

Chronology of Narcotics Anonymous Literature (Public Version)

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Introduction:

Literature is important to the growth and sustainability of many movements. This is especially true for modern addiction recovery mutual aid fellowships. *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the Big Book), first published in 1939, has sold over 37 million copies and has been translated into over 70 languages.^a It served two important functions. First, it codified how the early members achieved sobriety. Second, it became a vehicle for carrying this message, which in turn contributed to the rapid growth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

An understandable, but unforeseen outcome of the publication of *Alcoholics Anonymous* was its influence on the creation of 12-Step fellowships. Shortly after its publication, a copy reached Dr. Tom M., a person with the dual problems of alcohol and morphine addiction. Dr. Tom M. was at the Narcotic Farm in Lexington, KY, when he was given a copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Upon reading it, he felt that the program outlined in it could work for him, despite now having the primary problem of morphine addiction. Upon his release, he formed the first group of Alcoholics Anonymous in North Carolina. In response to a request for a “Hop Heads” corner in the newly formed A.A. Grapevine, Dr. Tom M. would write of the success of his group in helping dual problem members, while suggesting the establishment of an A.A. group at the Narcotic Farm. In early 1947, Houston S. started Addicts Anonymous at the Narcotic Farm in Lexington. While it is unknown if Houston S. read Dr. Tom’s suggestion in 1944, his efforts would have a profound impact upon the growth of 12-Step groups/fellowships focused on recovery from addiction.

Addicts Anonymous created the first piece of recovery literature for addicts. In 1949, the group published the booklet *Our Way of Life*. Like many early forms of literature, it was

^a The number of Big Books sold comes an October 14, 2019, publisher sponsored content, of Publisher’s Weekly “Writing of the Big Book: Spotlight on William H. Schaberg.” The number of translations comes from the official website of the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous. Retrieved May 10, 2025. <https://www.aa.org/the-big-book>.

based upon existing A.A. literature. *Our Way of Life* was adapted almost verbatim from *A Way of Life*, a booklet written by the Five Points Group of Alcoholics Anonymous in Birmingham, Alabama. And like today's Narcotics Anonymous (and other early attempts to form mutual aid for individuals with addiction, existing A.A. literature was used or adapted by substituting words like "addiction" in place of "alcoholism."

While early members of today's Narcotics Anonymous used A.A. literature in recovery meetings, and in some cases created literature based upon existing A.A. pamphlets (see *This is N.A.* and *We Made A Decision*), one notable difference is that NA developed completely original booklets in the first decade of existence. These early pieces of literature resulted in a significant innovation to the wording of Step One (powerless over addiction, a condition, instead of over a substance) as well as defining a philosophy of recovery that reflected the unique needs facing individuals with addiction to drugs other than (or in addition to) alcohol.

It was not until the publication of *Narcotics Anonymous* (the Basic Text) in 1983 that NA was able to fully articulate a philosophy of recovery that resulted in the final separation from Alcoholics Anonymous and rapid spread of NA.

This chronology seeks to document identified sources of information about NA literature from 1953 (the recognized year of the founding of today's NA) through 1993.^b The sources for this chronology include books, letters, literature, minutes, newsletters, publications, reports, and talks/transcripts. The talks and transcripts are limited in scope, not comprehensive. The chronology does not include recent interviews and transcripts with members who participated in the writing of the Basic Text. Nor does it include personal reflections about literature/literature creation (i.e. George R.'s reflections on the 2nd World Literature Conference).

Sections: This chronology is organized into four sections:

Section One: Pages 4 to 47 are designed for readers to more easily review/search basic information by date. Most of the entries include "Link to source material at the end of the chronology" at the end. These hyperlinks take the reader to the source material, which is contained in Section Two.

^b The sheer volume of material contained in this chronology required an end date. 1993 was chosen because it is after publication of *It Works: How and Why*, the next major publication to follow the Basic Text and it is after the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

Section Two: Pages 48 to 1,205 includes transcribed source material. This is intended for readers who wish to learn more about particular entries in Section One. Page 46 also contains a list of year that serve as hyperlinks to specific sections.

Section Three: Pages 1,206 to 1,216 includes 5 appendices. These appendices compare changes from the Buff Book to the White Booklet.

Appendix 1 compares changes in *Who Is An Addict?*

Appendix 2 compares changes in *What is the NA Program?* and the addition of *Why Are We Here?*

Appendix 3 compares changes in *How It Works*.

Appendix 4 compares changes in *What Can I Do?*

Appendix 5 compares changes in *Just For Today*.

Section Four: Pages 1,217 to 1,226 includes references. References can be accessed through hyperlinks in Sections One and Two.

A note about transcribing/copying documents. Inevitably, there will be some typos, omissions, or errors when transcribing/copying this much content. The word “sic” in parentheses is used after a copied or quoted word that appears odd or erroneous to show that the word is quoted exactly as it stands in the original. Annotations are in red font.

Request for Feedback and Missing Events: Feedback from readers on any perceived errors of fact or omissions with citations of source material is welcomed. Feedback can be sent to Chris Budnick's attention at <https://preservingthemessage.org/contact/>.

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Section One

Date	Information
1953/1954	Per Jack P., the writing of the first piece of NA literature begins in late 1953. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1960	David A. Stewart's book <i>Thirst for Freedom</i> references Narcotics Anonymous and influences the I.P. Another Look. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1960	New literature is created: • <i>Who Is an Addict?</i> is written by Jimmy K. • <i>What Is the Narcotics Anonymous Program</i> is written by Jimmy K. & Sylvia W. • <i>Why Are We Here</i> is written by Jimmy K. & Sylvia W. • <i>How It Works</i> (the paragraphs before/after the 12-Steps) is written by Jimmy K. • <i>What Can I do?</i> is written by Jimmy K. • <i>Recovery and Relapse</i> is written by Jimmy K.¹
1961	"We Do Recover" is written by Jimmy K. ²
1963	"Another Look" written by Jimmy K. ³
1961/1962	<i>Little White Book</i> is published in either 1961 or 1962. There are conflicting sources for the date. ⁴⁵ Link to source material of revisions at the end of the chronology.
1966	The Little White Book is revised. Link to source material of revisions at the end of the chronology.
1967	The earliest known IP, <i>Another Look</i> , is distributed to groups. ⁶
February 15, 1972	Efforts are made to gather input for a hard-cover book. A letter is mailed to the fellowship from the 'Book Committee, NA World Service Office' asking members to write and submit their stories to the office for possible inclusion in a book. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 17, 1975	The N.A. Tree establishes literature committees of the: 1. World Service Board 2. World Service Conference Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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1976	The <i>White Book</i> is published with a wider printed format. Link to source material of revisions at the end of the chronology.
1976	Copyrights were filed for NA's first six pamphlets: <i>Who, What, How, and Why</i>; <i>The Group</i>; <i>Another Look</i>; <i>Recovery and Relapse</i>; <i>We Made A Decision</i>; and <i>So You Love an Addict</i> (was also published under the title <i>For Those We Love and Others</i>). The last two were later withdrawn by the World Service Conference.⁷
May 1976	In <i>My Years with NA</i>, Bob Stone reports on the board meeting for the World Service Office. "When the office board met in May, Greg suggested they form secondary committees but that was squashed by Jimmy in deference to expected action by the trustees. It is declared in the minutes that 'the Literature Committee will remain within the province of the office, although supervised by a proper committee.' This declaration later became the basis of an ongoing battle between the office and the Conference Literature Committee."⁸
November 13, 1976	The first World Service Conference is held in Ventura, CA. Literature is discussed in the minutes. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 21 – 23, 1977	Bo attends the 7th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in San Francisco, CA in order to find out who is working on a book for NA. He is introduced to Greg P.⁹
December 14, 1977	Bo types a letter to Greg P. about his work on material for pamphlets and the N.A. book. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 2, 1978	Mark McG. (Bay Cities) is elected chairman for the newly formed World Service Conference Literature Committee.¹⁰
October 1978	Rich B., editor of the N.A. News (Pennsylvania), writes an article titled N.A. Literature for the October 1978 issue of N.A. News. The article encourages members to submit material for new N.A. literature. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1978	The November 1978 issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Volume 1, Issue 2) includes information on: 1. Printing challenges reported by the World Service Staff in a section titled "Attention Please"

Date	Information
November 1978 (cont.)	2. Requests for input for new and revised literature in the section “A Letter from the Chairman, Conference Lit. Comm.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 2) includes the following information about literature: 1. A report given by the Literature Committee at the 2nd Annual World Service Conference Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 3) publishes a letter from Bo S., Chairman of the World Service Conference Literature Committee. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 4) includes the following literature-related information: 1. <i>Resentments Kill</i>, new literature drafted by the WSC Literature Committee in Marietta, GA a. This contains another example of reliance on the Big Book by current NA members. 2. The Wichita Literature Conference Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 6) includes the following literature-related information: 1. Updates on the Wichita Literature Conference from Bo S. in “You Are the Book” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1979	The April issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Vol. II No. I) references the 1972 letter to the fellowship requesting input for new literature and the renewed efforts for new literature. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 28, 1979	Bo S. is elected Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee at the 1979 World Service Conference.¹¹

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May 1979	The May 1979 issue of <i>The Voice</i> includes minutes from the 1979 World Service Conference, which includes: 1. A Regional Status Report from Atlanta, GA 2. A report from the World Service Office, Inc. 3. A report from the Literature Committee 4. A second report from the Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 19, 1979	The first meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held at the Rising Sun Clubhouse in Marietta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 27, 1979	The second meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held at the Rising Sun Clubhouse in Marietta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 3, 1979	The third meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held in Atlanta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 10, 1979	The fourth meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held in Atlanta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 10, 1979	The Atlanta Literature Committee meets at the conclusion of the World Service Conference Literature Committee meeting. Attendance is comprised of the same members who attended the WSC Literature Committee meeting. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 17, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 17, 1979	The Atlanta Literature Committee meets at the conclusion of the World Service Conference Literature Committee meeting. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 23, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 26, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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July 22, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
August 5, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
August 19, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
August 21, 1979	Bo S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship: 1. Encouraging attendance at the “Wichita Conference for N.A. Literature.” 2. Inviting members to attend the 9th World Convention of NA in Atlanta, GA. 3. Sharing his experience about how he learned he could write material for N.A. literature. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 26, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
September 28, 1979	Bo S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship: 1. Announcing the formation of a new WSC Literature Committee in Omaha, NE. 2. An update on interest and support for “our literature movement” at the 9th World Convention of NA in Atlanta. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 6 – 7, 1979	The first World Literature Conference is held in Wichita, KS.¹² Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
1980	The Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees is published. The Handbook is “derived from the minutes of the First World Literature Conference of Narcotics Anonymous held at Wichita, Kansas in October of 1979.”¹³ Link to the Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees.

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January/February 1980	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Two, Issue Number Seven) includes the following literature-related information: 1. A Report from Bud K. on the first World Literature Conference held at Wichita Kansas 2. New material submitted to the World Service Conference Literature Committee by John S. and Gina H. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1980	The March 1980 issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Volume 11, Issue 3) includes: 1. "Literature and Our N.A. Experience" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March/April, May/June 1980	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Two, Issue Number Eight) includes the following literature-related information: 1. New material from the World Service Conference Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 5) announces the Second World Literature Conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 2 – 4, 1980	The World Service Conference is held at L.A. Valley College in Van Nuys, CA. The following sections from the minutes contain information about literature. 1. Regional reports 2. Subcommittee Reports – Literature Committee 3. Input #3 (South Florida) 4. Literature Input 5. Input #5 – Using A.A's 12&12 at N.A. meetings 6. Input #1 – Policy Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 6) includes a call for help from the South Florida Literature Committee (Bob G.). Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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July 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 7) includes the following content related to literature: 1. Bristol Group on NA 2. World Literature Conference 3. Literature input (relapse) from John H. in Gainesville Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 8) includes submissions from: 1. Atlanta Literature Committee members (Page C. on Total Abstinence, Skip W. on Sponsorship, and Bo S. on Fear of Commitment) 2. The Topeka Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 9) includes submissions from members of the Atlanta Literature Committee (Bo S. on When I'm Tired and God as I Understand God, Page C. on A Day At Work, David A. on Softer, Easier Way, and Marie H. on Time is On My Side! Is It?¹⁴
September 8 – 14, 1980	The Second World Literature Conference is held in Lincoln, NE. It followed WCNA 10 in Wichita, KS.¹⁵ Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
October 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 9) includes: 1. Information on the Second World Literature Conference a. A History of the Second Annual World Literature Conference b. Lincoln Literature Conference 2. Submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee, Bristol Literature Committee, and Joplin Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 11) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee, Bristol Literature Committee, and Philadelphia Literature Committee. Input on Traditions 7, 8, and 9 were submitted jointly by the Bristol and Philadelphia Literature Committees.¹⁶
December 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 12) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee and Bristol Literature Committee.¹⁷

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January 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 1) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee (Dealing with Disappointments and How I Stay Clean) and Bristol Literature Committee (Honesty). ¹⁸
January/February 1981	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Three, Issue Number Nine) includes the following literature-related information: 1. An update from Bo. S., "We Are the Book" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981	The third World Literature Conference is held at Memphis State University in Memphis, TN. The review form of the NA book is completed.¹⁹ Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
February 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 2) contains the following information about literature: 1. Miracle in Memphis – Hello Book by Rowland C. about the 3rd World Literature Conference 2. I Didn't Mean to Be Here... by Roger T. about the 3rd World Literature Conference 3. WLC-3 Banquet by Steve C. 4. With Sincere Appreciation by The Rainbow Staff about the 3rd World Literature Conference Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1981	The N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. provides a supplement to accompany their newsletter. The supplement was likely included in the February 15, 1981 issue. The supplement summarizes the work done at the first three World Literature Conferences and asks for fellowship review and input on the "final review copy of 'Our Book.'" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 15, 1981	The <i>N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. Newsletter</i> provides a summary of the 3rd World Literature Conference that had just concluded in Memphis, TN. This summary includes prevailing themes, such as "Narcotics Anonymous can and in many areas does now stand alone as the program of recovery from the disease of addiction." Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
February 28, 1981	The Northeastern Ohio Area Service Committee of NA reports in their newsletter, <i>Miracle Reminder</i>, that a literature fundraiser was held that resulted in \$217.36 sent to the 3rd World Literature Conference to help cover the costs of the conference and the printing and distribution of the Gray Review Form. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 3) announces the draft I.P. The Triangle of Self-Obsession is under consideration. “(The following article is under consideration as a possible I.P. It was submitted by a member from Oregon.) THE TRIANGLE OF SELF-OBSESSION”²⁰ Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1981	The Mid-America Newsletter (March 1981) includes the following information on literature: 1. Topeka, KS meeting is reviewing the N.A. Book 2. My Experience with the 3rd World Literature Conference Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March/April 1981	The <i>Miracle Reminder</i> newsletter (March-April Issue #3) reports that the N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. Literature Committee held 2 mini-conferences so the group could “edit the book.” The mini-conferences were held March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5, 1981 at Jim M.’s farm in Lisbon, Ohio. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1981	Bo. S., Chairman, WSC Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship about the “Memphis Literature Conference.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 4) contains information about: 1. Notes on the Bus 2. The Northeast Ohio Area Service Committee (NEOASCNA) Literature Committee 3. The upcoming 5th World Literature Conference in Warren, OH 4. NA Literature Committee fundraiser 5. On Reviewing The Book 6. Atlanta Area Service Committee Literature Report 7. Marietta Area Service Committee (WLC 4) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
April 26 – 29, 1981	The fourth World Literature Conference is held at Retail Clerks Union Hall in Santa Monica, CA prior to the 1981 World Service Conference.²¹ Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology
May 1 – 3, 1981	The sixth World Service Conference is held at Los Angeles Valley College. The minutes contain information regarding literature in: 1. 1st report from Bo S., Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee 2. 2nd report from Literature Committee 3. World Service Office Report 4. Chuck G. The link to the source material is at the end of the chronology.
June 1981	The Mid-America Regional Newsletter contains information about the 5th World Literature Conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 29 – July 5, 1981	The fifth World Literature Conference is held at Willard Hall in Warren, OH.²² Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
August 1981	The Mid-America Regional Newsletter includes information on the 6th World Literature Conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 14 – 20, 1981	The Approval Form of the NA book is completed at the 6th World Literature Conference. Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
November 22 – 29, 1981	The Mid-South Regional Service Conference is held at Memphis State University. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1981	"In November 1981 the approval form of Chapters One through Ten of the <i>Basic Text</i> were released to the fellowship."²³
January 2, 1982	Steve B., Chairman of the WSC Administration Committee, writes Roger T. asking that he resign as Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
January 2, 1982	Steve B., Chairman of the World Service Conference (1982), writes Page C., 2nd Vice Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, informing him that he is the active Chair of the WSC Literature Committee (Roger was disqualified due to inactivity and Jim M., 2nd Vice Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, disqualified himself due to other responsibilities. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 15 – 22, 1982	The seventh World Literature Conference is held in Ivyland, PA.²⁴ Link to source material (minutes) at the end of the chronology.
January 1982	The January 1982 Fellowship Report (Volume 1, Number 1) includes a report by the WSC Literature Subcommittee summarizing WLC 4, WLC 5, WLC 6, the Mid-South Regional Service Conference, and WLC 7. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1982	The February 1982 Fellowship Report (Volume 1, Number 1) includes an update on distribution of the story section of the Basic Text and compiling input for the agenda of the 1982 WSC. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1982	“In February 1982 the approval form of forty-seven personal stories intended for publication in the Basic Text were released to the fellowship.”²⁵
March/April 1982	The Mid-America Newsletter (March/April) issue contains the following information about literature: 1. Wichita Ash Street Group updates 2. To the Members of the Mid-America Region Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 7, 1982	The basic text approval form is accepted as the 1st edition of the Narcotics Anonymous Book at the 1982 World Service Conference, held May 5th – 9th. The 1982 World Service Conference Supplement to the Minutes, published April 1983, includes additional information about the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 5 – 9, 1982	The 7th World Service Conference is held May 5th – 9th. The minutes contain the following information related to literature.

Date	Information
May 5 – 9, 1982 (cont.)	1. Regional Reports 2. WSC-82 Literature Committee 3. WSC-82 Hospitals and Institutions Committee 4. Election of Page C. as Chairperson of the WSC Literature Subcommittee 5. Literature Committee Report 6. 1982-83 Sub-Committee Panning (sic) Reports 7. World Service Board of Trustees Sub-Committee Report Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July/August 1982	Issue 4 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled “The History of ‘Our Book’ Part I.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September/October 1982	Issue 5 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled “The History of ‘Our Book’ Part II.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
Nov./Dec. 1982	Issue 6 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled “The History of ‘Our Book’ Part III.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
December 7, 1982	A memo is written by World Service representation regarding changes in the Basic Text to the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
December 1982 – January 1983	Bob Stone reports in <i>My Years with NA</i> that Phil and Jimmy made daily attempts in December 1982 and January 1983 to contact the proprietor of Thought Process Printers. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 8, 1983	As reported in <i>My Years with NA</i>, the World Service Office Board of Directors decided how to communicate about the printing delay. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 19, 1983	Page C., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee writes a letter to the Fellowship that includes items of input submitted by the Literature Committee for vote at the 1983 World Service Conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
January 22, 1983	An open letter to the fellowship about the “Narcotics Anonymous Textbook” was written by Kevin F. on behalf of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. The letter addresses the delays in the printing of the book. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
Near end of January 1983	<i>My Years with NA</i> describes how Jeanie with Valley Bindery Company became involved with the printing of the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 12, 1983	Prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc., Phil stopped by Thought Process Printers and discovered that the printing press was no longer there. Thought Process Printers had been hired and received payment to print the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 12, 1983	Jeanie from A&L Bindery attends the WSO Board of Directors meeting where how to print the Basic Text was discussed. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 13, 1983	Chuck G., who had been selected as interim president of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. after Phil’s resignation as president, replied to a letter from Jim B. of the Michigan region about the reasons for changing Tradition Four (4th) and Nine (9th). Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 12 – 17, 1983	<i>My Years with NA</i> describes board members who began to advocate for the book to be printed with the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions language as originally adopted by the conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 17, 1983	The February 12, 1983 meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. was continued on February 17th. Discussion held about the deleted language from the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions and how to select a printer. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 20, 1983	<i>My Years with NA</i> reports that Chuck S. resigned from the Board of Trustees and discusses the issue of changes to the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
February 20, 1983	On behalf of the WSO Board of Directors, Kevin F. writes a letter to the Fellowship about the current delays in the printing of the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 23, 1983	A letter is sent to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. with questions about how the WSO selected the printer for the Basic Text, why there were delays in printing, and what the process will be going forward. The letter is sent from "The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous." Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 24, 1983	The February meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. began on February 12th and was continued on February 17th and February 24th. Input from the fellowship about whether to print the book with changes to the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions is reviewed. The Board of Directors votes to print the book with the changes. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 28, 1983	Page C., Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee writes the following letter to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office revoking any and all rights granted to the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1983	<i>No Name</i>, the San Diego Area newsletter, reprints Kevin's January 22, 1983 letter to the fellowship about the delays in printing. The newsletter also discusses the delays in the section "Southern California Regional News." Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1, 1983	Page C. writes the following letter to the fellowship about revoking the copyright to the book from the WSO. He also requests a group conscience from the Regions on how to proceed. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1, 1983	Sally E., Chairperson of the World Service Board, writes a letter to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous about the rationale behind deleting part of the text from the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions and the printing delays. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
March 1, 1983	The following is from the WSC Administrative Committee meeting minutes for March 1, 1983. They include input from the Pacific Northwest Region requesting that the WSO not accept any further bids on the book and to instead wait until the conference. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 8, 1983	The WSC Administration Committee meeting minutes include input from the PacNorthwest Region, Volunteer Region, Greater Philadelphia Region, and Mid-America Region about whether to print the book. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 15, 1983	The WSC Administration Committee minutes state that “the meeting was also devoted to updating filing of all letters and telegrams that were received by the WSC Adminstration (sic) Committee pertaining to the printing of the Basic Text.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 15, 1983	Bob R., Chairman of the World Service Conference (WSC) 1982-1983, writes the Fellowship, including copies of the exact changes made to the 4th and 9th Traditions. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 16, 1983	Chuck G., Interim President of the World Service Office writes a letter to the fellowship about the delays in the printing of the Basic Text, the selection of a new book printer, and how the WSO responded to Page C.’s (Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee) February 28, 1983 letter revoking the copyright to the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 25, 1983	The World Service Conference Literature Committee writes the following letter to all Regions, Areas & Groups about the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 24, 1983	Joseph R. of Irvington, NJ writes Page C. in response to the World Service Conference Literature Committee’s letter dated March 25, 1983. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
April 26, 1983	Jeanie and Jimmy took delivery of the first dozen boxes of the completed First Edition from Weber McRea Book Binders. ²⁶
April 27, 1983	The First Edition <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> (special, pre-order red cover and regular blue cover Basic Texts) were officially released on April 27, 1983, by the World Service Office, using the name of C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Company. The following are two paragraphs that appeared in the Approval Form; the italicized text was removed prior to the publication of the First Edition. From the essay on Tradition Four: “Are we truly autonomous? What about our service committees, our offices, activities, hot-lines, and all the other things that go on in N.A.? <i>The answer is that these things are not N.A.</i> They are services we utilize to help us in our recovery and to further the primary purpose of our groups. Narcotics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women, addicts meeting in groups and using a given set of spiritual principles to find freedom from addiction and a new way to live. <i>All else is not N.A.</i> Those things we mentioned are the result of members caring enough to reach out and offer their help and experience so that our road might be easier. <i>Whether we choose to utilize these services is up to the group.</i>” From the essay on Tradition Nine: “The Ninth Tradition goes on to define the nature of the things that we can do to help N.A. It says that we may create service boards or committees to serve the needs of the Fellowship. <i>None of them has the power to rule, censor, decide, or dictate.</i> They exist solely to serve the Fellowship, <i>but they are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous.</i> This is the nature of our service structure as it has evolved and been defined in the N.A. service manual.”²⁷
April 27, 1983	Mary B., Chairperson of the Portland Area Service Committee, writes Page C., seeking clarification on certain issues raised in the March 25, 1983, letter from the World Service Conference Literature Committee to the fellowship. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 4, 1983	Nancy J. L., Chairman, Special Sub-Committee Established by the San Fernando Area Service Committee writes to Robert K. and Page C.. The letter includes questions such as “Rumor has it that you (Mr. C.) took the actions you did in order to foment confusion and sway support from the World Service Office in order to transfer the center of control to the east coast, is that true?” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 4 – 8, 1983	The eighth World Service Conference was held at the Retail Clerks Union Hall in Santa Monica, California.

Date	Information
May 4 – 8, 1983 (cont.)	The following motions related to literature were approved at the 1983 World Service Conference: 1. Election to World Service Conference Literature Sub-Committee 2. Policy regarding funds 3. Changes to the wording in the Basic Text 4. Report from the Literature Sub-Committee 5. Nominations for the World Service Board of Directors 6. WSC Administrative Report Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 20, 1983	Bob Stone publishes the first issue of the <i>Newsline</i>. This issue contains information on: 1. Progress on printing the second edition of the Basic Text 2. Availability of “Limited Edition” copies of the Basic Text for sale Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1983	The PASCNA Newsletter (Pittsburgh Area Service Committee) includes a letter to the fellowship from Ginni S. (WSC Literature Chairperson): Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 15, 1983	The second issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (July 15, 1983), written by Bob Stone, includes information on: 1. The printing of the second edition of the Basic Text 2. Needing copyright releases for some personal stories Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 29, 1983	Ginni S., Chairperson WSC-Literature Subcommittee writes the WSC Subcommittees, Board of Trustees, World Service Office, and all Regional Service Committees in response to the following: • “A more immediate problem are the authors and subjects of some of the stories that are being circulated by the WSC Literature Sub-Committee. Upon advise (sic) of legal counsel, it is important that we find these past contributors to literature and obtain the required release from them so

Date	Information
July 29, 1983 (cont.)	their stories can become approved literature. (WSO Newslines, July 15, 1983, Page 2)." Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1983	The August 1983 issue of the <i>Newslines</i> includes information on: 1. Book covers for the first edition of the Basic Text 2. Updates on obtaining copyright releases for personal stories 3. Literature translation 4. Schedule for printing of the second edition of the Basic Text 5. Discounts on literature sales 6. Obtaining literature on credit Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 28, 1983	"The Second Edition of the Basic Text was released on September 28, 1983. The copyright holder was again listed as C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Co." Link to source material, including revisions to the text and personal stories, at the end of the chronology.
September 1983	The September 1983 issue of the <i>Newslines</i> (Volume 1, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Arrival of the second edition of the Basic Text 2. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee mid-year workshop Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1983	The October 1983 issue of the <i>Newslines</i> (Volume 1, Number 5) includes information on: 1. Sales of the Basic Text at the beginning of the <i>Newslines</i> 2. Individuals and groups printing literature on their own in the section "Unauthorized Printing of N.A. Literature" 3. Soliciting fellowship input for future literature and the translation of literature into Braille in the section "WSC Literature Committee" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1983	The November 1983 issue of the <i>Newslines</i> (Volume 1, Number 6) includes information on:

Date	Information
November 1983 (cont.)	1. The Basic Text is back in stock in the section "More N.A. Texts Arrive..." 2. Efforts to grow NA in Australia in the section "Notes from Far Away Places" 3. Use of literature from other 12-step fellowships in a piece written by the Board of Trustees Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 17, 1983	Ginni S., Chairperson of the WSC-Literature Subcommittee writes the NA Fellowship seeking input regarding deletions, additions, or corrections of the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1984	The January 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 6) includes information on: 1. Sales of the Basic Text in the section "Basic Text in Great Supply" 2. Recent arrangements to make review literature available to the WSC Literature Committee in the section "World Service Conference Notes" 3. A notice to disregard a pamphlet titled "Participation" that has been distributed in the section "Special Notice" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 6, 1984	Sydney R., Member of the World Service Board of Trustees writes Sally E., Chair of the World Service Board of Trustees and Ginni S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee regarding the literature review process. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 8, 1984	Ginni S., Chair of the WSC Literature Sub-Committee, writes a letter to the Fellowship. The letter is contained in the World Service Conference Fellowship Report 83-84 (materials for conference approval). It includes the list of WSC-Literature Subcommittee motions to be brought to WSC '84. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1984	The April 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 8 is mistakenly listed as Number 9) includes information on:

Date	Information
April 1984 (cont.)	1. The WSC decision to remove I.P. #3 <i>For Those We Love & Others</i>, I.P. #10 <i>A Guide to the Fourth Step Inventory</i>, and I.P. #17 <i>The Use of Medication in Recovery</i> from inventory in the section “World Service Office Adopts Budget and WSO Adopts Budget” 2. The Third edition of the Basic Text in the section “Report on Printing the Third Edition of the Text” 3. Translation of the White Book and select pamphlets into French, German, and Spanish in the section “General Notes” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1984	A special report to the Fellowship is published about literature being illegally printed and sold in the Fellowship. The report contains four letters. 1. A letter from Bob R., World Service Conference Chairman, that “centers on the danger that the illegal printing presents to the unity of the Fellowship, and particularly the groups and individuals closest to the illegal activity.” 2. A letter from Sally E., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, “with advice on the violation of the Tradition that illegal production and sale of the text or other literature represents.” 3. A letter from Chuck G., President of the World Service Office Board of Directors, that “details the impact of illegal printing on the World Service Office.” 4. A letter from Kevin F., past World Service Conference Treasurer and member of the World Service Office Board of Directors, “in which he provides an overview of the relationship between the World Service Conference, the World Service Office and their efforts to serve the Fellowship.” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 26, 1984	The World Service Conference directs the Fellowship to approve or disapprove the wording of the Fourth (4th) and Ninth (9th) Traditions in the 2nd edition. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 24 – 26, 1984	The ninth World Service Conference is held. The following sections include information on literature.

Date	Information
April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	1. Motions from WSC Literature Subcommittee report 2. Election to Literature Sub-Committee 3. World Service Board of Trustees Report 4. WSC Literature Report 5. WSC H&I Report 6. WSC Administrative Committee Report 7. World Service Office Report 8. 4th and 9th Traditions Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 18, 1984	The fellowship votes to go back to the wording of Traditions 4 and 9 in the 1st edition of the Basic Text. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1984	The August 1984 Fellowship Report contains: 1. A letter to the Fellowship from George H., WSC Chairperson about decision-making in a rapidly growing Fellowship (trusted servants and group conscience) 2. A special report from George H., WSC Chairperson on conference proposals that were referred to the Fellowship 3. WSC-Literature Sub-Committee Fellowship Report #1 4. WSC Policy Subcommittee Report – July 1, 1984 5. Letter to the Fellowship from Sally Evan, Chairperson WSB 6. Letter to Sally E. (Board of Trustees Chairperson) and the NA Fellowship from Sydney R. (Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson) regarding the Literature Review Committee 7. Letter to the Fellowship from Chuck G., President, W.S.O. Board of Directors 8. July 3, 1984 Memorandum to Chuck G. from Robert B. Stone regarding 1981/1982 Financial Records Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 1984	The September 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 9) includes information on: 1. Decisions facing the printing of the Third Edition of the Basic Text in the section “Problems with Third Edition of Our Text:

Date	Information
September 1984 (cont.)	2. An error in the last issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (April 1984) about “For Those We Love and Others” (I.P. #3) in the section “WSC-Literature Subcommittee” 3. The French and German translations of the White Book and five pamphlets are out for review in France and Germany in the section “From the Trustees” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1984	The October 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 10) includes information on: 1. Printing of the Third Edition of the Basic Text (page 2) 2. Printing of the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (page 2) 3. Translations (French, German, Castilian Spanish, and Portuguese (page 3) 4. Basic Text audio translation (page 4) 5. Responses to the previous <i>Newsline</i> issues requesting input on punctuation changes to the Basic Text in the section “Final Words” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 20, 1984	“The Third Edition was formally released on October 20, 1984.”²⁸ Link to source material, with list of personal stories added, at the end of the chronology.
November 1984	The November 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 11) includes information on: 1. Supply of 2nd edition of the Basic Text in the section “World Service Office Report” 2. Organizations outside of NA writing and producing literature about NA in the section “Report from the World Service Conference Chairperson” 3. Work on the Steps and Traditions book in the section “Report from the World Service Conference Vice Chairperson” 4. Updates from the WSC Literature Committee in the section “Report from the World Service Conference Literature Committee”

Date	Information
November 1984 (cont.)	5. The development pamphlets on “Women in Recovery in Institutions,” and “Adolescents in Institutions” in the section “Report from the Hospital and Institutions Committee Chairperson” 6. Editing stories in the section “From the Trustees” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1, 1985	The World Service Fellowship Report (WSC 1984 – 1985) published on February 1, 1985 includes information on: 1. A Fellowship Report from the World Literature Committee dated January 1985. 2. World Literature Committee Motions to be Introduced at WSC-85 3. WSC Ad-hoc Committee Fellowship Report January 1985 4. Procedural Guidelines for World Literature Committee 5. Letter to the N.A. Fellowship from Sally E., Chairperson World Service Board of Trustees 6. January 1985 Letter to the Fellowship from Robert Stone, Office Manager Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1985	The March 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 2) includes information on: 1. Hazelden agreeing to purchase N.A. literature in the section “World Service Office Report” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 21, 1985	Ginni S., Chairperson of the World Literature Committee, responds to a letter dated March 14, 1985 from Patrick S.. The letter addresses a request for a P.I. pamphlet for gay addicts. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 27, 1985	C. Patrick S., M.D. writes to Ginni S., WSC Literature Subcommittee about placing on the agenda a “proposed PI Pamphlet <i>To the Gay Addict.</i>” The letter outlines reasons why outreach is needed to the gay addict. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 29 – May 3, 1985	The tenth World Service Conference is held. 1. Matters submitted by the WSB 2. Discussion and motions following WSC Literature Chairperson report

Date	Information
April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	3. WSC Trustee Ad-Hoc Literature Committee report 4. WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee Report 5. Nominations for WSC Literature Committee 6. Items for consideration from the Administrative Committee 7. Elections Conducted 8. Old Business 9. WSC Literature Report 10. Translations 11. Written WSC Literature Committee Report Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 3, 1985	“On May 3, 1985, the WSC approved a motion ‘that the WSO be instructed to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular /plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the literature review committee for acceptance and approval prior to printing and distribution.’ (Minutes, WSC’85, pg. 36. The motion carried 47:1:3.) Work was begun late in 1985, but was not completed before the 1986 annual meeting of the World Service Conference.”²⁹ Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 1985	The May 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 3) includes information on: 1. The WSC decision to have the Basic Text professionally edited in the section “Basic Text” 2. Discoveries during proofreading of the Third Edition of the Basic Text in the section “From the Trustees” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 1985	The June 1985 <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Use of the draft of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> in the section “Special Notice About Using the Draft of It Works: How and Why” 2. Expected availability of revised service manuals in the section “Revisions to Existing Publications” 3. Search for an editor for the Basic Text in the section “Basic Text” Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
July 1985	The July 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 5) includes information on: 1. The London Regional Literature Committee in the section "The London Experience" by Mary B. 2. "Notice from the Literature Committee" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1985	The July 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Vice-Chairperson, WSC Administrative Committee 2. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 1985	The September 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report on the Activities of the Board of Trustees by Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB 2. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1985	The October 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 6) contains information on: 1. Errors in the previous issue of the <i>Newsline</i> about the review period for <i>It Works: How and Why</i> and the review status of <i>In Times of Illness</i> (in the section "News from the World Literature Committee") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1985	The November 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G. Vice Chairperson WSC 2. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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December 1985	The December 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 7) includes information on: 1. Translation of the White Booklet, <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, and some informational pamphlets into French, German, and Spanish in the section "Translation of N.A. Literature" 2. Unapproved literature in the section "Unapproved Literature" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1986	The January 1986 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 2. Report from Mary B., Chairperson International Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 28, 1986	From World Service Conference 85/86 – Conference Agenda Report 1. Report to the Fellowship from Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee. 2. Bid Letter from the Southern California Region 3. Report to the Fellowship by Jack B., Chairperson, The Board of Trustees 4. Report to the Fellowship from Steve B., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors 5. Action Item List for WSC 86 Meeting 6. Conference Committee Guidelines 7. Explanation of the Board of Trustees' Suggested White Book Revisions Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1986	The March 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 1) includes information on: 1. Part one of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> is being printed (in the section "Hot Off The Press!") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1986	The April 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 2) includes information on:

Date	Information
April 1986 (cont.)	1. The production of cassette tapes of the informational pamphlets, followed by the <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, the White Booklet, and the Basic Text (in the section “N.A. Literature on Cassette Tape”) 2. Basic Text sales, translation efforts, and the conference discussion on editing the Little White Book (in the section “From Bob Stone”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 28 – May 2, 1986	The eleventh World Service Conference is held. Literature related matters are reflected in the following sections of the minutes. 1. Policy 2. Publishing 3. White Book 4. WSC Administration Motions 5. Finance Committee 6. Nominations for Literature Committee 7. Literature Committee Report 8. Written World Literature Committee Report Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
June 1986	The June 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 4) includes information on: 1. World Service Conference action approving new literature and revising some existing literature (in the section “Printing Schedule for New Publications”) 2. World Service Conference action to edit the Basic Text and approval of the revised Little White Booklet (in the section “From Bob Stone”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1986	The July 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 5) includes information on: 1. A new handbook intended to be a “Resource Guide for Trusted Servants” (in the section “From the World Literature Committee”) 2. Draft agreements to allow certain countries to print NA literature (in the section “From Bob Stone”)

Date	Information
July 1986 (cont.)	Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1986	The July 1986 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L. WSC Vice-Chair World Service Conference 2. Report from Suzanne S., Chairperson World Literature Committee 3. Report from Ed D., Chair WSC Policy Committee 4. Report from Mary B., Chairperson International Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1986	The August 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 6) includes information on: 1. Progress with changes to the White Booklet and Basic Text (in the section "Literature Production Notes") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 1986	The September 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 7) includes information on: 1. An agreement between the WSO and the United Kingdom Fellowship and initial input on the <i>It Works: How and Why</i> draft (in the section "Literature Shorts") 2. Policies, literature distribution, and discounts (in the section "From Bob Stone") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1986	The October 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 8) includes information on: 1. A literature/translations meeting held at the Second Bilingual Convention in Montreal (in the section "Montreal, Canada Convention") 2. The first shipment of the Third Edition Revised Basic Text received by the WSO (in the section "World Services Update") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1986	"The Third Edition, Revised, was released in November 1986." ³⁰

Date	Information
November 1986	The November 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 9) includes information on: 1. Concerns raised about part one of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “It Works: How and Why”) 2. Plans to publish a large print White Booklet (in the section “Large Print White Booklet”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1987	The January 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 1) includes information on: 1. A literature issue raised by the Texas fellowship (in the section “Learning from Mistakes”) 2. Confusion about <i>It Works: How and Why</i> from the November 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (in the section “From Bob Stone”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 27, 1987	The following is from the World Service Conference 86/87 Conference Agenda Report. 1. WSC Agenda Report—WSC Chairperson 2. A Report on <i>It Works: How and Why</i> 3. Motions to be introduced by the WSC Literature Committee 4. WCNA Bid Letters Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1987	The March 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 3) includes information on: 1. The availability of the large print White Book, progress towards creating an audio version of the Basic Text, and translations (in section “New Recovery Materials Available”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 27 – May 1, 1987	The twelfth World Service Conference is held. Information related to literature appears in the following sections of the minutes. 1. Acting Literature Chair 2. A Guide to the Fourth Step

Date	Information
April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	3. World Service Office 4. WSC Literature Committee Report 5. WSC Literature Committee Nominations 6. Unanimous Recommendation of the Ad-hoc Committee on IT WORKS: How and Why, Part I Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 1987	The May 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 4) includes information on: 1. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> not being approved at the World Service Conference (in the section “New Literature Available”) 2. The creation of an ad hoc committee for <i>It Works: How and Why</i> for the purpose of collecting worldwide input and fostering the group conscience process (in the section “It Works”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1987	The July 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Vince D., Chairman <i>It Works: How & Why</i> Ad-hoc Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1987	A typo appears to have occurred in number the Volume of the August 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i>. The previous issue was listed as Volume 4 (Number 4) and this issue is listed as Volume 6 (Number 5). The August 1987 issue contains information on: 1. Priority list projects approved at WSC '87 (in the section “World Literature News”) 2. Plans for world workshops (in the section “WSC Ad-Hoc Committee on It Works [The Steps]”) 3. A request for Fellowship input on experiences with the Twelve Steps for use in <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “A Call for Assistance to all N.A. Members”)

Date	Information
August 1987 (cont.)	4. A plan of action for collecting Fellowship input on the review-form and approval form of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “An Excerpt from the July Fellowship Report of the WSC Ad-hoc Committee on It Works”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
September 1987	The September 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson World Literature Committee 3. Report from Leah G., Chairperson WSC Select Committee (Recovery Literature Approval) 4. Report from Vince D., Chairperson <i>It Works: How and Why</i> Ad-hoc Committee 5. Report from Robert Stone, Executive Director, World Service Office Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1987	The October 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 6) contains information on: 1. A reprint of the WLC Chairperson’s report explaining the difference between Conference-approved, approval-form, and review-form (in the section “World Literature”) 2. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section “New Materials Available From WSO.”) 3. Clarification about the <i>It Works</i> project with respect to the roles of the World Literature Committee and the Ad-Hoc Committee formed at the WSC (in the section “The Ad Hoc Committee On <u>It Works</u>”) 4. A request for input from the Chairperson of the <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee (in the section “On Another Note”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1, 1987	Leah G., Chairperson of the World Service Conference sends the Fellowship a report on the possibility and impact of reducing the price of the Basic Text and information pamphlets by 25%. Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
October 27, 1987	"The edited Basic Text, called the Fourth Edition, was released on October 27, 1987." ³¹
November 1987	The November 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference 2. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson, World Service Conference 3. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, World Literature Committee 4. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC <i>It Works</i> Ad-hoc Committee 5. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees 6. Report from Jim W., Chairperson, World Service Office Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
December 1987	The December 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information about: 1. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "From the World Literature Committee") 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "It Works: How and Why") 3. The soft cover Basic Text (in the section "Soft Cover Basic Text") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1988	The January 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, World Literature Committee 3. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee 4. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees 5. Report from Jim W., Chairperson, World Service Office Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 26, 1988	The World Service Conference 87/88 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information related to literature. 1. WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee 2. WSC Agenda Report—WSC Ad Hoc Committee on <i>It Works</i> 3. Motions from Regional Service Committees 4. Addendum 2F Proposed Guidelines for WSC Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1988	The February 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on:

Date	Information
February 1988 (cont.)	1. The soft cover Basic Text (in the section “Basic Text in Paperback”) 2. Literature projects (in the section “Literature Products”) 3. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “It Works: How and Why An Update”) 4. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “WSC 1988 Conference Agenda Report”) 5. New information pamphlets (in the section “Review-Form Literature”) 6. New information pamphlets (in the section “Approval-Form Literature”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1988	The March 1988 World Service Conference Regional Reports includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Arizona Regional Report to the W.S.C. 2. Australasian Regional Services 3. Chicagoland Regional Service Committee 4. Georgia Regional Report 5. Indiana Region 6. Mid-America Regional Report 7. Mountaineer Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous 8. Narcotics Anonymous of Southern Nevada 9. Sierra Sage Region 10. New England Regional Service Committee Report to the Conference 11. Greater New York Regional Report 12. Northern New York Region 13. Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee 14. Comité de Service Régional du Québec de Narcotiques Anonymes 15. Regional Service Conference of the Virginians 16. Show Me Region 17. Upper Midwest Region Report to the Conference 18. Wisconsin Region Report to World Service Conference ‘88 19. Washington Northern Idaho Region Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1988	The March 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee

Date	Information
March 1988 (cont.)	Vince D., Chairperson, WSC <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 25 – 29, 1988	The thirteenth World Service Conference is held. - Fourth edition of the Basic Text - Literature Sales Outside of the U.S. - Approval Literature - WSC Literature Committee Report - Commercial Literature Sales - Additional Motions related to Basic Text - Literature Committee Nominations - Translations Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 1988	The May 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: - The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section “Action on the Fourth Edition at WSC 1988”) - The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section “An Excerpt from WSO Report to the WSC”) - New approved information pamphlets (in the section “Post Conference World Literature News”) - Conference action at WSC 1988 directing a 5th edition of the Basic Text (in the section “Report from the WLC Chairperson”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1988	The July 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: - Report from Shari B., Treasurer, World Service Conference - Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee - Report from Donna M., Chairperson, Board of Directors Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1988	The August 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: The fourth edition controversy (in the section “Report to the Fellowship from the 1988/89 Ad-Hoc Committee on Correcting the Fourth Edition Basic Text”)

Date	Information
August 1988 (cont.)	2. Progress towards the fifth edition (in the section “Basic Text Fifth Edition”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1988	The October 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Bob H., WSC Vice Chairperson 2. Report from Vince D., WSC Literature Chairperson 3. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees 4. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
Nov./Dec. 1988	The November/December 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The fifth edition (in the section “Basic Text: Fifth Edition”) 2. A review and input draft on the Traditions (in the section “Draft Traditions Material Available from WSC Literature Committee”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
December 1988	The December 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 2. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1989	“The Fifth Edition of the Basic Text was released in January 1, 1989.”³²
January 24, 1989	The World Service Conference 88/89 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information about literature: 1. WSC Agenda Report—WSC Joint Administrative Committee 2. WSC Agenda Report—WSC Literature Committee 3. WSC Agenda Report—JAC Special Reports 4. WSC Agenda Report—Action Item List 5. WSC Literature Committee Work List 6. Regional Motions Assigned to WSC Service/Committees Boards Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
January/February 1989	The January/February issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information on: 1. The distribution of the 1 millionth copy of the Basic Text (in the section "The Basic Text: One Million Copies Sold") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1989	The March 1989 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., WSC Chairperson 2. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees 4. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1989	The March 1989 World Service Conference Regional Reports includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Alabama/NW Florida Region 2. Alaska Regional Service Committee 3. Best Little Region 4. British Columbia Regional Service Committee 5. Chicagoland Regional Service Committee 6. Comite de Service Regional du Quebec de Narcotiques Anonymes 7. Connecticut Region 8. Federal Republic of Germany N.A. Region 9. Florida Regional Service Committee 10. Georgia Regional Service Committee 11. Greater Illinois Regional Service Conference 12. Indiana Regional Service Conference 13. Iowa Regional Service Committee 14. Kentuckiana Regional Report 15. Lone Star Region of Texas 16. Louisiana Purchase Regional Service Committee 17. Mountaineer Regional Service Committee 18. Narcotics Anonymous London Region 19. New England Regional Service Committee 20. New Jersey Regional Service Conference

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March 1989 (cont.)	21. Northern New York Regional Service Committee 22. Ontario, Canada Region 23. Sierra Sage Region 24. Southern California Regional Service Committee 25. Tri-State Region 26. Upper Rocky Mountain Region 27. Volunteer Region 28. Wisconsin Regional Service Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 24 – 28, 1989	The fourteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. I.P. #R-18 <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i> 2. WSC Literature Committee Report 3. Board of Trustees and Traditions section of <i>It Works</i> 4. World Service Office Report by Bob Stone 5. World Literature Committee Nominations Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1989	The July 1989 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The status of “For those in Treatment,” “In Times of Illness,” <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, plans for a “daily book,” and the revised <i>Handbook for Literature Committees</i> (in the section “News from the Literature Department”) 2. Basic Text inventory (in the section “From Bob Stone.”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
October 1989	The October 1989 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information on: 1. The commemorative edition of the Basic Text and translations (in the section “Basic Text Translations”) 2. The sale of the Basic Text to commercial bookstores (in the section “Basic Text Sales”) 3. Updates on pricing (in the section “Literature Sales Price Changes”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
January 1990	The January 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 4) includes information on: 1. The Traditions section of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "From the Literature Chairperson") 3. Publication of the French Basic Text (in the section "French Basic Text") 4. The printing of literature through the European Service Office (in the section "ESO to Print") 5. Translations (in the section "Translation") 6. A mention of literature price changes (in the section "From Bob Stone") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 23, 1990	The World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous 89/90 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information on literature. 1. WSC Agenda Report – WSC Joint Administrative Committee 2. WSC Agenda Report – World Service Board of Trustees 3. WSC Agenda Report – WSO Board of Directors 4. WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee 5. WSC Literature Committee Work List 6. Input from Regions Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
March 1990	The March 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 5) contains information on: 1. The decision to not make the Basic Text available at commercial bookstores (in the section "No Bookstore Sales at this Time") 2. A study regarding literature sales in Canada (in the section "Canadian Literature Sales") 3. Input provided to the WSO (in the section "Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 4. Process and procedures (in the section "From the Literature Chairperson") 5. Review of fellowship input (in the section "December Steps Ad Hoc Report") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

Date	Information
April 23 – 27, 1990	The fifteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. Report from the Board of Trustees 2. World Service Office Report 3. WSC H&I Report 4. WSC Literature Committee Report 5. WSC Literature Committee Nominations 6. Motion List Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
May 1990	The May 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 6) contains information on: 1. Approval and publication of the Group Booklet (in the section “The Group Booklet”) 2. Approval and publication of the Revised Literature Handbook (in the section “The Revised Literature Handbook”) 3. An update from the 1990 WSC in the section (“From the Literature Chairperson”) 4. The Japanese translation of literature) in the section “Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Islands: Summary of Japanese Translations”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
July 1990	The July 1990 issues of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 7) includes information on: 1. The illegal printing of the Basic Text (in the section “Basic Text Controversy Subsides”) 2. H&I literature updates (in the section “News from Hospitals and Institutions”) 3. Meetings of the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee (in the section “From the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee”) 4. The Group Booklet, Revised Literature Handbook, and I.P.’s For Those in Treatment and In Times of Illness (in the section “The Literature Department”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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October 18, 1990	Terri B. sends a letter to the Greater San Jose Area Fellowship with the subject "The Book Controversary." The controversy is defined by the question "Can individuals, groups or areas take N.A. literature, change it to fit their own ideas, print it, publish and distribute it for cost or for free?" Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
December 1990	The December 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 8) contains information on: 1. The decision to pursue litigation around the illegal printing and distribution of the Basic Text (in the section "Illegal Basic Text Update") 2. Literature translation (in the section "Update from the Translation Department") 3. The availability of the Group Booklet (in the section "From the Literature Department") 4. The WSC Literature Committee (in the section "From the WSC Literature Chairperson") 5. Work on the Traditions (in the section "From the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 22, 1991	The Narcotics Anonymous World Service Conference 90/91 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information about literature. 1. WSC Agenda Report – World Service Board of Trustees 2. WSC Agenda Report – WSO Board of Directors 3. WSC Agenda Report-WSC Literature Committee 4. World Services Translation Committee and Policy 5. World Service Travel Committee Operational Plan 6. WSC Literature Committee Work List 7. Input from Regions Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 21 – 26, 1991	The sixteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. First Board of Trustees panel presentation 2. WSO and WCC Panel Presentation 3. Intellectual and Physical Property

Date	Information
April 21 – 26, 1991 (cont.)	4. Basic Text 5. Public Information 6. WSC Literature Committee 7. Nominations 8. Motions #13, 14, and 15 9. Translations Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1992	The 1992 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information on literature. 1. World Services Translation Committee 2. WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service 3. World Service Board of Trustees 4. WSC Literature Committee 5. Addendum 1: World Services Translation Committee and Policy 6. Addendum 3: The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust 7. Addendum 4: World Service Board of Trustees Operational Procedures 8. Addendum 6: World Service Board of Trustees Internal Guidelines 9. International Development Forum 10. Approved Internal Affairs Committee Conference Call Minutes 11. Report to World Service Board of Trustees Multinational Development Mini-Forum 12. Addendum 9 WSC Literature Committee Work Lists 13. Addendum 12: Regional Motions Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
January 1992	After not being published in 1991, the <i>Newsline</i> returned in January 1990 and included information on: 1. Proposed 10% increase in literature prices (in the section “Literature Price Increase”) 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> review and input (in the section “Upcoming Material for Fellowship Review and Input”) 3. New literature for approval at the 1992 WSC; Just For Today, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, and Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust handbook (in the section “New Materials for WSC ’92 Approval Now Available”)

Date	Information
January 1992 (cont.)	4. Updates on the review of Traditions (in the section "From the WSB Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 5. Administrative aspects of the WLC (in the section "From the Literature Department") 6. Continued occurrences of unauthorized production and distribution of literature (in the section "Unauthorized Literature Distribution") 7. Availability of the Commemorative Edition of the Basic Text (in the section "Commemorative Edition") 8. A summary of revenue and expenses related to the Commemorative Edition of the Basic Text and translation efforts (in the section "1990-1991 Translation Expense Summary") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 25 – 30, 1992	The seventeenth World Service Conference is held and includes the following: 1. Motions carried at WSC '92 related to literature 2. Motions committed at WSC '92 related to literature 3. Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust 4. Translations Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 1992	The <i>Newsline</i> becomes the <i>WSO Newsline</i> with the new editorial policy of working "...hand-in-hand with the <i>Conference Digest</i> to keep NA members informed about their world services. While the <i>Digest</i> keeps you current on WSC boards and committees, the <i>Newsline</i> helps you stay abreast of what's happening at your World Service Office." The April 1992 Issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. Active, pending, and inactive translation efforts (in the section "Translations Update") Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1992	The <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 7, Number 3) includes information on: 1. New products (Just For Today, In Times of Illness, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous, and 1992 Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure (in the section "New Products Available")

Date	Information
August 1992 (cont.)	2. The promotion of Julie Kirkpatrick to Literature Coordinator (in the section “Inside WSO”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1, 1992	The November 1, 1992 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 7, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Sales of <i>Just for Today</i> (in the section “WSO Sales, Products, Finances”) 2. A posting for a translations assistant (in the section “Personnel”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
1993	The 1993 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information related to literature. 1. World Service Conference 1993 Motions 2. World Service Board of Trustees – Intellectual Property Trust 3. WSC Administrative Committee 4. World Services Translation Committee 5. WSC Public Information Committee 6. WSC Literature Committee 7. Addendum B: Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (Reader’s Notes) 8. Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property 9. World Services Translation Policy 10. World Services Translations Committee Internal Guidelines 11. WSC Literature Committee 1993-94 Work Lists Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
February 1, 1993	The February 1, 1992 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 8, Number 1) includes information on: 1. Sales of <i>Just for Today</i>, the Spanish White Book, and Brazilian Portuguese and German Basic Text translations (in the section “Product Information, Development”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
April 24 – May 1, 1993	The eighteenth World Service Conference is held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California. 1. Traditions Group Reading Card

Date	Information
April 24 – May 1, 1993 (cont.)	2. Translations 3. Basic Text moratorium 4. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> 5. WSC Literature Committee Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
August 1993	The August 1993 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 8, Number 2) includes information on: 1. The availability of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “NA Step, Tradition Book Now Available”) 2. The availability of <i>An Introductory Guide to NA</i> and Spanish NA White Book (in the section “Other New) Items Currently in Stock” 3. Upcoming availability of the Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text (in the section “In Stock Soon”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.
November 1993	The November 1993 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 8, Number 3) includes information on: 1. Reference to three intellectual property bulletins (in the section “Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust”) 2. Staffing (in the section “World Service Inventory”) 3. The availability of the <i>Just for Today, gift edition, the Group Booklet</i> in Spanish, and the Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text (in the section “Literature Update”) 4. The anticipated December 1, 1993 availability of the Temporary Working Guide in our Service Structure (TWGSS) (in the section “In Stock Soon”) Link to source material at the end of the chronology.

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1953 – 1959

Date	Information
1953/1954	Per Jack Prohs, the writing of the first piece of NA literature begins in late 1953. “Jack was invited to a dinner meeting of the NA Board of Trustees in 1986. He was invited so that he could tell, for the record, what he knew about the origins of NA.”³³ <i>“Q: You mentioned about the pamphlet. You started writing that in late 1953 or in early 1954?”</i> Jack: <i>About late '53.</i> <i>Q: That pamphlet was written in, what, 1953?”</i> Jack: <i>Yeah.”</i>³⁴ Per Bob Stone: “Even though Jimmy had given up the leadership role, he made what may have been one of his most significant contributions to NA during that period. It was described by Jack as he told of an AA member who printed copies of the first NA pamphlet, in late 1953 or early 1954.”³⁵ The commemorative literature timeline created by NAWs and displayed at WCNA-30 lists it as 1954. It is referred to as the <i>Little Brown Booklet</i> and described as the “precursor to the <i>Little White Booklet</i>.”³⁶

1960 – 1969

Date	Information
1960	David A. Stewart's book <i>Thirst for Freedom</i> references Narcotics Anonymous and influences the I.P. Another Look. From <i>Thirst for Freedom</i>" "Drug addicts who develop real insight will follow up their freedom in Narcotics Anonymous. This therapy is similar to A.A. and can bring the same effective results when it secures the support it richly deserves." Jimmy K. reads <i>Thirst for Freedom</i>. Its influence can be seen with: • The I.P. Another Look, written by Jimmy K. ○ From <i>Thirst For Freedom</i> – "Though we cannot say precisely what addiction is, we can say what it is not. Addiction is not a way of life, although it may appear to be." ○ From Another Look – "If we can find greater agreement on <i>what Addiction is Not</i>, then perhaps <i>what it is</i> may appear with greater clarity." • The Narcotics Anonymous symbol ○ From <i>Thirst For Freedom</i> – "With this new basic philosophy, the new A.A. member sets about to reorder his life around four main ideas – the <i>Self, Society, Service</i> and <i>God</i>." ○ The four-sided NA symbol – Self, Society, Service and God³⁷
1960	New literature is created: • <i>Who Is an Addict?</i> is written by Jimmy K. • <i>What Is the Narcotics Anonymous Program</i> is written by Jimmy K. & Sylvia W. • <i>Why Are We Here</i> is written by Jimmy K. & Sylvia W. • <i>How It Works</i> (the paragraphs before/after the 12-Steps) is written by Jimmy K. • <i>What Can I do?</i> is written by Jimmy K. • <i>Recovery and Relapse</i> is written by Jimmy K.³⁸
1961	"We Do Recover" is written by Jimmy K.³⁹
1963	"Another Look" written by Jimmy K.⁴⁰
1961/1962	<i>Little White Book</i> is published in either 1961 or 1962. There are conflicting sources for the date.⁴¹⁴² The <i>Little White Book</i> includes: 1. A short foreword.

1960 – 1969

Date	Information
1961/1962 (cont.)	2. A new section titled <i>Who is an Addict?</i> 3. Revisions to the section <i>What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?</i> In addition to revising content, <i>What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?</i> becomes two distinct sections. The new section is titled <i>Why Are We Here?</i> 4. One of the interesting changes appears in <i>Why Are We Here?</i> The following sentence is added “<i>Most of us realized, that in our addictions, we were slowly committing suicide, but such cunning enemies of life are narcotics and sedation that we had lost the power to do anything about it.</i>” The word “addiction” appears eight times and “addictions” once. 5. The addition of a section title <i>How It Works</i> to the 12-Steps. a. Adding the word “our” to Step One (“our addiction”). b. Changing “these” to “those” in Step Twelve (“as a result of those steps”). 6. The addition of a section title <i>What Can I Do?</i> This section title is added to existing content (just after the 12-Steps). The content is revised. 7. A new section titled <i>The Twelve Traditions of N.A.</i> 8. Revisions to <i>Just For Today</i> 9. Replacing “Our Prayer” with “Serenity Prayer” to refer to the Serenity Prayer. 10. Moving the Serenity Prayer from before Just For Today to after it.
1966	During 1966, the trustees selected personal stories to add to the booklet <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>, commonly referred to by the fellowship as <i>The White Book</i>, or <i>The Little White Book</i> (or Booklet). The first stories included were <i>We Do Recover</i> (Jimmy K.), <i>One Third of My Life</i> (Phil P.), <i>I Can’t Do Any More Time</i> (Penny K.), <i>One Woman’s Story</i> (Betty G.), <i>The Vicious Circle</i> (Gene H.), and <i>Something Meaningful</i> (Bob B.).⁴³ A new section, <i>Recovery and Relapse</i>, is added after the Twelve Traditions of N.A. The Foreword is moved to the back of the booklet and the heading “Foreword” is dropped. The spelling of indispensable (sic) is changed to indispensable in “there are three things that seem indispensable.” The word “addictions” appears two more times, appearing once in <i>We Do Recover</i> (“When my addictions brought me to the point of complete

1960 – 1969

Date	Information
1966 (cont.)	powerlessness, uselessness, and surrender some fourteen years ago, there was no N.A. I found A.A. and in that Fellowship met addicts who had also found that program to be the answer to their problem.”) and once in <i>I Can’t Do Any More Time</i> (“I admitted I was powerless over alcohol and my addictions, that my life was unmanageable.”). ⁴⁴
1967	The earliest known IP, <i>Another Look</i> , is distributed to groups. ⁴⁵

1970 – 1975

Date	Information
February 15, 1972	Efforts are made to gather input for a hard-cover book. A letter is mailed to the fellowship from the 'Book Committee, NA World Service Office' asking members to write and submit their stories to the office for possible inclusion in a book. "Julie helped distribute a February, 1972 letter from the 'Book Committee, NA World Service Office' in which the committee asked members to write their stories and submit them to the office for possible inclusion in the book."⁴⁶ A letter goes out to the Fellowship asking for material for the hard-cover book approved by the Board of Trustees. "We need your help! As you know, the Board of Trustees has authorized the preparation of a hard-cover book, entitled Narcotics Anonymous, to enlarge the present pamphlet of that name. We plan to have a much expanded description of the drug addict, the drug dependency problem in general, and our program of recovery – what it is and how it works. We hope that this new book will fulfill the same needs as AA's Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, which has been important to our recovery. However successful AA's Big Book has been for us, we desperately need to present our program of recovery and way of life in terms that are meaningful to the newcomer who cannot identify with alcoholism. How many have died because of this lack of identity? Can we forget our primary purpose? We need a vehicle for our program and a cohesive base upon which N.A. can grow. Whether or not we get this book into publication in the near future depends on you. A great amount of individual and group effort is necessary if we are to be successful. The first step we must take towards our goal is the gathering of information from many sources, but mainly from you. We already have a group of dedicated members in Northern California who are doing some fine work on an expanded version of the first sections of our N.A. Pamphlet (Who is an Addict, What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program, How it Works etc.). This is the type of action that will make an N.A. Big Book possible. We need more drafts of this material so that we can put together the best possible book. We also need additional stories to include in this book, by clean addicts with some time in N.A. relating what it used to be like, what happened, and

1970 – 1975

Date	Information
February 15, 1972 (cont.)	what it's like now. In the present N.A. Booklet most of the stories stress the 'hard' drugs, mainly heroin, in the new book we also need to include stories by the user of newer drugs – speed, acid, pills, and such. This is especially important because of the great influx of addicts using drugs other than heroin. We'll certainly still deal heavily with recovery from heroin addiction (and we need new stories on such recovery) but we don't want to limit the attraction of our book, or of the N.A. program, to opiate users only. If you or any new members of your N.A. group would like to submit drafts of stories or chapters for possible inclusion in the book, please do. We need contributions from all geographical areas, as well as from a wide variety of drugs used. We would like to emphasize the recovery phase in the addict's story – share our experience, strength, and hope, rather than just give a long 'drug-a-log' ending with 'And then I joined N.A. and now everything is all right.' Stories should be about the length of those in the existing pamphlet. Please send us several copies of your draft, if possible, so that we can distribute it for evaluation. So if you want to get involved, if you have some good ideas, and most important if you have something to contribute please write us at: Book Committee N.A. World Service Office 2335 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90016 Our primary purpose is to stay clean and carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We need your help.” (Stamped February 15, 1972)⁴⁷
November 17, 1975	The N.A. Tree establishes literature committees of the: 1. World Service Board 2. World Service Conference <u>From “World Service Board”</u> “The WSB is responsible for the administration of our World Service Office. In this capacity they strive to increase the effectiveness of its many functions and coordinate its activities. In order to perform this function and others the WSB

1970 – 1975

Date	Information
November 17, 1975 (cont.)	utilizes a subcommittee system similar to that used by our ASC and RSC; the main difference is that the Trustee committees are permanent while the General Service subcommittees are usually set up to deal with specific needs and disbanded when their job is done. The standing committees of the World Service Board indicate the major functions of the Board and include: public relations, finance, literature, institutions, policy, planning, and nominations.” <u>From “World Service Conference”</u> “These committees include: the literature committee, finance committee, World Service Office Committee, World Service Board Committee, public relations committee. institutions committee, conference report committee, and the Conference Planning Committee. Each delegate serves on one committee. Each committee contains at least one trustee: and those committees which have equivalents in the WSO or WSB meet in conjunction with them.”⁴⁸

1976

Date	Information
1976	The <i>White Book</i> is published with a wider printed format. On the inside cover: • The Foreword is placed in the front, where it originally was. In 1966, it was moved to the back and "Foreword" was removed as a header. "Foreword" is added back as a header. • A copyright is added below the Foreword; © 1976 C.A.R.E.N.A. Other changes include: • Just For Today is moved after <i>We Do Recover</i> and before the personal stories. • "One Woman's Story" is removed. • The following stories were added after "Something Meaningful." ○ "I Was Different" written by Greg P. ○ "Fearful Mother" written by Betty K. ○ "Fat Addict" written by Bill B. • The Gratitude Prayer, written by Jimmy K., is added to the inside of the back cover.⁴⁹
1976	Copyrights were filed for NA's first six pamphlets: <i>Who, What, How, and Why; The Group; Another Look; Recovery and Relapse; We Made A Decision; and So You Love an Addict</i> (was also published under the title <i>For Those We Love and Others</i>). The last two were later withdrawn by the World Service Conference.⁵⁰
May 1976	In <i>My Years with NA</i>, Bob Stone reports on the board meeting for the World Service Office. "When the office board met in May, Greg suggested they form secondary committees but that was squashed by Jimmy in deference to expected action by the trustees. It is declared in the minutes that 'the Literature Committee will remain within the province of the office, although supervised by a proper committee.' This declaration later became the basis of an ongoing battle between the office and the Conference Literature Committee."⁵¹
November 13, 1976	The first World Service Conference is held in Ventura, CA. Literature is discussed in the minutes. "A basic need for more literature had to be met and met at once. Despite many requests to the fellowship, only a trickle of input was coming into the literature committee..."

1976

Date	Information
November 13, 1976 (cont.)	"The general result of this first Conference was to formulate Committees to work more diligently on new N.A. literature and a Book on Recovery and also to develop more clearly the guidelines, policies and Structure of N.A." ⁵²

1977

Date	Information
October 21 – 23, 1977	Bo attends the 7 th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in San Francisco, CA in order to find out who is working on a book for NA. He is introduced to Greg P. ⁵³
December 14, 1977	Bo types a letter to Greg P. about his work on material for pamphlets and the N.A. book. Link to source material at the end of the chronology. “Dear Greg: Guess who bought a typewriter! I hope you have a nice Christmas. Please say hi to Lois and the baby. Hope to see you next year. I’ve gotten off to a rolling start with the writing. I’ve started umpteen pamphlets (sic) and worked on a few notes for the N.A. book. My friends here know of my efforts and I hope to get a few of them together soon for input and discussion. Hopefully this will take place here and elsewhere. Thank God it has begun. At this point I feel like we have to involve as many as possible to make sure we cover all the points of view. Involving people might strangle the effort in controversy but I really trust the Spirit and believe that we’d be poor servants to leave them out. Somehow if we could get our best minds working on this in harmony, I just know it would strengthen the gut of the program. In my thinking it has occurred to me what we’re up against. Like, is N.A. a cure for addiction? How to help doctors learn to treat or react to addiction. I would hate to see any valid point of view left out. Also I would hate to see any great length of time elapse without some progress. Please write to me my friend. Your friend, Bo”⁵⁴

1978

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April 2, 1978	Mark McG. (Bay Cities) is elected chairman for the newly formed World Service Conference Literature Committee. ⁵⁵
October 1978	Rich B., editor of the N.A. News (Pennsylvania), writes an article titled N.A. Literature for the October 1978 issue of N.A. News. The article encourages members to submit material for new N.A. literature. <u>"N.A. Literature</u> by Rich B. - Editor At the last Regional meeting in Pa. in May, a new committee was formed which was supposed to deal with new ideas for N.A. literature and revising our current literature. I, for one, am guilty of volunteering for this committee and then going nowhere with it. Some talk was made about revising the old literature and all at once everyone wanted to tear down something which has been working for a long time for a lot of addicts. THIS IS NOT WHAT N.A. NEEDS. Anyone can take something which is written and tear it apart and find fault with it; but Hell man, where will that get us? That way we won't have any literature at all by the time we are through. What N.A. needs instead of knocking down the old, is to build up the new. N.A. needs a 12&12 which addicts can relate to. N.A. needs an equivalent to A.A.'s Big Book, one which is representative of addicts from every walk of life and which can be a guide to sobriety for dope fiends everywhere. N.A. needs new pamphlets to deal with the many individual problems addicts are confronted with. But, in order to make this all possible, N.A. needs <u>YOU!</u> How many times have you complained about no new literature? How many times have you wished you could turn to a complete reference on the N.A. way of life when you were confronted with a difficult time in your sobriety? How many times have you had difficulty dealing with a particular step or tradition? I know that I have done these things many, many times. Isn't it about time someone did something about this problem? Well, some addicts are. Right now there is an effort being made to compile a 12&12 and an N.A. Big Book. Somewhere, right now, someone is writing down a few words about what N.A. is to them. These few words don't amount to much alone, but, taken collectively from many addicts, it could answer our wishes.

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October 1978 (cont.)	Won't YOU help? Don't YOU want to be a part of this endeavor? You can! All it takes is a little time and a desire to help other addicts. We all have a message to share. Why not commit yourself to your sobriety and send in <u>YOUR</u> story on your recovery from addiction? It doesn't take all that much time. Maybe you can write a new pamphlet for N.A. There are many topics to write about. Just to name a few: 1) New Playgrounds and New Playmates 2) Jails, Institutions, and Death 3) Resentments KILL 4) White Knuckled Sobriety These are possible titles for new pamphlets which came out of the Atlanta Area. There are many, many more. I hope YOU will try your hand at helping. I know for me, I am tired of waiting for someone else to do it for me. If I want it to be, it starts with me. So send in something soon. It may not ever get published, but who knows, maybe it will. Then you will know you have carried the message to the suffering addict. You may send in any ideas you have or any stories on your addiction to the W.S.O. in California. Or you can send it to the N.A. News and it will be sent in and considered. Send anything you have to: WORLD SERVICE OFFICE P.O. BOX 622 SUN VALLEY, CALIF. 91352 NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS P.O. BOX 1521 KINGSTON, PA 18704"⁵⁶
November 1978	The November 1978 issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Volume 1, Issue 2) includes information on: 1. Printing challenges reported by the World Service Staff in a section titled "Attention Please" 2. Requests for input for new and revised literature in the section "A Letter from the Chairman, Conference Lit. Comm." <u>From "Attention Please"</u> "We want to ask all groups who either have orders for literature already sent in or who are in the process of ordering to realize that due to a paper strike in the Northwest we are experiencing a serious shortage of paper and cannot fill orders for White Books as fast as we would like. However, Informational Pamphlets

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November 1978 (cont.)	and other things are plentiful, so please bear with us through this crisis. The World Service Staff" <u>From "A Letter from the Chairman, Conference Lit. Comm."</u> <u>"Big Books, Little Books, Comic Books</u> As a result of the recent World Service Conference, N.A. now has an ongoing literature committee that is responsible for reviewing and revising all existing and all new pieces of literature. And this committee needs your help! As of now, all N.A. literature (the N.A. Pamphlet, the N.A. Tree, and all the Information Pamphlets) is up for review/revision and is subject to approval by the members of next year's World Service Conference. Have you ever wished you could rewrite part or all of the N.A. Pamphlet or one of the I.P.? Now you can. Just sit down and write out your suggestions, type them up, and mail them to: Conference Literature Committee c/o World Service Office P.O. Box 622 Sun Valley, CA 91352 All suggestions received will be considered. We also need input from you, the fellowship, in order to be able to put together new literature. There is still a sad lack of literature in N.A. ANY ideas you might have are probably good ones. Write them up! And this means anything, books, pamphlets, personal stories, experience or views on the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions, anything on God and how did you find your Higher Power, etc. etc. etc. The Literature Committee exists to respond to you. If we receive input from you, anything can happen. If not, very little will happen. Share your experience, strength, and hope. Share the message of a loving God and recovery from a lethal disease. The time is now and – Here we are, Mark M. Chairman, Conference Literature Committee"⁵⁷

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1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 2) includes the following information about literature: 1. A report given by the Literature Committee at the 2nd Annual World Service Conference <u>From Literature Committee</u> "This committee has done a fantastic job. Mark M, chairman, presented their packet gift wrapped in a blue plastic jacket. There are about forty pages, such as 'For the Newcomer', 'Getting Realer', 'Made a Decision' (revised), 'Another Look' (revised) and The Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous (twenty-seven pages)." p. 2⁵⁸
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 3) publishes a letter from Bo S., Chairman of the World Service Conference Literature Committee. "World Service Conference Literature Committee After years it has dawned on us that the reason that we don't have a basic text beyond the white pamphlet is that our fellowship has grown to include thousands of recovering addicts. No person or small group of persons can know NA completely. We each know only a pie-slice of the whole. We have to combine in this effort if we are to accurately compile a basic text. We must go to you, the concerned members of Narcotics Anonymous, for vital information before we can begin to compose the story of our Fellowship and our recovery from addiction. We are asking you to help us in our drive for new literature for the Narcotics Anonymous program. We represent interested members from around the country and would like to add you to our mailing list. We will be sending out tapes, transcripts, and copies of review material that will be expensive to reproduce. We are forced to limit our mailing list to those actually concern~ with the process of literature development. If you are interested and can form a literature committee in your area, please respond immediately. We are planning a special literature conference in the mid year and want to suit everyone's convenience as to the date and place we set. We promise you won't be left with another 'committee' looking for something to do. There is plenty to do and it has helped us stay clean and sober. We are

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1979 (cont.)	transcribing NA speaker tapes, creating new pamphlets relating to the needs of our members, collecting stories and just noting down thoughts for one-liners and special viewpoints on NA recovery. This work is exciting-get involved. We're counting on You. You Are The Book Our message of recovery is based on our own experience. Before coming to the program, we exhausted ourselves trying to use successfully or trying to find out what was wrong with us. After coming to the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship, we find ourselves among a very special bunch of people. At first it's hard to realize they've had it as bad as we have. In time we discover that almost all had it worse than we have in some way. Many were a great deal worse off than we were. Then we find hope. If the Narcotics Anonymous program worked for them, it might work for us. Then we began to ask questions and listen a little more closely to the answers. After all there's a chance we can get a little relief. At first a great deal of the program sails right past us. We hear a lot about twelve steps and spiritual principles. It is usually difficult for us to realize how these steps and principles can help with our problems. Our problems are very real and quite complex. They've gotten steadily worse for a long time. No simple answer seems possible. We hear that addiction is a disease and not a fault. We are told that by simply avoiding the next pill, fix, drink or toke we interrupt the chain reaction leading <i>to</i> further desperation and despair. Eventually we begin to apply the things we've heard others talk about and experience genuine surprise when we get results. Most of us have been let down so many times, we've given up hope. Now we have to admit that the program has worked for us a little bit. The more things we've heard, the more we'll find our lives improving. We of Narcotics Anonymous don't promise to have all the answers but we've found out that our lives steadily improved if we don't use and learn to maintain our spiritual condition. In time we run into an addict seeking help and discover ourselves really able to respond to their needs. We are giving others what we have found. The truth is that the more we give in this way, the more we have to offer. Our own needs are met when we learn to live for others. Through practicing our honesty, openmindedness (sic) and willingness <i>to</i> try, we develop humility, tolerance and patience. We are able to love the unlovable and discover self-acceptance. We are not as likely to create problems in our living. We finally realize we have a choice in the matter of our lives.

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1979 (cont.)	Many members working on literature for our program believe we're going to have a big, fat book someday soon. Multiplying individual recovery by the number of addicts clean and sober today (estimated 7,000) we realize how massive our spoken tradition has become. Right now, you are the book. When you speak to the newcomer or the oldtimer in trouble what you say comes from what you have learned at the meetings and in fellowship. We all know how we did before coming to the program. If it's any different today, it must come from a loving power, greater than ourselves, working through these people in the program. What we have learned is from the spoken tradition of Narcotics Anonymous. Right now a bunch of us addicts are banding together within traditions and the service structure of NA to form committees to develop new literature. We are finding that our basic task is to write down the spoken tradition. From the first we realized that this was a fantastic opportunity to serve others. This alone motivated a lot of us in the beginning. We are finding that literature work really helps us directly in our personal recoveries. As we discuss pamphlet topics or chapter material, we find our understanding of the program growing. Our dependence on a power greater than ourselves gets more comfortable. When we think of the addicts who won't have to die never knowing that there is hope for recovery, we are grateful. We have begun work on a basic text for the program of Narcotics Anonymous. We are members who recognize the need and the opportunity to serve. We realize that our work will be incomplete without the input of every NA member with something to offer. In the Spirit of Fellowship, we hope to attract and to involve members of Narcotics Anonymous from all areas with concern and talent who are willing to set aside personal differences in love and service to the addict who still suffers. It is necessarily their place to let us know of their desire to be of service and our place to welcome their interest and participation. We are asking that members within each area of the fellowship form a literature committee and/or contact us immediately. To secure this material without giving offense to those we serve, we should practice the principles and develop our own humility, tolerance, and patience. Practicing these principles may help us to remember that the book is a giant Twelfth Step for us all. Committees or individuals can work on articles and pamphlet material, tape and transcribe NA

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1979 (cont.)	speaker meetings and special topic discussion (sic) meetings, or just note down thoughts and feelings as they occur. Through correspondence, phone calls and personal visits between different areas, we can keep in touch and feed back to one another. Get into action and send in material now! For the book, we need complete and accurate material relating directly to NA recovery. Real, personal experiences and the spoken tradition should form the basis for our text. The personal experiences of learning to live clean and sober will provide examples of how it works that should be useful to others in recovery. The spoken tradition is comprised of those things we say to help others achieve NA recovery. Many members have written down things that might be of use to others. This material should be sent in now. To get results we are trying to set achievable goals and break the work down into steps or stages. The first stage we see is developing and collecting material. The second stage will be composition and arrangement of the material into a useful and natural order. The third stage will involve review of a working manuscript by literature committees and individual members. There are four main ways to contribute that have worked so far. They are also things that almost every NA member can do at some point in their recovery. The following four ways allow any willing NA member to contribute or participate: I. Articles and pamphlets will support and illuminate the process of NA recovery. Inspired members and groups will contribute their insights and viewpoints in this way. Work on the pamphlets will reveal some amazing people and groups who want to serve but just don't think they have a way to get involved right now. God willing, we can change that. II. One liners (sic) and paragraphs can be worked into the text during the composition stage. We need to start accumulating them now. Many of us are writing down things as they occur to us at meetings or in fellowship. We have many pages of notes of this sort; we need more. III. Material transcribed from tapes of NA speakers and topic discussions will allow many thoughts and feelings to be included that don't often

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1979 (cont.)	occur to us in writing. Special care and consideration is called for in this area if we are to avoid breaking someone's anonymity. We need material on member's experience of NA recovery and details of a personal nature. IV. Stories of NA recovery telling what it was like, what happened and what it's like now will serve as resource material for the basic text. Many of these stories will likely appear in the first edition. It may be helpful to emphasize those things which gave us early help in recovery, experience with the principles and the Twelve Steps or would help a newcomer identify with our program. It is important to pass on your material as soon as it is completed or when you stop working on it. This way it will be available to other literature committees. Communications between literature should include minutes of meetings, tapes and transcripts, and unfinished material. This raw material is exciting. Only by honestly applying ourselves to the footwork do we provide our Higher Power the opportunity to guide us towards completion of a book incorporating the best we know of recovery from addiction in the program of Narcotics Anonymous. We combine in this effort for our own recovery, for our newcomers today, and those sure to come. In Loving Service, Bo S., Chairman WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE 391 Cranfill Street Marietta, GA 30060 (404) 436-0953 (404) 427-2086⁵⁹
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 4) includes the following literature-related information: 1. <i>Resentments Kill</i>, new literature drafted by the WSC Literature Committee in Marietta, GA a. This contains another example of reliance on the Big Book by current NA members. 2. The Wichita Literature Conference

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1979 (cont.)	<u>From Resentments Kill</u> NEW LITERATURE <i>'Resentments Kill' was compiled by the WSC Literature Committee in Marietta Georgia. This is a proposed new pamphlet. A response was sent in by a woman who was going through grief and resentment over the death of a close friend. We realize that Narcotics Anonymous literature will not always take away the pain, but hopefully it can comfort the suffering addict. That may be why it is so important for members to respond to requests for new literature by the WSC Literature Committee. By sharing our strength, hope and experience, we help others as well as ourselves.</i> RESENTMENTS KILL <i>'for it is in forgiving that we are forgiven.'</i> <i>-St. Francis</i> When we forgive the shortcomings of another person, we receive the benefits of that forgiveness. By using the resources of the program of Narcotics Anonymous – a sponsor, a friend in the program or a meeting – we don't have to waste time dwelling on negative feelings. Setting another person straight often has self-destructive effects. If only we could see our own defects as clearly as we see others! Justified resentments are especially dangerous. When we have actually been injured by another, we should deal with our situation openly and honestly rather than internalizing our anger and creating resentment. Bottled up anger can produce a live steam effect that causes us to explode in uncontrolled aggression (sic). In other words, don't hold resentment inside where it can grow. Talk to your sponsor or someone in the program with whom you are close to (sic) take it to a meeting without mentioning names if you feel you cannot directly approach the person against whom you hold the resentment. By doing this you get past the hostility generated by the resentment and into the solution. The sooner we can get our reactions back under our own control, the better for us. TUNNELVISION (sic) Resentments can trigger tunnelvision (sic). Tunnelvision (sic) is a misuse of the intellectual or rational processes. Many members feel that tunnelvision (sic) is one way 'your head is out to get you.' Our obsessive thinking can build up until we lose our ability to see anything but the object of our tunnelvision (sic). We

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1979 (cont.)	Pennsylvania has 32 groups. The N.A. NEWS, published in Pennsylvania, has brought inspiration and hope to many members in the East. We are deeply grateful for their response. The literature committee in San Fernando Valley is working on collecting material on where our literature has come from in the past. The Chairman of this committee is a volunteer service worker at the WSO. They have already copied our mailouts to make them available to their ASC members and plan to do so at the regional level. Trusted servants like this are making the dream of new literature for the Narcotics Anonymous program come true. Wichita has formed a literature committee and has several active members involved. They have one of the few clubhouses in the country. A special conference for literature will be held in Wichita this October 6th and 7th. We will meet to review our progress, share material and plan for the future. Plans for our new book will be the central task of the conference."⁶⁰
1979	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume 1 Number 6) includes the following literature-related information: 1. Updates on the Wichita Literature Conference from Bo S. in "You Are the Book" <u>From Updates on the Wichita Literature Conference</u> "YOU ARE THE BOOK WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE Much has happened since last I wrote you. We have held the Ninth World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous and the Wichita Conference for Literature. In Wichita a broad floor plan for the development of our literature effort was written. Enough to carry us through to the composition conference next year. Minutes will be available on request at cost to any member of the WSC Literature Committee or Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Four hours of the Wichita Conference is available for \$10.00 on cassettes. All material collected to date is available to Literature Committees for \$30.00. This material should be kept within the fellowship and is read at the beginning of our weekly literature meetings here. This way we all have the same material to work from.

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1979 (cont.)	The Atlanta Literature Committee is making moves to help implement the service structure in our area and will be happy to share with any other literature committees. Remember, the World Service Conference is our conference. It is composed of delegates from all areas within our fellowship and meets in the spring in Los Angeles. The Conference is designed to speak for N.A. as a whole. We must still work to implement the service structure in each of our areas and attend the conference each spring. Passing the hat to send a delegate allows many areas to have a voice in the conference. It is the delegates to the WSC who will eventually approve our new book and literature. We will send out a monthly packet of new material at cost to each literature committee that requests it. The packet cost will be announced in the monthly letter and you may order it at that time. Cost is 10¢ per page so 30 pages will cost your committee \$3.00 plus postage. The new address for the WSC Literature Committee is: WSC Literature Committee, Atlanta Road, Marietta, Georgia 30060. . We want to thank the wonderful members of our fellowship in Wichita who hosted the Literature Conference. We all had a great time and made some beautiful memories together. We also want to thank the members from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Virginia Beach and Memphis who showed up for the Conference as well as the States of Kansas and Nebraska. We have a deadline approaching. If we want to have any material approved, we should mail it out by January 11, 1980. This will conform to the guidelines for literature review laid down at the last two World Service Conferences. This will give delegates to next year's Conference more than the three months review period. Last year the Literature Committee submitted a pretty big package and it was read by only a few prior to the World Service Conference. The Committee was criticized for not sending out their package earlier. In reality they deserve our commendation for showing the initiative to go to their Regional Service Committee to get funds to produce and distribute the package at all. Also the Regional Service Committee showed great love for our Fellowship by putting up the money. This year we ask you to work on pamphlet material. Stories and other material could

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1979 (cont.)	be put out, but we'd probably be better off trying to get new pamphlets designed to serve immediate needs. A guy I sponsored broke his foot and went to the hospital for the first time clean. He has nine months clean time. Even though he told the nurse he was a drug addict and allergic to any controlled substances, they still put a script in his hand. He had enough spiritual strength to give it back to them. Why can't we have a new pamphlet dealing directly with these dangerous situations we all face sometime in the course of recovery? Everyone of us is a statistical impossibility. We should share the miracle of our recovery in written form. We have the mimeograph machines to produce the package at minimal cost. Still, we will need your financial support in January. I received a letter from one of our contributors asking if her story was good enough. As far as we are concerned, there is no such thing as poor raw material. The material that is included in the book or pamphlets will be real or true and stand on it's (sic) own merits in terms of its usefulness to others in achieving recovery from addiction. Our literature review process is set up to include a maximum number of individual Narcotics Anonymous members. It is not our place to judge, although certainly some pieces are more exciting or relevant than others. We feel that any new material is good and will be useful in revealing how our recovery works in practice. We are grateful for every single page. It is our place to serve those we are directly responsible to by doing the necessary footwork to bring about new material to better carry our message to the addict who still suffers. In Loving Service, Bo S., Chairman Atlanta Road Marietta, Georgia 30060 404-436-0953"⁶¹
April 1979	The April issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Vol. II No. I) references the 1972 letter to the fellowship requesting input for new literature and the renewed efforts for new literature. "In 1972 a letter was sent out from our fledgling World Service Office asking the fellowship to send in original articles, comments, slogans, etc. as well as personal

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April 1979 (cont.)	stories. We know that we desperately (sic) needed more literature and that it would have to come from you. That letter wasn't the first and certainly wasn't the last; the plea still goes out and will continue to go out. Response has come in slowly, bit by bit; and even though the total input doesn't fill one notebook, some of what has been received is very good. Recently, individuals and groups in several parts of the country have begun to actively work on literature. This is one of the most encouraging signs we have seen. The state is set; the time is now; but it's up to you. We need a fellowship-wide effort for new and better literature. It will take time, but if we all pitch in, we'll have books of our own and pamphlets that will reach the addict who still suffers and wants help. In this issue, we again ask for any contributions to be given or sent to The World Service Office."⁶²
April 28, 1979	Bo S. is elected Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee at the 1979 World Service Conference. ⁶³
May 1979	The May 1979 issue of <i>The Voice</i> includes minutes from the 1979 World Service Conference, which includes: 1. A Regional Status Report from Atlanta, GA 2. A report from the World Service Office, Inc. 3. A report from the Literature Committee 4. A second report from the Literature Committee <u>From "Atlanta, GA Regional Status Report"</u> "...Five people involved with Bo in getting a text for N.A..." <u>From "World Service Office, Inc."</u> "...There is now a German, Spanish, French translation of little white book now in progress..." <u>From "Literature Committee"</u> "Mark McG. stated they held over 25 meetings and sent out 50 packets of literature packet. Brought 50 to WSC. Three areas to work on I.P.'s, NA Pamphlets and Service Pamphlet.

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May 1979 (cont.)	Old Literature: Review and review where necessary. New Literature: Tabled until input received..." <u>From "Literature Committee"</u> "Literature Committee Report Mark McG. said these were six (6) recommendations to be made to conference. Recommended Proposed I.P. to conference 'For the Newcomer' be published through WSO. Greg felt we couldn't do this at this time and felt we should publish it subject to approval after representation from the fellowship. Chuck S. made motion we accept literature packet as is to be published and distributed to fellowship as a whole then brought back to 1980 conference and voted on as a whole. A 15 minute discussion followed. Motion was then made to accept packet, including recommendations made by committee, as WSC approved literature. Seconded. CARRIED. Vote challenged. Bob withdrew his motion to split up packet. Rick made motion to take vote to see if conference should handle or if this should go back to the groups. Voted as conference business. Chuck's original motion (bottom on page nine of these minutes) was made, seconded and CARRIED. Bob motioned that in the pack the I.P.'s and general information be deleted and be sent back to the groups for comment and final approval by the groups. Hank seconded. Motion CARRIED. Greg moved that conference recommend to literature committee that they take into consideration distributing literature to fellowship as a whole for a one year period before bringing it to a conference vote. Greg withdrew motion.

