Regional trustee elections were held on Wednesday afternoon. Jake H. of Winthrop, Maine will be the new Northeast regional trustee, replacing John S.; new trustee-at-large/Canada replacing Webb J. will be David O'L. of St. John's, Newfoundland; and Ann B. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, will replace Jan W. for the Southwest region. A strain of sadness ran through the week for the loss of trustee Jan W. in a tragic accident in November.

Tuesday afternoon, Conference members took an afternoon break for a visit to the current GSO and Grapevine offices, along with a quick visit to the building at 475 Riverside Drive, where GSO and the Grapevine will be relocating in early 1992.

The lion's share of the work during the Conference takes place in the meetings of 11 Conference Committees. After careful consideration of agenda items and any new business that might have come up, committees made their recommendations, which were brought before the entire Conference Thursday and Friday for discussion and consideration. Many of the items became Advisory Actions, and the most significant of these appear below.

The closing brunch on Saturday morning is always a time for both joy and tears, as everyone comes together and any disagreements of the week are a thing of the past. Rotating trustees Webb J. and John S. gave their closing talks, and along with second-year delegates, said their farewells.

Digest of Advisory Actions (a full list will appear in the Final Conference Report).

The Conference recommended:

¶ That the AA history book project continue to completion, and that a manuscript be forwarded to the 1992 Conference; that the six-point definition of an AA group be deleted from 'The AA Group' pamphlet; that the proposed Twelve Steps Illustrated pamphlet be published.

¶ That a 60-minute audiotape be produced of selected stories from the booklet AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate, including culturally varied voices and some female stories.

¶ That the six-point description of an AA Group in the AA Service Manual be deleted and replaced by the long form of Tradition Three and a section of Warranty Six, Concept XII; that footnote 7, Concept XI be deleted as it pertains to merit pay until the General Service Board obtains Conference approval of merit pay, being mindful that Bill W. notes in the introduction to the Concepts: "The future advocates of structural change need only make out a strong case for their recommendations—a case convincing to both the Trustees and the Conference."

¶ That the manuscript for a pamphlet on 'bridging the gap' between treatment facilities and AA be approved.

¶ That the pamphlet "Self-Supporting Through Our Own Contributions" not be changed at this time.

¶ That the Preamble, the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions be added to "AA and Employee Assistance Programs," "AA as a Resource for the Medical Profession," and "If You Are a Professional..." when pamphlets are reprinted.

¶ That the policy for establishing new delegate areas is adequate to allow for the gradual growth of the Conference and provides for a representative cross-section of AA; and that a presentation/discussion on new delegate areas be considered for the 1992 Conference.

¶ That the theme for the 1992 Conference be "The AA Message in a Changing World."