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Letter from the Chair

By Dan IRW Kate, Chair RCA WSO Board, 2006–2007

The first meeting of the new Board was held Sunday afternoon, 6 August, 2006, and was devoted to the election of Board officers for the 2006-2007 year. The second meeting of the new Board was held by telephone on Sunday, 24 September, 2006. Following is a summary of the Chair's report to the Board, made at the beginning of that meeting (with some background added here for context and clarity):

I. Reprinting of the Third Edition of the Blue Book:

Background: At the Friday, 4 August 2006, business meeting, the Fellowship passed a motion directing the RCA WSO to re-print 1,000 copies of the 1996 version of the third edition of the Blue Book for those RCA members and groups who choose to use that version until a final, Fellowship-approved version of the fourth edition is available for distribution. Prior to the September meeting, I had asked the Board

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Board Members

Doreen and Doug, from
Winnipeg

Jason and Christi, from
Minneapolis

Jean and Joe, from New
Jersey

Carl and JoAnn, from
California

**Newly elected to the
Board are:**

Andy and Steve from
Hawaii

Bob and Keren from
Boston

Jade and Gladys, from
Oregon

Kate and Dan, from
Maryland

Randy and Gerrie, from
Winnipeg

RCACC in Boston

Notes and perceptions from the RCA Business Meetings in Boston, August 4 and 6, 2006. These are **NOT** the official Annual business meeting minutes (to be posted on the website), but so many people asked about Boston that a number of us from various RCA groups compiled our notes, as preliminary INFORMATION ONLY for the fellowship.

Members of the Outreach Committee spent the last year working with a great group of conscientious RCAers, and asking them to tell the Board what their groups really want for this Fellowship. The result is that now groups will be able to contribute their ideas to the collective consciousness of RCA, whether or not couples from each group are able to attend conventions. This change reflects the essence of our 12 traditions and principles. Each group now has the right to elect a delegate couple to represent its vote in person, by proxy, or by mail.

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*“Committee Service
Workers”*

Dan as Chair
Gerrie as Vice-Chair
Jason as Treasurer
Andy as Co-treasurer
Bob as Secretary
Jade as Egalitarian
Gladys as Timekeeper

*The first alternate couple
Wayne and Linda - New York*
*The second alternate couple
Jan and Bob - Hawaii*

You all now have a VOICE in our Fellowship affairs! Congratulations!

You will be hearing from the World Service Board about registering and electing your representatives. Meanwhile, if you are interested in serving on the structure committee to develop infrastructure support for the new delegates, or any other committees, please contact the Vice Chair, GERRIE <gprymak@mts.net>.

You will also be able to order the 3rd edition of the RCA Blue Book, the 2006 draft of the 4th edition, which still is a work in progress, or BOTH. You will have the freedom to choose which book you use to carry the message. The Convention included 140 RCA members, in 70 coupleships. Approximately 55 members, representing 30+ groups, attended an all day Business meeting on Friday, August 4th. About 20 groups reported they had sent a delegate couple to bring forward their group's conscience. This made the Boston Convention unprecedented in terms of the number of attendees voting at an annual business meeting. Similarly, on Sunday 94 members voted on Board elections, the largest number ever.

Meeting Friday Aug 4th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Joe, Vice Chair, and a Parliamentarian working for the Fellowship was introduced.

Voting Structure

The Board immediately withdrew its own motion to amend the by-laws to provide for a change in voting structure of elected delegates. A switch to an elected Delegate structure had been of paramount concern for the Board and the entire Fellowship throughout the year.

In light of the Board's withdrawal of its delegate motion, it was providential that a second delegate structure proposal had been made available to RCA members via the Outreach Committee, and it was brought forward by the members who proposed it. The assembled Friday body voted to suspend the Board's agenda and address that second proposal. The Fellowship voice was heard, and discussion favored an elected delegate structure. The alternative second proposal by Dan, Jane, Bob, and Betsy to amend the by-laws was presented as a motion, voted on, and passed, to be implemented at the conference of the 2007 convention in St. Louis. All of the by-law changes proposed were approved by more than the 75% required of those present and voting. Thus there was "substantial unanimity" on each of these changes.

Voting structure changes allow for each group to elect a delegate couple to carry their group's informed group conscience to the RCACC annual meetings. These delegate couples may vote at the annual business meeting in person. Provisions were also made for groups to vote by mail and by proxy.