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May 1979 (cont.)	Rick made motion that new literature input be sent to the Literature Committee and not WSO. Not seconded. Bo spoke a little on text being worked on for N.A. and stressed formation of literature committee all over the world."⁶⁴
May 19, 1979	The first meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held at the Rising Sun Clubhouse in Marietta, GA. “WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of the First Meeting Held May 19, 1979 I. Attending: - Les W. - Rich B. - Barry L. - Bo S. - Leigh A. (All who attended were from the Atlanta area) II. The meeting, held at the Rising Sun Clubhouse, opened at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. I. The first order of business was to draft trusted servants to act as treasurer and secretary. Barry L. became treasurer, and Leigh A. became secretary. Bo S. had already been drafted at the World Service Conference to serve as chairman of the WSC Literature Committee this year. II. Our discussion began with the following goal for the 1979 WLC (WSC Literature Committee): to get as many drug addicts recovering in N.A. as possible involved in working on N.A. literature. Everyone can participate and contribute if willing! Spread the message! III. Motion: to keep the Atlanta Literature Committee and the WLC separate. The unanimous decision was to keep them separate in order to give all Area Literature Committees equal consideration.

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May 19, 1979 (cont.)	IV. The need for a rubber-stamp consent was expressed. Group conscious decision: WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE MATERIAL FOR REVIEW BY N.A. MEMBERS ONLY V. The committee reviewed raw material existing from earlier in 1979. VI. Provisions were made to get a mimeograph machine in the Rising Sun Clubhouse for easy access. VII. Potential mail: The Orientation Sheets and a list of proposed pamphlet topics will get mailed during the following week to Area Literature Committees including Atlanta. Copies of these minutes will be sent to the World Service Office and to members who joined the WLC by sending applications. VIII. Motion: to begin editing a pamphlet entitled 'Resentments Kill' from raw material submitted earlier this year. Motion carried. Les W. will run off 15 copies of this effort. III. The meeting was closed at 3:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 27, at 3:00 p. m. at the Rising Sun Clubhouse. God grant me the serenity, Leigh A. Acting Secretary"⁶⁵
May 27, 1979	The second meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held at the Rising Sun Clubhouse in Marietta, GA. "WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of the Second Meeting Held May 27, 1979 I. Attending: Bo S. Barry L. Leigh A. Shelly A. Ken P. Beverly P. Hank F.

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May 27, 1979 (cont.)	II. The meeting was opened at 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes late due to construction at the Rising Sun Clubhouse. We're growing!) with the Serenity Prayer. The minutes of last week's meeting were read and approved. A. Orientation information mailed to interested people. B. A noteworthy comment was made by our humble chairman: 'The disenchantment of the N.A. text is important for those working on it.' Becoming a reality, our text is no longer a fantasy or rumor. C. Beverly read the letter from the chairman of the World Literature Committee last year, Mark M. His suggestions and comments were helpful and comforting. D. D. Suggestions from the two existing Area Literature Committees, Venice Beach, Calif., and Atlanta, Ga., will be considered, and acted upon. We discussed the need for literature seminars about two or three hours in length. We also need a Literature Conference--potentially in Witchita (sic)--this fall. E. Follow up on mailout in mid-June. Phone calls and special attention could help generate more interest and participation. We need to get lines open for communication. The following materials could be used for mailouts: duplicate tapes and transcripts, potential pamphlet material, notes and material from meetings. F. In the next two to three weeks, we need to pick out several more speaker tapes to transcribe. G. Our procedure for passing motions will be: 'All in favor-all opposed.' H. Group conscience passed a motion for each person attending to take home a copy of 'Resentments Kill' to share with other N.A. members for suggestions and feedback. Possibly this format could be used for following pamphlets. Members also took home a list of suggested pamphlet topics for consideration. I. We briefly reviewed Jimmy K.'s 'Another Look,' the revised 'Another Look,' and Jimmy K.'s revised 'Another Look.' We need another discussion on consideration to original contributors. J. We need a plan to raise money for postage and printing for 30 tapes and transcripts (single spaced) and proposed pamphlet material. Total \$207.

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May 27, 1979 (cont.)	III. The meeting was closed at 5:30 with the Lord's Frayer. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 5:00 p.m. at Copeland Road, NE, Apt. K-2, Atlanta, Ga. (Call -1866 for directions.) God grant me the serenity, Leigh A. Acting Secretary"⁶⁶
June 3, 1979	The third meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held in Atlanta, GA. “WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of the Third Meeting Held June 3, 1979 I. Attending: Mark H. Rob B. Lane W. Linda B. Georges. Leigh A. John C. Hank F. (Everyone attending was from the Atlanta area) II. The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Due to oversight by the secretary, the minutes from last week were not available. The content of last week's meeting was passed on by word of mouth. A. Motion: to dispense with business matters this meeting since this was the first WLC meeting for most attending. Motion carried. B. The group reviewed ‘Resentments Kill’ ‘For the Newcomer’ and ‘Getting Realer’ and decided to devote our time to ‘Resentments Kill.’ The format of passing around several copies and taking suggestions that we got to in turn worked well. III. The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

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June 3, 1979 (cont.)	Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 10, at 5:00 p.m. at Copeland Road, NE, Apt. K-2, Atlanta, Ga. (Call 256-1866 for directions.) God grant me the serenity, Leigh A. Acting Secretary"⁶⁷
June 10, 1979	The fourth meeting of the WSC Literature Committee is held in Atlanta, GA. “WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of the Fourth Meeting Held June 10, 1979 I. Attending: Linda B. Leigh A. George S. Bo S. Ron R. Lane W. Ricky S. Hank F. Melody C. Ken P. (All persons attending were from the Atlanta area) II. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes of last week 's meeting were read and approved. A. Motion: to keep a working list of what was mailed and to whom it was mailed. Motion carried. B. Motion: to work on pamphlet material and other literature in Atlanta Literature Committees. Motion carried. The WLC would like to see its literature reflect all the N.A. regions, and our proposed pamphlet reflects the effort of only Atlanta N.A. C. For next week we need proposals for guidelines for contributions and consideration to original contributors.

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June 10, 1979 (cont.)	D. We discussed the need for a Literature Seminar, and Linda B. volunteered her talent and experience. George S. volunteered to help her. E. Questions: 1. What can I do to help? Typing and transcribing tapes will help. Notes of feelings about working on the committee will help. 2. Has any other material been sent from areas besides Atlanta? No, previous material from other areas in the country have been sent to WSO. 3. What is a seminar? What is it for? A seminar is a vehicle for communicating. It tells what resources are available and is set up according to the material being presented. Often feedback sessions are given to improve future seminars. F. Motion to adjourn WLC for Atlanta Literature Committee immediately following. Motion carried. III. The meeting was closed at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m. at 201 Copeland Road, NE, Apt. K-2. (Call 256-1866 for directions.) God bless, Leigh A. Acting Secretary"⁶⁸
June 10, 1979	The Atlanta Literature Committee meets at the conclusion of the World Service Conference Literature Committee meeting. Attendance is comprised of the same members who attended the WSC Literature Committee meeting. "ATLANTA LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of meeting held June 10, 1979. I. Attending: Linda B. Bo S. Lane W.

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June 10, 1979 (cont.)	Hank F. Leigh A. Melody C. Ricky S. Ron, R. George S. Ken P. II. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. directly following the WLC meeting. A. The compiled version, of the 'Resentments Kill' pamphlet was read and approved with the deletion of two words. Lane W. volunteered to make 15 copies of 'Resentments Kill' and 10 copies each of 'Getting Realer' and 'For the Newcomer.' B. Motion: to work on a new pamphlet. Motion carried. Two topic suggestions were given: Spiritual Principles and Going to Any Lengths. We decided to work on Any Lengths by a Group Concious (sic) vote. C. Ricky S. taped the 10 person topic discussion, and Melody C. took notes of the discussion which Lane W, later typed. Linda B. will transcribe the tape. III. The meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next Atlanta Literature Committee will meet on Sunday, June 17th at 201 Copeland Rd. NE Apt. K-2 directly following the WLC at 5:00 p.m. (call 256-1866 for directions) God bless, Leigh A. Trying to act like a secretary"⁶⁹
June 17, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA. "WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of meeting held June 17, 1979. I. Attending: Linda B.

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June 17, 1979 (cont.)	Hank F. Pete C. Beth E. Leigh A. All attending were from the Atlanta area. II. The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The minutes of last week's meeting were read and approved. A. We discussed the literature seminar coming up in Atlanta this fall. Linda B. is relly (sic) doing her homework and drawing up plans, and getting feedback from different people. B. We discussed consideration to original contributors. One suggestion was that in order to get self-will and ego out of the picture, literature should be subject to group concious (sic), with the group being willing to be open-minded. The responsibility of keeping up with how literature is being treated should be the responsibility of the contributor. If distance is a factor, the telephone and mailbox are possibilities. Motions to vote on policy when the chairman is present. Motion carried. C. Our suggestion for guidelines for contributions is as follows: 1. Your experience with working the steps 2. how the program works in your life -- newcomers, old timers, and everyone in between may share their experience, strength, and hope 3. experiences could include everything from what the program seemed like coming in to how the program is giving you a new life 4. suggested pamphlet topics and pamphlet material D. Motion: to close the meeting in order to be in the Atlanta Literature Committee. III. The meeting was closed at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 23, at 2130 p.m. at 201 Copeland Rd NE Apt. K-2 (call 256-1866 for directions). God Bless, Leigh A. Acting Secretary''⁷⁰

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June 17, 1979	The Atlanta Literature Committee meets at the conclusion of the World Service Conference Literature Committee meeting. “ATLANTA LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of meeting held June 17, 1979. I. Attending: Linda B. Hank F. Pete C. Leigh A. II. The meeting opened at 6:15 with the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of last week's meeting were read and approved. A. We decided to limit today's meeting to working on the proposed pamphlet 'Going to Any Lengths.' Everyone read the transcripts and notes several times to pick out the main ideas to incorporate into paragraphs. Pete C. went to extra lengths in summarizing notes and keeping it simple. B. The following are the main thoughts we found: 1. taking responsibility for our own recovery 2. being willing to change to stay sober 3. going to any lengths to put energy into our program 4. going to any lengths to take care of ourselves and hang with the winners 5. taking risks in sharing and helping the suffering addict III. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15p.m. The next meeting will be at 201 Copeland Rd NE Apt K-2 on Saturday, June 23, directly following the WSC Literature Committee, Call 256-1866 for directions. God Grant Me the Serenity, Leigh A. Trying to Act like a Secretary”⁷¹
June 23, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA.

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June 23, 1979 (cont.)	“WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of meeting held June 23, 1979 I. Attending: Bo S. Leigh A. (both from Atlanta area) II. The meeting was opened at 2:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The minutes from last week's meeting were read and approved. A. Information packets about the Literature Committee, demonstrating what we are doing, will be available to interested N.A. members for a \$10.00 charge which covers the cost of materials including tape and transcript. Hey, folks! It's well worth the price. One day these may be valuable (sic) collector's items. B. We discussed the follow-up mail-outs to those in the fellowship who have made us aware of their desire to serve by sending WLC applications. WE wrote and typed a newsletter and will enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to encourage response. C. Additional copies of a letter previously sent to WLC people will be mailed to N.A. Clubhouses, Area Service Committees, N.A. Newsletters and the Atlanta mailing list for the Main Line. Hopefully these mail-outs will inspire more recovering addicts to reach out to their brothers by getting involved with writing literature. D. We reviewed (sic) material sent to us from Wichita where the 1st World Literature Convention will be held October 6 & 7, 1979. III. The meeting was closed at 5:00 p.m. with a back-rub. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, at 8:00 p.m. at 201 Copeland Rd NE Apt K-2 (call 256-1866 for directions). Happiness is wanting what you get, Willy B. Acting Ape”⁷²
June 26, 1979	The WSC Literature Committee meets in Atlanta, GA.

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June 26, 1979 (cont.)	“WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE Minutes of meeting held June 26. 1979. I. Attending: Linda B. Bo S. Dale P. Hank F. Leigh A. Rich B. Les W. Lane W. Caterine F. (All who attended were from the Atlanta area) II. The meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions. The minutes of last week's meeting were read and approved. A. Bo read the letter to he sent to WLC members which was composed at last week's meeting. Les came with 500 printed copies of the initial WLC letter which will be mailed to 500 N.A. groups around the world. Les also brought envelopes, stationary, and some business cards donated through the printer's error with the N.A. logo. Printing costs totaled \$47.00. Bo's checking with the World Service Conference about funding. Les will print 50 copies each of 'Getting Realer' and 'For the Newcomer.' Minutes of the Literature Committees' meetings will be sent to active areas and to the WSO. A collection was taken for postage. B. Bo talked to the chairman of the Board of Trustees of N.A., Greg P., and asked him to write a long form of the Twelve Traditions with the other trustees. C. Linda explained the need for a literature seminar to open up communications between N.A. members and the WLC. Bo and Linda read their notes about a literature format, and we decided that a three hour seminar would best serve our needs. We discussed a date for the seminar, either after the October convention in Wichita for credibility,

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June 26, 1979 (cont.)	or before the convention to get the ball: rolling. Linda said that a taped answer and question period to find out where people are at in terms of the WLC would be particularly helpful in future plans. D. A new viewpoint was expressed concerning this committee's attitude towards mail-outs and efforts to get more recovering addicts involved. Catherine, holding the position of 'unless I'm missing the bus, I won't run,' suggested a follow-up mail-out in about 6 weeks expressing thanks for the great response and reporting on all the supposed editing being done. E. Motions to not hold the ALC tonight because of lack of time and energy and to discuss the time and location of the next ALC at the next WLC. Motion carried. III. The meeting was closed at 10:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 5, at 8:00 p.m. at 201 Copeland Rd. NE Apt K-2 (call 256-1866 for directions). Thanks HP, Leigh A. Acting Secretary"⁷³
July 22, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. <u>From "Minutes of the Literature Committee Meeting"</u> "Time: July 22, 1979, 4:30 Place: 205 N. Ash, Wichita Attendance (sic): Cliff H, Ladell, Annie W, Mark Z, Debbie D. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. Cliff suggested that we elect officers. The question was asked if we should separate officers of the conference and committee or if we should use the same officers. Annie stated that she would like to serve the conference as much as possible.

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July 22, 1979	Annie suggested that the committee and conference should be handled together until the need arises to separate them. Cliff and Ladell agreed. It was decided that we would send minutes to other NA Groups in our region and to Bo S. Ladell volunteered to be committee typist. Annie suggested we go to other groups in our region and have Literature Committee meetings with them to share our efforts and goals with them and to ask for assistance with the Literature Conference. This way we can promote interest even if they are not willing to come to us. We appointed temporary officers until we receive more enthusiastic participation from other NA members. Annie W. was appointed as Chairperson, Cliff as Treasurer, and Ladell as Secretary, to serve on the Literature committee. Cliff described the arrangements that have been made for the Literature Conference. The meetings will be held at 961 Parklane, in Parklane Shopping Center. The room is reserved for Sat. from 10AM to 9PM and Sun. from 10AM to 6PM. We agreed to set the meeting times for every other Sunday at 4:30 PM. The next Lit. Comm. meeting will be held on August 5th at 4:30. We discussed the possibility of each region acquiring a Central Office to distribute literature to groups. It appears to be some time before we would have the capital to begin such a system in our region. After arriving late, Mark Z. was appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Lit. Comm. The officers to serve the Lit. Conf. are as follows: Cliff as Chairperson, Annie as Treasury, Mark as Vice-Chairperson, and Ladell as Secretary. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 5:45."⁷⁴
August 5, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting.

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August 5, 1979 (cont.)	<u>From "Minutes of the Literature Committee Meeting"</u> "Minutes of the Meeting of The Literature Committee, Aug. 5, 1979 Time: 4:30 Place: 205 N. Ash Attendance: Anne, Cliff, Ladell Annie suggested that we discuss our goals. Discussed accomodations (sic) for persons attending the World Lit. Conf. Annie can keep 4. Cliff can keep 4. Decided to discuss this issue with other NA members and other members of the literature committee. Discussed need for Literature Fund. Anne made a motion that we ask for approval of this action: The Lit. Comm. sets up a Literature Fund, separate from the NA treasury. We ask for donations to purchase the initial supply of literature, which we will tentatively buy at the WC. We will sell it to groups at the normal prices. This money will be put back into the Lit. Fund to inable (sic) us to replenish (sic) and hopefully enlarge the lit. supply. No limit on donations until further notice to aid in setting up the fund. We will try to get group approval of this on 8-7-79 at the group conscience meeting. All Lit. Comm. members approved this proposal. Next meeting will be Aug. 19th, at 4:30 PM. Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer. Annie W, Chairperson Ladell, Secretary"⁷⁵
August 19, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. <u>From "Minutes of the Literature Committee Meeting"</u> "Minutes of the Meeting of The Literature Committee, Aug. 19, 1979

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August 19, 1979 (cont.)	Time: 5:00 PM. Place: 205 N. Ash, Wichita Attendance: Joe L., Anne W., Cliff H., & Ladell L. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. Reviewed our letter to Bo, and his letter to Cliff. Further discussed accomadations (sic) for out-of-town people attending the Literature Conference in Wichita in reference to Bo's letter. Discussed writing a letter to our other groups in this region concerning support of the Conference, setting up their Literature Committee's and getting together on literature with them. Also to help them get involved in the Conference and Literature. Confirmed some donation's (sic) for the Literature fund. Cliff will open an account in the name of 'N.A. Literature Fund, 205 N. Ash, Wichita Kansas 67214' at the Fourth National Bank of Wichita. Himself and Anne (Lit. Chair Person) will be on the signature card. Set time and place for next meeting. 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, 26 August 1979. Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Annie W., Chairperson Ladell M., Secretary"⁷⁶
August 21, 1979	Bo S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship: 1. Encouraging attendance at the "Wichita Conference for N.A. Literature." 2. Inviting members to attend the 9th World Convention of NA in Atlanta, GA. 3. Sharing his experience about how he learned he could write material for N.A. literature. Dear Fellow Members:

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August 21, 1979 (cont.)	We have received (sic) several stories and committee applications from our world mailing. Copies of all material received (sic) have been sent to the literature committees nearest the contributors. Members here are pitching in answering correspondence. We all need to attend the Wichita Conference for N.A. literature. October 6th and 7th will be here soon. Some members have set deadlines for themselves for material for the book. Hopefully many of you can attend the 9th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous here in Atlanta September 6th through the 9th. There will be an Atlanta Literature Committee Hospitality Suite, although the emphasis of a convention is on celebrating another year clean and sober. Feel free to write the other committee members and concerned members on the mailing list. Your letters will encourage their efforts. Talking with different members, I thought I would share some of my personel (sic) experiences in getting involved with N.A. literature. I felt I had to have 'permission' from someone high up in the N.A. service structure before I could write anything without worrying that my self-will would run riot. I attended the 7th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in 1977. It was held in San Francisco and I met some beautiful people there. They had been clean and sober and involved in N.A. service for quite a few years. Their warmth and encouragement inspired me. I came home and prayed for strength and guidance to help us get literature. I even felt like writing a bit myself. It was during this period that I discovered that God wants our book. God as I understand Him is hungry for N.A. literature, been waiting for years. What's been lacking is the development of a part of our service structure devoted to literature. The World Service Conference has changed that. Together, God willing, we will proceed along a path of obvious necessity to accumulate, compose and review material for our book and many needed pamphlets. We will form and support anyway we can literature committees in any area responding to our cry for help. In this manner we hope to succeed. We pray for the strength and guidance to do the footwork and attend to the next thing on an ongoing basis. Ultimates (sic) we leave to our Loving Ultimate Authority. Above all write of your ow experience of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. We pray for contributors. We don't need hundreds of members

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August 21, 1979 (cont.)	trying to get others to write. We need hundreds writing. Our experience of affirmation and joy in committing our feelings and thoughts should be shared. In Loving Service, Bo S."⁷⁷
August 26, 1979	The Literature Committee in Wichita Committee holds a meeting. <u>From "Minutes of the Literature Committee Meeting"</u> Time: 4:00 P.M. Place: 205 N. Ash, Wichita Attendance: Dennis E., Cliff H., Anne W, Doug B., Sherry H., Ladell M. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed the World Literature Conference Flyer. It is in the 'Rough Draft' stage at this point and will be completed in the near future. Discussed the letter we need to send to other groups in our area and our goals with this letter. They consist of: I. Purpose: a. N.A. Big Book b. Compiling Literature c. Information for pamphlets (sic) d. Communications between groups e. Literature Stock Pile II. Support: a. Helping our groups in this area become involved with the World Literature Conference. b. How can we help them with their Literature Committees and gathering information. c. How they in-turn can help us. III. Registration: a. Mainly what the money will be used for:

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August 26, 1979 (cont.)	1) Mailing Costs 2) Copying Fee's 3) World Literature Conference 4) The excess will be donated to W.S.C.L.C. Clift H. opened the account of the Literature Fund at the Fourth National Bank of Wichita. Acct # 1-63-207-8 on August 24, 1979, Balance or \$15.00. An idea was suggested we put a small can into the basket normally passed after meetings to collect donations for the Literature Fund. The idea was approved by the Wichita Group at the business meeting on August 26, 1979 at 5:00 P.M. We discussed a need to get a fellow members poem copied and into circulation. This is in the process of being copied and typed. We discussed a need for a literature display which would be neat and orderly. The next meeting will be on 2 September 1979, at 4:30 P.M. at 205 North Ash, Wichita, Kansas 67214. The meeting was closed with the Lords (sic) Prayer. Anne W. Lit. Comm. Chair Person Ladell M. Lit. Comm. Secretary''⁷⁸
September 28, 1979	Bo S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship: 1. Announcing the formation of a new WSC Literature Committee in Omaha, NE. 2. An update on interest and support for "our literature movement" at the 9th World Convention of NA in Atlanta.

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September 28, 1979 (cont.)	Dear Fellow Members: A new WSC Literature Committee has been formed in Omaha and is the second in the midwest (sic). We look forward to meeting these new members of our committee in Wichita next weekend. We received (sic) a great deal of interest and support for our literature movement at the 9th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous here in Atlanta earlier this month. Over twenty states were represented. We recieved (sic) a few stories and a few WSC Literature Committee applications. We had opportunities to share with committee members from all over, particularly San Francisco, North Hollywood, Wichita and Pennsylvania. Several of the members from Chicago were interested. A lady with partial loss of sight is going to work on tapes for blind members and possibly a Braille edition of the White Pamphlet. The Chairpersons of the Pennsylvania and Wichita Literature Committees attended the convention. Many members will be attending our Conference in Wichita. Register and come if you can. We have no other support but you. Our Atlanta Literature Committee has grown. We now have a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and two Co-Chairmen. While we have had to wait to reach this state of completeness, we are all the more grateful now. The committee meets weekly at 4:00 Sunday afternoon. We took our own inventory last Sunday about the advantage the ALC has over the other literature committees around the country. This has not been intentional. We read all the new stories and articles that come in from members all around the fellowship. Of course the ALC has paid for the first world mailout, our stationary and other committee expenses. One piece of business we want to take on at Wichita is spreading this new material around the various literature committees. We only have 200 pages and 110 cassettes of N.A. members collected at this point and it would be possible for any WSC Literature Committees to have copies of our whole stockpile for \$20.00 plus postage. We would also like to see a monthly package go out at cost to all WSC Literature Committees. This way no committee would be deprived of the inspiration and hope we find in this material. Use and availability would be restricted to WSC Literature Committees and Members to keep the material within the fellowship. In our opinion we only need 1500 to 2000 pages of raw material to call a conference for the purpose of composing a working manuscript.

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September 28, 1979 (cont.)	We would deeply appreciate a letter from any N.A. member interested in N.A. literature who cannot attend the Conference so we can include your thoughts and feelings in the Conference. Don't forget, this is the first Fellowship-wide Literature Conference! Be there if you can. In Loving Service, Bo S., Chairman''⁷⁹
October 6 – 7, 1979	The first World Literature Conference is held in Wichita, KS. “Lit. Conf. Min. 10-6-79 Cliff called the meeting to order at 10:17 am at the Carina House. Carol lead (sic) us in the Serenity Prayer and read the Twelve Traditions. Roll Call – Cliff – Wichita Glenda – Salina Joseph – Memphis, Tenn Jimmy – Salina Lorna – Salina Hank – Atlanta, Ga DeAnna – Wichita Sam – Wichita Janelle – Wichita Bud – San Francisco, Ca Belinda – Salina Pat – Topeka Michael – Wichita Bo – Atlanta, Ga Mike – Virginia (Tidewater Area) Dean – Orange County, Ca Jim – Lincoln, Nebr. Marcia – Wichita Scott – Wichita Barb – Lincoln, Nebr. Angie – Lincoln, Nebr. Greg – Lincoln, Nebr. Cindy – Topeka, Ks

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October 6 – 7, 1979 (cont.)	Ron – Topeka, Ks Julie – Wichita, Ks. Pete – Omaha, Nebr. Stan – Omaha – Council Bluff Bill – Omaha, Nebr. Louis – Omaha, Nebr. Curt – Omaha, Nebr. Bill – Omaha, Nebr. - Sharing what they have to offer to Lit. - Collected applications for workshops - First Break - Info on Past History of Lit. Need for N.A. Book - See if we can come up w/ name for book - Bo gave past hist & need - The only thing so far is N.A. Tree - Fellowship is between 7,000 – 10,000 - Based on N.A. Tree - Material before that – pamphlets - We made a decision - Jimmy K., one of the co-founders, been around 26 years, won't write any more material that they think of. - Original material, additions, called N.A. Tree. - Greg P. wrote N.A. Tree - There's no structure or clique that will stand in the way of N.A. literature. Discussion - Main pts. - We need a whole bunch of people – group input from all areas. - What we need to do – Workshops. - Proposed chapt. Titles, headings for world service cent. - Pamphlets titles, topics we need pamph (sic). about. - money. - Paper machine for collecting lit & moving it around. - Stressed <u>we are the book</u>. Gave ideas on how to write it. - Cass. Tapes.

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1980	The Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees in published. The Handbook is “derived from the minutes of the First World Literature Conference of Narcotics Anonymous held at Wichita, Kansas in October of 1979.”⁸¹
January/February 1980	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Two, Issue Number Seven) includes the following literature-related information: 1. A Report from Bud K. on the first World Literature Conference held at Wichita Kansas 2. New material submitted to the World Service Conference Literature Committee by John S. and Gina H. <u>From Bud K.’s Report on the 1st World Literature Conference</u> NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 19TH 1979 <i>“World Service Conference (WSC) Literature Committee:</i> Report from Bud K. on the first World Literature Conference held at Wichita Kansas. Bud K accepted responsibility for the <i>MAIN LINE</i> being the Northern California literature representative, but feels committees should be formed at the area level to feed directly into the WSC Literature Committee headquartered in Atlanta Georgia. A vote was taken at the Wichita Conference [on a motion by Bud K] to make the <i>MAIN LINE</i> the newsletter for the WSC Literature Committee. <i>A long discussion ensued as to whether the MAIN LINE</i> newsletter can serve both Northern California and the WSC Literature Committee at the same time effectively. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the <i>MAIN LINE</i> give all of the unofficial support it can to the WSC Literature Committee but that the ‘status quo’ be maintained and the <i>MAIN LINE</i> remain officially the Northern California Regional Service Committee Newsletter. A complaint was made that the latest issue of the <i>MAIN LINE</i> did not have the events calendar and did not contain enough news of Northern California. The response was: (1) Amy K W (phone # 707-584-7067) would take responsibility for the events calendar for every issue of the <i>MAIN LINE</i>; (2) Areas be urged to input into the <i>MAIN LINE</i> all happenings of regional or local interest.” <u>From New Material Submitted to the World Service Conference Literature Committee</u>

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January/February 1980 (cont.)	YOU ARE THE BOOK World Service Conference Literature Committee <i>The following is more new material from the Literature Committee. Please send any comments or new written material of your own to:</i> <i>World Service Conference Literature Committee Atlanta Road Marietta Georgia 30060</i> THE MIRACLE OF RECOVERY Today I sit quietly in my room and think of the beautiful miracle of recovery. Yesterday Elliott and I sat on the wall by the Clubhouse of the Rising Sun eating barbecue chicken and listening to the bluegrass music. I used to get a head count of my fellow addicts at each function or meeting at the clubhouse. But in the short six months since that cold February day when I came in, that has become wonderfully impossible. Hell I couldn't even count the cars packed like sardines in our small lot. The miracle of recovery! Speed freaks, pot heads, acid freaks, pill freaks, ex-cons, exhookers...A year or so ago you wouldn't have wanted to meet any of these people on the street even if you were one of them. Today they are beautiful wonderful people and I can only thank God that He made me a drug addict so that I can have the divine ecstasy of walking among them as one of them. I now think back and remember the haunting refrain of a song I once heard as a child: 'The Love of God is greater far than word or pen can tell. It reaches from the farthest star down into the lowest Hell.' God may not have let us into Heaven but He opened the G. of hell and let us out. But wait! He did let us into heaven! Sitting on that fence with Elliott and Bo and talking to Cliff and Rebecca and watching all the beautiful other people – God's people. If heaven is any better than this I don't know if I can stand it. God, you lifted up my eyes at last. At last you let me walk among your people. You gave me the same disease they have and you took away the dope from me as you did from them. Now you let me join hands in the fellowship of the greatest human beings on the face of this earth! My fellow recovering drug addicts. And that is the miracle of recovery!

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January/February 1980 (cont.)	<i>John C.</i> <i>Augusta, GA</i> OUR STORY NASHVILLE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AND ME "Narcotics Anonymous is new to Nashville, at least this is the first time it has ever taken hold. We had our first few meetings in April of this year, and it was only a handful of people and an idea that got the ball rolling. The first meeting of the 'Mother Group' happened the first Tuesday in April. There were three people there, myself included. I had been the original person to talk to the pastor about renting the room, and I had made him a promise that I would show up with the key, no matter what, every Tuesday night at 7:30, and stick it out waiting for the rest. I was willing to sit alone in that room for six months, if that was what it took, but I didn't get to have my little melodrama, because Winston and Bill showed up, and we had a very intimate, very make-shift meeting among the three of us. The next week, instead of three, there were six people in that room, and even though it didn't always grow that quickly, the Nashville 'Mother Group' is firmly established as a stable little meeting. Now, Nashville has three meetings a week, but so far, the 'Mother Group' is the most solid. My part in the story started a long time ago. I joined the fellowship of AA a little over five years ago. It was the only thing I could think of to do, at the time. Through fright, desperation and God's grace, I had been chemically abstinent for almost a year when I came into AA. My problems had snowballed during that year, and I had developed some severe emotional problems. The truth of the matter was that I didn't know how to live sober, with no props. All I had going for me was that I wanted to learn how. When I first stopped drinking and drugging, I was only twenty years old, and although I had some street-wisdom, I was a complete baby when it came to living in the society that I had so violently shunned. My addiction was, at first, to anything I could find that would get me off. I used a lot of uppers, way too much acid, and anything smokable I could find. I tried to use barbiturates, but it took a serious drinking problem, years later, to adjust my body to a point where I could even function with them. I took whatever I could find, as a teen-ager, no matter what it was. The only reason I never got into needles was because the people I knew that were into them either wouldn't share, or they were too high to hit me up. I was too chicken to try it by myself. Although booze was not very cool, as far as I was concerned, and I stayed

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March 1980	The March 1980 issue of <i>The Voice</i> (Volume 11, Issue 3) includes: 1. "Literature and Our N.A. Experience" <u>From "Literature and Our N.A. Experience"</u> "Our fellowship requires its own books, pamphlets, newsletters, magazines, etc., to discuss, argue, coordinate, explain and describe 'our' experience in the recovery from ADDICTION. Other 12 step programs have had to rely on a few of its fellowship to produce its books. We in N.A. have the privilege to produce a literature unique to our experience. Through the service structure of N.A., we have the means to collect ideas, stories, experiences in working and practicing the program and gathering the result into our own N. A. literature. When will we, as members of N. A. stop and consider what a program of recovery we have, which goes beyond the substance to the very nature of our illness. If we as members of N.A. don't contribute to our literature then we fail to contribute to the helping of another addict who may die without reading

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March/April, May/June 1980	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Two, Issue Number Eight) includes the following literature-related information: 1. New material from the World Service Conference Literature Committee <u>From New Material</u> YOU ARE THE BOOK WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE <i>The following is more new material from the Literature Committee. Please send any comments or new written material of your own to:</i> <i>World Service Conference Literature Committee</i> <i>Atlanta Road</i> <i>Marietta Georgia 30060</i> Real Friends I started using drugs at age 14. By the time I was 15, I was shooting heroin and for the next 10 years I was a human trash can. I was brought up in an upper middle class family and had an older brother who was straight. Most of my life I was being compared to him. By the time I was 16 I had my first habit. I was still living at home with my parents and that was the first time they found out I was an addict. During that time I overdosed, ended up in a hospital and from there my parents put me in Synanon. I stayed there for one year. Still being very confused and looking up to dope fiends who had done time and had tattoos, I was a 'want-to-be' dope fiend. When I left Synanon I was 17 and living by myself for the first time. I started using again and it got progressively worse. I was always a functioning addict but began dealing drugs to support my habit. In the process, I was losing any feelings I had for anything or anybody. Introduction-to the Program My first introduction to the program of Narcotics Anonymous was one month short of my twenty-first birthday, Once again, I asked my parents to help me

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May 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 5) announces the Second World Literature Conference.

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May 1980 (cont.)	SECOND WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE "A seven day conference to work on compiling material which will lead towards a basic text for the program of Narcotics Anonymous will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska this September 8-14th. The site and time was chosen by group consciousness on the floor of this years (sic) World Service Conference. Details will be forthcoming and flyers mailed out. If you can't attend, pray for us. WSC Literature Committee"⁸⁵
May 2 – 4, 1980	The World Service Conference is held at L.A. Valley College in Van Nuys, CA. The following sections from the minutes contain information about literature. 1. Regional reports 2. Subcommittee Reports – Literature Committee 3. Input #3 (South Florida) 4. Literature Input 5. Input #5 – Using A.A's 12&12 at N.A. meetings 6. Input #1 – Policy <u>From "Regional Reports"</u> Cliff H. reported for Nebraska, Kansas, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. "...Involvement in Literature Committee. Over 50 people raised over \$300, cleared over \$200 and donated to WSC Literature Committee in hopes of getting out an N.A. Book..." Bo S., though not the elected delegate, reported for "Southeast (So. Carolina, West Virginia, No. Carolina, Georgia)." "...Literature Comm. meets weekly..." Bob, "rep from South Florida" and "Chairman of the Literature Committee" reported for Florida. "...4 Committees formed: P.I., Literature, H&I are small committees..." Joseph reported for Tennessee. "...Have established ASC, Literature Comm., H&I Comm..." "...Commitment to communicate better with WSO and WSC Literature Comm. and other Areas and Regions..."

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May 2 – 4, 1980 (cont.)	Bob P. reported for "W. Pennsylvania and E. Ohio." "...E. Penns. is writing their own literature..." <u>From "Literature Committee"</u> Bo S., Chairman, gave report. Stated they have had a tremendous amount of input but committee is not ready to print at this time. They did present a Handbook for Literature Committees to the WSC. Have collected over 20 pounds of new material over past year. Monthly mailing to Literature Committees throughout country. Starting movement for new material. 1st Literature Conference was held in Wichita, Kansas last year. Much support at this Conference. Raised \$250 in Atlanta for World Mailing. Material started coming in. New Literature Committees have formed now throughout country. Committee answers all letters, etc. Used minutes from Wichita Conference as a basis for Handbook. Need more and more communication. Produced Handbook from left over funds from Wichita Conference and donations from a few literature committees. Realized they did not meet deadline for distribution of Handbook 90 days before WSC for members review, but stated the Handbook only deals with those members interested and involved in literature. Are hoping that later this year a Composition Conference may be held to write a basic text for N.A. Encouraged all to come. Does not believe that Composition Conference should be rushed in anyway and that it should last approximately 9 days. It should be held where members from all over can come and location should be decided by WSC. Question from the floor re: 2 I.P.'s that were to be distributed throughout Fellowship for approval from last year's WSC and whose responsibility was it to insure (sic) that this was done. Chairman answered that this would be taken up tomorrow. Bo stated that packets were turned over to Manager of WSO (Getting Realer and For The Newcomer). Manager of WSO stated that Literature Committee's responsibility was to distribute these 2 I.P.'s. Misunderstanding and breakdown of communication. Will be discussed more during tomorrow's committee reports." <u>From "Input #3 (South Florida)"</u> "...So. Florida would like to see more literature. Chairman answered give Literature Committee money to support their efforts and give them stories and articles..."

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May 2 – 4, 1980 (cont.)	<u>From "Literature Input"</u> "Bo S., Chairman of Literature Committee, gave report. Reported that they have covered a lot of ground. Went through input forms. Had elections. <u>Input #1:</u> regarding progress of literature committee. Bo answered that primary objective is to actively seek input from Fellowship. Formed guidelines. Hoping to compile text. <u>Input #2:</u> Asking for a possible Composition Conference. Answer was that Committee had decided that the word 'Composition' was not appropriate. Discussed possible site for this Conference. It will be left up to WSC to pick the site and date. Feeling of-committee is that it should be centered somewhere in the mid-west and should be in the very near future. More organization this year. Officers of WSC Literature Comm. are: Shirley C. – Secretary, Willie B. – Treasurer, Doug F. – Chairman of Review, Bob G. – So. Florida Co-Chairman. Motion was made and seconded and carried in that committee to hold a 2nd Literature Conference. The Review Committee was formed by a motion that was carried. A motion was made and carried to put a disclaimer on all material stating whether it was WSC approved or not. Agenda at 2nd Literature Conference will include outline needs: 1st Priority: propose and outline; 2nd Priority: review and categorize input; 3rd Priority: select items that may be ready for presentation for WSC 1981; 4th Priority: to seek specific material starting now and up until WSC of 1981. Literature Conference will be open to all members. Proposed budget is \$800.00. It was decided by Committee to have handbook approved and turn over to CARENA. This would cost approximately \$3,000-5,000 into WSO. Doug F. gave report on Review Committee of WSC Literature Committee. Topics: 1. dropping of the word Honest Desire from the White Book and I.P. entitled WHO, HOW, WHAT AND WHY. 2. Suggestion from mid-south to include the word 'toke' after fix, pill, or drink. It was decided in Literature Committee that it was not in their area of responsibility to do this (above suggestions). Doug stated, as per promised

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May 2 – 4, 1980 (cont.)	A vote was taken as to whether or not it was a close enough vote to send it back to the Fellowship. 13 YES, 12 NO. It was stated from the floor that some sort of determination has to be made as to what a clear cut majority is. Chairman stated that he made an error in that it should never have been voted on as to whether or not it was a clear cut vote because 14 – 10 <u>is</u> a clear cut majority vote. ANOTHER LOOK was then carried as a result of this decision. Next piece of business was the Service Manual. Page 35 under Item D, line 3 to read ‘...must agree prior to <u>continuing</u> the voting process...’ as opposed to counting which was a misprint. Page 37 under IV (lists of WSC sub-committees) add 6. Literature Committee as it was left out. <u>Input Form #3</u>: New literature to be easy reading and to have the 12 Traditions and steps of N.A. on all pieces as they are N.A. Answer was that if you want easy reading material to write and submit it. The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of N.A. are included when possible - sometimes it would be impractical. The WSC Literature Committee of 1979 had presented a revised presentation of the N.A. Tree entitled what we have today, ‘Service Manual of N.A.’ The package that was presented was more or less approved, and items that this committee had replaced with their recommendations that were not approved were omitted (sic) in the printing of our Service Manual. These were: 1. The explanation of our N.A. symbol. 2. The explanation of our 12 Traditions (that committee had presented A.A.'s long form of the 12 Traditions that was not approved at the Conference. Hence, in the printing, everything was omitted (sic) altogether instead of just the omission (sic) of the long form A.A. Traditions).

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May 2 – 4, 1980 (cont.)	Motion retracted for nomination of San Luis Obispo. The site for the next Literature Conference will be Lincoln, Nebraska. Dates discussed. Suggestion was made for day immediately following the 10th World Convention to save costs on air fare. Suggestion made for 90 days before the WSC (January 1981). Motion made, seconded and carried to close nominations for dates. The date will be the day following the 10th World Convention. The address for the WSC Literature Committee is: Atlanta Road Marietta, Georgia 30060 Telephone number: 404/427-2086 The Policy Committee feels that some sort of text expanding on the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions is more important right now than a Book. Chairman of Policy Committee stated that a piece of literature of the first 9 Steps was sent into WSC Literature Committee. Chairman of Literature Committee stated that they are doing what their guidelines state which is to compile literature. He added that Literature Committee needs money so that they can make copies of what they already have to distribute to Fellowship for review." <u>From "Input #5 – Using A.A.'s 12&12 at N.A. meetings"</u> "Input #5: Using A.A.'s 12 & 12 at N.A. meetings. This issue was brought up at WSC 2 years ago and it had been decided that any outside literature used, N.A. could not dictate to groups but that anything read at meetings be stated at the meeting that it is not N.A. approved literature. A statement from the floor was made reminding those present that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees had stated earlier that the breaking of our Traditions are not to be encouraged and that this was pertaining to this issue.

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June 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 6) includes a call for help from the South Florida Literature Committee (Bob G.). <u>From South Florida Literature Committee</u> SOUTH FLORIDA LITERATURE COMMITTEE “As stated in ‘The Service Structure of N.A.’, the primary purpose of a Literature Committee is to ‘seek thru writing from N.A. as a whole and compile such material’.

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June 1980 (cont.)	Every member is welcome to contribute to this effort, 'You are the Book'. The writing of the book, <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u>, can only come from you, the Fellowship. It starts with a member writing his/her story and filters through to the World Service Conference (sic) of N.A. for approval, by the Fellowship as a whole. The local Committee is dedicated to making the effort for obtaining literature, for the program of N.A. so that others may find the freedom of recovery we have found. The Committee now has use of a ditto machine, typewriters, and a supply of stationaries. We are holding raffles at meetings to promote Fellowship. The winner receives a one year subscription to 'The Voice', 'The Mainline', or 'The Rainbow Connection'. If you want to become involved, contact either Bob G. of Ft. Lauderdale, Ralph of Ft. Lauderdale, Ted from North Miami, Keith E. from West Palm Beach, John from Miami, or write to: P.O. BOX Fort Lauderdale, Florida 3302 (sic) Remember, put the Spirit of Fellowship first and also remember that it is by our combined efforts that our message it is by our combined efforts that our message (sic) will assume Book Form, God Willing! In Love & Service Bob G. Chairman, South Florida Literature Committee"⁸⁷
July 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 7) includes the following content related to literature: 1. Bristol Group on NA 2. World Literature Conference 3. Literature input (relapse) from John H. in Gainesville

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July 1980 (cont.)	<u>From Bristol Group on NA</u> “The Bristol Group called to wish us well. They have converted a study group to a taped discussion of the Steps. They then transcribe the tapes for us in future study groups in other areas. They received the Open Letter to NA from Venice, CA about not reading outside literature in NA study groups and felt this would be an appropriate response to the needs of Narcotics Anonymous for new literature. They are sending a cassette (sic) tape for their group to ours in Marietta and we will respond. They also mentioned a floating discussion meeting of NA that meets on whatever big ship happens to be in port in South Philadelphia! Right on Bristol, we love you! Rainbow Staff <u>From World Literature Conference</u> “Hey everybody, have you heard about the great news! Lincoln is hosting the next W.L.C. Yea right here in Lincoln. It's the 8th through the 14th of Sept. You guessed it, that's right after the 10th World Convention in Wichita. If you're like me you probably needed someone to tell you what a W.L.C. is. Well personally I'm sick and tired of our little white pamphlet and would like to see a Big Book of our own. You know, one that maybe has some insight to where an addicts (sic) head's at and what way to steer it. To do all this we need everyone's support, caring and sharing. By now your (sic) probably wondering where it's going to be happening. It's at the old Federal Building at 9th and P St. (1st Floor) Registration is ten dollars. You can register by sending your check or money order to: NA World Literature Conference P.O. Box 30364 Station A Lincoln. NE 68503 Remember we need stories. one liners, poems. and anything else you can get down on paper. You can bring it or send it in, but if you can make it, be there. Love, Sam J. Lincoln NA”

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July 1980 (cont.)	<u>From Literature input (relapse) from John H. in Gainesville</u> "GAINESVILLE It's been a while since I have seen any of you and I want you to know that I'm OK and have been thinking of YOU. My wife and I got a home last week. Its (sic) small and out in the 'boonies' but very pleasant. Things have been a little out of kilter. I've been laid off (thank God for unemployment) and there's still a lot to do a far as getting the house in order. I received a letter from the lit committee recently asking for ideas for topics in our big book. Please don't forget the newcomer: Not as a chapter but maybe on a few pages I would like to see something about relapse mentioned. It seems as a newcomer the thought of living without drugs scared me to death! That fear would continually drive me back to using again. I didn't understand what was happening and each time out made it harder to come back. It took three years after one lime out and there was one more left for me still. Today it all seems like a long lesson in loss of reservations. But I feel so many are lost for the same reasons as those above, and there are those who because of guilt or shame over using again never come back. Then again I feel there are those who feel they 'just can't tow the mark.' The whole point of recovery is missed. Its (sic) not how long one is clean that counts, its the ONE DAY! How many of us could have hoped for or can ask for more than that? I'm certainly not going to pray for tens years sobriety. It may not be in God's Will for me and I can't stay clean ten years at a time. When recovery is based on time clean or I have to use my time clean as a club its (sic) time to stop and take a long hard look at where I've been at, and where I'm going. If I forget, I'm bound to go back and its happened before. John H." <u>From Second World Literature Conference</u> "SECOND WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE will be held September 8th to the 14th right after the World Convention. Members of the Fellowship in Lincoln Nebraska will host the Conference at the Old Federal Building at 9th and P Street. Send in \$10 registration to: NA World Literature Conference, P.O. Box 30364 Station A, Lincoln, NB 68503."⁸⁸

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August 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 8) includes submissions from: 1. Atlanta Literature Committee members (Page C. on Total Abstinence, Skip W. on Sponsorship, and Bo S. on Fear of Commitment) 2. The Topeka Literature Committee <u>From The Topeka Literature Committee</u> "We are publishing this letter so other literature committees and members interested in the new literature can have the benefit of reading it. Dear Members of the WSC Literature Committee, I asked members of my home group what topics they would like to see in the NA Big Book. These are the results of my survey: God, or Higher Power Sex Fellowship Let Go Let God Perfectionism Anger Fear How to cope with old drugging friends How to cope with families who practice total denial of a members drug problem How to deal with an interpersonal relationship with another abuser Gratitude The Twelve Steps Relationships between two people (man & woman) after sobriety The how's, do's & don't's After a slip, then what? It's so hard to straighten up again Loneliness The opposite sex Tolerance Patience Honesty

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August 1980	Sponsorship Keeping occupied Twelve step work Getting involved in N.A. Dealing with the person leaving prison Dealing with the person leaving an institution I hope that this will help. When I was in Wichita the fourth of July, I heard that you were also requesting outlines for the book. My idea was that it could have twelve chapters, each chapter about the twelve steps and then place the material accordingly. It would read as follows: I. 1st step A. powerlessness, first things first B. how did you find the program C. gut level feelings D. surrender II. 2nd step A. came to believe B. God as I understand him C. higher power D. Insanity and sanity, think it through E. the group III. 3rd step A. Made a decision, God as I understand him B. let go let God C. Thy will be done, not mine D. turning it over IV. IV. 4th step A. Inventory 1) resentments, 2) fear, 3) honesty May higher power bless you Thank you Topeka Literature Committee''⁸⁹

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September 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 9) includes submissions from members of the Atlanta Literature Committee (Bo S. on When I'm Tired and God as I Understand God, Page C. on A Day At Work, David A. on Softer, Easier Way, and Marie H. on Time is On My Side! Is It? ⁹⁰)
September 8 – 14, 1980	The Second World Literature Conference is held in Lincoln, NE. It followed WCNA 10 in Wichita, KS. SECOND ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE September 8, 1980 Lincoln, Nebraska Chaired By Jim N., Sec., Donna N., Tres., Sam J. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The twelve steps and twelve traditions of Narcotics Anonymous was then read. Began with roll call and everyone gave reasons for being here and what they hope to accomplish. Members Present: Bo S. - Atlanta, GA Jim N. - Lincoln, NE Donna N. - Lincoln, NE Greg P. - Wolf Creek, OR Bill - North Platte, NE Doug - Lincoln, NE Mark - Lincoln, NE Neil - Lincoln, NE John Ed Hank - Atlanta, GA Mike - Lincoln, NE Cliff - Wichita, KS Joseph -Memphis, TN Jolene - Memphis, TN Vickie - Newton, KS

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Bob - Los Angeles, CA Dean - Orange County, CA George - Philadelphia, PA Henry - Southern, CA Nona - Santa Cruz, CA Linda - Atlanta, GA UPDATE ON LITERATURE ORIGINS Early Days - Bob B. To Date - Greg P. 27 years old In the early days it was a moral issue and very few people recovered. First writing basics - four pages (Questions if you are an addict) 1954. In 1963 intentions were big book and came up with small book. Took three years for small book. Necessity because of growing numbers. 1972 WSO was opened on Crenshaw Street in Los Angeles. need our arm big book because of closer identity. Emphasis on recovery rather than drug-a-logues. A lot of material was lost in move in 1975 or 1976. NA has been coming of age for the last five years. Most new meetings started in the last five years. Most new meetings started in the last five years (sic – sentence appears twice). Find people willing but don't know what to do. The importance of communication and guidance. ACHIEVABLE GOALS FOR THIS CONFERENCE 1. Establish outline of chapter headings 2. Inventory materials collected 3. Put into outline 4. Select material ready to print 5. Inventory material needed FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHING OUTLINES OF CHAPTER HEADINGS <u>Discussion Ideas</u> Basic introduction - tell what its (sic) about, what we are about, expansion of white book. Combined with history, take material from white book and include

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Appendix - if additional information can be added. Such as starting new groups. Greg moved that white book be accepted as is for now until we find out what other people want and what are in the boxes. Each of the topics is an unending thing. Old times relapse because of know it all attitude. Need for new ideas More will be revealed shouldn't be pigeon holed but expressed in very chapter throughout the book. If Greg's motion is carried stop and dive into boxes. Meant More to be revealed our version of 'A Vision for You.' The pamphlet Another Look should be incorporated in more will be revealed. Bob thought it would be inappropriate as a separate heading because it is a personal story. The idea of something to the families and the outside world. We need to keep it simple good ideas but too many are being thrown out. Keep in simple could be a chapter of its own. Revelation of total addiction of which drugs is only a symptom. Need chapter on allergy. Jim brought up that instead of twelve chapters we could write twelve books. Greg called for motion which was the following outline be accepted as an outline: Preface Introduction Dedication 1. Who is an addict? 2. What is NA?

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Julie G. – Lincoln, NE Mike – Lincoln, NE Cliff – Wichita, KS Joseph – Memphis, TN Jolene – Memphis, TN Vickie – Newton, KS Bob – Los Angeles, CA Dean – Orange County, CA George – Philadelphia, PA Henry – Southern, CA Linda – Atlanta, GA Vickie C. – Lincoln, NE Dan K. – Omaha, NE Dave K. – Lincoln, NE Robert’s Rules on Parliamentary Procedure – Mike M. – Lincoln, NE. Every group should have a presiding officer, a chairperson, to keep order in the meeting. This leader is necessary in any decision making group. A secretary is necessary to keep accurate minutes. The chair keeps down interruptions and calls on speakers. He should know the rules of the meeting. Decisions are referred to as motions. The chair has to recognize anyone desiring to speak. Pending motion – the last motion on the floor. During any discussion, speakers are called in alternating sequence of for and against. Voting – chair asks for opposed or in favor twice. Postpone indefinitely – same a kill. Amendment – change but not kill. Point of personal privilege – has to do with something bothering you that is interfering with your function in the group. Appeal the chair – If the chair has made a ruling that you do not agree with and you think others will support your position, you can interrupt the speaker and address the chair. Balance of Power between chair and group. The ways to vote: for, against, and abstain. AGENDA (Bo went over topics) Sort accumulated material into headings and file in separate folders. It is recommended that if any word, phrase, or thought inspired anyone that they jot it down for later writing. Greg talked about the nature of accumulated material. We were encouraged to note ‘feelings’ and ‘ideas.’ We are determining our assets and liabilities literature wise. ‘What is

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The twelve traditions were also read. Members present: Bo S. – Atlanta, GA Donna N. – Lincoln, NE Bill – North Platte, NE Mark – Lincoln, NE John Hank – Atlanta, GA Cliff – Wichita, KS Jolene – Memphis, TN Bob – Los Angeles, CA George – Philadelphia, PA Nona – Santa Cruz, CA Donnie R. – Lincoln, NE Leo – Lincoln, NE Julie G. – Lincoln, NE Jim M. – Leetonia, OH Sam J. – Lincoln, NE Doug W. – Lincoln, NE Walt J. – North Vancouver, BC Jim N. – Lincoln, NE Greg P. – Wolf Creek, OR Doug – Lincoln, NE Neil – Lincoln, NE Ed – Marietta, GA Mike – Lincoln, NE Joseph – Memphis, TN Vickie – Newton, KS Dean – Orange County, CA Henry – Southern, CA Linda – Atlanta, GA Vickie C. – Lincoln, NE Dan K. – Omaha, NE Dave K. – Lincoln, NE

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Ralph A. – Leetonia, OH Maura S. – Lincoln, NE Glen S. – Lincoln, NE Bo want groups to run like integrated conscience. Our balance right now is \$240.00. We have made 3500 copies at 5¢ each (\$175.00). If you want personal copies, we ask that you pay 5¢ per copy. We asked people who have taken 100 or more copies to pay \$5.00, if possible. The order of sequence was discussed, and Greg suggested that we use the NA white book as a guide. It was recommended that from this time that all materials received be stamped with the date and 'Not for distribution.' It was recommended that local groups receiving literature contributions do this also. Bo recommended that while we read, we pay attention to language, so that it will reach the addict who still suffers. It was asked that no one enter the files on their own. See Linda or Bo if you want copies of anything from the files for your own personal use. Break into workshops and put assorted materials into the appropriate sections. The easiest way to do this is to go through the material and cut it up and paste related material together. Greg suggested that we set up a procedure to collect new material from people that are coming in. Greg said that we have no opinion on our own material. Do not evaluate any of your own material. Give it to someone else. If you want written material included have it typed, double spaced. WORKSHOPS 1. Put together outline of chapters 2. Inventory material we have and what we need.

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	List quality and quantity of what we need and what we have. Check white material against white book and see if it's the material we need. Use group conscience also. Greg suggested that since we are breaking new ground, approach it like sorting. Everybody sit down together and learn procedures we need. Greg said that we should sort materials in A, B, C, and D order. 1. Establish sub-headings 2. Sort material 3. Put back together 4. Will be inventory 1. Who is An Addict? (white book outline) A. Recognition of the problem within ourselves – desire to quit using B. Self diagnosis – recovery, awareness, discovery. How did we find this out? How did we live? C. What is an addict? definition Behavior and actions (feelings) D. Disease concept – user vs. addict E. Progression Broke up into workshops to work on above ideas. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. SECOND ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE FOURTH DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 1980 LINCOLN, NEBRASKA CHAired BY JIM N., SEC., DONNA N., TRES., SAM J. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The twelve traditions were also read. Members present: Bo S. – Atlanta, GA Donna N. – Lincoln, NE

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	2. Clip and paste quickly all sorted material under headings. 3. Order clippings under chapter headings according to topic outline and type up this material in book style. Greg read a letter from a person who is very supportive in Oklahoma. II. What is NA? A. Fellowship/society Together to stay clean Complete abstinence from all drugs Honest Desire Bo interjected that the honest desire is necessary because we have a more serious disease and need more honesty. Dean point out and read the third tradition. He feels that newcomers are little equipped to handle honesty. He believes that connecting the word 'honesty' with desire is a violation of the third tradition. There was a discussion between Dean and Bo. Bo wants to be able to move on with the outline. Dean made a motion to strike 'honest' from association with desire. The motion was seconded and a discussion followed. Greg asked that speakers pro and con limit their comments to three minutes. A vote on the motion was called, and 'honest was left on the board. No musts. open mind no stings – suggested principles Who Are We H.O.W. (Spiritual Principles) What we are What we are not The above outline was suggested for What is NA Bo suggested that we keep it simple and list working ideas. II. What is NA

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Fellowship/society meet regularly membership requirements no musts set of principles The work – daily no strings non-affiliation no leaders no pledges no surveillance What we are interest in (anonymity) Newcomers attendance Greg said that we are only looking for categories and not to be real specific. III. Why Are We Here? What got us here Methods having failed People Places Things Methods Seeking help in NA I can't, we can All of the above is why we came Realization Recovery/It Works Gratitude/helping All of the above is why we stayed. IV. How It Works A. Want, willing, ready

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	B. Steps (1 – 12) C. Easy Does it. (One day at a time) D. Spiritual indifference E. H.O.W. F. I can't, we can (therapeutic value) G. Facing Life (Acceptance) H. Stay clean from everything I. Substitution/addictive personality Greg pointed out that for something as large as this Topic, it's more important to pigeon hole. These categories are just for cutting and pasting. V. What Can I Do? – Addict (In and Out of Institutions) A. Action/Beginning your own program (Stop using) Come to a meeting B. Reservations C. Give yourself a break/Basics Dean moved that we place promises here because if we have to look to what can we do we want to know the payoffs. The motion did not carry. George moved that Obsessions should be next. The motion carried unanimously. A. Obsessions B. Promises VI. Twelve Traditions A. Vigilance/Atmosphere of Recovery B. Freedom for the individual C. Freedom for the group D. Traditions 1 – 12

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	VII. Recovery and Relapse A. Continuous Abstinence Recovery? Stumbling Blocks Relapsers and how we treat them Recovery concept Dishonesty/honesty Character changes Turning Point Old ideas Way to recover freedom Social responsibility Dependence on Higher Power Quality rather than quantity I can't, we can H.A.L.T. + S Priorities Discouragement Motivation Emotional Recovery A. Recovery concept I can't, we can Effect Turning point Continuous abstinence Relapsers & returnees B. Quality of Recovery Character changes Honesty Freedom Priorities C. Stumbling Blocks This part was changed to: B. Stumbling Blocks For Recovery A. Spiritual Indifference B. Dishonesty

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	Living by Example Dilemma Spiritual not religious Ongoing Recovery Creative Freedom Productive citizen Attitudes Results Visibility Gratitude Maturity VIII. We Do Recover Identification Similarities & differences Dilemma Obsession and compulsion Deciding to live Devine (sic) intervention Solution – surrender Empathy Spiritual not religious Ongoing Recovery Living By Examples Powerlessness Gratitude Creative freedom Promises – The lie is dead Ed made the motion that the above outline be approved for chapter 8. This motion carried unanimously. IX. Just For Today (Spiritual Maintenance) Surrender One day at a time Things we do each day

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	First things first things first, Easy Does It, Etc. (cliches & sayings) Sharing Vulnerability/courage choices and options Prayer and meditation Service, Selfless Wisdom Serenity <u>LEARNING</u> (to listen etc.) Daily reprieve based on... Practical Spirituality Ed made the motion to accept the above outline as written. Motion passed unanimously. X. More will be revealed The changing nature of addiction Environment of Recovery Self-Evaluation & we are introduced to ourselves Self adjusting Openmindedness What we have learned about the nature of recovery (plateaus, crises) Living and enjoying life Spiritual Awakening Blindspots (sic) How will I have fun clean Freedom Becoming men & women Bo made the motion that the outline was good enough to work from. This motion passed unanimously. Other Things That Should Be Talked About and Are Not Yet Located 1. Others – what can they do 2. Significant others 3. History of NA 4. Progression of Disease

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	5. Appendices 6. Medication 7. Relationships and sex 8. Illness & Accidents Greg and Bo explained the procedure on how to put the material together. We then broke up into groups and worked on the material. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. SECOND ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE FIFTH DAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1980 LINCOLN, NEBRASKA CHAired BY JIM N., SEC., DONNA N., TRES., SAM J. Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The twelve traditions were also read. Members Registered: Bo S. – Atlanta, GA Donna N. – Lincoln, NE Bill – North Platte, NE Mark – Lincoln, NE John Hank – Atlanta, GA Cliff – Wichita, KS Jolene – Memphis, TN Bob – Los Angeles, CA George – Philadelphia, PA Nona – Santa Cruz, CA Donnie R. – Lincoln, NE Leo – Lincoln, NE Julie – Lincoln, NE Jim M. – Leetonia, OH Sam J. – Lincoln, NE Doug W. – Lincoln, NE Walt J. – North Vancouver, BC Jim N. – Lincoln, NE

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September 8 – 14, 1980 (cont.)	We have nine more folders to jig-saw together. This book will write itself in God's time. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE FINAL OUTLINE OF CHAPTER HEADINGS Preface Introduction Dedication ONE – WHO IS AN ADDICT? A. Recognition of the problem within ourselves Desire to quite using B. Self-diagnosis (~~Recovery~~, Awareness, Discovery) How did we find this out? How did we live? C. What is an addict? Definition (Behavior & Actions, feelings) D. Disease concept User vs. Addict E. Progression TWO – WHAT IS N.A.? A. fellowship/society B. meets regularly C. membership requirements D. no musts E. they work – daily F. what we are interested in (anonymity)

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October 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 9) includes: 1. Information on the Second World Literature Conference a. A History of the Second Annual World Literature Conference b. Lincoln Literature Conference 2. Submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee, Bristol Literature Committee, and Joplin Literature Committee <u>From A History of the Second Annual World Literature Conference</u> SECOND ANNUAL WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Lincoln, Nebraska - September 8-14, 1980 HISTORY “Although relatively few of the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous stood in the Lincoln Federal Building in September. 1980, the spirits of our contributors and of those still suffering addicts were all around us, encouraging us. sharing with us their hope and their pain. Those who enjoyed the actual effort were but servants of a larger whole. From the moment that the early arrivals gazed into the empty hall in the Federal Building, it was apparent that this was the time and the place for the fulfillment of a dream. Men and women. who had had little or no previous acquaintance of one another, embraced each other readily, eager to enjoy what each had to share. During that first day, there was a pervasive sense of awe. The impact of what we could accomplish sank into the group conscience and we were excited. Although few individuals had had much experience and the group had had none, there was divine co-operation throughout the conference. The subject

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October 1980 (cont.)	feeling were cut out and pasted up on numbered sheets to establish content and flow of ideas. This material was then typed up in a 'we book form.' The first three and a half chapters were typed up by the end of the Conference. The balance will be typed and a series of packets will be sent out to all parts of the Fellowship for changes. Each packet will contain a chapter. The first mailout will contain chapter one and assorted background information to help members get started. The second packet will be Chapter Two and-so-on until all chapters have been gone over. We pray for a consensus to emerge. sufficient to warrant submitting a final draft to the 1981 World Service Conference for approval. Stories illustrating NA recovery will be dealt with after the basic text portion. An additional chapter heading might emerge before the material is completed. This will occur if a body of material develops which goes beyond the chapter headings we now have. The Third World Literature Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee in early February of 1981. The purpose of The Conference will be to draw a concensus (sic) for each chapter. The biggest need we have for additional material is in the area of the Twelve Traditions. Please pass the word and encourage members to write and send in material on the Traditions. If we achieve consensus at Memphis, the search for stories will begin. The Lincoln Conference will be remembered as the occasion where our book began to take shape. Individual sacrifice and dedication on the part of the Lincoln Fellowship went far beyond merely setting up the Conference. The positive atmosphere, lodging for attending members in homes and fine meetings each night went a long way towards raising the spirit and enthusiasm for the effort. They got us the first floor of the Lincoln Federal Building, a find copier which turned out to be the main piece of equipment for the Conference. We worked together the last seventy-two hours almost straight through. The personal support from the members from Lincoln made all this possible. We are grateful. See you at Memphis!"⁹²
November 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 11) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee, Bristol Literature Committee, and Philadelphia Literature Committee. Input on Traditions 7, 8, and 9 were submitted jointly by the Bristol and Philadelphia Literature Committees. ⁹³
December 1980	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 2, Number 12) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee and Bristol Literature Committee. ⁹⁴

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January 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 1) includes submissions from the Atlanta Literature Committee (Dealing with Disappointments and How I Stay Clean) and Bristol Literature Committee (Honesty). ⁹⁵
January/Feb. 1981	The <i>Main Line</i> (Volume Three, Issue Number Nine) includes the following literature-related information: 1. An update from Bo. S., "We Are the Book" <u>From An Update from Bo S., "We Are the Book"</u> WE ARE THE BOOK WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE "It is getting harder to write these letters. So much is happening, it is harder to reach moments of clarity necessary to put them together. We need your prayers more than ever. The main thing that has happened since the October letter is that the pasted up material on Chapters Two through Ten have been mailed out to eight cities. We attempted to include as much material as we could to equip the cities typing up chapters with what we learned working on Chapter One. We would like to think the cities involved would just throw away all our recommendations, but we're very aware of the job which lies ahead for them and are really grateful for their participation in this wonderful work. We also attempt to call each city involved every Saturday. We hope this telephoning will help the members working on chapters pull together and view the other cities as resources only a phone call away. The basic task is for each city to bring their chapter as close to completion as they can, then submit it for review in other areas. We know it can be done. Chapter One is gradually yielding to our efforts. The only difficulties we face now are technical. We have plenty of material. As different areas discover techniques which help the work get done, we will swap them around. As more of the techniques emerge and are shared, the work itself will proceed more quickly. These literary techniques for manipulating and arranging material still fit under the heading of compiling and are necessary to have material ready for review. Financial support has been coming in from Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee and the World Service Conference itself, and we are deeply grateful. The Memphis Literature Conference will add, God willing, three to

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981	The third World Literature Conference is held at Memphis State University in Memphis, TN. The review form of the NA book is completed. THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE January 31, 1981 Memphis, Tennessee "Chaired by Tom M., Sec., Stephen S. & Mindy M., Tres., Joseph P. Meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting began by the reading of the following N.A. literature: Who is an addict, What is Narcotics Anonymous, Why are we here, How it works, 12 traditions, Just for today, and We do recover. Members present: Stephen S. - Memphis, Tenn. Mindy M. - Sioux City, Iowa Duane P. - Memphis, Tenn. Kenny H. - Memphis, Tenn. Jack H. - Memphis, Tenn. Bill B. - Decatur, Ala.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	George R. – Ivyland, Pa. Jim M. – Leetonia, Oh. Ted S. – Philadelphia, Pa. Stephen S. – Memphis, Tenn. Mollie P. turned meeting over to Bo S. – Atlanta Ga. Asks members to call one person in home area to accept long distance calls, and to call home group every day to keep the home groups informed of how the conference is working and what is being accomplished. Ask home groups for contributions to help cover the cost of supplies such as envelopes, paper, money to buy coffee. Ask home groups to continue to send stories and to give any feed-back as to how the conference is going. The main objective of this Literature Conference is to get our N.A. Big Book done this year. N.A. is basically the same in all the areas of the world, thus making it possible for the group here to go over the material, to arrange it, edit it, review and revise it, and still have representation from a vast majority of N.A. members. After the chapters are in draft form a copy will be sent to every meeting in the world, with a Review Form attached so all members of NA can give feed-back and input to the actual Big Book. These forms will have to be sent back to the World Literature office, located in Marietta, Ga. The material needs to remain consistent, from our experience in N.A. Need to make a decision as to work on one chapter at a time as a group conscience or to split the chapters between groups. Hank F. – Atlanta Ga. makes motion to work on the chapters one at a time as a group conscience. Linda M. – Topeka Kansas would like to split into groups of 4 to 5 and work on separate chapters. Page C. – Marietta Ga. states there are not enough people to split into groups to work on individual chapters and there are too many people to work on one

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Hank F. - Atlanta, Ga. Bo brings to the group that Tom M. should receive any list for needed supplies. Tom will supply all supplies. It was decided that folders containing the day's minutes would be a necessity. Most important result of this conference will be to produce a review copy of the Narcotics Anonymous Book and send it to the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, California. God shall help us to produce this miracle. Cathy T. stated that Chapter 1 had no continuity and still contained a lot of redundant material. An intensive review workshop for Chapter I was suggested. George is working on Chapter 4. Lincoln, Nebraska has done work on Steps 1 - 10 and sent them here. Witchita (sic), Kansas is sending in their work on Steps 6 - 12. He wants Chapter 4 to be split into two parts: 1) How it works 2) Steps. Page suggested that the two parts become two chapters, following one another, because their content was so broad, yet so vitally important to be close together. Dwayne made a motion that this not be done until more work was recieved (sic) from out of town. Bo asked how the work on the stories was going. Tom said we have one long story complete and ready for publishing. He suggested that copies of other stories be made and passed around for review. Mollie said we need more stories about women. She also brought to our attention that stories should focus less on the actual drug use and more on recovery. It is brought to our attention that there is a great need for the style sheet for working on Chapter 1. Hank motions for an update on the style sheet. The motion is seconded by Dwayne. Terica motioned that the phrases 'on program' and 'in fellowship' be stricken from the style sheet. The motion was seconded by Shorty and was passed. Mollie suggested that phrases for the style sheet contain action words (living, working, using, etc...) rather than words such as in, or on, or other words of like passivity. Tom suggested that 'living the program' or 'working the program' would sound more appropriate. Mollie agreed. It is agreed to that the following phrases be added to the style sheet: PROGRAM - to mean the Spiritual Principle and FELLOWSHIP - to refer to the N.A. body.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Jim states that we are all learning more and more about keeping a continuous flow in our work. He discusses the spiritual adventure of our work and its importance. Nolan states that we are learning about the differences in each other's attitudes while working together. We are learning what we are all looking for and what exactly this conferences is about. George says that we have the paste-ups from Lincoln and have made copies. We are working on sections and have section C and section D done. Gina feels that this draft is in very rough paste-up form and needs a lot of work. It needs to be put into we-book-form. We should all ask God for guidance, strength, and direction, and have the courage to change the things that we can. We have received (sic) two letters and two telegrams wishing us luck with our work. Photo-copies will be affixed to today's minutes. THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Fourth Day February 3, 1981 Memphis, Tennessee Co-chaired by Joseph P. and Cathy T., Co-Sec.-Mindy M. and Stephen S., Tres.-Joseph P. Meeting opened by the Serenity Prayer, preceded by a moment of silence. Bo S. began the meeting by stating that the work was going well but must be kept up in order to achieve our final goal. He stressed the importance of keeping the minutes of the day. Round of applause given for the minutes. Dwayne states that Chapter 1 is back to another editing stage. He feels re-pasting Chapter 1 is unnecessary. Bo felt we needed to put a hard drive into working Chapters 3 & 4 today. He stressed importance of working on 3 - 10 as soon as possible in order that we may have a solid draft to work with. It is suggested that we use the third floor of this building for silence and peaceful individual care. We then went around the room with suggestions and comments:

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Jeff K. - Memphis, Tn. GaryS. - Memphis, Tn. Lee M. - Memphis, Tn. Randy S. - Memphis, Tn. Gina H. - Nashville, Tn. Dwayne L. - Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Duane P. - Memphis, Tn. Richard D. - Memphis, Tn. Joseph P. - Memphis, Tn. Kenny H. - Memphis, Tn. Mike P. - Memphis, Tn. Gene L. - Memphis, Tn. Jack H. - Memphis, Tn. THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Fifth day 2/4/81 Memphis, Tn. Co-chaired by Joseph P. and Cathy T.·co-sec. Mindy M. and Stephen S. Treasurer - Joseph P. Quote from the fourth chapter of the N.A. Big Book, 'We are trying to achieve adequacy (sic), not perfection---Adequacy (sic) can be achieved, perfection can not.' Bo S. opens group conscience with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Report on how the chapters are coming along: Chapter one and chapter two are good. They have been through their (sic) final review. Chapter three - Needs to be expanded on. Some expansion material can be gotten from the little white pamphlet and from the other chapters. Chapter three is pretty basic and does not need to be a long chapter.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter four - The first part of chapter four, steps one through four have been proof-read and reviewed once, typed and are ready for thier (sic) second review. The second part of chapter four is typed up in second draft, and should be ready soon for it's second review. Chapter five-Has been cut and pasted and is in the process of being typed and will soon be ready for it's first review. Chapter six - This chapter is in Wolf Creek, Oregon and is going to phoned in to us sometime this evening. Possibly we will have a dictaphone to use at this time. Chapter seven - Is typed and ready for it's first review. Chapter eight - Is typed and ready for it's first review. Chapter nine - Is being typed, and will be ready for it's first review. Chapter ten - Needs to be typed. Bo S. suggests that the main focus for the rest of this day be to get chapters four and five finished with their (sic) final review. Need the material for chapter three from Lincoln and the material from this conference to be compared and revised. Keep it simple and to the point. Gary S. says he knows of a school who will print the book copies cheaply. He will let us know what the school says at the next group conscience. Have app. 1000.00 dollars in the literature account at this time. We have a chance to borrow 1000.00 dollars, but we feel we will be able to get the money through contributions and would rather not borrow any money. Members are asked to call private individuals they know and ask for contributions. Close with the Lord' s Prayer. Back to work.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	4:15 am Open group conscience with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Report on the chapters: Chapters one and two are done. Chapter three - There has been a new outline made for this chapter 1) attempts to control addiction 2) attempts of other people to help the addict 3) Show how we lost cause, lost hope. 4) Concept of recovery-demands a personality change. The Lincoln work was added to chapter three. We cannot forget why we are here. The material from the White book needs to be included in chapter three. Chapter four (sic) - The second draft of the first four steps have been completed and are ready for typing. The second half of chapter four has steps 9 and 11 done, but chapters 10 and 12 have not been received from Wichita. Sections c through g are in their (sic) third generation and are ready for intensive review later in the morning. Sections h and i need to be edited and typed. Sections c through i will be finished and set aside for review tomorrow. If we do split chapter four, do not change the other chapter headings until the end of the conference and refer to chapter four as four a and four b. Chapter five-In final type. Chapter six - Was received (sic) by phone. Traditions 1 through 8 have been received (sic) with traditions 9 through 12 to be received (sic) by Friday night. Mollie reports that the traditions are in beautiful shape and will probably only need one proof reading and they will be done. Chapter seven-Reviewed tonight and is in typing. This is possibly the final draft of this chapter. However if there is any extra material from the other chapters, that material could possibly fit in this chapter.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter Eight-The first review has been done, and is in typing. This could poss. be the final draft of this chapter. Chapter Nine - Is in it's (sic) first draft. The people reviewing this chapter have asked for help. Chapter Ten- Needs to be typed and reviewed. In the Lincoln minutes it is stressed that the pamphlet Another Look be included in this chapter. Joseph will contact Jimmy and check on this. Stories - Tom asked for help typing these stories so they can be out and reviewed. We still need stories. There are app.12 stories 3 pages each, felt ready to be put in book. There is more of a cross section of stories being read. Bo asked that when we review a copy of a chapter we save a copy of each draft. These will be filed, and documented. Each of these drafts represents a flow of group conscience. It is asked that no one make a change in the flow chart except Linda, to avoid confusion. It was decided to change the style sheet to read that instead of reading he or him, form should be they or their. We will be copying off several copies of the traditions we received (sic), and they will be available to read and comment on. There is going to be a banquet Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. See Nolan for more details. Close with the Lord's Prayer. We are witnessing miracles taking place here, and we are all instruments of God. At six thirty a.m. 2/5/81 Jeff L. and Dan K. from Omaha, Nebraska and Doug W. from Lincoln Nebraska arrived ready, willing and able to work. Thank You Members present today 2/4/81 Dwayne L. - Ft. Lauderdale, Flor. Richard D. - Memphis, Tn.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Deb D. - Memphis Tn. Cindy H. -Memphis, Tn. Bill K. - Memphis, Tn. Mindy M. - Sioux City, Ia. Mike P. - Memphis, Tn. Nolan W. - Venice, Cal. Bob S. - Memphis, Tn. Gary S. - Memphis, Tn. Linda M. - Topeka, Kansas Laurie S. - Boise, Id. Jeff B. - Memphis, Tn. Lee M. - Memphis, Tn. Cordie A. - Memphis, Tn. Ted S. - Philadelphia, Pa. Gina H. - Nashville, Tn. Page C. – Marietta, Ga. George R. - Ivyland, Pa. Tom M. - Marietta, Ga. Gene L. - Memphis, Tn. Jane B. - Memphis, Tn. Robin C. - Memphis, Tn. Randy S. - Memphis, Tn. Beverly B. - Memphis, Tn. Kathy P. - Memphis, Tn. Frank I.- Boise, Id. Stephen S. - Memphis, Tn. Jim M. - Leetonia, Ohio Cathy T.- Memphis, Tn. Robert J. - Memphis, Tn. Terica W. - Bensalem, Pa. Kenny H. - Memphis, Tn. Mollie P. - Sioux City, Ia. Bo S. - Marietta, Ga. Joseph P. - Memphis, TN

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Sixth day 2/5/81 Memphis, Tn. Cathy T. and Joseph P.-co-chairpersons and Treas. Tom M. – Librarian Linda M. -Coordination - Work in progress Mindy - and Stephen S. co~sec. 3:40 P.M. Open with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Report on the chapters: Chapters One and Two are done. Chapter Three - Pray for us! Ask George how the chapter is coming. Is still in the paste-up stage and rewrite. Chapter four - In it 3rd review (Section C through I); Steps in second review. Looking Good. Chapter Five - Ready for final review. Chapter Six - Mollie will type it up. Few changes need to done. Thank you Greg of Wolf Creek for a great job. Chapter Seven - In typing. Will be in second draft. Chapter Eight - In typing. Will be in third draft. Will be ready for third review. Chapter Nine - In final typing. Looking Good! Chapter Ten - Still in writing and paste-up stage. Stories - The old files have been reviewed and all possible stories have been chosen. More stories are coming over the phone and in the mail. Plus some of the members of this conference are writing their stories.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Gary reports that he has contacted a printer who may possibly print our works for up to 75% less than the original estimated cost. Style sheet - Group discussion on the terms God vs. Higher Power. Went around the room for feed-back. Group agreed God should stay in our book and in our lives. Welcome back God. We will use the terms they, their and them vs. he or she. We shall use anything appropriately in place of he or she. Final reviews should be done by those members who have not already reviewed that chapter. Close at 5:40 with the Lord's Prayer. Receiving (sic) donations from-across the country: Jeanelle from Witchita (sic) called and says their groups in that area are sending \$75.00 plus. They are going to be holding fund raisers next week. Bob B. from L.A. called and says his story is on its way. He is also sending related material via air express. He will be sending the original first edition copy of the white book to be auctioned at the banquet Sat. night. The banquet will be held in the in the conference lounge. Also to be auctioned at the banquet will be the first review manual of the N.A. Book fresh off the press. Cathy M. called and says New Orleans is sending an undetermined amount cash donation. Northern California sends \$250.00. Thank you Northern Cal. The Board of Trustees will be meeting in California at Bill B.'s house Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. mountain time, 10:00 our time. We will call them and open their meeting over the phone with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. (768-2417)

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Jimmy K. from the W.S.O. called to say Chapter One was enjoyable reading. He enthusiastically awaits the final review manual. He thoroughly appreciates our work. He shall call Saturday at 2: 0 0 P.M. our time. We appreciate his support. We have recieved (sic) a letter from Dennis of Pittsburgh. He says he wishes he were here, but the weather is not permitting. His group has sent us a total of \$35.86 and all their love and support. We can use all the help we get. Thanks, Dennis. Members present today were: Dwayne L. Ft Lauderdale, Fla. Deb D. Memphis, Tn. Mindy M. Sioux City, Ia. Nolan W. Venice; Cal. Linda M. Topeka, Ks. Jeff B. Memphis, Tn. Cordie A. Memphis, Tn. Gina H. Nashville, Tn. Dale P. Memphis, Tn. Doug w. Lincoln, Nb. Dan K. Omaha, Nb. Tom M. Marietta, Ga. Jane B. Memphis, Tn. Beverly B. Memphis, Tn. Frank I. Boise, Id. Jim M. Leetonia, Oh. Terica W. Bensalem, Pa. Mollie P. Sioux City, Ia. Joseph P. Memphis, Tn. Hank F. Atlanta, Ga. Jan K. Memphis, Tn. Richard D. Memphis, Tn. Cindy H. Memphis, Tn. Mike P. Memphis, Tn. Gary S. Memphis, Tn. Laurie S. Boise, Id.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Seventh day 2/6/81 Memphis, Tn. Cathy T. and Joseph P.-Co-Chairpersons and Treas., Tom M.-Librarian Linda M. - Coordinator, Work in progress. Mindy M. and Stephen S. Co-Sec. 9:20 P.M. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. George read the latest mailgrams received (sic). A copy will be attached at the end of the minutes. Bo states the figure of \$6000.00 to be accurate (sic) as to the amount of money needed to send a review copy to each regional meeting throughout the world. We feel we can raise this amount of money. Everyone call your areas! After the review copies have been sent out to the areas, they will need to be returned to the W.L.C. in Cal. in two weeks. It has been decided that the next World Literature Conference will be held one week prior to the World Service Conference (in Sun Valley, California on May 1,2, & 3). Nolan W. of Venice, California will chair the conference. Congratulations and our best wishes to him are in order. A dictaphone and an amplifier have been connected to one of the phones so that we may record called in stories. We have all been asked to keep the noise level down while recorded calls are being made. So far today we have recieved (sic) stories from Gene of Topeka, Kansas and Jim of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We are grateful for their help, support, and stories. There is still a need for material to be put into the book. We need any historical items and any other literature which can be used in the book. We still need someone to be inspired to write the introduction, preface, appendix, and the dedication. Awe inspiring literature is definitely preferred. We need to develop a report on the Third world Literature Conference to send to our brothers and sisters in N.A. across the country and the world. Members of N.A. have come to the conference today from Atlanta, Birmingham, Baton Rouge, and St. Louis. We need all the heads we can get.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	The question has come up of how this conference is going to approve the written material. It was not decided but has come about that we have formed review workshops. Chapter material is photocopied and read in the workshops. Notes about revisions and discussion material are made during the reading. Everyone should and must do their best to alter mistakes in the written material. THIS IS THE BOOK FOR ALL DRUG ADDICTS WHO WANT HELP! We are working for the benefit of unknown millions. Some of the people here want photocopies of the entire book to take home to their groups personally. Group conscience is that this idea is no good for the ego, and it also would be a costly waste of money on our paper bill. We can all wait for the book as impatiently as all the other drug addicts in this world. Using an opaque projector for review purposes was suggested so that we may save money on copying material for review. That idea will be checked on further Saturday morning. We could possibly use one of the Memphis State projectors. George suggested the idea of the reader for the review group and that this reader must be someone who reads well and speaks clearly. We also need two workshops to write and work on Chapters seven and ten. Other than those two chapters, the book is in quality form. Stories still need revision and typing. Things are looking up! We all know that the book will never be perfect, but we are here to make it as understandable and helpful as is possible. We are not going to claim literal/perfection, only literal/progress. The question was brought up on whether we should split Chapter Four or not. It will be decided later. Chapter Ten needs the ideas from the heads of old-timers on the topic of 'Ongoing Recovery'. George read part of Chapter One to the group and it was beautiful. There are very few mistakes in it and it is a truly inspiring and well-written chapter. It will have no problem passing our final approval. We must all keep in mind that, 'If it works, don't fix -it'.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Eighth Day 2/7/81 Memphis, Tn. Cathy T, and Joseph P. Co-Chairpersons and Tres., Tom M. Librarian, Linda M, Work in progress Coordinator, Mindy M. and Stephen S. Co-Sec. 4:00 P.M. First group conscience of the day began by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. A list is passed around the room to sign if you don't have a copy of all the minutes. The secretaries will do their best to see that you get a complete set of them. Jim M. explains the style sheet for the umpteenth time. The question has arisen about the use of profanity in the book. The Lincoln Conference decided that it was acceptable as long as it was not offensive, i.e. shit, fuck, piss, etc. Common sense while editing is a must. An up-to-date version of the style sheet has been handed out. Nolan told us all that it has been decided that the Fourth World Literature Conference will be held in Sun Valley, California from April 25th to the beginning of the World Service Conference on May 1, 2, & 3. We addicts will be spending up to ten days in sunny California. The cost of WLC-4 will be \$12.00. The cost of the WSC in May is not known at this time. You can contact the sec, for information at this address WSC c/o Fawn Fayrote/secretary to WSC '81 13749 Chandler Blvd, Van Nuys, Cal. 91401. Nolan will be putting together a list of decent hotels, motels, and N.A. members to stay with if you plan to be there. His address is on the list of addresses to be inserted in today's minutes. Be sure you have two registration forms ready if you plan to be at both conferences. Bo read a telegram which we received from Jimmy K. Photocopies will be a part of these minutes. It is suggested that we make calls and send letters to all those who have sent their love and support to us this week. Joe reported that we have thus far. had approx, \$1100 in funds. We still need to hustle other regions, areas, and individual members for money to keep the ball rolling.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Shall we make the first two paragraphs of Chapter Three part of our Introduction? That hot question will be debated in the Introduction workshop later. We merely hope the flow never stops. There is a call for a one hour tape of this conference's highlights to be made. Our recording whiz kid, Mike P., will put in his best effort to make a copy which really carries the message. A call for reports on the chapters reveals that eight of the first ten chapters are ready for final typing and approval. Three cheers for us! Chapter Seven needs a bit of transition work and rewriting. Chapter Ten is in final rewrite stage. So far, we have about twenty stories, eight about women and twelve about men. At least four more stories are in the works at this moment. Group conscious closed with the Lord's Prayer. A story about today's banquet is in the minutes, but I forgot to mention that we raised over \$400 dollars cash and over \$1700 in pledges to go towards our printing bills. We have to raise a minimum of \$3400 to begin printing, and we must have it by Wednesday the eleventh, so that we will be able to meet our deadlines. We must have all review copies of the book printed and mailed before the end of February. We must allow groups across the world at least two months to review their copy before the World Service Conference in May. That is when the final copy will be approved. We expect the Fourth World Literature Conference to be an enjoyable experience. Until that time God is with us. The Banquet of the THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE The Third World Literature Conference held a banquet in Richardson Towers, on the campus of Memphis State University, on Saturday, the Seventh of February. Dinner was served shortly before 7:00 in the evening and was delicious. We had waited the entire week to eat this meal together. Most likely it was the fist (sic) filling meal any of us has had the entire conference. About seventy people were here to eat southern fried chicken, country steak, greens, and mashed spuds. We all thank Nolan W. for his part in setting up this meal.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Tom M. of Marietta read a prayer during the banquet. Copies will be a part of Saturday's minutes. Bo S, read a piece from the bonk and also announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Chairman, WSC Literature Committee. He feels sure that there is someone here at this conference qualified to fill this position. He will be giving up this position during the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, California in May. We are all more than just grateful to Bo for all he has done. We love and heartily thank him. The banquet ended with a short poem and then the Lord's Prayer. PRAYER READ AT WLC-3 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE .1/31/81 - 2/8/81 God, as we endeavor to complete this work, we know that You are with us. We know that without Your strength and inspiration we are not capable of the task before us. We know that this work is not our work, but Yours. Each of us, in our own way, humbly petition You to use us as Your tools: according to Your will. We offer ourselves to You in this way knowing that You are a Loving God and have all power. In this work and in our lives -- Thy will be done. Amen Written by a loving trusted servant who could not be here in person, but whose spirit was with us at every desk and typewriter. 11,00 P.M. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Chapters seven and ten are almost done. These can be completed soon if the members work undistubed (sic). We need to start the approval process of the chapters that are in their final typing. We need to get busy with the introduction. Richard asks people to give him any ideas or any material they think suitable for the introduction. Anyone who like to have a copy of the Board of Trustees meeting tonight can write and obtain them from: Jimmy K. World Service Office Manager

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Sherman Way Sun Valley, CA. 91352 Discussion on whether (sic) the fourth World Literature Conference be held through Thursday for the people who can get the later part of the week off and not the beginning of the week. It was decided to let Nolan W. - Chairman for W.L.C.4 to decide the final dates. Members Present 2/7/81 Roland C, Marietta Ga, Bo S. Marietta Ga, Doug W. Lincoln, Neb. Gene L. Memphis, Tn. Linda L, Memphis, Tn. Kirk D. Baton Rouge, La. Dan K, Omaha, Neb, Torn M, Marietta, Ga. Danny J, Birmingham, Ala. Richard D. Memphis, Tn Robin C. Memphis, Tn Dwayne L. Ft, Lauderdale, Flor. Jeff B, Memphis, Tn Brenda M. Birmingham, Ala. Cindy H, Memphis Tn. Hank F. Atlanta, Ga. Dennis E, Memphis Tn. Mindy M, Sioux City, Ia. Tom L. St. Louis, Mo. Jan K. Memphis, Tn. Laurie S. Eagle, Id. Tim T. Memphis, Tn. Georges. Marietta, Ga. Jane B. Memphis, Tn. Stephen S. Memphis, Tn. Jim M. Leetonia, Oh. Joseph P. Memphis, Tn.

