

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF MOBILIZATION AGAINST AIDS
at 1350 Waller Street, San Francisco, on 1 February 1986

PRESENT: Kimberly Webster, Timmer Kennell, Paul Boneberg, Jeff Jones, Ralph Payne, John Wahl, Ben Gardiner, and Burt Gerrits. [Bill Paul and Frank Richter arrived at noon and left at 2:55. Mikhael Itkin, substituting for Justin Bostwick, arrived at 2:50.]

ABSENT DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS: Homer Carey, Dean Sandmire, Jim Sandmire.

ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS: Justin Bostwick, Carl Orme, and Ron Wallmaker.

ABSENT: John O'Brien, David Treadwell, and Patty Rose.

RESIGNED: Richard Randandt.

The meeting began at 10:33 a.m. with Co-chair Jeff Jones presiding. On the suggestion of Ben Gardiner, the Committee agreed to limit the morning portion of the meeting to discussions, postponing decisions to the afternoon session.

Members each introduced themselves, identified their current roles in the organization, and stated their plans for involvement in the future. Discussion during the morning session included a possible AIDS "war crimes trial" in United Nations Plaza, political concerns in various areas, potential troubles and difficulties, civil rights defenses, AIDS testing, an offensive campaign against the American medical establishment, a national health program, public AIDS funding, MAA funding, and anticipated policies.

Ben Gardiner gave a brief financial report for absent Treasurer Homer Carey, revealing little change in MAA's financial situation during the month of January.

At 12:30 the meeting was adjourned for one hour for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1:50 with nine members present and John Wahl presiding, Jeff Jones having gone to Sacramento to attend the meeting of the Legislative Committee of the California Lesbian/Gay Democratic Clubs. The agenda agreed upon was policy and political strategy, structure, a year-end financial report, operating plan, national conference, and election of a new Co-chair.

Paul Boneberg gave an extensive analysis of the collection and expenditure of more than \$40,000 during MAA's first year of existence. Kimberly Webster moved that the report be accepted as presented with the provision that Paul Boneberg condense it for a report to the news media. Ralph Payne seconded the motion on condition that it include commendation for Paul Boneberg's work in preparing the financial report, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Five policy resolutions were adopted by consensus:

We oppose mandatory testing of any kind for the purported causes of AIDS.

We oppose discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, medical care, insurance, funeral services, or of any sort for People With

AIDS/AIDS-related Complex, or any people exposed to the AIDS virus or perceived to be.

We appeal to President Reagan and government officials at all levels to publicly condemn discrimination against current AIDS/ARC risk groups, and to repudiate incitements of fear and hatred which exploit this tragic epidemic.

We oppose those who would use this epidemic to discriminate against communities, churches, businesses, other organizations, and individuals.

Wherever HTLV-3 testing occurs, there should be an alternate testing site which guarantees complete anonymity, and people who choose to participate in research programs and treatment should be guaranteed confidentiality.

Paul Boneberg moved with a second that MAA call for candlelight marches on Memorial Day of this year around the world, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Discussion followed around the topics of lobbying through organized visits to Congress members by a certain time, the possibility of civil disobedience, lobbying of all state medical associations, submission of a questionnaire to medical associations regarding their performance record and intentions around AIDS, and the invocation of handicap discrimination laws when discrimination against People With AIDS occurs.

Paul Boneberg moved with a second by Kimberly Webster that MAA challenge the American Medical Association, affiliated organizations, and other professional medical associations to respond immediately in terms of national leadership with regard to the AIDS epidemic, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Paul Boneberg moved with a second by Mikhael Itkin that MAA announce its intention of exerting political pressure on the American Medical Association, affiliated organizations, and other professional medical associations until they provide the necessary leadership in dealing with AIDS, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

At that point John Wahl asked Ben Gardiner to preside in his stead so that he could participate in the discussion. A discussion on strategy ensued, and it included the development of political packets providing guidance in the implementation of MAA pressure policies.

John Wahl moved with a second by Mikhael Itkin that MAA prepare a card to be distributed to its membership and to those people who are supportive of MAA's aims stating that if any level of government--federal, state, or local--begins attempts at quarantining People With AIDS/AIDS-related Complex, or people in high-risk categories, the signator of the card will then participate in non-violent civil disobedient unlawful action, or, if unwilling to participate in unlawful actions, to participate in legal support actions; however, that MAA propose seeking advice from counsel in order to assure that such a policy will not place the organization at hazard, and the motion was adopted.

After a five-minute discussion in Committee of the Whole explaining a proposed "court action" in United Nations Plaza, John Wahl resumed the chair for consideration of the Structure Committee Report [see complete amendments on page 5].

Ben Gardiner moved with a second by Burt Gerrits that the 10% quorum in Item 2.33 be reduced to 5%. A substitute motion by Mikhaël Itkin seeking to remove the quorum requirement entirely failed for lack of a second, and the main motion also failed.

Kimberly Webster moved with a second that Item 3.5 be amended to read "Chapters may not take positions in opposition to policies established by the national organization but may remain silent on policies established by the national organization which the chapters might not support," and the motion was adopted unanimously.

A motion by Paul Boneberg that organizations and groups which expend \$1000 or more or provide extensive effort in areas where it is impossible to form a MAA chapter be awarded a voting position on the Steering Committee failed.

When Section 4, Committees, was considered, Ralph Payne moved with a second by Paul Boneberg that in Item 4.2 Outreach, Fundraising, International Issues, Media, and Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Monitoring be deleted. A substitute motion by Mikhaël Itkin seconded by Ralph Payne proposed deletion of all of Item 4.2, and the motion was adopted unanimously. It was mentioned that none of the people who are currently members of the Steering Committee would be removed by the deletion adopted because they are all members through other qualifications than chairs of the Standing Committees deleted.

Mikhaël Itkin moved with a second that in Section 5 (which also needs to be named) Complex be substituted for Conditions, and the motion was adopted unanimously so that it now reads: There shall be a People With AIDS and AIDS-related Complex National Caucus with the power to elect from among its members two (2) voting members of the National Steering Committee.