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RCA Blue Book status and publishing

The Chair of the literature committee moved that the 4th edition of the Blue Book be specified as "Conference Approved Literature." This motion was defeated, primarily because members wanted to wait until the planned revisions to the 4th edition 2006 draft were completed. ("Completed" means another round of feedback from the Fellowship would be incorporated, with the re-worked version subject to final editing, and a final, ready-for-publication version could be submitted for thorough review by the Fellowship. Approval could be voted on at the 2007 convention in St. Louis.) A second argument against the motion involved the "need" to change our Blue Book based on interpretation of a letter from AA. In the view of some, the Fellowship still has not discussed the issue, and much confusion and division exist.

An anonymous RCA member donated funds to print 4th edition 2006 draft copies sold at the convention and through WSO. This version may be purchased, but as noted above, it is a draft and not conference approved.

The assembly voted to suspend the Board's agenda again, and consider a motion to reprint 1,000 copies of the 1996 3rd edition of the Blue Book. Some members had received a quote from the publisher, dated about 2 weeks prior to the convention. The Chair stated there was no money to reprint the third edition, but one member verified the record of an escrow account with 3,100 dollars, an amount more than sufficient to cover the re-printing and shipping costs for 1,000 copies of the 1996 3rd edition. Prior to the convention, some RCA members and groups had set aside money in case the Fellowship voted to have the 3rd edition. This was done so that any financial barrier to re-printing would be eliminated. The intent was to give RCA members the choice of which version of the Blue Book to use until final consensus could be reached on a conference approved version of the 4th edition. The motion to re-print the 1996 3rd edition passed. Now members and groups have a choice of which version of the Blue Book to use while waiting for the availability of a final, approved version of the fourth edition.

Sunday August 6th

Sunday's meeting was devoted to election of a new Board, and the parliamentarian who worked on Friday was employed to help with this.

The WSB Chair stated that two couples would be continuing their service, but the terms of the other seven Board positions were ending (under the by-laws this means a maximum of seven openings ON the Board, and two alternate positions). The Chair reported that a "nominating committee" had been appointed by the Board.

A member made an inquiry from the floor to the parliamentarian, asking that long-time RCA members address the question of an RCA tradition precluding Board members from serving consecutive terms. The parliamentarian refused this request, and the member appealed the refusal. The parliamentarian refused to permit a vote on the appeal, and in view of the upset and uproar the matter was causing, the member withdrew the appeal.

The Board-appointed chair of the Nominating Committee announced nominations. This included the three couples whose terms had expired, and two other couples, one of which was not present, and had not yet agreed to serve on the Board. Then nominations from the floor were accepted, and many new couples were nominated. This meant there were enough candidates for an election, for the first time in a long time. Before the vote was taken, two other members again raised the issue of whether consecutive terms on the Board were permissible and consistent with past practices of the Fellowship. There was great dissension over whether couples could serve on the Board in consecutive terms. The parliamentarian again refused to allow discussion.

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members to “weigh-in” on the Fellowship’s mandate to re-print the third edition. Several Board members objected - some vehemently, to carrying out the Fellowship’s mandate. A Fellowship mandate to the WSO is a precedent for RCA, as far as I know. Because of the divisiveness surrounding this matter, I issued a formal opinion of the Chair, finding that **“the RCA WSO Board of Trustees has no legal authority to disregard the mandate of the fellowship to re-print the 1996 third edition of the Blue Book”** and that “if the board of trustees were to disregard the mandate of the fellowship, such an act would be a violation of the applicable law.” (The full text of my formal decision and all related correspondence may eventually be posted on the website. If anyone wants a copy prior to that, please let me know and I will e-mail you a copy.)

Implementation of the Decision of the Chair: At the beginning of my full report to the Board I stated that I concluded I had sufficient support on the Board to uphold my ruling, and I had authorized the WSO office manager to proceed with the order of the third edition re-print, which was placed before the September meeting. (Copies should be available by the end of October.) I also made note that I hoped this most divisive matter was now behind us, that I hoped to not to revisit the issue, and that we could all move forward on issues important to the Fellowship as a whole .

II. Three Matters of Utmost Importance to the Fellowship:

In my view, three matters that came out of the 2006 convention are of utmost importance to the Fellowship:

First, getting all Member Groups involved to review and comment on the 2006 draft version of the fourth edition of the Blue Book, so that final revisions can be decided on and made. I think that everyone agrees that our goal is to have the fourth edition presented to the 2007 Convention for Fellowship approval. We must strive to make the review and update thorough and complete, and we must not underestimate the amount of effort required for that.