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1981 (cont.)	Right now, we have Bob M. working on making copies of chapters. Even for his fist (sic) night of work here he seems very dedicated to this enormous effort. Cindy M. is also making copies and has been working hard the last forty-eight hours, not even stopping once for a nap. Roger T. is tapping on the electric keyboards doing a great job at rattling out an Introduction that would stir a boulder, and even better, motivate a desperate, dying addict. Whoops! I am wrong and readily admit it. More hard working addicts keep showing up, and George is still awake. Sorry about that folks. Bob S. is up now, encouraging Cindy and helping her to be sure she keeps her eyes open. Jane B. and Jack H. have just walked in after giving rides to everyone who was sleepy. Things are a bit slow right now, but progress is still being made. We expect to see a large amount of the conference workers around noon today. Cathy T. has worked a very long night and has been sharing her strength and hope for a long nine days. I feel like everybody has put in many hours of hard work and we are all grateful that God has been with us 100% the whole time. The only way we could possibly measure our grattitude (sic) for God's help is by finishing this book for recovering addicts and be sure to give the credit to God. Really there is no measurement for gratitude (sic), we only wish we could show as much as we have. We are all doing our best at that right here. It's eight in the morning now and Roger has finished writing the Introduction. He, Cindy, and Bob S. have reviewed it and it looks like he's ready to give his typewriter another whirl. Well, we shall all see the finished product soon. The previous, unofficial minutes have been brought to you by Stephen. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the author, but most likely are 'cause he typed 'em. THIRD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Ninth Day 2/8/81 Memphis, Tn. 9:30 P.M. It's very late in the conference; we have about fifteen die-hards at work at this moment. Most of the out-of-towners have gone home to recuperate after the nine

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February 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 2) contains the following information about literature: 1. Miracle in Memphis – Hello Book by Rowland C. about the 3rd World Literature Conference 2. I Didn't Mean to Be Here... by Roger T. about the 3rd World Literature Conference 3. WLC-3 Banquet by Steve C. 4. With Sincere Appreciation by The Rainbow Staff about the 3rd World Literature Conference <u>From Miracle in Memphis – Hello Book</u> "MIRACLE IN MEMPHIS~--HELLO BOOK Thanks to a power greater than myself, I was able to be in Memphis, Tennessee for the last two days of the Third World Literature Conferance (sic) of Narcotics Anonymous. What I saw, felt and heard there was a spiritual experience that's almost totally impossible to put into words. We left Atlanta Friday morning and arrived in Memphis that same night. I had no idea what to expect once we got there. We were all overwhelmed by an ocean of love. A meeting had just begun when we arrived and it was definitely one of the most wonderful meetings I have ever attended. The meeting ended and everyone dove head first into the typing, reading, writing, reviewing and copying. Pens, typewriters and brains were smoking. I was totally lost! How could I even attempt to help my fellow addicts with this dream turned reality? My NA brothers and sisters had their work down to a science, while I was bombarded with feelings of total inadequacy. I began to roam around, feeling sorry for myself, when a brother from Marietta grabbed me and pulled me over to a table. 'This guy has experience with what

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February 1981 (cont.)	<u>From I Didn't Mean to Be Here...</u> "I Didn't Mean to Be Here..." 'A coincidence is a minor miracle wherein (sic) God chooses to remain anonymous.' I guess we have all heard that one at some time or other if we have been around the program any time at all. I guess sometimes we get to the point that we toss aphorisms about so much we forget to listen to the truth of what we're saying. I know I do. I have been sober and clean more than five years in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have a rather scary history of drug abuse, but when I got sober I had been off drugs completely for more than two years. I had been drinking alcoholically for more than since the beginning at age 12--nearly fifteen years. The problems with other drugs seemed almost incidental when compared with the alcohol problem. N.A. was not very active where I sobered up. In fact it was practically non-existent. The few 'N.A.' meetings available were really 'dual problem' A.A. meetings, and not very good meetings at that. I attended a lot of those meetings, but never got serious about 'getting into' N.A. because there was more drug-alogue (sic) than program. However, I did hang out a lot with the dopers in A.A. because I could identify with them very easily. When I moved to a new city, the N.A. situation was about the same as I had first encountered. Finally, I just quit even going to 'N. A.' meetings altogether, because I wasn't getting any real program and then, too, there were a few 'hard-core' junkies who said you didn't qualify if you hadn't mainlined Class A narcotics. The message was never quite phrased in that manner, but the message of 'bad-ass arrogance' was there nonetheless. Even though I felt like I had never really gotten much out of my N.A. contact, I tried to remain open-minded. Somehow I knew I hadn't gotten the genuine article. Besides, as wonderful as A.A. has been--what can you say about a mystery that creates from nothing? That's what A.A. had done for me, given life where none had been before-- I knew that 'Alcoholism' per se just didn't cover the total picture. There was a hell of a lot more wrong with me than too much booze for too long. I was compulsive in every area of my life. It seems that anything I do more than once is addictive, particularly if it is self-destructive.

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February 1981 (cont.)	<u>From WLC-3 Banquet</u> WLC-3 BANQUET The Third World Literature Conference held a banquet in Richardson Towers, on the campus of Memphis State University, on Saturday, the Seventh of February. Dinner was served shortly before 7:00 in the evening and was delicious. We had waited the entire week to eat this meal together. Most likely it was the first filling meal any of us has had the entire conference. About seventy people were here to eat, southern fried chicken, country steak, greens, and mashed spuds. We all thank Nolan W. for his part in setting up this meal. After the meal we had impromptu speaking on the progress and hopes of members of N.A. Jim M. led asking members representing various areas of the country to speak. The message everyone carried was that of being positive that we are all successes today and will continue to strive for progress in N.A. Dwayne L. was the first to be called on. He pledged \$500 for his region. Mindy M. of Sioux City pledged \$250 for her area. Tom L. of St. Louis stood and told a poem and finally pledged a sum of \$500 for his region. George from Georgia pledged \$800 for his area. Gina was happy to pledge \$15 from Nashville, which she said she might have to steal to be able to send it in. Some people <u>will</u> go to any lengths. Many other areas were represented by members who also gave some awesome speeches. Nolan stood and make a speech for the out-of-towners of their gratitude to the people of Memphis and presented a plaque to all of us. Joe P. and Cathy T. received the plaque for Memphis N.A. and were very choked up by the whole ordeal. It was a very gracious moment. Joe P. asked that the plaque be kept at the Memphis House until Memphis N.A. has a clubhouse to put it in. The inscription on the plaque read as follows: IN APPRECIATION TO THE MEMPHIS NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS FELLOWSHIP 1-31-81 – 2-8-81 FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO OUR NA BOOK

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February 1981 (cont.)	FROM YOUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 3RD WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Memphis N.A., needless to say, is happy to be able to serve our brothers and sisters in N.A. Tom M. of Marietta read a prayer during the banquet: God, as we endeavor to complete this work, we know that you are with us. We know that without Your strength and inspiration we are not capable of the task before us. We know that this work is not our work, but Yours. Each of us, in our own way, humbly petition You to use us as your tools; according to Your will. We offer ourselves to You in this way knowing that You are a Loving God and have all power. In this work and in our lives – Thy will be done. Amen Bo S. read a piece from the book and also announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Chairman, WSC Literature Committee. He feels sure that there is someone here at this conference qualified to fill this position. He will be giving up this position during the World Service Conference in Sun Valley, California in May. We are all more than just grateful to Bo for all he has done. We love and heartily thank him. The banquet ended with a short poem and then the Lord's Prayer. Steve C. Co-Sec. WLC-3 Memphis, TN" <u>From With Sincere Appreciation</u> "WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION From January 31st until February 8th of this year in Memphis, Tennessee at the Memphis State University the 3rd World Literature Conference was held. Members of N.A. from Florida to Pennsylvania to Lincoln to California to Baton

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February 15, 1981	The N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. provides a supplement to accompany their newsletter. The supplement was likely included in the February 15, 1981 issue. The supplement summarizes the work done at the first three World Literature Conferences and asks for fellowship review and input on the "final review copy of 'Our Book.'" "NEOASCNA Newsletter Supplement THE BOOK We started early and stayed late. The book was probably the most important spiritual thing we'd ever done in recovery. It's hard to write these experiences; a two week time frame seems to have been a lifetime. Raw material for the book came from addicts in N.A. recovery all over the world. Most original material was written long-hand. Some was barely readable, some was flowery and excessively wordy, all of it was real. No valid thoughts or feelings expressed about N.A. recovery consistant (sic) with our Twelve Steps, written and spoken tradition were lost. All of it was included or saved for needed pamphlet material. This material had been assembled over an eighteen month period through direct fellowship response to requests from World Literature Committee for input for our book. Other material was included that had been collected throughout the 26 year history of our fellowship. In October, 1979, the 1st World Literature Conference held in Wichita, Kansas, began compilation of material; the minutes of that conference became our approved literature committee handbook. The 2nd World Literature Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska, September, 1980, began to outline material collected into logical sequence and provided a framework for our book. Chapter material was worked on in many cities across the country and much new material was produced. This material was typed, reviewed, edited and rewritten, cut apart, pasted up, typed, rewritten, edited and reviewed in Memphis, February 1-9, 1981. Nearly 10,000, working hours were put in by dedicated trusted servants from all the major N.A. areas in the United States. About 30 stories of N.A. recovery were approved by the conference; women's stories, men's stories, rich, poor, ordinary and bizarre, covering N.A. recovery from many viewpoints.

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February 15, 1981 (cont.)	The final review copy of "Our Book" is now at the printer and each group, fellowship wide will have a review copy (not for distribution) by March 1, 1981. These review copies will contain 10 review input forms, so that every member may become part of our book by sharing their ideas with World Literature Committee. The 4th World Literature Conference will be held April 25-29 in Venice, California. Review input forms will be checked and appropriate changes (sic) will be made. A final manuscript will then be presented to the World Service Conference, May 1, 1981. If this manuscript is approved by the conference we will then have our own book, the common, shared and personal experience of recovery from addiction in the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. Your help is needed. Please review the book in groups, reading aloud to each other. Pray to your Higher Power for guidance and mark your review input form: Approved; Approved with these changes or not approved. Many addicts die of our disease every day. Help carry the message through the written word. Help us have 'Our Book'."99
February 15, 1981	The <i>N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. Newsletter</i> provides a summary of the 3rd World Literature Conference that had just concluded in Memphis, TN. This summary includes prevailing themes, such as "Narcotics Anonymous can and in many areas does now stand alone as the program of recovery from the disease of addiction." "WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE # 3 Memphis, Tennessee, 1/31/81-2/8/81 OUR BOOK - It's up to us. The literature movement began in earnest about 3½ years and continues to snowball. Representatives from all over the country came to Memphis for one common cause: To have a basic text on recovery from the disease of addiction the N.A. way. Some of the prevailing themes were: Narcotics Anonymous can and in many areas does now stand alone as the program of recovery from the disease of addiction. We must share the miracle of recovery with addicts everywhere - You never need to use again; Our program works - We've never seen anyone <u>Living the 12- Step</u> suggested program relapse and die; the time for our Book - Narcotics Anonymous is <u>now</u>. Millions have died of our disease without knowing that recovery was possible; we are responsible for making recovery available to all who seek it; this Book will help provide the unity

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February 28, 1981	The Northeastern Ohio Area Service Committee of NA reports in their newsletter, <i>Miracle Reminder</i>, that a literature fundraiser was held that resulted in \$217.36 sent to the 3rd World Literature Conference to help cover the costs of the conference and the printing and distribution of the Gray Review Form. "On Feb. 28, A.S.C. sponsored a 'Lets' make The Book real' fund raiser, and it was magnificent (sic). There were friends from the entire North Eastern Ohio and Western PA area in attendance. There were auctions and 50/ 50 drawings and the Sharon group served a dynamite dinner. An inspiring lead was delivered by Ted S. who traveled from Philadelphia, PA. He was present at the 3rd World Literature Convention in Memphis and shared with us his experience and love he received (sic) there. He also shared with us his feelings from 'The Book' as it had related to him. The dancing and partying started about 9:00pm. 'The Book' is THE BEST REASON in the world to have a party!!! They have said many times that we couldn't do it, but with God on our side, who is to say we can't do anything? Thanks God, for giving us the ability to coincide with Your Will: the party brought in over \$250.00. After expenses, we sent \$217.36 to the 3rd World Lit. Conv. in Memphis!"¹⁰¹
March 1981	The Rainbow Connection (Volume 3, Number 3) announces the draft I.P. The Triangle of Self-Obsession is under consideration. "(The following article is under consideration as a possible I.P. It was submitted by a member from Oregon.) THE TRIANGLE OF SELF-OBSESSION"¹⁰²
March 1981	The Mid-America Newsletter (March 1981) includes the following information on literature: 1. Topeka, KS meeting is reviewing the N.A. Book 2. My Experience with the 3rd World Literature Conference <u>From Topeka, KS</u> "TOPEKA has a new meeting too. This meeting at Washburn University met for the first time Monday, March 2nd. A group conscience was taken and we are going to take the time to review the N.A. Book as a group effort during this time. Everyone is looking forward to listening and enjoying our book."

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March 1981 (cont.)	<u>From "My Experience with the 3rd World Literature Conference"</u> "Dear Fellow Members, I want to share my experience of the 3rd World Literature Conference with you. A one word description is 'WOW'. My experience with the Conference began Saturday, Jan. 31st. I got off the bus in Memphis and was greeted by a guy from Memphis and another guy from Georgia. I knew I was in the right place as soon as I was hugged. We arrived at the Conference Center in Richardson Towers, Memphis State University. People from all over the country were still arriving. The people from Georgia, including our chairman, arrived and we had our first Group Conscience, twenty-seven people representing nine states were present. We discussed the earlier conferences, established goals for our conference, and discussed our reactions to being here. We started to work immediately. We worked around the clock for the whole conference except for the first night. A flow chart was put on the chalkboard to record our progress. The progress of the book ranged from a fairly complete Chapter 1, to a very incomplete Chapter 10. Slowly, surely and steadily the chapters were typed, revised and retyped until they were finally approved during the last hours of the Conference. One of our sayings, 'WE ARE WATCHING A MIRACLE IN PROGRESS'. The feelings I felt, the people I've met and the spiritual growth I experienced will hopefully always be with me in my heart and mind. I'm very grateful that I was chosen to participate in the Conference; the memory itself may keep me clean someday. I hope that everyone will take the time and effort to read the final draft when it comes in the mail. We need everyone's participation in the review process. We want the book but we can't have it without you. Love, A Grateful Member"¹⁰³
March/April 1981	The <i>Miracle Reminder</i> newsletter (March-April Issue #3) reports that the N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. Literature Committee held 2 mini-conferences so the group could "edit the book." The mini-conferences were held March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5, 1981 at Jim M.'s farm in Lisbon, Ohio.

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March/April 1981 (cont.)	“N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A. Literature Committee recently held 2 mini-conferences. They were March 28 & 29; and April 4 & 5, 1981 at Jim M's farm in Lisbon Ohio. These conferences were held so we, together as a group, could edit The Book. They were both very successful, completing the work with continuous workshops and cooperation. The prevailing theme was spirituality. Attendance for both was 50-55. Many brought along covered dishes, typing paper, typewriters; all brought strength, hope and inspiration. A group input form was completed and also individual input forms (these are still available and needed). The following are some personal experiences during these conferences individuals chose to share. There are many more - and they'll be shared in future newsletters!!! ‘This reality of what can be accomplished by entire groups, when individual egos are submerged in a common cause was the single outstanding lesson for me at this get together. The common good prevailed and a truly utopian atmosphere permeated our world. What a beautiful illustration of this, the weekend was for me.’ - Mac M., Cleveland Bridge ‘My first feelings were a kind of fear of not knowing what to expect. Once I arrived at the farm, right from the 'get go', my feelings changed to a kind of closeness with everyone. I experienced feelings of sharing and caring with people I never layed (sic) eyes on before. We all had this common purpose for being here. It's an experience I'll forever be grateful for and thank God and the people in N.A. for letting me be here.’ - Debbie B. 'We sat and read through a book chapter by chapter. We took it apart and got it together. When we got lost, we prayed to our Higher Power and everything worked out. It was obvious that this is our way to the life we want. The hours were full of caring & sharing. It was a beautiful experience & I found some new tools to further my growth in the program & in my life.’ - Phillip E.

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March/April 1981 (cont.)	'The NEOASCNA mini-conference was one of my richest learning experiences. Together, working as one group conscience under our Higher Power, gave me a great sense of wellbeing. Taking part in this undertaking has shown me the power of prayer.' - Anonymous 'In Memphis the spirit of Greater N.A. overwhelmed us. We birthed the Book. NEOASCNA's lit. committee held a mini-conference Mar. 28&29 and the same spirit filled us here. Addicts working together with a single goal in mind: to promote NA Unity by doing our part to review and edit The Book. We want it to be published as soon as possible. Very few of us had any experience in literature work but we prayed and we wrote and we read. The small hours of morning saw the spiritual part of us emerge. We truly acted as spiritual parts of a greater whole in harmony. Our personal recovery was at stake.' - Anonymous 'After struggling with words and phrasing so intently in review workshops, words to describe that experience come hard. The overall feeling of gratitude for the privilege of being a tiny part of this work is incredible. In a life which in large part has seemed so meaningless, it has been very special and very satisfying to be allowed to share in a small way in something which will have so much meaning for so many. I pray that our efforts can aid in making this project a reality which can help many to find the program of Narcotics Anonymous and the way to recovery.' - Doug; Erie, PA 'The NEOASCNA lit-com. mini-Conf., 3/28&29/81, was a new experience for me. Many times I felt the presence of our Higher Power. He was with us all the way! I'm grateful I was able to take part in this weekend conf. Everyone worked together - I heard no conflicts. Our Book is so vital - we found another mini-conf. necessary. I hope to attend this 2nd mini-conf. & help in any way I can, as the fellowship of N.A. has helped me. Thru this past weekend, I received more knowledge of the program & fellowship of N.A. and I love it, want it, & I'm willing to work for it. IT WORKS!' - Pam K. - Warren, OH

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March/April 1981 (cont.)	'The weekend of March 28&29 was my first real spiritual awakening since being in the program. I felt more love, caring, and sharing than ever before in my life. Thanks to the fellowship of N.A. Thank you & love you all.' - Joe J. - Warren , OH 'It's been a beautiful weekend full of love and service. I've grown spiritually to where I can see my need to share my recovery. This keeps me alive and growing. I need and love you all.' - With Love, Kenny B. 'My 1st mini-conf. - different experience – pleasant & constructive. So many different types of people, all lovingly working toward a common end; our Book. Felt mixed emotions about how constructive 'I' was at first. Just being able to say I played even a small role in reviewing the N.A. book & sharing part of a weekend with clean, serene & loving people was will (sic) worth the trip from Cleveland. I plan to KEEP COMIN' BACK Thank you all.' - Mike C. 'Sharing & caring was the central theme for my weekend retreat in the country - but it was more for me. I left with a direction in my chemical-free life. I felt clean for the first time in too long. Now there is committment (sic) to this group. Thanks.' - Anonymous"¹⁰⁴
April 1981	Bo. S., Chairman, WSC Literature Committee, sends a letter to the Fellowship about the "Memphis Literature Conference." "April 1981 Dear Fellow Members: Memphis Literature Conference We now have our book in review form. It has been sent out to all registered groups in our worldwide Fellowship. Our program of recovery will soon be more generally and efficiently available. The Spirited and talented members who showed up at Memphis for the Third World Literature Conference of Narcotics Anonymous worked more than forty-

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Cliff It's already helped, God's will Joy service, to bring N.A. to New York City Alphonzo member, part of Group Conscience Mary have to be here, recovery is here, book, N.A. George God's will, recovery, adequacy, represent region, prayer and thanks, take it from review form to chapters to workshops – all addicts seeking recovery a day at a time Pam attraction, God's will, praying to be an instrument Kenny good conference Jim excited, unpublishable in present form, needs 'Ho to' instructions Peppy supposed to be here, no comment, gratitude Gina gratitude, more specifics needed, amazement Pam see what's going on, the book should be more for the newcomer, needs chapter on Hospitals and institutions. Mention was made of the following: Keep the area clean. If we keep this conference God- conscious, there can be no failure. And no one will say 'this is me', and yet every one will say 'this is me.' Suggestion was made of an Art committee. There will be a photo collage of the Memphis conference. Daily minutes will be kept. When using the N.A. symbol, both pictures should be used. Mention was also made of the following: It would be nice to have a meeting at sunset on the beach. We should have a librarian for the files Don't leave important papers lying around as they tend to be accidentally thrown out. Hopefully, we will get a phone tomorrow (sic). The book will come from those who are willing. We should ask for God's Will and the power to carry it out. At this point we said the serenity prayer and took a break.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	1:45 pm We went around the table and each area representative talked a little about how their group critiqued the N.A. book.
	Doug (Lincoln) Read a chapter what was good, what needed changing? Wrote a review form, Separated by chapter, passed the book.
	Paige (sic) (Marietta) Individual input, had several workshops
	Charles (Louisiana) Weekend marathon, page by page, stopped at each sentence, have to keep from nit-picking.
	Jack (Venice) Read the book, thrilled. Book needs to say what you say when you speak, and what you hear at meetings.
	Dean (Orange County) Work in progress was used as framework for a 12 step guide for Orange County use, 12 step guide can be used as N.A. input, Book was critiqued at a regional review meeting, has a story from Crazy Cathy for evaluation.
	Jerry (California) Need to keep it Simple.
	Nina (California) Nice to be here.
	Jim (Vancouver/Washington) needs to be more specific in how to do the steps, has word-of-mouth reports from home.
	Gina (Nashville) carried book around, asked people to critique it
	Jim (N.E. Ohio) Had mini-conferences, used flow-reading techniques, took notes, editing should be done by a qualified few.
	Greg (Oregon) Had workshops
	Bob (Memphis) Defers to Kathy T., feels book needs mention of acceptance, regardless of race, suggestion of a quite time.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Mary (St. Louis) Need to keep going if can't find solution
	Barbara (California) Reviewed book, group wrote fourth-step guide and newcomers guide, will try to photocopy them for conference.
	Cliff (California) Need to keep away from politics
	Linda (Topeka) Workshops on Saturdays for 1 ½ hours, made comments as went along, too much slang, will words be timeless? ('get down', 'toke'), small groups work better, pray before each meeting.
	Bob (St. Louis) Meeting every night for two weeks – small attendance, lots of enthusiasm, not footwork. If it works, don't fix it.
	Hank (Marietta) Had mini workshops, need to qualify word 'God'.
	Roy (Ohio) Should be a personal experience not a personal book.
	Jeff (Council Bluffs) Got together after meetings to review, had feeling of unity with N.A. groups world wide, same purpose.
	Terica (Philadelphia) Flow reading group works best.
	Also attending this part of the conscience were:
	Thom St. Louis
	Pam Santa Monica
	Dan Omaha
	George Philadelphia
	A suggestion was made to send a letter to Memphis, thanking them for their love, help and support during the last conference.
	A motion was made and seconded to take a break each day from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The motion carried.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	We then took a short break. The next area under discussion was how to move the work through the literature conference. After much discussion, the following format was evolved: 1. Review Input 2. Improvise reviews- restructure, reword, correct, ect. (sic) 3. Type 4. Proofread- edit; correct-review A. back to edit workshop B. type C. proofread – edit, review, correct a. back to editing workshop b. type c. proofread-edit, review, correct - a1. back to workshop, got through 1, 2, 3,...drafts - b1. Type - c1. Proofread – edit, review, correct There will be three basic sources of material: 1. Text 2. Input forms 3. Files There will be three basic groups: 1. Reading and evaluation 2. Editing 3. Paper-handling There will be a special proofreading section. Any new input should be written down so it can be more easily shared and less easily lost. Reading and evaluation will sort the input and files, separating specific input from general input, then separating specific input into chapters. Decided to spend time till we got a copier by sorting and creating new input.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Attendance (sic) April 26, 1981 Day One Linda M. Topeka, Ks. Mary D. St. Louis, Mo. Terica W. Philadelphia, Pa. Bob S. Memphis, Tn. Nickie C. Bellflower, Ca. Greg P. Oregon Jim M. Ohio Nolan Venice, Ca Phil North Hollywood, Ca. Michael W. North Hollywood, Ca. Joy North Hollywood, Ca. Charles K. Baton Rouge, La. Doug W. Lincoln Ne. Nancy C. Bellflower, Ca. Page C. Marietta Ga. Bo S. Marietta, Ga. Pam K. Warren Oh. George R. Philadelphia, Pa. Mary L. Smyrna, Ga . Alphonso M. North Hollywood, Ca. Cliff H. Wichita, Ka. &Torrance, Ca. Joe H. Mar Vista, Ca. Roy D. Warren, Oh. Dean Orange County Hank F. Atlanta, Ga. Thom L. St. Louis, Mo. Bob D. St. Louis, Mo. Kenny Memphis or California Jim P. Vancouver, WA Peppy California Gina Nashville, Tn. Pam Sarita Monica, Ca. Jack Venice, Ca. Jerry California Nina California

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Bob California Jeff Omaha, Neb. Dan Omaha, Neb. Jim San Louis Obispo, Ca. FOURTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE April 26, 1981 Second Group Conscience 11:25 PM <u>ATTENDANCE</u> Sydney R. Los Angeles, Ca. Terica Pennsylvania Gina Tennessee Bo Georgia Pam Ohio Hank Georgia George Pennsylvania Jim M. Ohio Jim B. California Doug W. Nebraska Matt California Greg P. Oregon Charles K. Louisiana Roy D. Ohio Jim P. Washington Linda M. Kansas Meeting was chaired by Jim M., Ohio. Report from Secretary, Linda M.: The files were ordered for convience (sic) and workability. Copies were made of Input forms. The input forms were divided into two sections, General and Specific. The Specific Input Forms were separated into Chapters one through ten. An evaluation workshop was started on Chapter one. Stories are being

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Bo said our first priority is to absorb the input. The editing will be done by a qualified few who will pick themselves. The easiest place for a newcomer to fit in would be in the reading groups. This way the newcomer can decide what they want in the book.
	It was decided to sort the general input and get rid of the redundancies so that it can go into a more usable form.
	Jim suggested that there be a person to chair each workshop and that people divide themselves into the workshops before they started. Doug suggested that we have a way to get the newcomers more involved. Bo said the newcomers would be able to decide for themselves where they would best fit in.
	George has the work on chapter 2, Paige has the work on chapter 4.
	Group conscience was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
	Attendance Group conscience #3 April 27, 1981
	Mary O. St. Louis

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Page C. Atlanta Nancy C. Bellflower, CA Bo S. Marietta Brandi G. No. Hollywood Hank Atlanta Larry K. No. Hollywood Roy D. Ohio Philip G. Venice Charles P. No. Hollywood Group Conscience #4 April 27, 1981 4:20 p.m. Paige (sic) opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The first thing discussed was the new flow chart. Chapters 4 and 7 are still in the original specific input stage. Jeff gave a report on the first half of the fourth chapter. This chapter has been divided into two parts, to make it easier to handle. Bob gave a report on the second half of the fourth chapter, and said there was about 10 pages left. He said it might be a good idea to separate the 12th step into two parts. Jim made a motion to separate the chapter. The motion read that there be a subchapter head in chapter 4, line 32, page 61, and that it be titled 'Living the Program.' Mary seconded the motion and it was passed. Matt gave a report on chapter 7. Gina felt there should be more information concerning thoughts preceding relapse and less emphasis on recovery in this specific chapter. There were several comments on how to get this information. Bo stated that he thought we were getting away from the purpose of group conscience. He spoke of the need to get through the specific input so that we could work more on the spirit and life of the book. There were several comments agreeing with this statement. The need to keep it simple, to seek progress not perfection was emphasized.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	An announcement was made that the hall will be closed tomorrow between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4p.m. We need to get the work to the typists so we can read it during those hours. It was stated that we, as trusted servants, need to get the specific input in before that time. We closed the group conscience with the Lord's Prayer. Attendance Group Conscience #4 April 27, 1981 4:20 p.m. Day 2 <table border="0"> <tr><td>Roger T.</td><td>Marietta</td></tr> <tr><td>Roy D.</td><td>Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>Gerald C.</td><td>Venice</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary D.</td><td>St. Louis</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary L.</td><td>Marietta</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim M.</td><td>Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>Joy S.</td><td>No. Hollywood</td></tr> <tr><td>Jeffery L.</td><td>Omaha</td></tr> <tr><td>Thom L.</td><td>St. Louis</td></tr> <tr><td>Gina H.</td><td>Nashville</td></tr> <tr><td>Sydney R.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Bob R.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Steve H.</td><td>Redondo Beach</td></tr> <tr><td>Pam K.</td><td>Warren, Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>Matt K.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Bo S.</td><td>Marietta</td></tr> <tr><td>Cliff H.</td><td>Torrance</td></tr> <tr><td>Danee F.</td><td>Venice</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim B.</td><td>Morro Bay, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancy C.</td><td>Bellflower, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>Page C.</td><td>Marietta</td></tr> <tr><td>Terica W.</td><td>Richboro, PA</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim P.</td><td>Vancouver, U.S.A.</td></tr> <tr><td>Morrilin W.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Joe H.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Sally E.</td><td>Orange</td></tr> <tr><td>Greg P.</td><td>Oregon</td></tr> </table>	Roger T.	Marietta	Roy D.	Ohio	Gerald C.	Venice	Mary D.	St. Louis	Mary L.	Marietta	Jim M.	Ohio	Joy S.	No. Hollywood	Jeffery L.	Omaha	Thom L.	St. Louis	Gina H.	Nashville	Sydney R.	Los Angeles	Bob R.	Los Angeles	Steve H.	Redondo Beach	Pam K.	Warren, Ohio	Matt K.	Los Angeles	Bo S.	Marietta	Cliff H.	Torrance	Danee F.	Venice	Jim B.	Morro Bay, CA	Nancy C.	Bellflower, CA	Page C.	Marietta	Terica W.	Richboro, PA	Jim P.	Vancouver, U.S.A.	Morrilin W.	Los Angeles	Joe H.	Los Angeles	Sally E.	Orange	Greg P.	Oregon
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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Paige (sic): Chapter Four is at the typist. Dean: Chapter one is in typing. When a copy is typed, copies are made and general input is added to the work. Terica: Is the General Input being considered at the group level? Mary: It was decided at group conscience that the general input would be read at a group level. Dean: Additional input is being presented on chapter one. Bob: Spiritual maintenance, HALT is vital for the success of this conference. Paige (sic): Typists should be encouraged to correct mistakes whenever possible. Everybody is encouraged to correct mistakes. Charles: Let's read the general input. Jim M.: Our goal is to present a satisfactory generalization of the general input. See enclosure. Other comments are: We have received copies of the review input form upon which number one has been marked. Number one on the review input form says that we approve this book in its present condition. Another item is a dedication page to AA. MOTION; Dean; To put the dedication to AA in an appendix. Seconded. Open for discussion. Terica: This information is already in The Book. Do we need to repeat this information? Linda: According to the outline established at the Lincoln literature conference, a dedication to AA belonged in chapter three. At Memphis, we found having the dedication to AA in chapter three was not feasible. It was decided that the dedication to AA would be included in a forward or introduction. A comparable dedication is included in the introduction of the review form. Paige (sic): we owe our gratitude to AA. Bob: compare spirituality in AA and NA. NA allows us to reach more people; the suffering addict. Nicki: Lets (sic) talk about the motion on the floor. Personally, I'm grateful at the limited mention of AA in The Book, but delighted at the acknowledgement. Dean: Tabled motion. MOTION: Greg; Moved the material be considered as input for the introduction and be treated as such. Seconded. Passed.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Jim M.: Will thank you letters be sent to contributing members? Bo: How many thank you letters will be sent, secretary? Linda: We currently have 25 to 30 addresses for thank you letters. A motion wasn't made, but a group consensus was to approve the letters. Our copier is broken. Our plan of action may be subject to change because of this fact. Paige (sic): I think it's important that we don't edit too much. If we do we run the risk of losing valuable content. I think we should fix the machine. Jim M.: I see a need for additional input. Charles: I think our priorities are to finish chapter seven and finish typing. Bo: I agree with Charles in addition to experimental editing and a work shop on the stories. George: What was decided about input? Bo: Copies of general input will be made available. Greg: As a group we need to reach a point and then evaluate our work. Have we addressed the general input? Mary: I would like to help Dean edit chapter one. Jim M.: The stories need to be worked on. Bob: My observation is that we need a plan and a prayer break. Dean: We need a hug break. Bo : A list of priorities was placed on the board. Finish chapter seven, finish typing, experimental editing, and read and evaluate stories. Barbara: Treasurer's report. Beginning Balance \$197.99 ending balance \$675.05 Acknowledgement from local area group of 103.00 dollars. MOTION: Made by Bob; That we rent the hall for Thursday and Friday to finish work in conference if necessary. Seconded. Passed. Suggestion; Bo: Thank you letter should be written to local group for donation. MOTION: Chas; Accept the plan of action on blackboard. Seconded. Passed. Linda: Reminded everyone of the suggestion to write area reports on work done between the Memphis and Santa Monica conferences. MOTION: Bob; Close meeting. Seconded. Passed. Serenity Prayer.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE MEETING AND THE IMPERFECTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE FAILED TO TAKE ATTENDANCE. PLEASE FORGIVE US. <u>Telegram message April 28, 1981 0935 EST</u> OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU HOPING FOR THE REALITY OF OUR BIG BOOK. MONDAY NIGHT S NA COUNCIL BLUFFS IOWA 536 WOODBURY APT 5 COUNCIL BLUFFS IA 51601 Fourth World Literature Conference Santa Monica, California Group Conscience #6 April 28, 1981 6 p.m. Roger opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The first subject was <i>a</i> report on the experimental workshop conducted on chapter 2. It was found that the way it worked best was with three editors and a typist. Two of the editors had previos (sic) literature experience. It was suggested that a group of four edit the other nine chapters. Chapter two was read. Various comments were made concerning the chapter. Majority of opinion held that there were a few rough spots but the chapter was much improved. Discussion ensued as to why there should be only four people in an editing group and whether the editing group should edit the other nine chapters. A lot of discussion followed, bringing out these ideas: Having an editing group for all ten chapters would promote consistency. It would be possible to change sets of editors for each editing workshop, and to keep them consistant (sic) through all ten chapters.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Having too many editors or switching editors tends to be counterproductive. The work would go back through reading and evaluation for new input and then to another editing group. A motion was made and seconded to have Greg and Bo editing in the first workshop and that there be two editors, a member and a typist for each editing workshop. An editing workshop would consist of all ten chapters. The editing group would change with each workshop. After more discussion the motion passed with one opposing vote and two abstentions. It was decided to set up an input table organized into chapters to handle new input. It was also decided to have a committee to sort appropriate deletions from editing groups into different chapters for possible reconsideration. An announcement was made that a local group of addicts from the V.A. hospital sent \$100 to the conference and a south Florida group had sent \$150. It was stated that we need to work on stories, contacting the writers and getting releases An announcement was made that we have use of the hall for two more days. At this point we took a short break. After a break we began discussion of story-editing. Charles read guidelines developed for this purpose (copy enclosed). There are some stories already and we will receive the input from this editing shortly. A motion was made and seconded to accept the story-editing guidelines. There was discussion concerning the use of trade-name drugs. There was an amendment to the motion to delete the guideline concerning brand-names pending legal opinion. The amended motion passed with one opposing vote. The next order of business was a discussion about using the telephone to contact story writers. It was decided, where possible, to call collect. We have use of a WATTS (sic) line.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	It was stated that when going through chapters, we need to consider the following: Is the input complete? Is the typing complete? How quickly can we begin group conscienceness (sic) 'flow pattern' reading of chapters one through five? When editing stories, it was asked that the following questions be answered: Does it feel right? How does it make your heart feel? Is it complete? Does it fit the chapter title and does it contain everything you know and experience in your recovery? Did you learn something or hear something new/ Does it flow? How are the transitions? It was requested that we include a story from a combat veteran. The meeting was closed. Attendance Group Conscience #6 April 28, 1981 6 p.m. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Roger T. Marietta</td><td style="width: 50%;">Dan K. Omaha</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tom M. Atlanta</td><td>Cathy T. Memphis</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nancy C. Bellflower, CA</td><td>Cliff H. Torrance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Doug W. Lincoln</td><td>Page C. Atlanta</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary L. Marietta</td><td>Bob R. Brentwood</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nickie C. Bellflower, CA</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Charles K. Baton Rouge</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>George R. Philadelphia</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Grag (sic) P. Oregon</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Pam K. Ohio</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo S. Marietta</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim P. Vancouver, U.S.A.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Hnak (sic) F. Atlanta</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim M. Ohio</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Bob S. Memphis</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Roger T. Marietta	Dan K. Omaha	Tom M. Atlanta	Cathy T. Memphis	Nancy C. Bellflower, CA	Cliff H. Torrance	Doug W. Lincoln	Page C. Atlanta	Mary L. Marietta	Bob R. Brentwood	Nickie C. Bellflower, CA		Charles K. Baton Rouge		George R. Philadelphia		Grag (sic) P. Oregon		Pam K. Ohio		Bo S. Marietta		Jim P. Vancouver, U.S.A.		Hnak (sic) F. Atlanta		Jim M. Ohio		Bob S. Memphis	
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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	OUTLINE FOR EDITING STORIES I. Direct references to A.A. & A.A. Literature a) should refer to other 12 step program II. Geographic Locations a) leave intact if useful b) remove if repetitious (sic) III. Dates a) delete month and day b) convey length of time IV. Language a) omit profanity b) change slang terms to common terms c) check and correct obvious grammar and punctuation errors V. Variety a) area b) age c) sex VI. Drug brand names GENERAL INPUT Condensed for Minutes 1. A member suggests that the traditions be deleted from the book as he considers them not relevant to early recovery. He further suggests that they be included in an additional publication entitled <u>The Twelve Traditions</u>. 2. A member suggests that one to two year publication date be aimed at. It is further suggested that we have a publishable book and that an editor of the highest caliber be hired. 3. A member wants a story from a gay addict to be included. 4. A member wants personal stories in front of the book, not the back. 5. Gene H., representing several groups in Oregon will be arriving with their input. 6. A member was pleased that the word 'love' was used so often in the book.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	It was decided to set up a fund so that the two members who hitch-hiked here won't have to hitch-hike back. Frank tendered an invitation to dinner at his place tonight, followed by a meeting. It was asked that conference members going to meetings tonight ask people at the meetings to come back to the conference to help read and evaluate. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Attendance Group Conscience #7 April 29, 1981 4:30 p.m. <table border="0"> <tr><td>Bob D.</td><td>St. Louis</td></tr> <tr><td>Larry N.</td><td>Winchester, VA</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary D.</td><td>St. Louis</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim P.</td><td>Vancouver U.S.A.</td></tr> <tr><td>Doug W.</td><td>Lincoln</td></tr> <tr><td>Jeffery L.</td><td>Omaha</td></tr> <tr><td>Dan K.</td><td>Omaha</td></tr> <tr><td>Terica W.</td><td>Richboro PA</td></tr> <tr><td>Frank S.</td><td>Alhombra (sic) CA</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim M.</td><td>Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>Page C.</td><td>Marietta</td></tr> <tr><td>James B.</td><td>Columbus, Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>Morrlin W.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Bob L.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Bob R.</td><td>Brentwood</td></tr> <tr><td>Dennis L.</td><td>Brentwood</td></tr> <tr><td>Dexter J.</td><td>Brentwood</td></tr> <tr><td>Dean</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Hank</td><td>Atlanta</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim B.</td><td>Morro Bay</td></tr> <tr><td>Alfonso R.</td><td>Los Angeles</td></tr> <tr><td>Matt K.</td><td>Venice</td></tr> </table>	Bob D.	St. Louis	Larry N.	Winchester, VA	Mary D.	St. Louis	Jim P.	Vancouver U.S.A.	Doug W.	Lincoln	Jeffery L.	Omaha	Dan K.	Omaha	Terica W.	Richboro PA	Frank S.	Alhombra (sic) CA	Jim M.	Ohio	Page C.	Marietta	James B.	Columbus, Ohio	Morrlin W.	Los Angeles	Bob L.	Los Angeles	Bob R.	Brentwood	Dennis L.	Brentwood	Dexter J.	Brentwood	Dean		Hank	Atlanta	Jim B.	Morro Bay	Alfonso R.	Los Angeles	Matt K.	Venice
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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Nicki requests people should not interrupt (sic) typists as they work. This only promotes mistakes. Also asks to keep the noise level low. Jim seeks a committee form to pull and fit input to text from stories. Bo says we should pull input into chapter bins, keeping all information in one place. Chapter one, two, three, five and ½ of four are ready to edit. Jim stated that he hopes everyone in the room would be very careful about returning copies of The Book to their proper owners or places where they were borrowed from. It appears that a few books have been misplaced. These were purchased by members here and are not for people to have as gifts. We should be practicing an honest program. Judith wants to know what writers have been told about how to do their personal stories. What should be put in stories and what should not? Bo feels it is up to the writer as to the content of each story, charting the progress of recovery. Jim asks that each person sign attendance sheet going around. Nolan announces a banquet at 6 PM and asks that the work stops approximately at 5:30 so we can set it up. Gina would like to see outlines for stories, and when reviewing using the outline against the content of the story. Please be positive with the approach with critique of the story. The author has become very vulnerable with this information and will need support with the content critique. Terica wants to know mentioning AA in stories or should it be 'the other twelve step program'. She thinks this is significant. Bo doesnt (sic) think we should put AA down. It's been tried before with little success.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	George thinks that if we allow AA to be put into stories, then he would also like to mention names of rehab centers. Bo asks that we evaluate how important AA is to NA recovery. Roger mentioned that AA didn't fail, it just didn't fill the scope of our recovery and should be considered on individual basis for input in persons (sic) story. Bo thinks we should discuss this later. Tom would like to continue discussion. Nancy says AA is pertinent (sic) in a few stories she read and she does not want AA to outweigh NA in any story in The Book. Jim gives opinion that AA has always supported NA George again wants to be able to name his recovery program in his story if AA remains in stories. Greg believes the author should have final input as to what is or is not mentioned in his or her story. Jim shares what the fellowship in the Ohio area, as it is shared to him, does want to see stories in the book that pertain to NA recovery. Would criteria of what constitutes actual endorsement. Does need to follow (sic) the sixth tradition. Charles feels that story input is up to the author, and that if the author doesn't (sic) want to pull AA from story then story can be pulled from book. Gina would like to see that each author is made aware of exact guidelines we will follow in determining which stories are kept in book. Bo would again like to discuss this later. Perhaps after some time to meditate. Nolan indicates the need to continue discussion now.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Nicki makes motion to 'Not include AA continually through the book and use words such as other twelve step program' Withdraw. Roger makes motion that 'stories be considered on basis of how well they express NA recovery and that no stories include any proper names of any other program or in any other way endorse any other outside enterprise. Matt seconds. Vote on Roger's motion carried with one opposed. Page wants to know what to do with input on chapter one. Wants to incorporate input on typed form to go to editors. Torn thinks Page wants editors picked now so there won't be any time lost tomorrow when we start. Greg moves that Roger and Jim plus a floater be named. Bo thinks there are many qualified to do the workshop absorption (sic) input. Much of the input work <i>is</i> done, making the editors job easier. Nancy would like the first two with experience in the door in the morning to be appointed to work the edit workshop. Mary wants a woman in the group. Nominations postponed; Group decided to postpone editor votes until next group conscious meeting. Charles would like people to help evaluate stories. Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer at 12:50 AM

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	Cathy T.	Memphis, Tn.	Roy D.	Ohio
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	Jeb B.	Venice Ca.	David R.	Venice, Ca.
	Frann J.	Lawndale, Ca.	Bob M.	L.A., California
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	Bob R.	Brentwood, Ca.	Barbara N.	Mar Vista, Ca.
	Ham M.	Venice, Ca.	Shorty C.	Mar Vista, Ca.
	Greg P.	Oregon	David W.	Santa Monica, Ca.
	Nickie C.	Bellflower, Ca.	Chuck L.	Venice, Ca.
	Doug W.	Lincoln, Neb.	Coco U.	Venice, Ca.
	Nancy C.	Bellflower, Ca.	Richard C.	No. Hollywood, Ca.
	David B.	Lnog (sic) Beach, Ca.	Charles K.	Baton Rouge, La.
	Tom McT.	Georgia	Fawn F.	San Fernando Valley, Ca.
	Jim B.	Mono (sic) Bay, Ca.	Jim P.	Vancouver, Wa.
	Thom L.	St. Louis, MO	Bob D.	St. Louis, Mo.
	Page C.	Marietta, Ga.	Jerry C.	Venice, Ca.
	Pam K.	Warren, Ohio	Nolan W.	Venice, Ca.
	Bo S.	Marietta, Ga.	Mike A.	Los Angeles, Ca.
	June H.	California	Matt K.	Venice, Ca.
	Sally E.	Orange, Ca.	Jeffrey L.	Omaha, Neb.
	Linda G.	California	Mary L.	Marietta, Ga.
	Steven C.	California	Jim M.	Ohio
	Koren S.	Tujunga, Ca.	Hank F.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Larry K.	California	Gina H.	Nashville, Tn.
	Ollie B.	North Hollywood, Ca.		
	Jerry R.	California		
	Judith R.	California		
	Alfonso M.	Hollywood, Ca.		
	Joy K.	Hollywood, Ca.		
	Susanne K.	Hollywood, Ca.		
	Judy B.	Hollywood, Ca.		
	John D.	Hollywood, Ca.		

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Dan K. Omaha, Neb. Frank S. Alabama Fred A. California <u>Telegram message April 30, 1981 1057</u> OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AREA NA IS UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF 'THE BOOK' WEN HUMP MEETING, FRI FREEDOM AND SAT NITE LIFE. ANYTHING LEFT OUT WE'LL PUT IN THE THIRD EDITION. OMAHA COUNCIL BLUFFS NA <u>Telegram message April 29, 1981 1431</u> WE AT THE WEST AREA OPPORTUNITY CENTER WISH TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST APPRECIATION TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SO DILIGENTLY WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LITERATURE. IT GIVES ONE A FEELING OF CONFIDENCE TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES WHO NOT ONLY HAVE DREAMS, BUT DO THE NECESSARY FOOTWORK TO ACTUALIZE THEM. IN ADDITION TO CONGRATULATING YOU FOR THE PRESENT ACHIEVEMENTS, WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVEN GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS COMING FROM YOUR GROUP IN THE YEARS AHEAD. VERY TRULY. My Prayer For Recovery God help me to find myself just a little each day, by doing so, maybe I can find out how I got to be this was.... In the beginning as a person, I felt I wasn't so bad...Only later on down the road thru life, did I find...I'd been had Out of bad can come good and there still can be hope...But on this very day I realize It will never happen, with me using dope. Alfonso R. R.T.C.

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	Bob D.	St. Louis	Frank S.	Alhombra (sic)
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	Greg P.	Oregon	Coco U.	Venice
	Mary L.	Marietta		
	Sally E.	Orange County, CA		
	Jim M.	Leetonia, Ohio		
	Bob S.	Memphis, Tenn.		
	Gina H.	Nashville, TN		
	Page C.	Marietta		
	Dan K.	Omaha		
	FOURTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Group Conscience #9 Santa Monica, California April 30, 1981 10:30PM			
	George R., PA, chaired the meeting. He asked for progress reports on the book.			
	Jim M. shared that the second edit on Chapter one was not entirely finished when it was approved at the banquet. It is now finished.			
	Dean asked if it was still OK to add input after the second input? He received positive input from the group.			
	Terica reported on Chapter six. She said it looked good and one new input needed evaluation.			

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	FOURTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE Group Conscience #10 May 1, 1981 2:30 PM The meeting was chaired by Bo S., Georgis, World Lit. Chairman. He introduced two new members from San Francisco, Bob and Vincent. He then asked for Progress Reports. · Chapter one is final form. Chapter two, as reported by Bob, is about 15 minutes from completion in the second editing workshop. Chapter three is in final form Chapter four, as reported by Bo, needs Steps 8-12 sent through first edit. Part Two, Living the Program, is thru second edit. Chapter five is an half an hour shy of completing second edit. Chapter six went thru second editing last night. Chapter seven has gone thru second editing and needs to be typed. Chapters eight thru ten need to go thru first edit. Stories, as reported by Charles, all the stories are reviewed. They need to be typed. Nineteen of twenty-eight release forms have been signed. A new story was contributed from San Francisco.																												

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Greg P. said the stories from the little white book don't need a release form if they haven't been changed. Bo announced that the World Service Conference will be held this weekend. He felt the Literature Committee should be aware of the need for another Literature Conference next year. He is planning on resigning. He felt his replacement should be someone who was experienced and was probably present in the room. He felt the Committee was hanging onto the Book. We'll never get it perfect. He suggested Fort Lauderdale as a potential conference site. A Conference could occur in conjunction with the World Convention in Miami in September. He then asked for input from the members. Greg P. said the Committee will continue to receive input and new literature. This new material will need to be channelled (sic) into the Fellowship. Tom felt Fort Lauderdale would be a good choice. It would probably have good attendance, affordable for those already attending the Convention, and the area was experienced in setting a large conference or convention. The input of new literature will probably happen and having an ongoing Literature Conference is a great idea. Bo said Atlanta, Pennsylvania, and Ohio are the most active areas in Literature. Before the Conferences have been held in the Midwest for easy accessibility. We've had a Lit. Conference on the West Coast, let's have one on the East Coast. Mary shared the Convention was a time to play. The Coast is a hard place to work because the beach and water distract one from working. Charles feels it is necessary to have a Literature Conference once or twice yearly. There will be revisions, a need to rechannel (sic) literature and improvements. The Conference needs to continue. The Conference is for 'business'. What will help the Fellowship as a whole? Bob said he wanted to talk about this Conference. Bo asked him to wait and recognized Nolan.

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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Nolan said we should contact potential conference places and decide at the last Group Conscience. Bo asked to close the discussion till the last Group Conscience. He said the work coming out of this Conference is far superior to the Review Form. We are running out of time and need to finish it up as much as possible. Loose ends are time-consuming. Would you comment Joe? Joe said there were a lot of details involved in closing the Memphis Conference. Typing, proofreading bound a few people from the local Fellowship. We don't want to get over-extended. Bo said we should benefit from the Group Conscience while it was still available. We need to get the material ready for the typesetter. Another item is our current covers are not adequate. They are getting torn. It is encouraging to see our attendance increasing at each Conference. Any more comments? Bob asked if there was a violation of procedure. The Group Conscience had decided to edit the chapters in order to promote continuity. What happened? How are we going to continue? Bo said we want to keep as many people as possible busy. Because of the initial problems with Chapter one we started with two. We can only do the best we can. We, the first edit, will finish Chapter four and then continue with Chapters eight, nine, and ten. Bo said he asked the Board of Trustees to compare the first and second version of the Traditions. He would like to hear their feedback. They could perform a valuable service to us. The second edit contained additional material. Page said the sequence of the editing is important. We should try to achieve a final form as best as we can. We can then compare the first and second drafts to see which is best. Nolan said he only had one copy of the schedule for World Service Conference. The Conference will begin tonight at 7:30. Friday night the Regional Reports will be read. Attendance is not mandatory. Saturday it is important to be present. The Literature Conference hall will be used for the Service Conference Dance

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	The Regional Service Rep, Ed, from Marietta was introduced to the group. Luv Ya!			
	Bo stressed the importance of reading the World Literature Letter found in front of the minutes. We need a lot of input on the criteria for the completion of the Book. He feels the letter needs to be read at the next Group Conscience, around 12:00 PM tonight.			
	MOTION: Close the meeting. Seconded.			
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April 26 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	<u>Telegram message April 29, 1981 1109</u> HELLO ALL. WE WANT THE BOOK AND WERE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT. NA ALL THE WAY LOVE LINCOLN NA¹⁰⁷
May 1 – 3, 1981	The sixth World Service Conference is held at Los Angeles Valley College. The minutes contain information regarding literature in: 1. 1st report from Bo S., Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee 2. 2nd report from Literature Committee 3. World Service Office Report 4. Chuck G. <u>From “1st report from Bo S., Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee”</u> “Bo S., Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, gave his report. Started off by thanking all those people who supported the literature effort this past year. Read off some of the names of the local co-chairmen this past year: Bob M. from Ft. Lauderdale, Gina H. from Nashville, Joseph P. from Memphis, Jim M. from Ohio, Greg P. from Oregon, Bob P. from Pennsylvania, Greg K. from San Francisco, Cathy from New Orleans, Dean from Newport Beach, Doug F. from L.A., George R. from Philadelphia, Bob D. from St. Louis, and many more. Thanked the World Service Office for mailing out info. Thanked the WSC for their encouragement and support. Thanked the Board of Trustees for their vote of confidence and personal support. Thanked the city of Lincoln, Nebraska for hosting the 2nd World Literature Conference. Thanked the city and Fellowship of Memphis, Tennessee and Santa Monica, California, Philadelphia, PA, and San Francisco, California, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and others. Bo stated that when they went into the Lincoln Conference they had 800 pages of raw material for the book (i.e., stories, articles, etc.) Material was sorted through and divided into the various chapters and reviewed and resorted, etc. Tried to arrange it all in the best order that they could. Some cities would type revisions and submit for further revisions - an on-going process of review, input, etc. 10 typewriters, 2 photo copiers and 20,000 sheets of paper were and are being used. Lincoln Conference ran 7 days, 24 hours a day non-stop. Memphis Conference ran the same way. Printing costs ran around somewhere in the area of \$6,000 for final rough draft. Mailed out approximately 1,000 books for review throughout the fellowship. 120,000 words were typed. City of Memphis was thanked for their 24 hour service in getting it typed. Present Literature Conference has been held in Santa Monica, members working 24 hours a day. Bo added all are welcome to

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May 1 – 3, 1981 (cont.)	Joseph P. came to the podium and stated that in regards to the Memphis Lit. Conference, since the sale of the first review copies going out to California, they have now covered their deficit and are now in the red just a few dollars. Roger T. came to the podium and read the input forms. Roger T. stated that the Lit. Comm. felt that they will have to follow the directives of this Conference. Added that the Lit. Comm. is not authorized to approve any proposed literature. That falls under the directives of our guidelines of the WSC. Stated that there was a lot of input as to the wording in the book. Felt that this input would be best served in a committee workshop, all of it being considered. There were several calls for special interest group type literature (i.e., addiction amongst teenagers, sponsorship, etc.). There was also a proposal to remove the word 1 proposed 1 from the N.A. Literature Committee Handbook since it was approved. There was also quite a bit of input in respect to that the book be the best quality effort possible. They agree with that. It was stated from the floor that it has always been traditional to read all the input forms from the Conference podium, because this is the only way for the N.A. community at large to ask questions, etc. It was suggested that all the input forms be read. Input Form: 'It desperately needs to be printed in some form as we desperately need our own literature. Maybe not as a definitive text but perhaps as a short booklet or booklets. I would hope that the 1st Chapter would be revised to read more concisely and less redundant.' Reponse (sic) to this was that the Lit. Comm. would follow the directives of the WSC as far as publication. As far as chapter revision, that occurs in committee workshop. <u>Input Form:</u> 'More participation with the greater N.A. Feel that at least one conference should be held in Canada for international world input. The book is not ready for hardback but the WLC has helped spread more unity and more active service than any other phenomena in the history of N.A.' <u>Input Form:</u> Is the phrase 'the honest desire to stop using' going to be changed in the white book titled What is the N.A. Program? We would like it changed to

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May 1 – 3, 1981 (cont.)	believe we all serve a greater principle whether as a committee chairman, an oldtimer or as a newcomer still in withdrawal who only empties ashtrays. I'm not here to answer malicious or unfounded gossip, rumor or innuendo based on reprehensible motives of character assassination or personal aggrandizement. I have here to write the definitive history on what is really happening here. I'm sick of hearing all the bullshit. If you have nothing to add in written form to further the recovery of your fellow addict, I don't want to hear it. I'm not here to waste my time, my energies, arguing and explaining the self-appointed guardians of Traditions and policies. That should be handled in committee in broad daylight by this body. I am here 1) to serve the Fellowship and not any particular personality, clique, cult or body of personalities. I serve N.A. as expressed to me by our elected membership and the spiritual integrity of this Fellowship as embodied by the collective group conscience and implemented by the WSC structure. I'm here #2 to learn. Any time I think I know more about what I'm doing than you the fellowship, I'm in trouble and I expect you to tell me. I'm here #3 for recovery. Primarily for <i>my</i> own recovery and to the extent that I am willing to let you experience your recovery. I'm here #4 to promote unity within the worldwide Fellowship to the best of my ability and that of the Literature Committee and that of its highly motivated and dedicated workers. I'm here #5 to further the enthusiasm engendered by the commendable effort now in progress. I'm here lastly to love and be loved. I don't like some of you but I love everyone of you sick fuckers and I don't expect solicitous consideration from any of you for my own good and for the benefit of the Literature effort and the greater N.A., I invite you and I encourage you to ride my ass unmercifully but I would hope that you do so with an attitude of loving service and I don't care if you like me, but would hope that you love me and thank you, I love you all.”¹⁰⁸
June 1981	The Mid-America Regional Newsletter contains information about the 5th World Literature Conference. “5th World Literature Conference...June 29th -- July 5th...Willard Hall, 2020 Willard Ave. S.E., Warren, Ohio...4th of July Picnic Sponsored by Ohio Regional Conference....Registration fee, \$12.00...For more info contact Jim M. 424-3701; Roy D. 637-5342; Pam K. 856-4200. Accommodations provided at no charge. Theme: That others may find the freedom of recovery we have found.”¹⁰⁹

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June 29 – July 5, 1981	The fifth World Literature Conference is held at Willard Hall in Warren, OH. Note: This transcription is based upon Page C.'s copy of the minutes. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE V WARREN, OHIO June 29, 1981 First Day, Morning Meeting Jim. M., Pam K., Co-chairpersons; Donna N., Secretary, Mary K., Treasurer, Roy D., Co-chairperson Roger opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the conference prayer from the gray review copy. MEMBERS PRESENT: <table> <tr> <td>Bernie A.-Perkasie, PA</td><td>Jim B.-Morro Bay, CA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mark B.-Warren, OH</td><td>Linda B.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lesa B.-Front Royal, A (sic)</td><td>Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN</td></tr> <tr> <td>B.-Warren, OH</td><td>Aldis B.- College Park, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>B.-Stow, OH</td><td>Nickie C.- Canoga Park, GA (sic)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary C.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Charles D.-Baton Rouge, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sally E.-Buena Pard, CA</td><td>Mike F.-Morrisville, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bob G.-Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td><td>Jean H.- St. Louis, MO</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gina H.-Nashville, TN</td><td>Linda H.-Madison, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe I.-Warren, Ohio</td><td>Kim J.-Boardman, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tana J.-Niles, OH</td><td>Pam K.-Warren, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA</td><td>Mary L.-Marietta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gregg L.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Linda M.-Auburn, KS</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim M.-Leetonia, OH</td><td>Steve M.-Nashville, TN-in spirit</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tom McT.-Smyrna, GA</td><td>Donna N.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ron N.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Larry O.-St. Louis, MO</td></tr> <tr> <td>Greg P.-Wolf Creek, OR</td><td>Joseph P.-Memphis, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sydney R.-Los Angeles, CA</td><td>Dave R.-Megadore, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kevin R.-Hubbard, OH</td><td>Bob S.-Fr. (sic) Lauderdale, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jamie S.-Hermitage, PA</td><td>Dan S.-Youngstown, Oh</td></tr> </table>	Bernie A.-Perkasie, PA	Jim B.-Morro Bay, CA	Mark B.-Warren, OH	Linda B.-Lincoln, NE	Lesa B.-Front Royal, A (sic)	Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN	B.-Warren, OH	Aldis B.- College Park, GA	B.-Stow, OH	Nickie C.- Canoga Park, GA (sic)	Mary C.-Lincoln, NE	Charles D.-Baton Rouge, LA	Sally E.-Buena Pard, CA	Mike F.-Morrisville, PA	Bob G.-Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Jean H.- St. Louis, MO	Gina H.-Nashville, TN	Linda H.-Madison, OH	Joe I.-Warren, Ohio	Kim J.-Boardman, OH	Tana J.-Niles, OH	Pam K.-Warren, OH	Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA	Mary L.-Marietta, GA	Gregg L.-Lincoln, NE	Linda M.-Auburn, KS	Jim M.-Leetonia, OH	Steve M.-Nashville, TN-in spirit	Tom McT.-Smyrna, GA	Donna N.-Lincoln, NE	Ron N.-Lincoln, NE	Larry O.-St. Louis, MO	Greg P.-Wolf Creek, OR	Joseph P.-Memphis, TN	Sydney R.-Los Angeles, CA	Dave R.-Megadore, OH	Kevin R.-Hubbard, OH	Bob S.-Fr. (sic) Lauderdale, FL	Jamie S.-Hermitage, PA	Dan S.-Youngstown, Oh
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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Roger said that it was his feeling that our only function is to carry the message in World Service Conference, written form to the still suffering addict. He also stated that if you are interested in gossip, make it clear that it is your opinion and not that of the conference. Greg pointed out that our directive from World Service Conference is to compile and edit what was written by individuals. Jim suggested that we pass out forms for anyone interested in becoming members of the World Literature Committee. Roger said that if the people are present and leave an address they are automatically members of the committee unless the committee is otherwise notified. Greg read Item 4, page 38 of the Service Manual which are the guidelines and purposes of the World Literature Committee. Roger said that the first five chapters of the Book were lost. They had been through second edit and an original typed. The original was lost. The other five have been through input and partial second edit. Our first priority is to get the first five chapters retyped and the second five typed up in the form they are now in. Our second priority is to update the mailing list. A large mailing list is being typed and gone over. If you have an address book, we would like to have the addresses that we don't have. We would also like phone numbers and last names if you have them. Roger said that this mailing list would be used strictly in the Fellowship. The World Service Office will receive a copy so they can compile the World Directory. The Literature Committee wants to get a hold of as many pople (sic) in as many different areas as possible. If you don't want your name and number on the list, don't give it to us. Different groups in different areas have been working on Chapters 4, S, 6, 8, 9, and 10 after the Santa Monica Conference. The World Literature Conference would like to know the status of those chapters.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter 4 was sent to California and the report was that they completed the Introduction, and the First and Second Steps. Chapter 8 was sent to British Columbia and is now in transit. Chapter 6 was sent to Southern California, and they reported that they got the first five Traditions done. Chapter 9 was sent to St. Louis, and they got two pages done. They are doing a thorough rewriting of the chapter. Chapter 10 was sent to Lincoln and they reported that some work has been done all the way through the chapter and that they now have a rough draft copy of the chapter. Greg made the motion that we proceed with the typing of all of the material, and that all of the work that has been done be typed in the form that they are now in. Charles ammended (sic) the motion by suggesting that we set up workshops to finish the work that has been started. Roger stated that we should get the five chapters typed up and that the people who worked on them whould (sic) be available to answer questions. Typists are not to edit at will. The ohly (sic) editing that is to be done is to correct spelling or grammar. Roger said we should take what we have, type it up, and see what needs to be done. A vote was taken on Greg's motion and carried. It was brought up that we need to work on pamphlets. The pamphlets that we need are Hospital and Institutions, Inventory Guide, Teenage Recovery, and Sponsorship. Roger wanted people committed to work on pamphlets before group conscience was over. The chairpersons are; Hospitals and Institutions-Jim B., Mary Inventory Guide, Matt-Teenage Recovery, and Joseph-Sponsorship. Synopsis of Group Conscience meeting:

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	We should have two group conscience meetings a day. The meetings were scheduled for 11am and 11pm. Greg made a motion that the eight copies of the grey book left, that we should sell them at \$20.00. The motion was seconded. Greg withdraws motion and suggests that we keep the eight copies after much discussion. Motion was withdrawn. Greg made the motion that the eight copies be distributed to those who have registered on a first come, first serve basis. The motion carried by a vote of 24-for, and 14-against. Linda B. made a motion that we put the names of all of the people who want a gray copy of the book in a hat and draw them out. Of the names that are drawn, if they can afford to pay for them, they should, and if they can't, they don't have to. Motion carried unanimously. Mary K., our treasurer, asked that you do not give her cash without waiting for a receipt so she knows what it's for. Checks are alright if you write what it is for on the check. The address for donations is; Jim M., 38404 M. Road, Leetonia, OH. This address will be posted for anyone interested in sending a contribution. Ohio has raised \$1,067.00 in one night toward the back bills of the World Literature Committee. Charles made a motion that the meeting be closed. The motion was seconded. The announcement was made that if you haven't registered, do so. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO Jim M., Roy D, and Pam K. -Co-chairpersons; Donna N.-Secretary; Mary K. - Treasurer June 29, 1981 First Day, Evening Meeting

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	These reports will be included in the minutes of the World Literature Conference V. Bob D. from St. Louis sent in a \$200 donation from the St. Louis, MO groups for WLC V. The N.A. groups from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada sent in a donation of \$35 for WLC V. Canadian groups sent in their version of Chapter 8, which was completed at the Pacific Northwest Regional Mini Conference. Twenty-one members were present at the conference. Roger read the cover letter which accompanied the chapter here. Roy stated that there are pillows, blankets, sheets, and towels available for use. 75 towels are available, and Nickie volunteered to laundered them when needed. Members are requested to submit lists of desired food. Roy will be going to the Institutional foods market on June 30 to buy food in quantity. The hat will be passed for funds. Roger requested that cigarettes be butted in ashtrays and not on the floor. Radios are to be kept turned down, and conversation in the halls is to be kept at a minimum. The motion was passed that Roger will be responsible for charing (sic) the Group Conscience meetings with the stipulation that he may elect an alternate if he so desires. Status reports were received on each chapter. Chapter 1- has been typed and copied. Chapter 2- Typing is about¹/₂ done. Chapter 3- has been typed and copied. Chapter 4- has just started to be typed Chapter 5- has been typed and copied. Chapter 6- is one third typed. Chapter 7- has just started to be typed. Chapter 8- has been typed and copied.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter 9- has been typed and copied. Chapter 10-has been started. A review workshop will begin this evening on Chapter 1. It was noted by the second edit team from Santa Monica that the final copy of their revision is not the same copy which has been photocopied. Mary and Sally will head the Chapter 1 review. A review workshop will begin this evening on Chapter 3. Him and Roger will head the Chapter 3 review. Workshops should be limited to about 8 persons because as Roger stated, larger numbers are more difficult to work with. All members are encouraged to submit any written material that they wish to have considered. Roy made the motion that only authorized persons should be in the library. The desk will also serve as a barricade. Any information or copying that needs to be done should be submitted to the person at the front desk. NO ONE IS TO ENTER THE LIBRARY WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. The only individuals at this time who should be using the copier are Ronny, Richelle, Roy, Tom, and Mary Kaye. If you wish to help, please get instructions in its use before using it. The following workshops are also in session: 1) Hospitals and Institutions-Jim 2) Fourth Step-Charles. All participants should have completed a Fourth Step. 3) The Teenage Addict-Matt 4) Sponsorship-Sydney Mary Kaye reminds all members to PLEASE register. If you do not have the money to cover the \$12 registration fee, just submit an I.O.U. Matt made a motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:09. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE V WARREN, OHIO Jim M., Pam K., Roy D.-co-chairpersons, Donna N.-Secretary, Mary K.-Treasurer June 30, 1981 Second. Day, Morning Meeting

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Roger opened by introducing Roy. Roy passed a basket and a needs list. It was decided that we would have two meals a day. These will begin tonight and take us through breakfast Thursday. Kim, Kathy, Lisa, and Tana will assist Roy in buying the food. Lincoln area donated their station wagon to bring the food back here in. Greg motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. The motion carried, so we left the room. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ROY D., JIM M., PAM K., CO-CHAIRMEN; DONNA N. SECRETARY; MARY W. -TREASURER JUNE 30, 1981 SECOND DAY, EVENING MEETING Roger opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Donna passed out the minutes of. this morning's meetings. Roger passed out copies of chapters two~ three, and seven. Roger asked about getting some more of the clocks plugged in. Roy said he would check on them. Roger talked about three proposed pamphlets: Fourth Step Guide, Introduction to NA, and Triangle of Self Obsession. He asked the group to look at them and at the next group conscience, see if we want to start workshops. Roger mentioned that when typewriters are turned off, they are not to be in the shift lock position. It was noted that the chapters will have to be read by everyone and approved at group conscience.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	The new arrivals were introduced. Correction to the minutes; Steve M. from Tennessee (sic) is not here in body. The two hundred dollar donation from St. Louis is from their Area Service Committee. Mary W. gave the financial report and stated that a copy will be in this evenings minutes. Charles read chapter one. Discussion followed. Charles motioned that the group review chapter one by themselves tonight, and brig back input at tomorrow's group conscience. It was seconded. The motion carried. Donna N. was presented with the first NA frosted watermelon, equipped with six candles. July 1 is Donna's sixth year sobriety. Roger announced that there would be a watermelon feed after group conscience in honor of Donna's birthday. STATUS ON CHAPTERS One-done, will be reviewed tomorrow morning in group conscience. Two-done. Three-done. Four-There are five workshops going on, they are: Introduction, Chapters: one, two, and three; Chapters: four, five, six, and seven; Chapters: Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, and Twelve, Charles chairmen, and Living the Program, Mary and Sally co-chairmen. Five-Workshop in progress. They have just read it over. Six-being typed. Seventh-typed and copied. Matt-chairman. Eight-In a workshop. Nine-Done

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Ten-In a workshop. It was stated to cease all pamphlet workshops, so that we may work on our main priority the book. Larry moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. The motion carried and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ATTENDANCE LIST JUNE 30, 1980 <table> <tr> <td>Linda B.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mark B.-Warren, OH</td><td>Al R.-Ivyland, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sally E.-Buena Park, CA</td><td>Pete B.-Ivyland, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary L.-Marietta, GA</td><td>Mike F.-Morrisville, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Doug W.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Matt K.-Southern California</td></tr> <tr> <td>Judi H.-Hubbard, OH</td><td>Mary C.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gerry M.-Champion, OH</td><td>Larry O.-St. Louis, MO</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bob L.-Warren, OH</td><td>Jean H.-St. Louis, MO</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.- Morro Bay, CA</td><td>Linda M.-Kansas</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marc B.-Akron, OH</td><td>Nickie C.-Los Angeles, CA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kathy W.-Bethesda, MD</td><td>Pat T.-Kentucky</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bill Z.- Lanham, MD</td><td>Hank F.-Atlanta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sydney R.- Los Angeles, CA</td><td>Denise S.-Ft. Wright, KY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pam K- Warren, OH</td><td>Chuck S.-Ft. Wright, KY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kevin R.-Hubbard, OH</td><td>Robyn S.-Cincinnati, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tana J.-Niles, OH</td><td>Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roy D.-Cortland, OH</td><td>Charles D.-Prairieville, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Richelle T.-Hubbard, OH</td><td>Aldis R.-Atlanta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Linda H.- Madison, OH</td><td>Bo S.-Marietta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ed C.-Warren, OH</td><td>Gina H.-Nashville, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jamie I.-Hermitage, PA</td><td>Rick M.-Memphis, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Holly M.-Hubbard, OH</td><td>Bernice A.-Buck County, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Glenn S.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Kim H.-Boardman, OH</td></tr> </table>	Linda B.-Lincoln, NE	Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA	Mark B.-Warren, OH	Al R.-Ivyland, PA	Sally E.-Buena Park, CA	Pete B.-Ivyland, PA	Mary L.-Marietta, GA	Mike F.-Morrisville, PA	Doug W.-Lincoln, NE	Matt K.-Southern California	Judi H.-Hubbard, OH	Mary C.-Lincoln, NE	Gerry M.-Champion, OH	Larry O.-St. Louis, MO	Bob L.-Warren, OH	Jean H.-St. Louis, MO	Jim B.- Morro Bay, CA	Linda M.-Kansas	Marc B.-Akron, OH	Nickie C.-Los Angeles, CA	Kathy W.-Bethesda, MD	Pat T.-Kentucky	Bill Z.- Lanham, MD	Hank F.-Atlanta, GA	Sydney R.- Los Angeles, CA	Denise S.-Ft. Wright, KY	Pam K- Warren, OH	Chuck S.-Ft. Wright, KY	Kevin R.-Hubbard, OH	Robyn S.-Cincinnati, OH	Tana J.-Niles, OH	Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH	Roy D.-Cortland, OH	Charles D.-Prairieville, LA	Richelle T.-Hubbard, OH	Aldis R.-Atlanta, GA	Linda H.- Madison, OH	Bo S.-Marietta, GA	Ed C.-Warren, OH	Gina H.-Nashville, TN	Jamie I.-Hermitage, PA	Rick M.-Memphis, TN	Holly M.-Hubbard, OH	Bernice A.-Buck County, PA	Glenn S.-Lincoln, NE	Kim H.-Boardman, OH
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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	11) Roger has input that states we should pass on all final material to be proofread by a professional to expedite the need of completion for World Service Conference. 12) Jim (California) makes motion 'to pass all final material on to a proofreader' 13) Jim-OH-makes amendment (not seconded) 14) Roy asked if proofreader is an addict (using/uses/etc. 15) Roger comments that we need not worry she's not an addict just a normal person! 16) Jim (California) reminds Charles to be patient. 17) Roger reminds Charles to be patient 18) Roy comments on status of copier 19) Bo is wanted on telephone 20) Roger suggests we break till noon 21) Jim (California) comments if any one (sic) is sick see him. 22) Gina says no don't take any. Meeting adjourns to 12:00 noon. Group Conscience reopened at 12:13 p.m. Jim M. reads Chapter 1 'Who Is An Addict'. Jim completes reading with standing ovation. Changes page three paragraph 4 add "using" Passed Last page paragraph 1 delete daily. Motion made and passed to move 'We have a disease from which we do recover' strike 'daily' into the last paragraph between sentence one or two. PASSED Motion to change page 4 paragraph 3 'using friends, old connections, and destructive habits' was changed to 'old connections and old habits.' Passed. Motion to change page 2 paragraph 4 'Non-Narcotic drugs' 'alcohol and marijuana' should be listed as Narcotic. Much discussion follows Proposals for changes

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	#5 passed. Page 2 paragraph 6 sentence 1 change 'prolong pain' to 'our suffering' Page 2 paragraph 4 sentence 2 Delete 'new' Passed. Page 3 paragrph (sic) 2 sentence 3 strike 'we take a collection from our members because'. Add we are fully-self-supporting through voluntary contributions of our members' Passed. Page 3 paragraph 2 Sentence 2 Strike-from interruption Passed. Page 3 Paragraph 3 sentence 6 strike – 'complete' 'all' Passed Page 3 Paragraph 3 Sentence 6 strike "if we" Passed. last page - abstinence to read total abstinence. Motion withdrawn after discussion. Page 5 paragraph 6 'us' eliminated from the last sentence. Motion to bring to 'final group conscience' on chapter #1 passed by 2/3 vote. Final type copy should be kept in a seperate (sic) file. Page 3 las (sic) paragraph sentence 2 strike 'primarily' passed. This chapter is closed. Bo will send telegrams to WSC, WSO, Board of Trustees. Please give him all input. The following with help on slow moving material. Chapters 4-Sally, 5-Greg, and 7-Jim M. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ATTENDANCE LIST <table> <tr> <td>Gary W.-Pennsylvania</td><td>Marc B.-Akron, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roger T.-Ohio</td><td>Bill G.-Jersey City, NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Matt K.-California</td><td>Bill Z.-Lanham, MD</td></tr> </table>	Gary W.-Pennsylvania	Marc B.-Akron, OH	Roger T.-Ohio	Bill G.-Jersey City, NJ	Matt K.-California	Bill Z.-Lanham, MD
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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Bob lost a set of keys in the conference room on an N.A. keyring. Nickie found a womens (sic) watch in the workshop room. Mary Kay has completed a list of registrations received so far. There are 51 regristrations (sic) with 17 states represented. More people than that 51 are attending the meetings. Copies have been run and included in the minutes for the July 1 evening meeting. She asks that you check the list and if your name isn't on it, you fill out another registration form if you have registered and register if you haven't already. If you don't have the cash fill out an IOU. A \$50.00 donation was recieved (sic) from the Sharon, Pennsylvania group. Since there were so many new people present, we went around the table and introduced ourselves by name, state and shared what we were feeling about the conference. Roger aske (sic) if we wanted to have a banquet for Friday night. We said that we did and Mary Kay, Jamie, and Denise volunteered to make arrangements for it. Jamie volunteered to cook it. A can was also passed around for contributions to go buy more groceries. Appreciation was shown for the kitchen help. Mary Kay announced that the local Newsletter was available and asked that we take as many copies as possible back to our areas. Chapter three was typed, copied and ready to be read to the group. Chapter four-Introduction, steps one, two, and three are ready to be read. Steps 4, 5, 6, 7-Sydney said that four and five are done, six has been started and they may have seven ready by tomorrow. Jean said that they tried to start steps 8 through 12 workshops but had no material so they wrote some stuff. The second part of four is going well and is going through a major reorganization and some cutting and pasting.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter Five-the first third of that is written. Jim said they are still cutting and pasting the rest. Chapter 6-Gina said that it is in typing after coming through workshop. Chapter 7-the first part is undergoing a major rewrite. The second part needs editing. Chapter 8 is typed and going through proofreading. Chapter 9 is typed and is in proofreading. Did chapter 8 first because it was short and then did chapter nine. Chapter 10 is going through rewrite and is in a workshop. Roger suggested that we give the twelfth copy of the Big Book to Greg for auctioning to raise funds for Florida. Our drawing for the Big Book will take place Friday night at the Banquet. Chapter 3 was copied and read to the group by Charles. Joseph suggested that in order to save time that the group give chapter 3 back to the workshop with our suggestion for input and have it reread. This suggestion was voted down. Charles made the motion that people say what they want and leave it at that. The motion was seconded and passed. Several proposals for changes in chapter three was made and passed. Chapter three will be retyped, recopied, and resubmitted to group conscience for approval with these proposed changes made. Roger asked that it be noted in the minutes that Mary, Jim, and Sally voted for the first time at the same time and for the same thing.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	2. How do we work this step, 3. The results of working this step. Gina P. asked which steps still need input. Step two needed input on a concept of a Higher Power, steps three, six, and seven needed a lot (sic) of general input, and step eleven needed input on meditation. Linda asked for a volunteer to help with the files and got Bob from Philadelphia. The group then set up the Chapter Four workshops: Step Two: Jean, Gregg, and Rick Step Three: Teresa, Pete, and Bill Step Six: Rick, Doug, and Bernie Step Seven: Denise, Pam, and Gary Step Eight: Charles, Jim M., and Glenn Step Nine: Sally, Bill, and Patty Step Ten: Mary, Charles, and Mary Step Eleven: Andy, Bo, Bob, and Jim Step Twelve: Roger, Tan, and Mark The meeting adjourned to reconvene at 3:00p.m. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ROY D., JIM M., PAM K.-CD-CHAIRMEN; DONNA N.-SECRETARY; MARY KAYE W.-TREAS. JULY 2, 1981 3:00 P.M. CONTINUATION OF FOURTH DAY, MORNING MEETING Roger opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the addict who still suffers, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roger noted that Australia had sent input for step eleven, but it was lost. Mary Kaye called them this afternoon, while it was tomorrow morning there, for yesterday's input. She typed this input up and Roger read it to the group.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Mary Kaye gave a financial report. Progress on cut and paste workshops for Chapter Four: Step Two: Same input problems, should be finished tonight. Step Three: Plenty of input, finished cut and paste. Step Six: Cut and pasted, needs to be gone over. Step Seven: cut and pasted. Step Eight: Cut and pasted. Step Nine: In progress of cut and paste session. Step Ten: In progress. Step Eleven: In progress. Step Twelve: Cut and pasted. Charles stated concern that there are direct quotes from the A.A. Big Book in the material. It was mentioned that we cannot use direct quotes from other material, as it violates our traditions. Charles moved that the steps completed go to an edit team, and the ones still in progress, finish their work and then send it to an edit team. It was seconded. Discussion followed. Charles withdrew this notion. Bo made a notion that the cut and paste sessions do a first edit and draft, and send it to a typist. It was seconded. The notion carried. Status on the chapters:

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	One: Closed input, in final form. Two: Closed input, in final form. Three: Closed input, in final form. Four A.: Step portions in progress. Four B. (Living The Program): Made an outline, and started to cut and paste. Five: Has been cut and pasted, needs rough draft edit. Six: Being typed, Pam will assist Gina in typing. Seven: Put on the shelf. Eight: In proof reading. Nine: Ready to care before the group. Ten: Cut, needs pasting and typing. Charles motioned that the group read Chapter Nine tonight, and Chapter Six if ready. It was seconded. The motion carried. Matt M., MaryKaye, Mike and George will be the proofreading committee for Chapter Eight. Roy D. stated that a new tape recorder is coming. Introductions of new arrivals were made. Roger passed out last nights (sic) meeting minutes. It was suggested that the people involved in workshops go back to them and continue work, while the people not involved stick around afterwards for assignments. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Step 10: pasted up and full outline Step 11: typed and ready for second edit. Step 12: half way to rough draft Roger asked Sydney to sit in with Sally, Charles, & Pete for proofreading. Matt K. made the motion that Sydney sit in on the proofreading. Rick seconded. motion passed. Nickie, Joseph, Mary Kaye, and Mike are proofreading chapters 6 & 8. Progress report on the chapters was given: Chapter 1: Closed Chapter 2: Closed Chapter 3: Closed Chapter 4: Ready for editing Chapter 4A: is in workshop Chapter 5: Is in workshop Chapter 6: Ready for proofreading Chapter 7: Workshop Chapter 8: Proofreading Chapter 9: Ready to read to group for group approval. Chapter 10: is in workshop. The people who were working on Step 10 are: Greg, Hank, Mary, & Charles. The people who were working on Step 12 are: Bill, Jim, & Gary. We are ready to reopen the workshop on the second half of chapter. The people who volunteered to work on that are: Rick, Denise, Jim, Tish, & Jim. The people who volunteered to work on chapter 5 are: Teresa, Rick, Greg, Gary and Jim. Larry, Al, Jean, and Randy have volunteered to work on Chapter 7. Volunteers on chapter 10 are Bob, Doug, Glenn, Bob, and Louis.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Nickie asked that we keep the noise down in the Conference Room and the hallway while we are trying to work. The noise makes it difficult to concentrate while we are working. Bob made the notion that we have a group conscience meeting to inventory the conference to see what kind of mistakes we were making. He thought maybe this way we could stop them from happening at conference after conference. Linda seconded the notion. Passed. Jamie reported that he collected \$134.86 for food for the banquet. Mary Kaye reported a contribution from Monaco, Pennsylvania of \$30.00. Larry was asked to read chapter 9. Roger made the motion that in proposing changes to Chapter 9, the person making the proposal give a reason for why they feel that way. Also, give another person a chance to make a rebuttal. Greg seconded. Motion carried. Bo suggested that the material might be considered as input for the second part of Chapter 4 or go back to the workshop. Charles made the motion that 'Just For Today' become a part of something else and that we delete Chapter 9. Much discussion followed. The motion was not seconded and Charles withdrew it. Jim M. said he would second a motion to include 'Just for Today' in the second half of Chapter 4. Bo said that this chapter was originally put in for Spiritual Maintenance. Jim B. made the notion that all of the material on Chapter 9 and the second part of Chapter 4 be taken into a workshop to determine if we have two chapters or one and report back to group conscience. Jean seconded. Motion carried. Roger asked Bo to sit in on this workshop.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ROY D., Jim M., Pam K.-Co-Chairmen; Donna N.-Secretary; Mary Kaye W.- Treas. JULY 3, 1981 FIFTH DAY, MORNING MEETING The banquet will be at 6:30 tonight. We must be out of the conference room by 5:00. Status on Chapters: Chapter 4: Outline to start Chapter 5: done cutting and pasting. It will probably take awhile (sic) because they are in pretty bad shape. Needs input on physical. Chapter 6: typing done, copies starting, for proofreading today. Chapter 7: cut & pasting - input on personal experiences on relapse and subsequent recovery. Chapter 10: working on new outline. Chapter 9: Checked on style sheet Chapter 4-Steps 10 & 12: Still being worked on; about 2/3 through. People working on the different chapters: Chapter 5: Teresa, Rick, Greg, Mike Chapter 6: Tan, Joseph, Chuck, Bob, Nickie Chapter 7: Larry, Al, Andy, Mark, Patty Chapter 8: Ready to be proofed, Tom & Joseph Chapter 9: Jim, Greg, Gene, Tim, Denise Chapter 10: Lewis, Bo, Bob, Bob, Glen Chapters 5, 7, & 10-need help from experienced person. Roger said he would sit on 7 and check on 5 & 10. Chapters 1, 2, & 3 are closed but input will still be accepted. The other six chapters are taking input. Input is to be put in library to be copied and filed for later use. Chapter 10-9 needs content.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Motion to consider using 'Just for Today' in IP pamphlet. Suggested style sheet-1 review adequacy not perfection. Style sheet has lots of controversy. We are trying to avoid this. Using old cliches, continuity. The group conscience withdrew the motion they assumed Jim made. A motion was made to closed discussion on Style sheet. The notion was made and seconded that we close the group conscience meeting. Passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer. FIFTH WORID LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ATTENDANCE LIST FIFTH DAY, MORNING MEETING <table> <tr> <td>Roger T.-Ohio</td><td>Jim K.-Pittsburgh, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bob G. -Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td><td>Al R.-Ivyland, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sally E.-Buena Park, CA</td><td>Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary L.-Marietta, GA</td><td>Larry O. -St. Louis, MO</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim M.-Leetonia, OH</td><td>Tana J. -Niles, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roy D. -Cortland, OH</td><td>Gina H.-Nashville, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Zig Z.-Girard, OH</td><td>Mary C.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.-Morro Bay, CA</td><td>Ron N.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Glenn S.-Lincoln, NE</td><td>Greg L.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chuck S.-Whittier, CA</td><td>Tom M.-Atlanta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marc B.-Akron, OH</td><td>Pete M. -Warren, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kathy W. -Bethesda, MD</td><td>Terica W.-Richboro, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bill Z. -Lanham, MD</td><td>Joseph P.-Memphis, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dale A.-Pittsburgh, PA</td><td>Doug W.-Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bill G.-Jersey City, NJ</td><td>Linda M.-Kansas</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo S.-Marietta, GA</td><td>Bob S.-Memphis, TN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bruce B.-Philadelphia, PA</td><td>Bob M.-Wilmington, DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>John S. -Philadelphia, PA</td><td>Charles D.-Prairieville (sic), LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Denise T.-Newark, DE</td><td>Jim F. -Youngstown, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rich M.-Lewittown, PA</td><td>Andy O.-Philadelphia, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Greg P.-Wolf Creek, OR</td><td>Nickie C.-E. LA Counties, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN</td><td>Gerry M.-Champion, OH</td></tr> </table>	Roger T.-Ohio	Jim K.-Pittsburgh, PA	Bob G. -Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Al R.-Ivyland, PA	Sally E.-Buena Park, CA	Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH	Mary L.-Marietta, GA	Larry O. -St. Louis, MO	Jim M.-Leetonia, OH	Tana J. -Niles, OH	Roy D. -Cortland, OH	Gina H.-Nashville, TN	Zig Z.-Girard, OH	Mary C.-Lincoln, NE	Jim B.-Morro Bay, CA	Ron N.-Lincoln, NE	Glenn S.-Lincoln, NE	Greg L.-Lincoln, NE	Chuck S.-Whittier, CA	Tom M.-Atlanta, GA	Marc B.-Akron, OH	Pete M. -Warren, OH	Kathy W. -Bethesda, MD	Terica W.-Richboro, PA	Bill Z. -Lanham, MD	Joseph P.-Memphis, TN	Dale A.-Pittsburgh, PA	Doug W.-Lincoln, NE	Bill G.-Jersey City, NJ	Linda M.-Kansas	Bo S.-Marietta, GA	Bob S.-Memphis, TN	Bruce B.-Philadelphia, PA	Bob M.-Wilmington, DE	John S. -Philadelphia, PA	Charles D.-Prairieville (sic), LA	Denise T.-Newark, DE	Jim F. -Youngstown, OH	Rich M.-Lewittown, PA	Andy O.-Philadelphia, PA	Greg P.-Wolf Creek, OR	Nickie C.-E. LA Counties, LA	Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN	Gerry M.-Champion, OH
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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Mary Kaye says that she though (sic) it was the time and place because we can write a book but we can't publish it without The World Service Committee behind us. Bob was wondering if someone would get started on eight becuase (sic) it has just kind of been laying around. Nickie said that they only had about three more pages of 6 to do and then they were going to start on 8. Mary Kaye said that she would start typing on 6 while everybody else worked on 8. The names were drawn for the extra Gray Books. The people who won are: Linda B., Ricky O., Lesa B., Greg L., Macy C., Mike F., Dave R. Roger said that if you didn't have anything to do to see him after the meeting. A motion was made to close the group conscience. It was seconded and passed unanimously. We closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO ATTENDANCE LIST FIFTH DAY, EVENING MEETING <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Mike F.-Warren, OH</td><td>Don K.-Ohio</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gerry M.-Warren, OH</td><td>I.lesa B.-Virginia</td></tr> <tr> <td>Donna N. -Lincoln, NE</td><td>Dan S.-Youngstown, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Louis C.-Philadelphia, PA</td><td>Gary T. -Warren, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andy O.-Philadelphia, PA</td><td>Tim H.-Hoboken, NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terica W.-Richboro, PA</td><td>Doug W. -Lincoln, NE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobby B.-Bryn Mawr, PA</td><td>Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tom M. -Atlanta, GA</td><td>Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Charles D.-Louisiana</td><td>Sally E.-Buena Park, CA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Judi H. -Ohio</td><td>Chuck S. - Whittier, CA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN</td><td>Mary L.-Marietta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Patai M.-Warren, OH</td><td>Denise T. -Newark, DE</td></tr> </table>	Mike F.-Warren, OH	Don K.-Ohio	Gerry M.-Warren, OH	I.lesa B.-Virginia	Donna N. -Lincoln, NE	Dan S.-Youngstown, OH	Louis C.-Philadelphia, PA	Gary T. -Warren, OH	Andy O.-Philadelphia, PA	Tim H.-Hoboken, NJ	Terica W.-Richboro, PA	Doug W. -Lincoln, NE	Bobby B.-Bryn Mawr, PA	Rick W.-Cincinnati, OH	Tom M. -Atlanta, GA	Charles K.-Baton Rouge, LA	Charles D.-Louisiana	Sally E.-Buena Park, CA	Judi H. -Ohio	Chuck S. - Whittier, CA	Jim B.-Ft. Wayne, IN	Mary L.-Marietta, GA	Patai M.-Warren, OH	Denise T. -Newark, DE
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	IT WON'T LAST This too shall pass
	PRIORITIES First things first
	SEEK a) QUALITY "Strive for progress rather than perfection.' b) COMPETENCY
	c) GROWTH
	RELAPSE Slip
	Chapter Prograss (sic) Con,T (sic) Chapter Five.....Typing for edit
	Chapter Six.....is in real good form yet still needs work because these are not sugessted (sic). Discussion.
	Motion made that Chapter Six and all material and input be taken back to California with Sally E. and Chuck S. for review by members and Board of Trustees. PASSED
	Chapter Seven.....Cut/Paste Chapter Eight.....READY to be proofread. Chapter Nine Cut/Paste Chapter Ten.....Ready for edit
	Discussion on Quorum---due to Regional Service Conference in Cleveland. 2/5 is required quorum. We do have the nessasary (sic) quorum.
	Discussion on Hospitals & Institutional Pamphlet. Material will be sent to H & I Committee for review and further input at next Conference.
	Discussion on Site of the 6th World Literature Conference. Fort Lauderdale is the propsed (sic) site. Charles K. makes motion that the next conference be held there following the 11th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in Miami. See Flyer.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	now is the time or place to bring this sort of stuff up. He did not say that the World Service Committee had any place here. Lincoln, Nebraska area made a contribution of \$40 to WLC 5. Roger read three letters from people who had to leave early. They are from: Lesa B., Jean H., and Dale A. Copies are enclosed in today's minutes. Status on Chapters: Chapter 4: In proofreading Chapter 5: ready for edit Chapter 6: in abeyance Chapter 7: Ready for edit Chapter 8: ready to come to group conscience Chapter 9: in cut and pase (sic) workshop Chapter 10: their editing the cut & paste Charles made a motion that we go ahead and go back to our workshops. It was seconded. The motion carried. Glen S. suggested we pass a can for the awards not letting Ohio fellowship contribute. Roger presented Ron N. a cup for his service to WLC 5. Dan W. stated that his home group from Charleston, West Virginia and himself send their love and best wishes to WLC 5. Jamie moved to close the meeting. It was seconded. The motion carried and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. LINCOLN, NEBRASKA MEETING LIST Monday: 8:00 p.m. 2708 Y Street, Rose K. GSR.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. Southminister (sic) Presbyterian (sic) Church, 16th & Otoe, Vickie C. GSR Wednesday: 8:00 p.m. 2708 Y Street, Mike B. Contact person Thursday: 8:00 p.m. 2708 Y Street, Linda B. Friday: 10:00 p.m. Hope Auditorium, 2015 South 16th, Officers: GSR-Doug W., Dan W.-Treas., Gary D. AGSR Mark G. Treas. Saturday 8.00 pm 2440 St. Marys (sic) INSTITUTIONAL MEETING (Independence Center) Saturday 12.00 mid 2708 Y St. Gregg L. GSR Linda B.- GSR-alt. John E.-Sec. Rich H. Treas Lincoln ASC PO Box 30364 Lincoln NE Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 27Q8 Y St. Dave K. ASR 342 N 33 Lincoln ne (sic) 68503 Glenn S. Treasurer. 2009 S 16 Lincoln Ne 68502 Doug W. ASR alt 400 n 73 Lincoln NE 68505 Handwritten letter on WSC Literature Committee letterhead. NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WSC Literature Committee 38404 M. Road, Leetonia, Ohio 44431 216/424-3701 Lesia B. Rt 1 Box 682 Front Royal, VA 22630 703-635-7956 or 703-635-8660 WLC-5 (Everyone) I just want to say I Love you all + I'll never forget this past week. It has helped me grow in all ways. I understand the program much more and what I have to do to stay clean. I have really felt a part of the conference and the fellowship. I

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Roger passed out the final forms of one, two, and three. We took a ten minute break to copy chapter eight. It was stated by Bo S. & Roger that we have a copy of the Gray Book behind the Iron Curtain. Copies of chapter eight were passed out. Roger recognized Dan S. for his one year birthday. Roger read the flier for the First Annual Abnormal Wienie Jam. It was recognized that nineteen states have been in attendance at WLC 5. Peter B. read Chapter eight. Bo S. stated that the reason we can't change the incerppts (sic) from the little white book is that it is copywrited (sic). You can send input to your representative so that they may take it to WSC. It was stated by Jim M. to leave the address books away from group conscience meeting, as they cause disturbance. Proposals and revisions were made to chapter 8. Roger read a letter from Dennis. Roger read all the states, countries, provinces and US possessions (sic) that have actively participated in the work in progress. Jim M. stated that everyone is to help clean up. It was stated that we are going to shut down at midnight. But we may use the beds here tonight. Chapter four, through step six was passed out. The style sheet for composition review was also passed out.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	The accepted chapters by WLC 5 will be closed for verbal input. Written input will be taken into consideration at WLC 6. Changes can be made with 2/3 majority vote. Charles suggested that we read Chapter 4 and make our proposals a page at a time. Mary C. read the introduction to Chapter 4 and Step 1. Jim proposed that Step 1 go back to the workshop because it has no disease concept. Bo suggested we go ahead and give it a run and see what we we (sic) because of it being so late in the conference. Charles said that the disease concept was in Step 2. Mary made the motion that Step 1 go back to the workshop and we continue reading. Jim seconded. Passed. The introduction to Chapter 4 is closed in this conference. Roger read Step 2. Charles made a motion that we not use the word sometimes throughout the book in reference to the disease concept. It was seconded. The motion carried. Jim motioned to accept chapter eight in its present form. It was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was carried. We decided to take a one hour break, and come back to review chapter 4 through Step 6.

