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Distribution of Labels: Consistent with a 1993 Conference Advisory Action, we advised past recipients that we will discontinue providing mailing labels, and henceforth, will supply only those requested by delegates for groups in their area.

Data Processing Department: Bill Brennan, the manager of Special Projects, resigned after 18 years at G.S.O., and was replaced by Elaine Soroka. Since Records is so closely linked to the Data Processing operation, Elaine will report to Lillianna Murphy, who will be responsible to Tom Jasper with respect to all group matters.

In consideration of the increasingly important and effective role our Data Processing Department has played under Lillianna's supervision, she has been named manager of Information Services and will join our senior management team.

G.S.O. Staff: Past staff member Phyllis Masback returned to G.S.O. October 5, on a two-day-a-week basis. She is handling the Treatment Facilities assignment, plus attending board and Conference meetings.

Other Board Actions: Upon rotation of Harold Greene, Greg Muth and Jan Whitney, we welcomed three new directors: Jacques Filteau, Gerry Flegel, and Richard Roughton. Michael McPherson was appointed trustee/director on the A.A.W.S. Board, replacing John Quinn.

The board adopted the following resolution: "RESOLVED, that the Board herewith adopts as its own the policy previously established by management, viz.: 'Loans by the Corporation to its employees are not permissible.'"

The annual job review with the general manager was conducted on March 19, with Ann Bruning and Michael McPherson. George Dorsey was thanked for a job well done.

At the March 1994 A.A.W.S. meeting, the board heard a presentation given by Lillianna Murphy on the status of computerization in the office.

At the suggestion of a trustee director, a sharing session was held on March 18, 1994, on issues of corporate poverty, and support for and changing needs of group services. No decisions were reached, but the sharing resulted in several ideas for further consideration.

Ann Bruning, chairperson

Nominating: The committee interviewed three candidates to fill the vacancy for nontrustee/director, and a nominee was selected for submission to the trustees' Nominating Committee. The board approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for general service trustee to be forwarded to the trustees' Nominating Committee.

Regional Forums: A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. staff members coordinated and attended five Regional Forums in 1993: East Central, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Northeast, in Burlington, Vermont; West Central in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Southwest, in St. Louis, Missouri; and Special Forums in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada, and in Hawaii.

ICYPA: The International Conference of Young People in A.A. was held in New York, May 28-31. With advance planning, 225 participants visited G.S.O. for tours. There was much interest and enthusiasm. Also, service workshops were held at ICYPAA with board and staff participation. All involved stressed the importance for A.A.'s future of young A.A. members participating in service.

Intergroup Seminar: The Seminar was held in Baltimore, Maryland, September 17-19, with G.S.O. staff and trustee/ director participation. Overall, the mood was warm and an increasing number of intergroups seem to be opening up communications with their area service structures. Attendees seemed very pleased with their relations with G.S.O. and very complimentary about improved service in fulfilling their orders. Vancouver was selected as the site for the 1994 Intergroup Seminar. The board passed a motion that the current chair of the A.A.W.S. Board act as the board's representative on the Intergroup Seminar Policy Committee.

Records Restructuring Committee: This committee was formed in order to evaluate the database structure currently employed for maintaining group and individual records.

Task Force: G.S.O. has been working to reduce duplicate mailings. The largest mailing in one issue of *Box 4-5-9* included a letter indicating how recipients may receive additional copies, if desired. The program also includes mailings for *About A.A.*, the Treatment Facilities Newsletter, and the Directories.

ARCHIVES

Trustees' committee: Our committee met three times since the 43rd General Service Conference. After 21 years of service to the Archives Committee, George Gordon, the committee's first chairman, turned in his magnifying glass and retired to a quietly private life in the hills of Connecticut. His contributions have been many and his gentle guidance, will be missed.

Last fall we began sharing, via the Group Information sheet, the date that each group was first listed at G.S.O.; a date that may be essentially the group's "birthday." In some cases we have needed to ask the local archivists to help us uncover the correct date. When completed we will have the capacity to furnish areas with printouts showing group growth in chronological order, and therefore have an indication of how A.A. spread throughout the U.S. and Canada.

In the second phase of the "Gathering of Experience" project, we invited the 132 surviving Conference members of Panels 11 through 20 to share their memories of the background settings of important Conference Actions. Two dozen have responded, and the result is a wonderful collection of anecdotes and human