Ralph Payne moved with a second that in the second line of Item 7.1, National Steering Committee, the word Standing be deleted, and the motion was adopted unanimously, thus changing Item 7.1 to agree with the previous motion in which Standing Committees had been abolished.

Paul Boneberg moved with a second deletion of the second sentence of Item 7.1, "The National Steering Committee shall appoint a Direct Action Liaison, a Membership Coordinator, an Archivist, and a Newsletter Editor to serve on the National Steering Committee with full voting rights," and the motion was adopted with Michael Itkin abstaining.

In Item 9.3, Polling of Members, Timmer Kennell moved changing one third (1/3) to one fifth (1/5). A substitute motion by Michael Itkin seconded by Ben Gardiner failed, and the main motion was adopted, and so Item 9.3 now reads: One fifth (1/5) of the general membership must vote, for the poll to take effect, with a majority of those voting necessary to take a position. Voting closes twenty-one (21) days after the mailing out of the poll.

When Organizational Strategy was discussed, Ben Gardiner moved with a second by Timmer Kennell that MAA staff in conjunction with the Phoenix

Chapter develop as soon as possible a project plan for organizing a chapter of MAA in a specific city, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Financing and fundraising during the next three months were discussed at some length.

Kimberly Webster moved with a second by Timmer Kennell that the next quarterly meeting of the Steering Committee be held in Phoenix in March or April, the exact date to be determined by the National Office Working Committee. After a motion by Mikhael Itkin to divide the proposal, both parts were adopted, and the location of the meeting was adopted unanimously.

The term of the Co-chair was unanimously extended to the date of the next General Conference, and John Wahl was elected Co-chair by acclamation (Jeff Jones having resigned at the end of the morning session).

Paul Boneberg moved with a second by Ralph Payne that travel expenses incurred by the Phoenix delegates be deducted from the 20% of income which the Phoenix Chapter would otherwise be obligated to turn over to the national organization. A substitute motion by Mikhael Itkin also seconded by Ralph Payne that a precedent be established to send Steering Committee members to Steering Committee meetings insofar as possible (to be determined by the National Office Working Committee) was adopted with Kimberly Webster and Timmer Kennell abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05--five minutes behind schedule.

Burt Gerrits, Recording Secretary

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 2.33 (remains unchanged): Ten percent (10%) of the general membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.5 (originally read): Chapters may not take positions in opposition to policy established by the national organization. Amended to: Chapters may not take positions in opposition to policies established by the national organization but may remain silent on policies established by the national organization which the chapters might not support.
- 4.2 (deleted; originally read): There shall be the following Standing Committees: National Steering, Outreach, Fundraising, Research and Documentation, International Issues, Legislative Review, Media, Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Monitoring, a Finance Disbursement Committee, [and] other such committees as the Steering Committee may direct.
5. (Complex substituted for Conditions): There shall be a People With AIDS and AIDS-Related Conditions National Caucus with the power to elect from among its members two (2) voting members of the National Steering Committee
- 7.1 (Standing deleted from first sentence; second sentence deleted entirely): The National Steering Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Co-Chairs of Standing Committees, the Chapter Organizers, the delegates of chartered Chapters, and other positions which the Steering Committee shall designate. The National Steering Committee shall appoint a Direct Action Liaison, a Membership Coordinator, an Archivist, and a Newsletter Editor to serve on the National Steering Committee with full voting rights. The National Steering Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies and to appoint some people to perform certain tasks and these people shall have full voting rights on the Committee while they are performing these tasks. The National Steering Committee shall elect from among its own members two Co-Chairs.
- 9.3 (originally read): One third (1/3) of the general membership must vote, for the poll to take effect, with a majority of those voting necessary to take a position. Voting closes twenty-one (21) days after the mailing out of the poll. (amended to read): One fifth (1/5) of the general membership must vote for the poll to take effect, with a majority of those voting necessary to take a position. Voting closes twenty-one (21) days after the mailing out of the poll.

Complete copies of the Structure Committee Report will be distributed when revisions have been edited into the report.

MINUTES of the MEETING of the NATIONAL OFFICE WORKING COMMITTEE of MOBILIZATION
AGAINST AIDS at 1350 Waller Street on 14 February 1986

PRESENT: Ben Gardiner, Burt Gerrits, John Wahl, Ralph Payne, Homer Carey, Paul Boneberg, and Bill Paul (who arrived at 9:15).

ABSENT: Dean Sandmire, Jeff Jones, and Frank Richter.

AGENDA: Approval of minutes, Treasurer's report, proposal motion by Ben Gardiner, fundraising efforts, incorporation, legislation, San Francisco Committee meeting, Strategy Committee.

The meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with Co-chair John Wahl presiding and a quorum of six members present. Minutes of 3 January meeting were approved. Treasurer Homer Carey reported long-term debts totaling \$2455.96, short-term debts totaling \$2171.15, and a bank balance of \$26.

Ben Gardiner, with a second by Burt Gerrits, introduced Proposal for Crisis Salvaging of Mobilization Against AIDS:

In view of the fact that Mobilization is seriously in debt with little or no prospects of getting out of debt, and is running on borrowed money, in spite of the considerable achievements already acknowledged,

I move that Mobilization Against AIDS immediately cut expenditures; that payments for office rental and staff be immediately cut to a combined maximum of \$300 per month; that telephone service be changed to locations to be designated by the Working Executive Committee.

Implementation: these actions are to take effect as soon as reasonably possible, i.e. landlord to be notified Feb. 17, 1986, and staff changes to be as follows: the 60-day arrangement with Frank Richter is to lapse without renewal, and the 14-month-old arrangement with Paul Boneberg is to terminate, both on the date March 15, 1986.

After discussion, Paul Boneberg moved to refer the proposal to the Finance Committee for alternate proposals and their best analysis of what would occur during the next 90 days. Ben Gardiner called the motion an invalid referral, and so Paul Boneberg moved with a second by Homer Carey to postpone the issue to the next meeting of the National Office Working Committee, and the motion to postpone was adopted with three ayes, one nay, and an abstention by Ralph Payne.