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June 29 – July 5, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter 5: cut & pasted, retyped and ready to go through first edit. Since chapter 5 hasn't been edited it won't be mailed. Chapter 6: In proofreading. Will be taken back to California and will take it to some of the Board of Trustees. Also get input on Traditions 9-12. If you want to send in input send it to Sally. Make two copies of input and send one to WSC. It will be brought back to be proofread in Miami. Chapter 7: cut and paste has been typed. Chapter 9: Cut and pasted. Needs lots of reorganization. Take to Miami. Send Chapters 4 & 9 to St. Louis. Greg said to allow the chairman to expand the lists of who material will be sent to. Chapter 10: has been through a first edit. Needs second edit. Roger said that the problem areas have been 4, 7, 10. Ten will probably take a group conscience. The motion was made that we close the group conscience. Seconded. Passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. FIFTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE WARREN, OHIO JULY 5, 1981 Evening Meeting ATTENDANCE <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Kathy W., Bethesda MD</td><td>Bill Z., Lanham MD</td></tr> <tr> <td>Glenn S., Lincoln NE</td><td>Mary C., Lincoln NE</td></tr> </table>	Kathy W., Bethesda MD	Bill Z., Lanham MD	Glenn S., Lincoln NE	Mary C., Lincoln NE
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August 1981	The Mid-America Regional Newsletter includes information on the 6th World Literature Conference. “6th World Literature Conference. Sept. 14th-20th, send donations, registrations and correspondence to P.O. Box 14371, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Information #-Carole 305-565-1123”¹¹¹
September 14 - 20, 1981	The Approval Form of the NA book is completed at the 6th World Literature Conference. “At approx. 3.00 am, we got back together and started the hap. 4 review. It was stated by the chair that it will be easier on everyone if we stick to procedure. Chapter 4 went through group conscience review. The chapter was accepted at 9.35 am Sunday Sept. 20 1981. The book is finished.” The following are the complete minutes from the 6th World Literature Conference. “WLC-6 Chairperson Secretary Charles K. Terica W.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Co Sec. Beth Treasurer Bob McG Librarian Linda 2:15 p.m. Charles K. opened the literature confrence (sic) and introduced officers (sic). Meditation, Serenity Prayer, then turned over to Roger T. who expressed gratitude for participation and the two new states, Minneapolis, Minnesota and Bronx, New York. We passed out the guidelines for conducting world literature conferences. Tentative agenda for conference shall be produced in the first group conscience. Each area is asked to give a report of literature work in their area. Immediately (sic) after G.C. Mary L. and Jim will run a little workshop to orient people as to what goes on in workshops. Linda will be handling the files, she needs help, Rochelle and Mat and also Joseph will help. Jamie is running the kitchen and he could also use some help. Conference will run round the clock till sometime Saturday. We tried to set up people at the conference with places to stay. Leah will help us with those accomadations (sic). Group Conscience will be at 11:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. Bob G. will be getting fans. Copy machine will be ready in 2 to 3 hours. More typewriters in the morning. Let Bob G. know when we are out of toilet paper. Frank S. suggested that we use both sides of the toilet paper.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Joseph and Kay B. will run the copy machine but people who are assigned, particularly (sic) with duties with files may obtain permission to use this machine. We will be getting a sound man to tape Group Conferences. Jamie said we have a dangerous refrigerator, please keep door closed. Frank brought up the problem of new people fucking with material for lack of knowledge. No originals or equipment leave this conference. It will cost 10 dollars an hour to use Air conditioners in the day. If you run a work shop off premises leave note as to what it is and where it will be on the chalk board. Charles K. told us phones are being fixed. Then we decided not to make outside phone calls after all because of the high phone bills. Tom M. stated that the fourth step inventory was not put out by the literature committee. Triangle of Self Obsession (sic) for the new-comer, distributed in good faith and as review material. Sally will call World Service Office to find out how to handle review material. Roger T. say' s we need to call first. Frank asked the steps for public and distribution of literature. Chuck said we need to follow guide-lines and leave off World Service Office name. Roger said we don't have guidelines for distribution of material to be reviewed, just for input. Mat asked if we can put review material out with approved literature. Roger said all groups are autonomous and Chuck agreed.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Chuck - In the past we didn't have a World Lit. Comm. Any member may write, but only the Lit Comm. may put out literature for review. Bo proposed we need to update the Lit Handbook, as the present one is inadequate. Tom indicated that everyone should register, regardless of ability to pay. Bo made a motion that any committee action be channeled through (sic) Chuck S. or Bob B. Seconded Bob F. Motion (sic) carried and passed. Charles K. made motion that we update handbook for Lit. Comm. Seconded by Tom M. Motion later withdrawn. Roger T. read input which pertained to finances; opening a set of books, elect a treasurer, obtain a permanent bank account, have funds above a prudent reserve channeled through (sic) WSC, and reduce size of travelling files, and have the main files maintained at a permanent location. Doug said that we could deal with this suggestion in workshop. Roger T. said group (sic) conciseness (sic) is needed. Roger T. indicated the need for an agenda to be outlined. Chuck S. commended this conference for doing the impossible and that we should get on with writing the book. We should only hope to be accountable for funds, and that Narcotics Anonymous will publish the Book, not WSO, not the Board of Trustees, and not the Literature Committee. We need checks and balances to insure that no member of the Literature Committee is tempted to abscond with lit monies, and even if someone does, the Book will still be written. MINUTES GROUP CONC. 14 SEP 81 1100 WLC 6 MIAMI FL and new I.P. (Just for Today). More communication with Lit Comm on Area and Regional level with World Lit. Page made a motion: RE: Handbook revision.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Chuck and Bob contact the proper service arms to establish agreeable guidelines for reviewing proposed literature and to include it in the revised handbook. All proposals to be considered in the proper workshop by way of input sheets. Bob B. said these formalities are to save headaches. Go through the proper channels and not write a new handbook. Chuck S. said to work on the Book, and not worry about this other shit, money and handbook. Frank said we should set a precedent on handling this money problem also to possibly microfilm records and use a parliamentarian. Also to use a workshop to set this straight. Mary L. said we need a vote on the motion on the floor. Bo S. said we need a national and local bank account, that there is more material in WSO for the book, and that we need the records. Call for a vote: motion carries. Jim M. gave these suggestions; elect a treasurer for conference who would assist WSC treasurer, all money over \$500 go to WSC earmarked for lit, elect a sec/librarian to maintain files. Charles K. said we need local accounts. Mary L. said we could have banks transfer funds into two accounts if they are in the same name, between cities. Mike said keep it simple. Tom M. said we should postpone action on this until later. Jim M. states this proposal in the form of a motion. Seconded by Marc B. Carried and passed.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Hank F. said WE WANT OUR BOOK, FUCK THIS OTHER BULLSHIT! Frank said that there probably wasn't anything questionable in NA, but we are no longer a nickel and dime business and the business end needs to be taken care of. Roger T. says that we should get off this issue, and excuses himself for being so vocal. Bob proposes that Bo, Roger, and a trustee be put in this workshop to help settle some of the issues. Mary L. moves that we close. Seconded, carried and passed. World Literature Conference – 6 Attendance Sheet September 14, 1981 <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>1. Terica W.</td><td>Bristol, PA</td></tr> <tr><td>2. Tom Mc.</td><td>Atlanta/Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Mike P.</td><td>Memphis, TN</td></tr> <tr><td>4. Page C.</td><td>Smyrna, GA</td></tr> <tr><td>5. Matt K.</td><td>Southern CA</td></tr> <tr><td>6. Lori H.</td><td>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td></tr> <tr><td>7. Beth N.</td><td>Dania, FL</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Leah G.</td><td>Miami, FL</td></tr> <tr><td>9. Sheila C.</td><td>Miami, FL</td></tr> <tr><td>10. Franks S.</td><td>California</td></tr> <tr><td>11. Bob B.</td><td>San Francisco, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>12. Jim B.</td><td>Morro Bay, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>13. Mary A. V.</td><td>Warren, OH</td></tr> <tr><td>14. Richelle T.</td><td>Cortland, OH</td></tr> <tr><td>15. James S.</td><td>Sharon, PA</td></tr> <tr><td>16. Bob B.</td><td>Los Angeles, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>17. Al R.</td><td>Ivyland, PA</td></tr> <tr><td>18. Chuck S.</td><td>Whittier, CA</td></tr> <tr><td>19. Stephen K.</td><td>Philadelphia, PA</td></tr> <tr><td>20. Jim E. M.</td><td>Ohio</td></tr> <tr><td>21. Sally E.</td><td>Buena Park, CA</td></tr> </table>	1. Terica W.	Bristol, PA	2. Tom Mc.	Atlanta/Ohio	3. Mike P.	Memphis, TN	4. Page C.	Smyrna, GA	5. Matt K.	Southern CA	6. Lori H.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	7. Beth N.	Dania, FL	8. Leah G.	Miami, FL	9. Sheila C.	Miami, FL	10. Franks S.	California	11. Bob B.	San Francisco, CA	12. Jim B.	Morro Bay, CA	13. Mary A. V.	Warren, OH	14. Richelle T.	Cortland, OH	15. James S.	Sharon, PA	16. Bob B.	Los Angeles, CA	17. Al R.	Ivyland, PA	18. Chuck S.	Whittier, CA	19. Stephen K.	Philadelphia, PA	20. Jim E. M.	Ohio	21. Sally E.	Buena Park, CA
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	25. Mary L.	Marietta, GA
	26. Henry M.	Bronx, New York City
	27. George S.	Marietta, GA
	28. K. Bea C.	Minneapolis, MN
	29. Doug W.	Lincoln, NE
	30. Linda M.	Kansas
	31. Bo S.	Marietta, GA
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	35. Mike F.	Morrisville, PA
	36. Hank F.	Atlanta, GA
	37. Bryant S.	Athens, GA
	38. Marc B.	Akron, OH
	39. Pat T.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
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	WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE - 2nd. GROUP CONSCIENCE MEETING 9/14/81
	The meeting was opened by Chairperson Roger T. at 7:00 P.M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dinner was announced to be at 8:00 P.M. He asked that dinner not be eaten at the meeting tables as the possibility of soiling notes, etc. exists.
	We went over the work in progress and it was felt that Chapter Four (The Steps) would be our first consideration. We also decided that we will familiarize ourselves with the material, first by making notes while the chapter is being read, without any interruption, and proceed from there. It is necessary to review Chapter Four thoroughly so that we can see where we stand with it and to see what changes, if any, need to be made.
	Chapters One, Two, Three and Eight are to be put into final form. There is no further work needed on them. Copies will be distributed among the group. Chapter Five is ready for the editing workshop.
	Chapter Six (The Traditions) was reviewed by a small committee in California, and needs to be typed.
	It was felt that a good job was done on Chapters One through Eight and that the others need varying amounts of work.
	Chapter Seven is ready for the editing workshop.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Chapter Nine was made into an I.P., 'Just For Today,' with the last half of Chapter Four, 'Living the Program'. It is ready for 'cut and Paste'. There may not even be a need for Chapter Nine. Chapter Ten (More Will Be Revealed) is to be edited, as it stands from Warren. Roger explained the terms 'cut and paste', editing, and proof reading. He also stated that after the Group Conscience passes a chapter, that chapter is finished, and then it is sent out to the Fellowship. The book is our primary purpose. 'Oh shit!' 'No coffee pot!' 'Quick, get help!' Bob G. said was can get 'Just for Today' printed by Thursday morning. There is a 'new input' box back in the library table area. Drop any suggestions in. Bill G. from New Jersey stated that some of the new input from his area has not been received. The air-conditioning needs to be checked. Roger felt that a parliamentarian is not needed. He then proceeded to explain some parliamentary terms: 1. When a motion is made, the attention of the floor is directed towards that motion. All comments must be directed towards that motion. Discussion is limited to three minutes per person, for a total of fifteen minutes. No motion may be discussed unless it has been seconded. 2. An amended motion, once amended, is the only motion to be discussed. It needs to be seconded. 3. Call for vote is to vote to vote. It does not need to be seconded. If it fails to carry, the discussion continues. There are three types of votes:

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Ralph - need more on insanity, don't like 'laugh at self' Roger - Put comment in form of written input and give to workshop. Announcement of breakfast from 9-11AM.· Suggestion to start workshops in the morning. Jim moves to form Chap. 4 workshop. Bo - recommends dividing input into general and specific categories. Select editing team and deal with specific input and by morning get typed and copied and ready for general input. Buddy- break into 12 teams to handle input Jim- Write input now to give to workshop and give to editing. Mary- Start easy and wait for editing Motion passed to form team to deal with Chap 4 input Bo- team members should be willing to stick it out for the entire thing (sic)--- general agreement. Motion that 2 members/of team have past conference experience, amended to 3 members, passed. Call for volunteers- Roger - committees (sic) or teams limited to 5 members-passed Much squawking finally results in agreement on 5 member teams with 3 experienced members and 2 newcomers. The experienced members finally volunteered down to 3, 2 newcomers from volunteer list drawn from a hat-- Sally, Bo, Jim M. are experienced volunteers, Toby and Leah are newcomers. (Chapter 4 team) Bo - If it don't work we can fix it, anybody is welcome to sit in. Joseph - use copy that's been proof ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lunch tomorrow is make yer own, don't use trash cans without liners, grab your own coffee cup and keep it, register if you haven't already. Happy birthday to Roy (2 years) CLOSE.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Sam E. Sharon, Pa. Frank F. Pittsburgh, PA WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE - 6 9/15/81 11:15 A.M. Chairperson Roger T. opened the third Group Conscience Meeting with a moment of silence and the Book Prayer. Announcements made were the following: 1. Frank F. needs a ride to Atlanta at any time through the week. 2. Anyone needing transportation please see Bob G. 3. Do not turn on the air-conditioner. Florida has the highest rate for electricity. 4. Charles said that the typewriters will be here shortly. Also, the photocopier will soon be in working order, so don't ask any more fucking questions. As far as the status of Chapter Four, Sally E. stated that her workshop has factored in all new input, almost through Step Two. Bo S. stated that progress has been slow because of the absence of the photocopier. Most of the total input was on Step One (disease concept) and Step Two (insanity). Charles asked if it will be brought to final form. Jim M. stated that it will be edited after it is re-typed. Spent time developing a form for handling input. Roger define (sic) the steps for completion of a chapter: 1. Factoring in the input. 2. Edit for flow. Make transition. 3. Proofing. Polishing. No major changes made here. If there are any major changes, it returns to the editing workshop. 4. Review by the Group Conscience. 5. Distribution to the Fellowship. Roger then stated that we need to work on the other chapters. Sally stated that we should choose committees to decide what needs to be done on each chapter. Roger stated that we should spend familiarizing ourselves with the material.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Jim B. volunteered for Chapter Nine. Bob asked if we should look at the Grey Book. Roger stated that familiarizing means looking at all previous drafts of the chapters. Then he shared the guidelines for the workshops. (See sheet). He also announced NOT to take any file material out of the building. When we get copies of this material, then we may take the copies away. Bo S. stated that it seems that many people don't understand about the topic outline, but that it is only a suggested outline and we may choose to modify it. Chapter Five: Al, Terica, Tom McT., Lauri, Mary V. Chapter Six: Charles K., Bob B., Bob G, Beth,~ Doug, Bob B. Chapter Seven: Bobby B., Sheila C., Roy, John, Louis. Chapter Nine: George, Page, Mark, Mary L., Jim B., Al. Chapter Ten: Mary L. (NE), Ralph, Mike, Steve. Charles stated that Chapter Ten needs to have people with time in the Program. Roy stated that Chapter Seven needs to have people who have experienced being in and out of the Program. Bob B. stated that we do not need people to tell us the content of what to write, but to fix what we have. Louis, Bryant, and Frank withdrew from their respective committees. Bo moved to close; it was seconded and we closed with the Serenity Prayer. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE - 6 ATTENDANCE SHEET 9/15/81 11:15 A.M. NAME Terica W. Bristol, PA Jamie S. Sharon, PA Richelle T. Cortland, Ohio Jim B. Morro Bay, California Mike P. Memphis, TN

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Bo said we're moving ahead quickly and we need to know what needs to be done to complete everything on the book and get it ready to send to the publisher. Roger says we have plenty to do if we finish the book early. We can work, on the pamphlets. Tom wants to work on the H+I pamphlet tonight with Bob. Bo motioned we close <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Chairperson</td><td>Charles K.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secertary (sic)</td><td>Terica W.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Co. Sec.</td><td>Beth</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Bob McG</td></tr> <tr> <td>Libraian (sic)</td><td>Linda</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terica W.</td><td></td></tr> </table> September 16, 1981 11:25 a.m. Roger opened with <i>a</i> moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Beth gave an update on chapter four workshop. As it stands now the first and second steps are completed. Roland also on the committee said it won't be long before the chapter is finished. Trica (sic) reports that chapter five is ready for proofing, and she needed another person to help with the work. Joe feels chapter seven close to finish. Jim needs outline from chapter nine. Chapter ten is beginning (sic) to get direction and support it needed. Steve told of the progress and that they were editing the 'Warren Draft' of this chapter. Pat mentioned that they were haveing (sic) problems same as those in Warren.	Chairperson	Charles K.	Secertary (sic)	Terica W.	Co. Sec.	Beth	Treasurer	Bob McG	Libraian (sic)	Linda	Terica W.	
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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Charles asked about outlines on the chapters. Steve didn't know of one on his chapter, although Mike said yes. Charles stated without a good outline they would continue to flounder. Terica discussed how to cut and past (sic). Roger said not to edit while in the cut and past (sic) stage this way we will know what areas need information. He directed his comments to Mike of chapter ten. Mary V. volunteered (sic) and so did Terica to help with the cut and past (sic) of chapter ten. Mark, Robert and doug (sic) are becoming <i>a</i> proofing team. K Bea asks tpests (sic) to leave one inch margins so the copyer (sic) won't cut off the words. Charles explained that proofing is only to correct the spelling, punction and to see that the sentences have good structure. Not to change the content. Louis informed that chapter seven was done, but the group wanted to check over some detailes (sic). Typists were assigned to different workshop groups. They are as follows: Louis 5 Henery 6 Robert 7 Charles said not to leave anything (sic) in unused typers. Ever reminding us of there (sic) value. Terica announced for typist for minutes. Mary mentioned that we were all getting a little careless and sloppy: so please clean up after your selves.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Banquet was discussed; five dollars admittance fee and it is open to all in the fellowship. Roger says it looks as if we may review (sic) two more chapters before the 11:00 p.m. regular group concious (sic). Charles suggested that workshop teams only sleep after there (sic) assignments are finished. Bob G. and Roger had a short discussion on the starting time of certain workshop teams. Joe and Bob G. said they were disappointed in the Florida turn out. Roger said as conferences go this was normal occurance (sic) by the hosting state. Jamie told us not to put empty pots on hot burners they will break. And someone broke an egg and left a mess. Please clean up after yourself. Minutes will be done by Beth and Roland. They will pass minutes out tonight. Meeting closed by concensus (sic). Keith lead the Lords (sic) prayer. Adjourn 12:00 noon WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE-6 ATTENDANCE (sic) SHEET 11:25 a.m. 9/16/81 <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Name</td><td>Area</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terica W.</td><td>Bristol, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Page C.</td><td>Marietta, Fla. (sic)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lori H.</td><td>Ft. Laud., Fla.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.</td><td>Marro (sic) Bay, Ca.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marc B.</td><td>Akron, OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Trish</td><td>New Orleans, La.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stephen K.</td><td>Phil, PA.</td></tr> <tr> <td>beth n. (sic)</td><td>dana (sic), fla.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roland H.</td><td>New Orleans, La.</td></tr> </table>	Name	Area	Terica W.	Bristol, PA	Page C.	Marietta, Fla. (sic)	Lori H.	Ft. Laud., Fla.	Jim B.	Marro (sic) Bay, Ca.	Marc B.	Akron, OH	Trish	New Orleans, La.	Stephen K.	Phil, PA.	beth n. (sic)	dana (sic), fla.	Roland H.	New Orleans, La.
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	Important note: anyone who would like more information on the finances please write to: WLC-6, c/o treasurer - Bob Mc., PO Box 14371, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33302. Make specific requests.		
	The Sixth World Literature Conference of N .A.		
	W.L.C.-6		Holy Cross Episcopal
	P.O. Box 14371		Firestone Hall
	Fort Lauderdale FL. 33302		123 N.E. 36 St.
	Holy Cross Episcopal		Miami FL.
	Firestone Hall		
	This is an explanation of expenses of WLC-6 in Miami, Florida. The Cost of 'Firestone Hall' was \$400.00 for a period beginning (sic) 9/14/81 ending Saturday 9/19/81 at noon. This was to cover the cost of electricity and rent for other groups which meet in the same hall. Due to the cost of electricity in Florida we had to pay by the hour (\$10.00 per hour), this although expensive was not told to us until a few days before the conference. \$143 for files (cost of shipping four file boxes by Greyhound) from Ohio to Florida (Ft. Lauderdale). A fan rental was needed for the hall due to exsessive (sic) heat while the A/C was turned off. Also, in a cost saving measure we made all phone calls prior to the conference, so that no large bills would come in after the conference and limit any chance of misuse during the conference.		
	We hope that this will explain any expenses that come under question. We have gone to great lengths to limit any and all expenses. This report is to be dated: 9/18/81		
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	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Debt</u>
	Rent	400.00	-
	Coffee/Supplies	30.00	-
	Tapes/Equipment	40.00	-
	A/C	-	450.00
	Files	143.00	-
	Typewriter (sic) rentals	366.00	-
	Fan Rentals	75.00	-
	Copier (5400 Xerox) 3 ½ dy (sic)	-	880.00
	Copies/.068 p/copy	-	20.40
	Supplies	100.00	-
	Phone	-	150.00
		\$1312.00	\$1500.40
	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		
	Checks via WLC-5 account	\$712.00	
	Cash	\$50.00	
	Deposits on type & fan	\$450.00	
	<u>Final Account</u>		
	Debts as 9/18/81	\$1500.40	
	Other income	<u>\$1212.00</u>	
		\$288.40 to pay by Oct. 1, 81	
	Group conscience Friday Sept. 18 1981		
	Meeting was opened at 10.50pm with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Page read the literature prayer.		
	Charles went through and pointed out the typos on the chap. 10 copies we had before we reviewed it.		
	Charles read chapter 10 (Miami original 6)		

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Some comments form (sic) the group: 'real good' 'can deal with it here' 'incredible improvement', 'thrills and chills'. Charles says that he doesn't like havin (sic) love shoved down his throat, but can deal with it in the group conscience. Bob thinks we need a thesaurus so we dont (sic) have to mess with human ones. We go on to review the chapter. Charles reminds us to only address the marks we made on the flow reading, and reiterates the 'You snooze, You lose' guideline. Review took approx. 2 hours, with much courtesy being practiced by the group. Bob G. moved that we close the chapter. Bo says that there are some things that are not addressed that he has input on, and says that the material would fit in easily. Jim agrees and suggests that we approve now and send back to workshop to put in material. Bob G. says to do it now if the material is good, and not to let the chapter out of our sight. The pointsn (sic) the input are sponsorship (sic), social aspects, what to do with medical probs, and two others. Ralph says we should at least hear the material. Bob say yes, lets (sic) go through and keep it or drop it. There is more discussion. Jim says we are wating (sic) time. Lets (sic) close it and let the people who want to put in input do it and if its good enough, 2/3 of the group will go for it. The motion is made. Carries. Chapter Ten is closed.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Bo thinks it will be abt 2.15 when he and a group gets done inputting material to the chapter and will bring back and read then. Where are we and where are we going?? Bobby brings report from chapter 4 polish shop that they are on step 7, and need to know if they can go back to the Memphis form of step 6, because the material is not there in the Miami and Warren forms. Group says do it. We take a break till 2.15 when we will go over the chap 10 input form and do some steps. ATTENDANCE <table> <tr> <td>Doug W.</td><td>Lincoln, NB</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mitzi- Ann Y.</td><td>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim</td><td>?</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sheila C.</td><td>Miami</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marc B.</td><td>Ohio State Reformatory</td></tr> <tr> <td>Beth N.</td><td>Dania, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Charles K.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Patricia H.</td><td>New Orleans, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Roland H.</td><td>New Orleans, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sally E.</td><td>Buena Park, CA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Al R.</td><td>Ivyland, Pa</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ralph D</td><td>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobby B.</td><td>Philadelphia, PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jenni K.</td><td>N. Miami, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo S.</td><td>Marietta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lori H.</td><td>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</td></tr> <tr> <td>Page C.</td><td>Marietta, GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gina MG</td><td>New Orleans, LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bill G.</td><td>Jersey 'corrupt' City, NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stephen K.</td><td>Philadelphia PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Henry M.</td><td>Bronx, NY NY</td></tr> </table>	Doug W.	Lincoln, NB	Mitzi- Ann Y.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Jim	?	Sheila C.	Miami	Marc B.	Ohio State Reformatory	Beth N.	Dania, FL	Charles K.		Patricia H.	New Orleans, LA	Roland H.	New Orleans, LA	Sally E.	Buena Park, CA	Al R.	Ivyland, Pa	Ralph D	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Bobby B.	Philadelphia, PA	Jenni K.	N. Miami, FL	Bo S.	Marietta, GA	Lori H.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Page C.	Marietta, GA	Gina MG	New Orleans, LA	Bill G.	Jersey 'corrupt' City, NJ	Stephen K.	Philadelphia PA	Henry M.	Bronx, NY NY
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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Bob G Moved that we close this chapter. Bo S. says that there are some things that need to be in this chapter that are not there. He has material that he says will fit in very well. Jim M. agrees and suggests that we approve the chapter now and let a workshop deal with putting in the new material, and then bring it back to the group for a 2/3 majority vote to put in the new sections. Bob G. says to do it now and not to let the chapter out of our sight. GROUP CONSCIENCE Friday, Sept.18 1981 10:50 PM The points to be dealt with in the new Material include social aspects of ongoing recovery, sponsorship, what to do when we are legitimately given Medication, things we do for fun, and one other topic. Charles says that most of these are already covered elsewhere with the exception of the medical aspects topic. Ralph says that the social aspects are needed and we should at least look at the material to see if we want it. Jim M. thinks we are wasting time. Says we should approve the chapter and let Bo get a workshop together to put these new topics in and bring it back then. If they are that good they will get a 2/3 majority. Jim makes preceding as Motion. MOTION CARRIES. Chapter Ten is closed. It will now take a 2/3 majority vote to change it. We waste a few minutes and then get back to some meaningful things.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	The consensus is that we are ready for a break. Charles asks what time we are going to get together again. Bo says that it will probably be about 2.15 am before his workshop will be done (about 15 min from now). He asks if the group will be willing to get back together then. The consensus is yes we are willing to do it. Page says we need to get some idea of where we are and where we are going. Bobby brings a report from the Chap 1 polish-merge workshop. The first five steps are finished and are being typed. They have problems with step 6. They want to know if it is all right to go back to the Memphis review copy for input on this specific step. Group says DO IT We close. We will get back together at 2.15 and do some more work. WCL-6 9-19-81 2:40 a.m. <u>Charles</u> called us back to order. <u>Bo</u> is ready to read input on Chapter Ten. <u>Charles</u> went on to explain that input needs 2/3 majority vote in order to pass into a closed chapter. The group is ready to start. We need a moment of silence with the Serenity prayer. This input goes on page three, line five. <u>Page</u> said we could vote it out or change it. <u>Jim</u> says it's redundant, would like them to withdraw it. <u>Ralph</u> says it makes two new points. <u>Bob</u> maybe interject something about newcomers. <u>Al</u> likes it. <u>Jim</u> likes it, hits like a new thing, valid. <u>Bill</u> not terribly moved. <u>Terica</u> Nohting (sic) new, no need to mess. <u>Charles</u> It's been said, no need to shove sponsorship down throats. Call for a vote. Shot down. More new input for page two. We will address forst (sic) input first. <u>Mary</u> thinks it is pertinent. <u>Lori</u> thinks it is real good. <u>Jim</u> thinks both valid but seriously affecte (sic) text. <u>Mark</u> thinks is valid. <u>Bobby</u> likes all but last sentence. <u>Mary</u> likes it too. <u>Sally</u> wants to intergrate (sic) it. <u>Mark</u> moves that we eliminate the last sentence. <u>Terica</u> seconds the (sic) <u>Jim</u> wants to wait for Sally. <u>Doug</u> point of procedure, piece was accepted. <u>Sally</u> submitted a change, motion dies. We accept with last sentence removed. Discussion on next input. <u>Jim</u> wants to make it an appendix

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	After much discussion we passed Chapter Nine at 8:00 a.m. Because of the small number of people present we decided Chapter Nine should be approved at a larger Group Conscience. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. 12:00 noon The conference was moved from Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Firestone Hall, 123 NE 36th St., Miami, FL to Day by Day Clubhouse, 4141 N Andrews, Fort Lauderdale, FL. THE BANQUET A banquet to enjoy the fellowship of each other and to celebrate our book has become traditional at Literature Conferences. WLC-6 sponsored a truly enjoyable banquet. The meal was prepared by Jamie from Pennsylvania. Thank you for doing a wonderful job. The menu included two entrees, roast beef and a vegetarian salad, mashed potatoes, two different vegetables, rolls, salad, and lemonade. For dessert we had a choice of white, yellow, or chocolate cake. The meal was delicious. We had a small program after the dinner. Mark from Ohio was the MC. He also did a wonderful job. Linda M. from Kansas was presented with a Thank you card for her work as librarian. Charles K. from Florida (formerly from Texas and Louisiana) read the conferences (sic) final form of Chapter Ten, More Will Be Revealed. Joseph P. from Tennessee read one of the final drafts from Chapter Seven, Recovery and Relapse. Roger T., Chairman of the Literature Committee, thanked the servants of the conference: Rosie from Florida, Pastor Jones, Bob Mc., Frank S. from California, Sally from California, Joey from Florida, the two churches, the Day by Day club, the Florida fellowships. The conference servants were also thanked. These included Charles K, Chairman, Bob G. co-chairman, Bob Mc., co-chairman and treasurer, Terica W., secretary, and Linda M., librarian. We then listened to a lead by Valen from Florida. We want to thank everyone who helped make this banquet possible.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Group Conscience Sat. Sept. 19 11:40 PM Charles K opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Charles asked for information on what happened after Chapter 10 was approved early this Morning. Joseph reports that Chapter 4 has gone thru the polish-merge workshop. The typing done on the first four steps was done incorrectly and is being redone. All of the steps are done and are now being typed up. Charles says that the copier is being brought here from the church. He suggests that as each step is finished being typed it be copied and distributed and reviewed (sic). Bob G reports on Chapter 9. It was reviewed early this morning and the group brought it to what they considered to be final form. The group ended up at about 9.00 am after working all night at it. There were about 10 members left at the end of the group. The group passed it, but suggested that they did not have enough group consciousness to put the final stamp of the Lit committee on it (sic). They suggested that it be read again before the group conscience and that it should take a 2/3 majority to change anything. Bo S says that the group was pretty experienced and that the large group would probably do the same thing. He suggests a flow reading. Charles says we should do a comparison flow read and see if the current form is good enough or not and see if a paragraph by paragraph (sic) review is needed. Pat T. says that the group conscience review is basically to determine if the material is true or not. The group conscience does not mess with punctuation, word use, etc. This is proofreading. Ten proofreaders working on the same thing can bring back 10 different versions of it and each will be right.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Pat makes a motion to look only for falsehoods, and not to proofread here in the group conscidnce (sic). Jim B. says that the points brought up about word use, etc. are important and these fine points are things that someone may get loaded over. Charles says that Pats (sic) motion is a good idea and that the word use can involve subtle differences that make it a matter of truth not proofreading. We are looking for content changes, not this or that persons (sic) favorite word or way to say something. Joseph P says that the work is at <i>a</i> point in the spiritually motivated lit committee. We are getting to a point where personal programs and ego is being debated. We (the Lit Committee) need to let go of the book and let the fellowship as a whole decide. He suggests that maybe we should let 2 or 3 people proofead (sic) it that have not been closely involved with the work. Mary L. says that the intent of the motion is that we only look for untruths and loopholes and not ftck (sic) with the rest. Page C brings out fact that untruth can also take form of half-truth or omission. Charles asks the group how many are anxious to get going and get it done tonight. Several raise hands. He then asks how many are willing to let god get it done when it is supposed to be done. Many raised (sic) hands. CALL to vote on Pats Motion. Motion FAILS. Doug says the motion is good as a suggestion, but that it should not be binding. Chapter 9 (proposed final form) is read. Charles asks for group consensus. Pat says that he is not comfortable with it as is.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Charles points out Ch. 9 is currently untitled. The ninth chapter of the review form (sic) and the second half of chap four were put together to get this. Where it whll (sic) go in the book is also subject to change. These have to be decided sometime. Group Conscience Sat. Sept 19, 1981 11:40 PM Mary says that the workshop provisional title was 'Living the Program Just for Today'. Says that she thinks that it is still choppy. She has trouble understanding the way that northerners speak, and that contributed to her problems. She suggests that a small workshop deal with choppiness. Pat says that the material touches briefly on many diverse topics and that it sounds weird to him. Jim B. says that the first time he heard it that it was choppy, but the second time it was ok. Ralph D. said that it sounded fine to him. It was not choppy and he found only one thing in it to be untrue. Jim M. says that a 2nd reading can't hurt. Dana(?) suggests that people read it to themselves. Mary suggests that a southerner read it this time through. Marc B says that no one but him could possibly read the copy with his marks Pat agrees. There is open discussion on what speed the text should be read. The two basic speeds suggested are fast and slow, with a few holding out for a medium rate. Jim M reads Chap 9.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Jim says that his copy might not be the exact text that was approved by the last group, but is real close. Bo suggests that we take comments Charles has problem with the line 'if it's not practical, it's not spiritual.' It was suggested that the secretary keep track of these comments and the exact part of the text that they refer to. Beth has problems with a rhyme in a line. Jim does not believe that we create our own hells. Jim M. questions whether ongoing recovery is always dependent on our relationship with god. Page thinks we are getting (sic) too specific by stating that 'Agonistics (sic) and atheists start out by....' Bo says that the concept of joy through service is omitted and is needed. Doug does not think that god will do for us 'whatever' we can't do for ourselves (sic). An anonymous motion was made to keep the chapter and deal with the problems here. Motion passed UNANIMOUSLY!!!! Charles suggested that we deal only with the specific points brought up, along with any other problems that people have right now. In other words, we will define what we are going to address now, and not go back through paragraph by paragraph. Pat had problem with things on page 2 line 31 and page 3 line 14.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Roger T. (handwritten) Bo S. (handwritten) GA Jim M. Ohio Mary Georgia Pat Kentucky Jim B. California Joseph P. Tennessee Beth N. Florida Roland Louisiana Mary B. Ohio R. Jamie Pennsylvania Charles K. Florida Linda M. Kansas MINUTES WLC #6 9/20/81 6:00 PM Group Conscience led by Charles K. We are done except for one item in Chapter Nine and one item Chapter Four. Agenda: 1. Title for Chapter Nine and placement 2. Address specific input and proposal for Chapter Ten 3. Everything that comes before Chapter One and after Chapter Ten--what and when do we do about it? 4. Next Literature Conference 5. What to do about proofreading Chapter Nine Nominations for Titles Today We Live Living the Program The N.A. Way of Life

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	Just For Today; Living the Program** Ongoing Recovery 'Just for Today; Living the Program' was passed as the title. MOTION: Have a subtitle with the title for Chapter Nine, 'Spiritual Maintenance'. Passed. Amendmant (sic): Also have subtitle of 'Ongoing Recovery' for Chapter Ten. MOTION: Either have ten subtitles or none at all for consistency. Passed. the book will have no subtitles. MOTION: Chapter Nine will go after Chapter Eight or between Chapters Four and Five. Vote: It will go. after Chapter Eight. MOTION: In Chapter Nine, after 'if it is not practical it isn't spiritual' add Bo's input. Vote: The line gets deleted. Chapter Three MOTION: Line #12, last page, add suggested blue print to read This suggested program is a 12 step blue print program for doing just those things. Chapter Two MOTION: Page 1 Line 10, Add input Charles has between lines 5 and 6. Vote: Leave it alone. Chapter Four MOTION: Third Step Prayer: Take my will and guide me in my recovery. Show me how to live. Passed. We need to out of here in two minutes. MOTION: Give the librarian, Linda, \$100 petty cash fund. Passed.

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	MOTION: Send the material to professional proofreaders and elect five people, with Roger as chairman to act as liason (sic) between proofer and board and proofer and Lit. committee. Should any changes be necessary Roger will contact the board and have a vote. Amendmant (sic): They only have the authority to change spelling, tense, and punctuation (sic). Adjourn till 10:00. MINUTES 9/20/81 10:00 pm Proofreading Send the completed work to a professional proofreader to mark and make notes and have it reproduced that way and sent out as such for approval. (punctuation, spelling, and tenses only) Someone in Mississippi that Roger knows would be willing to do it for a small token sum. We need it typed us (sic) this week, Roger has been suggested. Phil knows a proofreader in Knoxville. Proofreaders quote price on amount of words and form of book. MOTION: Roger is going to type it up in the next few days and Charles will make comparison study, also subject to crosschecking of Joseph P. and Linda. Passed. MOTION: We will send it to a professional proofreader (non-member) after the typing is done. Passed. MOTION: a) Type as finalized--Roger, without lines numbered. b) Typist, proof and retype as necessary c) Send it to Proofreader

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September 14 - 20, 1981 (cont.)	d) Retype as needed to be camera ready .and we will ignore any proofreader's marks except for spelling, punctuation, and any mark that does not affect content. Passed. Joseph needs copies of Charles marked copies and retype of Charles copy and copy of Roger's retype. Linda has permission to mail out copies of minutes. MOTION: Create a pamphlet on avoiding relapse in medical crises. Set up at next conference. Passed. MOTION: WSC-LC Business meeting at Joseph's November 22-29. Tentative work done on these pamphlets: Review of handbook, new finance handbook, Review of Public Info. Kit, Review of Service Manual, Sponsorship, Review and New Fourth Step Guide, Cooperation not Affiliation, Avoiding Relapse in Illness. MOTION: A questionnaire (sic) will be put in the book for the fellowship to say what it wants in forward, stories, size, color, etc...After first of year after the book has been printed and sent out. Passed. SEE Y'ALL IN MEMPHIS. ATTENDANCE W.L.C. #6 9/20/81 10: 00 PM <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Jamie S.</td><td>Pennsylvania</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim B.</td><td>Indiana</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo S.</td><td>Georgia</td></tr> <tr> <td>Linda M.</td><td>Kansas</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jim M.</td><td>Ohio</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lori H.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Doug W.</td><td>Nebraska</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joseph P.</td><td>Tennessee</td></tr> </table>	Jamie S.	Pennsylvania	Jim B.	Indiana	Bo S.	Georgia	Linda M.	Kansas	Jim M.	Ohio	Lori H.		Doug W.	Nebraska	Joseph P.	Tennessee
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November 22 – 29, 1981	The Mid-South Regional Service Conference is held at Memphis State University. The following summary is from Preserving the Message, blog #5, November 2024: <u>6th World Literature Conference</u> Two decisions were made at the conclusion of the 6th World Literature Conference (WLC) in September 1981. First, the Mid-South RSC had “accepted the responsibility of printing 2,000 copies of the Approval Form of Our Basic Text as requested by the Miami Literature Conference, W.L.C. VI.”¹¹³ Second, Roger T. (Chair of the World Literature Committee) had agreed to type the final manuscript of the Approval Form. Upon completion, Roger was to send it to Joseph P. in Memphis for typesetting and printing.¹¹⁴ <u>Where is the book?</u> But before the Approval Form could be distributed, crisis struck. By early October, Joseph contacted Bo, concerned that he had not received the final manuscript from Roger and had been unable to reach him by phone. After a few more weeks, Bo and Joseph placed calls to all known members in South Florida. These members saw Roger at meetings and relayed their messages, but Roger would not follow-up with them.¹¹⁵ Without the final manuscript, Joseph found himself needing to recreate what had been approved at the 6th WLC, particularly where the last untyped changes had occurred.¹¹⁶ Joseph began calling others who had notes of the approved draft to compare with his own. As one final act to assure fidelity to the conscious of those in Miami, Joseph shipped the draft overnight to Bo for his review.¹¹⁷

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November 22 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	Despite his efforts, and the difficult position Joseph found himself in, some who attended the 6th WLC “were not happy with the reconstruction that Joseph assembled and which then became the book.” They would “later claim that portions of the book were not what had been voted on and approved.”¹¹⁸ Despite the stress, inconvenience, and unanticipated extra work, Bo treated Roger with compassion in <i>The Story of the Basic Text</i> pointing out that Roger had been new to N.A. at the time of the 3rd WLC and three months later he was elected as Chair of the World Literature Committee. <u>The Mid-South Regional Service Conference</u> While Joseph was working to resolve the crisis he inherited, Richard D., Chair of the Mid-South Regional Service Committee, was preparing for the conference. The conference was scheduled to be held from November 22nd to November 29th at Memphis State University, the same site as the 3rd WLC.¹¹⁹ In preparation for the conference, Richard sent a letter that included a proposed agenda. The three conference goals included: 1. “Collating, binding, packaging, addressing, stamping, and mailing the Approval Form of Our Book, our basic text on N.A. Recovery;” 2. “Working on proposed changes, revision and additions, in the existing Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous and in W.S.C. Sub-committees’ Handbooks;” 3. “Providing workshops for the review and the compiling of material for future Literature on N.A. Recovery.”¹²⁰ The task of printing, packaging, and shipping the Approval Form was expected to cost \$5,100.¹²¹ While the Approval Form was to be provided at no cost, the Mid-South RSC suggested that in keeping with the spirit of the 7th Tradition that donations be sent by those who receive a copy and that those attending the conference pay a \$7.00 registration fee to offset the expense of distributing it.¹²² Fundraisers were also held to raise money for this effort. Another problem was identified on day four of the Mid-South RSC. A paragraph had been left out during the printing of the Approval Form.¹²³ The

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November 22 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	assumed the role of the chair, which was ratified at the 7th WLC in January 1982.¹²⁷ <u>World Service Conference Policy Sub-Committee</u> In addition to the literature goals of the Mid-South Regional Service Conference, the W.S.C. Policy Sub-Committee also met. It was the first meeting of the sub-committee held outside of California.¹²⁸ Bob R., Chair of the W.S.C. Policy Subcommittee, came from California, along with Chuck S., Chair of the Board of Trustees. The work of the sub-committee resulted in a proposed revision to the third edition to the <i>Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous</i>. With the publication of the Approval Form, the reality of “Our Book” was nearing. Members anticipated that the book would accelerate how the message of NA was carried. In a letter that accompanied the <i>Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous</i>, the W.S.C. Policy Sub-Committee believed that “our resources and ability to carry our message will increase ten thousand fold (sic).”¹²⁹ In order to improve World Services in terms of service structure and the World Service Office, revisions were made to “substantially” increase “provisions for group consciousness in maintaining our world services.” The intended goal was of World Services growing and prospering along with a growing Fellowship.¹³⁰ <u>Memphis House</u> When Joseph P. offered to host the 3rd WLC in Memphis, he later recounted that he was the only clean addict in Memphis.¹³¹ While this may have been a slight exaggeration, the fellowship in Memphis was indeed small. What the 3rd WLC offered was an opportunity to introduce addicts to Narcotics Anonymous. Of the 34 addicts from Memphis to participate in the 3rd WLC, 16 were living at a recovery program called Memphis House. Four of the former Memphis House residents would also participate in the Mid-South Regional Service Conference. And eight current Memphis House residents would participate as well.¹³² This is a good example of a local treatment provider recognizing and encouraging their residents’ involvement with the larger recovery community and of the larger recovery community becoming a place for people to continue their recovery after treatment.

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November 22 – 29, 1981 (cont.)	In support of this blog post, Mason and Francis interviewed an NA member who was at Memphis House during the 3rd WLC. Richard D. would quickly become involved in service, and as noted above, served as chair of the Mid-South RSC. Please check out this episode of The Living Clean Podcast to learn more about Richard’s experience. <u>Primary Documents</u> For those interested in primary documents regarding the 1981 Mid-South Regional Service Conference, the following sources are listed below. • Books ○ Anonymi (2004). <i>A Matter of Principle: A Story of how Narcotics Anonymous came of age.</i> ○ Bo S. (1990). <i>The Story of the Basic Text.</i> ○ Stone, B. (1997). <i>My years with Narcotics Anonymous.</i> Joplin, Missouri: Hulon Pendleton Publishing. • Recently digitized documents from Page C.’s archives ○ Mid-South RSC fundraiser, flyer, 1981-10-02 ○ Mid-South Regional Service Committee, letter & agenda, 1981 ○ WSC Literature Committee, letter from Jim M. requesting stories, 1981 ○ Mid-South RSC, letter, Approval Form distribution, 1981-11-28 ○ Mid-South RSC, Visiting Dope Fiends arrival schedule, 1981 ○ Mid-South Regional Service Conference, minutes, 1981 ○ Mid-South Regional Service Conference, one member's experience, 1981 ○ Mid-South Regional Service Conference, Report, 1981 ○ World Literature Committee, letter, WLC 7, request for Stories, 1981 ○ WLC Report, letter, new co-chairs, 1981 ○ Memphis Miracle Issue IV, December 1981 • Other ○ W.S.C. Policy Sub-Committee (1981). Proposed Revisions to the Third Edition of the Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous.
November 1981	“In November 1981 the approval form of Chapters One through Ten of the <i>Basic Text</i> were released to the fellowship.”¹³³

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January 2, 1982	Steve B., Chairman of the WSC Administration Committee, writes Roger T. asking that he resign as Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee. “Roger T. C/O Concept House 162 N.E. 49th St. Miami, FL 33127 Dear Roger, I, as Chairman of the Administration Committee, and after due deliberation and vote on this matter, by the Committee, do hereby ask for your written resignation as Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee (1982). This decision was derived from on-going concerns of the members of the WSC Literature Committee, as well as, the Administration Committee, due to your lack of attendance, availability, and visible participation. This in no way reflects upon your personal program, but at this time we think it imperative to have a person able to devote the time and energy so crucially needed. We thank you for your efforts and will welcome any input you have to offer. Yours in Fellowship, Steve B. Chairman WSC Administration Committee cc: WSC Administration Committee all WSC Sub-committees World Service Board of Trustees WSO Board of Directors”¹³⁴
January 2, 1982	Steve B., Chairman of the World Service Conference (1982), writes Page C., 2nd Vice Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, informing him that he is the active Chair of the WSC Literature Committee (Roger was disqualified due to

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January 2, 1982 (cont.)	inactivity and Jim M., 2nd Vice Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee, disqualified himself due to other responsibilities. “Page 1757 Darwin Smyrna, GA 30080 Dear Page, Congratulations on your selection as 2nd Vice Charman (sic) of the WSC Literature Committee. Roger’s inactivity, has disqualified him of the Chairmanship and I understand that Jim M. disqualified himself as first Vice Chairman due to other responsibilities, which leaves you, as the active Chair of the Literature Committee of the World Service Conference (1982). I especially like the action that the Committee took out of need for a leader, and who would know of your qualifications better than your peers on the Committee you have been so active on. I believe a good precedent has been set by these actions and I hope our next conference will deal with this situation, so committees of the future will have guidelines in selecting Vice Chairman from their active members, instead of the apprehension your committee must have felt, with no plan to guide you. Speaking for all of the WSC Administration Committee, I thank you for your past labors and you have our continued confidence as active Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee to the World Service Conference (1982). Yours in Fellowship, Steve B. Chairman World Service Conference (1982) cc: Administration Committee and all Sub-committees.”¹³⁵

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January 15 – 22, 1982	The seventh World Literature Conference is held in Ivyland, PA. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philladelphia (sic), PA First group conscience opened at 6:20pm, Friday, January 15. Page C. opened with the serenity prayer. Members Present: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Page C - Marietta GA</td><td>Bob M - Wilmington DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo S. - Marietta GA</td><td>Denise T - Newark DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Linda M - Auburn KS</td><td>Chuck K - Newtown PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Anita V - Marietta GA</td><td>A.J. H - New Brunswick NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe T - Southampton PA</td><td>Mike F. - Morrisville PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kathy B - Bristol PA</td><td>Teresa - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bob B - Morrisville PA</td><td>Al- PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terrie O - Langhorne PA</td><td></td></tr> </table> The purpose of the conference was stated by Page being that we need to put stories together for the book. Page also stated that we are running on a tight budget and every effort should be made to economize. Materials such as writing tablets should be left in work areas. Linda M reported that we have about 130 stories but release forms are needed on many of them. People that we have stories on but no release forms on have been contacted. A cross section is needed of the fellowship. Three suggestions were made. 1) get well written stories 2) make sure there is a release form with it and 3) plug it into the needed and proper category. It was suggested that this can be done by breaking into groups of 3. Teresa reported that she has received some release forms and new stories in the mail recently. New stories seem to be in better condition then (sic) the older ones, perhaps because of the letter that was sent out recently with a request for stories. Page asked that we come up with a plan of attack for the conference.	Page C - Marietta GA	Bob M - Wilmington DE	Bo S. - Marietta GA	Denise T - Newark DE	Linda M - Auburn KS	Chuck K - Newtown PA	Anita V - Marietta GA	A.J. H - New Brunswick NJ	Joe T - Southampton PA	Mike F. - Morrisville PA	Kathy B - Bristol PA	Teresa - PA	Bob B - Morrisville PA	Al- PA	Terrie O - Langhorne PA	
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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Teresa asked if we have a way to contact people that we do not have release forms on. Linda stated that we have 90% of the phone numbers that would be needed. The question of editing was brought up by Page. Linda suggested that we just edit the stories that we are interested in by making 2 piles. One pile would be for good and the other for not so good. Teresa suggested that maybe we ought to have a practice session on editing at the group conscience for anyone who is new and not familiar (sic) with the war that it is done. Linda suggested that in order to save time that we just put an experienced person in charge of a group. An insert was passed around on writing a good story. Page commented that everyones (sic) style will be different because everyone comes from a different background. The question was brought up about what is a good cross section? It was stated that we are talking about sex, age, race, drug of choice, extent of active addiction, etc. Page suggested that we go around the table, introduce ourselves and make a comment. A.J. suggested that we make a cross section before reading. Bo stated that he was glad to be here and that we should make sure that our cross section does not exclude, because the purpose is to include. He also suggested that we use the phone for stories that are potentially good but need adding to or questions asked. Page stated that he wants to stay away from re-writing anyones (sic) story and Bo agreed because the control should be in the hands of the person writing the story. Linda agreed to be careful of over editing. Bo state (sic) that we need to pull together and support the chairman and get the job done.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Anita wants to get on with it as far as breaking into groups, reading the stories and deciding what is usable and what is not. Kathy brought up the question of being a little confused over what a cross section was and it was explained to her and the group by Page. Chuck is curious to see what the conference will be like. Wants to get involved! Al likes Bo's suggestion of calling people to complete stories. Wants to categorize (sic) first Linda - nothing more to add at this time. Joe - first conference and stated that what we are about to do is like writing a term paper. He suggested that we see what we have first, eliminate what we can not use, and the job will be easier because you will have less to work through. A brief discussion was based on the question of AA members being offended by referring to AA as 'another 12 step program.' Page made the comment that recovery is what counts. A.J. made the comment that our higher power will see to it that we get the stories we need. Lets (sic) get into the stories and put in categories later. Bo stated that he feels that surrender is a key item to look for. This has to do with the addicts turning point. What and how much a person used does not equal quality of surrender. The question was raised by Page about leaving some slang terms and phrases unedited because it reflects the addicts true personality. Anita stated that she feels that if you make too many exceptions on slang terms you will loose (sic) a format for editing that a group can use. Bo interjected that the group should feel free to ask questions about things not understood until you get an answer. He also added that the problem with slang is that it does not always mean the same thing when translating into another language.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Page asked for a show of hands for those wanting to categorize (sic) first. One hand was raised. He asked for a show of hands for people who want to start off by reading and evaluating. The rest of the group raised their hands. Bo suggested that we get a proposed program for the conference. Group consciences will be held as needed due to the shortness of time we are working with and the amount (sic) of work needed to be completed. It was decided that attending members outside for meetings rather than having them here where work is being done. Al is in charge of sleeping arrangements. Pay for coffee! Linda is the only one that will be in the files. Linda and Teresa are the only ones that will be running the copy machine. The room next to the bathroom is off limits. Linda asked if more than one copy was needed of stories to be read and evaluated. It was decided that one person would read the story and the others would take notes. The motioned (sic) was made by Teresa that meeting be closed, seconded by a few, and closed with serenity prayer at 7:5 5pm. INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING AND EVALUATING PERSONAL STORIES 1. Reading groups of 3 2. Read story aloud 3. Put comments on a separate (sic) sheet 4. Must meet major points in outline 5. Catagorize (sic) content from list from all parts that apply 6. Your job is to read and evaluate per outline and list only 7. File according to Category (sic) and Editing comments

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	II. Turning point a) hitting bottom b) introduction to N.A. program III. Recovery (sic) a) made decision b) specific action (meetings, steps, sponsor, service) c) specific recovery 1. problems IV. Well written (sic) stories a) balance between use and recovery b) easy reading--- good style c) express feelings 1. Motivating factors behind using and behavior d) expression of ideas specifically without lengthy detail OUTLINE FOR EDITING STORIES I. Direct references to A.A. & A.A. Literature a) should refer to other 12 step program II. Geographic Locations a) leave intact if useful b) remove if repetitious (sic) III. Dates a) delete month and day b) convey length of time IV. Language a) omit profanity b) change slang terms to common terms c) check and correct obvious grammar and punctuation (sic) errors V. Variety a) Area b) Age c) Sex

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	VI. Drug brand names WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philledelphia (sic), PA January 16, 1982 Second day, Morning Meeting Meeting opened by Page C with. a momemt (sic) of silence followed by the serenity prayer at 6:55 AM Members present: <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Linda M – Kansas</td><td>John S - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>AJ - New Jersey</td><td>Bo S - GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toni P – PA</td><td>Andy O PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Steve E – PA</td><td>Denise T - DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Carlie M – PA</td><td>Bobby B- PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dennie L – PA</td><td>Joe G - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bernie A – PA</td><td>Joe C - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ron D – PA</td><td>Chris L- PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Anita V – GA</td><td>Kathy B - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Page C – GA</td><td>Carmen C - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pete B - PA</td><td>Terri O - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Teresa W – PA</td><td>Bill G - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tom M - Ohio</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> Linda M reported that we have 25 good stories and 31 promising stories. We have no breakdown on a cross-section. Everyone still is not sure on the meaning of cross-section. Page explained what a cross-section is to the group. Identification is the key. The question is, can everyone find a story they can relate to? They should be able to. It was suggested that we start categorizing the stories by drug of choice first, than (sic) sex, age, race etc. Discussion was held. Andy had a question as to whether or not we would cover all categories. Teresa, Tom, and Aj all felt that we should start our categories by drug of choice. Tom mentioned that every	Linda M – Kansas	John S - PA	AJ - New Jersey	Bo S - GA	Toni P – PA	Andy O PA	Steve E – PA	Denise T - DE	Carlie M – PA	Bobby B- PA	Dennie L – PA	Joe G - PA	Bernie A – PA	Joe C - PA	Ron D – PA	Chris L- PA	Anita V – GA	Kathy B - PA	Page C – GA	Carmen C - NJ	Pete B - PA	Terri O - PA	Teresa W – PA	Bill G - NJ	Tom M - Ohio	
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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Page restated that we need to evaluate (or decide) if we are leaving evaluation of stories up to the groups that originally evaluated them. Joe stated that we should categorize before we edit to avoid excess work. Many agreed with Joe. Bo stated that he thinks the 25 'good stories' should go in the book and so we should start to edit the 25 stories now while categorizing (sic) is taking place. More discussion took place on cross-sectioning. Discussion took place on whether or not the 25 good stories should go in the book. A mixed opinion was expressed. Bobby made a motion that we go ahead and categorize the 25 stories the group conscience felt was good so we can see what gaps we have. Discussion reverted to the question of cross sectioning and point of identification, at which point of time Bobby amended his motion, adding that we start to categorize in the following order. Drug of choice, surrender, and recovery. This motion was seconded by AJ and many others. Motion carried. · Discussion on the passed motion started. Denise stated that we need a plan on how we are going to do this. Tom made a motion that we type and edit the 25 stories we feel are good and this was seconded by Bo. Discussion followed. Linda suggested the following. i) workshops of 3 for editing. 1 person type, 2 others would discuss. 2) take a professional typeset (sic) Anita amended (sic) Toms (sic) motion. Motion is to type and edit the 25 stories (sic) in groups of three. Seconded by many. Motion was carried.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Dennis made the motion that we close and seconded in unison by entire group. Meeting closed at 8:25AM with the Lords (sic) Prayer. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philadelphia, Pa January 16, 1982 Second Day, Evening meeting Meeting opened by Page C. with the serenity prayer at 3:50 PM Members Present: <table> <tr> <td>Al C – PA</td><td>Carli M - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Steve K – PA</td><td>John F - DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andy O – PA</td><td>Bob M - DE</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe C – PA</td><td>Sandy M - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe R – NJ</td><td>Michael V - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Danny W – NJ</td><td>Pete B - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Carmen C – NJ</td><td>Terica W - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rivh (sic) M - PA</td><td>Terrie O - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobby B – PA</td><td>Chuck K - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nunzio G – PA</td><td>Bob B - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dennis T – DE</td><td>Clifford T - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bill G – NJ</td><td>Chris L - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Al R - PA</td><td>A.J. - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tish G – PA</td><td>Anita V - GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Donna S – PA</td><td>Page C - GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mike F – PA</td><td>Bo S - GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Maria S - PA</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Arleen T - PA</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Vickie T - PA</td><td></td></tr> </table> Linda M. explained the process of editing. The three most important things being drug of choice, point of surrender, and point of recovery. An example was given to the group. It was stated that we should note as much as possible. All material must be kept in file. A discussion followed on editing. Joe R raised the question on why are we using the chart for cross sectioning.	Al C – PA	Carli M - PA	Steve K – PA	John F - DE	Andy O – PA	Bob M - DE	Joe C – PA	Sandy M - PA	Joe R – NJ	Michael V - PA	Danny W – NJ	Pete B - PA	Carmen C – NJ	Terica W - PA	Rivh (sic) M - PA	Terrie O - PA	Bobby B – PA	Chuck K - PA	Nunzio G – PA	Bob B - PA	Dennis T – DE	Clifford T - PA	Bill G – NJ	Chris L - PA	Al R - PA	A.J. - NJ	Tish G – PA	Anita V - GA	Donna S – PA	Page C - GA	Mike F – PA	Bo S - GA	Maria S - PA		Arleen T - PA		Vickie T - PA	
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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Pete amended Als (sic) motion.to say that we would change the two words sober add (sic) sobriety and all other words would remain the same. The motion was seconded by Andy. The ammendment (sic) was accepted by Al. Motion was carried. Page read from editing sheet. Discussion followed. Joe mentioned that the more slang that is used in the stories the quicker the material in the book will be outdated. Many people brought up the problem of translating slang in different languages. Bobby made the motion that we leave it to the group of three to delete or leave in slang. Motion seconded by Pete. Motion voted on and carried. Linda M explained the cross section chart to the group. No errors were found on the chart except that it lacked a place for age. It was suggested that groups make a place on the individuals (sic) chart for age. Al asked if we were going to include a catagory (sic) for religious or ethnic backround (sic). Page stated that we should go with what is on the cross section chart and make comments on the back. Age should be stated if possible. Page stressed that we are to edit and type. Aj is in charge of typing, dictionaries etc. Linda and Page are in charge of cross section chart. Page asked if there were any questions from the group on editing.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	There were NONE! Denise expressed the concern for the need to sleep. Al is still 'sleep chairman' and he will find you a place. Seven people agreed to lead workshops and they all have experience. It was suggested that people not working in workshops help clean up, make coffee etc. and keep distractions to a minimum so that the workshops are efficient. Pete made a motion to close. Aj seconded the motion. Al welcomed people coming into the conference, Meeting closed with the Lords (sic) Prayer at 4:50 pm. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philadelphia, Pa January 16, 1982 Second day, night meeting Meeting opened by Page with the serenity prayer at 11:11 Pm Attending members: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Page C – GA</td><td>Steve A - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Richard M – PA</td><td>John F - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Al A – PA</td><td>Alan S - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Denise T – DE</td><td>Carmen C - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Donald N – PA</td><td>David W - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dennis T – PA</td><td>Linda M - KS</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ken L – PA</td><td>Bill G - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Phil S - PA</td><td>Mike M - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chuck K – PA</td><td>Wesley K - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suzanne A – PA</td><td>Toni P - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terrie O – PA</td><td>Mike F - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>A. J./ (sic) – NJ</td><td>Donna S - PA</td></tr> </table>	Page C – GA	Steve A - PA	Richard M – PA	John F - PA	Al A – PA	Alan S - PA	Denise T – DE	Carmen C - NJ	Donald N – PA	David W - NJ	Dennis T – PA	Linda M - KS	Ken L – PA	Bill G - NJ	Phil S - PA	Mike M - PA	Chuck K – PA	Wesley K - PA	Suzanne A – PA	Toni P - PA	Terrie O – PA	Mike F - PA	A. J./ (sic) – NJ	Donna S - PA
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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Bo made a motion that the reasons read by Pete stating reasons for endorsing the nomination of Page as WLC Chairman be stated in minutes. This motion was seconded by many and the motion was carried unanimously. The reasons read by Pete are as follows. 1. Roger T who was previously elected chairman has not functioned as chairman since September of 1981 and has as a result of his non-performance, effectively resigned. 2. Steve B., Chairman of the WSC Administrative sub committee has communicated to Roger T asking for his resignation and has received no reply. 3. Jim M previously elected World Lit. Sub committee vice-chairman has declined his chairmanship. 4. The WLS-C at its meeting in Memphis in November of 1981 elected Page C its 2nd vise chairman and acting chairman. 5. Page C has served effectively since that time; establishing communication throughout the committee and the fellowship as a whole stepping into his active position on short notice presiding over the Philadelphia World Literature conference and making considerable progress in establishing financial records for the W.L.S.-C among other things ~~by requesting~~ and will ("and will" is handwritten) request detailed financial reports from the Santa Monica, Ohio, and Miami. (the cities of three previous World Literature Conferences.) Linda raised the question of a vice chairman. Should we vote on one? Ron asked if there was a need for one. Pete explained that previous experience showed the need for a vice-chairman when we didnt (sic) have one and the elected chairman at the time was not present. Bo elaborated on Petes (sic) comment stating that a vice chairman is active. He gathers group conscience and raises support. Ron made the motion that we decide how many vise (sic) chairmans (sic) we need and to make nominations for office. Motion seconded by Dennis. Page explained the procedure for elections, voting etc. to Andy who asked if we had delt with this already in Memphis.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Pete started to ammend (sic) Rons (sic) motion but withdrew his ammendment (sic) midway. Page asked the group how many vise chairmans (sic) did the group think we need. Ron suggested two, AJ suggested at this time one. Ron withdrew his original motion and made another motion to decide how many vise (sic) chairmans (sic) we need. Motion seconded by AJ. Motion was carried to elect one vise chairman at a later time in conference. Ed made the motion that we elect vise chairman tomorrow (sic). Motion was seconded by a few and voted on. Motion was not carried. Linda made a motion to open the floor for nominations and it was seconded by Ron. Qualifications for office were stated by Page. Willingness to serve as well as ability to serve. Dennis nominated Andy. It was seconded. Andy declined. Ron nominated Pete. It was seconded. Pete accepted. Bill nominated Bill G. It was seconded. Bill declined. Rich nominated Steve K. It was seconded. Steve accepted. AJ made the motion to close nominations. Seconded by Dennis. Page called for a vote after Steve and Pete stated their qualifications for office. Pete: involved with literature since June of 80. This is his 3rd World Literature conference. Has done a lot (sic) of communication and is very willing to serve. Surrender to the program is complete in his heart. Steve: wants to decline nomination and support Pete. Pete elected vise (sic) chairman of WLC by acclamation. Group paused for prayer. Page explained the different categories that we have and the cross section chart was explained to the group. We have covered most catagories (sic). We need to try and go over promising stories to fill in the gaps. There was discussion on where to fill in the gaps and where to get the stories from.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Anita suggested that we concentrate on filling in the ethnic groups first rather than drug of choice gaps. Most of the drug of choice gaps that are shown on cross section chart in actuality are filled in the garbage can classification. AJ agreed with Anita. It was suggested by Ron that we look at the names to see if they may indicate the ethnic group represented. Page agrees with priority to fill in the ethnic group gaps first and than (sic) fill in drug of choice category. Bo explained that if the phone is needed try and get member to c all us back to help keep the phone expenses to a minimum. Page stated our plan of attack. 1) search files to see what we have first 2) ethnic group catagory first 3) drug of choice catagory (sic) second. Gratitude extended to AJ for the fine job coordinating the typing. Page stated that the group will evaluate the physicans (sic) viewpoint tomorrow (sic). Page stated that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees called and would be here if at all possible. He sends his support. AJ needs another typist. Next group conscience will be Sunday Jan. 17th at noon. The meeting was closed at 12:32 AM with the Lords (sic) Prayer. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philadelphia, Pa Third day, afternoon meeting Meeting opened by Page C with the serenity prayer at 1:40pm

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Page informed the group that since the last group conscience we have about 4 hours of typing left at which point in time 30 stories will be typed and edited. The files have been gone through and we have come up with 5 promising stories to work on in order to fill the gaps we have on cross section chart. Discussion took place on the progress of the catagories (sic). AJ stated that attention should be on filling the ethnic group representation gaps. Bill stated that he had a hard time seeing the significance of ethnic groups being a priority for paint of identification, and stated that the point of identification is addiction. Steve agreed with Bill. Andy, Bobby, Terica, and Mike all stated in one way or another that they felt a need for all the ethnic groups to be represented. Barry and Tom made suggestions for attaining needed stories to fill the ethnic group gaps. Joe stated that we could easily exclude by including. Bo said that he would like to get a story from Europe, Asia etc. The telephone could be used. He is willing to be involved in a workshop or committee to this effect. Bill stated that we should keep principles spiritual. Dennis stated that we should put ourselves in the newcomers (sic) shoes. Al agrees with Bo about foreign stories. Anita suggested that if we are not going to include and cover all ethnic groups maybe we should consider editing reference to ethnic groups in the stories. The discussion continued but nothing was stated that had not already been stated and discussed. Joe made a motion to close discussion and it was seconded...motion carried. Page stated for point of information that we have stories from Hawaii, Austraila (sic) and the black race. Dennis stated that we need to start working. Terica commented that we can only work with what we have. Terica made a motion that we go ahead and get the promising stories that would fill the gaps up to par. Seconded by Joe. Bobby ammended (sic) Terica's motion by adding to let Bo and others start gathering stories from overseas.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Terica did not accept Bobby's ammendment (sic) to her motion. There was a call for a vote and the motion carried. Bob made a motion that refrence (sic) to ethnic nature be edited. seconded (sic) by Pete. More discussion. Al feels we are backtracking. Dennis sees the point but feels hesitant about newcomer finding a point of identification. Linda stated an alternative and Pete made an ammendment (sic) to Bobs (sic) motion. The motion now reads that we edit direct refrence (sic) to ethnic groups and add a preface to the story section stating that this is a fellowship for addicts seeking recovery. The stories following are written by all types of ethnic groups and races. We have chosen to delete direct refrence (sic) of these ethnic groups so that we may relate to each other as addicts rather than individuals . Joe seconded the amendment (sic). Motion carried 16 for, 13 opposed and 1 abstained. Discussion...Andy stated that he felt there was a problem. We are changing directions. Tom stated that we should have a 2/3 majority vote to change previous group consciences. Discussion continued, became chaotic, hard to follow, and the secretary became confused. Bo stated that we are making a sweeping change that would hit the fellowship hard and be difficult to explain. Stories should say that N.A. recovery exists for ALL humans. Page restated that a 2/3 majority vote has been used in the past to change a previous group conscience. Joe tried to shed some light on procedure.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	There was a call to revote or reconsider motion made by Bob. Andy and Boe (sic) than exchanged more words on procedure. At this point in time discussion among members of the group became slightly heated. Jerry stated that he felt meeting was out of order and the chairman should be in charge. Chairman agreed. Page called for a recount on previous vote. Motion made by Bob and ammended (sic) by Pete was re-read by secretary. Recount of vote took place and motion was defeated by overwhelming (sic) majority. Pete made a motion to coordinate workshops. 1 would gather more stories from promising group in order to secure stories from Australia, Blacks, and Hawaii, and another workshop would work on oversees stories that we do not have. Motion seconded. Discussion took place but nothing was remarkable enough to note. Bobby called for a vote to vote. This was seconded, voted on and carried. Motion made by Pete was voted on and carried. 12 were for the motion, 8 were against and 10 abstained from voting. Andy stated that a deadline was given on submitting stories and what we now have is represenitive (sic) of N.A. at this time. Bobby made a comment regarding the budget and than (sic) followed the comment with a motion that the committee working on gathering international stories ASK members to call ("call" is handwritten) the conference back in order to keep expenses to a minimum. seconded (sic) by Pete. Jerry elaborated on Bobby's motion. The secretary became very spacy and cannot recall Jerry's elaboration.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Bo commented on Jerrys (sic) elaboration stating that he did not visualize spending over 50.00 on phone calls. He suggested that a tape recorder is used and made a statement that every effort will be made to keep cost at a minimum. Bo also stated that a little effort to communicate to the members overseas would show these members that we care. Terica called for a vote to vote and it was seconded by everyone in unison. Motion carried. Motion made by Bobby was carried. Linda raised the question if all the stories that are going in the book need to pass a group conscience such as this. Page replied to Linda saying that it was already decided that the group consciences of three were being entrusted with the decision. Page suggested that we read the Physicians view point in the group conscience and copies were passed out. Terica read the physicans (sic) view point. Tom made the comment that he had a major concern being that he felt the opinion was expressed that NA is only valid as aftercare program following medical treatment. Tom made the motion that the physicans (sic) viewpoint not be accepted for the book. Motion seconded by Andy. Discussion took place. Comments were made by Pete and Bobby, Bobby raised the question of possibly editing the physicans view point. Pete commented on emotional impact. There were many thoughts and comments exchanged by many but not in any way for a secretary to take notes. Joe called for a vote to vote. Seconded and voted on. 18 for 12 against. The motion made by Tom was than (sic) voted on Motion was carried...23 for, 1 against and 8 abstained.

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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Page presented the present plan of attack...the 5 promising stories to be submitted to the workshops for improvement and 1 committee would be formed to gather overseas stories with cost being kept to a minimum. Al suggested that we form workshops in group conscience. 8 people volunteered to lead workshops and they all have experience. Terica made a motion that the meeting close. Joe strongly seconded Terica's motion. Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer at 3:30pm. WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII Philadelphia, Pa. Third day - night meeting Attending members: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Terica W - PA</td><td>Tom Mc - OH</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pete B - PA</td><td>A.J. - NJ</td></tr> <tr> <td>Jerry G - PA</td><td>George R - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Donna S - PA</td><td>Rich Mc - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terri O - PA</td><td>Andy O - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Linda M KS</td><td>John S - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobby B - PA</td><td>Mike V - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Denise T - DE</td><td>Al S - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stephen K - PA</td><td>Stephen K - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mike G - PA</td><td>Al R - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bo s - GA</td><td>Barry S - PA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joe c - PA</td><td>Page C - GA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toni p - PA</td><td>Anita V - GA</td></tr> </table> Meeting was opened with the serenity prayer by Page C at 9:55 PM Corrections to the minutes were as follows. Tom made a statement that on page 1, 3rd paragraph it should read, (5th line)...He did a good job while chairman. Steve corrected the minutes in that only 1 of the 3 reasons Tom made concerning the physicans (sic) viewpoint were included in the minutes. On the third page , 13th paragraph, the addition is as follows. The three reasons Tom felt were	Terica W - PA	Tom Mc - OH	Pete B - PA	A.J. - NJ	Jerry G - PA	George R - PA	Donna S - PA	Rich Mc - PA	Terri O - PA	Andy O - PA	Linda M KS	John S - PA	Bobby B - PA	Mike V - PA	Denise T - DE	Al S - PA	Stephen K - PA	Stephen K - PA	Mike G - PA	Al R - PA	Bo s - GA	Barry S - PA	Joe c - PA	Page C - GA	Toni p - PA	Anita V - GA
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January 15 – 22, 1982 (cont.)	Page asked for a report on overseas stories. Hawaii was contacted (two actual contacts) and they will get back with us within 8 hours. London was contacted and they were encouraged and will get back with us tomorrow (sic) night to dictate story. Frankfurt was contacted, but they sounded annoyed, perhaps because it was 4 AM their time, we got cut off. tried to call back but no one answered. Page stated for point of information that it looks as if stories will be printed in either (sic) Memphis or Atlanta and perhaps they will be typed in Memphis and mailed from Atlanta. At this point Page brought up for discussion three 'touchy' subjects. 1) Subject of money...at last count we were 8.00 over budget. This does not include long distant calls that have been made and that are being made. When Pete receives the phone bill the procedure is that he will call Page, Page will call the treasurer, and a check will be put in the mail. Can you believe there was no remarkable discussion??? 2) Concern over physicans (sic) view point. Should we let the fellowship decide by sending it out with the stories or decide for them? Discussion...Bobby stated he feels we should make the decision as Literature Committee. Andy agrees with Bobby and added that we are entrusted with responsibility over the material and the vote on the View Point was overwhelming (sic) in favor not to include it. Discussion abruptly (sic) ended. #3) the subject of changing reference (sic) to A.A to other 12 step program. A lengthy discussion followed. The secretary did her best to accurately represent all sides of this point of controversy. The motion was made by Rich to change any reference to AA, OA or other rehab. to simply say 'another program.' It was seconded. Pros to this motion as follows. The AA fellowship may have given us our steps and traditions but they did not give us or write our book. Our own program seems to get watered (sic) down by ("by" is handwritten) repeated reference being given to other programs. The purpose of the story is so people can identify and recover in NA. Cons to the motion were as follows. We are working against time. We are changing a previous group conscience of over 100 in which a larger representation of the fellowship was present. These pros and cons were discussed in detail by people that have attended all previous World Literature Conferences and are knowledgeable and well informed on the topic. Many people stated and reiterated the same thought as the person who spoke before him so names of people making the comments were omitted (sic) for simplicity

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January 1982	The January 1982 Fellowship Report (Volume 1, Number 1) includes a report by the WSC Literature Subcommittee summarizing WLC 4, WLC 5, WLC 6, the Mid-South Regional Service Conference, and WLC 7. "This is a summary of the activities of the WSC Literature Committee to date and a report on upcoming events and needs of the Committee. It is important information that all members need to familiarize themselves with so they can be informed and gain insight into the importance and necessity of the activities of this year. The WSCLC held WLC-4 in Santa Monica in the last week of April 1981. The Memphis Review Form (grey book) had come out in February, 81, and we had a lot of input which was factored into the existing material. The material was then edited by a four person team for grammar, punctuation, style, flow and content in an effort to prepare the book for WSC approval. All existing stories were edited for grammar, punctuation and style but were not approved in group conscience by the Literature Committee. WLC-5 was held in Warren, Ohio, in June '81. Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 8 were rewritten, edited and Conference approved to be final form. We also worked on Sponsorship, Teenage Addiction and Just For Today pamphlets (sic), an Approach to the Fourth Step Enventory (sic), and a Hospitals and Institutional Handbook. WLC-6 followed WCNA-II in Maimi in September. At Miami Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were rewritten, edited and Conference approved to be final form. In the

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January 1982 (cont.)	editing process the second half of Chapter 4, Living in Program, was incorporated into Chapter 9. We had completed the Basic Text Chapters. Arrangements were made to have the text printed and mailed in Memphis by the MSRSC. They did an excellent job. The WSLSC held two meetings at the MSRSC in November. Elections for Vice Chairman took place due to the unexplained absence and inability to contact the Chairperson. Jim M. was elected and Page C. was elected as Co-Vice Chairperson. Two weeks later Jim M. stepped down and Page C. became acting Chairperson. At our meetings we tentatively agreed to have three Conferences: the first to compile and edit the stories in Philadelphia in mid-January, the second in St. Louis to approve the stories and to work on pamphlets (sic), and the third in Atlanta to print and mail out Our Stories. We soon realize that time did not allow for three Conferences since the material will go out non-profit, which takes 2-6 weeks for delivery. The material has to be out by the last week in January to meet the 60-Day prior to WSC deadline. The WSCLC held a three day Conference in Philadelphia the 15-17 of January '82 to review Our Stories and obtain a good crossection (sic) of recovery experience in Narcotics Anonymous. At the close of the Conference we had over forty approved stories including five from other countries. Our hats go off to the Philadelphia Fellowship for their long and productive hours. Also our Thanks to the Members who journeyed (sic) from other states to lend their support and be a part of the work in progress. The local Fellowship had fundraisers, dug deep in their pockets for the \$275.00 they donated. The WLC sent \$300.00 and some how (sic) our expenses came to \$578.00, \$3.00 over what we had! We had what we needed. Atlanta has a non-profit stamp and several competitive printers but in checking prices it would cost over \$4,000 to have 3,000 copies of the stories printed. Memphis can have the printing done for less than \$2,000, so we are sending them the stories. We would suggest that as many Areas and Regions as possible hold Service Conferences so Our Book can be reviewed. The Appendix of the Memphis Review Copy (grey book) also needs to be reviewed to determine if it is valid

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January 1982 (cont.)	and complete. We would like to include the History of each Region and Country in the Appendix and a letter to this effect is soon to be mailed. To complete this work we need money. When Page became acting Chairperson of this committee in December. our treasury stood at \$22.24. We contacted the Administrative Sub-committee of the WSC and requested a monthly allowance of \$60 and also requested that our set prudent reserve of \$500 be transferred to our account. This brought our account to \$582.24. The world mailing which went out cost \$292.54 for postage. \$197.19 for printing and \$2.44 for glue which totaled \$489.73. Our account stood at \$92.51 and we have a lot to be done within the next two months. One mailing had to go out first class due to the time frame in which we had to work with. The MSRSC sent \$500.00 which came from the donations they have received (sic) for the Approval Form of Our Book. They informed us that requests are many and donations are some what slim. Our current WSCLC balance stands at \$392.51 and we have requested \$1.000 from the WSC. From now on, all mail will go non-profit. We would like you to consider having fundraisers and giving personal donations to help us complete our work. We need money and we need it now, and for the hardback publication of Our Book in the near future. Any and all donations will help. You may gain some insight on our insistance (sic) of donations by reading the last paragraph on page 33 of the proposed revision to the Third Edition of the Service Manual (green manual). The issue of unapproved literature is a grey area in our existing policy. The need for new literature is apparent and the cost of printing and distributing literature is not cheap. In the past we have distributed literature free when possible. With the approval form of the basic text. we asked for donations and to date we are in the red. We are in the process of printing and mailing nonprofit, the story section in order to have it out in 60 days prior to the WSC. Our donations will make this possible. Send donations earmarked for Literature to: Treasurer, WSC. P. O. Box 41323, Memphis, TN 38104. Our future options on this matter are: a) Regions pay for it all, b) Members pay for it all. c) Groups and Members pay a set donation as they go - Groups paying when possible and Members in all cases. Send all input to: WSCLC, P.O. Box 3585. Lawrence, Kansas 66044 In Loving Service, WSC Literature Committee"¹³⁷

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February 1982	The February 1982 Fellowship Report (Volume 1, Number 1) includes an update on distribution of the story section of the Basic Text and compiling input for the agenda of the 1982 WSC. “THE LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE hopes that y'all are starting to receive the story section of Our Book. It was mailed out of Memphis the first part of February and should be getting to us very soon. I want to congratulate and extend my gratitude to the dedicated and devout members in Memphis who once again performed a miracle collating, stapling, addressing and mailing our stories. We also want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the greater Philadelphia area for hosting WLC-7. We believe that we got more literature per dollar and hour than ever before. The World Service Conference is upcoming and there are several things that we need to do. The first item is to compile a list of the Literature Sub-Committee members. If you consider yourself a Literature Sub-Committee member, please send your name, address, phone number and the literature conferences you attended this year to the W.S.C.-L.C. The next business as hand is to compile input for the agenda of World Service Conference 1982. I have two items of input. 1) The issue of mentioning the other 12 Step Programs in the story section of our book has come up many times and the pros & cons are numerous. 2) Distributing unapproved literature has become a great financial difficulty that has been imposed on certain areas of our Fellowship due to not having a set policy on this issue. How do you, the member want these matters dealt with? Also remember to mail the input/index sheets from the story section to W.S.C.-L.C. Other things that are happening are Pete B. our vice-chairperson is pulling all motions that were carried from the minutes of WLC-1 through WLC-7 so that we will have a policy to go by. He also compiled the cover letter for the stories in

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February 1982 (cont.)	which he requested a history from all countries, regions, areas and loner groups so that we can have a valid appendix for our book. We have a small committee together in Atlanta to revise the Handbook for Literature Committees. All input will be greatly appreciated and needed. Send all input concerning the Handbook, the history, the two input items, your desire to serve the Lit. Sub-Committee and any other input to: W.S.C.-L.C., P. O. Box 3585. Lawrence, Kansas 66044"¹³⁸
February 1982	"In February 1982 the approval form of forty-seven personal stories intended for publication in the Basic Text were released to the fellowship."¹³⁹
March/April 1982	The Mid-America Newsletter (March/April) issue contains the following information about literature: 1. Wichita Ash Street Group updates 2. To the Members of the Mid-America Region <u>From "Wichita Ash Street Group"</u> "The Ash group is alive and well! We have been hosting a Wichita Area Study of the 'to be approved' literature at Tues. 8:45 pm & Sat. 1:00 p. (sic) We are somewhat surprised to find out that our region almost passed it in St. Louis. Please take a long, hard look at the material nad (sic) then traditions before you send in your ballot to approve this literature, as is. Also, keep in mind the board of trustees recent ruling that only NA approved material may be used in a NA meeting. And that the only materials that are approved are White Book, Service Manual, and pamphlets..." <u>From "To the Members of the Mid-America Region"</u> "I'd like to take this opportunity to urge all of you to get involved in our region. Insufficient knowledge of the literature to be approved and of the approval process itself caused the Regional Service Committee to call for an additional balloting by our ASC's to be mailed to the Regional Service Office in Topeka by April 15th, 1982. The ballots of the ASR should reflect the informed area conscience on each of the literature pieces to voted (sic) on by our RSR at the World Service Conference in May. The literature up for approval are: 1) the 'Book' of Narcotics Anonymous; 2) the revised <u>Service Manual</u> of N.A.; and 3) the pamphlet, 'for the Newcomer.'