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After the Board elections in Boston, the Board has a full complement of nine couples and two alternate couples for the first time in a number of years. Returning to the Board from last year’s Board are JoAnn and Carl, originally from New Orleans and now from Northern California, and Joe and Jean from New Jersey. Two couples whose full term of Board service had ended in Boston were nominated for a 2nd consecutive term of service and were elected:

- Doreen and Doug, from Winnipeg
- Jason and Christi, from Minneapolis

Newly elected to the Board in Boston are:

- Andy and Steve from Hawaii
- Bob and Keren from Boston
- Jade and Gladys, from Oregon
- Kate and Dan, from Maryland
- Randy and Gerrie, from Winnipeg

The first alternate couple is Wayne and Linda from New York and the second alternate couple is Jan and Bob from Hawaii. The Board selected the following members to fill the various positions on the board: Dan as Chair; Gerrie as Vice-Chair; Jason as Treasurer; Andy as Co-treasurer; Bob as Secretary; Jade as Egalitarian; and Gladys as Timekeeper.

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Second, getting developed, approved, and disseminated the rules and procedures that cover delegate voting, which the fellowship has directed the Board to produce for the 2007 St. Louis convention.

Third, reviewing and addressing the RCA-WSO financial situation, and determining what actions may be needed to improve it, a concern of past Boards for a number of years.

In my opinion, if this Board can adequately and thoroughly address just these three matters over the next year, we will have been very successful. We need to turn these matters over to our higher power, and do our part.

Dan IRW Kate, Chair RCA WSO Board, 2006-2007

Couple Reflection

By Tyler irw Michele

Michele and I attended our first RCACC this year. We have spent the past 18 months doing only RCA tele-meetings. We have created friendships and support systems with people we have never seen face-to-face. We finally met our 'home phone' group at the convention. We are working the steps with our sponsor couple over the phone. We are both amazed and blessed to have these people in our lives. We feel the love and support as we struggle to create our intimate relationship with each other.

We have just started a face-to-face meeting here in Orlando, FL/ and we are looking forward to sharing the gift of RCA with our friends in recovery. We love our tele-meeting family and encourage everyone to call-in once in awhile (the meetings are listed on the RCA website). We would also recommend that everyone in RCA plan to attend at the RCACC as part of their own couple recovery. It is the best way to meet new recovering couples!

Attitude of Gratitude column

Thanks Boston RCACC committee for putting on a great convention in Boston!

Thanks to all the RCA couples who led sessions at the RCACC in Boston!

Thanks to Elise W. and JoAnn S., who volunteer at the World Service Office with Steve, our Office Manager.

Thanks to Tyler who formatted the Fall Hand in Hand Newsletter.

Thanks to Elise who is the technical editor of Hand in Hand.

Thanks to all RCAers who signed up to be on the Outreach committee for 06-07.

Thanks to all RCAers who signed up to serve on the Literature committee for 06 -07.

Thanks to the spirited St. Louis RCACC contingent and the convention support committee planning the RCACC for St. Louis 2007.

Thanks from Jane and Gerrie to last year's Outreach Committee for working so hard to call 88 RCA groups.

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*"Seventh tradition"***RCA WSO 7th Tradition Donations 07/01/05
through 06/30/06**

Tucson, AZ Wednesday	\$50.00
Jamestown, CA Joint Venture Group	\$225.00
Sherman Oaks, CA	\$350.00
LA, CA Monthly Step Group	\$77.00
Culver City, CA Sunday Night CLARE Group	\$139.20
Oakland, CA Sunday Candlelight Group	\$74.00
Oakland, CA Early bird Group	\$136.00
San Diego, CA	\$491.23
San Francisco, CA What Iceberg? Group	\$57.00
Santa Cruz, CA	\$200.00
Walnut Creek, CA Friday Night Group	\$500.00
Denver, CO	\$25.00
Nokomis, Fla. K.I.S.S. Group	\$58.00
Chicago, IL	\$100.00
Birmingham, MI	\$50.00
St. Charles, MO	\$50.00
Missoula, MT	\$100.00
Leesport, PA Miracle Mountain Group	\$50.00
Pittsburgh, PA	\$10.77
Myrtle Beach, SC	\$134.60
Ft. Worth, TX	\$50.00
Seattle, WA Sunday Group	\$100.00
Friday Harbor, WA	\$50.00
Morgantown, W.VA	\$10.78