Paul Boneberg moved with a second by Homer Carey that the next meeting of the National Office Working Committee occur on the first Friday of March (7 March) and that all meetings of the Committee occur on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 1350 Waller Street, and the motion was adopted with four ayes and an abstention by Ralph Payne.

Paul Boneberg reported on fundraising efforts and plans. Results of recent direct mail efforts have been unaccountably dismal. Streetwork and telephoning will continue. Parties on solstices and equinoxes are planned. The Tavern Guild wants a monthly report from Paul Boneberg, which might produce some support from individual Tavern Guild members, but the Tavern Guild as an organization can take no position on helping to fund MAA. Frank Richter will implement the fundraisers, which will concentrate mainly on membership renewal and regular "wild" parties.

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John Wahl reported on a conversation he had had with a Phoenix lawyer who is investigating non-profit tax-exempt incorporation for the Phoenix Chapter of MAA. John recommended investigating non-profit incorporation for MAA but not tax-exempt status, and he and Paul Boneberg will consult with Ralph Payne (who is opposed to incorporation) and prepare a preliminary report for the next NOW Committee meeting.

Paul Boneberg reported on legislation and said that he has been monitoring state legislation almost daily.

Paul Boneberg reported on the San Francisco Committee meeting which will take place at 150 Eureka Street on 27 February. Attacks on civil rights, including the LaRouche initiative, will be considered.

On the suggestion of Paul Boneberg, the Committee met for 15 minutes in a free and informal discussion of political strategy, which included monitoring the State legislature, pressure on Representative Boxer and other members of the House of Representatives committee which is holding hearings on the federal budget, planning on how to deal with the American Medical Association, and civil disobedience assessment in a number of cities.

Ben Gardiner moved with a second by Homer Carey the exertion of pressure on Representative Boxer. The motion was later withdrawn, then reintroduced and adopted.

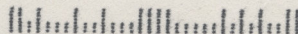
A meeting of the Strategy Committee was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 21 February at 1350 Waller, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Burt Gerrits,
Recording Secretary

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Minutes of Mobilization Against AIDS Working Committee
5/9/86

Treasurer, **Homer Carey**, reported:

Long-term debt	2,455.96
Short-term debt	3,279.16
Checkbook balance	400.00

Ralph Payne reported on the California AIDS Strategic Planning Commission held in Los Angeles May 2-4.

Paul Boneberg gave a staff report. Posters for the May 26th Candlelight Memorial are going up in the Castro district and elsewhere. Resource packets are being mailed to other cities to assist them in organizing their memorials. There is difficulty finding liability insurance for the march in San Francisco. The decision on the grant from the Vanguard Foundation is delayed until early June. Senator Kennedy has introduced legislation on AIDS which has been sharply criticized by Mobilization. The House Budget Committee is recommending \$346,000,000 to the House of Representatives. **Paul** reported on a trip he made to Sacramento with **Ralph Payne** to meet with Speaker Brown and Assemblyman Filante about legislation, AIDS vaccine and mandatory AIDS antibody testing.

MSC: To authorize travel of **Paul Boneberg** to the South East Regional Conference in June. Fare is to be paid by the Conference.

MSC: To propose to the Legislature that the State assume product liability for amounts over the liability cap proposed for the manufacturers of an AIDS vaccine.

Frank Richter and **Ken McPherson** gave the S.F. Committee report. A planned demonstration at the Mexican Consulate protesting the rise in price of Ribiririn was canceled when the manufacturer lowered the price. **Jill Mann** is now the Volunteer Coordinator. The booth is no longer a source of significant cash donations. There was a successful demonstration against Jerry Falwell in Los Gatos.

MSC: To commend **Ken McPherson**, **Frank Richter**, **Doug Emerson**, **Russ Mills**, **Alex** at Atlas Savings and Loan, and others for their participation in the Falwell demonstration.

MSC: To convene the Personnel Committee in May to discuss personnel matters.

good our efforts, must move fast, coalition wants to wait for one week before MAA moves.

BP Committee Report--Frank Richter meeting of March 21st. Ben needs for other volunteers to get input. Also called for improvement of fund-raising needs improvement, purpose of MAA is to help things along LaRouche, get material we can use.

type min.mss and LaRouche flyer.

Mobilization Against AIDS

Working Committee Meeting 10:30 p.m.

Second--Paul Boneberg

Passed unanimously

May 30, 1986

Working Committee Members in attendance: Paul Boneberg, Homer Carey, Ben Gardner, Ken McPherson, Ralph Payne, Frank Richter

Also in attendance: Doug Emerson, Cricket Emerson

Meeting was called to order by Chair, John Wahl at 8:48 p.m.

Agenda: 1) Press Relations--Ben Gardner

1) Minutes were postponed. Paul requested current record of meetings. Ben requested brief minutes.

2) Media Review--John Wahl strategy and it to be targeted. Chronicle 5/21-compulsory registration of people who test positive and reporting of these people to proper authorities

Examiner 5/28-review by American Academy for the Advancement of Science, Philadelphia, PA- calling for AIDS prevention of heterosexuals only

Progress 5/28-ARC upgraded to AIDS in general-negative effect because it will show increase in AIDS cases, therefore help LaRouche fanatics

3) Treasurer's Report--Homer Carey

\$3,455.00 Long-term Debt
1,681.00 Short-term Debt

LTD increase by \$1,000.00--due to increase in long-distance calls for Candlelight March--net red \$600.00

STD increase by \$1,000.00--cost for PSA

Copy Action bill--\$241.00 Finance Committee to pay 50%

Frank wants % paid on all bills to retire these debts. not want to hear anything other than constructive criticisms...thank-you.

***Motion--Frank Richter--This needs to be referred to the Finance Committee and resolve these LTD's and give the FC authorization to resolve this, but not a mandate.

Second--Ken McPherson

Further Discussion--Ben says this is status quo and hasn't changed things.

Homer says nothing paid against LTD.

Candlelight Memorial Day March

\$7,000.00 Donations
A 200.00 MAA

1,400.00 PWA

Vote: 6 - 0, abstention 1(Paul)

Paul, Ken, PWA paid up-to-date. Ben Gardner--almost.