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March/April 1982 (cont.)	Let me add a reminder about the approval itself. We are deciding on these manuscripts as <u>finished</u> items, ready to be sent to the publisher <u>as is</u>. A vote for approval would mean that no additional changes <u>whatsoever</u> will be made in the text. This was a point of confusion among (sic) the ASR's at the Regional Service Committee meeting. If you believe that the texts require any improvement however small, then your ballot will have to be for <u>disapproval at this time</u>. Disapproval only means that the manuscript is not yet in its finished form. This point is very important and has been mis-understood by many N.A.'s I've spoken to who have seen the latest Book manuscript as a vast improvement over the last, but still in need of some reorganization and clarification. We are in need of a 'Book' of our own, but we owe it to ourselves and to the newcomer to make it the best we can muster. To paraphrase Bill W., 'The good can be the enemy of the best.' In an issue as vital as that of our fellowships own definitive text, good simply isn't good enough. I hope to see many of you at the Regional Meeting in Wichita in May. Mark Z., R.S.R.- Alt."¹⁴⁰
May 7, 1982	The basic text approval form is accepted as the 1st edition of the Narcotics Anonymous Book at the 1982 World Service Conference held May 5th – 9th. Motion: to accept the basic text approval form as the 1st edition of our Narcotics Anonymous Book. Seconded. Amendment that a 2/3 majority vote be required for passage of that. MOTION PASSED.¹⁴¹ The 1982 World Service Conference Supplement to the Minutes, published April 1983, includes additional information about the Basic Text. "P. 59 ADD after WE HAVE A BOOK: Page motions: to approve, as approved by the contributor, all stories to include in our book with the exception of: Anonymous Addict, Junkie Mother, He Is In Charge, Realization of a Dream, Damsell (sic) in Distress, Surrendered, I Am Responsible, A Long Way Down, Today I Live. Roy/Ohio ammends (sic) to say: that the stories in the little white book be included in our basic text. Lynn/NY seconded. ammemdment (sic) CARRIED. Motion CARRIED.

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May 7, 1982 (cont.)	Motion, all mailing lists compiled by WSC-LC be turned into the WSC Administrative Committee. Motion PASSED. Amendment (sic): Add the WSO amendment (sic) PASSED. Page Motions: that the WSC suggest the WSC-LC to begin work on an N.A. 12x12, N.A. history to be included in the book (2nd edition), stories written by N.A. members with ten years or more to be included in the book (2nd edition), other sub-comm. handbooks as directed by those sub- committees, IP's as needed and revisions to white pamphlet as directed by input. Motion PASSED. K Bea/Minnessota (sic) amendment (sic): that the stories written by members with ten years or more and the history be included in the 2nd edition of-the book. Ammendment (sic) PASSED.”¹⁴²
May 5 – 9, 1982	The 7th World Service Conference is held May 5th – 9th. The minutes contain the following information related to literature. 1. Regional Reports 2. WSC-82 Literature Committee 3. WSC-82 Hospitals and Institutions Committee 4. Election of Page C. as Chairperson of the WSC Literature Subcommittee 5. Literature Committee Report 6. 1982-83 Sub-Committee Panning (sic) Reports 7. World Service Board of Trustees Sub-Committee Report <u>From “Regional Reports”</u> Florida Region – George H. “One of the things that came out of that is the fact of a need, for a new committee which is called 'Language and Special Services subcommittee'. This is to carry the message of NA to persona having barriers due to language and other handicaps and we proposed turning a lot of our present literature into Spanish and French as we have quite a large Haitian community also down in Miami. This also takes in handicapped addicts (i.e. blind, physical, and mental) which we wouldn't be able to reach with existing literature. We have also made a program and tried to set up a system of maybe~ for some blind addicts and translating it into Braille. We hope to bring this sub-committee up and maybe form a subcommittee at the World Service Level because we believe there is more of a need than at our Regional level alone and probably could reach out

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May 5 – 9, 1982 (cont.)	C) As Chairman of the Literature Sub-Committee, this member turned the material for these pamphlets over to the Office with the understanding that they would be sent out within the month. After a month had passed and the pamphlets had not come out, this member contacted the Office. After six months, he was told that the material had been lost. Four months later, he was told that the material had been found, but that it could not be sent out as the deadline for new material to be out had already passed. At that time, this member requested copies of the material. To date, this member has not received the material. D) At the 1980 World Service Conference, this member was told that it was the Literature Sub-Committee's responsibility to distribute literature for review. E) Also at the 1980 W.S.C., the 'Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees' and revisions to the pamphlet 'Another Look' were presented. Both of these pieces were approved by that Conference. F) The 'Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees' never appeared on any W.S.O. order forms. At some point, this W.S.C.-approved piece of literature ceased to be available from W.S.O. G) During the compilation of the review form of the basic text February, 1981 requests were made of W.S.O. as follows 1) To reprint 'Another Look' in the basic text. 2) Addresses of registered Areas and Regions. 3) Copies of any recovery material from the Office archives. No material was ever received by the Literature Sub-Committee from the World Service Office. This member feels that the most basic reason for the problem that exists today is the fact that the World Service Office is no longer administrated by the Board of Trustees. This member believes that returning to a system which worked well in the past may be a solution. An alternative may be to make the W.S.O. a sub-committee of the W.S.C.

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May 5 – 9, 1982 (cont.)	9.) Under the system set down in the proposed Third edition of the Service Manual, the World Service Office would draw on the combined support of all of the States and Regions within the Fellowship. The service needs of the Fellowship would be met by a group of elected, trusted servants. W.S.O. Inc. would exist only to serve the needs of the Fellowship. This member feels that if no changes occur and the Book is approved, then W.S.O. Inc., through C.A.R.E.N.A., would handle the publication and also the resulting monies. The Fellowship would not have any real say on how the Office functions. In time, the problems of communication and competitiveness (sic) would grow. It is hoped that the needed changes can occur now before any real damage is done. 10.) One member did some research in the Copyright and Patent Office in Washington, D.C. He researched some names and discovered that none of them hold any registered copyrights. The names are as follows: A) Narcotics Anonymous B) N.A. C) World Service Office, (Inc.) D) W.S.O. (Inc.) E) C.A.R.E.N.A. This member also checked to see if anyone holds registered copyrights on any piece of our literature. He discovered that no one holds registered copyrights on the following pieces of literature: A) Narcotics Anonymous B) Who, What, How and Why C) The Group D) So You Love /In Addict/For Those We Love And Others E) Another Look F) Recovery And Relapse G) The Service Manual of Narcotics Anonymous/The N.A. Tree H) The Handbook For N.A. Literature Committees I) The Public Information Kit This member talked to an employee of the Copyright and Patent Office and was told that a piece of literature was protected under copyright law as long as it contained three things: A) A "C" in a circle. · B) The date first published. C) The publisher's name.

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May 5 – 9, 1982 (cont.)	This member was also told that a publisher has 28 years from the date of publication to formally register the copyright. That we are protected by copyright law is a good thing, but this member feels that he has been deceived by various comments made by spokesmen of the World Service Office. A) During the 1980 World Service Conference, the comment was made that 'Another Look' is not only a man's personal story but it is copyrighted material and therefore it cannot be changed.' The fact that a piece of literature is copyrighted, registered or not, does not prevent that piece from being revised. The copyrights which C.A.R.E.N.A. holds, unregistered, are easily updated as there are no forms to fill out. (1980 W.S.C. minutes, page 19, lines 22 & 23) B) When the pamphlet 'We Made A Decision' was brought up at the 1981 W.S.C., the question was asked, 'Why is it no longer available?' The answer given by the spokesman of W.S.O. was, 'Several years ago some members submitted what was claimed to be original N.A. material. What we have seen as #4, 'We Made A Decision' and printed was found to be plagiarized from another Fellowship. It was only by chance that the W.S.O. had not copyrighted this material and had not been faced with a lawsuit of violation of copyright laws. W.S.O. Inc. withdrew the material.' (1981 W.S.C. minutes, page 26, lines 1-7) C) In addition, this member found out that someone in the name of Narcotics Anonymous had requested reprint permission of the pamphlet 'This Is A.A.' from the A .A. General Service Office before 1977 and that permission was denied. Yet, whoever made that request still submitted this piece of literature 'We Made A Decision' which is a direct plagiarism from 'This Is A.A.' On the front of former I.P.#4 there is the phrase 'reprinted from the pamphlet This Is N.A.' This pamphlet was in print for almost five (5) years before it was discontinued, and this member still sees it in meetings. D) Also in 1981 at the W.S.C., an input concerning copyright procedures was answered as follows: 'Copyright procedure are standard. United States Copyright forms for N.A. material and that approved by the Conference. Copyrights are in the publisher's name, C.A.R.E.N.A., a subsidiary of the World Service Office, Inc.' (1981 W.S.C. minutes, page 25, lines 24-28)

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May 5 – 9, 1982 (cont.)	The criteria mentioned above which afford us protection under copyright law also obligated to abide by those same laws. Therefore, during the almost five years which ‘We Made A Decision’ was in" print, we were constantly open to a lawsuit of copyright infringement/plagiarism, contrary to the World Service Office's statement. If, by chance, World Service Office did not register a copyright on ‘We Made A Decision’ in the almost five years it was in print, then has the W.S.O. also, by chance, not registered the copyrights on all of our literature. It appears so. Until this member researched the copyright issue, he was under the impression that Narcotics Anonymous, through our World Service Office, holds valid, registered copyrights on all our literature; yet he has come to the conclusion that indeed we do not. This member could have reasonably been able to accept the truth, which is that we do not hold an registered copyrights. But, instead of the truth, the Fellowship was led to believe that the W.S.O. was taking care of business, protecting our literature, holding valid copyrights. That the World Service Office should deceive the Fellowship in this manner is deplorable. This member feels that all of W.S.C.-approved literature should be registered properly with the Copyright and Patent Office in Washington, D.C..."¹⁴³
July/August 1982	Issue 4 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled “The History of ‘Our Book’ Part I.” <u>From “The History of ‘Our Book’ Part I”</u> “This three-part story is dedicated to those members throughout the Fellowship of Greater N.A. who have gone to uncommon lengths to contribute to the reality of ‘Our Book’ as we lovingly know it today. No names shall be mentioned for the sake of spiritual anonymity...the foundation of our Traditions. There were a few inspired members before the ‘official’ work began on the book in 1979. They traveled many miles to seek each other out and share about their common hope and vision. Enough members became interested to approach the task at hand and reach out for input and ideas from the Fellowship Worldwide. In April of 1979, the World Service Conference directed the Literature Committee to conduct a World Literature Conference for the purpose of collecting material to write an ‘NA book on recovery’.

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July/August 1982 (cont.)	On May 19, 1979, the groundwork was laid for the first Literature Conference at a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference was tentatively scheduled for the fall of 1979 in Wichita, Kansas. The first of seven Literature Conferences which resulted in the Book as we know it today was held on October 6 and 7 of 1979. There were thirty-five members who were 'Willing in Wichita'. At WLC-1, there were over 500 man-hours of effort put forth which resulted in the 'Handbook for NA Literature Committees'. WLC-2 was held the following fall in September of 1980 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thirty-six dedicated members attended this four day conference. The genesis of the book was under way. This conference produced 1100 man-hours of work. Many worked around the clock as they faced the massive task of cataloging, sorting, and editing eight hundred pages of recovery information received from the Fellowship, The 3rd World Literature Conference was held in Memphis, Tennessee. Realizing the need for more time for the work, this conference met from January 31st to February 8th, 1981. The initial conference established 2 goals: 1) To complete a final draft (The 'Grey Manuscript') and; 2) To submit this conference effort to the Fellowship as a whole two months prior to the date of the World Service Conference (May 1, 1981) in Los Angeles, California. The hope was that the Book would obtain Fellowshipwide (sic) approval and result in our long-awaited 'hardback' basic text. Calls were made from coast to coast to verify input, assemble new data and to collect personal stories. At the beginning of the conference, only twenty-seven members from 8 states were present. During the course of the 9 days, as many as seventy addicts from 13 states were in attendance. WLC-3 produced over 4500 manhours of labor, 9 typewriters, 2 photo copiers, 3 cassette recorders and a dictaphone (sic) were kept in almost continuous use.

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July/August 1982 (cont.)	More than 20,000 sheets of paper were used to produce 200 pages of basic text. The final draft was complete! A small committee remained in Memphis for twenty days after the conference to carry out the directive to print and mail the 'Grey Manuscript'. 1200 copies of the 1st approval version of our Book were printed and distributed. It was mailed out February 27, 1981. (TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE:) (Written by Micki H. from information in the history section of the 'Grey Manuscript', edited by Bo S.)"¹⁴⁴
Sept./Oct. 1982	Issue 5 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled "The History of 'Our Book' Part II." <u>From "The History of 'Our Book' Part II"</u> "This article may have been named 'History of our Literature Work'...the Book though this far is the main fruit of our labor in literature work today. An aspect about the 'Grey Manuscript' and its purpose needs to be clarified. According to our process of producing new literature, it was sent out to the Fellowship prior to the 1981 World Service Conference for review rather than approval. It generated feedback and input that was gone over at WLC-4 in Santa Monica, California. This World Literature Conference began prior and ran through the World Service Conference in May of 1981. The information was received and catalogued in the ever growing Literature Files of WLC. This material gathered in May added to the material in the 'Grey Manuscript'...there was plenty to work with and a lot of work to do to compile the approval copy. The review process and approval of new literature in the Fellowship is generally described as follows: 1) Compile input and Group Conscience discussion from Conference participation into a Review Copy, send out to Fellowship in as many Regions and Areas as possible for review (input and feedback) at least 60 to 90 days prior to the Conference held in May of each year. 2) Compile and combine input generated by Review Copy in Group Conscience of Literature Conference,

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Sept./Oct. 1982 (cont.)	then produce an Approval Copy. Send Approval Copy out to Fellowship (Yes or No Vote) prior to World Service Conference. It then becomes Conference Approved Literature or goes back for more work and discussion in the World Literature Committee. Literature work is based on a structured timetable from year to year (one day at a time of course) in order to obtain as much Worldwide Group Conscience input as possible. WLC-5 was held in Warren, Ohio in early July of 1981. TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT ISSUE (Written by Micki H. from information gathered from World Literature Sub-Committee Members)"¹⁴⁵
Nov./Dec. 1982	Issue 6 of the Clean Times newsletter (Indiana) includes an article titled "The History of 'Our Book' Part III." <u>From "The History of 'Our Book' Part III"</u> "The minutes of WLC-5 and WLC-6 weren't available in time to complete this story as was hoped. As far as can be found out, the Book was categorized into chapters and further developed in Warren, Ohio at WLC-5 held in early July of 1981. The approval version of our Book was completed in September of 1981 at WLC-6 in Miami, Florida following the 11th World Convention for N.A. What some members refer to as WLC-7 was actually an extension of WLC-6 held to finish work on compiling the personal story section of the Book. Ivyland, Pennsylvania was the location of this literature word (sic) done in January of 1982. The Book was distributed to the Fellowship for approval in two different sections. The Basic Text on Recovery was sent out in November of 1981 and the personal story section was distributed in February of 1982. A form to check which stories were preferred for the actual hardback was included. Not all the stories that appeared in the approval copy will be contained in our hardback version. The Fellowship had the chance to choose their favorites.

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Nov./Dec. 1982 (cont.)	Our Book was written from experience from our recoveries. It is much more than simply someone's opinion or viewpoint on recovery. Our hope is that as our Fellowship grows, so our book will reflect that growth and experience in carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. Many members have ordered a Special First Edition Copy of our Book. We're all of course becoming more and more anxious about its arrival. I wish there was some concrete news about when our book will be hot -off-the-press. There had to be some editing done on Traditions 4 and 9 in the approved version. Although some members were upset that this matter didn't go back to the Regions, we need to trust that the changes were made for our common welfare. Besides, if the matter was taken back to the Regions, then Areas and Groups, that would have postponed our book another 6 months or possibly a year. Our trusted servants of World Service had to make a difficult decision. With the publishing of our Book, it will become available to more addicts seeking recovery. Until it is available, no matter how tattered and worn your approval copy may be, keep on reading! In conclusion, I would like to express my apology for lack of research that as much detailed information wasn't included in the second two sections of the story as the first. Thanks for reading and be good to yourself...absorb all you can from 'Our Book'! THE END - By Micki H."¹⁴⁶
December 7, 1982	A memo is written by World Service representation regarding changes in the Basic Text. "On Nov. 17, 1982, having been apprised, that there were some obvious errors with traditions 4 and 9, in the N.A. book. A meeting was then called. Those present were (sic): Chuck S. – Chairman W.S.B.T. Bob R. – Chairman of the W.S.C

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December 7, 1982 (cont.)	Phil P. – President of the W.S.O. Doug F. – Vice Pres. of W.SO Kevin Fahey – Board Mem. of W.S.O. The purpose was to arrive at a decision which would be suitable to the task. The information (sic) in question being in content incorrect, and had to be dealt with before we could continue to print the Book. (9) Lines that were deleted were (NONE OF THEM HAS THE POWER TO RULE, CENSOR, DECIDE, OR DICTATE): This is inconsistent with the N.A. philosophy. (4) (THE ANSWER IS THAT THESE THINGS ARE NOT N.A.) (ALL ELSE IS NOT N.A.) This is just not in content at all true. Because all parts of the structure are Narcotics Anonymous, and bound by the traditions, otherwise why have them, because if our service boards and committees are not apart (sic) of us, then why would they be bound by them. The price of waiting any longer would have been prohibitive because of the contractual agreements with printer. The present members of all the Service Boards felt that we could take the initiative (sic), and make the decision thus stopping any further delay in the printing. It is not unusual (sic) for the Adm. Com. to make decisions for the conference, nor the Board of Trustees making decisions for the fellowship in terms of traditions, because this is their responsibility. Those passages that were deleted were nearly (sic) incorrect. The people responsible (sic) for the over seeing, caught the oversight, and corrected same. Yours In Service and Fellowship All Of The Above."¹⁴⁷

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December 1982 – January 1983	Bob Stone reports in <i>My Years with NA</i> that Phil and Jimmy made daily attempts in December 1982 and January 1983 to contact the proprietor of Thought Process Printers. From <i>My Years with NA</i>: “The proprietor of Thought Process, a reputed heavy drinker, was now obviously failing to get the work done while at the same time calling for the next periodic payment. Phil or Jimmy visited the printer or called every day during December and January. On one occasion the printer showed them the press he was going to use once the typesetting was done. But after so many weeks they were finally concluding that something drastic had to be done as pressure from the fellowship was mounting. Members who had sent money for their special edition books were calling and writing. Area and regional officers were contacting the office, wanting to know when the books were going to be received. Since no one knew when the book would be ready, clear and definite responses were not given. But vague answers only raised the level of concern.”¹⁴⁸

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January 8, 1983	As reported in <i>My Years with NA</i>, the World Service Office Board of Directors decided how to communicate about the printing delay. “It was not until the board met on January eighth that they finally took action on the printing delay. Their minutes tell the story more casually than the situation warranted, ‘Much discussion on book, if the material was delivered late to the printer or if the printer is liable for a late charge, more information is needed. Letter to fellowship concerning the delay in distributing the book, Kevin is working on the letter.’ The letter was to address both issues and Kevin reported: “Deletion letter has been drafted; Bob R. (visiting conference chairperson) feels that the letter should not be sent out generally so as not to create controversy, but included in the book; Phil wants a copy here at the office, Bob will send to regions and it will be included in the book. Sally will answer any correspondence re: above. Motion: Deletion letter be sent to regions and included in the book. Passed; unanimously.”¹⁴⁹
January 19, 1983	Page C., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Committee writes a letter to the Fellowship that includes items of input submitted by the Literature Committee for vote at the 1983 World Service Conference. Item number three is: “To re-affirm members of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of conference participants at the WSC every year.” The rationale provided is “This would help to insure an active, responsible Board that would stay in touch with the greater N.A. and help us with our growth. The need for a more active Board is typified by the erroneous (sic) statements in Chapter Six. The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous, being overlooked by the present Board. Yearly reaffirmation (sic) would keep people on the Board who are willing to serve.”¹⁵⁰
January 22, 1983	The following open letter to the fellowship was written by Kevin F. on behalf of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. “To: Open Letter to the Fellowship From: Board of Directors/World Service Office Re: Narcotics Anonymous Textbook (Hardback)

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January 22, 1983 (cont.)	The World Service Office circulated throughout the fellowship a letter, with a (sic) order form attached, soliciting the sale of the Special Limited First Edition copy of the Narcotics Anonymous textbook. This letter was dated June 9, 1982 and stated that the sale of this book would be valid until August (date illegible), 1982 and that the availability may not be until November of 1982. The intent of this letter is to hopefully inform you, the members of Narcotics Anonymous, what the reasons for the delay have been and continues to be. As of the end of August 1982, eight stories still needed to be typed for the package of the book material on it's (sic) way to the printer. By October 18, 1982, a contract was signed with a printing firm. In November 1982, during a proof reading of the galleys, it was noticed that an error was made with respect to Traditions Four and Nine. A special meeting was called of the Three World Service Arms of Narcotics Anonymous, and the error was corrected. This caused a week's delay. Now we're into December 1982 with the holidays of Christmas and New Year's approaching. My last contact with the printer (which was during the week prior to New Years) revealed that the printer had two more weeks of preparation to complete before turning his materials over to the Binder. Once the Bindery received exact details as to the cover material type, it would take three weeks for delivery of those materials as they are sent out here from back east. Once the Bindery receives the materials from back east, it will take three weeks to produce the finished product in its entirety. Now - - once (sic) other report was given at the last Board of Directors meeting in January 1983 stating that the book would be done in two weeks. As far as an actual due date? I can't be sure, hopefully by the end of February 1983, but maybe sooner. The information in this letter is just as I have received it. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the W.S.O. Sincerely, Kevin F. Please duplicate and distribute throughout your regions, areas and groups – as this is important fellowship data and information."¹⁵¹

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Near end of January 1983	From <i>My Years with NA</i>: “Near the end of January, Phil was visiting a customer of his stationery business, and asked to use their phone to call someone to discuss the book problem. Sitting at her desk while Phil used her phone to make the call was Jeanie, one of the principle employees of Valley Bindery Company. She had known Phil for some time, but didn't know until that moment that he was connected with NA. After the call was over, Jeanie asked about the problems he had discussed concerning Thought Process Printers. Phil began to lay out their difficulties when Jeanie told him that her company had normally been doing all of the bindery work (folding, collating and stapling) for Thought Process when they printed NA literature like pamphlets and the <i>White Booklet</i>. She went on to say that Thought Process had failed to make payments to them for work completed and owed them more than a thousand dollars. Phil decided that Jimmy should talk to Jeanie and see if she could help with the book problems. But after several weeks passed, Jimmy hadn't called her.”¹⁵²
February 12, 1983	Prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc., Phil stopped by Thought Process Printers and discovered that the printing press was no longer there. From <i>My Years with NA</i>: “A few hours before the meeting Phil had stopped at the printer's and discovered the printing press that the book was to be printed on was gone. He then went to Jimmy's and explained what he saw. Jimmy called Jeanie who said the guy must be skipping out, and he told Phil to go back and take everything that looks like it was related to the book. Phil, Jimmy, Doug and Jerry P. went over and collected everything they could find that looked like it was NA's. The owner complied with their seizure of the material, even signing a release. Once everything had been picked up, they went back to Jimmy's. Jeanie arrived later at the board meeting in the office and examined everything they brought back. She offered some suggestions about how to salvage the job. Jeanie was questioned thoroughly by the rest of the board; they even called the owner of her company to verify who she was. The board eventually asked her to quickly get bids from three printers who could finish the job.”¹⁵³

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February 12, 1983	The following is from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. In attendance were Phil P., Sally E., Kevin F., Chuck G., Steve B., and Jerry P. Phil P. resigned as President of the WSO Board of Directors but agreed to remain on the Board. “Jeanie from A&L Bindery came in to look over the material turned over to the Board by the printer. She said she could make no determination as to what we had or did not have until she studied the material at length... ...Discussion followed with respect to the number of copies of the Book needed by WSO , taking into consideration the loss of monies. It was felt that it was impractical from a financial standpoint to print 12,000 copies including the 2,500 Special Editions. It was proposed that the WSO authorize the printing of 2,500 Special Editions and 2,500 regular editions. Jeanie will obtain quotes from printers with respect to the prices of printing 5,000 books. Jeanie will deal only with the WSO Board and not individual officers of the Board. The only decisions made on the book will be made by the WSO Board... ...Discussion of how printer was selected in the first place ensued. Steve B. stated Board did not follow proper business procedure in many areas including the selection of a printer. Discussion of raising prices for literature arose, no decision was made since complete information was not available. Need for paid help at office was stressed.” The meeting is to be continued on February 17, 1983.¹⁵⁴
February 13, 1983	Chuck G., who had been selected as interim president of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. after Phil’s resignation as president, replied to a letter from Jim B. of the Michigan region. From <i>My Years with NA</i>:

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February 13, 1983 (cont.)	“In Tradition Four and Nine there were found to be statements that, in my opinion, would have the possibility of making the NA Service Manual imprudent and would have caused disharmony among some groups at a later date. Therefore I felt it important to delete from Tradition Four, paragraph two ‘the answer is that these things are not NA... all else is not NA...whether we choose to utilize these services is up to the group.’ In Tradition Nine, paragraph two, ‘none of them has the power to rule, censor, dictate, or decide...but they are not a part of NA.’ The explanation for my reason the Traditions supersede all other written matter. These statements are superfluous and would cause serious problems among the areas and regions should some group choose to take these at face value.’ Chuck's opinion was one hundred percent correct.”¹⁵⁵
February 12 – 17, 1983	From <i>My Years with NA</i>: “A shift developed in the week between the office board meeting on the twelfth and the one on the seventeenth. Bob R. had previously either supported the change or had at least been compliant. However, he had come to the conclusion that the Fourth and Ninth Traditions language should be printed as originally adopted by the conference. He explained his position at the February seventeenth office meeting and urged the board to put the removed language back in or not print the books until the conference was over. The board was poised to comply with his request until it was decided to consult with the attorney on the matter. After some discussion, Steve B. moved, ‘to disregard the discussion made in Traditions Four and Nine and to print the book as it was approved by the 1982 WSC.’ The motion passed. He then moved ‘to send the matter to the regions and trustees and abide by their collective response’. More discussion followed with no resolution. They recessed until the twenty-fourth. Even before the trustees had an opportunity to discuss the matter, Kevin F. sent a second letter to the fellowship. The letter announced the seizure of incomplete work from the printer and delivery to another company. He added more fuel to the fire by stating near the end of his letter, ‘Progress is now at a temporary standstill, as we are awaiting legal advice from our attorney. His response is due by the Board of Directors meeting to be held on February 24, 1983. At that meeting we will act as per his direction.’”¹⁵⁶
February 17, 1983	The February 12, 1983 meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. was continued on February 17th.

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February 17, 1983 (cont.)	Board members in attendance included Chuck G., Kevin F., Sally E., Jerry P., and Doug F. Also attending were Bob R. and Jeanie. "Bob R. discussed with Jeanie how material could be added to if the deleted changes were put back into the Book. Kevin wants complete formal bids before any decision on anything can be made. Discussion followed. Discussion of deleted materials that were made in the Book followed. Chuck called the meeting to order and stated that we needed to make a decision as to how we were going to print the Book with or without the deleted material. Bob R. demanded that deleted material be returned to original form. Steve B. made a motion to print the Book as it was approved by the 1982 WSC and to return it to its original form without the changes. Motion seconded, not passed. Doug F. made following motion: That we to to (sic) the printer post haste and stay the changes that were made. No second, motion died. Steve B. made following motion: Before making any decision to proceed with the Book we wait until we hear from the attorney. Motion seconded, motion passed. Steve B. made motion: To disregard the discussion made in traditions 4 and 9 and to print the Book as it was approved by the 1982 WSC. Motion passed. Steve B. made motion: That the material be returned to ~the regions and the trustees and abide by that response. Discussion followed." The meeting is to be continued February 24, 1983.¹⁵⁷
February 20, 1983	Chuck S. resigned from the Board of Trustees. <u>From My Years with NA:</u> "As it turned out, Chuck S. had not consulted with the other trustees until after the new year began. Because Chuck had been the key person in changing the

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February 20, 1983	language, he knew he would become public enemy number one when the conference met. In his words, 'I was going to resign anyway. I had been at this thing (leading the trustees) for too long and it was more expensive than I could stand any longer.' He was not the kind of person to take criticism lying down, but he accepted responsibility for having approved the change. Chuck believed his presence as chairperson would not be helpful when the matter was taken up at the conference so he made arrangements to resign as chairperson." "When the trustees met on February twentieth, Chuck announced his resignation and Sally was easily elected to succeed him They went over the book problem thoroughly at the meeting, and Sally phoned the out of state trustees to discuss it with them. Of the original \$36,000 or \$37,000 collected from book sales, the printer had already received about \$15,000. The bindery company had received a \$2,000 deposit, and that was still usable. There was still about \$18,000 on hand. It was enough, but should they go ahead and print? The options were to print 5,000 copies with the original language, print 5,000 copies with the modified language, or print nothing until after the conference. The vote was divided. Two trustees voted to hold printing until the conference, three to print with the original language, and six to print with the language as amended. The majority felt that the modified language was consistent with NA philosophy, while the original language was not. They decided that the office ought to print the book as modified. Even if the philosophical issues were cast aside, they probably felt nobody was likely to go and use over this issue, and having the book available in either form would help countless addicts find and maintain recovery. It was a tough decision. Unfortunately (sic) it would have nasty repercussions for the trustees at the conference."¹⁵⁸
February 20, 1983	On behalf of the WSO Board of Directors, Kevin F. writes a letter to the Fellowship about the current delays in the printing of the Basic Text. "TO: Open letter to the fellowship RE: Narcotics Anonymous textbook (HARDBACK) FROM: Board of directors/World Service office In January of 1983, the World Service Office circulated a letter throughout the fellowship, stating the events which had taken place since June 9, 1982, that lead up to date, resulting in the delay of the Special Limited First Edition copy of the Narcotics Anonymous textbook and its availability to the fellowship.

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February 20, 1983 (cont.)	At the Board of directors meeting on February 12, 1983, the six members of the board that were present along with the World Service Conference chairman, drove over to the printing firm to check on the progress-only to find about three quarters of his job completed. After listening to a number of explanations as to why the work wasn't completed we, the Board of directors decided at the point in time to remove from him, all the material prepared for the book by that printing firm. The printing firm signed a release of the materials to us. As of the evening of February 12, 1983 we have had an appraisal of the work which was done, and it is salvageable (sic) and awaits to be turned over to the new printing firm. An estimate of four weeks has been given to us, the board, as to the completion of the book, once these materials are handed over to the new printing firm. Progress is now at a temporary standstill, as we are awaiting legal advise (sic) from our attorney. His response is due by the Board of Directors meeting to be held on February 24, 1983. At that meeting we will act as per his direction. By the time letter reaches most of you much of this will be history and if any other complications arise, you, the fellowship will be informed. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the w.s.o. (sic) Regretfully, Kevin F. P.S. Please duplicate and distribute throughout your regions, areas and groups – as this is important fellowship data and information.”¹⁵⁹
February 23, 1983	A letter is sent to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. with questions about how the WSO selected the printer for the Basic Text, why there were delays in printing, and what the process will be going forward. The letter is sent from “The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.” “TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS/WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, INC. FROM: THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS RE: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS TEXTBOOK (HARDBACK)

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February 23, 1983 (cont.)	The following inquiries regarding the current status of the Narcotics Anonymous Textbook have been addressed to individual Groups, GSRs, ASRs, RSRs, and State Representatives throughout the entire country in the last week, since the disclosure was made public that the printing of the N.A. Hardback Text has been halted indefinitely as a result of funds for the book's printing being diverted and misused by the printer contracted to print the book. 1. How many bids for printing were submitted prior to accepting the printer chosen by the WSO? 2. Were bids for the book's printing screened by an attorney, and if not, why? 3. What was the submission process used in selecting a printer? 4. How many Board members were involved in the selection process, and what was the individual vote count? 5. Why was there a six month delay between the time the text was approved in May at the World Service Conference and the time a printer was selected? 6. Why was not the full Board given copies of the printing contract until a full two months after it was approved and signed? 7. Who authorized and disbursed the monies to the printer? 8. What were the follow-up procedures used in checking on the actual progress of the printing? 9. What was the payment schedule used in paying the printer so contracted? 10. What is the actual status of the book as of this day? 11. Will the World Service Conference be involved as an observer in all future decisions pertaining to this book? 12. When are the next proposed printing and distribution dates of the book?"¹⁶⁰

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February 24, 1983	The February meeting of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. began on February 12th and was continued on February 17th and February 24th. Board members attending the February 24th meeting included Chuck G., Kevin F., Sally E., Jerry P., Doug F. and Bill B. Also attending were Bob R. and Jeanie. "Bob R. submitted a list of 13 questions as asked by the Fellowship. Bob R. presented 5 telegrams from Fellowship. Texas voting to print with or without deletions, Georgia without deletions, Tennessee voting to hold the Book until the conference, Mid-America voting to hold the Book, Florida demanding halt to all WSO operations and the resignation of all WSO Board members and Philadelphia wants to disband WSO now and halt publication of the Book. Kevin presented the references he had obtained with regard to the printer under discussion for consideration for publishing the Book. Better Business Bureau report from Chuck with respect to Dale Petit printer under consideration. There have been no complaints. Kevin reports Dale Petit comes highly recommended from three different sources. Three bids for the Book were reviewed, Dale Petit was lower than the other two. Bob R. pointed out that the Book could not be printed as it is due to the errors in the traditions as great harm would result to the Fellowship if the Book was printed placing the Service Structure of NA outside of the traditions. He further proposed waiting until the conference to correct the errors. Sally presented to the Board that the Board of Trustees voted that the Book be printed with the deletions. Kevin asked was it a majority? 2 said print as is, 6 said print with deletions, 3 said wait until the conference. Doug made motion: To accept basic changes with the corrections. Motion seconded and passed. Doug made motion: The the (sic) Book be turned over to the printer to proceed with the Book. Discussion followed: Kevin proposed that WSO attorney take a

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February 28, 1983	Page C. writes the following letter to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office. "WSO Board, Due to your failure to print and distrubute (sic) our book, <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u>, as per the motions, <u>to accept the basic text approval form as the first edition of our Narcotics Anonymous Book, that the Narcotics Anonymous book be available for distribution by September, 1982, at WCNA-12</u>, which were made and carried at 1982 WSC-NA, this is to notify you of our immediate revocation of any and all rights granted pursuant to said motions. As an arm independent of WSC, we revoke the above stated contractual agreement. We further request the immediate return to this Committee the

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March 1983	<i>No Name</i>, the San Diego Area newsletter, reprints Kevin's January 22, 1983 letter to the fellowship about the delays in printing. The newsletter also includes: "SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS Bad News Item No. 1: On January 22, a letter from WSO was circulated explaining the various delays behind the printing of the first edition of our Narcotics Anonymous textbook which was to be available in November of 1982. The letter ended. with 'the statement that the book should be available by the end of February, 1983, 'but maybe sooner'. Now, we hear that the printer has failed his contract, apparently closed his shop and absconded with \$12,000 of our money (about \$37,000 was raised via donations) and the plates. We understand legal proceedings are underway which may mean another (long) delay."¹⁶³
March 1, 1983	Page C. writes the following letter to the fellowship. Dear Fellow N.A. Members, It has come to my attention that: 1) The WSO has not changed the by-laws in their in their charter which the WSC mandated them to change. 2) That the WSO is resistant to said changes. 3) That the WSO has lost not less than 10,000.00 of the money raised by the sale of the special edition of Our Book.

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March 1, 1983 (cont.)	4) That Our Book was supposed to be out to the Fellowship by September, which was five months ago 5) That Our Book was changed despite (sic) motions made at WSC-82 to print verbatim, and despite (sic) a poll made by the Chairman of the WSC, by phone, to as many Regions as possible, which resulted in a vote not to change Our Book. As a result of the items stated above, I took it upon myself as Chairman of the WSC-LC, and holder of the copyrights of Our Book, to send a letter, a copy of which is enclosed, to the WSO, which immediately revoked their rights to print Our Book. I would like to request a Group Conscience from your Region on the following items: 1) Do you want to print Our Book now or wait until May? 2) If now, who do you want to contract the printing, WSO, WSC Administrative Committee, WSC Literature Committee or none of the above. If none of the above, please explain. 3) Do you want the fourth and ninth Traditions changed as per suggestion of WSB? For more information on the changes contact Chairman, WSB. Please respond by registered mail to Bob R., Chairman WSC at the address on this stationary as soon as possible. YOUR Trusted Servant, Page C. Chairman, WSC-LC cc: all regions all wsc sub-committees wsb wso wsc administrative committee"¹⁶⁴

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March 1, 1983	Sally E., Chairperson of the World Service Board, writes a letter to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous about the rationale behind deleting part of the text from the 4th and 9th Traditions and the printing delays. “To The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous Re: Changes/Deletions/Corrections in the Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous In November 1982 inaccuracies (sic) were noted by the World Service Office of NA, in the basic text ‘Narcotics Anonymous’ which was then scheduled for publication. At that time a special meeting of the Chairpersons of the three Service Branches of Narcotics Anonymous, WSC, WSB, and WSO was called. At that meeting the inaccuracies (sic) in chapter 6, involving traditions four {4} and nine {9} were corrected. On February 12, 1983 due to difficulties with the printer involving misuse of monies paid in the amount of approx. \$15,000.00 the art work, type sets & negatives (sic) were removed from the printer by the WSO Board of Directors. During the course of a meeting by the WSO Board on February 17, 1983 called to discuss the selection of another printer for the book, the Chairman of WSC demanded that the corrected/deleted/changed material be returned to its original form as approved by the 1982 World Service Conference. The WSO Board complied with the WSC Chairman's demand. At this point the Chairman of the Board of Trustees protested that decision, and the WSO Board then voted to turn the material over to the WSB for their consideration and recommendation. During the course of the week that followed the WSB reviewed the material and requested that WSO print the book as it was changed/corrected/deleted in November. The WSO Board went along with that recommendation. The changes/corrections/deletions are attached and revolve around the fact that the book as approved by the 1982 World Service Conference contain the following inaccuracies: In tradition four the book states that <u>SERVICE COMMITTEES ARE NOT NA</u> and later in the same paragraph states ‘<u>ALL ELSE IS NOT NA</u>’ clearly indicating that they are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous. The book further states ‘whether to utilize these services is up to the group’. This would allow any group to do whatever the group chose to do and continue to call themselves an NA Group, leaving the fellowship no recourse but to allow

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March 1, 1983	The following is from the WSC Administrative Committee meeting minutes for March 1, 1983. In attendance were Bob R., Chairman, Kevin F., Treasurer, George F., Vice-Chairman, and Carol K. (guest). Absent was Nickie C., Secretary.

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March 1, 1983 (cont.)	“Chair informed committee (sic) that the Pacific Northwest Region, R. Henry B., RSR, requested that re: the book, that region wishes to ‘wait until conference; do not accept any further bids on the book.’”¹⁶⁶
March 8, 1983	The WSC Administration Committee meeting minutes include input from the PacNorthwest Region, Volunteer Region, Greater Philadelphia Region, and Mid-America Region about whether to print the book. ...“Letter was written to the L.E.G.S. Area, Cleveland, Ohio pertaining to the book. Copies were sent to the WSB, c/o Sally E., and the WSO. Telegram from PacNorthwest Region was read: ‘Please be advised that Region says to wait until WSC before attempting to find a new bidder for the Book.’ Telegram from Volunteer Region, Tennessee: ‘Volunteer Region Group Conscience is to do nothing further on N.A. Book until it is discussed at World meeting in May. R. Robert K., RSR’ Greater Philadelphia Region (2/24/83) ‘Votes to defer printing until WSC in May and to disband WSO right now. John F., RSR’ Mid-America Region (2/22/83) ‘Mid-America votes to hold book in abeyance until WSC in May...”¹⁶⁷
March 15, 1983	The WSC Administration Committee minutes state that “the meeting was also devoted to updating filing of all letters and telegrams that were received by the WSC Adminstration (sic) Committee pertaining to the printing of the Basic Text.” “...Meeting was also devoted to updating filing of all letters and telegrams that were received by the WSC Adminstration (sic) Committee pertaining to the printing of the Basic Text...”¹⁶⁸
March 15, 1983	Bob R. writes the Fellowship including copies of the exact changes made to the 4th and 9th Traditions. “To: The Worldwide Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous From: The WSC Administration Committee In response to many inquiries regarding exactly what changes, deletions and/or corrections were made in Traditions Four and Nine of the Basic Text (referred to

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March 15, 1983 (cont.)	in both the WSC Literature Committee Chair's letter of March 1, 1983 and the Chairman of the Board of Trustee's letter of March 1, 1983}, we are enclosing copies of the exact changes made. They are circled for your clarification. In loving service, Bob R., Chairman WSC 82-83"¹⁶⁹
March 16, 1983	Chuck G., Interim President of the World Service Office writes a letter to the fellowship about the delays in the printing of the Basic Text, the selection of a new book printer, and how the WSO responded to Page C.'s (Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee) February 28, 1983 letter revoking the copyright to the Basic Text. "W.S.O. Inc. 8061 Vineland Ave. Sun Valley, CA 91352-0622 213 /768~203 March 16, 1983 W.S.O. Inc. Letter To The Fellowship The purpose of this letter is to advise the fellowship of the events that have taken place since the Conference of May 1982 regarding the N.A. book. We could not enter into a contract with any printer until we had received enough pre-sale money to complete our task; we also needed releases for all the material before we could prepare it for the printer. In September we had enough money to proceed with a printer, approximately \$28,000. At that time the board voted to have 'Thought Process Press' (T.P.P.) do the printing. W.S.O. Inc. had been doing business with this print shop for two and a half years, indeed they had done all our printing. There had been another bid submitted which was substantially higher than T.P.P. so it seemed better to go with the printer we had been doing business with for sometime.

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March 16, 1983 (cont.)	We entered into a contract with 'Thought Process Press' on October 15, 1982. The contract called for \$10,000.00 upon signing of contract as advance start up, an additional \$5,000.00 upon the approval of the galley proofs and an additional \$5,000.00 upon delivery of printing to the bindery. We released \$10,000.00 upon signing October 15, 1982~ After some delays by the printer and the typesetter all galley proofs were read and approved. On December 9th, 1982 we released another \$5,000.00 to T.P.P. The chairman of the board, at that time, Phil P. was in daily or weekly contact with the printer to check his progress, he told Phil that he was getting closer & closer to being complete. After mid December it began to be apparent that the printer was having problems. Thinking that he might be overloaded with his other work and our other printing and not having enough time for the book, we decided to have another printer (Dale Pettet) do the other literature printing to ease T.P.P.'s load so that they could complete the book. About three weeks later we learned that there had been no progress made toward completion, all we were getting were excuses. Members of the board met with the owner of T.P.P. at his place of business on February 12, 1983 and there learned that the 'progress on the book' was not even close to what we had been told. It was then and there decided to remove all materials (which have been valued at \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00) of ours from T.P.P. and contact our attorney on proper and legal manner of procedure. On preliminary advice and to expedite matters, three bids were received from other printers. It was decided to go with Dale Pettet Litho Arts who was already doing our printing. D.P.L.A. references were checked out to make sure we had a reliable printer. The Better Business Bureau was also checked. Everything checked out first rate, this printer has been in the same area for thirty years and has been doing business with the same companies for many years. They had nothing but praise for his work and his character. At this time the chairman Philip P. was offered a new job with the company where he is employed that necessitated training and perhaps moving from this area; he felt he had to step down as President because of not enough time to give to his position and the duties of the W.S.O. Inc. Chuck G. was then elected interim President until the next regular board meeting.

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March 16, 1983 (cont.)	A letter was received from Page C. Feb. 28, 1983 wanting W.S.O. Inc. to stop printing the book. In his letter he stated that we were to have distributed the book by September 1982. The attached copy of his letter shows that he did not turn everything over to us until Sept. 15, 1982. The board therefore turned everything over to the attorney for study and decisions as to proper legal obligations and procedures. The following items were turned over: 1982 W.S.C. minutes, Page C's letters, copy of our structure, W.S.O. Inc. minutes for the past year, W.S.O. Inc. By Laws. While the attorney was going over all the material, we received another letter from Page C. dated March 1st, 1983 asking for a group conscience on the book, this we also forwarded to the attorney. On March 11, 1983 our attorney advised us that we had a duty to the entire fellowship to proceed forward with the printing; that we were given a directive at the '82 W.S.C., presale funds were accumulated to that end and we must proceed unless a majority of the fellowship directed otherwise. Page C. by his letter in his own words, seemed to be acting on his own and not through the literature committee or the conference as a whole. Our attorney drew up a contract between the new printer and W.S.O. Inc. for the boards consideration. The board majority voted to follow the attorney's advice and proceed with the printing now. The board also approved of the contract form the attorney. On March 14, 1983 the contract was signed by both parties and the printing is now underway. We did recover a lot of material from the printer who failed in business and this will expedite the present printing. The target date for the office to receive and start shipping the book is April 20, 1983. We feel that this board has consistantly (sic) acted in good faith and has honestly tried to carry out, in conscience, all tasks and duties. As in all business affairs, problems do arise, we had ours with the first printer which was completely unexpected, especially after doing business with them for several years and especially so when they put in new presses in September 1982 to do the book.

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March 16, 1983 (cont.)	We would like to ask your region to act only upon what has been approved from the conference as a whole and not upon any individual requests from members acting solely for themselves. This would stop a lot of the rumors and problems that have arisen in the recent past. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the W.S.O. Inc. and we will do our best to answer. Yours in Fellowship, Chas. G., Interim Pres. CC/sb PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE IN YOUR REGION OR AREA As of September 15, 1982, the World Literature Committee of Narcotics Anonymous, Atlanta Road, Marietta, Ga., 30060, by authorization of Page C., Chairman there-of, releases in full and turns over all release forms, copy wrights (sic), and any and all material contained in or pertanant (sic) to the <u>Narcotics Anonymous Book</u> and the stories of Narcotics Anonymous Members to be included in the <u>Narcotics Anonymous Book</u> to the World Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous Inc., Box 622, Sun Valley, Ca. 91352, Phillip P., President there-of, to be used as directed by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous in session May 5 through May 9, 1982. Page C., Chairman WSC-LC"¹⁷⁰
March 25, 1983	The World Service Conference Literature Committee writes the following letter to all Regions, Areas & Groups. "To All Regions, Areas & Groups We are very sorry that something as dear to all of us as <u>Our Book</u> has been turned into a political football and that we, as a Committee, have been chosen as home team. But it has, and we are home team, so we have to practice acceptance. We would like to make clear to everyone the reasons for revoking WSO 's right to print <u>Our Book</u>. When we learned that the WSO had lost an undetermined

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March 25, 1983 (cont.)	Now to address the WSO letter dated March 16, 1983. The tone of the letter is deceptive. It leads the reader to believe that everything is going to be just fine, if everyone would leave them alone. They can handle it. It does not address the issues. It makes no mention of the changes in <u>Our Book</u>. It does not refer to ONE of the hundreds of letters, phone calls and telegrams sent to WSO and the WSC Chairman telling them not to change <u>Our Book</u>. It totally fails to address the charter changes mandated by WSC 82. It leaves out the fact that a tiny group of people is attempting to override the Group Conscience of our entire Fellowship. And it is an obvious propaganda attempt to discredit and assassinate (sic) the character of our Chairman. Furthermore, the letter states that their lawyer told them that they had an obligation to print <u>Our Book</u>. WSO does not tell us that they misrepresented the facts to the lawyer about WSC Literature Committee having the Copyright on <u>Our Book</u>. Nor do they mention that they led the lawyer to believe that it was our Chairman and not they who were acting against Group Conscience. In short, it was a fair attempt at a whitewash job, but please, WSO, don't try to con a con. As far as the release given to WSO by our Chairman in September, WSO told him that <u>Our Book</u> was 'ready to distribute' and that they could go no further until they had a written release, which was given immediately. That the WSC-LC gave them permission, legally documents the fact that WSC-LC can revoke that permission at any time. They in no way, legally, morally or otherwise own <u>Our Book</u> or have the right to print it. For them to own <u>Our Book</u> a contract would have had to have been signed, which none was, and some sort of consideration, monetary or otherwise would have had to have changed hands, which never happened. WSC-LC acted in good faith in turning over all rights it had to the WSO. The good faith was not reciprocal. WSO has avoided its responsibility and illusively evaded any and all inquiries in this regard. WSC-LC has retracted any and all rights to <u>Our Book</u> given to WSO. This was done by a letter dated March 1, 1983. WSC-LC has received no response. WSC-LC enumerated the reasons for such retraction. WSO has chosen not to reply.

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March 25, 1983 (cont.)	WSO has failed in a number of ways in regard to <u>Our Book</u>, some of which, namely are: 1. Failed to get Our Book printed by September 1982. 2. Failed to follow the "verbatim" printing of <u>Our Book</u> by their autonomous deletion of parts of Traditions 4 and 9. 3. Lost an undeterminable amount of money by placing a printing contract with an irresponsible and financially insolvent printer. 4. Failing to consider the Group Conscience of N.A. as a whole. 5. Misinforming numerous parties as to the facts involved in this matter. 6. Failed to promptly admit they were wrong. More failures and deficiencies can be enumerated but for the lack of time, it would be expeditious to say that WSO has shown its color and its inability to function as a viable organization. They have not only shown total disregard to N. A. as a whole but continue to do so daily. So, as of March 1, 1983, when our Chairman first sent them a letter informing them that they no longer had printing privileges (sic), they were only liable to us for the money that they had already lost. Now that they have decided to go ahead with another attempt, they are further liable for any additional funds committed, plus any damages which may result from changing our written message. Furthermore, if the WSO Inc. does not have the money for which they are liable, the Members of the Board of Directors who were responsible for the direction taken by the Board, could be possibly held personally liable for such arbitrary and capricious acts. I quote from 'How It Works' beginning with the 12th step: 'Having had a spiritaual (sic) awakening as a result of those steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs. 'This sounds like a big order, and we can't do it all at <i>once</i>, we didn't become addicted on one day, so remember - - - EASY DOES IT.

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March 25, 1983 (cont.)	‘There is one thing more than anything else that will defeat us in our recovery, this is an attitude of indifference or intolerance toward spiritual principles. Although there are no musts in N.A., there are three things that seem indispensable. These are, Honesty, Open-mindedness, and Willingness to try. With these we are well on our way.’ Our program tells us to ‘practice these principles in all our affairs’. Has this been done by WSO? <u>We think not.</u> We forgive WSO in their failure s for it is made up of addicts. Our question is: have they forgotten this? Is WSO’s attitude toward our spiritual principles one of ‘indifference or intolerance”? Their actions answer this question in the affirmative. ‘Honesty, Open-Mindedness and Willingness to try’ are indispensable in this program. ‘With these we are well on our way’. To the converse, without these, we go nowhere, except maybe backwards. Has WSO been honest with N. A. as a whole? Not partially, or not by telling us only what they want to tell us, but fully honest in regard to Our Book? Are the WSO members being honest with themselves? Their actions certainly speak louder than their words. Has WSO been open-minded? Their failure to acknowledge WSC-LC concern of Our Book, their failure to respond properly to WSC-LC and their disdain of any one else advising them, shows that they are no longer teachable, and humility, if ever gained, has been lost. Has WSO been willing to try? Yes! they tried, and tried, and tried again, but to no avail. They also tried to change <u>Our Book</u>, but they will not. Their willingness only goes toward their own goal, not to N. A. as a whole. WSO has demonstrated that it is incapable as a functioning organization and should either be disbanded and/or moved, reorganized and /or sued. ‘Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities’. If legal recourse is necessary. it may be necessary to obtain a Group Conscience of N. A. as a whole to decide if WSO's violation of our principles is more important than their personalities.

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March 25, 1983 (cont.)	It has been learned, not directly, that WSO 's decision to go ahead and print <u>Our Book</u> was based upon advise (sic) from their attorney. This attorney stating that since WSO had been authorized to print <u>Our Book</u>. they are obligated to do so. This was after WSC-LC withdrew such authorization. Is it not irrational to think this way? If the authorizing party authorizes you to do something and then formally withdraws that authorization. the only obligation you have is to cease. Simply cease. As ludicrous as it seems. the WSO thinks this meant to proceed. And these are our leaders!! These are our trusted servants!! This might be a blessing in disguise. ·This may show us that N. A. unity is very necessary for us to survive. especially against ourselves. We have but one ultimate authority and we should seek His will and His guidance, for this is a time of decision. The WSO has patronized and disregarded this Committee for far too long. In January, 1983 our Chairman tried to call them twice a day for ten days, twenty phone calls, with absolutely no response. We do not function as a Committee to play games with WSO or anybody else. We exist to express as best we can the N. A. message of recovery in written form as approved by the Fellowship. Yet never, we repeat NEVER has WSO distributed anything, we repeat ANYTHING for us. The N. A. Literature Committee Handbook was approved in 1980 and still has not been put on their order forms. Our Book was approved in 1982 and they had to change it before they could even attempt to distribute it. They were supposed to distribute all material "verbatim". In December 1982 we printed 17,000 pamphlets for WSO and distributed 1,400 of them. They could not distribute one of the remaining pamphlets that we sent them. We would like to ask you if anyone received one of the 13,600 review pamphlets that the WSO was mandated, by WSC 82, to have distributed? Do you receive your literature orders promptly? Did you get any response from letters, calls, telegrams. etc. about changing <u>Our Book</u>? By the guidelines in our Service Manual the WSO is a link, a contact center for N. A. Our experience, as a Sub-Committee of the WSC, is that we have a better chance of getting help by calling any Regional Hot-Line. They are supposed to aid loner groups and members, which they do not. They are supposed to publish a yearly World Directory, which they do not. They are supposed to publish a

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March 25, 1983 (cont.)	Quarterly Newsletter, which they do not. They are supposed to make available tapes of important functions which they do not. They are supposed to distribute new literature, which they do not. They are supposed to act upon the directives of the WSC, which they do not. And they are supposed to abide by the Twelve Traditions, which they do not. As we see it, the WSO is in direct violation of Traditions 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 12, they are impeding our growth, they are helping to kill the addict who s till suffers. If we as a Fellowship fail to take some sort of positive direction in regards to this matter, we will be endorsing their incompetence. We, as a Committee, suggest that the WSO be disbanded and declared defunct, and that we adopt a new structure for a true World Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous. · All the functions that WSO is supposed to perform, we the Areas and Regions of this Fellowship are performing for them. Years ago, when N. A. was a small Fellowship, we understand that WSO was a very efficient organization. However, we have grown phenomenally (sic) in the past few years and WSO is obviously incapable of handling our service needs. They are also obviously unwilling to relinquish or let go of their responsibilities, which they are not fulfilling. We ask you to please keep our primary purpose in mind as well as our common welfare. We ask that you keep the principles of this matter above the personalities involved. We would also like to remind everyone that all the problems that we are experiencing right now are due to the phenominal (sic) success of our Fellowship. Page will be out of town on business for several weeks so any questions can be answered by any of the Literature Committee Trusted Servants or the WSC Administrative Committee Chairman. Your Trusted Servants, World Literature Committee of Narcotics Anonymous"¹⁷¹
April 24, 1983	Joseph R. of Irvington, NJ writes Page C. in response to the World Service Conference Literature Committee's letter dated March 25, 1983.

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April 24, 1983 (cont.)	“TO: WSC Literature Committee Chairperson, Page C., I’m writing this letter in response to WSC Lit Comm. letter dated March 25, 1983. First I would like to say I’m in favor of Group Conscience on this matter concerning the W.S.O. Inc. and “Our Book”. I feel Group Conscience should be used in all decisions made in Narcotics Anonymous. Since I have been a member of NA I have heard a lot about Group Conscience; the reasons for it, the affects (sic) of using it and not using it, and personalities and opinions disguised (sic) with Group Conscience. I have only seen Group Conscience being used and working in the W.S.C. Literature Committee (ei. (sic) W.S.C. Lit Comm. Conferences, workshops open to all members, Lit. Handbook, letters to the Fellowship announcing when and where they will meet and minutes following etc.) Thanks to the W.S.C. Literature Committee, you have given me the opportunity to Recover the NA way. I have communicated with comm. at all levels of service, I have a lot of written material, I have contacted many members in NA and I have tried to communicate with WSO Inc. and I get no response from WSO Inc. I have a letter dated March 16, 1983 from WSO Inc. (the 1st and it was hard to find) defending everything they did to get ‘Our Book’ printed and out to the Fellowship. With all this information and my \$25.00 mailed to WSO Inc. in July 1982 for a Basic Text in Nov. 1982 and not receiving anything since then, I decided my contract with WSO Inc. was broken and I wrote for the return of my \$25.00 and all Interest accrued would be donated to WSO Inc.”¹⁷²
April 26, 1983	Jeanie and Jimmy took delivery of the first dozen boxes of the completed First Edition from Weber McRea Book Binders.¹⁷³
April 27, 1983	The First Edition <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> (special, pre-order red cover and regular blue cover Basic Texts) were officially released on April 27, 1983, by the World Service Office, using the name of C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Company. The following are two paragraphs that appeared in the Approval Form; the italicized text was removed prior to the publication of the First Edition. From the essay on Tradition Four: "Are we truly autonomous? What about our service committees, our offices, activities, hot-lines, and all the other things that go on in N.A.? <i>The answer is that these things are not N.A.</i> They are services we utilize to help us in our recovery and to further the primary purpose of our groups. Narcotics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women, addicts

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April 27, 1983	Mary B., Chairperson of the Portland Area Service Committee, writes Page C., seeking clarification on certain issues raised in the March 25, 1983, letter from the World Service Conference Literature Committee to the fellowship. Portland Area Service Committee S.E. Oak Street Troutdale, Oregon 97060 April 27, 1983 Chairperson WSC Literature Subcommittee Apt. 29 Marietta, Ga. 30064 The Portland Area Service Committee of N.A. would appreciate clarification on the following issues addressed in the WSC-LC letter to the fellowship of March 25, 1983: 1. That the WSO 'failed to follow the verbatim printing of our Book by their anonymous deletion of parts of Traditions 4 and 9.' How, specifically, has our book been changed, when, by who's authority, and is it being printed with said deletions? 2. That the WSO 'had not changed their charter as directed by WSC '82 and were not planning on changing it, if at all possible.' and that 'under their present structure, they are neither directed by or responsible to the

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April 27, 1983 (cont.)	fellowship of N.A.' What is the WSO Charter now and how was it supposed to have been changed? How is it possible that the WSO structure is neither directed by or responsible to the fellowship? 3. That the 'WSC-LC has retracted any and all rights to our Book give to WSO.' What rights has the WSC-LC retracted? Does WSC-LC have that authority? And, if so, how should the WSO have responded and why have they not? 4. That 'In December of 1982 we printed 17,000 pamphlets for WSO and distributed 1,400 of them . They could not distribute one of the remaining pamphlets that we sent them.' What were these pamphlets? Why did WSC-LC print them for WSO and distribute 1,400 of them? Why did WSO not distribute the rest? 5. That 'they are supposed to aid loner groups and members...publish a yearly World Directory...publish a Quarterly Newsletter...make available tapes of important functions...distribute new literature...' and "act upon the directives of the WSC,' all of which, according the WSC-LC, WSO does not do. By what authority does WSC-LC challenge WSO on their responsibilities? How can WSC-LC be sure WSO is completely delinquent in these areas? 6. That 'the WSO is in direct violation of Traditions 1,2,4,5,7,9 and 12.' How so, specifically? 7. That 'We, as a Committee, suggest that the WSO be disbanded and declared defunct, and that we adopt a new structure for a true World Service Office of N.A.' If such a move were in order, how, specifically, would WSC-LC suggest it be done? In short, the WSC-LC has suggested that WSO is in the practice of misinforming and misrepresenting the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. Again, we, as an ASC are in need of clarification on the issues brought to our attention, in order to present to our groups specific facts and therefore elicit educated group consciences on such a sensitive and vital issue. Yours in service, Mary B. Chairperson, Portland ASC cc: WSO, Inc.; Portland GSR's¹⁷⁵

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May 4, 1983	Nancy J. L., Chairman, Special Sub-Committee Established by the San Fernando Area Service Committee writes to Robert K. and Page C.. R. Robert K. Attorney at Law Paige (sic) C. WSC Lit. Sub-Committee, Chairman Dear Sirs: We thank you for a response to our letter of inquiry dated April 15, 1983. First, we reviewed the material that you sent us and found nothing which answered our letter of inquiry. Secondly, we did not receive further correspondence which you mentioned in your letter because it was not sent to us. After an evening of much discussion on the materials we have, we have added questions to ask and a few statements to present to you and Mr. C.. Due to the lack of time, we are presenting this letter to you in person at the World Service Conference. The reason we wrote the letter dated April 15, 1983 to you was to get a clearer understanding of what Mr. C. was trying to say. We requested that the questions be answered as presented, and they were not! Is there any other information you can supply us with that will in fact answer our questions? We wish to add also, for the record, that we went to the World Service Office and talked with them about the same things we had asked of you. They answered our questions without hesitation! We also discussed with them the amendments to the by-laws, the action they are taking against the printer who absconded with the \$10,000.00 and the printing of the book.

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May 4, 1983 (cont.)	Rumor has it that you (Mr. C.) took the actions you did in order to foment confusion and sway support from the World Service Office in order to transfer the center of control to the east coast, is that true? Do you plan on printing you (sic) own Book? We wish to add again, that we are only a sub-committee established to gathering information and present it to the fellowship as a whole. Hopefully our efforts and time will not be tossed by the wayside and considered irrelevant to any pertinent issue. That is our purpose of establishment. Yours in the Fellowship, Nancy J. L. Chariman (sic), Special Sub-Committee Established by the San Fernando Area Service Committee Committee Members Susan Interlicchia Richard P. Patti B. cc: Paige C. World Service Office Bob R., Chariman (sic), WSC Board of Trustees¹⁷⁶
May 4 – 8, 1983	The eighth World Service Conference was held at the Retail Clerks Union Hall in Santa Monica, California. The following motions related to literature were approved at the 1983 World Service Conference: 1. Election to World Service Conference Literature Sub-Committee 2. Policy regarding funds 3. Changes to the wording in the Basic Text

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May 4 – 8, 1983 (cont.)	4. Report from the Literature Sub-Committee 5. Nominations for the World Service Board of Directors 6. WSC Administrative Report <u>From “Elections to World Service Conference Literature Sub-Committee”</u> “Ginni Elected Chairperson WSC Literature Sub-Committee...Bud K. elected Vice-Chairperson WSC Literature Sub-Committee.” p. 7 “NOMINATIONS FOR WSC LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON WERE OPENED. Ginni S. was nominated by Jim Tri-State seconded by Kenny. Jim M. nominated and seconded K. Bea nominated and seconded. GINNI ELECTED CHAIRPERSON WSC LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE. NOMINATIONS FOR LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON WERE OPENED. Viv L. nominated by Jim; seconded by Bob. K. Bea nominated by Bob B., seconded by Mike. Kenny moved that we suspend the rules to allow acceptance of Bud K. as a nominee even though he is not present; John F. seconded. Vote: Yes 24 No 5 Abs. 3 CARRIED Bud K. nominated by Kenny; seconded by Bob B. Mark moved nominations closed; seconded by Roger T; PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. BUD K. ELECTED VICE-CHAIRPERSON WSC LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE.” p. 24 <u>From “Policy regarding funds”</u> “That ‘WSC directs all sub-committees (including but not limited to Policy, Administration, Literature, Finance, H & I, NA Way, Public Information, and any Adhoc (sic) Sub-committee in existence to report to the NA Fellowship every three (3) months said reports to appear in all Fellowship Reports’. CARRIED

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May 4 – 8, 1983 (cont.)	Motion: That if available, a lump sum payment of \$750.00 for the WSC Literature Sub-Committee be fulfilled immediately following the conference and that a \$250.00/month communication allowance be allotted (sic) to the Chair and sent on the first of every month beginning in June. WSC Literature Sub-Committee must adhere to the guidelines set down by the WSC Finance Committee. PASSED” p. 10 <u>From “Changes to the wording in the Basic Text”</u> “WSB Chairperson Sally E. began her report. She reported on activities of the Board, changes in Board officers, and the Board's role in the controversy over the change in ‘Our Book.’” p. 7 “MOTION: John F. (Greater Philadelphia) moved ‘That the sentences deleted from Chapter 6 of the NA Basic Text ‘Our Book’ at the so-called 'Special - Meeting of the Chairpersons of the three Service Branches' in November, 1982, be returned to ‘Our Book’ in all subsequent editions.’ Roger T. (New York) amended—'that the changes made at Memphis also be reinstated.’ Rose R. (Florida) seconded. Roger T. (New York) seconded.” p. 7 “MOTION: Mike L. (Alaska) ‘I appeal the decision of the Chair on the issue of allowing a motion regarding the deletions in the book.’ Seconded by Mark Z. (Mid-America). Vote: YES 16 NO 18 ABSTENTIONS 5 (Decision of the Chair was overturned) Chairperson Bob R. then stated the conscience of the conference. Only questions will be allowed at this time -- no motions.” p. 7 <u>From “Report from the Literature Sub-Committee”</u> “Page C. (Chair, Lit. Committee) started his Report to the Fellowship. After completing his report, Page fielded questions from the floor until 5:15 p.m. Literature for approval was presented for voting of the WSC participants by Group Conscience. <table><tr><td></td><td></td><td>YES</td><td>NO</td><td>ABS</td></tr><tr><td>1. ‘Am I an Addict?’</td><td>PASSED</td><td>27</td><td>6</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>2. ‘Just For Today’</td><td>PASSED</td><td>27</td><td>1</td><td>14</td></tr></table>			YES	NO	ABS	1. ‘Am I an Addict?’	PASSED	27	6	6	2. ‘Just For Today’	PASSED	27	1	14
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	4. 'A Guide to the 4 th Step Inventory'	PASSED	19	10	13	
	5. 'Sponsorship'	PASSED	26	2	14	
	6. 'Triangle of Self-Obsession'	PASSED	22	3	15	
	7. 'Youth & Recovery'	PASSED	27	1	11	
	8. 'One Addict's Experience'	PASSED	17	8	17	
	9. 'A Physician's Viewpoint'	PASSED	17	9	15	
	10. 'For the Newcomer'	PASSED	28	2	12	
	11. 'Use of Medication in Recovery'	PASSED	29	1	12	
	12. Starter Kit	PASSED	26	3		
	13. 'Little White Booklet (Revised)'	PASSED	14	16	11	
	Questions from the floor regarding Literature Report continued.					
	MOTION: George H. (WSC Admin. Committee Vice-Chair) moved 'that all literature submitted to this conference for approval require a 2/3 majority vote of participants.' Seconded by James D. (Trustee).					
	MOTION: Keith S. (Ohio) moved 'to table the above motion until WSC 1984 in order to ensure a true Group Conscience.' Second by Jim H. (N.A. Way). Vote: YES 23 NO 8 ABSTENTIONS 5 CARRIED					
	MOTION: Page C. (Chair, WSC Lit. Comm.) moved, 'that the WSC, as of this year, elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Literature sub-committee (sic) who will, pending affirmation at the WSC the following year, become Chairman of the Literature Committee. In the event the conference does not affirm the Vice-Chairman, it (the conference) will elect a chairman and a vice-chairman.' Seconded by Roger T. (New York). Vote: (AS AMENDED BELOW) YES 29 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS 1 CARRIED					
	AMENDMENT: Roger T., (New York) moved 'that we delete the words 'the literature' and add 'the sub-committee' and change wording 'chairperson of the Literature Committee' to read 'the committee Chairperson'.' Jim M. (N.A. Way) seconded. Vote: YES 26 NO 1 ABSTENTIONS 6 CARRIED					

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May 4 – 8, 1983 (cont.)	MOTION: Page C. (Chair, WSC Lit Comm.) moved, Roger T. (New York) seconded 'that the WSO will have 180 days to have the review material available.' The motion was adopted as amended below. AMENDMENT: Greg P. (Trustee) moved 'to reword our literature approval procedure to lengthen the literature review period to a 'minimum of one year.' Seconded by Sher C. (So. Cal) The motion to amend was adopted as amended below. Vote: YES 27 NO 5 ABSTENTIONS 9 AMENDMENT IO THE AMENDMENT: Jim T. (Tri-State) moved 'That all literature be reviewed by WSB prior to 180 days deadline for Tradition inconsistencies.' Seconded by Jack B. (Trustee) Vote: YES 36 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 5 CARRIED Bob R. (Chair, WSC Admin Comm) called a quorum count as the previous motions require a 2/3 majority vote to pass. MOTION: Page C. (Chair WSC Lit Comm) moved, seconded by Jim M. (N.A. Way), that 'approval literature' submitted by WSC-Lit Committee to the WSC be marked and labeled as literature for approval and be sold along with our approved literature by the WSO.' The motion was adopted as amended below. Vote: YES 37 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 6 CARRIED AMENDMENT: Dennis E. (Mississippi) moved, seconded by Roger T. (New York) that 'to add that approval literature be sold only to groups, areas, or regions that are registered with the WSO. All review material should be obtained for cost and mailing during the time for review until time of approval.' <u>Vote: YES 29 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS 8 CARRIED</u> MOTION: Page C. (Chair, WSC Lit Comm) moved, seconded by Jim M. (N.A. Way) 'that our book be completely returned to its approved form before any more are printed. CARRIED AS AMENDED BELOW. Vote: YES 24 NO 15 ABSTENTIONS 5

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May 4 – 8, 1983 (cont.)	AMENDMENT: John F. (Greater Philadelphia) moved, seconded by Bob K. (Tennessee) to 'add the words 'in subsequent printings' to replace 'before any more are printed.' Vote: YES 28 NO 6 ABSTENTIONS 10 CARRIED AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT: Martin C, (WSC Finance Chair) moved, seconded by Jim T., (Tri-State) that 'before any subsequent printings that the book be proofread by a WSC-approved Ad Hoc Committee of six (6) [1 WSO, 1 WSB, and 4 RSRs).' Vote: YES 13 NO 17 ABSTENTIONS 11 DEFEATED MOTION: Martin C, Finance Chairperson, 'that the financial records of the 1982-83 WSC Literature Committee be delivered to the WSC 83/84 Finance Committee to be audited either by that committee or by an independent audit to be delivered within 14 days.' Keith S., seconded. Yes UNANIMOUS 43 CARRIED MOTION: Larry N. moved 'that the WSO produce - free - a plain, dark colored, paper book cover and the front inside flap of that cover bear the NA logo and the statement reading 'many books have been written about the nature of addiction. This book primarily concerns itself with the nature of recovery. If you are an addict and have found this book please give yourself a break and read it!!! And that these be distributed to holders of books that do not contain this statement.' Seconded, K. Bea, Upper Mid West. Yes 22 No 5 Abs 14 CARRIED" p. 13 – 16 <u>From "Nominations for the World Service Board of Directors"</u> "POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO BE ENTERED INTO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES: THAT THE TRI-STATE REGION VOTED NO ON ALL WSB TRUSTEES WHO DID NOT GIVE A RECORD OF THEIR VOTES REGARDING THE DELETIONS TO THE BASIC TEXT." p. 28 <u>From "WSC Administrative Report"</u> MOTION: Rich moved 'that a note of confidence to WSO & WSB by approving our basic text with changes suggested by WSB and carried out by WSO as NA approved literature for distribution and use in our meetings.' Seconded by Bob B. VOTE: Yes 23 No 0 Abs. 9 CARRIED" p. 33¹⁷⁷

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June 20, 1983	Bob Stone publishes the first issue of the <i>Newsline</i>. This issue contains information on: 1. Progress on printing the second edition of the Basic Text 2. Availability of "Limited Edition" copies of the Basic Text for sale "The new edition of 'The Book' is in the hands of a professional proof reading company and will then be inspected for accuracy by several members of the WSO Board. If the copy is then complete it will be sent to the printing company. The printing company selected by the Board for the printing is a major book publishing company. Their proposed contract is currently being reviewed by our attorney. If the current work schedule on the book is completed on time, the book will be in our office during the first week of August or the first week in September. We will be prepared to mail the first 1,000 book orders during the week the books are received. We are taking orders and preparing the mail lables (sic) as payment is received for this second edition issue. If you want yours early, go ahead and send us the order and the payment. The cost is \$8.80 per book which includes \$.80 for postage. We still have copies of the 'Limited Edition' for sale at \$25.00 per book. This price also includes the postage costs. There are over 400 of this red cover edition but they are going fast. If you wish to order these we will mail them on the day following receipt of your order and payment. If you had previously ordered a copy of the 'Limited Edition' and have not received it, you must inform us prior to August 30, 1983. After that date I do not expect any of this printing will be available."¹⁷⁸
July 1983	The PASCNA Newsletter (Pittsburgh Area Service Committee) includes a letter to the fellowship from Ginni S. (WSC Literature Chairperson): "FROM: World Service Conference of N.A. Literature Subcommittee Ginni S., Chairperson Dear fellow members,

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July 1983 (cont.)	In my first letter to you as WSC-LC, let me say first of all that I am delighted to have been chosen to serve in the coming (sic) year. Secondly, I apologize for writing to you on last year's stationary, but I to get this information out to you and didn't want to wait for new stationery to be printed. Most all copies of our basic text have been sold. I was contacted by WSO regarding the changes for the second edition. The San Diego and South Coast areas worked intensively for eight days to read through the book and identify all typos, deletions, and other errors. Some stories will be added to the second edition; but only those which we receive (sic) final approval and release forms from the contributors. The corrected material was expressed up to San Francisco where the typesetting will be done. From there, it will go to a new printer for the completion of the job. Hopefully, they'll be out in a few months. Some of the projects that will be worked on this year are included below, along with the areas that will be doing the work. If you have input contact them or me. A) Marietta ASC-LC Daily-weekly book Meditation guide MASC-LC Atlanta Rd. Marietta, GA 30060 B) NA History Maryland ASC Worrell Ave. Lanham, Maryland 20706 C) Lit- Handbook revision & pamphlet 'For the professional' Volunteer Region D) 4th step guide – women's prison IP Ohio ASC c/o Convention 83 Box Dublin, Ohio 43017

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July 15, 1983	The second issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (July 15, 1983), written by Bob Stone, includes information on: 1. The printing of the second edition of the Basic Text 2. Needing copyright releases for some personal stories "The second printing of the NA Book is progressing according to the time schedule outlined in the last NEWSLINE. The printer should have them in our possession by the First of September. To date we have presold 1,225 copies and orders arrive each day. We have sent follow-up letters to those pre-sold orders to advise them of the progress and to identify address changes and address corrections. These follow-up letters will continue for new orders that we receive up to three weeks prior to arrival of the books. The Conference in May directed that WSO print covers at our expense for the books previously printed and sold. This is in the printers (sic) shop and will be available to us in a few weeks. We will be sending a notice during August to addresses on record of book purchasers asking where the book cover should be sent. If you know of someone who does not receive our letter by the end of August, have them write to us about it." Later, he reports: "Another something missing...some of the long time members of NA that we need to get into contact with. In later paragraphs of this NEWSLINE you will

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July 15, 1983 (cont.)	As this applies to N.A. we are continuing to add to the inventory of approved literature, to publish stories (biographies and autobiographies) in newsletters, the magazine, in the book and to circulate other stories for approval. The originator of every item we work on or distribute or publish retains the legal first right to the use, enjoyment, control and profit (if any) from the items. The originator retains that first right regardless at how long we have been using the story or how willingly they attended meetings at which it was discussed and modified or even if they typed it themselves for a group newsletter. The only proper escape from this circumstance is to obtain proper release from the originator, author or subject. A release if properly drafted transfers authority to use, or publish, change, distribute, etc, and details what limitation if any exist are conveyed. Without the release the person, group, area, or corporation (WSO for instance) remains liable <i>in</i> a law suit to pay damages, royalties, or cease publishing. The individuals who have clear legal right to sue are not limited to just the author or subject. The list of those eligible to sue includes, spouse (even former spouse), children (sic), heirs, partners and many more. To protect the fellowship from this danger a release form has been created that will generally be satisfactory for use throughout N.A. This release should be obtained from every person who contributes anything for use, publication or distribution in any and every newsletter, pamphlet or magazine. The release should be obtained at the time the item is first submitted."¹⁸⁰
July 29, 1983	Ginni S., Chairperson WSC-Literature Subcommittee writes the WSC Subcommittees, Board of Trustees, World Service Office, and all Regional Service Committees in response to the following: • "A more immediate problem are the authors and subjects of some of the stories that are being circulated by the WSC Literature Sub-Committee. Upon advise (sic) of legal counsel, it is important that we find these past contributors to literature and obtain the required release from them so their stories can become approved literature. (WSO Newslite, July 15, 1983, Page 2)." Ginni writes:

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July 29, 1983 (cont.)	“I agree wholeheartedly with Bob, that we need to get release forms from these members. However, I was confused when I read that paragraph, because the Literature Subcommittee is not circulating any stories, at this time, that I know of. Also, the stories that are referred to are already approved literature. ‘Hell-N-Back, I Felt Hopeless, It Won't Get Any Worse, My Gratitude Speaks, Up From Down Under, It Won't Always be Like This, Long Distance Recovery, Early Services, Institutional Story Buford Prison, I Kept Coming Back, No Excuse for Loneliness, Relapse and Return and The War Is Over’ were all approved for inclusion in our basic text at the World Service Conference in 1982. The reason they weren't included in the first edition and won't appear in the second edition of our basic text, is because approval and final release was never received from the authors. This stipulation was part of the motion, as it was stated at WSC-82. If you know the people who wrote the above, mentioned stories, please ask them to sign a release form immediately and return it to the WSO or the WSC Literature subcommittee. That way, their stories can be included in the subsequent editions of the book. It is already too late to get them in the 2nd edition. However, these stories have already been approved by the fellowship, and it is a shame not to be able to use them. If we can obtain releases from the contributors, the above listed stories can be included in subsequent printings of our basic text, as approved by WSC-82. In addition to the above referenced stories, a motion was passed at WSC-82 to include the stories from the little white booklet in our basic text. The authors of <u>The Vicious Circle</u> and <u>I Was Different</u> have signed release forms, so those stories will be added to the 2nd edition. Also, I have been informed that a release was obtained from the author of <u>Fat Addict</u>. I do not know if it was received in time to meet the printing deadline, however. If not, it will be included in the 3rd edition. We are still attempting to contact the authors of <u>I Can't Do Any More Time</u> and <u>One Third of My Life</u>. The remaining little white booklet stories (<u>Fearful Mother</u> and <u>Something Meaningful</u> also known as <u>I Found the Only N.A. Meeting the World</u>) were released and printed in the first edition of our book. Therefore, to summarize, the only stories which will be added to the second edition of our basic text, are: <u>The Vicious Circle</u>, <u>I Was Different</u> and <u>Pothead!</u> because those are the only ones for which we've received release forms. We need the help of the fellowship in contacting the authors of the remaining stories so that they can be included in the third edition of our book.

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July 29, 1983 (cont.)	With further reference to our basic text, I noticed a couple of things while assisting in the proofreading, that I want to bring up to the fellowship. I'd like to have a group conscience on the following items: 1. Regarding the portions quoted from the little white booklet which are included in the first nine chapters of the book. In the Memphis Approval Form and first edition of our basic text, these sections were set apart from the rest of the text (single spaced and indented). In the second edition, they will also be set apart (double spaced and italicized). Setting those portions apart from the regular text, indicates that they were quoted from another source. My question to you is: do you feel those portions need to be set apart from the rest of the text, or do you want them printed the same as everything else, in future editions of the book? 2. Regarding Chapter Seven: Recovery and Relapse: The first three paragraphs, as they appeared in the Memphis Approval Form, were not quoted directly from the little white booklet. In Paragraph One, the sentence, 'Complete and continuous abstinence, however, is still the best ground for growth,' the words 'Complete and' were omitted. The sentence reading 'To step out alone, and run our own lives again draws us, yet we seem to know that what we have has come from dependence on a Power greater than ourselves ...' The Memphis Approval Form did not contain the words 'dependence on.' Also, in the last paragraph, the sentence in the white booklet, page nine, reads 'Our resistance to change seems built in and only a nuclear blast of some kind will bring about any alteration or initiate another course of action.' The Memphis Approval Form reads '... nuclear blast of some type...' I know all of this probably sounds very technical and confusing and I have included copies of the appropriate pages from the little white booklet and Memphis Approval Form so that you can compare the two. It appears that these words were inadvertently left out when the book was typeset in Memphis. However, since the WSC-83 mandated 'that our book be completely returned to its approved form in subsequent printings,' the second edition will reflect the incomplete quotes as they appeared in the Memphis Approval Form. Do you, as a fellowship, want

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August 1983	The August 1983 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information on: 1. Book covers for the first edition of the Basic Text

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August 1983 (cont.)	2. Updates on obtaining copyright releases for personal stories 3. Literature translation 4. Schedule for printing of the second edition of the Basic Text 5. Discounts on literature sales 6. Obtaining literature on credit <u>Book covers</u> "Book covers for the first editions of the Book have been delivered to the office and are available for those who desire them. In the last newslines (sic) a note was included about this and only one response was sent to the Regional Service Committees for distribution within each region. Check with your region in about a week for availability. Attached is a newly revised order form." <u>Copyright releases</u> "There has been limited success in locating the authors of the stories that the WSC Literature Sub-Committee is attempting to locate. Only three individuals were brought in touch and have had their copyright release returned to the office. Here is the list of those that are still not cleared: Hell - N- Back; I Felt Helpless; It Won't Be Any Worse; My Gratitude Speaks; Us (sic) From Down Under; It won't Always Be Like This; Long Distance Recovery; Early Services; Institutional Story; I Kept Coming Back ; Relapse and Return; The War is Over. <u>Literature Translation</u> "Recently there has been a growing discussion between the WSO and the WSC Literature Sub-Committee about the translation of NA literature into non-English languages. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee Chairperson Ginni S. and the WSO are going to coordinate this effort. Of primary concern will be an orderly program for the development of this without creating an unused inventory of literature. For instance, the Little White Book was translated into German and Spanish. Approximately four thousand were printed in each language, 18 months ago or more. There has been almost no demand for them and they just sit in the box. As the IP's are translated and printed, the volume of printing must reflect orders and use. Individuals and groups or committees that desire to be involved in this process can contact Ginni S. directly or through WSO."

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August 1983 (cont.)	<u>Printing of the Second Edition of the Basic Text</u> "I was hoping to include additional information on the production of the book but this is being typed late in the evening and they are closed. We do expect the books to arrive near the first. Considering the Labor Day holiday, it may be a little longer than that before the books are then packaged and shipped to those who have already purchased. them. If you or someone else has already paid for a book and moved recently make sure you notify us of the new address." <u>Discounts on Literature Sales</u> "The Board at their recent meeting addressed the question raised by four area Committees and the H & I Committee of discounts on literature sales. This is a difficult problem to resolve. Many of the customers for NA literature are not particularly wealthy. Those in institutions and those working to carry the NA message to institutionalized people are not particularly wealthy either. The basic question is who, if anyone should be given a break on literature sales. The decision was that all literature sales should be made at the same rate but that efforts should be extended to focus greater attention on providing financial aid to H&I Committees." <u>Obtaining Literature on Credit</u> "A separate but related question on literature sales was reraised by several Committees hosting conventions. Could they obtain literature on credit and pay later. The Board decision on that matter was consistant (sic) with the actions taken to clear-up the \$38,000.00 in outstanding purchase orders. It is difficult to justify extention (sic) of credit to some and not be guilty of showing favoritism if it not extended to all those requesting it. The decision to require payment for literature was reconfirmed."¹⁸²
September 28, 1983	"The Second Edition of the Basic Text was released on September 28, 1983. The copyright holder was again listed as C.A.R.E.N.A. Publishing Co." For more information on changes The personal story "I'd Try Anything Once" is removed. The following personal stories are added, "The Vicious Circle," "I was Different," and "Pothead!" Page 61, paragraph 2, line 2--delete "hotlines" after "activities"

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September 28, 1983	Page 61, paragraph 2, line 3--added "The answer is that these things are not N.A." after " ... that go on in N.A." Page 61, paragraph~ 2, line 7-added "All else is not N.A." after" ... new way to live." Pag~ 61, paragraph 2, line 10--added "Whether we choose to utilize these services is up to the group." after " ... our road might be easier." Page 62, header under Tradition Five, line 2-replaced "that" with "who" Page 68, paragraph 2, line 3-added "None of them has the power to rule, censor, decide, or dictate." after "to serve the needs of the Fellowship" Page 68, paragraph 2, line 4-added ", but they are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous." after "They exist solely to serve the Fellowship" Moved explanation of the N.A. symbol from Book II and placed it on page vii before forward.¹⁸³
September 1983	The September 1983 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Arrival of the second edition of the Basic Text 2. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee mid-year workshop <u>Arrival of the Second Edition of the Basic Text</u> "THE BOOK HAS ARRIVED!!!! The newest printing of the NA TEXT has arrived in the office. The printer delivered via a large truck the 10,000 copies of the Book that had been ordered. They were eleven days late in the delivery, but they are BEAUTIFUL. Within minutes of stacking the last box, the staff and volunteers began to package the books for shipment to those who had already paid for them. Over three thousand copies were pre-sold at the regular price of \$8.00 plus 10% postage. If you want a copy, you can now order it and have your order sent on the day after your order and check arrive. The WSO Board however, reaffirmed the policy of not allowing the book to be mailed without prior payment (no invoice orders). New orders for the Book have begun to increase and a subsequent printing is being discussed, in order to never run out again. Two health care mail order companies (Hazeltn (sic) and Compucar) have inquired about putting our Book in their catalogue and selling it to their regular customers. This was discussed

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October 1983	The October 1983 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 5) includes information on: 1. Sales of the Basic Text at the beginning of the <i>Newsline</i> 2. Individuals and groups printing literature on their own in the section "Unauthorized Printing of N.A. Literature" 3. Soliciting fellowship input for future literature and the translation of literature into Braille in the section "WSC Literature Committee"

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October 1983 (cont.)	<u>From page 1 – Basic Text Sales</u> “We are out of Books...At the time of the mailing of the last NEWSLINE about 3,000 copies of the 10,000 issue printing had been mailed. As of today, there are only 135 of that 10,000 issue printing. By the time you read this, we will have shipped the last of those remaining. We have ordered more. The printer has announced that the shipping date is November 16, 1983. The printer has been reasonably good at complying with dates established for the work they have done for use in the past. We expect that the books will arrive in our office on November 20. We ordered another 10,000 copies. For those orders received while we are out, a notice to that effect will be sent to the purchaser indicating the expected date of arrival. Our experience with the shipping of these books has been very good. After processing literally hundreds of orders in the shipment of over 9,000 books there were very few errors. We did make a few, but they have, we believe been satisfactorily resolved. If however you know of an error in our shipments, please let us know immediately. The Board of Directors has reviewed at each recent meeting, the limited policy of extending credit for purchases that are less than \$100.00. The Board had adopted that policy in July after discovery that there was an enormous amount of money outstanding in accounts receivable. Although there has been a substantial reduction in that earlier accounts receivable total, and the few new extensions of credit have been closely monitored, there has been a continuing disbelief in the propriety of the policy. The Board decided that the policy should be discontinued or at least modified. The real problem area has been in the orders shipped on credit to individuals. The collection rate on these orders is the lowest of all those where credit in any amount has been extended. The final conclusion of the Board is that credit to individuals will no longer be allowed. All requests for credit by an individual will not be honored. Only requests from groups, area committees or regional committees that are continuing clients of WSO will be honored. All individuals requesting credit, will be sent a letter explaining the policy. The policy of continuing to conduct business with governmental institutions and hospitals will be followed unchanged.”