Event

Santa Cruz, CA Day in Spring	\$350.00
2005 RCACC Committee	\$3,370.00
2005 RCACC Attendees 7th Tradition Donation	\$857.00
2005 RCACC Silent Auction	\$207.00

Special Project Donations

2005-6 Blue Book Publishing Fund	\$3,097.00
Book keeping/Accounting Fund	\$550.00

Individual Donations	\$564.67
Total Donations 07/01/05 through 06/30/06	\$30,462.30

**Office Managers Report - 7th
Tradition** *By Steve*

The WSO Office is located in downtown Oakland, CA in a fine, old stone building built in the first half of the 20th century. RCA rents a two room office on the 4th floor. It has steam heat, no air conditioning, and a slow but reliable elevator. The front room has the phone, computer, printer, fax, and two wall maps - one of the world, and one of North America, each with pins in meeting locations. This is where I spend most of my time, and I have some plants, posters, notices of current, and past conventions, retreats, and other RCA events. It is also where I heat up lunch and make coffee, and I love to share a cup with visitors. The back room contains inventory, mailing supplies, some storage, file cabinets, all the RCA archives and a large work table. This is also where I put together literature orders and do larger projects, especially when I am blessed with a volunteer or two! I also have a small home office where I work with my laptop and have calls from the office forwarded to me there. With the cost of gas and parking these days, telecommuting a couple of days a week really helps!

INCOME AND EXPENSES

In Fiscal Year 2005-2006 WSO received \$49,393.87 in income. This is up \$13,440.78 from fiscal year 2004-2005. The World Service Office received \$16,351.35 in 7th tradition donations from RCA groups, \$6,886.95 from individuals, \$3,370.00 from the 2005 RCACC Committee, and \$207 from the 2005 RCACC Silent Auction. The World Service Office also received donations for specific purposes. The Blue Book publishing fund received \$3,097.00 in donations. The Book keeping/Accounting Fund received \$550.00 in donations. Merchandise sales accounted for \$16,024.86, and the remainder of the income came from postage and handling charges - \$2,882.12, and \$37.79 in interest on savings.

WSO expenses during the last fiscal year were \$45,063.38. The major expenses were consulting fees (the WSO Office Manager, and the webmaster/e-mail consultant are independent contractor positions), rent, phone/internet services, merchandise production costs, and postage and handling. The complete report is on the website.

**RCA WSO 7th Tradition Donations 07/01/06
through 09/30/06**

SF Bay Area Monthly Meditation/Potluck	\$102.00
Sweden RCA	\$1,340.00
Vancouver Isl., B.C., CANADA	\$34.25
First Hamilton, ONT, CANADA	\$185.45
Tempe, AZ	\$102.00
Phoenix, AZ Crossroads Group	\$362.00
Tucson, AZ Wednesday	\$540.00
Fremont/Newark, CA	\$125.00
Jamestown, CA Joint Venture Group	\$370.00
Sherman Oaks, CA	\$707.05
El Segundo, CA Saturday Date Nite Group	\$397.50
LA, CA Monthly Step Group	\$82.00
Culver City, CA Sunday Night CLARE Group	\$866.68
Oakland, CA Sunday Candlelight Group	\$339.41
Oakland, CA Early bird Group	\$590.00
Los Altos, CA	\$812.90
San Diego, CA	\$641.00
San Francisco, CA What Iceberg? Group	\$107.00
Santa Cruz, CA	\$275.00
Walnut Creek, CA Early bird Group	\$19.26
Walnut Creek, CA Friday Night Group	\$1,008.45
West L.A., CA Sunday Night	\$150.00
Denver, CO	\$201.50
Nokomis, Fla. K.I.S.S. Group	\$748.00
Hilo, HI Wet 'n Wild Group	\$50.00
Idaho Falls, ID	\$189.00
Rockford, IL	\$20.05
Chicago, IL	\$100.00
Des Moines, IA	\$245.00
Gaithersburg, MD Stepping Together Group	\$142.00
Braintree, MA Growing Together Group	\$74.25
Watertown, MA	\$18.00
Birmingham, MI	\$308.05
Ann Arbor, MI	\$105.00
Tri-county, MI (Saginaw)	\$65.00
Eagan, MN	\$30.00
Minneapolis, MN Monday Group	\$75.00
Minneapolis, MN Lake Nokomis Group	\$589.20
St. Charles, MO	\$106.20
St. Louis, MO Thursday Group	\$30.00
Bozeman, MT	\$10.00
Missoula, MT	\$300.00
Riverhead, NY	\$175.00
Ithaca, NY	\$45.00

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There is a projected savings of over \$1,000.00 on our insurance costs for the New Year (our application for renewal has been completed by the new Board).