- 4) Missing Receipts--Homer Carey
Monday night at Candlelight March two (2) collection tubs not returned (\$200-\$700). MAA had not control of this so therefore not responsible. John Wahl has leads on people suspected. Homer recommends that in future partnerships with PWA, MAA has joint control of finances.

Chair--if PWA's don't file report, then he will.

****Motion--Ben Gardner-- to meet next Friday on the subject of filing a police report.

Second--Frank Richter

Revision--date change to Monday, June 9 after Paul returns.

Motion carries unanimously.

- 5) Payment of Candlelight Memorial March:

\$400.00--AIDS Foundation

500.00--Shanti

Money spent on March:

\$1,200--MAA

200--PWA

****Motion--Chair--to pay which debt first? PWA's: 1 Shanti: 2

Abstention: 4

Vote 2 - 1 payment to Shanti

- 6) World- Wide Memorial Day Report--Paul Boneberg
Highlights given. Frank Richter reported on putting together an International Scrapbook for all cities involved.

- 7) LaRouche--Ralph Payne
Statewide legislation--all negative items dead. Doolittle still wants testing of prisoners. Other bills still alive but moving slowly (Waters & Watson).

LaRouche flyers and posters going on street. Ken had buttons made 1,000--\$181.05--\$0.17

Paul says time ripe for starting chapters and have contract with Ralph about traveling and fund raising.

****Motion--Paul Boneberg--that Ralph be paid \$1,500/month plus 20% net above expenses only if raises the money, and that agrees to advance his own expenses and to be approved by Paul and Homer. If can't raise the money to cover expenses then it becomes a long-term debt...time period of 3-4 months. This is to be reviewed in 30 days. \$1,000.00 cap on expenses for 30 days.

Vote: 4 - 1- 1

****Motion--Chair-- meeting to go until 10:15 p.m.

Passed unanimously

California CAN--two groups formed. We focus on grass-roots arm. Harry Britt be the big money and TV campaign.

Let each group do what they do, we raise army where areas are void, we pool our efforts, must move fast, coalition wants to wait for one week before MAA moves.

- 8) SF Committee Report--Frank Richter--meeting of Frank, Jill, Ken, Doug--need for other volunteers to get input, some method of contacting them, fund-raising needs improvement, purpose of MAA is to fight things like LaRouche, get material we can use.

Ken modified LaRouche flyer.

****Motion--Ben Gardner--to extend meeting to 10:30 p.m.

Second--Paul Boneberg
Passed unanimously

****Motion--Chair--Thank--You letter commending Allen White.

Second--Frank Richter
Passed unanimously.
Ben Gardner said he would do it.

- 9) Press Relations--Ben Gardner
Media relations very good, sagging a little bit with B.A.R.
Growth problem--steady barrage, we need to beef it up.

****Motion--Paul Boneberg--We need to initiate a regular process of sending out press releases and to contract with Ben for \$10 for each press release. I want a media strategy and it to be targeted.

Second--Ralph Payne
Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

- 10) MAA General Conference--Ken McPherson--to soon for Gay Day, committee will meet when able to: Wednesday, July 11 @ 6 p.m. Community Partnership will meet at Ben Gardner's.

Thoughts:

- 1) New members on steering committee?
- 2) If quarantine, what should our strategy be? (Non-Civil Disobedience Cards)
Should we rehearse this?

Paul--"Frank and I are burned out. We need time off."

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Acting Secretary,
Doug Emerson

P.S. Since there was no one else to take these down, I do not want to hear anything other than constructive criticisms...thank-you.

MOBILIZATION AGAINST AIDS
WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, April 18th, 1986

Working Committee members in attendance:

Ken McPherson, Paul Boneberg, Homer Carey, John Wall,
Ralph Payne, Frank Richter

Also in Attendance:

Chris Bowman, Jill Mann, Richard Rector

Meeting was called to order by Chair, John Wall at 7:20 p.m..

Treasurer, Homer Carey, reported:

\$2,455.00 long-term debt
\$2,310.00 short-term debt
200.00 check-balance (approximate count)

Frank Richter reported on telephone fundraising activities:
\$732.50 pledged; \$295.00 received.

Paul Boneberg reported that grants have been submitted to the Chicago Resource Center and the Vanguard Foundation. The ? asked Mobilization to submit the grant in the next funding cycle (3 months). The Vanguard Foundation grant is pending. He also reported that significant long-distance telephone bills are being incurred to promote the Memorial Day Candlelight Vigils.

Paul Boneberg reported on the status of the debt owed to the People With AIDS Alliance (approximately \$464-\$474).

Richard Rector, of the People with AIDS Alliance, spoke of the need for the debt to be paid in full as soon as possible.

***MSCU (Boneberg/Payne) The debt owed to PWA Alliance will be the first priority payment immediately after the payment of normal operating costs (rent, phone, staff).

***MSW (Boneberg/Carey) That 50% of the money collected at the S.F. Vigil would be contributed to the group of people with AIDS that is assisting Mobilization with the Vigil. Consensus on this matter, however, was that Paul Boneberg and Ralph Payne would meet with that group to negotiate an appropriate financial agreement.

Paul Boneberg and Frank Richter reported on the status of the international and national organizing of the candlelight vigils.

Paul Boneberg and Chris Bowman reported on legislation recently enacted by the Senate Health committee (SB-1478 - Doolittle - HTLVIII testing for Marriage Licenses and SB-2449 - Nielsen - HTLVIII testing in hospitals) and suggested that it is necessary to place a heavier emphasis on committing resources in Sacramento.

Frank Richter reported on the status of the S.F. Committee. It

is developing a phone-tree. Ken McPherson discussed methods of making the meetings more socially interesting to encourage greater participation.

Paul Boneberg and Ralph Payne reported on recent trips to both Phoenix and Los Angeles. He also reported that there has been no activity on the AMA endeavors and gave an update on the Budget Committee meetings in Washington, D.C., as well as the hearings at the National Academy of Science Institute of Medicine.

***MSCU (Richter/McPherson) Mobilization shall write a letter to the National Academy urging them to convene another, better-attended meeting in San Francisco.

