

## HISTORICAL EVENTS LEADING UP TO WRITING THE "MINORITY REPORT"

March '96 – I received a telephone call from the Chairman of the Atlanta Bid Committee for the international Convention – year 2005. He had heard that one of the reasons that Atlanta had not gotten the bid in year 2000 was that Minneapolis/St. Paul had had a cash incentive in their bid of \$100,000. He wanted to know if Atlanta had to offer a cash incentive to be eligible for the International 2005 bid. I was Southeast Regional Trustee and Chairman of the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services at the time. At the March '96 meeting of the AAWS Corp. Board, I asked to speak to George Dorsey, Manager of the General Service Office and Gary Glynn, Treasurer of the General Service Board. Don Meuer, Comptroller, was called in for the meeting. At the meeting I was told there was a \$100,000 cash incentive involved in the bid for Minneapolis/St. Paul. I also learned at that meeting that there had been an exchange of cash monies with San Diego in the amount of \$250,000 – that figure would have been higher had our numbers in attendance been higher. The money had been deposited in a GSO Bank Account. Details of the final contract for both San Diego and Minneapolis/St. Paul are in the Minority Report.

Upon returning home, I called several key people that would have been involved with negotiation of both San Diego and Minneapolis/St. Paul. I contacted several Board Members, past Board Members and Chairpersons, past Committee Chairpersons and past GSO Managers – none knew of the cash incentives for the Internationals.

At the April '96 Conference, bids were taken for International 2005 – Toronto had a cash incentive in their bid of \$600,000 – St. Louis also had a smaller cash incentive. There was some discussion of cash incentives but the discussion was at a minimum.

At the Board Meeting in July '96, I brought the information on the cash incentives before the General Service Board. It was discussed – there was a strong minority of 7 out of 20 (present) Trustees against the cash incentive. At that meeting it was agreed that the Regional Trustee's would take the discussion back to our Regions and report that there would be an Agenda Item generated by the General Service Board for the 1997 General Service Conference for discussion and debate on cash incentives.

At the October '96 General Service Board Meeting the generation of an Agenda Item was gone – no information was available as to the Agenda Item to be generated by the Board. I could not find out what had happened. Instead of an Agenda Item, there was going to be a sharing session at the January '97 General Service Board Meeting. The Sharing Session would have a Pro and Con Presentation on the acceptance of cash money for the International Conventions. At that meeting I learned that several Trustee's had not reported the cash incentive situation in their Regions. Toronto had been selected for the International 2005 – the \$600,000 cash incentive had been renegotiated on paper!