accurate list of all DA meetings worldwide. We also began developing an Operations Manual for the General Service Office.

In conjunction with our General Service Board liaisons, we maintained frequent contact with the GSO and explored new ways in which we can support the office in carrying out our primary purpose: to help the debtor who still suffers. We look forward to the upcoming WSC in San Diego and continued service to the Fellowship of DA.

—Jeffrey H. | IOC Chair

### Intergroup Caucus

The 2006 Intergroup Caucus recommended that there be an Intergroup-specific form to register Intergroups, as well as the creation of a pamphlet on service mentoring.

### 2006 World Service Conference

The 2006 DA World Service Conference was held August 16-20 at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. Ninety delegates, 14 Trustees, and the Office Manager attended. Minutes from the Convocation and full reports from the General Service Board, committees, and caucuses will be compiled in the annual report and mailed to all Conference attendees in the Fall.

Conference attendees were asked to fill out four surveys on topics ranging from the use of non-Conference-approved literature in meetings, to where the DA Office should be located. Responses will be reported in the DA Focus over the next year.

### 2007 World Service Conference

The 2007 Conference will be held in the Boston area. The New England Host Committee received the gavel from the outgoing San Diego Host Committee. The 2007 Conference dates and location are yet to be determined.

### 2008 World Service Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah, was approved by the 2006 Conference to be the site of the 2008 World Service Conference. ■

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