Ralph Payne
4/18/86

Structure Committee Report

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1. Statement of Purpose

2. Membership

- 2.1 Mobilization Against AIDS is a membership organization with annual dues, to be set by the membership.
- 2.2 Final authority shall rest with the general membership.
- 2.31 There shall be a convention of the general membership at least once per year.
- 2.311 Special meetings may be called by two thirds (2/3) of the National Steering Committee, twenty percent (20%) of the general membership, or twenty percent (20%) of the recognized Chapters.
- 2.312 Notice of all meetings shall be sent out sixty (60) days in advance and shall include all known agenda items.
- 2.32 Decisions of the annual membership meeting shall be binding but may be subject to a poll as defined by rules in polling.
- 2.33 Ten percent (10%) of the general membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 2.34 The National Steering Committee shall establish a convention committee which shall set the operating rules and logistical planning for the annual conference.
- 2.4 Sponsoring organizations with a membership of at least fifty (50) and contributing at least \$25 shall be entitled to one voting delegate (to be named within ninety (90) days of joining) for each \$25.
- 2.5 Each person shall have one vote and must be present to vote except as outlined in polling procedures.
- 2.6 Voting rights begin fifteen (15) days after receipt of membership dues.

3. Chapters

- 3.1 Twenty (20) or more Mobilization members within a defined geographic region may petition the National Steering Committee to be recognized as a Mobilization chapter.
- 3.2 Chapters of the Mobilization Against AIDS shall be chartered by the National Steering Committee.
- 3.3 Chapters must meet at least once (1) every ninety (90) days.
- 3.4 Chapters shall have two (2) representatives on the National Steering Committee.
- 3.5 Chapters may not take positions in opposition to policy established by the national organization but may remain silent on policies established by the national organization which the chapters might not support.
- 3.6 Chapters are to be financially self-supporting once chartered.
- 3.7 Twenty percent (20%) of all membership dues raised by the chartered chapters shall be remitted to the national organization.

- 3.8 Twenty percent (20%) of all membership dues raised by the national organization from regions where chartered chapters exist shall be remitted to the local chapter.
- 3.9 The Chapter Organizers may be appointed by the National Steering Committee to serve on the Steering Committee for a period of ninety (90) days for the purpose of forming chapters.
- 3.10 Until a chapter has been chartered by the National Steering Committee, all monies raised in the name of Mobilization Against AIDS shall be remitted to the National office.
- 3.11 MAA members residing in an area where the National office is located shall constitute an Advisory Committee with the same privileges and limitations as all other Committees.
4. Committees
- 4.1 Committees shall be composed of at least four (4) members meeting at least once (1) each sixty (60) days. Committees may elect up to two (2) co-chairs to represent them on the Steering Committee.
5. (Title)
- 5.1 There shall be a People With AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex National Caucus with the power to elect from among its members two (2) voting members of the National Steering Committee.
6. Officers
- 6.1 A Treasurer and a Recording Secretary shall be elected by the general membership.
- 6.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial records of the National organization and shall provide written financial reports quarterly and annually. The Treasurer shall be a required signator on all bank accounts. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Disbursement Committee.
- 6.3 The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for recording the actions of the National Steering Committee and the annual general membership conference. The Recording Secretary shall provide minutes, in writing, before each meeting, to all Steering Committee members.
- 6.3 The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for producing the official correspondence of the National organization, as directed by the National Steering Committee.
7. National Steering Committee
- 7.1 The National Steering Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Co-Chairs of Committees, the Chapter Organizers the delegates of chartered Chapters, and other positions which the Steering Committee shall designate. The National Steering Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies and to appoint some people to perform certain tasks and these people shall have full voting rights on the Committee while they are performing these tasks. The National Steering Committee shall elect from among its own members two Co-Chairs.
- 7.2 The Co-Chairs of the National Steering Committee may resign from other Steering Committee positions without loss of rights.
- 7.3 The purpose of the Co-Chairs of the National Steering Committee is to facilitate communication between Committees, Steering Committee members and the Chapters; to coordi-

nate the agenda of Steering Committee meetings; and to chair the Steering Committee meetings.

- 7.4 The National Steering Committee shall meet at least quarterly. A quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the members.
- 7.5 Members of the National Steering Committee who fail to provide an excuse deemed adequate by the Committee for two successive absences shall be dropped.
- 7.6 The authority to disburse funds, incur obligations, and make official statements on behalf of Mobilization Against AIDS shall rest with the National Steering Committee, and it may delegate that power.
- 7.7 The National Steering Committee shall create, from among its members, three Sub-Committees: Finance, Strategy and Personnel.
- 8. Staff
 - 8.1 Staff is hired for the purpose of implementing the strategy and goals of the organization as defined by the National Steering Committee and by the general membership.
 - 8.2 A personnel committee shall be formed for the purpose of reviewing the objectives and strategy of the organization, including the performance of the Coordinator. This review shall occur every six (6) months beginning 9/85.
- 9. Polling of Members
 - 9.1 The National Steering Committee shall poll the general membership on important or urgent issues.
 - 9.2 Twenty percent (20%) of the general membership may petition the National Steering Committee to poll the entire membership on any issue.
 - 9.3 One fifth (1/5) of the general membership must vote, for the poll to take effect, with a majority of those voting necessary to take a position. Voting closes twenty-one (21) days after the mailing out of the poll.
 - 9.4 With respect to issues on which Mobilization Against AIDS has a current position, if the National Steering Committee wishes to change an existing position, a two-thirds (2/3) vote will be necessary, followed by an automatic poll of the general membership. Decisions which reverse any position already adopted shall not take effect unless ratified by a poll of the general membership.
 - 9.5 With respect to issues on which Mobilization Against AIDS has no current position, a majority vote of the National Steering Committee shall determine the position of the organization. The position shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect unless overturned by the general membership in a poll which shall be conducted according to the above provisions.
- 10. Structure
 - 10.1 Anything in this document can be changed by the general membership.
 - 10.2 Changes may be made by means of a written poll through the mail.