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October 1983 (cont.)	<u>From Unauthorized Printing of N.A. Literature</u> “An annoying problem that periodically comes to our attention at WSO is that individuals or groups sometimes print their own literature. There have been times in the past when this was necessary (as at a city distant from Los Angeles and WSO was out of the item needed for a long period of time). But now that we have been fairly consistently in stock of all of the I.P.'s there is no longer that justification for printing literature. Occasionally we have learned of printing that is done simply because someone says they can do the printing for much less than it cost when purchased from WSO. It may be true that if someone was going to use a large number of an individual I.P., that they might well have it printed locally (at reduced cost, they say) at less cost. But there are several overriding reasons for buying from WSO, even if it costs more. The ‘profit’ made on the over-all sale of literature and the book is used within the Fellowship to aid in the accomplishment of the Twelfth Tradition - to carry the message to the still suffering addict. Additionally there are administrative costs in the development of the Book and literature and in the general management of the Fellowship. As the Fellowship grows and becomes more of an ‘institution’ easily recognized by the population generally, the number of inquiries to the WSO increases. A sampling of our mail, unrelated to orders, includes group registrations (about 9 per week), requests for starter kits (which are sent free for an individual request) (about 7 a week), general inquiries about the program of N.A., requests for information about meetings in specific areas, requests for information and advice in the organization of committees, conventions, groups and a variety of other subjects. There are frequent inquiries from news media and individuals asking for detailed information on a wide range of subjects. A number of years ago, the ability of WSO to respond to these numerous inquiries, using volunteers was recognized as not possible or fully practical. And the only way to provide the staff to meet all these needs is to make enough money on the literature and books.

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October 1983 (cont.)	When literature is printed elsewhere and not purchased from WSO, it weakens the strength of WSO and the Fellowship and decreases our ability to provide the services noted above and many others. So if you know of printing that is being done, ask those who are doing it to stop and explain that by doing so, they are possibly impeding the recovery of addicts across the nation and world." <u>From WSC Literature Committee</u> "One of the flyers reproduced and enclosed is a joint request from the WSC Literature Sub-Committee and the Florida Regional Literature Sub-Committee, (an active area for literature review and generation). They are interested in input on possible new I.P.'s. On the subject of literature the Florida Region Literature Committee had prepared the Little White Book and several of the I.P.'s in braille. They were received and are being processed for duplication and distribution. We expect they will be entered into a nationwide index of publications available to the blind. The Fellowship in Florida is to be commended for this valuable service."¹⁸⁵
November 1983	The November 1983 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 6) includes information on: 1. The Basic Text is back in stock in the section "More N.A. Texts Arrive..." 2. Efforts to grow NA in Australia in the section "Notes from Far Away Places" 3. Use of literature from other 12-step fellowships in a piece written by the Board of Trustees <u>From "More N.A. Texts Arrive..."</u> "WE HAVE BOOKS AGAIN!!! After being out of books for about four weeks, the next shipment of the books arrived. The shipment included 10,000 copies and the first part of the back orders of the book were sent on the day the shipment arrived. There were over 2,000 orders for the book on hand. The remaining 8,000 copies of the book will go pretty fast. However, we have already ordered another 10,000 from the printer. The next shipment of 10,000 will arrive in late December. We do not expect to have shortages of the book again." <u>From "Notes from Far Away Places"</u> "The Fellowship in Australia has established a firm communications arrangement with WSO. We have received regular written and telephonic

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November 1983 (cont.)	contact from them. They are doing well and growing. Several new meetings have been formed since the Convention in NY. At the Convention, Australia was well represented and greatly welcomed. They are beginning to make arrangements for the printing of some N.A. literature in Australia because of the great expense to have it shipped. The printing of literature in such remote places, as a practical matter is imperative. This should not be confused with the point raised in the last NEWSLINE, about the unauthorized printing of literature in this country. It is practical to produce approved literature in this country from a single publishing source (WSO) and have it distributed within this country and Canada at a reasonable cost. There is therefore no reasonable excuse for the unauthorized printing of literature in this country. We have learned from the experience of sales this year, that the cost of literature to the Fellowship in Australia is much more than purchases from this country or Canada. A \$100.00 order for Australia may cost \$40.00 or more to ship by regular mail and it takes 10 to 12 weeks." <u>From the Board of Trustees</u> "Questions regarding Tradition violations arise most frequently over the use of literature and speakers from other twelve step fellowships. A rereading of our Tradition number Six and the following words of experience may be helpful in resolving these problems before they start. Tradition Six: 'An NA Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose'. Narcotics Anonymous as we know it today evolved out of a group called AA for Addicts which met in the San Fernando Valley. In 1953 the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous informed this group that they were in violation of the Traditions of AA and that AA was for alcoholics. This group formed the first meeting of Narcotics Anonymous and since then we have grown from one small meeting in Southern California to a world wide fellowship (sic).

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November 1983 (cont.)	We are deeply grateful to AA for granting us permission to adapt their Twelve Steps and Traditions to our program. We have gained much from AA and wish to maintain a spirit of 'Cooperation, but not Affiliation' with AA. The World Service Board of Trustees of NA has consistently held that at NA meetings that the use of Literature other than NA approved literature constitutes a violation of the Traditions. Further that speakers need to talk about the NA Steps, the NA Traditions and NA recovery. We need to keep in mind the confusion that can result for the newcomer in attendance at an NA meeting hearing about how to recover in another 12 step fellowship. Any member may attend another 12 step fellowship as part of his or her personal program, but when speaking in Narcotics Anonymous he or she needs to be able to talk about their NA experience. We are a separate fellowship in our own right. Under the guidance of a Higher Power, we are growing, we are getting better; we have our own literature and our own experience of recovery. We need to have pride in ourselves as such. It is essential that we adhere to our Traditions including Tradition six; our survival is dependant (sic) upon our standing on our own and not affiliating (sic) with another 12 step program. There is much available in the nature of self help literature, literature from other 12 step programs and inspirational reading which can be helpful to the individual personally and can be incorporated into that persons recovery. However, there is a vast difference between reading and benefitting from a variety of sources and bringing them into an NA meeting for others to read or listen to. The use of literature other than NA approved literature constitutes a violation of the Traditions, Speakers for NA meetings, Conventions, functions etc. need to talk about the NA Steps, the NA Traditions and NA recovery in order to avoid confusion and not be in violation of Traditions. If your (sic) are concerned about a violation of traditions in your group, area or region, we suggest that you approach the individual, or individuals involved, with a positive and friendly attitude. Every effort should be made to discuss and resolve possible violations at the time and place they appear to be generated.

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November 1983 (cont.)	In a future article, we will provide guidance on the correct procedure to follow when a suspected violation cannot be avoided or stoped (sic) by direct and immediate discussion. Yours in service Board of Trustees"¹⁸⁶
November 17, 1983	Ginni S., Chairperson of the WSC-Literature Subcommittee writes the NA Fellowship seeking input regarding deletions, additions, or corrections of the Basic Text. The following excerpt outlines her request of the fellowship: "The WSC-Literature Subcommittee hereby requests input from the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous regarding deletions, additions, or corrections of the basic text Narcotics Anonymous. In addition, please bear in mind the questions that were previously raised with reference to the portions quoted from the Little White Booklet. Do you, as a fellowship, object to the Literature Committee making production corrections on literature that has already been approved? Several portions of our basic text misquote the little white booklet, and the WSC-Literature Subcommittee, in its effort to improve the quality of the literature we produce, is naturally inclined to correct our own mistakes that have inadvertently become 'approved.' The possible revision of the little white booklet brings up another question. If the little white booklet is revised, does the fellowship feel the portions quoted in our basic text should reflect the approved revisions? We would also like your input on a draft we are writing which discusses the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Do you think this material should be incorporated into Chapter(s) Four and/or Six of our basic text, or proposed as a separate volume?¹⁸⁷

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January 1984	The January 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 6) includes information on: 1. Sales of the Basic Text in the section "Basic Text in Great Supply" 2. Recent arrangements to make review literature available to the WSC Literature Committee in the section "World Service Conference Notes" 3. A notice to disregard a pamphlet titled "Participation" that has been distributed in the section "Special Notice" <u>From "Basic Text in Great Supply"</u> "Our most recent NEWSLINE gave notice we had received 10,000 copies of the Basic Text near the end of December. Since their arrival we have shipped out all of that entire shipment of 10,000! But do not worry, we received a subsequent shipment of 10,000, so our supply is OK. Another shipment with 10,000 is due about February 15th. The order rate for the Text varies considerably. One week might show only 350 orders while the next week might be 1,000 or more. More and more treatment centers are buying the Text for their patients. These orders tend to be for 50 or 109 at a time. There have been many who have questioned the cost of the Text. It has been necessary to establish the cost for the Text at an amount sufficient to create a prudent reserve for the operation of the Text ordering by the Office. Each order for books requires a 59% advance payment. Complete payment must be made upon delivery of the Texts. Because of the lengthy lead time for each order of Texts, a great deal of money is advanced as we now keep one or more orders or 10,000 being worked on at any time. Additionally, the books will not always be sold at the same fast rate. The temporary result is both cash payments that must be made and a growing inventory supply. The alternative is to accept the practice of having periods of time when we are out of stock of the Text. This alternative is not acceptable." <u>From "World Service Conference Notes"</u> "Last October an arrangement had been made between the WSC Literature Committee for WSO to offer to Literature Review Committees throughout the fellowship, copies of literature to be reviewed. We were to sell these at our cost.

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January 1984 (cont.)	At that time there were seven separate publications; two were over 70 pages each and two others were between 5 and 20 pages. Our cost was estimated to be \$10.00 for the reproduction and mailing expense of each set. Since that time the number of publications to be reviewed has been reduced by the Literature Committee and none of them are over seven pages. we have continued to receive orders, accompanied by the \$10.00 for the full package. we have been sending out the three items for review and returning the payments, minus one dollar. If your local literature committee desires to order the material, the package cost is only \$1.99. If at a later date, the WSC Literature Committee returns the larger publications to the review list, the package price would change again. The package of material that the Fellowship should review that will be the agenda items of the World Service Conference will be sent shortly. The material contains recommendations for new changes in the structure of N.A. If you desire to see this material, you must obtain it from your areas service representative who will have to obtain it from the regional service representative or the regional service committee. The current N.A. structure specifies that all such review material be submitted to the Fellowship not less than 60 days prior to the start of the conference. Although it was hoped that more time would have been made available for the review process, it was not possible." <u>From "Special Notice"</u> "It has recently come to the attention of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman of the World Service Conference and the Chairperson of the World service Conference Literature Subcommittee and the World Service Office that an unknown person or persons have mailed a pamphlet throughout the Fellowship entitled 'Participation'. The Board of Trustee chairperson, the WSC Chairman, the WSC Literature subcommittee Chairperson and the President of the World Service Office Board of Directors have each asked that a disclaimer be printed in this edition of the NEWSLINE. The above enumerated trusted servants did not have previous knowledge of this pamphlet and desire that the Fellowship know that the distribution of such a pamphlet constitutes a contravention of the service structure and disregards all of the procedures that have been adopted by the Fellowship regarding the of approval of literature. Certainly all of the individuals in the Fellowship that have been active in or knowledgeable of the work in recent years concerning the

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January 6, 1984	Sydney R., Member of the World Service Board of Trustees writes Sally E., Chair of the World Service Board of Trustees and Ginni S., Chair of the World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee regarding the literature review process. “TO: Sally E., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees Ginni S., Chairperson, World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee FROM: Sydney R., Member, World Service Board of Trustees RE: World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee DATE: January 6, 1984 For approximately the past three and one half years, I have been involved in the compilation and composition of various literature for this Fellowship, beginning with my activities as the Chairperson for the Bay Cities Area Literature Committee, working on the ‘Gray Book’; with workshops in Santa Monica, California and Warren, Ohio, working on the ‘Basic Text’, up to the present time, serving as a WSB Trustee/liason (sic) to the World Service Literature Committee. During my experience in this period of time, I have seen a real need for change within the literature review process. Our Fellowship has grown so rapidly that I feel we have outgrown the procedures which were in effect in the past in the development and approval of N.A. literature. While working closely with Ginni S., Chairperson of the WLC this year, I became aware of the value of having the WSB work closely with a WSC Sub-committee.

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January 6, 1984 (cont.)	Together we have been able to create a close working relationship between the WSB and the WLC Committee. In my perception and evaluation of the World Literature Committee between the time I first became involved, to the present, I have become aware of the fact that that what worked for us before is no longer feasible, due to the tremendous growth within the Fellowship. We are receiving vast amounts of literature, and the need and demand for it continues to increase. With this need comes the responsibility to ensure that our literature reflects the Steps and Traditions upon which it is based. I also find that the literature already approved may need further review and editing, and because of these needs I would like to suggest the necessity of creating an additional Literature Review Committee within the WLC. With these suggestions, I don't want to write policy, supercede (sic) authority, or undermine (sic) the value or purpose of the existing WLC. I just wish to give an example of what possibly could be created to further complement the important tasks of this committee. I would like to further emphasize that the particular committee which I am suggesting shall work closely with the WLC Chairperson at all times. The Literature Review Committee would be implemented for the express purpose of reviewing literature which has been compiled by the WLC. If the WLC feels that a particular piece of literature is appropriate and needed by the Fellowship, it should then be put together into a comprehensive form by the committee. The committee would make the decision at this point in the procedure that the work will help the addict who still suffers, the addict in recovery; that it would supply valuable information to the medical profession, business community or clergy in clarifying the nature of addiction and in aiding in the addict's recovery; and it would (sic) further carry the message of this Fellowship. At this point, after the literature has been compiled and edited by the WLC, the next stage would be for that committee to send the work to its Literature Review (sic) Committee. My idea for this particular committee is that it be composed of five (5) members, with a minimum of five (5) years clean time, a solid experience in the working of the Steps and Traditions of this program, and an extensive

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January 6, 1984 (cont.)	the 1983/84 World Service Conference to be included on the agenda of the 1984 World Service Conference. In service to the Fellowship Sydney R., Trustee World Service Board of Trustees Attachment: Diagram of how system might be arranged. DIAGRAM OF LITERATURE REVIEW PROCESS <pre> graph TD A[NEW LITERATURE ITEM IS SUBMITTED TO WSC LIT COM.] --> B[WORLD LIT. COMM CHAIRPERSON] B --- C[NEW LITERATURE COMMITTEE (1)] B --- D[BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2)] B --> E[BOARD OF TRUSTEES (3)] E --> F[WORLD LITERATURE COMMITTEE (4)] F --> G[FELLOWSHIP REVIEW (5)] G --> H[WORLD LIT COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES (6)] H --> I[WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (7)] I --> J[WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (for printing and sales/distribution)] </pre> (1) To screen for Tradition and legal problems or portions not pertaining to N.A. (2) For review and suggestions as many times as may be necessary. (3) For review after final draft is completed by World Lit. Com. (4) For final review and distribution prior to sending to Fellowship.

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February 8, 1984	Ginni S., Chair of the WSC Literature Sub-Committee is contained in the World Service Conference writes a letter to the Fellowship. The letter is contained in the World Service Conference Fellowship Report 83-84 (materials for conference approval). It includes the list of WSC-Literature Subcommittee motions to be brought to WSC '84. “Attached is a list of all the motions which will be brought to WSC '84 by the WSC-Literature Subcommittee. Also, I want to make a couple of points which I hope will clear up some confusion. First off, regarding the review literature: many people are under the mistaken assumption that the WSC Literature Subcommittee is asking for votes on this material, and that it will be ‘up for approval’ at WSC'84. This is not the case. The World Lit. Committee is requesting <u>input only</u>. We are giving you, the fellowship, the opportunity to review this literature until October, 1984, and provide us with your ideas, and suggestions. I believe there are two reasons for the misunderstanding. First, in the past the Lit. Committee has distributed literature a short time before the WSC, and requested approval (as well as input). Even though members complained that they didn't have sufficient time to thoroughly review the literature, they went ahead and voted on it anyway. We are trying to correct that problem this year by giving you more time to review it. Also, there was a misunderstanding between the WSO and the Lit. Committee. I understood the review material would be distributed in a package separate from the fellowship report, and I prepared a letter to explain the process. It was, however, included in the fellowship report, and the letter disappeared. I am sorry for this mix-up, and I hope this will clear it up. The WSC-Literature Subcommittee requests your input on these works in progress regarding the following questions: 1. Is the material acceptable as it is? 2. What should be added (please attach).

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April 1984	The April 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 8 is mistakenly listed as Number 9) includes information on: 1. The WSC decision to remove I.P. #3 <i>For Those We Love & Others</i>, I.P. #10 <i>A Guide to the Fourth Step Inventory</i>, and I.P. #17 <i>The Use of Medication in</i>

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April 1984	A special report to the Fellowship is published about literature being illegally printed and sold in the Fellowship. The report contains four letters. 1. A letter from Bob R., World Service Conference Chairman, that “centers on the danger that the illegal printing presents to the unity of the Fellowship, and particularly the groups and individuals closest to the illegal activity.” 2. A letter from Sally E., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, “with advice on the violation of the Tradition that illegal production and sale of the text or other literature represents.” 3. A letter from Chuck G., President of the World Service Office Board of Directors, that “details the impact of illegal printing on the World Service Office.” 4. A letter from Kevin F., past World Service Conference Treasurer and member of the World Service Office Board of Directors, “in which he provides an overview of the relationship between the World Service Conference, the World Service Office and their efforts to serve the Fellowship.” <u>Letter #1 from Bob R.</u> “The situation that has prompted this letter is of critical importance to the Fellowship and also very unfortunate. During the past year there has been a strong effort by the service arms to reduce and eliminate the problem of illegal production of N.A. literature. This new and expansive effort at illegal production is a dangerous threat to the Fellowship and the very efforts that have been expended to reduce the problem. The strength of every group is the unity that comes from sharing experience of recovery and developing an understanding of recovery the N.A. way. The common understanding that results is a vital factor in the unity of a group and the unity of a group establishes the fabric of which common recovery is based. Without the unity that develops in the group and the unity of understanding and support between groups there can be no basis of unity and strength for the

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April 1984 (cont.)	By the time late in the year that sufficient funds have been accumulated to meet the needs of the conference the following spring, and the excess can then be made available to the subcommittees, it is almost too late to organize profitable work. for the committee that involves substantial benefit to the Fellowship. This is why a problem arose several years ago about the literature committee raising their own money. This dilemma has the impact of negating leadership that a subcommittee chairperson might have displayed in the achievement of work in their committee. For instance, if it had been desired during the 1982/83 WSC year to have a conference to review a proposal or create a proposal for new policies in the field of, for example, Public Information, the money to stage the conference was not available until November or December. There would not have been sufficient time to organize such a conference and have the results available in time to meet the deadline for submission in the February Fellowship Report. Consequently, although there were many good ideas at the beginning of the 1982/83 WSC year, much of it went the way of a wisp of smoke because of a lack of funds early enough to be depended upon. An analysis of the funds received by WSC during the year I was Treasurer WSC is illustrative of the problem. Of the \$10,560 received, over \$2,280 came from one state (of which \$1,500 came from one region of that state). Over \$6,100 came from donations by three convention committees (Pitts, PA 3rd E.C.C.N.A, WCNA - 12 and 5th N.C.C.N.A.). The contribution record of the various regions of the conference, the very elements of the conference that are in fact the primary participants in the Conference, is embarrassing (sic). Only eight (8) Regional Service Committees made any contribution at all and their total contributions resulted in only \$3,030.00 of which, as mentioned above, \$1,500 came from one region alone. In simple words the other regions contributed only \$1,530. There were over Regional Service Committees that made no financial contribution to the World Service Conference treasury that year. It was staggering to learn that the regions, of which the conference is composed of, felt so little interest in the conference and the work of the subcommittees that almost no money was made available by them. It seemed that the regions did not want the conference to do anything. If money talks, that is what the message said.

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April 1984 (cont.)	This year I received each of the Fellowship Reports. They contained finance reports of my successor and her report reveals the same story. The same state that contributed the most last year, has contributed \$2,250, while the rest of the other regions combined contributed only \$1,518.14. If it was not for the contribution from the N.Y. World Convention Committee of \$7,500.00 the WSC Treasury would be empty, that is: a zero or even a minus balance. <u>Let me say it a little different this time, if money talks, the message is, the regions do not want a world service conference or world service conference subcommittees.</u> The real result of this situation is that the Fellowship continues to face growing problems and an inability (sic) to solve them. Certainly money is not the only answer to the difficulties that the Fellowship faces, but the lack of money makes it impossible to solve some of them. So rather than moving ahead as a dynamic Fellowship should, we simply clog along, going from crises to crises without financial strength. An alternative method of financing the critical activities of WSC is to utilize money generated by WSO as part of their "profit". To understand why this was not done, requires an understanding of the past problems of WSO and efforts to make changes to provide better service to the Fellowship. At the same time I was elected to serve as Treasurer of the World Service Conference in 1982, I was selected by the World Service Conference to be appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office. You may remember that year, it was the traumatic year of the fight over the printing of the Basic Text. It was a really stormy year at WSO Board meetings. It provided a learning experience for me about the financial problems of this arm of the Fellowship too. Fortunately, despite the problems associated with the Text, we were able to set in motion solutions to the continuing WSO financial problems. I think it is important to give you the benefit of my knowledge about the WSO financial situation also. Prior to the initial, advance sales of the Text, the inventory items of the WSO were really limited: five IP's, the little White Book, tapes and key tags. The sale

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April 1984 (cont.)	Of course the controversy with the changes in the Basic Text during 1982, made everything worse; the contributions almost stoped (sic) entirely. And the continued difficulty of providing a reasonable response time to orders for IP's, White Books, or other things in the inventory simply added to the disaster. There were quite a few stormy Board meetings, but change was eventually made in the price policy of every inventory item. The new policy allowed for the creation of a "reasonable profit" on each item. The new price policy has not changed since adoption, except for adding new items that had not been in the inventory. The price policy of the Text is a separate matter. It was early and clearly established within the WSO Board that the price policy on the Text must be geared to provide sufficient additional funds so that a 'reasonable World Service Office could be afforded'. Therefore the difference between the actual cost of the Text and the price of the Text to each buyer was, and is, greater than it will need to be, in the future. The price policies adopted have shown results. The new response time in shipment of orders has had an affect also. Together the two have created the opportunity for the WSO to begin to meet the needs of a Fellowship as large as N.A. really is. Together the literature and Text price policies have allowed WSO to create a prudent reserve of funds and have operating capital with which to provide enough full time employees to meet the current needs of the Fellowship. But where does this price policy stand now and what is in the future for WSO financially? The WSO Board continues to discuss the price policy at almost every meeting and is working on several alternative concepts. The general trend is, that near the end of this calendar year there will probably be a reduction in the price of the Text, and probably also a reduction in the price of other items too. It is anticipated by that time, that a sufficient prudent reserve will have been established and the regular (when reduced) income level will be sufficient to provide for the ongoing 'overhead' expenses.

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April 1984 (cont.)	Progress in the achievement of these goals is a result of the new price policy, prudent management by the WSO and the fact that the Fellowship is now buying official of their literature from WSO rather than making their own. However as long as members of the Fellowship continue to print their own literature, it delays the ability of WSO to perform properly. For every pamphlet that is printed by someone in the Fellowship and not purchased from WSO, the WSO loses a potential 'profit' that would help support the activities that WSO performs that do not make a 'profit'. The financial strength that WSO has achieved was not done on the basis of contributions received from the Fellowship either. There are a small cadre of supporters in the fellowship who have made consistent contributions to WSO and there are occasional new contributions received by WSO. The dollar volume of all these contributions during the most recent fiscal year has been \$6,082, and the New York World Convention Committees single contribution of \$4,000 constitutes two thirds of the total. In conclusion, a comparative summary of the status of the world service conference financial situation and the world service office financial situation would reveal these comments: 1. There has been no change in the circumstances of the World Service Conference source of funds or increased support by the regional service committees. Until this is changed, there can be little progress in the development of solutions to many of the problems facing the Fellowship that require the expenditure of funds. 2. The World Service Office is on the way to achieving goals necessary to function properly as our service office, However the WSO cannot exist on the basis of contributions. The illegal printing of literature creates a loss of potential income that hinders the ability of WSO to provide services. The illegal printing also has been a cause for the price of WSO produced literature to be as high as it is. 3. If the Fellowship desires the World Service Office to provide the full range of services a Fellowship with our purpose, size, and magnitude needs, they must support the WSO by using only literature that is manufactured by WSO."¹⁹²

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April 26, 1984	The World Service Conference directs the Fellowship to approve or disapprove the wording of the 4th and 9th Traditions in the 2nd edition. “MOTION: Chuck G., WSO President Board of Directors moved, seconded Bob K., RSR (Volunteer) ‘that the wording in the 4th and 9th Tradition go out to the Fellowship and be approved or disapproved within 60 days from close of this WSC. Alternative to be introduced shall be from the 1st and special edition. The above shall take place prior to the printing of anymore books.’ VOTE: YES 40 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 7 CARRIED”¹⁹³
April 24 – 26, 1984	The ninth World Service Conference is held. The following sections include information on literature. 1. Motions from WSC Literature Subcommittee report 2. Election to Literature Sub-Committee 3. World Service Board of Trustees Report 4. WSC Literature Report 5. WSC H&I Report 6. WSC Administrative Committee Report 7. World Service Office Report 8. 4th and 9th Traditions <u>From “Motions from WSC Literature Subcommittee report”</u> “The Chairperson, Ginni S. of the World Service Conference Literature Subcommittee presented her report which started with the following motion. MOTION: Ginni S (Chair, WSC Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) ‘that the WSO work with the WSC-Lit to collect, review, verify, and corrolate (sic) all pertinent information regarding the history of Narcotics Anonymous.’ VOTE: YES 40 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS 2 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S. (Chair, WSC Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) ‘that The Use of Medication in Recovery’ IP be withdrawn from the market and a revised draft be prepared by the WSC Literature Sub-Committee.’ VOTE: YES 32 NO 10 ABSTENTIONS 5 CARRIED

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	MOTION: Ginni S., (Chair, WSC Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that the Procedural Guidelines for the creation and development of new literature be approved.' VOTE: YES 35 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS 5 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S. (Chair, WSC Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that quotations from 'The Little White Booklet' be printed accurately in future editions of the 'Basic Text.' VOTE: YES 34 NO 9 ABSTENTIONS 5 CARRIED AS AMENDED AMENDMENT: Chuck G. (President, WSO Board of Directors) moved, seconded by Chuck L. RSR (Arizona) 'that the next printing of the Basic Text also reflect the wording used in the Special Edition and the First Edition for Traditions Four (4) on page 61 and Tradition Nine (9) on page 68 in the current edition.' VOTE: YES 37 NO 11 ABSTENTIONS 0 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni (Chair, WSC Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that future editions of the Basic Text reflect quotations from the 'Little White Booklet' set apart from the text and italicized, but in the same size type as the rest of the text.' VOTE: YES 44 NO 1 ABSTENTIONS 3 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S. Chair, WSC Literature Sub-Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that the Conference approve the revised version Another Look IP VOTE: SENT BACK TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE BY VOICE VOTE. MOTION: Ginni S., (Chair,. WSC Literature Committee) moved, Seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that the stories 'I Can't Do Any More Time,' 'Fat Addict,' 'Early Services,' 'I Felt Hopeless,' 'I Kept Coming Back,' 'It Won't Get Any Worse,' 'My Gratitude Speaks,' 'No Excuse for Loneliness,' 'Relapse and Return,' 'Sick and Tired at 18,' 'The War Is Over,' and 'Up From Down Under' all be included in future printings of the 'Basic Text.'" VOTE: YES 33 NO 8 ABSTENTIONS 2 CARRIED

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	MOTION: Ginni S., (WSC Literature Chair) moved, seconded by Dennis S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that Chapter 8 of the 'Basic Text' entitled 'We Do Recover' be footnoted to indicate an up-to-date figure' VOTE: YES 42 No 0 ABSTENTIONS 2 CARRIED AS AMENDED BELOW AMENDMENT: Tom G., RSR (CRSCNA) moved, seconded by Mark T., RSR (Mid-America) 'to include the same updates in the Little White Booklet.' VOTE: YES 42 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 1 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S., (WSC Chair, Literature) moved, seconded by Dennis S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that all literature submitted to this conference for approval require a 2/3 majority vote of participants.' VOTE: YES 38 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS 3 CARRIED AS AMENDED BELOW AMENDMENT: Leah G., RSR (Florida) moved, seconded by John F., (Chair, WSC Policy Committee) 'that it take a 2/3 majority vote at WSC to withdraw current NA literature from the category of approved literature.' VOTE: YES 39 NO 6 ABSTENTIONS 3 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S., (WSC Chair, Literature Committee) moved, seconded by Denny S., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) 'that the Conference approved the revised version of 'Another Look; IP. VOTE: SENT BACK TO FELLOWSHIP FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE BY VOICE VOTE MOTION: Sydney R., (WSB member) moved, seconded by Ginnis S., (Chair, WSC Literature) 'that an ad-hoc committee be appointed to combine the literature review committee proposed on page 29, part 5 of the Fellowship Report, Volume IV, with the Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of new literature contained on page 5, part 3, Volume IV, and bring to this Conference for approval. The ad hoc committee of four appointed by the Chair VOTE: YES 42 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 7 CARRIED MOTION: Dutch H., (WSB Member) moved, seconded by Sydney R., (WSB Member) 'that one of the primary purposes of the WLC be to finish the work already started on the Steps and Traditions material.'

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	VOTE: YES 48 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 1 CARRIED MOTION: Tully A., (RSR Ala-N.W. Fla) moved, seconded by Bob K. (RSR Volunteer Region) 'to change any and all N.A. approved literature where it has 'recovered' to 'recovering'.' VOTE: SENT BACK TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE. MOTION: Bob K., RSR (Volunteer Region) moved, seconded by Bo S. (WSB member) 'to reconsider the passage of the motion which amended Traditions 4 and 9 (Four and Nine), that the same should go back [to the Fellowship] for group conscience.' ROLL CALL VOTE: ALA-NW FLA Y; ALASKA Y; ARIZONA N; SO CAL N; NO CAL N; CENTRAL GREAT LAKES N; CHESAPEAKE-POTOMAC Y; COLORADO N; FLORIDA N; MID-ATLANTIC Y; HAWAII Y; GEORGIA N; GREATER PHILADELPHIA N; IOWA N; IRELAND N; LOUISIANA Y; MID-AMERICA Y; MISSISSIPPI Y; NEBRASKA N; NO. NEVADA N; NEW MEXICO N; NEW YORK CITY N; NEW YORK STATE N; OHIO Y; PAC NW NO; SHOW ME N; CAROLINAS N; LONE STAR N; TRI-STATE Y; UPPER MIDWEST N; VOLUNTEER Y; W. VIRGINIA Y; BEST LITTLE REGION Y; MID-COAST Y; WYOMING N; WSO PRESIDENT CHUCK G. N; STEVE B. WSB N; SALLY E. WSB N; CARL B. WSB N; JACK B. WSB N; BOB B WSB A; SYDNEY R. WSB N; MICHAEL BL, WSB N; DUTCH H. WSB N; BO S. WSB Y; GEORGE H. WSC N; SUSAN C. WSC N; CAROL K. WSC N; JOHN F. WSC POLICY Y; GINNI S. WSC LITERATURE A; GARRY J. WSC FINANCE Y; ROBIN H. NA WAY Y. TALLY VOTE: YES 18 NO 32 ABSTNENTIONS 2 MOTION TO SEND BACK TO THE FELLOWSHIP FAILED. Bob S., RSR (So. Cal) moved, seconded by Shirley C., RSR (Georgia) 'that the letter concerning tradition wording in our Basic Text, as read by Chuck G., be included in the Minutes of the Conference.' Chair stated that the letter would be included in the official Minutes of the Conference. (The letter in question will be included verbatim in the revised Minutes to be sent out within 90 days.) This ended the report of the WSC Literature Subcommittee." p. 13 – 16 Ginni, Daily Meditation Guide Steps/Tradition Material - Conference in Knoxville in last weekend in June.

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	Question about approval of 'So You Love An Addict.' Will be researched Roger. Motion: That '4th Step Inventory Guide' be withdrawn. Leah moved to table to Group Conscience. Robin, Motion: That Traditions changes in 'Basic Text' be reconsidered. Kim and Roger conned. Bob K. pro. Danny pro. Chuck asked to go into open debate. Motion to reconsider. Carried. Applause. Chuck, Suggests to go back to Fellowship on the question for response in sixty days. Bob Stone, spoke to the logistics. Might be out of Books for a while. Bob said sixty days would be barely enough. Motion: That the wording in the 4th and 9th Tradition go out to the Fellowship to be approved or disapproved within 60 days from close of WSC Alternative wording to be introduced shall be from the 1st and Special Edition. The above shall take place prior to the printing of anymore books. Carried. Robin, do you need special funding for this? Ginni., Moved that the Literature Committee receive a monthly allotment of \$250.00 to cover committee expenses. Bob B., Motion that the 'LWB' Narcotics Anonymous remains as is since it has for years been the sole introduction to the membership of N.A. Failed. <u>From "Election to Literature Sub-Committee"</u> "WSC LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON Bud K., No Cal to move the nomination of Ginni S. as chairperson. MOTION WAS CARRIED-BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. Leah G.RSR (Florida) moved and Bobby B., RSR (Greater Philadelphia) seconded, 'that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Literature Committee be re-elected.' The motion was CARRIED by unanimous (sic) consent of the Conference." Literature Committee - Bud recommended (sic) that Ginni be re-elected. She was unanimously (sic) elected. Literature Committee Vice-Chair - Bud addressed the Book changes made by motion today. Moved to protect the group conscience of Narcotics

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	Approve 'Revised Another Look'. Vote to send out for approval, Long discussion about 'Another Look'. Sydney on Literature Committee Guidelines. Ginni thinks they can be combined with adopted Guidelines. Sydney thinks it might be possible this year? Creating ad hoc committee (sic) to combine. Committee: Motion that the primary project of World Literature Committee be the completion of the work on the Steps/Tradition Material. Carried. Motion: 'Recovered' to 'Recovering' in all approved literature. Bob (Volunteer) Don (Nevada) conned. Voice vote. Defeated. Bob tried to close off WLC. Motion to reconsider Traditions changes. (Traditions 4 and 9) Bob (Volunteer) Chuck: wants changes because the Book is wrong. Roll call vote: 18 yes, 33 against. MOTION: Mike C., RSR (Central Great Lakes) moved, seconded by Leah G., 'that the I.P. ANOTHER LOOK be continued to be distributed by WSO till WSC 85 or until stock is depleted.' VOTE: YES 39 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 4 CARRIED MOTION: Roger T., RSR (New York City) moved, seconded by John F. As a special order of business to introduce the following motion on the guide to the fourth step inventory guide: that the 'IP A Guide to the 4th Step' be disaproved (sic) and removed from circulation and that all remaining inventory be destroyed immediately. SENT TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE. MOTION: Robin H., NA Way Chair moved, seconded by Bob K., RSR (Volunteer) 'to reconsider amendment passed (YESTERDAY) regarding changes

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	in the 4th and 9th Traditions in our Basic Text.' VOTE: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE CF ALL BUT A FEW PARTICIPANTS MOTION: Chuck G., WSO President Board of Directors moved, seconded Bob K., RSR (Volunteer) 'that the wording in the 4th and 9th Tradition go out to the Fellowship and be approved or disapproved within 60 days from close of this WSC Alternative to be introduced shall be from the 1st and special edition. The above shall take place prior to the printing of anymore books.' VOTE: YES 40 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 7 CARRIED MOTION: Ginni S., Chair WSC Literature moved, seconded by Dale A., RSR (Tri-State) 'to increase the budget of the WSC Literature sub-committee to \$250.00 per month for expenses which may be incurred by the committee. VOTE: YES 41 CARRIED MOTION: Bob B. WSB Member moved seconded by Sydney R. member WSB 'that the Little White Book Narcotics Anonymous remain as is, since it has for years been the sole introduction to the membership of N.A.' VOTE: YES 15 NO 18 ABSTENTION 10 DEFEATED MOTION: Ginni S., WSC Literature moved, seconded by Tom G., RSR (Ohio) 'that the quotations from the Little White Booklet be printed accurately in future editions of the Basic Text.' VOTE: YES 40 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS 4 CARRIED" <u>From "WSC H&I Report"</u> "THE MOTION READS: 'that the Little White Book Narcotics Anonymous remain as is, since it has for years been the sole introduction to the membership of N.A.' VOTE: YES 39 NO 5 ABSTENTIONS 7 CARRIED" p. 28 <u>From "WSC Administrative Committee Report"</u> "MOTION: Shirley C., RSR (Georgia) moved, seconded by John F., (WSC Policy Chair) 'that this conference direct the WSC fellowship immediately an approval/disapproval form for the 4th Step Inventory Guide.'

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April 24 – 26, 1984 (cont.)	AMENDMENT: Jim W., RSR (N.Ca.) moved, seconded by Shirley C. RSR (Georgia) 'that this group conscience be reported back within 60 days by the same procedures by which we are voting on Chapters 4 and 9 of the Basic Text.' VOTE: YES 3 NO 25 ABSTENTIONS 14 DEFEATED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Ginni S., WSC Literature moved, seconded by Sydney R. member WSB 'that the 4th Step Guide be evaluated by the Literature Review Committee and input sent to the World Literature Committee and a revised draft prepared. This revised draft should then proceed through the review and approval process as outlined in the Procedural Guidelines for the creation and development of new literature. The 4th Step guide be removed from circulation while the process is occurring (sic).' VOTE: YES 25 NO 10 ABSTENTIONS 9 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED <u>From "World Service Office Report"</u> "Motion, that WSO lower the cost of our Book to \$6.50 effective immediately. Amendment: Make \$6.50 Book a paperback edition. Amendment failed. 42 against Main motion, 4 for, 41 against. Failed. Motion for softback referred to input for WSO." <u>From "4th and 9th Traditions"</u> "Tradition Four The reason that we want the line 'All else is not N.A. left in the Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous is to protect those members who from time to time take issue with what seems to be going on in N.A. services. We all love N.A. and our love makes us vulnerable. This line keeps us from identifying the miracle of our recovery with the structure itself'. We know that the structure is of, by and for N.A. Our concern is to protect members who may at times violently disagree with the structure rightly or wrongly. We feel that they should see the structure and the meetings, recovery and the spiritual program of N.A. in close but separate (sic) lights so that when they are hurting and upset, possessed by the irrational burning feelings which overwhelm reason and make surrender difficult, they can still comfortably go to their sponsor, their meeting and read their literature to complain, to seek comfort, to look up where we are at fault or whatever they have to do to stay clean that day."¹⁹⁴

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July 18, 1984	The fellowship votes to go back to the wording of Traditions 4 and 9 in the 1st edition of the Basic Text. “July 18, 1984 George H. Chairperson World Service Conference 9200 S.W. 97th Avenue South Miami, Florida Dear George: The votes received on the proposed change in the language of the 4th and 9th Tradition explanations (sic) were opened and counted today. There were 46 votes received within the required time: postmarked on or before July 15, 1984. The number of votes: YES - 38, NO - 8, NO ABSTAINING VOTES. There were 47 voting participants at the World Service Conference in April 1984. The 38 votes cast in favor of the change is 80% of the total number of conference participants. In order to eliminate controversery (sic) in advance, there were 28 regions or other recognized voting areas that cast votes. Of those 28 voting, the count was: YES 23, NO 5, NO ABSTAINING. The 23 votes cast in favor of the change by regions represents a vote of 71% of the 32 regions that were voting participants. The tally of votes was observed by Dutch H., Trustee and a member of the staff of WSO. The ballots have been kept and are on file in a fire safe cabinet at WSO. Should you have any questions, please contact me. In loving service to the Fellowship Robert R. Chairperson 1983/84 World Service Conference”¹⁹⁵

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August 1984	The August 1984 Fellowship Report contains: 1. A letter to the Fellowship from George H., WSC Chairperson about decision-making in a rapidly growing Fellowship (trusted servants and group conscience) 2. A special report from George H., WSC Chairperson on conference proposals that were referred to the Fellowship 3. WSC-Literature Sub-Committee Fellowship Report #1 4. WSC Policy Subcommittee Report – July 1, 1984 5. Letter to the Fellowship from Sally Evan, Chairperson WSB 6. Letter to Sally E. (Board of Trustees Chairperson) and the NA Fellowship from Sydney R. (Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson) regarding the Literature Review Committee 7. Letter to the Fellowship from Chuck G., President, W.S.O. Board of Directors 8. July 3, 1984 Memorandum to Chuck G. from Robert B. Stone regarding 1981/1982 Financial Records <u>Letter to the Fellowship from George H., Chairperson of the WSC</u> “Everyone in the Fellowship must certainly be aware of the staggering growth the Fellowship is experiencing. This is definitely a blessing as the more the Fellowship grows, the stronger N.A. becomes. Growth is not, however, without its difficulties. The Fellowship is no longer a small, almost lethargic collection of meetings confined to the Los Angeles area. It has grown to include over three thousand groups and new regions are formed each year, two in the past month alone. This sets the stage for confusion and controversy in the decision making process for the Fellowship. As the Fellowship matures, the questions concerning procedure and policy of Conference operation are refined and codified. As we grow, we have tried different methods and procedures as new problems and circumstances arose. Last year for instance, the Fellowship was asked for an emergency concurrence to permit omission of several stories from the Book because copyright releases had not been obtained. This year, another emergency request has been dispatched to the Fellowship asking for instructions on proposed change in the Book to the explanations of Traditions Four (4th) and Nine (9th). Although these procedures are not outlined as part of the decision making process of the

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August 1984 (cont.)	These members are providing input on the above pieces which will be workshopped at our annual November meeting. At that time we will determine which of these drafts to be distribute to the fellowship for review and input. The WSC-Literature Subcommittee held a workshop in Knoxville, Tennessee, June 27th through 30th. The purpose of that workshop was to finalize the step/tradition draft tentatively entitled IT WORKS: How and Why. As noted above, the draft is now being further evaluated by the Literature Committee before a Review Form is compiled at our November meeting. If all goes well, our plan is to distribute the review Form to the Fellowship for input around Christmas of this year. There are three pieces of Review Literature currently in distribution. These are: Handbook for N. A. Newsletters Revised - Physician's Viewpoint on the N. A. Program and the Basic Text Self-Acceptance The Literature Committee would like each region, area, group and member to read these new pieces of Literature. When doing so, please consider the following questions: 1. Is the material acceptable as is? 2. What should be added (attach specific language) 3. What should be changed (be specific) 4. What should be deleted? 5. Should this project be discontinued? The above pieces were distributed to each region shortly before WSC-'84. If your RSR or Regional Literature Committee does not have copies, they may be obtained from the WSO at no cost. Other works-in-progress include a daily meditation guide, a pamphlet to addicts in the armed services, an updated revised version of the Literature Subcommittee handbook and pamphlets to be entitled Total Commitment, and Cooperation Not Affiliation. Any member is welcome to contribute input on

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August 1984 (cont.)	these or other projects. Please contact your local literature committee or write directly to: Ginni S., Chair WSC-Literature Subcommittee c/o WSO, Inc. 16155 Wyandotte Street Van Nuys, CA 91406 We have recently completed proofreading the typeset material for the third edition of our basic text. We are continuing to work with the WSO in a spirit of cooperation to further our primary purpose. Included with this report is an Approval Form of the pamphlet titled <u>Another Look</u>. As we indicated at the World Service Conference the version of this I. P., as it is being distributed by the WSO is not the version which was submitted by the World Literature Committee for approval. There are only two changes - both in paragraph 4. Copies of this section were distributed at WSC - 84' to be brought back to the fellowship. At WSC - 85' we will request a vote to either approve or disapprove. There is one other item which the Conference directed us to put out to the fellowship for input. This involves changing the word 'recovered' to 'recovering' wherever it appears in our N. A. literature. We have done some preliminary research on this matter, and discovered that this word appears only in 'What is the N. A. Program?' However, it should be noted that changing this section would involve changing the basic text, the little white booklet, I. P. Number 1 and any other literature which includes 'What is the N. A. Program?' Please ponder these questions and send your input to the WSC-Literature Subcommittee. Based on the input we receive, we will make a recommendation to the next World Service Conference. In addition, it has been suggested that all references to multiple addictions be deleted from N. A. literature to determine the number and locations of all such references. We will present this additional information in a subsequent fellowship report.

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August 1984 (cont.)	If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully submitted, Ginni S., Chair WSC-Literature Subcommittee'' <u>WSC Policy Subcommittee Report – July 1, 1984</u> “The Policy Subcommittee is in the process of receiving input for the ‘Working Definition of Group Conscience’ and ‘Carrying the Message.’ ‘Carrying The Message’ This subcommittee is working in cooperation with the Literature Subcommittee on the pamphlet (sic) ‘So you're a Trusted Servant’. The Literature Subcommittee has a rough draft of the pamphlet (sic) and it will be used as input for the work on ‘Carrying the Message’. Also, an outline for a ‘Service Resource Manual’, submitted by a member of the Board of Trustees , will be used as a starting point for a more complete Service Package It should address the Why's and How's of service and should in no way conflict with the Service Structure now being considered by the WSC ‘84 ‘Select Committee on the Service Structure’. Any member with 12th Step experience, including work with probation officers and judicial agencies: (esp. the so-called card carriers), is asked to send their experience, strength and hope to the chairperson of this committee at the above address.” <u>Letter to the Fellowship from Sally Evan, Chairperson WSB</u> “...The world Service Board meeting will be held in September at the World Convention in Chicago. This meeting currently has two issues on the agenda. One, the H&I sub-committee submitted a letter asking for clarification with respect to what constitutes an H&I meeting. Second, the World Literature subcommittee submitted the pamphlet ‘For Those We Love and Others’ and asked the WSB for an opinion on it. In addition we have received input on ‘trusted servants’ and ‘group conscience’ and a request for extensive clarification. Further, the Board will discuss the the (sic) pamphlet ‘Am I an addict.’ These issues will be discussed in depth.”

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August 1984 (cont.)	<u>Letter to Sally E. (Board of Trustees Chairperson) and the NA Fellowship from Sydney R. (Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson) regarding the Literature Review Committee</u> “At the World Service Conference 1983-84, a commitment (sic) was made to have the revised procedural guidelines for the Literature Review Committee, ready for our first Fellowship Report 1984-85. The AD-Hoc Committee (sic) and the L.R.C. had been appointed by the Chairperson of the W.L.C. The Ad-Hoc Committee (sic) met first at the conference in Los Angeles, and then in Knoxville, Tenn. June, 1984, at the Special World Literature Conference. There, the revised guidelines were completed and are included in this report. The second draft of our Steps & Traditions were completed at the Literature Conference. It will immediately be sent to the Literature Review Committee (sic) where our first priority will be to review this draft for Tradition violations, philosophical discrepancies and language incinsistant (sic) with Narcotics Anonymous terminology. The Literature Review Committee (sic) will then send their corrections, evaluations and suggestions back to the World Literature Committee (sic) so it can be considered for input at the next Literature Conference to be held in San Diego, November 1984. We're simultaneously sending the revised guidelines to the Ad-Hoc Committee for further input. If there are changes, the Fellowship will be notified in the next fellowship report. We will be evaluating these guidelines untile (sic) we have the completed draft. The completed draft will then be ready for our last fellowship report and input to World Literature Conference 84-85. At this time I'd like to express how pleased I am with the progress the Ad-Hoc Committee and Literature Review Committee (sic) are making. I feel the work and the cooperation shown will continue to grow through the coming year. In loving service, Sydney R. Vice Chairperson WSB Liaison to WLC

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August 1984 (cont.)	B. Category 'C' (discontinue work) drafts that did not receive a 2/3 majority are placed in the category 'B' (needs more work) with low priority at the World Literature Conference. IV. REVIEW PROCESS A. Fellowship Review All Category 'A' drafts are printed in Review Form and distributed to the Fellowship. This is also an invitation to the Fellowship for input based on the following questions: Is the material acceptable as is? - What should be added? - What should be left out? - What should be changed? - Should work on this material be discontinued? There is a minimum period of nine months for receipt of review input by the WSC-Literature Committee Chairperson. V. APPROVAL PROCESS A. Input received on Category 'A' Review Form drafts is implemented into a revised draft at the next World Literature Conference. The draft is carefully edited and proof read before it is printed in Approval Form. (Any additional input subsequently received (sic) is kept in a file for consideration in revision. Paragraph V, e). B. Immediately following the World Literature Conference, the Approval Form draft is forwarded to the WSB to ensure that it accurately represents the principles of Narcotics Anonymous as outlined in the Twelve Traditions. Within 90 days from receipt of the draft, the Board of Trustees responds in one of two ways: 1. Points out any section(s) contrary to the Twelve Traditions or; 2. States in writing that the material is consistent with the Twelve Traditions. Determinations by the WSB of tradition violations are automatically revised in the preparation and distribution of the Approval Form Draft.

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August 1984 (cont.)	C. The printing and distribution of the Approval Form draft is accomplished by the World Service Office. The Approval Form is distributed to the Fellowship for approval or disapproval. Group conscience votes are taken through Regional Service Representatives at the World Service Conference. D. If the work is not approved, the material returns to the World Literature Committee for further evaluation and revision. E. Each piece of WSC-approved literature is evaluated every five years for consideration of revision at a World Literature Conference. APPENDIX A LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE A literature Review Committee (LRC) composed of not more than seven members shall work closely with the World Literature Committee Chairperson at all times. Each member shall serve for a term of three years, and may be reaffirmed for consecutive terms by the WSC. Purpose: To review proposed literature compiled by the World Literature Committee. Suggested Qualifications: a) Five years clean time. b) Experience in applying the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. c) Extensive experience in working with the literature of the Fellowship on an area, regional and world service level. Literature Review Committee Composition: a) Three members chosen by the Fellowship at large at the World Service Conference. b) Two members chosen by the Chair of the World Literature Committee. (Past chairpersons of the WLC may be considered for a service position on the Literature Review Committee.)

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August 1984 (cont.)	<u>July 3, 1984 Memorandum to Chuck G. from Robert B. Stone regarding 1981/1982 Financial Records</u> “TO: CHUCK G. FROM: ROBERT B. STONE DATE: July 3, 1984 During the World Service Conference in April, I was presented with an accumulation of records (receipts, bills, checkbook, bank statements, etc.) from Joseph P. III. These records were, he explained, the records of his service as Treasurer of the World Service Conference 1981/82. He informed me he had attempted to present the information to the outgoing Finance Committee Chairperson. The outgoing Chairperson had indicated to him and subsequently informed me that the Committee was not going to conduct an audit of these records, even though no conclusive report has ever been prepared on these financial records. There is, in my opinion, no responsibility or obligation on the part of World Service Office to conduct an audit or make a report on these records. However, in as much as, there has been considerable complaint about non-receipt of the records and a lack of an audit, I believe that the record should clearly state the information is currently available. I do not believe there is any practical benefit to the Fellowship that would necessitate an audit of these books. As I indicated to Joseph P. III, at the time, I will store these records along with the other historical information for the Fellowship. Yours In Service to N. A.”¹⁹⁶
September 1984	The September 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 9) includes information on: 1. Decisions facing the printing of the Third Edition of the Basic Text in the section “Problems with Third Edition of Our Text: 2. An error in the last issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (April 1984) about “For Those We Love and Others” (I.P. #3) in the section “WSC-Literature Subcommittee”

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September 1984 (cont.)	<u>From "WSC-Literature Subcommittee"</u> "In the last Newslite reference was made about the three pamphlets withdrawn from distribution (p.2, paragraph 5). One of the three mentioned, was <u>For Those We Love and Others</u> (I.P. #3). This statement was erroneous. The pamphlet in question is: <u>Another Look</u> (I.P. #5). A revised Approval Form of this pamphlet was distributed at WSC-84, and also included in the August '84 fellowship report. This is the pamphlet that will be withdrawn once the current stock is depleted. There has been no Conference action taken on <u>For Those We Love and Others</u>. The WSC-Literature Subcommittee is working on revising the other two pamphlets mentioned (<u>An Approach to the Fourth Step Guide</u> and <u>The Use of Medication in Recovery</u>.) We welcome input on these, which should be sent to the WSC-LC Chair, c/o WSO, Inc. The WSC-Literature Subcommittee is working on a pamphlet addressing addicts in the armed services. We would like input from people with prior military service experience or active military personnel who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope. Personal experiences must be accompanied by a signed release. A copy of the release form is included with this NEWSLINE. If you are interested, please send your written input (with release) to: WSC-Literature Subcommittee c/o W.S.O., Inc. 16155 Wyandotte St. Van Nuys, CA 91496 Any clean, recovering member of Narcotics Anonymous who is interested in becoming active in the WSC-Literature Subcommittee is encouraged to do so. Appointments are made only once a year at the World Service Conference. However, you may participate between now and then by sending input on work detailed above, on the three Review Form items, or by contacting your local area or regional literature committee." <u>From "From the Trustees"</u> "The translation of the White Book and five pamphlets into French and German has been completed and the materials have been sent to members of the Fellowship in Germany and France for proofreading. Other languages will be completed soon."¹⁹⁷

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October 1984	The October 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 10) includes information on: 1. Printing of the Third Edition of the Basic Text (page 2) 2. Printing of the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (page 2) 3. Translations (French, German, Castilian Spanish, and Portuguese (page 3) 4. Basic Text audio translation (page 4) 5. Responses to the previous <i>Newsline</i> issues requesting input on punctuation changes to the Basic Text in the section "Final Words" <u>Third Edition of the Basic Text (page 2)</u> "The inventory of the Second Edition of the Text is dwindling. There are only 8,100 copies on hand at this time and these should be fully exhausted by mid-November. Typesetting of the 3rd Edition is complete and it has been delivered to the printing plant in Pennsylvania. It will take approximately eight weeks for the printing to be completed and delivery made to Van Nuys. Copies of the 3rd Edition should be available for sale at the end of November. There will be no price change for the 3rd Edition. The 3rd Edition is an expanded version of the 2nd Edition, containing 68 additional pages with additional stories that were approved by the World Service Conference in the Spring of 1984. All the characteristics of the Book, color, cover design and typestyle will remain the same." <u>Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure (page 2)</u> "Concerning another item in the world Service Office inventory, a 1984 printing of the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure is currently available. This 1984 printing of the Temporary Working Guide includes material which was added by the World Service Conference this year. This includes sections concerning the N.A. Way Magazine, Literature review procedures and financial guidance. Copies of the Temporary Working Guide may still be obtained from the World Service Office at the price of \$1.50 per copy." <u>Translations (page 3)</u> "Translations of the White Book and five I.P.'s into German and French has recently been completed and forwarded to members of the Fellowship in France

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October 20, 1984	"The Third Edition was formally released on October 20, 1984."¹⁹⁹ The following personal stories were added: • "I Can't Do Any More Time," page 231 • "Fat Addict, 11 page 235 • "Early Services," page 237 • "I Felt Hopeless," page 241 • "I Kept Coming Back," page 245 • "It Won't Get Any Worse," page 251 • "My Gratitude Speaks," page 257 • "No Excuse for Loneliness," page 263 • "Relapse and Return," page 273 • "Sick and Tired at Eighteen," page 277 • "The War is Over" page 281 • "Up From Down Under," page 285²⁰⁰

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November 1984	The November 1984 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 1, Number 11) includes information on: 1. Supply of 2nd edition of the Basic Text in the section "World Service Office Report" 2. Organizations outside of NA writing and producing literature about NA in the section "Report from the World Service Conference Chairperson" 3. Work on the Steps and Traditions book in the section "Report from the World Service Conference Vice Chairperson" 4. Updates from the WSC Literature Committee in the section "Report from the World Service Conference Literature Committee" 5. The development pamphlets on "Women in Recovery in Institutions," and "Adolescents in Institutions" in the section "Report from the Hospital and Institutions Committee Chairperson" 6. Editing stories in the section "From the Trustees" <u>From "World Service Office Report"</u> "Our supply of the Second Edition of the Text is completely exhausted. We are waiting for arrival of the Third Edition. The printer has been very good about keeping their word on previous commitments so we expect them about the time you will be reading this. They were scheduled to ship the books to us on November 19. We are allowing a two week trucking time from the plant in Pennsylvania to our office. We have also initiated a back order system for current orders for the Book, to be shipped on the day following the arrival of the Books." <u>From "Report from the World Service Conference Chairperson"</u> "As our Fellowship has begun in recent years to, get our act together we have started to come to grips with problems that were always with us, but were pushed aside because of critical difficulties we faced each day. In this report, I will touch on several separate difficulties that have been smoldering, which in the <u>near</u> future we must face more clearly. For example, our literature for years consisted of five pamphlets and the little white book. Then almost over night (sic) we had the book and more than a dozen pamphlets. All of this work was generated at workshops composed of our members. The message and writing reflect our own brand of understanding and language. In a recent N.A. Way magazine article, a member took to task our

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February 1, 1985	The World Service Fellowship Report (WSC 1984 – 1985) published on February 1, 1985 includes information on: 1. A Fellowship Report from the World Literature Committee dated January 1985. 2. World Literature Committee Motions to be Introduced at WSC-85 3. WSC Ad-hoc Committee Fellowship Report January 1985 4. Procedural Guidelines for World Literature Committee 5. Letter to the N.A. Fellowship from Sally E., Chairperson World Service Board of Trustees 6. January 1985 Letter to the Fellowship from Robert Stone, Office Manager <u>January 1985 – World Literature Committee Fellowship Report</u> “The most important priority of the World Literature Committee this year has been the compilation of the step/tradition book entitled IT WORKS: How and Why. The Committee (sic) has held two different workshops for this purpose over the past year. The first draft of this book was completed shortly before WSC '83. At a June '84 workshop, held in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Committee completed the second draft of the manuscript. The draft was then evaluated by the members of the World Literature Committee and Literature Review Committee throughout the months of July, August, September, and October. Comments, suggestions, changes and other input from the Committee members were compiled and worked at the Literature Conference held in San Diego, California, in November. At this conference, the third draft of the material was completed. The third draft was sent to the Literature Committee members for a final evaluation before being sent out to the general Fellowship for review. This measure was in keeping with our goal to send out only the very best quality of literature. The World Literature Committee looked over the manuscript one more time and recommended that it be sent out to the general Fellowship at this time for review and input. We want to emphasize to the Fellowship that we do not view the manuscript <u>It Works</u> as a completed project. We are distributing it to the Fellowship for the purpose of encouraging review and additional input. This work-in-progress will

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February 1, 1985 (cont.)	This report has summarized the work done by the Literature Committee this year. Following this section is a list of the motions which will be introduced by the World Literature Committee at the World Service Conference. Please discuss them in your areas and regions, and bring your group conscience to the Conference. We would like to thank the Fellowship of N.A. for your ongoing support and encouragement. The World Literature Committee has always been a focal point for the interest and attention of N.A. members, and we receive a great deal of comments, both critical and congratulatory. We try to take all of these comments in stride, keeping you informed of our activities, soliciting your input, and doing our very best to respond to the wishes of the Fellowship. We wish you all another year of continued recovery through the Program of Narcotics Anonymous. Respectfully submitted, Ginni S., Chair World Literature Committee Enclosures: 1) Addendum order Form 2) Welcome to N.A. 3) The Loner" <u>World Literature Committee Motions to be Introduced at WSC-85</u> "WSC-85 MOTIONS The following motions will be introduced at WSC-85 by the World Literature Committee. A. That the revised pamphlet <u>Another Look</u> be approved. ___ Yes ___ No The revised pamphlet was submitted to the World Service Conference in 1984, and distributed to the general Fellowship for review throughout the year. B. That the pamphlet <u>For Those we Love and Others</u> be withdrawn from the category of Conference-approved literature. ___ Yes ___ No

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February 1, 1985 (cont.)	These individuals share valuable perspective and experience in living the N.A. principles which is then reflected in the literature produced by the World Literature Committee. Many lessons have been learned throughout the history of the Literature Committee, resulting in more effective methodologies and these Guidelines. In order to benefit from this experience, there is a great need for continuity among the members of the Literature Committee. In an effort to promote such continuity, members of the Literature Review Committee, except for the appointees of the Chairperson, serve for three years. A. Three (3) members of the Fellowship are elected by the World Service Conference. These members may be re-elected for consecutive terms to the Literature Review Committee. B. One member of the Committee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Board in such manner as they may select. The Trustee member serves as a regular member of the Literature Review Committee, except that s/he presides over the meetings of the World Literature Committee and further acts as a liason (sic) to the WSB. The Trustee member will normally be found to have -considerable experience (four or more years) in literature development. C. The Chairperson of the World Literature Committee is a member of the Literature Review Committee. D. Two (2) members are appointed by the World Literature Committee Chairperson to serve for one-year terms. These members may be reappointed by succeeding Chairpersons. In order to utilize the experience and knowledge gained through involvement with literature development, previous members of the World Literature Committee will frequently be found to be appointees by Chairpersons. 2. There are twelve (12) registered members of. the World Literature Committee. One of these is the Vice-Chairperson of the World Literature Committee. These members demonstrate their interest and ability in literature work, as well as knowledge and understanding of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, through prior service on area or regional literature committees for a period of at least three years.

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February 1, 1985 (cont.)	A. Five (5) registered members are selected by the World Service Conference by election to serve for one year. Each registered member may be re-elected at a succeeding World Service Conference. The registered members elected are chosen from Regional Service Representatives attending the Conference, previous RSR's or previous registered members of the World Literature Committee. Regional Service Representatives elected to serve as registered members of the World Literature Committee continue to serve as registered members for a full year. from the end of the World Service Conference at which they are elected, regardless of their term of office as a Regional Service Representative. B. Six (6) registered members are selected by the World Service Conference by drawing to serve for one year. Each year, prior to the World Service Conference, eligible Regional Service Committees may nominate a member of the Fellowship from their region to be selected for membership as a registered member of the World Literature Committee. The six members are randomly selected by a drawing at the World Service Conference from these nominees. In order to promote the widest possible participation in the world Literature Committee, registered members selected by drawing are not eligible for selection in the same manner the following year and the region from which the member was selected cannot submit a nominee for the following year. C. The Vice-Chairperson of the World Literature Committee is a registered member, coordinates the activities of the registered members and presides over any meetings of the registered members. The World Literature Committee receives a variety of proposals from N.A. members, groups and service committees. These proposals reflect a full range of specialized publications representing the principles and philosophies of the Narcotics Anonymous Program. In the evaluation of literature proposals, the Literature Committee uses the following criteria in determining if a particular piece of literature is appropriate. 1. The proposed item will expand the inventory of materials adopted by the Fellowship-that aid members of the Fellowship in an understanding and application of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

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February 1, 1985 (cont.)	The World Literature Committee meets no less than twice a year, and as often as necessary to accomplish its goals and objectives. Although any N.A. member is welcome to attend and observe the meetings of the Literature Committee, participation is limited to the actual members of the Committee. The annual meeting held at the World Service Conference is for the purpose of deliberating on any input received from the Fellowship in the form of general suggestions, and for planning the accomplishment of its worklist. Agreements may be reached with certain regional literature committees to write draft's (sic) of specific items, special workshops may be planned and arrangements made for the annual November meeting of the Literature Committee. At the November meeting, generally held in a central location of the continental U.S., the status of each project is discussed. At that time, reassignments of certain projects may be made if necessary, or other provisions made in order to accomplish work on the prioritized items. The meeting is an informal gathering of the World Literature Committee for the purpose of working on and/or completing projects on the approved worklist. Items to be brought to the upcoming World Service Conference are also discussed. It is generally not appropriate for registered members of the WLC to introduce actions related to developing or changing the internal workings or policies of the Committee. Any actions of this nature are considered by the Literature Review Committee who then makes recommendations to the Chairperson. In this way, the Literature Committee avoids the conflict and controversy often associated with internal 'politics,' concentrating its efforts entirely on the creation and development of literature for Narcotics Anonymous. The Literature Committee may recommend that a completed piece of literature be distributed to the N.A. Fellowship for review and additional input. The Fellowship is normally provided a period of nine months in which to review the new literature and generate input for the Literature Committee. The input received maybe used in the preparation of an approval form, which may be accomplished at a World Literature Conference, special workshop, by an appointed ad-hoc committee or a professional writer/editor. The new item is then forwarded to the World Service Board of Trustees for evaluation. This evaluation by the WSB ensures that the piece accurately represents the principles of Narcotics Anonymous as outlined in the Twelve Traditions. Any language which is inconsistent with the Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous is

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February 1, 1985 (cont.)	The WSB suggests that possibly another pamphlet might be prepared by the Fellowship which is written by addicts containing helpful information for handling within the family issues. The World Service Board of Trustees provided considerable input to the World Literature Committee's work in progress on the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions. Three trustees attended the Literature Committee's workshop on this material in San Diego. The draft of material was then reviewed by members of the WSB. At our December 3, 1984 meeting the work was discussed. It was decided by unanimous (sic) vote 'to draft a letter to the WSC Literature Committee recommending that procedures be changed regarding this work to allow for outside professional assistance in the development of this material.' Last summer the WSC was once again asked by the World Literature Committee, and by the WSC Administrative Committee to recommend that a minor change be made in the Third Edition of the Basic Text 'Narcotics Anonymous.' By unanimous (sic) vote the Board voted to recommend that the phrase 'I urinated on Stalin's tomb be deleted.' For many of the Board members this action was reminiscent (sic) of the WSB action with respect to Tradition Four and Nine which caused so much controversy two years ago. The Board after much discussion voted unanimously to ask the Fellowship through the World Service Conference for permission to make minor changes in our Literature. This would be authorized by a change in the Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure on page 27, by adding the following language to the end of the first sentence of section IX, after the word, 'Board: except when two-thirds of the World Service Board of Trustees agree that a Tradition violation has occurred, the Trustees be empowered to collectively exercise their obligations to the Fellowship by attempting to resolve any breach of our Traditions in favor of a clearer, 'understanding and application' of the Traditions.'" <u>From "January 1985 Letter to the Fellowship from Robert Stone, Office Manager"</u> "The printing and distribution duties of the office, our primary responsibility, has been fraught with perplexing problems all year. Scheduling the periodic re-orders for the Second Edition of the Text and estimating when the Third Edition

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March 1985	The March 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 2) includes information on: 1. Hazelden agreeing to purchase N.A. literature in the section "World Service Office Report" <u>From "World Service Office Report"</u> "In the most recent Newsline we indicated that Hazelden Foundation had agreed to purchase N.A. literature and offer it for sale through their mail order system. We had been informed they intended to spotlight the literature on the cover of their spring catalogue but were given no opportunity to review the 'copy' for the descriptions they were going to use. Unfortunately they chose to describe our Basic Text in a manner that would have been different if we had been given opportunity to review it or have any editorial control. This does, however, highlight one of the real facts of life concerning an appropriate application of our Traditions to these types of circumstances. To have had editorial authority over their choice of language would have been to create an affiliation that would have violated Tradition Six. Our only recourse is to try to provide information to them about N.A. terminology and encourage them to alter such descriptions in future publications. This we have done."²⁰³
March 21, 1985	Ginni S., Chairperson of the World Literature Committee, responds to a letter dated March 14, 1985 from Patrick S.. The letter addresses a request for a P.I. pamphlet for gay addicts. "March 21, 1985 Pat S.

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March 21, 1985 (cont.)	1438 North Fuller #3 Hollywood, CA 90046 Dear Pat: Thank you for your letter dated March 14, 1985. The materials you included with your letter were quite comprehensive and I appreciate the thoroughness. I have kept copies of most of the material you enclosed, but at least this way we know we will have a complete set. I also appreciate your assistance in securing a release form from Truit Blassingham. I will look forward to receiving that soon. I understand your feelings about serving on the regional literature committee. One alternative that I would suggest, Pat, is that you start an area literature committee in the Hollywood Area. Your committee could then send a representative to the regional literature committee meeting or communicate by telephone with one of the members of the regional literature committee just to keep the rest of us informed on what you are doing. I would be happy to help with this if that is your desire. There are a couple of things that I need to clear up with you, Pat. With regard to your request to include the item of the gay P.I. pamphlet on the agenda for the literature subcommittee meeting at the World Service Conference, you indicated that you may give a request "as an established member of the WSC Lit. Subcommittee." Pat, you have been an active contributor to the World Literature Committee over the last year, however, you are not an official member of this committee. The members of the World Literature Committee were appointed at the World Service Conference-1984, which was prior to the time that you became involved in the Committee. Also, you indicated that you felt it was appropriate to include this issue under the heading of next year's priority list. That may or not end up being the case. As I think I indicated to you in a previous letter, the priority list was derived through the responses of the members of the World Literature Committee. I sent them a lengthy list comprised of all of the proposals which had been submitted to the World Literature Committee at that time. The list included approximately 20 or more different items from which the members were instructed to choose ten for the priority list. The pamphlet to gay addicts was not selected at that time for inclusion on the World Literature Committee's priority list. As you know, I am submitting this list to the World Service

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March 21, 1985 (cont.)	Conference for approval. The Conference has the right to discuss each item on the list and make any amendments, additions or deletions they feel are appropriate. Therefore, we will wait for the action of the Conference before we make any further changes to our priority list. I understand that there is a certain amount of controversy and emotionality in addressing this whole question. I have faith though, that it will be resolved if we can honestly and truly seek the conscience of a Power greater than ourselves. I had a long conversation yesterday with a couple of members of the Board of Trustees and was told that the Trustees have been trying to prepare some type of article for the Newslines addressing gay meetings. The WCNA-15 committee has also sought guidance from the Trustees about the question of whether or not to hold gay meetings at the world Convention. I am not really sure how this question will be resolved, but I hope that gays and straights can come together in a unified Fellowship focusing on our primary purpose which is to recover from the disease of addiction and to help other addicts recover. I really hate to see any controversy in our Fellowship because it really distracts us from our primary purpose. If there <i>is</i> only one requirement for membership, as our Third Tradition states, then we have no right to provide conditional acceptance based on a person's sexual preference, color, appearance, etc. I pray for an end to the controversy and a common understanding for all. I appreciate your ongoing interest and support of the world Literature Committee, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Best wishes for your continued recovery and your efforts to share the message with still-suffering addicts. Yours in loving service Ginni S., Chairperson World Literature Committee GS/ldl"²⁰⁴
March 27, 1985	C. Patrick S., M.D. responds to a letter dated March 21, 1985 from Ginni S., WSC Literature Subcommittee. The letter includes a request to place on the agenda a "proposed PI Pamphlet <i>To the Gay Addict</i>." The letter outlines reasons why outreach is needed to the gay addict. "3-27-85

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March 27, 1985 (cont.)	1438 N. Fuller, #3 Hollywood, Ca 90046 Ginni S. WSC Literature Subcommittee 16155 Wyandotte St. Van Nuys, Ca 91406 Thank you so much for your rapid reply. As I have so clearly stated, to you and others, I have great respect for you for many things, only one of which is your efficiency and attention to detail, which yeilds (sic) your replies to my, often, too numerous letters. Once again, thank you. As usually happens. I would like to start off by acknowledging your accuracy. I am not an elected member (official) of World Literature Committee. This was a mistatement (sic) on my part, and I will try to be much more accurate in the future. I hope you will excuse this 'faux pas' on my part, for as has happened in the past, in letters to you, I am not familiar with the 'official' names and proceedures (sic) of World Literature Committee, but I am willing and interesting in being of service. I hope that you will bear with me on these superficial mistakes, for I believe that it alters, very little, the information and message that I have to carry. My suggestion of trying to place the topic of the proposed PI Pamphlet 'To the Gay Addict' on the adgenda (sic) was an approach to try to introduce this potentially volatile topic in a forum which would be much more suited to it's (sic) discussion, as opposed to the floor of the WSC. Discussion of this topic on the floor of the WSC would necessitate some very very messy parliamentary actions to eliminate George H.'s very onesidedness (sic) from affecting an open discussion of the topic. The real reason that I have approached you, on this topic, is that a discussion of the whole gay issue, would be very well served by doing it in committee, where feelings could be vented in a much more private forum, and where compromises could be struck. It is the nature of the format of a committee (sic) system, that work on any topic is first worked on in committee, to stream line the larger administrative body's actions.

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April 29 – May 3, 1985	The tenth World Service Conference is held. 1. Matters submitted by the WSB 2. Discussion and motions following WSC Literature Chairperson report 3. WSC Trustee Ad-Hoc Literature Committee report 4. WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee Report 5. Nominations for WSC Literature Committee 6. Items for consideration from the Administrative Committee 7. Elections Conducted 8. Old Business 9. WSC Literature Report 10. Translations 11. Written WSC Literature Committee Report <u>From “Matters submitted by the WSB”</u> “It was M/S/C Sally E. (WSB Chair)/Jack B. (Trustee), ‘that the Temporary Working Guide, page 27, section IX be amended by adding the following language after the word ‘Board’ in the second line. ‘except responsibility may be exercised by the Board of Trustees, when acting unanimously, the Board of Trustees may act to correct violation of Traditions if such is found in our printed literature. When taking this action, the Board of Trustees will immediately notify the Fellowship as a whole and will have the matter placed on the agenda of the next World Service Conference.’ The Vote: YES - 47 NO - 9 CARRIED

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Sally E. (WSB Chair)/ Jack B. (Trustee), 'that the pamphlet 'Am I An Addict' be removed, and sent back to the Literature Committee.' The Vote: DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: M/S/F Ginni S. (Lit. Chair) /Willie L. (RSR Upper Midwest), to read 'be removed from the category of approved literature and sent back to the Literature Committee.' The Vote: DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE <u>From "Discussion and motions following WSC Literature Chairperson report"</u> It was M/S/C Ginni S. (WSC Lit. Chair)/ Bobby B. (WSC Convention Chair), 'that the revised pamphlet 'Another Look' be approved.' The Vote: YES - 51 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS 6 CARRIED It was M/S/C Ginni S. (WSC Lit. Chair)/ Danette B. (RSR So. Calif.), 'that the pamphlet 'The Use of Medication in Recovery' be withdrawn from the category of Conference – approved literature.' The Vote: YES - 42 NO - 7 ABSTENTIONS - 10 CARRIED It was M/S/F Ginni S. (WSC Lit. Chair)/ Bobby B. (WSC Convention Chair), 'that the pamphlet 'A Guide to the 4th Step Inventory' be distributed by the World Service Office, after deletion of the words "homosexuality, animal sex, and abortion from para. V-C, p.5, and 'asshole, bitch, whore, bastard' from Para III, p.4.' The Vote: YES - 36 NO - 16 ABSTENTIONS - 6 DEFEATED FOR LACK OF 2/3 VOTE FROM ALL WSC VOTING PARTICIPANTS. SUBSTITUTE MOTION: M/S/F Willie L. (RSR Upper Mid-West)/ K. Bea (WSC Secretary), 'to add the word 'heterosexuality' to paragraph (sic) V-C, p.5 of the Guide to the Fourth Step Inventory, and return the pamphlet to distribution without any other changes. The Vote: FAILED BY VOICE VOTE AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR WAS MADE REGARDING 2/3 CALCULATION OF VOTE. The Vote: THE CHAIR'S DECISION WAS UPHOLD BY VOICE VOTE

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Ginni S. (WSC Lit. Chair)/ Sydney R. (Trustee), for establishing a work priority for the literature committee 'that the World Literature Committee devote its efforts in the upcoming year to the following projects: 1. Revised - A Guide to the 4th Step Inventory. 2. Revised - The Use of Medication in Recovery. 3. Just for Today (Daily Meditation Guide). 4. To the Medical Profession (pamphlet). 5. Revised - Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Lit. Comm. 6. Revised - Recovery & Relapse 7. Resource Guide for the Trusted Servant (Booklet). 8. The First Three Steps (booklet or pamphlet). 9. Revised - Am I An Addict? 10. Revised - The Group.' The Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S Joseph P. (RSR Volunteer Region)/ Jim G. (RSR Florida), 'to delete 'to narcotics and sedation' in the foreword of our White Book.' THE CHAIR RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER It was M/S Jeff B.(RSR Mid-coast)/ Bill A. (RSR Mid-Atlantic), 'to table this motion to be sent out to group conscience.' THE CHAIR RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER It was M/S Barry M. (RSR AL N.W. Florida)/ Auguste L. (RSR No. Nevada), 'to change standing rules : that 2/3 vote does not count abstentions.' THE CHAIR RULED THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER <u>From "WSC Trustee Ad-Hoc Literature Committee report"</u> "With the concurrence of the Conference the Chairperson took the WSC Trustee Ad-Hoc Literature Committee report as the next item of business. Sydney R., (Trustee) Chairperson of the WSC Ad-Hoc Committee read the Report. It was M/S/C Sydney R. (WSB)/ Danette B., (RSR So. California), 'that the Procedural Guidelines for the WSC Literature Committee' be approved and replace the Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of New Literature.' The Vote: YES 43 NO 12 ABSTENTIONS 4 MOTION CARRIED

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Jim G., (RSR Florida)/ Joseph P. (RSR Volunteer), ‘the preceeding (sic) motion regarding the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature Committee be tabled for one year for review and input.’ The Vote: MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE” <u>From “WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee Report”</u> “It was M/S by Robin H. (RSR Tri State Region)/ Kim J., (WSC P.I. Chairperson) ‘that the H&I I.P. <u>Hospitals Institutions and You</u> be regarded as N.A. literature, and follow the procedural guidelines for the creation and development of new literature.’ The Vote: COMMITTED TO POLICY COMMITTEE BY VOICE VOTE AFTER BEING AMENDED. AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: M/S/C by Ginni s. (WSC Literature Committee)/Suzanne S. (RSR New Jersey), ‘to strike words 'creation and development of new literature' and add words world literature committee.’ The Vote: YES - 52 NO - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 2 CARRIED It was M/S/C Bo S. (WSB)/Dan W. (RSR W. Virginia), ‘to commit this issue to the WSC Policy Committee until Friday a.m.’ The Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE” <u>From “Nominations for WSC Literature Committee”</u> “NOMINATIONS FOR WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON James D. nominated by Ginni s. (Lit. Chair)/Sydney R. (WSB)—DECLINED Olga D. nominated by Ginni s. (Lit. Chair)/Sydney R. (WSB) Maggie O’c. nominated by Sally E. (WSB)/John F. (WSB) NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED NOMINATIONS FOR WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON Bert T. nominated by Ginni S. (Lit. Chair)/ Sydney R. (WSB) Matt M. nominated by Ginni S. (Lit. Chair)/Sydney R. (WSB) Suzanne S. nominated by Ginni s. (Lit. Chair) /Sydney R. (WSB) Maggie O’C. nominated by Chuck L. (RSR Arizona)/Bobby B. (Conv. Chair)

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	Robin H. nominated by Danny W. (RSR Mountaineer)/Bo S. (WSB) NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED LITERATURE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS James D. - DECLINED Ginni S. Susie S. Denny S. It was M/S/C Ginni S. (Lit. Chair)/Sydney R. (WSB), 'to have Conference affirm (the above) existing members of the Literature Review Committee.' CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS Charles B., Carolinas Charles D., New Jersey Daniel K., Mid-Coast Patricia B., Carolina Barry M., Al/NW Florida Michael L., No. Cal. Terry D., Louisiana (sic) Lee M., So. Nev Willie L., Upper Mid-West Amber B., New Mexico Suzanne S., New Jersey Linda M., Show Me Olga D., San Diego Robin B. (sic), Tri-State NOMINATIONS CLOSED <u>From "Items for consideration from the Administrative Committee"</u> "It was M/S/C Chuck G. (WSO)/Chuck L. (RSR Arizona), 'to approve addendum #2 of WSO proposals page 151 of Fellowship Report.' (Addendum (sic) #2 pertained to the translation schedule for literature)' Vote: YES - 54 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0 CARRIED

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Mike C. (RSR Michigan)/Jeff B. (RSR Mid-Coast), 'that WSO decline selling N.A. Literature to outside brokers (i.e. Hazelden, Compcare) unless said literature is described and advertised in a manner keeping with the general philosophy of the N.A. Fellowship.' The Vote: DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/C Vern P. (RSR Show Me)/Barbara J. (RSR Mid-America), 'to have bound into the Basic Text an order blank offering materials available through WSO, including the Basic Text and other materials deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.' The Vote: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Jim W. (RSR No. Cal.)/Chuck G. (WSO), The WSC advises WSO to adopt the policy that unapproved Review Form and Approval Form N.A. literature be subject to the same policy as WSC approved literature in that it should not be copied or printed except by WSO.' The Vote: DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE AFTER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED. AMENDMENT TO TBE MOTION: M/S/C Bert T. (RSR Quebec)/Ginni S. (Lit. Chair), 'delete the words, The WSC advises WSO to adopt the policy.' The Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S Danette B. (RSR So. Cal.)/Ginni S. {Lit. Chair}, 'to take from the table the motion introduced by Tully A. at WSC-84 as follows: 'to change any and all N.A.-approved literature where it has recovered to recovering.' MOTION WITHDRAWN BY CONSENT OF CONFERENCE." <u>From "Elections Conducted"</u> "Maggie O'C. was elected WSC 1985-86 Literature Comm. Chairperson. Suzanne S. was elected WSC 1985-86 Literature Comm. Vice Chairperson. Elections for WSC Literature Committee. The following five (5) nominees were elected: Michael L., Charles B., Terry D., Amber B. and Olga D.."

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	<u>From "Old Business"</u> It was M/S Anthony D. (RSR NYC)/Ross c. (RSR Carolinas), 'all RSC's be given a 25% discount on literature purchases. No discount will be given to any other service arm already represented by an RSC.' The Vote: MOTION WITHDRAWN BY CONSENT OF THE CONFERENCE." <u>From "WSC Literature Report"</u> "The WSC 1985-86 Literature Committee Chairperson Maggie O'C. gave a report. It was M/S Ginni S. (Lit Chair)/Maggie O. (RSR Greater Philadelphia) 'that the Fellowship study the recommendation to make the following changes in the N.A. White Booklet to be decided at WSC-86: Change sobriety to recovery (throughout the text). After lack of religion p.2 para 1, add gender or sexual orientation. Delete 'It would appear that we are people with addictive personalities who are strongly susceptible (sic) to alcoholic addiction.' on p. 5 para 3 delete 'to Narcotics and sedation' (foreword). It was M/S/C Vern P. (RSR Show-Me) 'to refer the above motion to WSB.' The Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/C Ginni S. (WSC Lit Chair)/Maggie O. (RSR Greater Philadelphia), 'to take from the table the motion introduced by Tully A. at WSC-B4 as follows: To change any and all N.A. approved literature where it has recovered to recovering in future printings.' The motion to take from the table was carried by a voice vote. Action on the motion was: The Vote: YES - 52 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0 CARRIED It was M/S/C Ginni S. (WSC Lit. Chair)/Maggie O. (RSR Greater Philadelphia), 'that the WSO be instructed to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular/plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the literature review committee for acceptance and approval prior to printing and distribution.' The Vote: YES - 47 NO - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 3 CARRIED"

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	<u>Regarding “Translations”</u> “It was M/S Jim G. (RSR Florida)/Randy J. (RSR Chesapeake/Potomac), ‘that the translation policy of approved literature to foreign languages be 1) work initiated by either WSO or interested N.A. members through the WSO. 2) A certified translator be selected by samples of their work and certification. 3) The initiated work will be given to the translator by the WSO. 4) Translator would be returned to the WSO. 5) Translator would return work to the WSO who in turn would send this work to interested members. 6) These members will be given a specific (sic) length of time for review and input. 7) The reviewed work would be returned to the WSO the WSO would return work to the translator for final work.’ <u>From “Written WSC Literature Committee Report”</u> “We met this morning and conducted a planning session as well as deliberations on additional input we had received. The additional six registered members who were selected by drawing to serve on the committee are as follows: Lois S. - Iowa Steve S. - Colorado Karen Mc. - Baltimore John A. - California Eddie A. - Alabama Lionel G. - New England RSR's please provide us with the address and telephone numbers of these people before you leave the Conference. We need to get in touch with them as soon as possible. We will also keep the other names as a pool to be drawn from if members of the committee resign during the year. I will provide a general description of the input we discussed and then we have three motions to introduce. Bert informed us that the membership in Quebec has written some new literature. We discussed whether we should ask to have the rules suspended in order to send it out for approval right now. It was the unanimous decision of the Literature Committee that this literature needs to go through the regular

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	review process (sic) for new literature. The committee will review the literature in English and then send it out to the Fellowship in both French and English for the nine month review period. We discussed the question raised about Chapter Ten of the Basic Text containing a quote from 'The Use of Medication in Recovery.' The Fellowship approved the Basic Text before the problem of the pamphlet arose. It is then pamphlet that quotes the Basic Text (sic) Therefore the committee felt that we should not propose changes to this material in the Basic Text. The White Book. Two views were expressed in input. 1. Refer to Trustees and let them make recommendations to bring it more in line with N.A. terminology. 2. Make specific changes now: change 'sobriety' to 'recovery' (throughout text) pg. 10 - after 'lack of religion' add 'gender or sexual orientation' pg. 2 para. 1 -change 'and alcohol' to 'including alcohol' -delete 'it would appear that we are people with addictive personalities who are strongly susceptible to alcoholic addiction' pg. 5 para. 3 -delete 'to narcotics and sedation' (foreward) General concensus (sic): We will move that the specific changes be sent out to the Fellowship for a year and we will also refer the question to the WSB for their input recommending to them that <u>it not</u> be withdrawn during this process. Q. Recommend that WLC form a special subcommittee on foreign literature. A. We felt this was more a responsibility of the WSO. We feel the committee is functioning fine the way it is now. We will work in conjunction with both the WSO and regional literature committees in non-English speaking countries. <u>The Group</u> Q. Recommended specific changes 'sobriety' to 'cleanliness' or recovery' A. we will take this as input for the revision since it's on one list to be revised.