The Hand in Hand newsletter now goes out to over 900 subscribers, all but 40 of them by e-mail.

We had cash on hand of \$4,330.30 at the end of the fiscal year - June 30, 2006, all of it committed to the Blue Book publishing fund and the Sales Tax fund.

WSO has applied for a Seller's Permit and a Business License. Our operating funds still go month to month.

- We have no debt, and all our bills are paid.
- There have been no funds available for the prudent reserve.
- There was no increase in compensation paid to the WSO consultants, and no change in their hours.
- Rent for the WSO Office increased approximately \$30/month because we currently rent month to month, rather than signing a one year lease recommended by the building OM.
- Printing costs increased dramatically because we used the copy shop to print 2006 second revisions of the Blue Book.
- Except for that, the cost of production for RCA merchandise did not increase.
- The Postal Service increased their rates and RCA increased the prices of merchandise to compensate.

CONTACTS

As Office Manager, I receive an average of 8 - 10 calls or e-mail a day, inquiring about RCA. Many of these contacts are from couples desperately seeking help for their troubled relationship. Sometimes I am able to refer them to an RCA meeting in their area. Many times there is no RCA meeting close enough for them to attend regularly, I refer them to the RCA telephone meetings and the on-line RCA meeting on Yahoo Groups. Other contacts are from therapists and treatment centers looking for meetings to which they can refer clients. Our website receives dozens of hits a week, and some use the meeting locator to find meetings in their area, or to ask about RCA. Our webmaster/e-mail consultant does a superb job in responding to these requests. I occasionally receive letters from prison inmates who are seeking support for their relationships once they have served their time.

Asheville, NC Western Carolina	\$25.00
Tulsa, OK	\$13.60
Eugene, OR Rain or Shine Group	\$150.00
Wernersville, PA Miracle Mountain Group	\$75.00
Myrtle Beach, SC	\$144.00
Rapid City, SD	\$41.00
Chattanooga, TN	\$50.00
Ft. Worth, TX	\$191.00
San Antonio, TX	\$100.00
Tyler, TX	\$100.00
Salt Lake City, UT	\$93.60
Seattle, WA	\$75.00
Seattle, WA Sunday Group	\$350.00
Friday Harbor, WA	\$150.00
Morgantown, W.VA.	\$57.00
Madison, WI	\$10.05

Event

Murphy's Mountain Retreat	\$540.00
2006 RCACC in Boston	\$2,618.00
SoCal Intergroup	\$948.25

Special Project Donations

2005-6 4th edition Blue Book Publishing	\$700.00
2006 RCACC Parliamentarian Fund	\$100.00
Book keeping/Accounting Fund	\$100.00
2006 RCACC Blue Book Shipping Costs	\$380.00
3rd edition 1996 Blue Book Reprint Fund	\$2,500.00
Individual Donations	\$832.00
Total Donations 7/01/06 through to 9/30/06	\$13,156.83

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MEETING UPDATES

Please see the updated International Meeting Directory on our website at www.recovering-couples.org to see all active RCA groups. We currently have 118 active groups, 97 in the United States, 8 in Canada, 7 in Sweden, 2 in Germany, 2 in Hungary, and 1 in Ireland. There is 1 active on-line meeting and 3 registered telephone meetings. WSO sold 29 Meeting Starter Packets in fiscal year 2005-2006.

LITERATURE, MEDALLIONS, AND WELCOME CHIPS

During fiscal year 2005-2006 WSO sold 724 RCA Blue Books - 170 copies of the 3rd edition, 487 copies of the 4th edition Draft, and 40 electronic copies of the 4th edition draft. Also sold were 75 Blue Book Companion Workbooks, 81 copies of the Reflections booklet, 3,541 various individual brochures, 53 sets of all 12 steps, 13 booklets, 21 sets of Heart Cards, 11 sets of Affirmation Cards, 656 Bronze Anniversary Medallions, 1,053 Wooden Welcome Chips, 60 various Service Literature sheets, 6 sets of convention CDs, and 3 Workshop in a Box sets. Thirteen couples subscribed to the postal version of the Hand in Hand Newsletter.