Revised Feb. 1, 1986

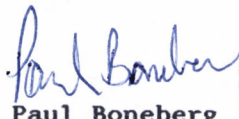
M O B I L I Z A T I O N A g a i n s t A I D S
2120 Market Street #106, San Francisco, California 94114
(415) 431-4660

Jan. 6, 1986

Tom Lloyd
50 Ashbury Terrace
San Francisco CA 94117

The loan of \$500.00 from Tom Lloyd is for postage and will be repaid from the first \$750 received from this mail solicitation of 2,500 pieces.

This is in accordance with a motion made and unanimously passed at the meeting Fri. Jan. 3, 1986 of the Executive Working Committee, at 1350 Waller Street. The complete motion sets up a process to ensure the integrity of postage seed money and to assure any and all lenders of top priority for repayment of any and all loans made for this specific purpose.


Paul Boneberg
Coordinator

Paul - My agreement with Ben stipulates that the first \$500 from the mailing be used to repay my loan, as received. If there remains any question on this, let's discuss.

Copy - Ben Gardiner

Tom Lloyd
2/2/86

Mobilization Against AIDS

NATIONAL OFFICE: 335 NOE STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114 phone: 415/431-4860

Several months ago, Mobilization Against AIDS developed a consensus around the HTLV-III Antibody test. We opposed the taking of the test for the following reasons:

1. The test could not be taken with any assurance of confidentiality;
2. The test itself was thought to be highly inaccurate with many false-positive and false-negative results;
3. The test might be used politically to cause a quarantine;
4. The test was not able to screen for AIDS and had no medical use beyond screening blood.

With recent events, however, the issues surrounding the ELISA (AIDS) Antibody test are less clearly defined. Mobilization's Research and Documentation Committee (RDC) respectfully puts forth the following issues for your consideration:

1. With the passage of unprecedented legislation (the Roos and Agnost bills, AB488 and AB403, respectively) as well as the guarantees of anonymity at alternative testing sites, people at risk for AIDS can now take the test with reasonable assurance that their civil liberties will be protected.
2. The ELISA test is far more accurate than previously believed, and does detect the presence of the AIDS antibody with great accuracy.
3. Taking the ELISA antibody test is mandatory for individuals who wish to participate in research studies, and research is vitally important both to develop effective treatment and to make anti-viral drugs widely available.
4. The ELISA test, especially in conjunction with viral culturing, forces the need for re-definition of AIDS by identifying a proclivity to the disease when individuals are still asymptomatic. Recent research studies conclude that disease management is most effective when treatment is begun early.

RDC believes there are good reasons for and against taking the ELISA test. While many of us have concerns that the guarantees of confidentiality/anonymity may have loopholes, we also note that the legislation is strongly protective at present. We also recognize that anti-viral therapy is most effective when administered early to people with ARCs, and the test could be a most efficacious tool for identifying people with virus who are still asymptomatic.

Research and Documentation wishes to stress that we are not endorsing the ELISA Antibody test; nor are we comfortable in continuing our blanket opposition to the ELISA test when it does have guarantees of confidentiality which are unprecedented and when the test may be of benefit for individuals wishing to become involved in research directed towards developing effective disease management for AIDS.

Therefore, to respect the decision of people in our community who do decide to take the test, we will diligently monitor those guarantees and will maintain our watchdog attitude towards anonymity and confidentiality. The members and supporters of Research and Documentation who have studied this complex issue at great length, and with great concern and regard for the health and liberty of all people at risk, recommend that Mobilization Against AIDS take no stand regarding the taking of the ELISA Antibody test (at alternative test sites only) at this time, and we ask that you vote to leave this decision up to individual conscience and choice for the above stated reasons.

Donald J. Gorman R.N.

Richard H. Bector, II

Luciano F. Catalano

Thom J. Mullin

Arthur S. Rich

authorization to resolve this, but not a mandate
Second the Motion - Ken.

Further discussion - Ben says ^{this is} status quo &
hasn't changed things

Homer - nothing said against any L. T. D.

Candlelight Memorial March - \$7,000

4,200 M.A.A.

1,400 P.W.A.

~~Abstention - Paul & all others~~

Voted 6 - 0 ~~1 - 1~~ 7 one abstention ~~by~~ (Paul)

- Paul & Ken are p.d. up - to - date, as well as P.W.A., Ben has no doubt

④ Missing Receipts - Homer - Monday night @ Candlelight
Memorial two ~~(2)~~ collection tubs not returned (\$200-700)
M.A.A. had no control of this so therefore not responsible

John Wohl has leads on people who are the right to be responsible

Homer recommends that if ^{there is a} partnership between M.A.A. & P.W.A. in future,
that we are at least jointly in control of finances.

Chair - if P.W.A. don't file report then he will, because of his
~~responsibility for this & other & wants these people apprehended~~

Motion by Ben - to meet next Fri. on one subject

Second the Motion - Grand

Revision - date change to Mon. June 9 after

Paul returns from vacation

Motion carried unanimously

⑤ Payment of Candlelight Memorial March
\$400 - AIDS Foundation
500 - Shanti

Money Spent on March

\$1,200

M.A.A.

200

P.W.A.

Treasurer will absorb all \$700 Chair recommends
\$200 - for \$ P.W.A.'s
500 - Shanti

Motion - by Chair - To pay which debt
1st? V.F.W.A's - yes, One - Ben
Granti - yes, two - Frank & Ken
Abstention Ralph, Paul, Homer, Chair

Vote 2-1 payment to Granti

⑥ World Wife Memorial Day Report - Paul
have highlight - Frank reported on rally
together and first L. Scrapbook for all cities
involved.

⑦ La Roubie - Ralph
Statewide legislation - all negative items dead
Roubie still wants testing of prisoners.
Other bills still alive but moving slowly (Helen Watson)
~~Watson & Watson~~
~~Watson~~

see insert

Paul says time ripe for starting chapters & have
contract w/ Ralph about traveling & fund raising.