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April 29 – May 3, 1985 (cont.)	<u>WSO Order Form</u> Q. Bottom says 6 1/2 percent tax for California residents uses CA abbreviations. Canadian residents think it means CANADA. A. We recommend the WSO uses a longer abbreviation such as "Cal" or "Calif." We were requested to move that the existing Fourth Step Guide be returned to distribution (sic) while it is being revised. The committee felt that since this motion had already been brought forward and defeated at this conference there was no need to bring it up again. We received input suggesting that all H&I literature contain the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Steps. We felt that this was input that should be referred to the H&I committee. We received recommendations on specific changes to the pamphlet 'Recovery and Relapse.' We will consider this as input for our revisions of the pamphlet. This revision is on our list of priorities for 85-86. We would like to introduce the following motions: To change any and all N.A. approved literature where it has 'recovered' to 'recovering' in future (sic) printings. That the WSO be instructed to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistency and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular/plural endings and other grammatical errors; and that the edited text be returned to the Literature Review Committee for acceptance and approval prior to distribution. The committee has a lot of work to do this year, but we feel we have an excellent committee and we look forward to a productive year. Maggie O., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee"²⁰⁶
May 3, 1985	"On May 3, 1985, the WSC approved a motion 'that the WSO be instructed to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular /plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the literature review

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May 1985	The May 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 3) includes information on: 1. The WSC decision to have the Basic Text professionally edited in the section “Basic Text”

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May 1985 (cont.)	2. Discoveries during proofreading of the Third Edition of the Basic Text in the section "From the Trustees" <u>From "Basic Text"</u> "The Conference has instructed the World Service Office, 'to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular/plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the Literature Review Committee for acceptance and approval prior to printing and distribution.' In order to accomplish this, the World Service Office would like to receive information from members of the Fellowship who believe they have the skills, talent, and background necessary to accomplish this task. Every effort will be made to use a member of Narcotics Anonymous for this work. The World Service Office will not print an edited version unless the Literature Review Committee and the Board of Trustees have reviewed and concurred with the changes made. The Office recognizes the Basic Text is the fundamental publication of our Fellowship, and if there is any reservation or conflict on this issue, the office will withhold publication until the matter is fully and satisfactorily resolved. Individuals interested in performing this service should send a resume of their personal literary experience, examples of their work, and a short biography to the World Service Office, attn: Office Manager. Selection of the individual to do this work will be made during the summer months and involve the Literature Subcommittee Chairperson, members of the Board of Trustees, and the World Service Office." <u>From "The Trustees"</u> "On an issue that is currently evolving, errors in grammar, use of tense, a suspected tradition violation and offensive language was discovered in three stories while proofreading was being done for publication of the Third Edition of The Book. The Literature Committee requested a determination and recommendation from the Board of Trustees on each problem. The Board by unanimous vote recommended the Literature Committee make the appropriate grammar (sic) and punctuation changes and that the suspected tradition

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June 1985	The June 1985 <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Use of the draft of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> in the section "Special Notice About Using the Draft of It Works: How and Why" 2. Expected availability of revised service manuals in the section "Revisions to Existing Publications" 3. Search for an editor for the Basic Text in the section "Basic Text" <u>From "Special Notice About Using The Draft of It Works: How and Why"</u> "There has been considerable confusion concerning the use of the draft of It Works: How and Why. Although the trustees have received several requests to review this issue in light of the pervasive use of it at meetings, the matter is relatively simple. It is not approved literature and should not be used at regular N.A. recovery meetings. It is acknowledged that the Fellowship has felt a keen need for a book on Steps and Traditions that can be used in each member's personal life for guidance and study. It was expected that this book would accomplish that need. HOW EVER SINCE IT IS NOT APPROVED LITERATURE IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS THOUGH IT WERE APPROVED LITERATURE. Until it is approved, it should only be used by members for their review as part of the Literature Review

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June 1985 (cont.)	Process. Members are encouraged to study it and make notes concerning its strengths and weaknesses. These notes, ideas and suggestions should be sent to the World Literature Committee for their consideration and use. If several members want to work on developing input as an informal group, that can be encouraged, but this should not take place at an N.A. meeting. Input is needed on this publication. Unfortunately relatively little has been received, although it is known that a great many people have studied this draft." <u>From "Revisions to Existing Publications"</u> "The WSO is in the process of having printed each of the major service publications that were changed at the April/May meeting of the World Service Conference. Each of them had to be carefully retyped in the computer, printed, edited, proofread and then sent to the printers. These publications will all be available for purchase near the end of July. Orders for these items will be held until the revised printing is available: <u>Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure</u>, <u>Treasurers Handbook</u>, <u>Public Information Kit</u> (enlarged to include certain draft materials), <u>Hospitals and Institutions Handbook</u>, and the <u>Convention Handbook</u>. Prices for these items are reflected on the revised standard order form." <u>From "Basic Text"</u> "In response to the announcement in the last <u>Newsline</u> that WSO was looking (under instruction from WSC) to identify a person to contract with in the editing of the Basic Text, we have received fifteen responses. Many of the inquiries are from what seem to be appropriately qualified persons. All of the letters and information received will be sent to the WSC Literature Committee for their consideration and recommendation. Their recommendation will be considered by the WSO Board of Directors at a future meeting. Because no decision has yet been reached, there is still time for those interested to send in their letters and copies of their work if there are more people interested in this work. ²¹⁰
July 1985	The July 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 5) includes information on: 1. The London Regional Literature Committee in the section "The London Experience" by Mary B. 2. "Notice from the Literature Committee"

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July 1985 (cont.)	<u>From "The London Experience"</u> "Later that same day we attended the London Regional Literature Committee. This committee is responsible for the distribution of literature to the English Fellowship, and desired to be a part of the development of literature for the N.A. members. We shared ideas on how to get literature out to the groups and listened to their problems with delivery and customs costs. We then went through the reports from the WSC Literature Committee and discussed how literature is developed using the resources of the members and groups. We encouraged workshops and input on review material and works in progress. There was interest in developing literature that spoke directly to the Fellowship in the United Kingdom and having it processed through the WSC Literature Committee, which indicated to us that they truly are a part of World Services. This committee showed a great deal of dedication, and were eager for all the input we could give them. We shared our limited knowledge, and encouraged regular communication with the WSC Literature Committee." <u>From "Notice from the Literature Committee"</u> "UPDATE ON REVIEW-FORM LITERATURE: The World Literature Committee needs input from the Fellowship on those draft materials which are out for review and input. We want to remind everyone that the nine-month review period is almost over. The following pieces of new literature were distributed to the Fellowship at the beginning of this year for review and input: 1. <i>In Times of Illness</i>-(Previously titled "<i>Use of Medication in Recovery</i>") 2. <i>The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation</i>-LP. 21 3. <i>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</i>-LP. 22 It is important that you send us your input on the review drafts as soon as possible. Please remember that the review draft of <i>It Works</i> is not Conference-approved literature. For this reason, it should not be read at N.A. meetings. It should be reviewed individually by N.A. members or at special meetings held specifically for the purpose of reviewing unapproved literature. It is possible that unapproved literature which is out for review or approval may contain tradition violations or material that is erroneous or offensive to some members of the Fellowship. Although the World Literature Committee tries to anticipate such problems before a piece of literature is released for the review stage, we are

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July 1985	The July 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Vice-Chairperson, WSC Administrative Committee 2. Report from Maggie O’C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee

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July 1985 (cont.)	<u>From "Leah G., Vice-Chairperson, WSC Administrative Committee"</u> "...We still have two incomplete projects from last year that need our attention. It only makes sense to complete what we've already started before we go off in other directions and zoom in on what excites us rather than finish the work at hand. The Steps and Traditions Book is one work-in-progress that is out to you for review and input..." <u>From "Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> "To the Fellowship: This year the WSC Literature Subcommittee has a great deal of work to do. However, several actions taken by WSC-85 have clarified for the World Literature Subcommittee what we will be doing this year and how we should go about it. The 85-86 Literature Subcommittee had a very productive session when we met for the first time on the last day of the Conference. We have a great committee this year and I hope that it will be a very productive year for us. At WSC-85 RSR's nominated N.A. members from their regions who were qualified to serve on the World Literature Committee. Five new registered members were elected by the conference and six new registered members were selected by drawing. The names of persons nominated by their RSR's, but not selected, will be kept on hand by the World Literature Committee. If new members are needed during the course of the year they will be drawn from these names. The Conference passed the Procedural Guidelines for the World Literature Committee which were prepared by the Ad-Hoc Committee and published in the February 1985 Fellowship Report. These guidelines will be a tremendous aid to us in our work as a committee. They will help ensure the production of N .A. literature which is not only of the highest quality but which also truly reflects the spirit of Narcotics Anonymous so that our new literature can more effectively carry our message of recovery. The ten projects that the World Literature Subcommittee had proposed as priorities for the coming year were approved by the Conference. This clarifies our goals for the year. The World Literature Subcommittee depends on your input in order to generate new literature that is truly reflective of the needs and

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July 1985 (cont.)	experiences of the Fellowship as a whole. We ask you to please send us your written input to help us in our work. Other input discussed at our first Literature Subcommittee meeting had to do with the White Book and the Basic Text. Since changes to the White Book have been discussed at so many previous conferences, the Literature Subcommittee moved to send some suggested changes back to the Fellowship for group conscience. However, the Conference voted to refer this motion to the Board of Trustees. A motion to have the Basic Text professionally edited to remove grammatical errors was approved by the Conference. This was reported on page 2 of the May 1985 <u>Newsline</u>. As this <u>Newsline</u> article indicated, the search for someone to do this editing will concentrate on members of the Fellowship. Keep this in mind if you have the qualifications to do this kind of work or if you know someone who does. Earlier this year a professional writer was hired to assist the World Literature Committee in writing the final draft of It Works: How and Why using our review draft and other input from the Fellowship. Since the writer is already working on this project, it is important to send in input on the review draft as soon as possible. It is suggested that a s-you have input ready on each of the step; that you send that input in right a-way instead of waiting until you have reviewed the entire book. The Literature Review Committee will be meeting in Kansas City the third weekend in July and will be reviewing preliminary drafts of several works in progress. These drafts will then be further evaluated and workshopped by the World Literature Committee at subsequent meetings. As you can see, we have a great deal of work to do in the upcoming year, and are grateful to all of you for your interest, suggestions and support. The WSC Literature Subcommittee is looking forward to a great year of service to the Fellowship. It is an honor to have this opportunity to serve the Literature Subcommittee as Chairperson and it is great working with such a cooperative and productive committee. Yours in loving service, Maggie O'C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee"²¹²

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September 1985	The September 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report on the Activities of the Board of Trustees by Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB 2. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee <u>From Activities of the Board of Trustees by Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB</u> "The Board Committees have worked in special areas of concern to the Fellowship. Those committees are: Revision of the White Book, Use of the N.A. Logo, Nar-Anon, travel and lodging, Tee Shirts. Each committee has held one or more meetings and progress is being made in each area." <u>From "Maggie O'C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> "Since our last report to the Fellowship, a great deal of constructive work has been done. Many N.A. members and regional literature committees have been busily writing input and working in conjunction with the World Literature Committee on this -year's ten new projects. A substantial amount of input has been received on the review-form literature. In addition, preliminary drafts have already been completed on four of the ten new items. We are astounded by the incredible enthusiasm, willingness and dedication which has been demonstrated in the past months. The N.A. Fellowship has been very supportive of the World Literature Committee and for this we are grateful. The Literature Review Committee (LRC) held a meeting in Kansas City in July, at the mini-Conference, along with all of the other WSC subcommittees. A lot of positive work was accomplished at this meeting. We not only evaluated and worked on the four preliminary drafts received, but also accomplished a great deal with respect to communicating with one another. I personally learned a lot from the workshop and am very grateful for the support and input that was given by all those who attended. In this Fellowship Report, I want to let you all know what we achieved at our Kansas City meeting and address some of the questions that came up during the workshop. During the Saturday morning session, we had an informal question and answer period. This turned out to be an extremely productive and informative session for all involved. I plan to set aside a time during the next

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September 1985 (cont.)	subcommittee workshop for another open question and answer session on literature. I do realize also that not everyone in the Fellowship is able to attend these subcommittee workshops. Therefore, I strongly encourage all area and regional literature committees to write to the World Literature Committee in care of the WSO anytime that you have questions, comments, or problems involving N.A. literature. It is the responsibility of the World Literature Committee to serve the Fellowship as a whole. We cannot properly do this without support and input from all areas and regions in the Fellowship. At our Kansas City workshop, the Literature Review Committee evaluated four new drafts. These were: 1. <u>Am I An Addict?</u> (Revised) 2. <u>In Times of Illness</u> (Revised Use of Medication in Recovery) 3. <u>Working the Fourth Step in N.A.</u> (Revised) 4. <u>Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees</u> (Revised) Some changes were made to the preliminary drafts based on input from the Literature Review Committee members, input from others present at the workshop, and written input from members of the Fellowship not present. These drafts will now go to <i>the</i> remaining members of the World Literature Committee for further evaluation. They will be discussed and refined further at the next workshop. After the entire World Literature Committee (including the LRC and registered members) is satisfied with the drafts, they will be sent out to regional and area literature committees for review and input. This process will continue for approximately nine months. At the end of the review and input stage, the drafts will again go to the World Literature Committee for evaluation and editing based on the input received. The result of this entire process will be final approval drafts of these four pamphlets which will be sent out to the entire Fellowship for a one-year approval period. At the World Service Conference following the one-year approval period, the Fellowship will vote through their RSR's on whether or not these final drafts will become N.A. Conference approved literature. <u>Update on Review-Form Literature:</u> The World Literature Committee also needs input from area and regional literature committees on those draft materials which are out to the Fellowship

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September 1985 (cont.)	for review and input. We want to remind everyone that the nine-month review period is almost over. The following pieces of new literature were distributed to the Fellowship at the beginning of this year for review and input: 1. <u>It Works: How and Why</u> (Step/Tradition Book) 2. <u>'The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation</u> - I.P. 21 3. <u>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</u> - LP. 22 It is important that you send us your input on the review drafts as soon as possible. All input must be submitted to the World Literature Committee no later than October 11th for consideration. Any input received after that date cannot be considered. Work on these projects is progressing well. All input in the form of comments and suggestions on how these draft materials may be improved will be discussed by the Committee and considered in the preparation of approval-form drafts. The approval drafts will be distributed to the Fellowship in early 1986 for a one-year approval period. If you are reviewing <u>It Works</u> you should now be looking at the last four steps and the traditions. As soon as you review a chapter in <u>It Works</u>, send us your input on that chapter right away. Do not wait until you have reviewed the entire book to send in your input. All input on <u>It Works</u> should be sent to the World Literature Committee in care of the WSO by October 11, 1985. Please remember that the review draft of <u>It Works</u> is not Conference-approved literature. For this reason, it should not be read at N.A. meetings. It should be reviewed individually by N.A. members or at special meetings held specifically for the purpose of reviewing unapproved literature. It is possible that unapproved literature which is out for review or approval may contain tradition violations or material that is erroneous or offensive to some members of the Fellowship. Although the World Literature Committee tries to anticipate such problems before a piece of literature is released for the review stage, we are human and cannot always see potential problems that might arise over material contained in new literature. It is only through the somewhat lengthy process of review and approval outlined in the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature that we can attempt to detect and improve on material that is inadequate. For the good of N.A. as a whole, it is imperative that we use only N.A. Conference-approved literature at our meetings. This should not present a problem since we

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September 1985 (cont.)	are fortunate at this time to have so much other N.A. Conference-approved literature which contains some excellent material on recovery. To keep you up-to-date on the progress of our step/tradition book <u>It Works: How and Why</u>, recent work has concentrated on the first half of the book (the Twelve Steps portion). By mutual agreement, the contractual arrangement with the professional writer has been discontinued. As of the time the agreement was discontinued, after work had been completed on the draft of the Twelve Steps. It was with some reluctance that the World Literature Committee consented to have the WSO end the contract. We feel that the effort has produced a high quality draft which is a major improvement over the review-form manuscript. The circumstances which led to the discontinuance were unforeseen and perhaps unavoidable. Although the contract was originally signed between the World Service Office and one individual, there was a spouse indirectly involved. Both members of this family are experienced and talented professional writers with eight different well-read books to their separate credits. As a family unit~ they did not financially need this contract, and agreed to perform this service for us as much for their commitment to service as for the fee. Although they are not elderly, they are not in the flower of their youth either. Unfortunately, both have suffered some physical decline during the past year. In their recognition of the importance of the work and also their physical wellbeing, they offered to have the agreement terminated after completion of their work on the Twelve Steps. Their suggestion was offered with reluctance because they have been strongly drawn to the work not only from a desire to carry the message of recovery to suffering addicts but also because working on this project with the Literature Committee has greatly enriched their own lives. The work they have done is of excellent quality and the Fellowship will greatly value their efforts when the book is finally complete. Having a professional writer provide assistance to the World Literature Committee has been a valuable and positive learning experience for all of us. We have learned a great deal about how to make the best use of professionals. We also learned how to have committees interrelate with professional writers from both within and outside the Fellowship. We feel that some important insights were gained concerning our methods for reviewing and evaluating draft materials which will most likely impact on our procedures in the future.

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September 1985 (cont.)	Of course, it would have been best to have the same professional writer continue work on the Twelve Traditions portion of the book. Unfortunately, this just isn't feasible. As it is, we have the Twelve Steps portion of the book written in a practical, well-organized and constructed style. Much of the input received from N.A. members and committees has already been implemented. Portions of the review draft were rewritten for clarity and expansion. Some sections remained virtually unchanged. A lot of input in the form of personal shared experiences has been included. Of course, we are still receiving more input on a daily basis, and more work needs to be done. After the Literature Review Committee has completed their work on the draft, the manuscript will be evaluated by the remaining members of the Committee and professionally edited. But we do feel confident that the work is progressing extremely well and we hope to distribute the first half of the book for approval in the spring of 1986. We will then continue work on the Twelve Traditions and distribute that half of the book for approval at a later date. The remaining six projects on the Literature Committee's priority list are still in earlier stages of development. These are: 1. Just for Today (daily meditation guide) 2. To the Medical Profession or To Our Doctors 3. Revised-Recovery and Relapse 4. Resource Guide for the Trusted Servant 5. The First Three Steps (booklet or pamphlet) 6. Revised-The Group With each of these projects, the job of producing a first draft was assigned to a regional literature committee who was willing to do the work. However, just because the task of organizing input and producing a first -draft has been assigned to certain regional literature committees, this does not mean that your help is no longer needed. All area and regional literature committees are encouraged to produce input on these six projects. We especially need material for the daily meditation guide. Your input might include original written material or simply ideas and concepts you would like to see included in the publication. It is important to remember several things when submitting original written material for possible inclusion in N.A. literature. Always send your material to

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October 1985	The October 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 6) contains information on: 1. Errors in the previous issue of the <i>Newsline</i> about the review period for <i>It Works: How and Why</i> and the review status of <i>In Times of Illness</i> (in the section "News from the World Literature Committee") <u>From "News from the World Literature Committee"</u> "Error in Last Notice" We are sorry that an error appeared in the Notice from the Literature Committee in the October <i>Newsline</i> (Vol. 2, No. 5) (Note – Clarification is needed. The issues of the <i>Newsline</i> do not contain a month, only the volume and number. The file name of the PDF of this issue, Volume 2, Number 6, lists it as October. The file name of the PDF of the issue that is Volume 2, Number 5 lists it as July. In <i>My Years with NA</i>, Bob Stone references an article written by Ron and presented to the Board of Trustees. Bob writes that the Board of Trustees reviewed <i>Some Thoughts on our Relationship to A.A.</i> in October and "liked his essay so well they adopted it without modification, and submitted it for publication in the <i>Newsline</i>. It appeared in Volume 2, Number 6.). It stated that the nine-month review period was almost over. At the time this notice was written, that information was true. However, by the time the <i>Newsline</i> went to print, the deadline had come and gone. Therefore, we want everyone to know that the review period for 1985 is over. We are no longer accepting input on any review-form literature except the second half of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (the Twelve Traditions portion). All of the input that was received from the Fellowship was discussed and considered at our October meeting in Philadelphia in the preparation of approval-form drafts. We have completed work on the following approval drafts which we expect to have ready for distribution at WSC '86: It Works: How and Why Part I (Twelve Steps) The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous We also want to clarify the status of the pamphlet <i>In Times of Illness</i>. The October <i>Newsline</i> (See notes above about need for clarity on the month) stated that this pamphlet had been sent out for review in 1985. This was also erroneous, and for that we apologize. This new pamphlet, which is a rewrite of an old pamphlet

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November 1985	The November 1985 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G. Vice Chairperson WSC 2. Report from Maggie O’C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB <u>From “Report from Leah G. Vice Chairperson WSC”</u> “...Since the last report I have attended the second quarterly meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 18th, 19th and 20th. I’ve also been involved with an Ad-hoc Committee for our draft ‘It Works: How and Why’, and also attended a Board of Trustee meeting on November 9 and 10, 1985...”

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November 1985 (cont.)	“...Despite this conflict in time, the Literature Committee will meet one more time on December 4-8, 1985 at the W.S.O. to complete the work they have yet to do...” <u>From “Maggie O’C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee”</u> “Since the last Fellowship Report, much progress has been made in literature development. The World Literature Committee had a very successful and productive meeting at the second quarterly WSC Subcommittee Workshop in Philadelphia on October 18th. At that meeting work was done on four pamphlets. Work is also progressing well on our book on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. This report will give you information about what was done at our October meeting; what literature we plan to release to the Fellowship in the coming months; progress made on our book; and progress on other projects being developed. At our meeting in Philadelphia, the World Literature Committee reviewed and finalized two drafts that we plan to release for the nine-month review period in January 1986. These are the <i>Revised-Am I an Addict?</i> and <i>Working the Fourth Step in N.A.</i>, a revised Fourth Step guide. These drafts were initially developed by regional literature committees. Then they went to the Literature Review Committee and to the full World Literature Committee for evaluation, further development, and editing. At the meeting in Philadelphia the World Literature Committee also prepared two approval drafts. One of these was the <i>Revised-Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees</i>. Because this is non-recovery literature, it will go directly out to the Fellowship for approval at WSC '86, rather than first going through a review stage. The other approval draft prepared was the pamphlet <i>Welcome to N.A.</i> This pamphlet and the pamphlet <i>The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation</i> were released to the Fellowship for the review stage in January of 1985. Work is still being done to prepare the approval draft of <i>The Loner</i>. Please remember that the review period for these two pamphlets ended on October 11, 1985, and we can no longer accept input on these drafts. According to the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature, review-form literature will no longer be sold by the World Service Office. Instead, it will be mailed out to all regional, area, and local literature committees throughout the

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November 1985 (cont.)	the pamphlet <i>In Times of Illness</i>, which is a revision of <i>The Use of Medication in Recovery</i>. We are asking that recovering N.A. members submit their personal experiences with physical or mental illness or injury during recovery when medication was necessary. These personal experiences should concentrate on what action you took to strengthen your recovery, how you applied the principles of the program and your relationship with your Higher Power in order to stay clean during your illness. Another literature project for which we still need input is the N.A. Daily Meditation Guide, <i>Just For Today</i>. Input for this book should consist of short meditations of about 100 words each on a specific topic. If you want more information on the two projects mentioned above you can write to the World Literature Committee in care of the World Service Office. We appreciate and depend on your input in developing new literature for the Fellowship. One of the best ways we can carry the message of N.A. recovery is through our literature. The World Literature Committee is very grateful for your support and for the opportunity given us to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous." <u>From "Jack B., Chairperson of the WSB"</u> "The Trustees have had two meetings since our last report. In each meeting we addressed responses to written communications from the Fellowship, Reports by Trustee subcommittees and lengthy discussions concerning issues to be faced by the Fellowship. Of particular concern are problems related to open and closed meetings, the White Book revisions, the use of the N.A. logo and P.I. activities."²¹⁵
December 1985	The December 1985 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 2, Number 7) includes information on: 1. Translation of the White Booklet, <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, and some informational pamphlets into French, German, and Spanish in the section "Translation of N.A. Literature" 2. Unapproved literature in the section "Unapproved Literature" <u>From "Translation of N.A. Literature"</u> "An effort has been underway for some time now to translate N.A. Conference-approved literature into foreign languages. At this time the World Service Office

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December 1985 (cont.)	has accomplished the translation of the White Booklet, <i>Group Starter Kit</i> and informational pamphlets into German French Italian and Spanish. The process that has been used begins with the initial translations being done by a professional translator. The material is then sent to N.A. members in the appropriate country or language area for review. The members have responded with comments about the appropriateness of the translation, including information about colloquial or idiomatic expressions. When necessary, revisions have been made with the professional translator. The Office has then proceeded with typesetting and printing the translated materials for general sales and distribution. Although this process has been effective it has not been without some problems. Most of the problems have surrounded the translation of the literature into languages which are spoken in more than one country. For example, Spanish is spoken in Spain, Mexico, Cuba and the various countries in South America, French is spoken in both France and parts of Canada. To the best of our understanding, some discrepancies and disagreement about certain language structures are inevitable when a given language is spoken in more than one country. Another problem that has emerged is the translation of the name 'Narcotics Anonymous.' The translators who worked in each language systematically tried to translate the name along with the title of each piece and the particular text. In some cases, this has ended up with some rather strange results. The fact that the first word of our Fellowship's name is 'narcotics' rather than a word describing our members such as 'drug addicts,' or 'addicts,' brings about some misunderstandings especially in view of the fact that the N.A. communities are so new in many countries. This dilemma was also discussed by the WSC International Committee (IC) during their recent meeting in Philadelphia. The IC will present a more complete discussion of this issue in the Fellowship Report scheduled for around the first of February. The WSO has responded to these matters by requesting input from bilingual N.A. members and by engaging the services of a well-known international professional translation service. We received some very detailed notes from the N.A. membership in Germany which delineated some of the problems found in

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December 1985 (cont.)	Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship in which the personal recovery of countless addicts really does depend on N.A. unity.” <u>From “Unapproved Literature”</u> “All of us in the N.A. Fellowship need to constantly remember to use unapproved literature only in appropriate ways. Unapproved literature means those pamphlets and booklets which are printed on white paper and say <i>World Literature Committee Unapproved Literature</i> on the front. You may see them at your regular N.A. meetings, your area service committee or local literature committee meeting. These are new pieces of literature that are being developed and they are not yet ready for general distribution and use. We should all know that unapproved literature is not to be used in N.A. meetings. However, it is also important to remember that it should not be distributed outside the N.A. Fellowship. Unapproved literature should never be sold or brought in to hospitals and institutions. Although most review or approval drafts are quite good there is always the possibility that they might contain some Tradition violations or erroneous material that could distort the N.A. message. Until a piece of literature becomes N.A. Conference approved, it does not speak for the N.A. Fellowship. If unapproved literature goes to hospitals and institutions, it will be taken as representative of the N.A. message by persons who are not members of our Fellowship. If hospitals and institutions request unapproved literature. regional offices and area or regional literature committees should explain to them that we only distribute and sell unapproved literature within the Fellowship for review purposes. We could then help those institutions select the literature they need from what is already Conference-approved. At this time Narcotics Anonymous has a great deal of excellent N.A. Conference-approved literature which can carry our message of recovery to suffering addicts in hospitals and institutions.”²¹⁶

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January 1986	The January 1986 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Maggie O'C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 2. Report from Mary B., Chairperson International Committee <u>From "Maggie O'C., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee"</u> "The World Literature Committee has had a very good year. We had three very productive meetings during the year. At those meetings we made a lot of progress on the projects which were set as priorities for us at the World Service Conference last April. In early 1986 the World Literature Committee will be sending out three new drafts for review and four drafts for approval. Work is continuing on the seven remaining projects set as priorities in addition to the Traditions section of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. While working together during this past year the Committee has learned a lot about applying our new Procedural Guidelines for World Literature and the benefits that those Guidelines offer us. The World Literature Committee seemed to work together better and be more productive every time that we met this year. Our most recent meeting in December was a great experience for all of us who were involved. The World Literature Committee met in Van Nuys from December 4th through 7th. It was a very joyful and productive meeting for the Committee. We spent most of the four days reviewing and finalizing the approval draft of the Steps portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. The Committee was extremely happy with the resulting draft. All material for this draft was contributed by members of the Fellowship who shared their experiences in writing for the review draft and also in taped interviews. This material was then pulled together into a beautiful and well constructed draft by the professional author who was hired to work with us. After the author was finished the draft was reviewed and revised by an ad hoc committee made up of the Literature Review Committee, several members of the Board of Trustees and several members of the WSO Board of Directors. Finally, in our December meeting the full World Literature Committee reviewed and finalized the draft. We plan to have the approval draft of the Twelve Steps portion of <i>It Works</i> printed and distributed to the Fellowship in several months. It will be out no later than the week of the Conference in April. However, we will begin selling it

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January 1986 (cont.)	as soon as it is printed which we hope will be sooner than the Conference. This first half of <i>It Works</i> will be out for an approval period of one full year. It will then come to a vote at the World Service Conference in 1987. The World Literature Committee plans to have the approval draft of the Traditions portion of <i>It Works</i> ready for the Fellowship in early 1987. It will take that much time to develop the draft of the Traditions because we are still receiving and sorting the input. After seeing the results of using a professional author to put together the input from the Fellowship on the Twelve Steps, the World Literature Committee unanimously agreed at their December meeting to recommend that the WSO Board hire an author to help prepare the approval draft of the Twelve Traditions. Because a more than sufficient number of applicants were considered during the search for an author to work on the steps, we will not consider any additional applications for work on the draft of the Traditions. The World Literature Committee will continue to accept written input from the Fellowship on the Traditions until April 1, 1986. This input should be mailed to the World Literature Committee in care of the World Service Office. At our December meeting the World Literature Committee also finalized two pamphlets. The approval draft of <i>The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation</i> was evaluated and edited. We had received a lot of input from the Fellowship on the review draft of <i>The Loner</i>. In response to this input the approval draft has been revised substantially. The Committee also reviewed a pamphlet entitled <i>Staying Clean on the Outside</i>. This pamphlet was developed and written by the World H&I Committee who then submitted it to the World Literature Committee so that it can go through the standard literature process of review and approval. The following outline gives the current status of all unapproved literature which is currently in the literature process or on the list of priorities for the World Literature Committee. Hopefully this outline format will make it easier to access this information for your future reference. A. Literature which will come to a vote at WSC-86: 1. <i>R-Physician's Viewpoint on the N.A. Program</i> 2. <i>Self-Acceptance</i> 3. <i>Handbook for N.A. Newsletters</i>

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January 1986 (cont.)	All of us in the N.A. Fellowship need to constantly remember to use unapproved literature only in appropriate ways. Unapproved literature means those pamphlets and booklets which are printed on white paper and say <i>World Literature Committee Unapproved Literature</i> on the front. You may see them at your regular N.A. meetings, your area service committee or local literature committee meeting. These are new pieces of literature that are being developed and they are not yet ready for general distribution and use. We should all know that unapproved literature is not to be used in N.A. meetings. However, it is also important to remember that it should not be distributed outside the N.A. Fellowship. Unapproved literature should never be sold or brought in to hospitals and institutions. Although most review or approval drafts are quite good, there is always the possibility that they might contain some Tradition violations or erroneous material that could distort the N.A. message. Until a piece of literature becomes N.A. Conference approved, it does not speak for the N.A. Fellowship. If unapproved literature goes to hospitals and institutions, it will be taken as representative of the N.A. message by persons who are not members of our Fellowship. If hospitals and institutions request unapproved literature, regional offices and area or regional literature committees should explain to them that we only distribute and sell unapproved literature within the Fellowship for review purposes. We could then help those institutions select the literature they need from what is already Conference-approved. At this time Narcotics Anonymous has a great deal of excellent N.A. Conference-approved literature which can carry our message of recovery to suffering addicts in hospitals and institutions. Being on the World Literature Committee this year has been a wonderful experience for me. I am very grateful to the Fellowship for giving me this opportunity to serve. It has been a powerful growing and learning experience. Other committee members have also expressed the same feelings about being on the World Literature Committee. It is truly a privilege for all of us to participate in this work of helping to carry the message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous through our literature."

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January 1986 (cont.)	<u>From "Mary B., Chairperson International Committee"</u> "...In an effort to be consistent in the interim we have talked with the WSO and come to the conclusion that Narcotics Anonymous is the name of our Fellowship, and as such should not be translated. For example, we have received correspondence from both Mexico and South America from isolated groups of addicts calling themselves 'Drogadictos Anonimos,' or 'Drug Addicts Anonymous.' They were excited to see that our Fellowship is as developed as it is, and felt that our program is appropriate for them, but our name did not make sense as they translated it. They wanted to become part of our Fellowship, but keep their current name. A similar situation existed in Quebec, Canada. Several separate Fellowships existed there with French names that we are told would loosely translate, 'Prescription Addicts Anonymous,' 'Street Drug Addicts Anonymous,' etc. They realized that ours was the Fellowship that would unify them all, but 'Narcotics,' translated literally, meant 'sleep producing drugs.' One group in Mexico calls itself 'Toxicomanos Anonimos,' and wishes to keep that name. Although in English speaking countries we have become familiar with our name and our principles of recovery, even in English the word 'narcotics' means different things to different people. Law enforcement people use it one way, medical people use it another way, and our Fellowship uses it in still another way. It does not take too much study to see why there are problems in translating our name. The thinking of the Committee is that the name 'Narcotics Anonymous' should not be replaced by one which may carry the correct meaning, but which looks and sounds different. It should always be printed as 'Narcotics Anonymous,' regardless of the language. This would, in effect add a new word to those languages where the words Narcotics Anonymous have previously been translated. We have been advised to take this course by a professional translation service, who told us that such practices are common. Proper names are routinely brought to various languages without being translated. An example of this is the name 'Xerox' which has become a commonly used word in almost all languages, but was an invented word, even in English. Other examples include several foreign companies that have become household words in English, such as automobile companies, or electronics companies.

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January 28, 1986	From World Service Conference 85/86 – Conference Agenda Report 1. Report to the Fellowship from Maggie O’C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee. 2. Bid Letter from the Southern California Region 3. Report to the Fellowship by Jack B., Chairperson, The Board of Trustees 4. Report to the Fellowship from Steve B., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors 5. Action Item List for WSC 86 Meeting 6. Conference Committee Guidelines 7. Explanation of the Board of Trustees’ Suggested White Book Revisions <u>From “Report to the Fellowship from Maggie O’C., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee”</u> During the past year the highest priority for the World Literature Committee has been preparing the approval draft of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, our book on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. The review draft of this book went out to the Fellowship in January of 1985 for a nine-month review and input period. In order to gather more input for the book, we taped interviews with long time N.A. members from all around the Fellowship. These N.A. members shared experiences working the Twelve Steps and Traditions of N.A. to supplement the material in the review draft. In March of 1985, the WSO Board of Directors acting on the recommendation of the Literature Committee, hired a professional writer to help us prepare that approval draft. What the professional writer did was take all of our experiences recorded both in the review draft and in the taped interviews and fit them together into a unified and well written text. This was the first time that we had ever hired a professional writer to help us in developing a piece of Narcotics Anonymous literature. Through this experience

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	<i>about addiction and recovery. In the following pages we offer you our beginnings. The first section was written in 1965 by one of our earliest members. More recent stories of N.A. members' recovery can be found in our Basic Text.</i> We are recommending minimal editing to these stories. We tried to retain the historical flavor of the stories, but we also tried to clear up problems with the traditions. The changes proposed below are all either designed to remove mention of specific institutions, or to clarify N.A.'s perception that we suffer from one disease, regardless of "drug of choice." References to alcohol as creating a different disease have been modified or deleted. ONE THIRD OF MY LIFE 1. 'And twice at Ft. Worth' ... delete 2. 'This was at TI Federal and' ... delete 3. 'Sure I had a craving for narcotics' ... change 'narcotics' to 'drugs' I CAN'T DO ANY MORE TIME 1. ' ... out of an institution for women.' deleted reference to specific institution 2. 'Drinking alcoholically' ... change to: 'drinking abusively' 3. 'Would have been carried away with alcohol and drugs' ... change to: 'would have gotten carried away with using.' 4. 'With drugs' ... change to: 'with other drugs' 5. 'And when I finally reached Camarillo' ... delete 6. 'And alcohol again' ... delete 7. 'The institution at Corona 3X' ... change to: 'another institution three times.' (delete all references to specific institutions, say 'an institution' where appropriate) 8. 'One of the counselors at Corona' ... change to: 'one of these counselors' 9. 'Over alcohol and' ... delete 10. 'In Corona' ... delete 11. 'And sober' ... delete 12. 'When I left Corona' ... change to: 'When I left the institution for the last time.' 13. 'Or to drink' ... delete 14. 'Including alcohol' ... delete

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	15. 'I don't have a problem with drugs or alcohol' ... change to: 'I don't have a problem with this drug or that drug.' THE VICIOUS CYCLE 1. 'To turn myself into Ft. Worth' ... change to: 'to admit myself into an institution.' 2. 'Various other sedative' ... change to: 'Various other drugs.' 3. 'Including alcohol' ... delete SOMETHING MEANINGFUL 1. 'or drink' ... delete 2. 'without drugs, sedative or alcohol' ... change to: 'without drugs.' I WAS DIFFERENT 'Addiction was my way of life-- Deleted 'and dependency' to avoid confusion with N.A. language and philosophy FEARFUL MOTHER 1. 'And alcohol (another form of drug)' ... delete FAT ADDICT 1. 'periodic alcoholic' ... change to: 'binge drinker' 2. 'Alcohol' ... delete GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION CHANGES In addition to the above changes, the Trustees are recommending that the White Book be edited for grammar and punctuation. A small group of WSO staff members and a Trustee made the following recommendations for editing, which were adopted by the Trustees: FOREWORD: Remove commas from last sentence SERENITY PRAYER: Commas instead of ellipses; Block style instead of outdent: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference. WHO IS AN ADDICT: Replace comma with dash after 'one form or another' 'We lived to use and used to live.' Inverted these for clarity (i.e. avoid confusion with 'used to' as in 'We used to live down the street...') WHAT IS THEN N.A. PROGRAM? Used italics rather than quotes and initial caps for emphasis (<i>one</i> requirement; <i>they work</i>) WHY ARE WE HERE: Insert comma after 'We did many people great harm' HOW IT WORKS: Standardized the Steps as follows: a. comma rather than a dash in Step One b. capitalize Power in Step Two c. italicize 'as we understood Him' in steps 3 and 11 d. Step 11: no comma in 'God <i>as we</i> <i>understood Him</i>' e. Change 'those' to 'these' in Step 12 [after the steps] Fix run-on sentence: replace comma with period after 'we can't do it all at once' Add comma after 'We put great emphasis on this' WHAT CAN I DO? Add comma after 'previous chapter' in first line

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	WE DO RECOVER: Add a comma in last line of first paragraph: 'drug, or some substitute, to recapture' -- sets the phrase off in commas to break up the sentence After 'Compulsion--' delete 'that': 'Compulsion--once having started ...' - as it is it is not comfortably parallel with the sentence about obsession. Add a dash after 'jails, institutions or death': This sets that phrase off more correctly (the phrase was introduced by a dash, it should be completed by one too). 'When my addictions ... ' Change to 'When my addiction ... ' for consistency with the rest of the text. (one disease) 'I found A.A., and': Include that comma 'That this was what was principally needed has proved itself in these passing years.' Deleted a comma 'We believed in openly scheduled meetings--no more hiding as other groups had tried.' Changed the semicolon to a dash ' ... could face his problem in everyday living, just that much faster would he ... ' Added the comma; changed 'of' to 'in'

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	ONE THIRD OF MY LIFE: 'The old hassle is gone. I can lie down, take it easy and be comfortable.' Changed the first comma to a period Changed 'thru' to 'through' wherever it occurs Changed 'X-mas' to 'Christmas' 'Now, I can go through these stores without even a temptation to steal.' Changed 'and not even' to 'without even' 'I feel that I was basically honest from childhood. I stole to keep ... ' Changed the comma after 'childhood' to a period 'to keep my head on my chest, to keep my stomach from grinding': Add the comma 'to keep my nose from running. That nose! It was always running whether I was sick or not.' Changed the dash to a period and the comma to an exclamation point (All numbers below 101 are spelled out rather than printed in their numerical form throughout the text.) 'My story is similar to many others. I hit one nuthouse when I was thirteen-- I really don't remember much about it.' Changed 'other' to 'others'; changed the first comma to a period; changed the second comma to a dash

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	'cleaned up off the pills, and then ... ' Added the comma ' ... haven't had the temptation; I can't say I haven't had some obsession; I can't say I haven't had the passing thought of wanting to use, because I have at times.' Replaced the period and comma with semicolons; added comma before 'because' 'I gave a lot of them a hard time with the attitudes I used to have.' Delete the comma 'Sure, I had a craving for drugs, but at that time I was ready for anything that would get my feet off the ground.' Change 'narcotics' to 'drugs,' and invert the sentence for clarity ' ... get my feet off the ground·(that isn't an airplane) will head me for real trouble. I sincerely believe this. I don't know ... ' Set the phrase off in parenthesis; replace the comma with a period 'Now I find I have a greater tolerance ... ' Delete the comma 'Practicing the principles of this program the way I understand them, staying clean a day at a time, sharing experiences with other addicts who are new to the program, these actions have changed my whole outlook on life.'

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	Restructured this sentence with commas so that it is a list of clear participials followed by an independent clause rather than several dangling participles. I CAN'T DO ANY MORE TIME: 'I came to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as an addict, out of an institution for women.' Omitted the reference to a specific institution. ' ... so that it hasn't been necessary for me to use any kind of drugs in my daily life.' Omitted references to specific drugs ' ... because we addicts are so very much alike.' Added the word 'addicts' for clarity . 'I've always seen another side of myself whenever problems and ... ' Deleted comma 'I have also learned from those who have made mistakes.' Moved the word 'also' ' ... and I realize today that the reason for that was I was sick to begin with.' Deleted commas 'Although this is certainly a suicidal path in itself, when I was aware and in a lucid moment, I did realize I was hopelessly addicted.' Reorganized the sentence for clarity

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	'I was in San Francisco, not knowing which way to turn, when I tried suicide and was unsuccessful.' Changed subject to 'I' to clear up the dangling participle and ambiguous referent for 'it'; changed 'that' to 'when' 'I now think that if it had been possible for me I would have come to this program at that same age as a lot who are here today.' Dropped the comma after 'me'; restructured syntax to tighten up this sentence; started a new paragraph after this to shorten up that long one 'It wasn't the thought, 'I can't use drugs,' just, 'I can't do any more time.' Added quotes 'I'm sure that when I was in the institution they doubted my sincerity in ever wanting to do anything about my problem.' Omitted reference to specific institution 'I think one of my counselors, who just naturally loves ... ' Omitted reference to the specific institution 'I had tried so many other things, so I decided to see if a Power greater than myself could restore my sanity. To the best of my ability I turned my life and my will over to the care of God as I understood Him, and I tried in my daily life to understand God.' Made

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	two sentences out of one, added commas and added the words 'other' and 'to see if' to clarify that point 'I had read all kinds of metaphysical books. I agreed ... ' New paragraph, period instead of comma 'It's amazing_ how after I had gotten just this far, I began to get a little honesty and could see myself as I was.' Rearranged the sentence for clarity ' ... could get honest, but I became aware ... ' Added comma ' .. .looking outside myself at the addicts around me, by getting to know them and understand them, by being friendly with them.' Cleared up parallel construction problems by using commas and repeating 'by' ' ... where credit is due, and I do believe that my daily attendance at psychotherapy groups with ... ' Added comma and deleted specific reference to Corona 'Oh! can I make it outside?' Added quotes ' ... times institutions took so many years out of my life that I...' deleted commas

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	' ... just normal living, but God has seen fit ... ' Added comma ' ... steady jobs at first, but there was ... ' Added comma 'In the meantime, I give myself to my job every day, as best I can, and ... ' Rearranged syntax for clarity ' ... I now give my attention to my daily problems ... ' Change know to now ' ... fear, anxiety, resentment and self-pity ... ' Clear up parallel construction problems--resentment singular, only one 'and' ' ... every night, and I'm real grateful...' Added comma ' ... helped me here was that ... ' Deleted comma 'dual problem.' Added quotes 'I got a lot of help from my sponsor when it seemed that everyone had let me down, both family and friends.' Made one sentence out of two, changed 'have' to 'got' and added 'when' for the transition '...and a way of life. My own ... ' Replaced comma with period

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	THE VICIOUS CYCLE ' ... have happened to me. I can't conceive of ... ' Replaced comma with period ' ... one thing for another. That was my pattern.' Period instead of comma ' ... same environment. Again I was using heroin and various other. .. ' Period instead of comma ' ... me a shot that made me feel good. I found myself going to him ... ' Period instead of semicolon '... .insanely afraid and began drinking too. This went on around ... ' Delete comma; period instead of semicolon ' ... drugs that I had been using, but in a distorted personality ... ' Deleted a comma ' .. .interests now that mean something, and realize that that was ... ' Deleted a comma '...I still find it difficult to face things, but I'm no longer ... ' Added a comma '...understand Him, for this way of life.' Added a comma SOMETHING MEANINGFUL 'I know now I am not the great leader or philosopher that I tried to make people believe I was.' Combine the first two sentences this way

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	' ... trying what they had to offer to see whether it would succeed ... '" Delete comma 'It seems that though ... ' Delete commas ' ... ready to change. And although I closed ... ' Period instead of comma 'Since I have become willing to do something about my life with the N.A. program, life has been fuller and more meaningful.' Replaced 'life' with 'it'; replaced 'with more meaning' with 'more meaningful' (parallel construction) '...on a daily basis without drugs.' Delete comma 'Although I do not now desire or need drugs, I have to fill the void that's left with something worthwhile.' Changed 'narcotics' to 'drugs', added 'that's' deleted comma ' ... that they go. As long as I follow ... ' Removed 'and' and replaced comma with period I WAS DIFFERENT 'My story may differ from the others you have heard. I was never arrested or hospitalized.' Deleted comma; new sentence after 'heard'

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	'...my way of life--the only way of life ... ' Replaced semicolon with dash '...good old-fashioned,' upper-middle-class broken home.' Moved the end quote 'Sometimes I felt all-powerful and sometimes I prayed for the comfort of idiocy--if only I didn't have to think.' Dash instead of parentheses 'No one came to save me; I wasn't instantly cured.' Semicolon instead of comma 'After I'd been around for about six months, the novelty ... ' Added comma 'Somehow I survived that first dose of reality.' 'that' instead of 'those' ' .. .it's been an uphill fight; I've had to work to stay clean.' Semicolon instead of comma ' ... used to spend my time looking for the magic--those people,' Dash instead of semicolon 'I found a little faith, and from it, freedom.' Add commas FEARFUL MOTHER 'I thought an addict was a person who was using hard drugs, someone who was on the streets or in jail.' Added 'someone who'; deleted second 'was'

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	' ... was different--I got my drugs from a doctor or friends.' Changed first comma to a dash, second to a period; Changed 'of' to 'or' (assumed typo) ' ... I tried to do right--at work, in my marriage and in raising my children.' Changed comma to dash; changed 'in working' to 'at work'; added 'my' "I wanted to be a good mother. I wanted to be a good wife. I wanted to be involved in society yet never felt a part of it." Changed "Wanting" to "I wanted" to avoid awkward sentence fragments " ... remained hidden in my home--so many things through the years--" Changed periods to dashes to a void fragment "I had just become a grandmother... " Changed "have" to "had" "When I started on the program of N.A., there were a lot of people who suggested just everyday things for me to do, like eating, taking a bath, getting dressed, going for a walk, going to meetings." Added comma after N.A.; changed period to comma and deleted "things" to avoid fragment; added present participles FAT ADDICT Deleted the paragraph break after the second sentence

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	' ...I used drugs only for one reason-- because I didn't like the way I felt.' Dash instead of semicolon 'He was what some people call a periodic user; either he was in a state of...' changed to 'He was a binge drinker; either...' ' ... mothers. For some reason, I was thought to be a liar.' Period instead of comma ' ...lower level people, and I never felt...' Added comma 'My family life was confused and painful, but a lot of sound moral values were passed on to me in my upbringing.' Added comma and deleted paragraph break 'to stay employed. As a matter of fact' Period instead of 'and' ' ... not to get hooked, that I could use ...' Comma instead of 'and' 'I bounced around the country and ended up in penitentiaries and jails.' Inverted the sentence for clarity 'Having no place to go, I walked into this ...' Deleted 'seemingly'

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January 28, 1986 (cont.)	' ... no way out. I was completely and ... ' Period instead of semicolon ' ... no fees or dues--that I had already paid my dues via my past life--and that ... ' Set dependent clause off in dashes 'I have a nice home and family, an executive position, and most of all...' Parallel construction 'I am able to feel good, to feel joyful and blissful, to feel serenity, even when things are not as good as they might be.' Parallel construction ' ... that if you too are suffering as I once was, you ... ' Deleted commas and the second 'that'.²¹⁸
March 1986	The March 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 1) includes information on: 1. Part one of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> is being printed (in the section "Hot Off The Press!") <u>From "Hot Off The Press!"</u> "Very soon a new book will be available to N.A. members. This is the long-awaited book about the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The title of the book is <i>Narcotics Anonymous It Works: How and Why</i>, and Part One is being printed right now. As most of you know, the World Literature Committee has been working for several years on this project. The manuscript was sent out for review and input in 1985. Since that time a great deal of material has been collected from N.A. members sharing their personal experiences with the Twelve Steps. The World Literature Committee worked together with a professional writer to compile the final version of the book which was then thoroughly reviewed and evaluated by the Board of Trustees as well as other trusted servants. All in all, we are very

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April 1986	The April 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 2) includes information on: 1. The production of cassette tapes of the informational pamphlets, followed by the <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, the White Booklet, and the Basic Text (in the section "N.A. Literature on Cassette Tape") 2. Basic Text sales, translation efforts, and the conference discussion on editing the Little White Book (in the section "From Bob Stone") <u>From "N.A. Literature on Cassette Tape"</u> "At long last and after numerous requests, the World Service Office has begun the production of cassette tapes. Our plan is to make available cassette tapes of all Conference-approved literature items. The first items of priority are the informational pamphlets, which will be followed by the <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, the White Booklet and the Basic Text. The taping is being done in a professional manner in a soundproof booth at the World Service Office. This is one of the reasons tapes were not prepared prior to this time--we did not have the facilities to make professional quality tapes. However, sophisticated taping equipment has been purchased, the taping booth has been constructed and we are off to a roaring start! The reading will be done by volunteer N.A. members from the Los Angeles area. We would like to encourage and invite any other interested N.A. members who will be visiting the Los Angeles area to come in and read. We will be happy to listen to any N.A. member who wishes to read, however, please be advised that

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April 28 – May 2, 1986	The eleventh World Service Conference is held. 1. Policy 2. Publishing 3. White Book 4. WSC Administration Motions 5. Finance Committee 6. Nominations for Literature Committee 7. Literature Committee Report 8. Written World Literature Committee Report <u>From "Policy"</u> "It was M/S/C Ed D. (Policy Comm.)/Leah G. (WSC Vice Chair), 'on matters of procedures such as, lay on the table, require the approval of 2/3 of members voting. On matters of policy, literature approval, or matters that effect the Service Structure require 2/3 majority of all registered participants of the Conference.' The motion was adopted as amended. The Vote: YES - 68 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS – 0 CARRIED" p. 5

^c Though this issue of the *Newsline* is dated April 1986, it appears to have been published in May 1986. This is based upon the following information from the section "From Bob Stone." Bob writes, "The 1986 meeting of the World Service Conference, **concluded last week** [emphasis mine], was an exciting week of work, service and fellowship." The 1986 WSC concluded May 2, 1986.

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	<u>Related to “Publishing”</u> “It was M/S Jamie s-H (London)/John F. (WSB), ‘Be it resolved: that the WSC STRONGLY URGES that the WSO enter into a licensing arrangement with the Fellowships charitable trust in Great Britain, for the printing and distribution of all N.A. approved literature.’ Referred to International Committee for a report on Friday. <u>Related to “White Book”</u> “The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Jack B. was recognized to present motions from the Board. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB Chair)/John F. (WSB), ‘to approve the White Book changes section by section up to and including ‘We Do Recover’ and the personal stories as the final section with no amendments.’ The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/F Bruce A. (SD/Imperial)/Brant R. (B.C.), ‘to commit the WSB work on the White Book to the Literature Committee for review and approval in accordance with that committee’s guidelines.’ Motion failed by voice vote. The Chairperson requested the consensus to voting by voice vote on each motion in order to save time and that the final vote would be a standing vote in order to determine if the required 2/3 vote of approval was achieved. It was unanimously approved. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB)/Sydney R. (WSB), ‘That the Forward to the White Book, be approved as suggested by the Board of Trustees.’ The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB)/Sydney R. (WSB), ‘That ‘Who is an Addict’ in the White Book, the Basic Text and appropriate I.P.’s be approved as suggested by the Board of Trustees.’ The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB) /Sydney R. (WSB), ‘That the section ‘What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?’ in the White Book, Basic Text and appropriate I.P.’s be approved as suggested by the Board of Trustees.’ The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB) /Sydney R. (WSB), ‘that WSC approve and accept the section ‘Why are we here?’ in the Little White Book, the Basic Text and

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	It was brought to the Chair's attention that an amendment had been ignored. The Conference was informed that there will be a time for amendments when the little White Book is brought up in its entirety. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB)/Sydney R. (WSB), 'that the World Service Conference approve the addition on page 8 [in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report], after the line which reads 'Personal Stories' and before the line which reads 'We Do Recover', as suggested by the World Service Board of Trustees.' Jack B. read the addition on page 8. The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB)/Sydney R. (WSB), 'that the WSC approve the 'Personal Stories' in the little White Book as suggested by the Board of Trustee's [in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report].' The Vote: YES - 37 NO - 21 ABSTENTIONS - 5 CARRIED By consent of the Conference the Chair announced amendments could be made but no debate would be accepted. These would be voted on by voice vote. It was M/S/C Fred s. (Mid-Coast)/Barry M. (AL/NW Florida), 'to change in [in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report] 'How It Works' the phrase 'we feel our approach to the problem of addiction' to we feel that our approach to the disease of addiction'. The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/F Bobby B. (WSC Conv. Chair)/Bob R. (WSB), 'to change [on page 7 of the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report) the word 'may' to 'will' in the sentence 'a relapse if we survive it, may provide the charge for demolition process.'" Failed by voice vote. It was M/S/F Danny W. (Mountaineer)/Bob B. (H&I Chair), 'that the seven original stories from the little White Book be deleted and replaced with seven stories from the Basic Text. These replacement stories will be selected by the Literature Review Panel. Defeated by voice vote.

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Maggie O. (Lit. Chair)/Michael L. (No. Calif.), 'that the existing stories in the little White Book be deleted and that the Board of Trustee's select five current stories from the Basic Text for inclusion in the revised White Book. 11 Failed by voice vote.
	It was M/S/F Forest B. (Kentucky)/Biff K. (Florida), 'that the phrase We didn't become addicted in one day, so remember easy does it' be changed to say 'take it easy.' Failed by voice vote.
	It was M/S/F Biff K. (Florida)/Cheryl o. (Colorado), 'to amend page 3 [in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report) - STRIKE [the phrase] 'Thinking of alcohol as different from other drugs has caused a great many addicts to relapse' and INSERT [the phrase] 'we seem to forget that alcohol is one of the oldest known drugs.' Failed by voice vote.
	It was M/S/F Suzanne s. (New Jersey)/Joe T. (Gr. Phil.) 'to amend [the phrase] 'Easy does it' to read 'Give yourself a break.' Failed by voice vote.
	It was M/S/C Mario T. (Aust.)/Andree L. (Quebec), 'to amend "page 12, paragraph four, line four [in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report]. DELETE the words 'to see if'. The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS.
	It was M/S/F Jim L. (Carolinas)/Forest B. (Kentucky), 'to retain the stories in the original historical context (and) to include the following insert prior to stories: 'These stories are historical, untouched and uncensored in grammar or context.; Failed by voice vote.
	It was M/S Bob B. (WSB)/Bill A (Mid-Atlantic), 'to correct language in text only, and add new stories to reflect changes in recovery language and understanding, which will give a blend of the old and the new, and the ever changing face of Narcotics Anonymous, and the growth that has occurred in the last 33 years.' Motion was withdrawn to rewrite.

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	There was an appeal to the Chair for the decision of the Chair to allow no debate. The vote was to sustain the Chair's decision by unanimous voice vote. It was M/S/C Chuck G. (So. Calif)/Dave T. (So. Nev.), 'change paragraph five, page 4, (in the published version of the Trustee recommended changes as found in the WSC 85-86 Conference Agenda Report] from 'although outside of N.A., etc. to 'before we came to N.A. many of us often viewed alcohol separately.' The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/F Jim J, (Wash./No. Idaho)/Cheryl o. (Colorado), 'to amend the motion to approve the changes in the little White Book, the Basic Text and affected I.P's to read 'Approve the revisions in the little White Book, the Basic Text and affected IP'S, deleting all revisions which do not make specific reference to Narcotics Anonymous language (i.e.) reference to proper nouns; names; place; etc.' The Vote: Failed by voice vote. This is the re-submitted motion that was withdrawn previously. It was M/S/F Bob B. (WSB)/Bo s. (WSB), 'that the original stories from the little White Book be left in their original form and that five new stories from the Basic Text be added to the little White Book. The additional stories will be selected by the Board of Trustee's.' A roll call vote was requested for this amendment. The Vote: YES -24 NO - 38 ABSTENTIONS - 6 FAILED Bill A. (Mid Atlantic) asked that the minutes to reflect that he requested a standing vote. The debate was closed to further amendments. It was M/S/C Jack B. (WSB)/Sydney R. (WSB), 'to accept and adopt the changes in the little White Book in its entirety as amended.' The motion was reworded by the parliamentarian for clarity and reads: 'to accept and adopt the changes in the little White Book adopted above and these will be included in future printings of the little White Book, Basic Text and appropriate pamphlets.' It was M/S/C Terry B. (Tri-state)/Bill A. (Mid-Atlantic), 'to divide the question of approval of WSB suggested change in the little White Book between the end of 'We Do Recover' in the suggested revision and 'One Third of My Life.'

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	Literature Committee Chairperson replace committee resignees from the pool of the nominees put forth at the world Service Conference and add to the pool based on the consent of the World Literature Committee. (The place to insert into the Procedural Guideline's is on page 20 following first paragraph under c and page 52 in The Temporary Working Guide under c following the first paragraph." The Vote: YES - 55 NO – 0 ABSTENTIONS - 4 CARRIED It was M/S/C Maggie O. (Lit.)/Sydney R. (WSB), 'that the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature be amended to reflect that the Vice Chairperson of the World Literature Committee be a member of the Literature Review Committee (for a total of eight (8) members rather than 7). This is to be found on page 20 of the Literature Handbook to be included with C. and on page 52 of the Temporary Working Guide also with c. 11 The Vote: YES - 54 NO - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1 CARRIED It was M/S/C Suzanne S. (NJ)/Maggie O. (Lit. Chair), 'that the word 'Sobriety' be changed to 'recovery' and the words 'including alcohol' be deleted from I.P. #2 'The Group in future printings.' The Vote: YES - 61 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0 CARRIED It was M/S/C Danny W. (Mountaineer)/Bo S. (WSB) 'to request the WSO to offer, as quickly as possible, for sale to the Fellowship separate copies of; 'Who is an Addict,' 'What is the N.A. Program,' 'Why Are We Here,' 'How it Works', and 'The Twelve Traditions' in a durable form suitable for use by the groups in opening their meetings as suggested by the N.A. Group Starter Kit.' The Vote: YES - 66 NO - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0 CARRIED It was M/S/C Chuck G. (So. Cal.)/Michael L. (No. Cal.), 'the Fellowship vote 'yes' or 'no' to remove the WSC 86 edited stories 'One Third of My Life', 'I Can't Do Anymore Time', 'The Vicious circle', 'Something Meaningful', 'I Was Different', 'Fearful Mother' and 'Fat Addict' from all approved literature at WSC 89, this motion to be moved at WSC 87.' The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S Chuck G.(So.Cal.)/Michael L.(No.Cal.), "that the WSC Literature Committee place towards the top of their Work in Progress list for work year 87-88, the formation of 3-5 new stories, representative of current N.A. recovery for possible inclusion in the Little White Book and associated literature' committed to the Literature Committee.

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Suzanne s. (NJ)/Bill K. (Florida), 'to commit the above motion to the Literature Committee.' The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S Chuck G. (So. Cal.)/Michael L. (No. Cal.), 'that the Basic Text story 'I Found the Only N.A. Meeting in the World' be placed as the first personal story in the rerevised Little White Book.' It was M/S/C Michael L. (No. Calif.)/Biff K. (Florida), 'that motion above be committed to the literature Committee.' The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS. It was M/S Fred S. (Mid-Coast)/Terry B. (Tri-State), 'to amend the Procedural Guidelines for the World Literature Committee (page 56 end of paragraph at top of page to provide as follows): 'All approval form literature will be subdivided into small sections to allow regions, areas and groups more flexibility in approving or disapproving literature.' There was considerable discussion. It was M/S Bill A.(Mid-Atlantic)/Hollie A.(Alt.-Volunteer), "that the Literature Committee begin action to eliminate inconsistencies in It Works: How and Why, such as reference to specific chemicals and possible accidental plagiarism.' This motion was ruled out of order because it does not pertain because this item is a work in progress which has not been approved by this conference. The Chairs decision was appealed. The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS to uphold the decision of the Chair. It was M/S Fred S. (Mid-Coast)/Terry B. (Tri-state), 'to amend the Procedural Guidelines for the World Literature committee (page 56 end of paragraph at top of page to provide as follows): 'All approval form literature will be subdivided into small sections to allow regions, areas and groups more flexibility in approving or disapproving literature.' It was M/S/C Brant R. (B.C.)/Reubin (Alt-SD), 'to commit the above motion to the Literature Committee.' The Vote: YES - UNANIMOUS." <u>From "Written World Literature Committee Report"</u> "To: The Fellowship From: Suzanna S., Chairperson

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	WSC Literature Committee First off, I'd like to thank the Conference for electing me as the new Chairperson of the World Literature committee for 1986-87 and express my appreciation to Maggie O'C., the previous Chairperson, for an extraordinary job during the past year. I have learned a great deal by working with Maggie and the rest of the Committee over the last year and I will do my very best to serve effectively in the upcoming year. Some input in the form of suggestions and recommendations were submitted to the World Literature Committee by N.A. members and committees. These were discussed during our Thursday night meeting. I would like to mention one of them here. A member suggested that the WLC develop a pamphlet directed to addicts who found recovery before coming to Narcotics Anonymous. Assumedly, this pamphlet would address some of the problems which arise from members using conflicting terminology such as 'sober, cross-addicted,' etc. during N.A. meetings. After consideration and discussion, the Committee decided that it would be best to postpone further action on this item until our last meeting of the year. The World Service Conference has already approved our lengthy worklist for 1986-87 and has, in fact, added two items. We feel it would be unrealistic to tackle another new project in addition to those we've already been assigned. Therefore, when the Committee makes up the worklist for 1987-88, we will consider this proposal as well as all others received. We have some motions to present which resulted from our two meetings during the Conference: ‘That the following language be added to the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature: "That the World Literature Committee Chairperson replace committee resignees (sic) from the pool of nominees put forth at the World Service Conference and add to the pool based on the consent of the World Literature Committee.' ‘That the Procedural Guidelines for World Literature be amended to reflect that the Vice Chairperson of the World Literature Committee be a member of the Literature Review Committee (for a total of eight members rather than seven)'

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April 28 – May 2, 1986 (cont.)	‘That the word ‘sobriety’ be changed to ‘recovery’ and the words including alcohol’ be deleted from I.P. No. 2 <i>The Group</i> in future printings.’ That is the conclusion of the Literature Committee's report. We want to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement and we look forward to a rewarding and productive year ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.”²²¹
June 1986	The June 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 4) includes information on: 1. World Service Conference action approving new literature and revising some existing literature (in the section “Printing Schedule for New Publications”) 2. World Service Conference action to edit the Basic Text and approval of the revised Little White Booklet (in the section “From Bob Stone”) <u>From “Printing Schedule for New Publications”</u> “The recent World Service Conference passed quite a few motions which will result in some new items of N.A. literature. There were also quite a few motions passed which revise existing publications. The newly approved items are: I.P. No. 19 <i>Self Acceptance</i> I.P. No. 20 <i>Hospitals, Institutions and the N.A. Member</i> <i>Who, What, How & Why</i> Group Readings <i>Handbook for N.A. Newsletters</i> <i>Guide to Public Information</i> <i>Guide to Phoneline Service</i> The Conference also passed motions which effect revisions in the following publications: I.P. No. 2 <i>The Group</i> I.P. No. 8 <i>Just for Today</i> Little White Booklet I.P. No.1 <i>Who, What, How and Why</i> I.P. No. 6 <i>Recovery and Relapse</i> <i>Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure</i> <i>H&I Guidelines</i>

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June 1986 (cont.)	<i>Convention Guidelines</i> Of course it is not possible to make all the new items available overnight. We have already completed the typesetting and printing of some of them, but others have not yet been started. It generally takes about four to six weeks for the printing after we have completed the typesetting. So these new or changed publications will not be available for some time. As each is delivered by the printers, we will include notification in the <i>Newsline</i>. Additionally, you should be aware that the World Service Conference instructed the WSO to sell its existing supply of these items before printing and selling the newer versions. This will save the Fellowship a considerable amount of money which would otherwise be lost in destroying inventory. Two new items that have been printed and are in stock are I.P. No. 19. <i>Self Acceptance</i>, and the Newsletter Handbook. In addition the new typesetting has been completed on I.P. Nos. 2 and 8. The revised versions will be sold as soon as the old stock is depleted. The typesetting for the Little White Book has been redone, and we expect the first printing to be available in the near future. The typesetting is being done right now on the P.I. Handbook, I.P. Nos. 1 and 6, and the Group Readings. We anticipate that all of the remaining new publications will be typeset and printed by the first week of July. The Office will then produce a new order form which will reflect all of the new items. We know that everyone is anxious to order the new literature items and we appreciate your patience. Even though our order form does not currently contain the Newsletter Handbook and I.P. No. 19, you may order them by writing a note along with your regular order. The price of I.P. No. 19 is the same as other pamphlets, and the price of the Newsletter Handbook is \$1.50. There has been a continuing confusion about how to properly identify literature items that have been approved by the World Service Conference and those items that have not. We have attempted to keep this clear by indicating on each item the approval or review status. Additionally we have printed approval form pamphlets on white paper in order to draw attention to them. This has not always been successful because some publications (handbooks for example) are larger and do not afford such clarity. To attempt to further rectify this problem we have obtained concurrence from the World Literature Committee to use the following modified N.A. logo in a

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June 1986 (cont.)	prominent place near the text of any item approved by the World Service Conference. This special modification of the logo <u>should not be used</u> by any other committee or for any other purpose.” From “From Bob Stone” “We reported in previous <i>Newsline</i> publications and in the Fellowship Report that the Office with the cooperation of the WSC Literature Committee is moving ahead with the instructions from the 1985 Conference to have the Basic Text edited. The status of that work has an impact on the future printings of the Basic Text with respect to the changes made by this Conference in the Little White Booklet. Although the Revised Little White Booklet is nearly ready for printing, it is not practical for us to. make the same changes in the immediate printings of the Text until the entire edited Text is reviewed by the Literature Review Committee. Accordingly no changes will be reflected in the Basic Text for a considerable time. The current edition of the Text will continue to be ordered for reprinting, as from time to time may be necessary until all changes in the Text have been prepared.”²²²
July 1986	The July 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 5) includes information on: 1. A new handbook intended to be a “Resource Guide for Trusted Servants” (in the section “From the World Literature Committee”) 2. Draft agreements to allow certain countries to print NA literature (in the section “From Bob Stone”) <u>From “From the World Literature Committee”</u> “The World Literature Committee is compiling a new handbook which will serve as a Resource Guide for Trusted Servants. Although work on this new book is still in the early stages, some preliminary work has already been done. Input has been collected from the files of the World Literature Committee, the

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July 1986 (cont.)	World Service Office and a variety of service committees and members have submitted material. A basic outline has been drawn up and the material sorted into chapters. Our vision for this handbook is that it will make life simpler for trusted servants. It is not intended to be a textbook or description of the principles of service (We'll leave that task for the Select Committee who is working on <i>A Guide to Service in N.A.</i>). The new handbook is designed to be used like a workbook in conjunction with other service manuals. Our plan is to include a variety of samples, worksheets, forms, etc. We have already collected a lot of good material but we need more. The chapter headings and specific input we need are listed below. GROUP SERVICE Information on how to be a GSR AREA SERVICE Meeting formats for ASC Taking inventory at an area level ASC by-laws Information on forming activities committees Information on forming outreach committees Information on putting on area fund-raisers REGIONAL SERVICE Information on maintaining archives Information on training replacements Reasons and procedures for terminating officers WORKSHOPS AND SERVICE CONFERENCES Steps for planning Meeting formats REGIONAL OFFICES Banking information Liabilities and responsibilities (for tax purposes) Sales tax liability Information on non-profit status

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July 1986 (cont.)	revised printing will be available. We will keep you advised in the next issue <i>Newsline</i> as progress is made. One of the issues discussed at the Conference in April was related to the desirability of printing N.A. literature in some countries where it will be used if that particular country is distant from the WSO. We have discussed this matter several times over recent years in the <i>Newsline</i> and evolved an understanding from the Fellowship that this was desirable and essential because of the savings that would probably result. As this matter was more fully discussed each year and particularly with the emerging N.A. Communities in such countries, the range of concerns which held up action on the proposal was narrowed. At the recent Conference the concerns had finally narrowed to finding that the respective countries had the administrative strength and skills to properly manage the work involved. Several of the possible places where such arrangements have been sought have continued to exhibit the important strengths and skills. Accordingly draft agreements have been developed which will soon lead to allowing printing in several countries. The first agreement will be between the WSO and the Fellowship in the United Kingdom. A corporation has been created there which is under the direct control of the Fellowship there, to hold responsibility for such printing activities. The draft agreement has been studied by the WSO Board of Directors and the Directors of the corporation in the U.K. That corporation, Services Limited, will be authorized by agreement to print a specified list of approved N.A. literature items. So far there has been agreement on all points presented by WSO or Services Limited. Consequently we expect the agreement to be complete within thirty days. An identical draft agreement has recently been sent to the Australian N.A. Community for their review. They also have a N.A. created and controlled corporation which can be authorized to manage similar printing activities. We will keep you informed of these events as they continue to unfold. Other places where discussions along similar lines have taken place are Germany and Ireland. A corporation has been created in Germany and we

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July 1986	The July 1986 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L. WSC Vice-Chair World Service Conference 2. Report from Suzanne S., Chairperson World Literature Committee 3. Report from Ed D., Chair WSC Policy Committee 4. Report from Mary B., Chairperson International Committee <u>From "Chuck L. WSC Vice-Chair World Service Conference"</u> "...Recently I had the opportunity to assist with the preparation of a 'glossary of terms' to be used for literature translations. It is important to discuss the style and words we use in our literature and their impact on our efforts to translate the message of recovery. Virtually all of our literature is written in American style English. However, aside from that, a bigger problem results from the fact that a lot of our literature contains colloquialisms. and "slang" terminology. Although some members feel that these terms are what make our message uniquely our own, they often cannot be meaningfully translated into other languages. Concepts such as 'a wake up,' 'kick the habit,' 'sharpened my needle on a matchbox,' 'scared as hell,' 'private hell,' etc., all are difficult or impossible to translate. Oftentimes there is no comparable slang expression in the translated language which reflects the concept being discussed. Perhaps in developing new literature we could begin relying less on idiosyncratic slang terms to convey our message and try to find other comparable terms to use. However, in some instances the meaning and subsequently the depth of the N.A. message would be lost in the process. For example, in the Italian language there are no standard words which mean 'high, loaded or stoned.' Italian N.A. members are forced to use specific words which refer to the specific drugs used. Trying to translate the concept of being loaded requires them to assume the type of drug involved in order to capture the spirit of the message. By now you're probably beginning to see the magnitude of the problems we face as we seek to carry the message of recovery in all languages. Simple differences

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July 1986 (cont.)	REGIONAL OFFICES Banking information Liabilities and responsibilities (for tax purposes) Sales tax liability Information on non-profit status As we receive more input, look it over and begin collating it, we will undoubtedly find that some is more appropriate for inclusion in the manuscript being developed by the Select Committee. The World Literature Committee will be working very closely with the Select Committee as we refine this handbook so that duplication does not occur. The Resource Guide for Trusted Servants (probably not the final title) is not going to be a service manual. It is going to be a workbook/handbook type publication which will contain forms which can be torn out, samples with blanks to be filled in, etc. At this point, we are still collecting input and we ask the support of the Fellowship all over the world. Don't hesitate to send in your input because you don't know if it would be appropriate. Send it in anyway. The Literature Committee will be happy to receive it and look it over. If it's not appropriate, we can always send it back or pass it on to another committee who's working on another project. But if you don't send in your material, we may never know how appropriate or helpful it would have been. Most importantly, we depend upon the members of N.A. to share the materials that you are using in your daily service work. This is the best way to ensure that we produce a publication which truly reflects the needs and the solutions which have been found by N.A. members around the world. The deadline for these materials is October 1, 1986. You may send your input to the World Literature Committee in care of the WSO." <u>From "Ed D., Chair WSC Policy Committee"</u> "...The agenda for the Minneapolis meeting, as presented to the committee, consists of... 1. Evaluate and submit input to the World Literature Committee on the I.P. 'Hey! What's the Basket for?'...

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July 1986 (cont.)	<u>From "Mary B., Chairperson International Committee"</u> "...At the meeting of the WSO Board of Directors following the WSC, the I.C. Chairperson witnessed the first moves toward allowing the printing of N.A. Conference-approved literature outside the U.S. The license agreements with copyright protection are technical processes and as such cannot be done overnight. However, we anticipate the service offices in England and Australia will be printing I.P.'s and the White Book before the end of 1986. Similar agreements are in the works for Ireland and Germany. The translation of the N.A. message into various languages is still a top priority for the Fellowship. The Newly Revised Little White Book, I.P. No. 19 <i>Self Acceptance</i> and I.P. No. 20 <i>Hospitals, Institutions and the N.A. Member</i> are currently being translated into German, French, Spanish, Italian and Japanese. These translations will be sent to review committees in the countries where each language is spoken for their review and approval prior to printing. Additionally, the translations of the <i>Group Starter Kit</i> have been improved for the French, Italian and Spanish languages. A Portuguese-speaking N.A. member in Lisbon has submitted translated copies of three I.P.'s (No. 1, No. 9 and No. 16). These items have been reviewed by the professional translation service employed by the WSO and found to be of very good quality. With minimal editing, these items will soon be ready for print. We urge the formation of translation/literature committees in non-English speaking countries so that accurate and adequate N.A. literature will be available to addicts everywhere..."²²⁴
August 1986	The August 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 6) includes information on: 1. Progress with changes to the White Booklet and Basic Text (in the section "Literature Production Notes") <u>From "Literature Production Notes"</u> "Changes adopted by the Conference in the White Booklet are being made in the next printing of the Basic Text. We had hoped that these changes would be made simultaneously with a general edit of the whole text. (The WSO was instructed to do this edit by the World Service Conference in 1985.) However, it is not going to work out that way.

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August 1986	The work performed by the editor has been completed and the manuscript was submitted to the WSC Literature Review Committee. There was some hope that their review would not take a long time. However, the Committee was unable to complete the review in the amount of time remaining before the next printing. Consequently the WSO is not going to delay making the White Booklet changes in the Basic Text. The typesetting (sic) for the revised edition has been completed and will be sent on to the printer in a few days. When the next printing is accomplished those changes will be incorporated. This will mean that, as we have seen every other year, we will have another edition of the Text which is a little different than it was the last time you bought one. The delivery date for these newly revised texts is expected in November. We expect that the existing supply of the Basic Text will be exhausted by that time."²²⁵
September 1986	The September 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 7) includes information on: 1. An agreement between the WSO and the United Kingdom Fellowship and initial input on the <i>It Works: How and Why</i> draft (in the section "Literature Shorts") 2. Policies, literature distribution, and discounts (in the section "From Bob Stone") <u>From "Literature Shorts"</u> "An agreement has been concluded between the WSO and the corporation created to meet the literature needs of the Fellowship in the United Kingdom. This agreement took less than five months to work out and meets the comprehensive needs of both the United Kingdom Fellowship and the protections that the Fellowship at large requires. The agreement is effective immediately although final signatures on the agreement will not be completed for a few more weeks. It is not anticipated however, that printing will proceed immediately.

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September 1986 (cont.)	A separate series of discussions has also been under way concerning the desirability of re-editing the American English publication to be consistent with the rules of spelling and punctuation that are used in the United Kingdom. This change, although very slight, would improve the acceptability of the literature for use in the general public in the United Kingdom. Two literature committees will work on this project. A literature Committee in London and one in Australia with both work on already approved literature. Each will do about half and send their work to the other committee for review prior to finalization. After an agreeable draft is completed the material will be returned to the WSO for typesetting. The type-set copy will be then sent on to the Office in London for printing. Because a similar but separate agreement is being developed with the Fellowship in Australia duplicate typeset material will be sent there also. It is anticipated that the agreement for the Australian printing procedure will be completed by the end of the year. An identical agreement for the German Fellowship has been sent to the translators and will be sent very soon to the Fellowship in Germany. On another literature item, input has begun to trickle in from members about the current draft of It Works: How and Why. These comments have been informative and supportive. However a rumor has been heard from time to time that a few members believe there are direct quoted plagerism (sic) in It Works from a publication originating outside the Fellowship. While the Literature Committee does not believe this is the case, it would be important to make sure. Accordingly if anyone believes there are plagerism (sic) in It Works, they are urged to send that information to the Literature Committee via the WSO. If, despite all the efforts of everyone involved in developing It Works, that there is something even close to plagerism (sic), it is important to resolve the matter immediately rather than waiting for the last moment." <u>From "From Bob Stone"</u> "...Learning from our experiences has been the process by which the WSO develops policies. This was recently re-emphasized with a problem that happens occasionally but when it does, it is a real problem. Here is what took place.

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October 1986	The October 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 8) includes information on: 1. A literature/translations meeting held at the Second Bilingual Convention in Montreal (in the section "Montreal, Canada Convention") 2. The first shipment of the Third Edition Revised Basic Text received by the WSO (in the section "World Services Update") <u>From "Montreal, Canada Convention"</u> "A literature/translation meeting was also held, with members from the French and Quebec N.A. communities, and two members from the World Service Office Board of Directors. We shared together on what was going on with the translation of the N.A. literature into French. The French N.A. communities (France and Quebec) were very happy to be able to say that they felt confident about being able to produce a French translation that will be acceptable to both sides of the Atlantic. The first result of this combined effort has been given to the World Service Office Translation Coordinator through the International Committee and we await the Office response on our work." <u>From "World Services Update"</u> "The WSO has just received its first shipment of the Basic Text Third Edition Revised. This edition contains the changes the WSC approved for the Little White Booklet and reflects those changes in the appropriate passages."²²⁷
November 1986	"The Third Edition, Revised, was released in November 1986." ²²⁸
November 1986	The November 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 3, Number 9) includes information on: 1. Concerns raised about part one of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "It Works: How and Why") 2. Plans to publish a large print White Booklet (in the section "Large Print White Booklet")

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November 1986 (cont.)	<u>From "It Works: How and Why"</u> "The development of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> has been a matter of great interest and importance to the N.A. Fellowship for several years. Members around the world are anxious to have our book on the Twelve Steps and Traditions complete because it is so greatly needed. A tremendous effort has been exerted by everyone involved in this project to get the book completed at the earliest possible moment. The World Literature Committee is currently at work developing the second half of the book, the portion on the Twelve Traditions. This article is about the current status of Part One (the Twelve Steps) and some new developments that have taken place. The approval form of this book (the white cover) was first released in mid-April, 1986. It has been available from the WSO since that time for \$6.00. For anyone who has not yet seen this new book, we encourage you to ask your group or area service committee for copies, or write directly to the WSO for an order form. The immediate response from most members who have read this new book was to enumerate its best qualities and endorse its content. However, there were a few who verbally expressed concerns. Because it was in the approval form, members all over the world began, in good conscience, to buy the book, read it, and prepared to express their group conscience at the 1987 World Service Conference. As additional study of the book has taken place, a few members have begun to list items they question. In response to a few conversations between N.A. members and WSC Literature Committee trusted servants, a request was included in the September Fellowship Report encouraging this objective review and suggesting that feedback and suggestions be expressed in writing to the Committee as soon as possible. At the recent WSC Committee meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina, some members expressed their opinions regarding the book. Two special meetings were held at which the book was discussed and specific concerns were presented. In the opinion of some who expressed their views in Charlotte, there is a need to change parts of the book in order to avoid conflict with the philosophy of N.A.

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November 1986 (cont.)	The final decisions must be made by the N.A. Fellowship as a whole as expressed through the group conscience. All of these alternatives will be presented and discussed at the World Service Conference. Hopefully, through reports and articles such as this one, the N.A. membership will be informed and prepared to make the best decision possible regarding this important new book." <u>From "Large Print White Booklet"</u> "A number of our members have periodically advised us that they have a hard time reading the Little White Booklet because of the small size print. This is particularly true, we have found, for members with visual impairments. Other members have also had difficulty reading from the Little White Booklet at meetings, especially if the lighting is poor. To accommodate these needs we have prepared a large print version of the White Booklet. The size of the booklet is 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" (about the same as the <i>N.A. Way</i> magazine). On the following page, we have included a sample page reproduced at the actual size. These large print white booklets will be available soon and will be given a different item number so as to avoid confusion. The large print white book is not being produced as a substitute for the regular Little White Booklet, but anyone who wishes to can purchase them. Because of the increased production expense, the cost will be slightly higher for the large print version. Accordingly, the net income from the sale of this large print version will be considerably less than that received on sales of the regular white booklet. We hope that this is just one of many items we will have available soon to assist visually-impaired N.A. members in seeking and maintaining their recovery."²²⁹

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January 1987	The January 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 1) includes information on: 1. A literature issue raised by the Texas fellowship (in the section "Learning from Mistakes") 2. Confusion about <i>It Works: How and Why</i> from the November 1986 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (in the section "From Bob Stone") <u>From "Learning from Mistakes"</u> "A service committee in Texas recently conveyed to us their side of a problem we inadvertently created. After understanding the problem from them more clearly it may help us avoid the problem in the future. We have used the pages of the <i>Newsline</i> to give advance notice of when new or revised publications will be ready and in stock. These reports are more often printed in the months following the Conference and taper off by September. We have consistently done this in an effort to keep you advised of progress. We have wanted you to know that we were working on the changes and printings that were decided by the Conference. Unfortunately, the Texans inform us, this creates a problem with the area literature committees and groups they serve. If, for example, they had recently purchased a sizable quantity of an item that was being changed, they discovered their groups and areas would not accept delivery of an old copy of the item if they read in the <i>Newsline</i> that the new one was available. This then placed the service committee in the position of having literature available that no one would accept. We explained that the Conference was made aware of this difficulty each time an item was changed. The Conference is advised that we have a quantity of the existing item in stock and it will take time to prepare and print the new edition. Each time this has happened, the Conference has understood and consented to having the WSO continue to produce and sell the old version until the new one was ready. The Conference will probably continue this policy. What we can learn from that problem is to avoid giving advance notice of when the new items will be

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January 1987 (cont.)	There is one other point to understand with regard to the 'It Works: How and Why' article. The article devoted a substantial amount of space discussing Option One. It is important to understand that there was no intention to 'slant' the article or persuade readers to select any particular option over any other. The reason that a large amount of space was spent discussing Option One is that if this alternative is selected. It requires action now. The discussion therefore was necessary in order to prepare readers to take action now if they choose to participate in the plan outlined in Option One. I hope this information is helpful in clearing up any confusion which you may have had concerning that article. I apologize for the error."²³⁰
January 27, 1987	The following is from the World Service Conference 86/87 Conference Agenda Report. 1. WSC Agenda Report--WSC Chairperson 2. A Report on <i>It Works: How and Why</i> 3. Motions to be introduced by the WSC Literature Committee 4. WCNA Bid Letters <u>From "WSC Agenda Report--WSC Chairperson"</u> "To: The Fellowship From: Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference This reports contains the items of business for Fellowship action at this years (sic) World Service Conference. This material for consideration is the culmination of work, experience and dedication of trusted servants from around the world. Each committee has spent long hours of discussion and debate on the benefits and/or liabilities of all items before proposing them here. It is now your responsibility to determine the direction, and how effectively we further our primary purpose. In reading this report you will see some new concepts and subtle changes from past years. Some committees don't have items to present for approval this year. This doesn't mean that the tasks are fewer, or that a committee has taken their work for granted. It simply means that Conference Committees will not present work that is not thoroughly and satisfactorily ready for presentation. Some

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	We think it would not be in the best interests of the Fellowship to simply ignore the input that has been shared or take no action between now and the Conference meeting. We feel it would be irresponsible to force the Fellowship at that time to choose only between accepting the book without changes or making changes on the floor of the Conference meeting. The immediate need is to either take some action that is reasonable and prudent now or wait until the Conference. It is the belief of these trusted servants that Option One should be initiated immediately in order to make use of the time currently available. Although further discussion at the Conference will determine subsequent action, if option one is selected we need to be prepared with the proposed amendments. We wish to stress that although it is somewhat unusual for us to ask for or receive input on approval-form literature it is always welcomed. The Literature Committee remains open and receptive to the wishes of the N.A. Fellowship and the only way we can do this is by receiving input directly from area and regional literature committees, groups and members. It is impossible for us to guess or otherwise ascertain the conscience of our Fellowship unless it is conveyed to us. Therefore, we encourage every area and regional literature committee, as well as any members or groups who have input to send in their comments on <i>IT WORKS: HOW AND WHY</i>. Even if you absolutely love the book the way it is, or if there are sections or chapters that you feel shouldn't be changed, please let us know that too. Please send your specific comments directly to the World Literature Committee in care of the WSO. The input will be collected until March 1, 1987, at which time it will be thoroughly evaluated and discussed by the literature ad-hoc committee. It is our hope that by following this process, the committee will be able to ascertain the worldwide group conscience on these issues and, if necessary, propose some specific amendments to the book which will be presented at the World Service Conference in April. The final decisions must be made by the N.A. Fellowship as a whole as expressed through the group conscience. All of these alternatives will be presented and discussed at the World Service Conference. Hopefully, through reports such as

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	this one, the N.A. membership will be informed and prepared to make the best decision possible regarding this important new book. 1. Moved that the Fellowship adopt one of the options for disposition of the book <i>It Works: How and Why</i> in the event it is not approved as initially presented by the Literature Committee. Following are motions which were received from regional service committees. These motions are included as an accommodation to the regions so that the motions can be reviewed and discussed prior to the Conference. The regions submitting motions were asked to include statements of intent or explanations of how their motion would change Conference policy or the matter it pertains to. Those statements are also included. While the <i>Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure</i> does not fully establish a comprehensive policy on how to handle motions from regions we have taken action that seemed prudent. Motions shown in this report from committees or boards will not change between now and the Conference. The motions from regions do not face the same constraints and may be presented at the Conference in language substantially or slightly different from that shown in this report. 2. "That the Georgia Regional Literature Committee work in progress, "In Loving Service," be referred to the WSC Literature Committee, and added to the World Literature Committee priority list." 3. "That the WSO Board, in conjunction with the WSC Administrative Committee, prepare a report for the Fellowship as a whole on the possibility and impact of reducing the price of our Basic Text and Informational Pamphlets by 25%. Included in this report will be the impact on our services world-wide and possible solutions to any adverse effect that this reduction in price would create in our ability to carry out our Fifth Tradition. This report will be made to the Fellowship by October 1, 1987." Intent: The intent of this motion is to explore the feasibility of reducing the price of our recovery literature so that it may be made more available

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	Program and philosophy. There were other participants who expressed the desire that the White Booklet reflect the most current philosophy of the N.A. Program. This motion <i>does not</i> include "We Do Recover." If the above motion is passed, the stories listed would not remain in the Basic Text unless the Fellowship instructs otherwise (due to the wording "all approved literature"). At any rate, the WSC Literature Committee would, over the next year, solicit, consider and evaluate new stories for possible inclusion in the white booklet at WSC '89. 41. To make the following changes in the Basic Text in order to bring it in line with the Newly Revised White Booklet. These changes will be made in the Fourth Edition and remain in subsequent editions. In Chapter 6, the first paragraph after the White Booklet excerpt, (3rd ed. p. 56) delete the sentence which contains the phrase "Because we hear about suggested steps and no musts ... " [Both of these references were taken out of the White Booklet) In Chapter 7, the first paragraph after the White Booklet excerpt, (3rd ed. p. 72) change "They forgot that it is really the first [fix, pill, drink, snort or toke)" to "the first drug" that starts the deadly cycle all over again." In Chapter 7, halfway through the chapter (3rd ed. p. 76,) paragraph begins, "We are grateful that we were made so welcome at meetings that we felt comfortable." In the last sentence, change (Just one fix, pill, drink, snort, or toke ...] to "Any use of drugs will interrupt the process of recovery." In Chapter 9, the tenth paragraph (3rd ed. p. 89) The first sentence reads "Three basic spiritual principles are honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness ... " delete [to try). In Chapter 9, the fourth paragraph from the end (3rd ed. bottom of p. 92) "If someone with a drug problem comes to us seeking recovery, [delete and is willing to try,) we gladly share with them.

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	In Chapter 36, Pothead! seventh paragraph (3rd ed. bottom of p. 228), "Then it said they didn't care what drug I used and the only requirement for membership was the (delete honest) desire to stop using. Intent: These six referenced sentences contain phraseology which was altered by the adoption of the Revised White Book. These sentences do not appear in the italicized portions of the Basic Text which are exact quotes from the White Booklet. They occur in the regular text portions. The Literature Review Committee discussed this matter at great length during several conference calls as well as the meeting in Charlotte. Although it would appear that the conscience of the Fellowship is <i>to</i> make these changes consistent throughout our literature, the Conference was not specific in directing the World Literature Committee to make the changes <i>wherever they appear</i>. 42. To adopt the following worklist for the World Literature Committee to replace the previously adopted worklist. It Works: How and Why Questions and Answers about N.A. For Those in Treatment Revising the WLC Procedural Guidelines Revising portions of the Literature Committee Handbook In Times of Illness Intent: This list contains considerably less items than have been included in past years. The reason is that the World Literature Committee wishes to submit a practical, reasonable list of items which they can realistically complete in the next year. New items added to this list are: "Questions and Answers about N.A.," "For Those in Treatment" (which was submitted to WLC by the WSC H&I Committee), revising the WLC guidelines and portions of the new Literature Committee Handbook. Deleted from the previous list were "To The Medical Profession," the "Resource Guide for Trusted Servants" (which was referred to the WSC Policy Committee), "Revised Recovery and Relapse," "Addicts in the Armed Services," "First Three Steps," and "Just for Today."

