

# Survivors of Incest Anonymous World Service Conference Agenda

**Date:** Saturday November 3, 2012, 1pm – 3:30 Eastern Time, 10am-12:30pm Pacific Time

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Becky and Duffy have agreed to be timekeeper and secretary respectively, for this meeting. Thanks to them for their service.

***Please come to conference having familiarized yourself with this agenda and all attached documents, thank you***

***Suggested procedure: A member of each committee (name in bold) will read their report. If a motion is made, discussion will take place before voting. Please prepare your remarks ahead of time as much as possible. Please wait for the Standing Chair to call on you.***

**Opening: 10-15 minutes**

## **I. Saying of the Serenity Prayer**

## **II. Reading of the 12 Traditions**

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on SIA unity.*
- 2. For group purposes there is but one authority - a loving god as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*
- 3. The only requirement for membership is that you are a victim of child sexual abuse and that you desire to recover from it.*
- 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting another group or SIA as a whole.*
- 5. Each SIA group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the incest survivor who still suffers.*
- 6. Our SIA group ought never to endorse, finance or lend the SIA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim.*
- 7. SIA strives to be fully self-supporting and will not accept contributions that compromise SIA's autonomy or mission.*
- 8. SIA work should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*
- 9. SIA as such ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

10. *Survivors of Incest Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the SIA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*
11. *Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, film, television and the internet.*
12. *Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*

### **III. Reading of the proposed 12 concepts of service**

1. *The ultimate responsibility and authority for SIA world services belongs to the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.*
2. *The World Service Conference of SIA and its service arms have become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and effective conscience of SIA as a whole.*
3. *The right of decision makes effective leadership possible.*
4. *Participation is the key to harmony.*
5. *The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.*
6. *The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the SIA Board of Trustees.*
7. *Based on our charter and by-laws the Board of Trustees have legal rights while the rights of the Conference are traditional.*
8. *The Board of Trustees delegates full authority for routine management of the SIA World Service Office to its executive committees.*
9. *Good personal leadership at all service levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. In the field of world service the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.*
10. *Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.*
11. *The World Service Office is composed of selected committees, executives and staff members.*
12. *The Conference shall observe the spirit of SIA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.*

### **IV. Reading of the World Service Conference Mission Statement**

*We gather in service with the intention to hear from individuals, groups, intergroups and committees as to progress, problems, and visions for the*

*next year, to insure the integrity, commitment, continuity, growth, and accountability to the mission, steps, traditions, and concepts of SIA as a whole. Let the hand of SIA always be there to carry the message of hope to the survivor who still suffers.*

**V. Additions, corrections, and motion to accept the previous WSC minutes**

All previous attendees should have pre-read the last WSC minutes, but only attendees from last WSC may make additions, corrections, or move to accept.

**Committee Reports/Proposals/Motions—time limits listed by each (If a proposal/motion is made, an additional 5 minutes will be allowed.)**

**Administrative Report:** Linda/Cathy 8 minutes

**VI. Conference Committee:**

**A. WSC Planning Committee**

Conference Standing and Planning Chair: Helen 2 minutes

**B. WSC Structure Committee:** Juanita 12 minutes

**VII. Finance Committee :** Becky/Juanita 5 min

**VIII. Group Concerns Committee Report:** Juanita 5 minutes

**IX. Literature Committee Report:** John M. 15 minutes

**X. Outreach Committee Report:** Coco/Juanita 5 minutes

**XI. New Business:**

**A. Additional Agenda Items as suggested by groups**

**We are asking that each person who made a suggestion introduce the topic, not to exceed one minute. The balance of the time indicated is for discussion. Because of time constraints, each speaker after the initial introduction of the topic is asked to limit remarks to 30 seconds. Let's have time for all! Keep it brief.**

1) Discuss creating a subcommittee to help folks start new meetings. Helen and John 5 minutes

2) SIA/AI-Anon type meeting for co-survivors, Culver City, CA: Helen 2 minutes

3) Low Participation at WSC Conference-- I hope we can open up/make participation easier for our membership in the year ahead. John: 3 minutes

4) SIA should not be sending out donor letters to anyone. As a 12-step program, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A quarterly appeal letter sent only to the group reps for distribution at meetings is OK. The objection is to sending out donor letters separately to SIA members directly or to people who have donated of their own volition in the past. Cathy R. 4 minutes

5) All WSC chairpersons be invited and encouraged to participate in all SIA Board of Trustee meetings as non-voting members. 4 minutes

6) How to help members expressing suicidal thoughts. 5 minutes

7) Have meetings designated as willing to permit graphic shares. Linda and Althea 3 minutes

8) Rename SIA to have broader appeal/ better search engine locators – e.g. Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse: Joe 3 minutes

**B. Planning and implementation of next conference** Helen 5 minutes

Those items which we do not have enough time to address will be covered later under the appropriate committee. We hope that you will volunteer to in service to help us all accomplish this through committees.

Many thanks for all your service to SIA and its members who are recovering. Thank you for attending this conference. We are all in this together. It works if you work it and we're worth it!