Motion - by Paul - that Ralph be paid \$1,500/mo.
plus 20% net above expenses, only if raises
the money, & agrees to advance his own expenses
& to be approved by Paul & Homer. If can't raise
the money to cover expenses then it becomes a
long-term debt... time period 3-4 mo.

This is to be received in 30 days. \$1,000 cap
on expenses for 30 days

Motion ~~by~~ Chair - yes - 4 / no - Homer - Abstention - Ralph

Motion - Chair - meeting to go until 10:15 pm
~~Chair~~ Passed unanimously

Mobilization Against Aids Working Committee Meeting

Date: 1986

Working Committee members in attendance:

Paul Boreberg, Homer Carey, ^{Ben Cardner} Ben McPherson, Ralph Payne, Frank Rukter,

Also in Attendance: Doug Emerson, Aislet Emerson

Meeting was called to order by Chair, John Wahl @ 8:48 p.m.

Agenda:

~~Agenda~~ (1) Minutes were postponed

Paul requested current record of meetings

Ben requested brief minutes

(2) Media Review - John Wahl

Chronicle 5/21 Examiner 5/28 Program 5/28

^{Program 5/28} ARC upgraded to AIDS in general - negative effect because it will show increase in AIDS, therefore help La Roche practice

Chronicle 5/21 - compulsory ^{registration} ~~registration~~ of people who test positive & reporting of these individuals to proper health officials

Examiner 5/28 - Review by ~~AB~~ of ~~Advances~~ American ~~Academy~~ ^{Academy} for the Advancement of Science, in Philadelphia - Calling for AIDS prevention of heterosexuals only.

(3) Treasurer's Report - by Homer

3,455.00 - Long-Term Debt + (~~\$7,000 increase~~ U.S. Telecom)

1,681.00 - short-term debt

L.T.D. increase by 7,000 - U.S. Telecom - for Candlelight Memorial not red \$600

S.T.D. - P.S.A. added \$1,000.

Copy Action bill \$241.00 Finance Committee to pay 50%

Frank ~~W~~ wants percentage paid on all bills to retire these debts.

Motion by Frank to refer this to Finance Committee & resolve these Long Term Debts, & give the F.C.

7 (cont.) LaRouche flyer & poster going on street
Ken had buttons made
→ 17¢ each - 1,000 buttons - \$181.05

California C.A.N. - two groups formed. We
focus on grass roots arm. Ray Butt be the
big money & TV campaign.

Let each group do what they do, we raise army,
where areas are void, we pool our efforts, must
move fast, coalition wants to wait for one week
before M.A.A. moves

⑧ S.F. Committee Report - Frank - meeting of
Frank, Jill & Ken, Ray - need for other volunteers
to get input, some method of contacting them,
fund-raising needs improvement, purpose of
M.A.A. in the fight things like LaRouche, get
material we can use

Ken - modified LaRouche flyer

Motion - Ben - to extend meeting to 10:30
2nd - Paul
Passed unanimously

Motion - Chair - Thank you letter commending Allen
White - Ben said he'd do it.
2nd - Frank
Passed unanimously

⑨ Press Relations - Ben - media situation very
good, sagging a little bit 7 B.A.P. - Growth problem -
steady damage, we need to beef it up

Motion - ^{Paul -} Need to initiate a regular process of
sending out press releases & to contact ^{Ben}

for \$10 each for press release

2nd - Ralph

vote - yes 5 - no - abstention - one Ben

Paul - we need media strategy + targeted.

⑩ M. A. A. General Conference

Ken says to soon for Gay Day, committee will meet when able to

Wednesday - ~~Sept~~ @ 6pm Community Parlour @ Ben's
7/11

Thoughts?

1) New members on steering committee?

2) If quarantine, what should our strategy be?
(non-civil disobedience cards - rehearse this!)

Paul - Frank & I are burned out. We need time off.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Acting Secretary
Dezhaan Enlow

MOBILIZATION AGAINST AIDS
WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, April 18th, 1986

Working Committee members in attendance:

Ken McPherson, Paul Boneberg, Homer Carey, John Wall,
Ralph Payne, Frank Richter

Also in Attendance:

Chris Bowman, Jill Mann, Richard Rector

Meeting was called to order by Chair, John Wall at 7:20 p.m..

Treasurer, Homer Carey, reported:

\$2,455.00 long-term debt
\$2,310.00 short-term debt
200.00 check-balance (approximate count)

Frank Richter reported on telephone fundraising activities:
\$732.50 pledged; \$295.00 received.

Paul Boneberg reported that grants have been submitted to the Chicago Resource Center and the Vanguard Foundation. The ? asked Mobilization to submit the grant in the next funding cycle (3 months). The Vanguard Foundation grant is pending. He also reported that significant long-distance telephone bills are being incurred to promote the Memorial Day Candlelight Vigils.

Paul Boneberg reported on the status of the debt owed to the People With AIDS Alliance (approximately \$464-\$474).

Richard Rector, of the People with AIDS Alliance, spoke of the need for the debt to be paid in full as soon as possible.

***MSCU (Boneberg/Payne) The debt owed to PWA Alliance will be the first priority payment immediately after the payment of normal operating costs (rent, phone, staff).

***MSW (Boneberg/Carey) That 50% of the money collected at the S.F. Vigil would be contributed to the group of people with AIDS that is assisting Mobilization with the Vigil. Consensus on this matter, however, was that Paul Boneberg and Ralph Payne would meet with that group to negotiate an appropriate financial agreement.

Paul Boneberg and Frank Richter reported on the status of the international and national organizing of the candlelight vigils.

Paul Boneberg and Chris Bowman reported on legislation recently enacted by the Senate Health committee (SB-1478 - Doolittle - HTLVIII testing for Marriage Licenses and SB-2449 - Nielsen - HTLVIII testing in hospitals) and suggested that it is necessary to place a heavier emphasis on committing resources in Sacramento.

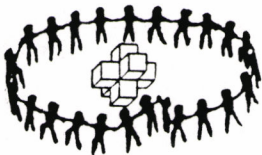
Frank Richter reported on the status of the S.F. Committee. It

is developing a phone-tree. Ken McPherson discussed methods of making the meetings more socially interesting to encourage greater participation.