Total income from sales of merchandise in 2005-2006 was \$16,024.86, an increase of \$1,452.11 from 2004-2005.

Respectfully submitted

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RCA - Who We Are

We are understanding couples with three aims;

- Improve our communications
- Expand our self-caring
- Strengthen our commitment and watch our relationships grow to fulfill our Hopes and Dreams.

We suffer from many addictions, co-addictions, some identified, some not, some treated, and some not. Many of us have been separated or near divorce. Some of us are new in our relationships and seek to build intimacy as we grow together as committed couples.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

RCA is a tool for recovery and not an end in itself. It exists to promote caring, communication and intimacy. A quite successful formula of RCA is my individual recovery plus your individual recovery plus our couple recovery equals a healthy recovering relationship.

The convention is open to couples & singles wanting to improve their relationships. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe. Please be considerate of others in your choice of clothing and no perfumes.

Please join us and see what you can have! You deserve it!!!!

**Awakening to Coupleship:
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REGISTRATION

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Address: _____

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Activity Participation Signup:

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Speaker availability: Yes ___ No ___

Service availability: Yes ___ No ___

Scholarship Donations: Yes ___ Amount \$ _____

Scholarship Needed: Yes ___ Amount \$ _____

List any special dietary requirements:

Vegetarian ___

Other: Description _____

Complete and Mail this form **with your deposit** to:

Linda Paricio
Asilomar Registration
21 Edmund Ct.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Cost per couple: \$518.00

Registration deposit: \$250.00 due at signup

This price reflects reductions which have been achieved through cost-cutting measures. This price includes two nights lodging (Friday & Saturday) and six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch) in addition to the Retreat activities.

This a popular retreat so register early!!

**Retreat Planning
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Rima and Brodie at:
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"Important Dates to Remember"

Oct. 19 to Nov. 7, 2006 Outreach Committee's first round of calls to all RCA groups to see if groups have a 2006 draft of the proposed new Blue Book and to ask groups to provide feedback by Jan. 31, 2007, or earlier if possible.

Nov. 12, 2007 World Service Board meeting: 9am PST; 11am CST; 12pm EST. RSVP to Gerrie 204-668-1515, or gprymak@mts.net, and leave a message if you would like to attend. All meetings are open.

Jan. 31, 2007 All feedback on the 2006 draft revision due. Send to:
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Jan. 15, 2007 Last day to submit articles for Winter Hand in Hand.
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Feb. 23, 24, 25, 2007 Face to Face World Service Board meeting in Oakland...all are welcome. RSVP to Gerrie 204-668-1515, or gprymak@mts.net, and leave a message if you would like to attend.

March 2, 3, 4, 2007 Asilomar retreat in Pacific Grove (see registration form in this Hand in Hand, and on the website)

August 3, 4, 5, 2007 RCACC in St. Louis
(Registration form in this H in H)

RCA Bed and Breakfast CLUB!

What's that???

Some RCA couples came up with this idea at the Boston RCACC. They are willing to let other RCAers stay at their homes, Bed and Breakfast style. There will be no charge.... only a donation to RCA World Service Office. Consider a donation of \$20 to \$30 per night.

So farthese couples are welcoming other RCA couples to B and B with them.

Bob and Betsy from San Francisco

Jane and Ed from Frederick, Maryland

Gerrie and Randy from Winnipeg

Kate and Dan from Rockville, Maryland (outside of Washington DC)
Stay either at their Rockville home or at their Delaware condo (a mile from Bethany Beach).

Send a note to the WSO if you want to add your name to the RCA Bed and Breakfast club.

Good news from RCA Canada!

Toronto RCA group is celebrating its FIRST anniversary on November 10th, 2006 at 8:00pm. They will be having a gratitude night. They have invited RCA Hamilton, RCA London, and the 2nd RCA Toronto group. With all this connecting going on, there is potential for an intergroup in Ontario. All the best, Toronto!

Traveling RCAers welcome to attend. Call Kristin and Darrin, 416-686-3156

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