Paul Boneberg and Ralph Payne reported on recent trips to both Phoenix and Los Angeles. He also reported that there has been no activity on the AMA endeavors and gave an update on the Budget Committee meetings in Washington, D.C., as well as the hearings at the National Academy of Science Institute of Medicine.

***MSCU (Richter/McPherson) Mobilization shall write a letter to the National Academy urging them to convene another, better-attended meeting in San Francisco.

Ralph Payne
4/18/86



AMPLIFY!

AIDS/ARC Ministry Project for Life

8 May 1986

Telephone 415/864-2799

P.O. Box 15068, Ste. 149
San Francisco CA 94115

MOBILIZATION AGAINST AIDS/Working Committee—Steering Committee:
Attn: Paul Boneberg, Staff - Coordinator; Ben Gardiner, Corresponding
Secretary; Ken McPherson; Ralph Payne; Frank Richter, Staff -
Office; Dean Sandmire, Co-Chair; John Wahl, Co-Chair

Brothers,

In a Third World Eucharistic Liturgy, we find these words: "Let there be Peace among us; And let us not be instruments of our own oppression!" That is the Spirit in which I would like to address you; and, through you, the Working Committee and the Steering Committee of MAA.

Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to the AIDS Candlelight Memorial March Committee. Now what I would like to address, within Mobilization, is the context in which the unfortunate decisions regarding **speakers** and **sponsor-listings** took place. Due to the nature of the circumstances, this is an MAA concern.

You may say, as Frank has already said, that I should have been more involved in the planning all along, and should have brought these concerns up at an earlier time. I couldn't agree with you more. However, the reason I was not involved earlier can be traced directly to Dean Sandmire, the Co-Chair of MAA.

I was at the 29 January PWA/PWARC Caucus meeting at the S.F. AIDS FOUNDATION when Paul Boneberg presented us with the necessity of beginning work on this year's Memorial. Dean, as Co-Chair of Mobilization and Chair (at that time Co-Chair) of the Caucus, agreed to have a meeting with John Lorenzini and Bobby Reynolds about the matter, and then get back to the Caucus within the fortnight.

Since that time, Dean has **not** called a Caucus meeting; and, although he did have the agreed upon meeting with John L. and Bobby, he did **not** get back to us. On an-at-least-weekly basis, I asked him about planning meetings; but was not told about when or where they were taking place until last week's meeting. That was the first time I knew that meetings were actually happening. At the meeting I was quite surprised at the amount of work that had been done, fully expecting that this was the first or at most second meeting, due to Dean's secretiveness and lack of communicating with us.

Had I known about the meetings earlier, I would have been more involved and would have raised these concerns earlier. Not having known before, I raise them now; for unless these matters are somehow dealt with in a manner that some of us perceive as being more positive and affirmative for people with AIDS/ARC, some of us will probably not participate.

In light of this matter, I would ask the Working Committee and Steering Committee to direct the Co-Chair of MAA, Dean Sandmire, to be more responsive to the participatory needs of the membership and, if he is not so, to strongly censure him for this.

A luta continua,

+ *Mikhael F-M. Itkin*
Mikhael F-M. Itkin

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MEDICAL/SCIENTIFIC

Throughout the AIDS epidemic a wide variety of complex issues and reactions has arisen, not all of which have been based on sound reasoning. The lay population looks to the medical profession to be the unbiased voice of reason when fears or hysteria arise re health issues, and indeed this is a medical responsibility.

Also, as much as we support increased federal funding for AIDS research and provision of services, we are concerned that funding be spent wisely and conscionably and therefore, also believe that responsibility rests in a number of areas. Various actions could be taken within the medical/scientific community to enhance strategy in the war against AIDS.

1. A sense of cooperation must be fostered among AIDS researchers with coordination of research projects which allows for validation of results without unnecessary duplication of similar studies.

2. A code of ethics re peer review of research proposals should be set down so that the greater percentage of funds are allocated for "priority" research (with high validity potential) where such research results benefit the greater majority of those at risk or affected with AIDS.

3. The aim of AIDS research should be the development of treatment, prevention or cure for this disease. Publication of results, whether positive or negative is important.

4. There should be a strict accountability for allocation of funds from all health agencies as well as individual researcher accountability. Grant applications tend to approximate projected expenses but is there an accounting of money spent after the project is completed? NIH Special Assistant to the Director R. S. Gordon makes a distinction between records of obligations and appropriations and apparently accountability of appropriations is not available. This should be changed.

5. It is a California Medical Association ("CMA") and American Medical Association ("AMA") responsibility to maintain a strong stance re government support in combatting this illness. Recently the CMA met and did pass a number of resolutions in alignment with Mobilization's positions. They also passed a resolution which commits them to lobbying AMA support for increased funding, etc. when that board meets in June. A combined strategy to lobby AMA support for increased commitment from the federal government in combatting this illness on the part of the CMA and Mobilization could be developed at this

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conference. The AMA is an important lobbying power in Washington.

6. Regarding traditional versus nontraditional medical practices, conflict could be lessened and mutual support increased if both sides would simply validate the results of their studies/therapies using the scientific method with careful documentation of interventions and results over extended periods. In this way, those treatments proven effective in either mode will be made available, to the benefit of the patient.

7. It is also a responsibility and obligation of the medical community, specifically practitioners caring for patients with AIDS and patients with AIDS-related condition, to remain informed re the state of the art in diagnostic procedures, management and treatment. Standardization of such is imperative to delivery quality care to persons with AIDS and persons with AIDS-related condition.

8. More research needs to be directed towards prophylaxis and prevention of this illness. We all look forward to vaccine development, but what research is being done re prophylactic treatment for persons who are screened HTLV-III positive? Such prophylactic treatment does exist for persons with a positive TB test who do not necessarily have active TB. Is it also possible to develop for persons with a positive antibody test to prevent manifestation of full-blown AIDS?

Also, with an epidemic illness with no known cure, education and prevention should be our first line of defense. The present illness-oriented model of health care generally available in this country is not wholly effective and emphasis must shift to "wellness maintenance" in order to justly serve health care consumers in this country.