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	43. To approve I.P. No. 21 <i>The Loner--Staying Clean in Isolation</i> Intent: This new literature item was distributed in April 1986 for a one-year approval period and is scheduled to come to a vote at the 1987 World Service Conference. A copy of the pamphlet is attached in Addendum 2 at the end of the Conference Agenda Report. 44. To approve I.P. No. 22 <i>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</i>. Intent: This new literature item was distributed in April 1986 for a one-year approval period and is scheduled to come to a vote at the 1987 World Service Conference. A copy is enclosed in Addendum 2 at the end of the Conference Agenda Report. 45. To approve the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees Newly Revised</i>. Intent: This new literature item was distributed in April 1986 for a one-year approval period and is scheduled to come to a vote at the 1987 World Service Conference. A copy is enclosed in Addendum 2 at the end of the Conference Agenda Report. 46. To approve the book <i>Narcotics Anonymous, It Works: How and Why</i>. Intent: This new literature item was distributed in April 1986 for a one-year approval period and is scheduled to come to a vote at the 1987 World Service Conference. In an effort to control costs, copies of this book could not be enclosed with this report. However, they have been sold by the WSO to all interested N.A. members, groups and committees for the past year. <i>Note:</i> For further discussion regarding the book <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, refer to the WSC Chairperson Report, page 5." p. 37 – 39

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January 27, 1987 (cont.)	<u>Related to “WCNA Bid Letters”</u> “From the Northern California Region: We would like to convey our gratitude to the WSC and the WCCNA for reviewing and accepting our bid for the WCNA XVIII to be held Labor Day weekend of 1988. Northern California is privileged to be considered for hosting this worldwide celebration of recovery. In Northern California, as in other regions, we are experiencing tremendous growth of our fellowship, an ongoing ‘identity crisis’ at meeting level, and a sense of geographic and spiritual isolation from the rest of the Fellowship. We feel great joy at seeing so many new faces in N.A. but it has been offset by growing pains. Many addicts come to the Program of Narcotics Anonymous and hear the terminology of other Twelve Step programs and quotes from their literature. Many in our region have the mistaken impression that Narcotics Anonymous and the other programs are indistinguishable. Some new members are receiving what can be a fatal misconception of our requirement for membership. Upon hearing members share at meeting level, they are often left with the impression that they must become heroin addicts with histories of incarceration before they will truly belong to N.A. In this manner, we have lost many addicts who felt they could not identify tragically, some went back out to ‘re-qualify’ and many left our fellowship for another Twelve Step program. Because lives are at stake, this misconception must be dispelled to effectively fulfill our primary purpose and protect the future of our fellowship. The time has come for us to convey to the member and the non-addict that <i>Narcotics Anonymous stands on its own merits</i> and is a capable, growing, unified fellowship of recovery from the disease of addiction. Many of our members seem to feel a geographic disassociation from the Fellowship as a whole and the resulting isolationist, apathetic attitude has not been conducive to the unity of our fellowship, nor has it promoted the spiritual growth of our individual members. While we respect the autonomy of the group, these attitudes have a negative effect on the unity of Narcotics Anonymous which is the tie that binds our Fellowship together.

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March 1987	The March 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 3) includes information on: 1. The availability of the large print White Book, progress towards creating an audio version of the Basic Text, and translations (in section "New Recovery Materials Available") <u>From "New Recovery Materials Available"</u> "A few months ago. we announced our plan to produce a large print White Booklet for visually impaired addicts and any others who might have reading difficulties. We are pleased to report that production on this new item is complete and they are now available for sale. The large print white books measure 5-1/2 X 8-1/2" and sell for \$.75 each. Progress has also been made on the taping of N.A. approved literature. We had the taping done under contract with the American Foundation for the Blind, using all union readers. The tapes were produced in the format prescribed by the United States Library of Congress. We have had Part One of the Basic Text recorded onto 90-minute cassette tapes. Also recorded are the Newly Revised White Booklet, <i>Group Starter Kit</i>, and all informational pamphlets. The entire set of 5 cassettes is available for \$20.00 or the tapes may be purchased individually for \$5.00 each.

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March 1987 (cont.)	The Basic Text recordings consist of three tapes. The other cassettes contain the White Book and service-oriented materials (I.P. Nos. 2, 18, 20) and the last contains the recovery-oriented pamphlets (I.P. Nos. I, S, 7, 8, 13 and 16 on one side and Nos. 6, 9, II, 12, 14, and 19 on the other side). Progress has also been made with materials in foreign languages. We have just added to our inventory Spanish translations of I.P. Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 19, 20 and a revised version of LP. No. 11. The Spanish translation of the Newly Revised White Booklet has also been completed and is in stock at this time. We have received a Spanish translation of Chapters Four and Six of the Basic Text from a committee in Spain. This translation is now in the Fellowship Review process. This process is utilized with all translations in order to assure a group conscience. Once the Spanish-speaking members' comments are received, a finalized translation will be completed. Consideration is being given to asking the Conference for authority to publish these chapters in Spanish as a booklet. This material would help meet the needs of Spanish speaking members until such time as the entire Basic Text is completed. There are many more items that are 'in the works' at this time. Some of these include informational pamphlets in Japanese, Portuguese, German and French as well as the White Booklet in Hebrew and the Basic Text in Portuguese. Other projects include revisions of previously published French I.P.'s and Part One of the Basic Text. The translation process for each language is being adapted to accommodate the needs and capacity for participation of the members using each language. One of the reasons that the translation process is somewhat lengthy is that we utilize a Fellowship review for all translations. Initial or temporary translations are frequently done by professional translation companies or members and then sent out to committees who speak that language. A period of several months usually passes before the members complete their review and their comments can be collected, reviewed and implemented. Once this process is complete, the production begins. This involves editing, typesetting, proofreading, and printing. So, even though it is a long process, we are dedicated to carrying the message of recovery to addicts all over the world, and we are pleased to inform you each time we succeed in producing new materials."²³²

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April 27 – May 1, 1987	The twelfth World Service Conference is held. 1. Acting Literature Chair 2. A Guide to the Fourth Step 3. World Service Office 4. WSC Literature Committee Report 5. WSC Literature Committee Nominations 6. Unanimous Recommendation of the Ad-hoc Committee on IT WORKS: How and Why, Part I <u>From “Acting Literature Chair”</u> “The Conference Chairperson introduced Michael L., acting Literature Chair and Biff K., acting P.I. Chair. and asked concurrence of the Conference to accept them as voting participants of the Conference representing their committees. There was no objection.” p. 1 <u>Related to “A Guide to the Fourth Step”</u> It was M/S Jeff O., RSR (Buckeye)/Jim B., RSR Alt., (Greater Illinois) ‘to place on the WSO sales list for purposes of circulation throughout the Fellowship, the current accepted Guide to the Fourth Step Inventory. Intent: To correct a past misuse or procedure by WSC that has produced repercussions in the Fellowship’. William A., RSR (Mid-Atlantic) requested a roll call before a vote on the above motion. The Chairperson ruled the request out of order. It was M/S/C John F., (BOT)/Mark D., RSR (Upper Midwest) ‘to commit the above motion to Literature Committee till Friday’. VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED. <u>Related to the “World Service Office”</u> It was M/S Philip K., RSR (Mountaineer)/Forrest B., RSR (Kentuckiana) ‘the World Service Office Corporation, its Board of Directors and its employees shall adhere to the direction given by the annual business meeting of the World Service Conference of N.A. It should not initiate policy or projects relating to N.A. services, literature or materials. It may prepare feasibility studies, surveys or proposals at the request of WSC or its standing subcommittees for consideration at the next business meeting of WSCN A.’

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Chuck L., (WSC Vice Chair)/John F., (BOT) 'to refer this motion to the Select Committee'. VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED. It was M/S Randy J., (WSC H&I Chair)/Dutch H~ (BOT) 'That the World Service Conference recommend to the World Service Office that they amend their literature discount policy to reflect the following language: That all Fellowship literature distribution committees or boards, be given a (straight) 30% discount on all I.P.'s and White Booklets purchased for direct use by Fellowship H&I committees registered through the World Service Office H&I Project Coordinator.' It was M/S/F Greg W~ RSR Al~ (Greater Illinois)/Jack K~ RSR (Indiana) to amend motion, that and Basic Texts be added to line 5 after White Booklets. Intent: To make the Basic Text more available to addicts in institutions. VOICE VOTE FAILED. <u>Related to "WSC Literature Committee Report"</u> "Michael L~ acting as WSC Literature Chairperson 1986-87 submitted his report. Following the report, Bob H~ (WSC Treasurer) brought up that he had corrections to the funding portion of the Literature report. He suggested that he might want to change the report to reflect the correct figures. Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair) stated that he would get together with Bob Stone and Bob H., (WSC Treasurer) and prepare an amended statement. After a lengthy question and answer period with Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair), Leah G~ (WSC Chair) suggested that the Conference break for dinner. The Conference recessed at 6:45 for dinner. It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'To take from the table the motion committed to the Literature Committee at WSC 1986: 'To move the story 'I Found the Only N.A. Meeting in the World' to the front of the White Book' and take action to adopt or reject.' VOICE VOTE CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY. It was M/S/F Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'to move the story 'I found the only N.A. meeting in the world' to the front of the White Book'. The Vote: YES - 6 NO - 57 ABSTENTIONS - 7 FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY.

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Michael L~ (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'take from the table and take action to adopt or reject the 1986 motion committed to the World Literature Committee: 'to remove from all approved literature the WSC 86 edited storied 'One Third of My Life', 'I Can't Do Any More Time', 'The Vicious Circle', 'Something Meaningful', 'I was different', 'Fearful Mother' and 'Fat Addict'; This change to take place at WSC 89". VOICE VOTE CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY. It was M/S/F 'To remove from all approved literature the WSC'86 edited stories 'One Third of My Life,' 'I Can't Do Anymore Time,' 'The Vicious Circle', 'Something Meaningful', 'I Was Different', 'Fearful Mother', and 'Fat Addict'. This change to take place at WSC '89. The Vote: YES - 16 NO – 44 ABSTENTIONS -13 FAILED. It was M/S/F Yvonne K., RSR (Tri-State)/J.R. F., RSR (Greater Philadelphia) 'to contact the individuals whose stories are in conflict with current philosophy and give them the opportunity to make changes. Intent Their messages reach the newcomer. As the people grow in recovery they should be able to revise their terminology'. VOICE VOTE FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY. It was M/S Michael L~ (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R~ (BOT) 'To make the following changes in the Basic Text in order to bring it in line with the Newly Revised White Booklet. These changes will begin with the Fourth Edition and remain in subsequent editions. 'In Chapter 6, the first paragraph after the White Booklet excerpt, (3rd ed. p.56) delete the sentence which contains the phrase "Because we hear about suggested steps and no musts--[Both of these references were taken out of the White Booklet). In the Conference Agenda. Literature Agenda Item 41. In Chapter 7, the first paragraph after the <i>White</i> Booklet excerpt, (3rd ed. p.72) change 'They forgot that it is really the first [fix, pill, drink, snort or token)' to 'the first drug' that starts the deadly cycle all over again.' In Chapter 7, halfway through the chapter (3rd ed. p. 76) paragraph begins, 'We are grateful that we were made so welcome at meetings that we felt comfortable." In the last sentence, change [Just one fix, pill, drink, snort, or token' to 'Any use of drugs will interrupt the process of recovery.'

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	In Chapter 9, the tenth paragraph (3rd ed. p.89) The first sentence reads 'Three basic spiritual principles are honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness' delete [to try]. In Chapter 9, the fourth paragraph from the end (3rd ed. bottom of p. 92) 'If someone with a drug problem comes to us seeking recovery, [delete and is willing to try,) we gladly share with them how we stay clean. In Chapter 36, Pothead! seventh paragraph (3rd ed. bottom of p. 228), 'Then it said they didn't care what drug I used and the only requirement for membership was the [delete honest) desire to stop using.' It was M/S Vince D., RSR (Chesapeake/Potomac)/Jay R., RSR (Florida) 'to amend page 81 in We Do Recover' to change 'first fix, pill or drink' to 'first drug'. Chairperson ruled the amendment out of order due to the fact that the Newly Revised White Book and Basic Text has the same above language. It was M/S/F Bo S., (BOT)/J.R. F., RSR (Greater Philadelphia) 'to commit the above motion to the Literature Committee until Friday.' MOTION TO COMMIT FAILS BY VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS. It was M/S/C Mark E., RSR (Oregon/S. Idaho)/Jeff O., RSR (Buckeye) 'to divide the motion. Chap. 36, pothead: seventh paragraph-Be considered separately. Intent: that the stories be considered separately from the first 1/2 of our Basic Text. VOICE VOTE CARRIED. Amendment to the first part of the motion. It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'delete' to try instead of 'is willing to try' In Chapter 9, 4th paragraph from the end (3rd Edition, bottom of page 92)'. The Vote: YES - 52 NO - 16 ABSTENTIONS - 5 CARRIED. Action then was taken on one first half of the motion as amended. The Vote: YES - 64 NO - 4 ABSTENTIONS - 5 CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. Action was then taken on the second half of the motion. The Vote: YES - 34 NO - 25 ABSTENTIONS - 12 FAILED FOR LACK OF A REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY.

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/John F., (BOT) 'to commit Regional motions #4 and #5 (including the attached guidelines) to the World Literature Committee for further study'. VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY. It was M/S/C as amended below Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Bo S., (BOT) 'To adopt the following worklist for the World Literature Committee to replace the previously adopted worklist. CARRIED AS AMENDED BELOW It Works: How and Why Questions and Answers about N.A. For Those in Treatment Revising the WLC Procedural Guidelines Revising portions of the Literature Committee Handbook In Times of Illness It was M/S/F Greg W., RSR Alt., (Greater Illinois)/Paul B., RSR (Georgia) 'To delete: Revising the WLC Procedural Guidelines from the proposed WLC worklist. VOICE VOTE MOTION FAILED. It was M/S/C Paul B., RSR (Georgia)/Ivan F., RSR (Ohio) 'That the Georgia Regional Literature Committee work in progress, In Loving Service, be referred to the WSC Literature Committee, and added to the World Literature Committee priority list'. The Vote: YES - 44 NO - 15 ABSTENTIONS 13 CARRIED. It was M/S/C John F., (BOT)/JR F. (RSR Greater Philadelphia) 'to limit debate on amendments to no discussion.' VOICE VOTE CARRIED - 2/3 MAJORITY. It was M/S/F Greg W., RSR Alt., (Greater Illinois)/Paul B., RSR (Georgia) 'To Add: The daily meditation book Just For Today to the proposed World Literature Committee worklist'. The Vote: YES - 28 NO - 31 ABSTENTIONS - 13- FAILED. It was M/S/C Jay ~ RSR (Florida)/Paul B., RSR (Georgia) 'to put the pamphlet Unity on the WSC literature priority list for 1987-88'. The Vote: YES - 31 NO 28 ABSTENTIONS - 13 CARRIED.

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Charlott, RSR Alt (London)/Daniel S., RSR (Germany) 'to add to WLC priority worklist an I.P. on Steps One, Two and Three'. VOICE VOTE FAILED.
	It was M/S/F Henry B., RSR (British Columbia)/Jim E., RSR (Chicagoland) 'to delete For Those in Treatment' AMENDMENT FAILS BY VOICE VOTE.
	It was M/S/F Henry B., RSR (British Columbia)/Jim E., RSR (Chicagoland) to make 'In Times of Illness' second on the list. VOICE VOTE FAILED.
	It was M/S/C Ruben F., RSR (San Diego/Imperial)/Bill K., RSR (New England) 'Move to close debate immediately to main motion'. VOICE VOTE CARRIED.
	Further discussion evolved and approval was given to the Chair to consider further amendments.
	It was M/S/F Mary S., RSR (New Mexico)/Paul B., RSR (Georgia) to add 'Addicts in the Armed Services' to the worklist as mandated at 1986 WSC.' VOICE VOTE FAILED.
	It was M/S/C Bob B., (BOT)/Jack B., (BOT Chair) 'To close the list of literature priorities'. VOICE VOTE CARRIED.
	It was M/S/C 'To approve I.P. No. 21 The Loner-Staying Clean in Isolation'. MOTION CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.
	It was the unanimous consent of the Conference to include the World Service Office telephone number in I.P. #21.
	It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)/John F., (BOT) 'To approve the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees Newly Revised</i> '. YES – 57 NO - 8 ABSTENTIONS - 4 CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY.
	It was M/S Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)/Bo S., (BOT) 'To approve I.P. No. 22 <i>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</i> '.

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)/Bob G., RSR (Southern California) to amend 'with amendment to paragraph 6, 1st sentence to read; 'The only way to keep from returning to active addiction is not to take that first drug'. VOICE VOTE CARRIED. It was M/S/C Bob. E., RSR (New Jersey)/Bill E., RSR (Region of the Virginias) 'to table the above motion as amended till Friday.' The Vote: YES 52 NO 11 ABSTENTIONS - 4 MOTION CARRIED. It was M/S/F Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)/ John F., (BOT) 'To approve the book, <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. Literature Agenda Item 46. ROLL CALL vote was requested on original motion by Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair). Alabama/N.W. Florida-YES; Alaska-YES; Arizona-YES; Australasian-NO; Best Little Region-NO; British Columbia-YES; Buckeye-NO; Carolina-YES; Chesapeake/Potomac-NO; Chicagoland-NO; Colorado-NO; Connecticut-NO; Florida NO; Georgia-NO; Germany-NO; Greater New York-NO; Greater Illinois-NO; Greater Philadelphia-NO; Hawaii-YES; Indiana-NO; Iowa-NO; Ireland-NO; Israel-NO; Japan-ABSTENTIONS; Kentuckiana-NO; London-YES; Lone Star-YES; Louisiana Purchase-YES; Michigan-NO; Mid-America-ABSTENTIONS; Mid-Atlantic-NO; Mississippi-NO; Mountaineer-NO; Nebraska-NO; New England-YES; New Jersey-NO; New Mexico-YES; Northern California-YES; Northern New York-NO; Ohio-NO; Oklahoma-NO; Oregon/S. Idaho-YES; Quebec-YES; Region of the Virginians-NO; San Diego/Imperial-NO; Show-Me-NO; Sierra Sage-YES; Southern California-NO; Southern Nevada-YES; Tri-State-NO; Upper Midwest-NO; Upper Rocky Mountain-YES; Utah-YES; Volunteer-NO; Washington/N. Idaho· YES; Wisconsin-NO; Leah G., (WSC Chair)-NO; Chuck L., (WSC Vice Chair)-NO; Bob H., (WSC Treasurer) (NOT VOTING); Ed. D., (WSC Policy Chair)-NO; Mary B., (WSC I.C Chair)-NO; Randy J., (WSC H&I Chair)-ABSTENTIONS; Biff K., (WSC P.I. Vice Chair)-NO; Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)-NO; Jim W., (WSC-BOD)ABSTENTIONS; Jack B., (BOT Chair)-NO; Bob B., (WSB)-NO; Dutch H., (WSB)-ABSTENTIONS; Bo S., (WSB)-NO; Michael B., (WSB)-NO; Sydney R., (WSB)-NO; Sally E., (WSB)-NO; John F., (WSB)-NO; Tom M., (WSC)-YES; Bob R., (WSB)-NO; James D., (WSB)-NO;. Results: YES - 20 NO - 50 ABSTENTIONS - 5 MOTION FAILS

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	The Chairperson obtained consent of the Conference to hear each of the separate proposals on how to deal with <i>It Works</i> before taking action on any of them: It was M/S Chuck L., (WSC Vice Chair)/Jack B., (WSB) 'Moved that the Fellowship adopt one of the options for disposition of the book <i>It Works: How and Why</i> in the event it is not approved'. Option 1: Accept Fellowship-wide input until March 1, 1987, have the proposed changes reviewed by an ad-hoc committee comprising members from the Board of Trustees. WSO Board of Directors, WSC Administrative Committee and World Literature Committee, and have appropriate changes proposed by the ad-hoc committee for adoption, as amendments to the book, when it is considered for approval at the Conference in 1987. Option 2: Accept Fellowship-wide input until June 30, 1987. Have the ad-hoc committee review the input and publish a revised approval form by October 1, 1987, and have this version considered for approval at the Conference in 1988. Option 3: Accept Fellowship-wide input until October 1, 1987. Have the literature ad-hoc committee review and make changes and publish a new approval form copy at the Conference in 1988 and possibly approve the book at the Conference meeting in 1989. It was M/S Paul B., RSR (Georgia)/Ivan F., RSR (Ohio) In the event that the approval form book <i>It Works: How and Why</i> is not approved at the 1987 WSC then the current draft is to be considered open for review and input as of May I, 1987. In accordance with a nine month review and input period for literature, the Fellowship will then have until February I, 1988 to review and input the piece and the approval form will be published for the Fellowship by September 1, 1988 for possible approval at WSC 1989. It was M/S Howard A., RSR Alt. (Northern New York)/Bob E., RSR (New Jersey) 'Return to <i>It Works: How and Why</i> the Blue Book review and input version. All input or that work to be retained for possible use in new approval version. Open workshops to be held quarterly until 1988, with new approval form published at WSC 89, with approval/rejection at WSC 90. Open workshops on traditions

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	until October 1990, approval form published at WSC 91, and approval/rejection at WSC 92.' It was M/S Mike B., RSR (Wisconsin)/Billy E., (Region of the Virginians) 'Move that the literature committee return the original Blue Book of <i>How and Why</i> to the Fellowship for review and input.' It was M/S Dutch H., (WSB)/Biff K., (WSC P.I. Vice Chair) 'to workshop <i>It Works: How and Why</i> around the USA in 4 geographical locations and then put in a Select Committee of this Conference of at least 20 voting participants. Timetables and locations to be determined by the Administrative Committee. Input: To begin with Blue Book and to proceed with other input that has been received including the approval form.' It was M/S/C Chuck L. (WSC Vice Chair)/Jack B. (BOT Chair) 'to withdraw the original motion.' VOICE VOTE CARRIED. There was considerable discussion on the alternative ways to deal with the draft of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. By consent of the Conference an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to study these and report back on Friday. Members appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee were: Phil K. (RSR W. Virginia), Bill A. (RSR Mid-Atlantic), Dutch H. (BOT), Michael L. (WSC Literature Vice-Chair), Mike (RSR Wisconsin), Jamie S-H (RSR London), Ed. D. (WSC Policy Chair), Yvonne (RSR Tri-State). It was M/S/C Forest B., RSR (Kentuckiana)/Jay R., RSR (Florida) 'this motion is to include below as part of the WSC Literature Committee items for Agenda for WSC 88. Change 'Easy Does It' to 'Take It Easy' wherever 'Easy Docs It' appears in N.A. approved literature in new publications and in subsequent changes in existing publications. Intent: As a matter of style 'Take It Easy' was used consistently in place of 'Easy Does It' in the development of our Basic Text. 'Easy Does It', however, remains in several places in our approved literature. We need to be consistent in our use of N.A. terminology in our approved literature. We did input this to the Literature Committee at WSC 87 and were told it would not be dealt with.' VOTE: 60· YES • MOTION CARRIES 2/3 MAJORITY.

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	It was M/S Bob B., (WSB)/Tom M., (WSB) 'That all items of literature for approval by group conscience submitted to the Fellowship, should have included these items: 1. intent 2. pros 3. cons It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair)/Biff K., (WSC P.I. Vice Chair) 'to commit to WSC Policy for action at WSC 1988.' MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. At the request of the WSC Chairperson, the Conference participants entered into a discussion period regarding Item No. 6 from the Conference Agenda Report, and a motion presented by the Southern California RSR. The discussion centered on the changes made in the Little White Booklet at WSC 1986 and the resulting disharmony experienced by a particular region. Many issues regarding this problem were brought forward. Some of these were the procedure used to change the White Booklet, the actual time the Fellowship had to study the changes, the unanimity of last year's decision, putting the changes back on the WSC Agenda for the coming year, failure of the membership to review the material in the Conference Agenda Report, and others. Several times the Conference participants took action on resolutions and asked that these near unanimous declarations be included here. There was only one objection from the 76 participants. These declarations are as follows: 1. That those groups still using the old White Booklet please stop and respect the decision of the Fellowship. 2. That the existing White Booklet (Newly Revised) approved at the Conference last year (1986), is the only White Booklet approved by the Fellowship. After this lengthy session, the WSC participants proceeded with the business at hand, beginning with the following motion. It was M/S/F Bob G., RSR (Southern California/Bob B., (WSB) 'To classify the 1976 Edition of the Little White Book as a historical document to be held in trust, kept in print and made available to the

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April 27 – May 1, 1987 (cont.)	Substitute Motion. It was M/S Mark D., RSR (Upper Midwest)/George K., RSR (Hawaii) 'Motion #6 shall read: When an item of literature is adopted by the WSC which is a modification of an existing item of approved literature: 1. The WSO will make the newly revised piece of literature available within six months of the Conference at which the literature was approved. 2. N.A. meetings in the spirit of unity as described by our First Tradition are asked to discontinue the use of the prior now unapproved edition. SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS RULED OUT OF ORDER. The Conference adjourned for the day at 1:35 AM, Thursday." "The Literature report was delivered to the Conference by Michael L., (WSC Lit. Vice Chair). It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'To amend the World Literature Guidelines as follows: In the section following evaluation criteria, para. 8, delete the last nine lines beginning It is generally not appropriate and ending literature for Narcotics Anonymous. MOTION CARRIES 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. Literature Agenda Item #45. The following is the recommendation of the WSC Literature Committee. It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) 'To approve I.P. No. 22 "Welcome to N.A." with the following changes: Cover: 2nd sentence, delete 'Like N.A. itself.' begin the sentence with 'Our message is very simple' Paragraph 2, change sentence 4 to read: 'It has been said, If your stomach's all tied up in knots, you're probably in the right place.' Paragraph 3, change last sentence to read: 'It is a relief to discover that the only requirement for membership in N.A. is desire to stop using.' Paragraph 6 change last sentence to read: 'The only way to keep from returning to active addiction is not to take that first drug.' Paragraph 6, change sentence 3 to read: 'In order for most of us to abstain from using mood-altering, mind-changing chemicals, we have had to undergo drastic changes physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.' Paragraph 6, lines 9-10 change sentence to read: 'You can probably get clean by just coming to meetings. However, if you

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May 1987	The May 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 4, Number 4) includes information on: 1. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> not being approved at the World Service Conference (in the section "New Literature Available") 2. The creation of an ad hoc committee for <i>It Works: How and Why</i> for the purpose of collecting worldwide input and fostering the group conscience process (in the section "It Works") <u>From "New Literature Available"</u> "Another item of interest is the action taken by the World Service Conference on the Twelve Steps book, <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. This book was distributed in approval form for one year and considered at the 1987 WSC for approval or disapproval. The book was not approved. The World Service Conference directed that an ad-hoc committee be formed for the purpose of collecting additional input from the worldwide Fellowship on this book. The Office will therefore make available, to registered N.A. literature committees only, a

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July 1987	The July 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Vince D., Chairman <i>It Works: How & Why</i> Ad-hoc Committee <u>From “Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference</u> “...On a separate, but equally important issue, I would like to share some thoughts. I want to open discussion on the manner in which we entertain motions and make important decisions in ‘eleventh hour’ fashion. The case in point is our handling of the <i>It Works: How and Why</i> project. The book was presented for approval and was rejected. Technically, the book should have been returned to the Literature Committee for further work. Rather than utilize that process, the Conference hastily created a working group and assigned them the task of developing a new procedure by which to address the <i>It Works</i> project. The group, having already worked some eighteen hours that day on other Conference related duties, was pressed into action. While an already exhausted Conference slept, this group worked four to six hours, almost until dawn, developing the plan for <i>It Works</i>. The ambitious plan was presented and adopted with little debate or discussion. Five minutes before the Conference was due to adjourn, questions about the plan began to surface. The time for debate was limited and again, we were forced to make a decision without allowing for thorough review and discussion...” <u>From “Michael L., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee #1”</u> “INTRODUCTION: I would like to express my gratitude to N.A. as a whole for the privilege of" growing in my personal recovery through service to you as the newly elected WSC Literature Committee Chairperson. A very positive spirit, tone and direction was established for the World Literature Committee (WLC) this year at the World Service Conference (WSC), and I trust that much of that abundant spirit has already been shared with you. As I finish writing this report, only six short weeks have passed since the WSC, but we have already made an excellent start. I have attended the Joint Administrative Committee meeting held at WSO June 6-7, and the World Literature Committee has already held its first meeting June 13-14 also at WSO.

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July 1987 (cont.)	and Production (coordinating typesetting, and publishing). Cindy Saisselin has been given responsibility for serving the WSC Public Information Committee (internal P.1.), which was Danette's former area of responsibility. Ginni has been doing the work of two people for some time now, so the net impact of this change will be to bring increased staff resources to the whole area of literature, translations and production. I am deeply grateful to Ginni for her past service to the World Literature Committee. I am looking forward to a smooth transition and the increased vitality that the spiritual principle of rotation inevitably brings. WSO is planning to conduct a search for a permanent Literature Coordinator over the next few months. <u>ABOUT THE BASIC TEXT:</u> There's been some confusion as a result of the World Literature Committee action last year encouraging a review of the Basic Text. The background is that the WSC had directed that the Basic Text be professionally edited for grammar, punctuation, syntax and then be evaluated by the Literature Review Committee (LRC). As the LRC reviewed the edited text last summer, we uncovered a variety of parts we felt the Fellowship should consider revising. This was all discussed at the Lit. Review meeting prior to our October meeting in Charlotte, BEFORE all of the controversy about the white approval-form version of <i>It Works</i>. Another factor was that the WLC had worked on and completed five approval-form pamphlets for 1988, but no review-form literature; it just worked out that way. So, in the November Fellowship report the problems found in the Basic Text were spelled out in a general way and the Fellowship was asked to review the Basic Text and submit input. This direction was repeated in a lot of correspondence on this subject during the last six months. We also began actively soliciting stories for the Little White Book in the event that the Conference approved a motion to remove the 1986 edited stories from N.A. literature. Well, in hindsight, I think we were wrong in what we did. Reviewing the Basic Text and soliciting new stories for the Little White Book were NOT on our priority list last year, so looking back, I think we went too far. The 1987 Conference defeated the motion to change the Little White Book and gave us no other direction on the Basic Text.

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July 1987 (cont.)	anywhere inside Narcotics Anonymous, including N .A. meetings, but should never be read or used in Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Finally, the action of the World Service Conference on the approval-form version of the Twelve Steps Book, <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, is discussed more fully elsewhere in the Fellowship Report from the Ad-hoc Committee on <i>It Works</i>. I will say that the motion to approve the book failed by a vote of 20 yes, 50 no, 5 abstentions. The WSC directed that this Ad-hoc Committee be formed for the purpose of collecting additional input from the worldwide Fellowship. The Conference directed that a new "blue and white" review-form manuscript of <i>It Works</i> be published by WSO. This combined volume includes the Twelve Steps portion of the original manuscript (blue cover) which was distributed in review form in 1985, as well as the revised manuscript (white cover) which was distributed in approval form from April 1986 to 1987. It is available only to registered area and regional literature committees at \$6.00 per copy via the WSO. Special Order Form. Interested members are encouraged to get involved with their local area or regional literature committee to become involved in the process of studying and generating input for this work. Review-form literature, unlike approval-form literature, is <i>never</i> sold in regular N.A. meetings, nor is it distributed or used in N.A. meetings. <u>CONCLUSION:</u> The Conference has elected a great committee of talented, experienced Narcotics Anonymous members from all over. I am excited about the work we are going to be able to do. I look forward to seeing many of you in July and reporting more on our progress in the September Fellowship report. <u>From "Vince D., Chairman <i>It Works: How & Why</i> Ad-hoc Committee"</u> "INTRODUCTION By now most members are aware that the approval form of <i>It Works: How & Why</i> Part I was rejected at the '87 World Service Conference. This ad-hoc committee is the expression of the will of the Conference on what to do with our book. The adopted proposal was written by members of the Conference who had differing solutions from their regions on how to proceed with the writing of our book. That they could come to unanimous agreement, in the early Friday morning hours between sessions of the Conference, clearly demonstrates the spiritual power and wisdom of our Second Tradition and, in fact, the application of all

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August 1987	A typo appears to have occurred in number the Volume of the August 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i>. The previous issue was listed as Volume 4 (Number 4) and this issue is listed as Volume 6 (Number 5). The August 1987 issue contains information on: 1. Priority list projects approved at WSC '87 (in the section “World Literature News”) 2. Plans for world workshops (in the section “WSC Ad-Hoc Committee on It Works [The Steps]”) 3. A request for Fellowship input on experiences with the Twelve Steps for use in <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “A Call for Assistance to all N.A. Members”) 4. A plan of action for collecting Fellowship input on the review-form and approval form of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section “An Excerpt from the July Fellowship Report of the WSC Ad-hoc Committee on It Works”) <u>From “World Literature News”</u> “There's so much new, exciting news in the world of literature these days, it's hard to know what to say. One important item that makes the task a bit easier is the fact that information about world services is available in so many sources

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August 1987 (cont.)	now. In addition to bi-monthly issues of the <i>Newsline</i>, Fellowship Reports are now being mailed on a bimonthly basis and the <i>N.A. Way</i> magazine is also carrying short articles on major highlights of World Committee activities and projects. All of this exposure and coverage will ultimately result in better and better communication which, in turn, will add to our ability to correctly determine and meet the Fellowship's needs. We are very grateful for the growth and maturity which these changes represent and we look forward to continuing progress. Change is something we all experience in recovery, both personally and in service work. The World Literature Committee (WLC) is no different. One major new thrust of the Committee's work this year is to address the changing literature needs of Narcotics Anonymous. Regional and area literature committees have been contacted and invited to provide input to WLC about the Procedural Guidelines (including structure of the Committee), and how those guidelines impact the method in which N.A. develops literature, from a first draft through a Conference-approved information pamphlet (I.P.) or book. The Committee welcomes all input on this or other matters. An ad-hoc committee of WLC will be meeting in late August to review the Procedural Guidelines and make recommendations based on input received. Other activities of WLC include the production of drafts for the following items which were approved by WSC '87 as priority list projects: <i>For Those in Treatment</i>, <i>Questions and Answers about Narcotics Anonymous</i>, <i>In Times of Illness</i>, <i>Unity</i>, <i>In Loving Service</i> and the Twelve Traditions section of <i>It Works</i>. As part of continuing change and improving procedures, the WLC agreed unanimously to open participation to regional literature chairpersons at the conference workshop in Newark in July. The result was wonderful and we are grateful to those members for their willingness to travel and commit to long hours of hard work, much of which is never adequately acknowledged. One item which is also new and exciting is the WLC's decision to attempt using a survey to help determine the wishes of the Fellowship regarding certain items of literature business. When approved, it will be sent to all registered literature committees. We look forward to receiving input on the idea and usage of this type of survey in the future.

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August 1987 (cont.)	<i>Newsline</i>. An excerpt from an earlier mailing about some of the specifics of inputting is provided below. In addition, a sample input/review form is being enclosed with all copies of <i>It Works</i> mailed after August 17th. If you need copies of that or any other <i>It Works</i> information, please contact the WSO literature coordinator for copies. Here are some additional helpful hints on inputting: Look at the book to see what's missing and write that in. When we turn to this book for guidance and direction in our personal recoveries, it will probably be to get at the nature, the principles and levels of surrender which our steps talk about. Even if it's only to learn to keep it simple. It's hard to write something inspirational enough to awaken a sleeping giant. In N.A., our needs push us toward that. If the need is there the Fellowship responds and we're getting a great response so far. We're searching for quality and depth shared with love and gratitude. In our efforts to help each other, we help ourselves. There's a good experience waiting to happen as soon as we sit down to review the material on these steps and begin to write our understanding. Thank you for your time, caring and understanding and keep in touch." <u>From "An Excerpt from the July Fellowship Report of the WSC Ad-hoc Committee on It Works"</u> "PLAN OF ACTION There is a simple, basic plan of action and it revolves around the key phrase 'prepared, written input.' It is the responsibility of the local membership to bring their prepared, written input to the workshop. The review-form blue book of <i>It Works</i>, and the approval-form white book <i>It Works</i>, were combined into one review-form book which is available to area and regional literature committees from the WSO. Your prepared, written input should be based on these books. It does not matter which version you write on or whether you choose to combine both, because the World Literature Committee will make one final book out of this input. Put simply: A. As a member, get your review and input draft of <i>It Works</i> from your local area or regional literature committee. We must all be working in the same direction so it is important for all member to. Participate under the guidance and direction of their local area or regional literature committee.

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September 1987	The September 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson World Literature Committee 3. Report from Leah G., Chairperson WSC Select Committee (Recovery Literature Approval) 4. Report from Vince D., Chairperson <i>It Works: How and Why</i> Ad-hoc Committee 5. Report from Robert Stone, Executive Director, World Service Office <u>From "Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson World Service Conference"</u> "...The Service Conference also featured an open forum to discuss the N.A. Fellowship in Europe and its relationship to N.A. worldwide. It is important to note that the WSC is perceived in the eyes of many European members as being reflective of and dominated by the American experience. As the discussions

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September 1987 (cont.)	on what we hear from you as to whether we should continue this process for another year. One point should be made clear. <u>The deadline date for generating input for this Conference year will be February first.</u> As a WSC Committee we will need February, March and April to compile all the input and perhaps have one final workshop during that period to factor in the last minute input that's sure to come in. <u>A SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL REGIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEES:</u> Many regional service committees are holding workshops monthly or bi-monthly. What we need to do together is to get each area or region's master list of changes to the nearest world workshop. If, for example, the nearest world workshop to you is being held in November, keep generating your material until November and then take it to the workshop or send it to the World Service Office with instructions and we'll make sure it gets there. If you want to continue workshopping the book past November, send your input to the World Service Office as you generate it and we will get it to the workshops in December and January. <u>WORLD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:</u> We are doing our best to let you know as we find out the dates and locations of scheduled workshops. Information about the world workshop sites must be compiled by the regions hosting the workshop and submitted, in a flyer form, to WSO so that we can mail copies of it to neighboring regions. PLEASE, stay in touch with us and send a flyer as soon as possible. Here is what we're aware of so far: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">September 26 – 27</td><td>Baltimore (neighboring areas and regions will receive flyers and directions soon.)</td></tr> <tr> <td>October 10 – 11</td><td>Sydney, Australia</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 6 – 8</td><td>Seattle</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 13 – 15</td><td>Kansas City</td></tr> <tr> <td>November (1st or 2nd weekend)</td><td>Dallas/. Worth</td></tr> <tr> <td>December (1st or 2nd weekend)</td><td>Miami</td></tr> <tr> <td>January</td><td>San Francisco</td></tr> </table> <u>STEPS OUTLINE:</u> The outline that is being created on the Twelve Steps is going to play a major role throughout the development of our book. Currently the ad-	September 26 – 27	Baltimore (neighboring areas and regions will receive flyers and directions soon.)	October 10 – 11	Sydney, Australia	November 6 – 8	Seattle	November 13 – 15	Kansas City	November (1st or 2nd weekend)	Dallas/. Worth	December (1st or 2nd weekend)	Miami	January	San Francisco
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October 1987	The October 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 6) contains information on: 1. A reprint of the WLC Chairperson's report explaining the difference between Conference-approved, approval-form, and review-form (in the section "World Literature") 2. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "New Materials Available From WSO.") 3. Clarification about the <i>It Works</i> project with respect to the roles of the World Literature Committee and the Ad-Hoc Committee formed at the WSC (in the section "The Ad Hoc Committee On <u>It Works</u>") 4. A request for input from the Chairperson of the <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee (in the section "On Another Note") <u>From "World Literature"</u> "The September <i>Fellowship Report</i> contained a section which described the difference between Conference-approved, approval-form and review-form literature. Because calls are continuously received from members asking about this, we have reprinted that portion of the WLC Chairperson's report. 'As I reported last month, five (5) approval form items are available this year. Please help ensure that this material is widely available. Because confusion persists, I want to emphasize the differences between Conference-approved, approval-form and review-form literature. Although both Conference-approved and approval-form literature can be distributed or sold at meetings, only Conference-approved literature can be read or used in meetings. Literature committees may wish to sponsor special workshops or allow time in committee meetings to read, discuss and evaluate approval form items so that interested members do have a forum in which the material can be studied in a group setting. It is also important to emphasize the difference between review-form and approval-form literature. Approval-form literature is NOT review-form literature. Although the World Literature Committee accepts input on approval

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October 1, 1987	Leah G., Chairperson of the World Service Conference sends the Fellowship a report on the possibility and impact of reducing the price of the Basic Text and information pamphlets by 25%. Excerpts from the 48-page report are included below. "Attached is the report to the Fellowship on the possibility and impact of reducing the price of the Basic Text and information pamphlets by twenty five percent. This report is the result of a motion adopted by the World Service Conference at its annual meeting in April, 1987. It is my belief that this report was prompted by a desire to better understand the role the WSO has in furthering the primary purpose of Narcotics Anonymous. For a number of years, our Fellowship has been trying to understand and grasp the appropriate relationship between itself as a spiritual entity, and the business

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October 1, 1987 (cont.)	The report includes many interesting and important comments on the events that led to the WSO doing what it does. The description of services provided in the report is, in my opinion, incomplete. I might have preferred that the report be more specific in actual services that would have to be cut, but the message is clear in trying to balance the needs of our members, and our future members, with the needs of an effective service center. The current WSO discount policy does offer a price reduction within the Fellowship on a graduated scale. The extent of that system matches pretty closely the intent of the original motion. The information presented in this report clearly shows that now is not the time to pursue a reduction in literature prices, because in the long run, it will not prove to benefit our primary purpose." "Date: October 1, 1987 To: The Fellowship From: The World Service Office A SUMMARY Attached is the report to the Fellowship requested by the World Service Conference. In order to analyze the impact of reducing the price of the Basic Text and information pamphlets, it was necessary to project the monetary impact on existing financial records. This was accomplished by measuring probable reductions in income against the figures reported in the WSO 1986 Year End Financial Report. In addition to affecting the figures in the Year End Report a change in literature prices would have impact on most WSO policies. The first policy to be affected is the Discount Sales Policy. This policy converts relevant publications to industry practices to our spiritual Fellowship needs. The study reveals that although WSO offers only some of the discounts common in the publishing industry to our customers, several commercial buyers do purchase from WSO. Sales to these companies (called suppliers in the report) resell most of the Literature to treatment centers, hospitals, and other professionals. These 'suppliers' purchase about fifty percent of all Basic Texts sold, providing to the WSO twenty-six percent of all income. They receive a forty percent discount but have to pay for the shipping costs. This averages out to about a thirty-five percent discount. These companies purchase large quantities only because they can obtain this discount.

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October 27, 1987	"The edited Basic Text, called the Fourth Edition, was released on October 27, 1987." ²⁴⁰
November 1987	The November 1987 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference 2. Report from Chuck L., Vice-Chairperson, World Service Conference 3. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, World Literature Committee

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November 1987 (cont.)	It is our hope that this book will help the suffering addict find the solution that we have found. Our purpose is to remain clean, just for today, and to carry the message of recovery." Prior to writing this report, I have had the opportunity to read and review what the Chairpersons of the World Service Conference, Board of Trustees and WSO Board of Directors have written elsewhere in this November Fellowship Report. Clearly, the Basic Text and the issues surrounding the publication of the 4th Edition affect Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, and each of these reports should be read. Another thing which warrants mentioning at the beginning is that as the Vice-Chairperson of the World Literature Committee and member of the Literature Review Committee last year, I was a conscious participant in the Literature Review Committee's work. I am prepared to give a full accounting to the World Service Conference of my personal role in this matter, as well as any other specifics. I am NOT going to discuss any specific edits in the book or get drawn into any debates about whether or not concepts have been changed. At this point, those things are for the Fellowship to decide through the established service structure. Because of the controversy developing, I have been encouraged to take all kinds of sides by some and to maintain a neutral role by others. Under such pressure, it is really a no win situation. After weeks of prayer, meditation and widespread consultation and dialogue with others, I have come to the conclusion that as a participant I cannot possibly be entirely neutral and free of bias in this situation. My goal is, however, to do my best to serve the Fellowship given my present skills, abilities, and character. In the spirit of openness I have tried to bring to this year's World Literature Committee, I hope to demonstrate a fairness, objectivity and open-mindedness that allows me to serve the Fellowship effectively, while maintaining my personal integrity and dignity. WHAT'S GOING ON? The fourth edition of the Basic Text has only been available for sale a few weeks. As such, tens of thousands of members have never seen a copy yet, and know little or nothing about the controversy which is developing against using or selling this book. Whether you're a newcomer or a Conference participant, as a fellow addict in recovery let me share with you about the problems I'm hearing about the fourth edition of the Basic Text and the history of how it came to be.

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November 1987 (cont.)	<i>OTHER PROBLEMS:</i> 'Once an addict, always an addict is a lie.' The explanation of the symbol is not simple. Our defects can drive us into a corner that we can't get out of clean.' <u>The important point is that the Literature Review Committee did not try to make any deliberate conceptual changes in any part of the Basic Text using the justification that a grammatical error was involved.</u> In sum, the topic of editing the Basic Text was discussed at the last three successive World Service Conference meetings, in addition to other Fellowship communications. It cannot be said that the subject never came up or that it was overlooked at the World Service Conference. If, at any time, the World Service Conference had wished to change its directions to the WSO or the Literature Review Committee, it had ample opportunities to do so. Since the Conference did not change its mind on this topic and, in fact, continued providing additional specific directions each year, it can be ascertained that it was the clear group conscience of the Conference to have the Basic Text edited using the procedure established in 1985. JUDGMENT: Whenever one of our service committees or hoards is given the trust, responsibility and delegated authority to carry out the wishes of the Fellowship, it is asked, directly or indirectly, to make judgment calls along the way. That is what the Literature Review Committee was required to do and what it did. Perhaps its final work is not what the Fellowship wanted. Only the World Service Conference can determine and express that judgment at its meeting next April, 1988. HINDSIGHT: Hindsight is the perception of an event after it has happened. Being human, we shall all have the benefit of the clear perspective which hindsight brings to this situation. Unfortunately, hindsight does not include the power to change the past. DRASTIC ACTION: The World Service Conference will have the opportunity to take whatever action it feels is appropriate on this issue at its next meeting. The options are endless. But if a major or minor mistake of any kind has been made, whether it is in the job the Literature Review Committee did or in the process that the Conference itself created, it is up to the Conference, and only the

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November 1987 (cont.)	saying it. Through open-mindedness and a Higher Power, we may find a common understanding that carries us through this together. DENVER MEETING: The World Literature Committee met during the Denver Conference Workshop (October 17-19) and focused its energies on reviewing the Committee's Procedural Guidelines. It was agreed that it was necessary to spend most of the weekend working on this material. Before discussing the Committee's progress on the guidelines material, a few items that were discussed and acted upon by the full Committee should be reported to you. 1. The proposed book, 'In Loving Service' was discussed again. A motion was carried to refer this manuscript to the WSC Select Committee. The intent is for this material be evaluated and incorporated where appropriate in <i>A Guide to Service</i>. 2. An outline of the proposed Unity pamphlet was approved and the task of developing a working draft was assigned to the Georgia Regional Literature Committee. 3. A Basic Text Survey was approved. By design, the survey has been distributed for completion by area and regional literature committees only. Initially, the survey was intended to ask a variety of questions about the literature development process, but after Committee discussion in Denver, the focus of the survey was reduced so that it would cover the question of possible future revision of the Basic Text only. Development of a more comprehensive survey on the use and development of literature in Narcotics Anonymous may be undertaken in the future. It should also be noted that this survey is not related to developments which have occurred since Denver in response to the fourth edition of our Basic Text, <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>. 4. A separate survey on the proposed book, 'Just for Today,' was reviewed by the WLC. The survey was NOT approved. Based on Committee discussion, the survey will be revised for possible future approval and distribution by the Committee either in December or in the Spring. 5. The Committee is in the process of reviewing the input received on the five information pamphlets currently in approval form. The outcome of this review will be reported in the future. On one issue, however, the

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November 1987 (cont.)	presented in the Conference Agenda Report in the manner explained above. A summary of the major problems with the current guidelines and the major conceptual changes anticipated is provided below: <i>CURRENT PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES: THE WAY IT IS NOW</i> The WLC was the first WSC Committee to develop any written guidelines. The original guidelines were approved by the 1984 World Service Conference. The first major revision of these guidelines occurred the next year, at the 1985 World Service Conference, and the current WLC Procedural Guidelines are basically the same as they were in 1985, except for <u>minor</u> changes made at the 1986 and 1987 World Service Conferences. The current guidelines provide for a WSC elected Chair and Vice-Chair, eleven registered members (five WSC elected, six drawn); and a Literature Review Committee consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Trustee/Liaison, three WSC elected members, and two members appointed by the Chairperson. Some of the major problems with the current guidelines are: 1) they are written in a narrative style difficult to follow, understand and interpret; 2) closed, defined Committee membership has conflicted with a desire for more open Fellowship participation in the literature process; 3) relationship between registered members and Literature Review Committee has presented conflicts and structural problems; 4) use of a professional writer has been a problem; 5) the evaluation of material submitted and/or on file has not worked effectively; 6) the annual 'priority list' procedure has not been workable; 7) in conjunction with 5 & 6, good material has not been developed while WLC has focused on major works; 8) continuity has been a problem--budget/funding of members attendance; 9) lack of written policy or procedure in certain areas and/or problems with existing policy. <i>PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL CHANGES: THE WAY IT COULD BE</i> Using the same number system as above, the following major conceptual changes in the guidelines are under discussion in response to the simplified description of the problems numbered above: 1. New guidelines to be reorganized in an outline, section format; 2-3 Composition of the Committee would change to:

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December 1987	The December 1987 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information about: 1. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "From the World Literature Committee") 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "It Works: How and Why") 3. The soft cover Basic Text (in the section "Soft Cover Basic Text") <u>"From the World Literature Committee"</u> Statement to the Fellowship regarding the fourth edition of Narcotics Anonymous from WLC meeting at Philadelphia, Dec. 6, 1987 "It was brought to our attention that there may be problems with the fourth edition. The World Literature Committee feels that it does not have the authority to make a decision regarding this matter. The WLC deals with input from the Fellowship and can define, recommend or take action based on the will of the Fellowship as expressed at the annual World Service Conference. We spent some time considering the fourth edition at our December, 1987 meeting in Philadelphia and we want to hear from the Fellowship. We recommend using the Basic Text Survey recently sent out to registered area and regional literature committees or send us a brief letter. Fellowship response will be helpful in formulating recommendations or taking actions within our N.A. service structure, our Twelve Traditions and the approved procedures of our Fellowship." <u>From "It Works: How and Why"</u> <i>"The Chairperson of the WSC Ad-hoc Committee assigned to coordinate workshops reviewing our Twelve Steps and Traditions book writes:</i> We're slowly combining the review and approval-form manuscripts (both of which are combined in the black and white version currently being sold by WSO to all registered literature committees) into one with overall additions, deletions, changes and rewrites. We still need more original written material on ideas and concepts that are not in our book yet.

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January 1988	The January 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference 2. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, World Literature Committee 3. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee 4. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees 5. Report from Jim W., Chairperson, World Service Office <u>From “Leah G., Chairperson, World Service Conference”</u> “...Speaking of controversy, many of our members who had inspired a campaign outside of our service structure centered around the fourth edition Basic Text, have by the grace of God, backed off. They seem to be willing to let the Fellowship sort this out the right way. I have faith that it can all be discussed in a calm and respectful manner rather than through accusations hurling across the Fellowship. There is a loving God, and He will take care of it, in spite of efforts to the contrary...” <u>From “Michael L., Chairperson, World Literature Committee”</u> “This will be a short report, for a change. Please review the annual Conference Agenda Report for all the big news. The World Literature Committee held a regularly scheduled three-day meeting in December in Philadelphia to finalize the business to be presented to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report. Most of the time was spent finishing the new proposed Guidelines for the World Literature Committee. BASIC TEXT: The Committee spent more than half a day in Philadelphia discussing the fourth edition of the Basic Text. After considerable discussion, the Committee defeated a motion (6 in favor, 8 against) requesting that WSO immediately cease the printing and distribution of the fourth edition and directing WSO to re-release the third edition revised as soon as possible. The Committee came to the conclusion that it lacked the authority to take such drastic action, that at this point it was a matter to be resolved by the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole as expressed at the 1988 World Service Conference. The Committee agreed to publish the brief, consensus statement which appeared in the December <i>Newsline</i> and to incorporate a modified version

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January 1988 (cont.)	of the previously developed Basic Text survey into the Conference Agenda Report. All input received on this subject is being forwarded to all Committee members and will be gratefully accepted. Background information on this subject (the November Fellowship Reports from the Chairpersons of the World Literature Committee, World Service Conference, Board of Trustees, and WSO Board of Directors) is still available on request from WSO. OTHER BUSINESS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT N.A.: The Committee completed and agreed upon a review-form draft of the proposed pamphlet, <i>Questions and Answers about N.A.</i> This review-form item is being distributed for a nine month review and input period to all registered area and regional literature committees as provided for in our existing WSC approved Procedural Guidelines. SURVEY--JUST FOR TODAY BOOK: The Committee completed and agreed to distribute a survey on the format and content of the proposed book, tentatively titled <i>Just for Today</i>. We have been working on this for several months as reported in the July, September and November Fellowship Reports. This survey is currently in the process of being distributed. PLAN FOR THE SPRING: The Committee gave general consent to a plan to continue the development of the two proposed pamphlets remaining on this year's worklist, <i>For Those in Treatment</i> and <i>In Times of Illness</i>. Ad-hoc committees, appointed by the Chairperson, will be meeting in Baltimore and Van Nuys the second weekend in February to continue the development of these drafts. The ad-hoc committee on <i>For Those in Treatment</i> will include three members of the WSC H&I Committee, with whom we are working in complete cooperation. A full committee meeting has also been scheduled for the third weekend in March in Atlanta, Georgia. If work on the two pamphlets is able to be finalized at this March meeting, then these would be distributed in review form at the April, 1988 World Service Conference for a minimum one-year review and input period (assuming the new guidelines are approved). The March meeting will also allow the Committee the opportunity to discuss and prepare for the 1988 World Service Conference meeting."

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January 1988 (cont.)	<u>From "Vince D., Chairperson, <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee"</u> "After the final January workshops in Chicago, San Francisco and Miami are over we should be able to provide you with better information as to whether this process has achieved the goals per the Conference motion that created this committee. We have a lot of Fellowship material to go over in these final workshops and we hope there is a large amount of Fellowship participation. Many area and regional literature committees have been meeting regularly compiling input for our book. They are dedicating their time, experience and love and this is what is needed if we are to ever have a book with a... PREPARED WRITTEN INPUT: One of the key steps that's held this whole process together has been Fellowship cooperation in preparing and bringing their input to these workshops in the format requested. I guess it's just another <i>It Works</i> miracle that our members followed direction and didn't just send input scribbled on the backs of napkins, flyers, and marked text book pages. By following the process we've saved ourselves at least a year's work. We've been able to minimize the amount of paper involved and have been able to neatly organize all material by using a computer. Area and regional literature committees are urged to become familiar with the format we've used in this process because it will probably be the way of the future in dealing with review and input material. Currently we are working on a final master list format. We are hoping to organize every piece of input in a simple and flexible fashion, so that when this work is turned over to the World Literature Committee, they will have something easy to work with in preparing a review-form draft. Again, the use of a computer and assistance from the WSO has been a great help. WSO COOPERATION: Perhaps this would be a good place to explain the WSO's involvement in this project so that we, as a Fellowship, can better understand some of the services we receive from our WSO. There is a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work and coordination that is needed to make a project of this magnitude successful. We needed a base draft produced for the Fellowship to work from. Through the WSO we were able to handle the day-today worldwide communication. A special worker handled all

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January 26, 1988	The World Service Conference 87/88 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information related to literature. 1. WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee 2. WSC Agenda Report--WSC Ad Hoc Committee on <i>It Works</i> 3. Motions from Regional Service Committees 4. Addendum 2F Proposed Guidelines for WSC Literature Committee <u>From “WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee”</u> “To: The Fellowship From: Michael L., Chairperson WSC Literature Committee The motions which will be introduced by the WSC Literature Committee (WLC) at the 1988 World Service Conference are included below. Five information pamphlets have been available in approval form during the past Conference year: <i>Staying Clean on the Outside</i>; <i>Hey! What’s the Basket for?</i>; <i>Am I an Addict?</i> Newly Revised; <i>The Group</i>, Newly Revised; and <i>Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous</i>. According to our WSC-approved guidelines, the WSC is supposed to either accept or reject a piece of literature in ‘approval form.’ There have been exceptions where the Conference has accepted specific amendments in the adoption or revision of material, but hindsight suggests that this was totally inappropriate action. In fact, the Committee felt strongly enough about the inappropriateness of such action that we decided to make it part of the new proposed guidelines and include a statement about it in this report. For years

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February 1988	The February 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The soft cover Basic Text (in the section "Basic Text in Paperback") 2. Literature projects (in the section "Literature Products") 3. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "It Works: How and Why An Update") 4. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "WSC 1988 Conference Agenda Report") 5. New information pamphlets (in the section "Review-Form Literature") 6. New information pamphlets (in the section "Approval-Form Literature") <u>From "Basic Text in Paperback"</u> "The Basic Text <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> is now available in a soft cover paperback version. It is the same size as the hard cover book (5-1 /2 X 8-1/2") and sells for

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February 1988 (cont.)	It was faith and trust in the Fellowship, our group conscience process, and a loving God that provided the solutions. Everyone worked toward the same end and cooperated unselfishly. By January we had a mountain of material generated by our Fellowship for our book <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. Time was running out and we needed to have very productive world level workshops in Chicago, San Francisco and Ft. Lauderdale if we were to complete our task this year. Again, we had good Fellowship participation, with everyone working long and hard. We completed the last of the Fellowship material in the last hour of the final workshop in Ft. Lauderdale. Nothing like living on the edge." <u>From "WSC 1988 Conference Agenda Report"</u> "Today I can report that we have, to the best of our ability, fulfilled the goals and direction given this committee by WSC '87. There is no leftover work and we have a single master list of changes ready to hand over to the World Literature Committee. <i>It Works</i> has been thoroughly worked on by our members in the Fellowship and only the material they felt belonged in the book remains. It appears that it is time to put together a single review-form draft so that we, as a Fellowship, can improve upon it with more creative writing." <u>From "Review-Form Literature"</u> "We are pleased to announce that an item of review-form literature is now available to all registered literature committees. The item is a proposed information pamphlet (LP.), tentatively titled <u>Questions and Answers about N.A.</u> A cover letter and copy of the pamphlet was recently mailed to all literature committees registered with the WSO. Input will be accepted until at least October 31, 1988. Because the WSO Literature Department continues to receive a number of calls regarding review- and approval-form literature, we are taking this opportunity to share the following information. This information has been recently printed in various forms in different reports to the Fellowship and general correspondence from the World Literature Committee. The review stage of N.A.'s literature development process is a very important stage. This is the time to let your World Literature Committee know how you

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March 1988	The March 1988 World Service Conference Regional Reports includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Arizona Regional Report to the W.S.C. 2. Australasian Regional Services 3. Chicagoland Regional Service Committee 4. Georgia Regional Report 5. Indiana Region 6. Mid-America Regional Report 7. Mountaineer Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous 8. Narcotics Anonymous of Southern Nevada 9. Sierra Sage Region 10. New England Regional Service Committee Report to the Conference 11. Greater New York Regional Report 12. Northern New York Region 13. Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee 14. Comité de Service Régional du Québec de Narcotiques Anonymes 15. Regional Service Conference of the Virginians 16. Show Me Region 17. Upper Midwest Region Report to the Conference 18. Wisconsin Region Report to World Service Conference ‘88 19. Washington Northern Idaho Region <u>From “Arizona Regional Report to the W.S.C.”</u> “November 1987 II. Arizona R.S.C. received, what has come to be known as the Buckeye Letter. After careful scrutiny re: content and intent, the Region quickly voted to draft a letter supporting ‘It Works’ and the W.S.O. Literature Committee's ability to prioritize our fellowships needs based upon the group conscience...”

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March 1988 (cont.)	This should lift the burden from our Literature Committee and allow our newsletter to flourish..." <u>From "Show Me Region"</u> "...The literature committee deserves a great deal of credit for a job well done. Considering that as of W.S.C. 87 we had no active Literature committee there has been a tremendous amount (sic) of work done in the last year. We have concentrated mostly on 'It Works', we have reviewed and created input to the conference in Kansas City and Chicago. We took an active part in both conferences as addicts traveled hundreds of miles just to be a part of it. At this time I know I can speak for the literature committee in expressing my sincere thanks to the AdHoc (sic) committee for How & Why, for having a conference close enough to us that we could participate. It has indeed enriched the lives of a lot of addicts. We now understand what dedication and love goes into our literature. It has made our literature committee much stronger with a bond of unity to withstand the problems that we are to face in the future. We are now reviewing the changes in the basic text, as well as making our concerns known on all approved material for W.S.C. 88..." <u>From "Upper Midwest Region Report to the Conference"</u> "...Before we had an NA basic text Winnipeg NA wrote to the GSO of Alcoholics Anonymous and asked for permission to print a part of the their book in a slightly altered form. The recovery book took the form of a thin grey paperback book printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and bound with a spiral. Somewhere around the time our Basic Text was first printed a period of disappearance began. Winnipeg is a city of over 600 thousand people and from time to time addicts from throughout the world would show up at the meetings. Peices (sic) of our literature (sic) were left and during the past few years some addicts from within the groups began to ask the right questions, found out how to contact the WSO and several regions came to see how they could help. Winnipeg now has an area with a full compliment (sic) of servants and Sub-committees. This recovery book, 'the grey edition', that was used for years has been difficult to let go of and there are still groups that do not want to get involved in the Area. Folks in Winnipeg call it 'going with the World'. The song 'We are the World' begins to play in the background."

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March 1988	The March 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Michael L., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 2. Vince D., Chairperson, WSC <i>It Works</i> Ad-Hoc Committee <u>From "Michael L., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> "INTRODUCTION: The World Literature Committee had a very successful meeting March 18-20 in Atlanta, Georgia. As a result, there is more to report than usual at this time of year. I hope you're out there reading this, along with all of the Regional Reports which have been included for the first time in this March <i>Fellowship Report</i>. This has turned out to be a very long report, parts of which I feel insecure about making, but which I hope will be helpful to the Fellowship and the 1988 World Service Conference participants. The minutes of the Committee's December meeting in Philadelphia were approved in Atlanta and have been distributed to WSC participants. PROGRESS ON PAMPHLETS: Most of the time in Atlanta was spent working on 'For Those in Treatment' and 'In Times of Illness.' The full WLC will be reviewing the work done in Atlanta between now and the WSC. Pending full committee review, we expect to make the final decision during our meetings at the WSC to send both of these drafts out in review-form for a minimum one year period. This action depends on WSC approval of the proposed WLC guidelines and Committee approval of the 'final' draft at our WSC meeting. It should be noted that both of these drafts are rough and unfinished to a much greater extent than with past review-form drafts released by the WLC. We

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March 1988 (cont.)	(1) BASIC TEXT SURVEY: The Committee considered preliminary results of the Basic Text Survey which was distributed to area and regional literature committees a couple of months ago. The decision to develop this survey originated at the June, 1987 meeting of the World Literature Committee, long before any concern about the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text surfaced. Initially, the Committee had considered the idea of proposing that the Fellowship adopt a moratorium on further revision of the basic text. Upon further consideration, the Committee decided to try using a survey to gather Fellowship input on this subject. Since then, it is clear that the publication of the Fourth Edition has changed everything, and the Basic Text survey seems somewhat lost and in confusion. The WLC's last minute December decision to include a modified version of the survey in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> unfortunately may have created more confusion. The Committee reviewed the preliminary results of the survey without substantive discussions. Less than 50 of the nearly 300 area and regional literature committees on our mailing list have responded. All are asked to complete the survey as soon as possible, even though a modified version of the survey is going to the groups, ASC's and RSC's in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>. However, because it is clear from the preliminary results that the way the questions are structured and worded has caused confusion and different interpretations for some, please keep in mind the original purpose. <u>Use the survey as a TOOL, as a basis for discussing how you feel about the basic text and what, if anything should be done about it both in the short-term and in the long-term.</u> This was the original intent, even before the Fourth Edition: to provide a neutral, unbiased way of considering the basic text. (2) CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY REPORT: World Services has received to date approximately sixty-five (65) pieces of input regarding the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text. In addition to the written correspondence we have received some two dozen phone calls on this issue. Each item of correspondence, showing the date and source (member, group, ASC, RSC, or other), has been shared with all members of the World Literature Committee. It also shows the geographic location, and whether the input was positive or negative or mixed. The majority of the input has been fairly general in nature, giving an overall positive or negative opinion on either the CONTENT of the Fourth Edition, the PROCESS which created the Fourth Edition, or both. The breakdown of the source of this

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March 1988 (cont.)	correspondence is as follows: 25 pieces from individual members, 16 from groups, 6 from ASC's, 9 from RSC's, and 8 from others. (3) REGIONAL MOTIONS: As reported in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> (see page 65), the following three motions were referred to the World Literature Committee to study and recommend action: 'That upon depletion of the current supply of the Fourth Edition Basic Texts, as of WSC '88, the printing of the Fourth Edition Basic Text be halted and that the Third Edition revised Basic Text be reprinted for distribution by WSO.' 'That the World Service Conference direct the World Service Office to immediately cease the publication and sale of the Fourth Edition of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, and immediately begin publication and sale of the Third Edition revised of our Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous.' 'That any changes in the book Narcotics Anonymous (The Basic Text) be made only by Fellowship-wide group conscience.' The Committee discussed these motions in Atlanta and feels that it is not appropriate to recommend any action at this time. The Committee feels that at this point that it is a matter for the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole to resolve as it sees fit at the 1988 World Service Conference. (4) LIST OF CHANGES: Since the publication of the Fourth Edition in November, a handful of requests have been received for a 'List of Changes' showing each of the edits made in the Third Edition revised which resulted in the Fourth Edition. We have been unable to provide this information in this form. Some members in Pennsylvania produced an unofficial list of changes that has been distributed widely. This did not come from the World Literature Committee, and it is our understanding that this list had some errors and omissions. The WSO is in the process of compiling an accurate, 'official' list, at my request, and the Committee in Atlanta was supportive of doing this. This list will be available to the World Service Conference. To understand the reason why we haven't had a list before now requires a better explanation of the actual, mechanical process of the Literature Review

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March 1988 (cont.)	a specific task: approve an edited version of the N.A. Basic Text. I surrendered my will to the will of that group and I felt OK, complete acceptance, about all of the decisions that were made. My feelings about this were constant. Once the LRC accepted and approved the edit, I accepted and approved it also, and became concern~ with. going ahead with publication as soon as possible, despite any earlier concerns that I had had about individual edits. I made an issue out of a great many things at the 1987 World Service Conference, but felt no reason to do so with the basic text. I felt their (sic) was a common, unified understanding. From April of 1987 on through the summer of 198 7 while publication of the Fourth Edition was taking place, as Chairperson of the World Literature Committee I could have forced a re-examination of the whole Fourth Edition issue by the newly elected Literature Review Committee. Or I could have sent the book to the newly elected World Literature Committee and asked them for a second opinion. Or I could have sent the book to each member of the Board of Trustees for their review. Or any of these members or boards could have asked for a copy of the book prior to publication (which no one did). But we were already very busy as a Committee doing new work and trying to create a new atmosphere, . cleaning up past mistakes and addressing problems and issues (such as our guidelines) that had been festering for a long time. Our theme was a new start. If every year, the new committee were to come in and reconsider and re-examine every issue and aspect of the work of the old committee from the previous year, nothing would ever get done. And so I decided that it would be a mistake to reopen the issue with any part of the new committee. And as far as sending the book to the Trustees, in my judgement it seemed to me that the language of the original 1985 motion had been very clear. It had said that the book was to be accepted and approved by the Literature Review Committee. It did not say by the Trustees, or by the LRC and the Trustees. And so I exercised my authority as WLC Chairperson and made the decision NOT to send the book to the Trustees. In September of 1987, after the WSO made the mistake of publishing the wrong version of the approval form copy of It Works: How and Why in the 'blue and white' manuscript, another opportunity presented itself to reconsider publication of the Fourth Edition. Bob Stone, who still had reservations about

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March 1988 (cont.)	literature directly affect the Groups and members in ways that some world services do not. Fellowship review of the specific motion might have uncovered the problems in the proposed process. But in 1985, I believe the feeling of the Conference was: we have waited three (3) years to have the book edited, do we want to wait another whole year to ask the Groups a question we have already heard the answer to? The Conference said, NO! <u>The need for the edit was addressed first.</u> In the traditional N.A. service structure, the Fellowship has empowered the Conference to make these kinds of judgements routinely. The service manual suggests that RSR's be given a vote of confidence to make decisions on matters that come up during the Conference with the best interests of those they serve always in mind. We elect the best members we can, give them our trust, and then let go and let God. Does this process conflict with our spiritual principles? No, in my opinion, it does not - the Conference needs to be allowed to continue to exercise discretion. The Fellowship must clarify how group conscience applies to world services, what responsibilities and authority are delegated, and then let go. The Fellowship always retains the Ultimate Authority to change or correct ANYTHING that is later revealed to be wrong, mistaken, or contrary to what our membership wants. If we wrongly interpret the direct responsibility of Tradition Nine to mean direct control by the Groups, then the service structure we have created is doomed to failure. POINT Two: The article by 'Anonymous' discussed the specific language of the 1985 WSC motion at length and made the point that it did not lend itself to 'casual interpretation by most addicts'. First of all, casual interpretation of anything in world services can be difficult: careful study, information, and experience are often required to fully understand complex issues that often cannot be oversimplified, no matter how much the Fellowship might want to 'keep it simple'. This is one of many communication problems. What are the solutions? Secondly, the dictionary breakdown of the definitions of the words in the motion illustrate rather clearly how virtually all of the changes in the Fourth Edition were viewed as authorized and legitimate by members who made up the Literature Review Committee - who were acting in good faith, with no ulterior motives whatsoever.

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March 1988 (cont.)	surprise as we were not aware the United Kingdom was laboring so hard on our book. We are very grateful for their efforts. The single master list of changes is nearing completion and will be ready to hand over to the World Literature Committee at the Conference. This recent development brings us to a total of nine world workshops, including: Baltimore, Sidney, Seattle, Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, San Francisco, Fort Lauderdale and London. Many regions and area literature committees located throughout the world worked hard at contributing to our book by providing a forum where our members could provide input for it. As a result, approximately eighty new area and regional literature committees have been formed over the last year. This is very exciting, because all of us have gained valuable experience and skills writing and developing our literature. We are approaching three hundred registered area and regional literature committees. If we keep developing and sharing our skills, and we stay united and work together as a Fellowship on our book, the end result is going to be very special and unique. This has been a tremendous year of growth and of coming together. This committee feels we have, to the best of our ability, fulfilled the goals and direction given to us by WSC '87. Therefore we will be requesting that this committee be dissolved by the Conference at WSC '88. We want to express our gratitude and thank all our members who have worked so well and so hard on our book over the years. And we want to thank you for being patient. Perhaps if there is a history or a story of the development of our book <i>It Works: How and Why</i> it would be like that of the oak tree. Its strength lay in the fact that it grew so great and strong because it grew so slowly and well." <u>From "Bob Stone, Office Manager, World Service Office"</u> "Although there has been controversy enough concerning the publication of the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text, it is necessary for the Office to inform the Fellowship that still another problem has been discovered. The Office was informed on February 25th, by a member that in their copy of the Fourth Edition, second printing, two paragraphs of text were omitted from the bottom of page 87. A check of the second and third printing copies in the office verified the two paragraphs were not there.

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April 25 – 29, 1988	The thirteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. Fourth edition of the Basic Text 2. Literature Sales Outside of the U.S. 3. Approval Literature 4. WSC Literature Committee Report 5. Commercial Literature Sales 6. Additional Motions related to Basic Text 7. Literature Committee Nominations 8. Translations

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April 25 – 29, 1988 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Richard S., RSR/Greater New York)/Taylor P., RSR (Louisiana Purchase) 'To refer Part II of question 14 to the Literature Committee' The Vote: VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Sydney R., (WSB) 'To approve Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous (I.P. #R-10) as is' The Vote ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED: YES-72 N0-2 ABSTENTIONS-1 MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 VOTE AS AMENDED BELOW It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Sydney R., (WSB) 'To remove the 'R' in the parenthesis' The Vote: VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Sydney R., (WSB) 'To adopt the new World Literature Committee Guidelines' (Addendum 2F of the 1988 Conference Agenda Report) effective immediately. The <i>Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure</i> and the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees</i> will reflect this change as appropriate.' The Vote: YES-68 N0-6 ABSTENTIONS-0 MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY AS AMENDED BELOW It was M/S/F Andy M., RSR (Carolina)/Keith S., RSR (Buckeye) 'To delete Section XV as included in Agenda Report, Addendum 2F.' Intent; Avoid unrestricted funding of Literature Committee expenses. The Vote: AMENDMENT FAILS BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S Becky M., RSR (Sierra Sage)/Eve F., RSR \ New Jersey) 'That to delete in Section IV-4 with at least one of those years being in the World Literature Committee.' The Vote: WITHDRAWN WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT It was M/S/C Becky M., RSR (Sierra Sagel/Randy F., RSR (Central California) 'Amend proposed guidelines for WSC Literature Committee, page 1, section 2 A4 delete 'non voting' page 7, section 5 following 'WLC Chairperson - votes only in case of a tie and add two members of the Board of Trustees, one member of the WSO Board of Directors,' Intent: To give full participation to BOT and BOD members. The Vote: VOICE VOTE AMENDMENT CARRIED

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April 25 – 29, 1988 (cont.)	<u>Regarding “Commercial Literature Sales”</u> “It was M/S/C Gary O., RSR (Colorado)/Jim W., (WSO-BOD Chairperson) ‘To recommend that the WSO take such actions as may be necessary in order to make the Basic Text available for purchase by addicts and the general public through commercial book store sales.’ Intent: To expand the availability of the Basic Text. Such sales will permit many addicts to become aware of N.A. discovering that recovery from active addiction is possible in Narcotics Anonymous. The Vote: VOICE VOTE CARRIED” p. 20 – 21 <u>Additional Motions related to Basic Text</u> It was M/S/F "Michael F., RSR (Northern California)/Linda C., RSR (Lone Star) ‘Regarding the motion that any changes in the Basic Text be made by the Fellowship-wide group conscience. Add the word 'conceptual' before changes. The Vote: VOICE VOTE FAILED It was M/S/C Mark D., RSR (Upper Midwest)/Jim E., RSR (Chicagoland) to commit to Literature. The Vote: VOICE VOTE CARRIED It was M/S J. R. F., RSR (Greater Philadelphia)/Bobby H., RSR (Show-Me) ‘That any changes in the book Narcotics Anonymous (The Basic Text) be made only by Fellowship-wide group conscience.’ It was M/S/C Ed D., (WSC Policy Chairperson)/Taylor P., RSR (Louisiana Purchase) ‘To amend the motion to commit by adding after Literature and Select Committee.’ The Vote: VOICE VOTE CARRIED It was M/S Stan A., RSR (Chesapeake/Potomac)/Bob H., (WSC Treasurer) ‘That there be no exceptions to the N.A. literature approval process.’ Intent: To insure that the WSC adheres firmly to established guidelines. It was M/S/C Stan A., RSR (Chesapeake/Potomac)/Bean L., RSR (New England) to commit to the Literature and Select Committee. The Vote: VOICE VOTE CARRIED It was M/S/C Jay V., RSR (Florida)/Biff K., (WSC P.I. Chairperson) ‘To reinsert ‘Man's entire’ in the sentence - ‘for the first time in history, a simple .. .’ after in and before history. We do recover; 3rd paragraph - 6th sentence.” Intent: To correct a typographical error in the Third Edition Revised and continued in the

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May 1988	The May 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "Action on the Fourth Edition at WSC 1988") 2. The 4th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "An Excerpt from WSO Report to the WSC") 3. New approved information pamphlets (in the section "Post Conference World Literature News") 4. Conference action at WSC 1988 directing a 5th edition of the Basic Text (in the section "Report from the WLC Chairperson") <u>From "Action on the Fourth Edition at WSC 1988"</u> "As one of the two most important issues on the 1988 Conference Agenda, most members are interested in what action was taken. In the last four weeks prior to opening day of the Conference, the WSO staff was working on a word for word comparison between the Basic Text, Third Edition Revised, the manuscript that was provided to the editor, and the Fourth Edition. This was being done at the request of the Conference Literature Chairperson. The work was not completed until seven days prior to the start of the Conference. We were stunned at what was discovered. There were a number of places where the manuscript provided to the editor, was missing parts of sentences or whole sentences. In those last few days before the Conference there was not sufficient time to inform the Fellowship at large. It was decided that the complete background to this should be presented to the Conference on the first day of business. When the Conference got to the General Forum portion of the Monday agenda, the first item discussed was the Fourth Edition of the Text. The WSO Office Manager asked to be recognized in order to give information on subjects that the Conference needed to know. The Annual WSO Report was distributed and everyone's attention was directed to that portion of the written report which addressed the issue.

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May 1988 (cont.)	In order to give the Fellowship benefit of the same information, both the written report and a transcription (initially made at the request of the Conference) of the oral presentation given by Bob Stone are included on this and the following pages. We begin with the oral report. <i>"The reason Chuck, that I have asked for this opportunity to give my report to the Conference physically, although there is only one part of the report that I wish to address, is that it has a direct and a significant bearing on the issue of the fourth edition. There are two thoughts that I have to say concerning this matter. One relates specifically to the issue of the fourth edition itself and the other relates to something that I addressed in my oral presentation at last year's Conference. There is a relationship between the two and I wish to address the first one initially.</i> <i>Last year I conveyed to you, I hope, my fears and frustrations over the reality that exists of the two sides of N.A. The two sides being them and us whoever that happens to be in any conversation or any meeting or any region or area with the world level. It's a tragic thing when it occurs and it has occurred with such frequency and severity that it has caused all of us some pain and some suffering and some problems in our areas and our regions and certainly at the World Service Conference.</i> <i>I am here to address that issue now from a perspective of having experienced the ultimate failure in our ability to get along and overcome this "us versus them" issue. What that issue does is blinds us. It makes us impervious to really listening to what somebody else is saying. And when we become impervious to what other people are saying we do a disservice to the Fellowship and we cause additional problems. And that is what has occurred during the last year. It has occurred over the fourth edition of the Basic Text.</i> <i>When the Basic Text was published as the fourth edition last year as would have been expected, a number of people decided that they should, on their own, go through it word for word and compare it with the Third Edition Revised to determine what they thought about this as a different publication. This is an issue completely aside from the issue whether or not a fourth edition should have been printed and published in the way that it was. That issue I don't care to get involved in at this time. I am concerned, however, with the trail of events that took place as a result of it's (sic) immediate publication.</i> <i>Some of those folks who did the word for word comparison were immediately disheartened, dismayed, angered, frustrated, hurt and a number of other adjectives that</i>

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May 1988 (cont.)	<i>I could think of in time. It prompted an immediate action on their part to bring to the world's attention the problems they felt were centered in this because of it's (sic) differences. Unfortunately the we versus them syndrome entered into the discussion immediately.</i> <i>Because of how the alarm was raised and, to some degree, because of who raised the alarm, other people did not as seriously as now seems necessary and appropriate, thoroughly study everything they were saying and determine it's (sic) validity.</i> <i>When the issue hit the streets it became immediately an issue of confrontation between those people who were saying something was wrong with it and disagreeing with it's (sic) content and those who might have had a different opinion. That blindness in my opinion now has been a contributing factor in an error that originated two years ago that I now have to address. That blindness prevented all the people who got that manuscript from the committee that sent the manuscript out. It blinded them from bringing to the attention of all the rest of us and certain key people in particular, what was specifically contained in there that had more validity then they themselves knew or recognized. And here's how that works.</i> <i>What we have discovered is a result of Michael L.'s insistence that a word for word complete master list be prepared. Those discussions took place in January and February and our staff got assigned that task and began doing that. It was slow work and we did not assign sufficient resources to do that until recently. So what I am going to tell you in terms of sequence only occurred recently.</i> <i>On Friday, not this last one but the Friday before, it was my tragic and unfortunate experience to learn that our staff informed me that there were places in the manuscript that was delivered to the editor for editing and the same manuscript that was used by the Literature Review Committee to review the work where lines of text had not appeared that were in the third edition revised. Those lines of text, in our review of the events that took place, are relatively easy to understand what took place. And we have included the twenty-five pages on which those lines appear in the back portion of this report. We have underlined the lines that were omitted from the third edition revised as the manuscript was prepared. I cannot tell you nor find words to express my anguish over this and my fear and just general displeasure. There is no excuse, whatsoever, for this to have occurred. Unfortunately I would only tell you that, if we didn't make mistakes we probably wouldn't be human. On the other hand I can tell you that making mistakes of</i>

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May 1988 (cont.)	<i>this type are simply not acceptable and had we become aware of them at an earlier date it might have been possible to do something else and perhaps other decisions may had occurred.</i> <i>Had the alarm that was raised last October and November: been raised in a way that the rest of the Fellowship had not been blinded to it's (sic) content we might have been following a different course and have entirely different discussion today. So there are two issues here.. One and I am taking this one very calmly because in the last ten days since learning the completed extent of this problem I've had to go through a lot of personal/ growth and personal changes. Those are very hard for all of us to do and they are hard for me as well as f or you. It is important I think for you to understand these changes, excuse my language I am getting nervous. I have attempted to explain on page 48 in a very short number of paragraphs the facts of the event and I've not attempted to induce any language to this discussion other than the facts.</i> <i>If I had been more diligent in supervising the proofreading it is possible that this error might not have occurred. I do not have any personal assurance that would have been a guarantee, but it has renewed our understanding of the enormity and the preciseness of our responsibility of production. We have made the corrective actions that we believe are necessary or laid the foundation for those corrective actions so this will not occur again in the future.</i> <i>An example of the corrective action is to go back to how the Second Edition was produced in 1983. The book was re-typeset following the Conference in 1983 and published about four months later. When the book was typeset it was done by a company in Northern California. After the original typesetting was done a proofreading session was held at which members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Literature Committee and WSO Board of Directors participated in a word for word review of the manuscript. It was that manuscript where the majority of the errors were found although even after they finished there were still some that we corrected in the following year. But they found all the big problems, the big problems were corrected and the Second Edition was then printed. Since that time we have not felt it essential to have that kind of a proofreading session. The tragedy of this mistake clearly pinpoints again that we must return to that formal proofreading session to involve other service arms in such major publications as the Basic Text. And that correction system alone I believe will probably be expanded to include sending copies of the draft prior to its publication to other committees or individuals on a fairly limited basis who may be interested in doing a simultaneous proof reading to</i>

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May 1988 (cont.)	<i>assist in this process. We believe that by gaining the Fellowship's participation and assistance in this we can avoid the types of errors that this one highlights.</i> <i>At the end of the report. as I indicated, there are the words that are missing, typical if you turn to, say page 252 or 238, it seems obvious that when the typist was working on page 238 their eye movement in some way was as typists normally do, moved from one place to another and when their eye movement came back to type the sentence following the word 'I cried' they missed the next part and went right on to "' got right back.' It is easy to understand how that mistake occurs and the others generally are of that type. There are some that are a little different, like I said there's no justification for it and I am sincerely sorry and have an inability to express how remorseful I feel over this error. Thank you very much."</i> This concludes the oral report given by Bob Stone, during the general forum on the Fourth Edition of the text. The following is a reprint of the written portion of the Office Report that is mentioned above." <u>From "An Excerpt from WSO Report to the WSC"</u> "Every year there is a controversy concerning literature, usually the Basic Text. This year because the Office was about to publish the Fourth Edition, there was no way controversy was going to be avoided. Immediately upon its publication, the controversy began. Several comprehensive reports have already been published on this subject, so at first it may not seem necessary to include much on it in this report. However, there has been a recent turn of events that requires some detailed comments. The most recent report by WSC Literature Chairperson Michael L. provided an excellent history of the issue. Contained in his report was an announcement that the WSO staff was preparing a detailed item-for-item list of changes between the Third Edition Revised and the Fourth Edition. The staff began this word-for-word comparison at Michael's request in early March. The comparison included reviewing the manuscript that was sent to the Literature Review Committee for their concurrence. The project was completed only on this past Saturday, April 16, 1988. I was horrified to learn what was found. The staff discovered that there were twenty-five separate places where language in the Third Edition Revised was

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July 1988	The July 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Shari B., Treasurer, World Service Conference 2. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, Board of Directors <u>From "Shari B., Treasurer, World Service Conference"</u> "...June donations were \$6,541.85, with the rate for donations in July following a similar pattern. If that is indicative of the coming year, the WSC will have to reduce its budget by another half. That would, of course, severely impact the amount of work that gets accomplished this year and would further limit our abilities to plan WSC committee work. What that means is that projects such as the 'Guide to Service' and <i>It Works</i> may even be longer in the works before they become useable and available to the Fellowship..." <u>From "Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> This report is somewhat lengthy and a bit dry, yet I hope it finds you enjoying life and your recovery this summer. HANDBOOK FOR THE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LITERATURE COMMITTEE: It is taking longer than expected to get a first draft of the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees</i> (pages 1-11) out to you. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to develop it and the WLC worked on the draft at the WSC workshop in Miami. We are still hopeful that a draft can be mailed to all area literature committees and regional literature committees in early August. We ask you to read it and review it and let us know immediately if you have problems with the content or direction in which this portion of the handbook is

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July 1988 (cont.)	idea is to free area and regional literature committees agendas by the end of October so they can begin to plan workshops on <i>It Works (the Traditions)</i>. DAILY MEDITATION BOOK (JUST FOR TODAY): Though we have a lot of material on this project, it has been submitted in many different and conflicting formats and is quite a way off from being a first draft. This book has been assigned to a WLC member to begin organizing the material. We then hope to get an evaluation so we can give you a better report on its status and stage of development. Thanks for completing the surveys as this is the direction we need from you if we ever hope to see this book in some kind of draft form. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN MIAMI: Several items from the World Service Conference, including committed motions, were on the WLC agenda during the Miami meeting. Included in discussions was the motion from Australia regarding a report at next year's WSC on the topic of non-gender-specific language in N.A. literature. An ad-hoc committee of WLC has been assigned to look into this concern and develop a report on it. As for the motions committed to WLC, most of which related to the Committee's guidelines, they have been provided to the Committee members and will receive further discussion at subsequent meetings. Responses to each will be provided during the Conference year and sent to the RSR of the region from which the motion originated. Other discussion addressed the ongoing problem of how to correct statements in items of approved literature in a timely fashion without overstepping approved guidelines. This particular discussion surrounded LP. # 18, <i>The Loner</i>, in which a sentence is written which indicated that the World Service Office publishes a directory of meetings worldwide. This, of course, is no longer true. The WSO publishes a phoneline directory of worldwide N.A. phonelines but its meeting list is only of those meetings outside the United States. The Conference attempted to solve the problem of these outdated statements by passing a motion this year which allows Conference committees to ask the WSO to update statistical information. However; the World Literature Committee determined that the wording of the motion, unfortunately, did not allow them to change incorrect statements that were not related to statistical information. The sentence in the Loner LP. is not statistical.

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August 1988	The August 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The fourth edition controversy (in the section "Report to the Fellowship from the 1988/89 Ad-Hoc Committee on Correcting the Fourth Edition Basic Text") 2. Progress towards the fifth edition (in the section "Basic Text Fifth Edition") <u>From "Report to the Fellowship from the 1988/89 Ad-Hoc Committee on Correcting the Fourth Edition Basic Text"</u> The 1988 World Service Conference actions resolving the controversy last year surrounding the Fourth Edition of the Basic Text have been reported previously. I was directed by the conference to appoint a small ad hoc committee which would be responsible for making the conference-directed and -authorized changes in the Fourth Edition resulting in a new Fifth Edition of the book, <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>.

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August 1988 (cont.)	The change in printers and the slow but essential review process that this edition is following in its preparation has resulted in a moderate delay in the production schedule. It was the original hope of the WSO that the Basic Text would be printed and available for sale by October 1, 1988. However, it has become evident that the printing will not be accomplished until mid October. The book will thus become available near the end of October or the beginning of November. Giving consideration to the distance involved to the re-shipments from the WSO to many consumers and members of the fellowship it is not very likely that the Fifth Edition will be available at area committees and offices until sometime in mid- or late November. The WSO is mindful of the desire of all members of the fellowship to have this publication available at the earliest possible moment. However, we are reminded always of the necessity of moving with much more caution and diligence in our preparation. Accordingly, please have patience with us and with the process, and we will assure you the highest quality possible in this publication.”²⁵¹
October 1988	The October 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Bob H., WSC Vice Chairperson 2. Report from Vince D., WSC Literature Chairperson 3. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees 4. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors <u>From “Bob H., WSC, Vice Chairperson”</u> “I spent most of my time during the Detroit workshop in the Literature Committee. I confess that I have no gift or desire to write our recovery literature. However, I am interested in the process we use to get a piece of literature from the ‘gleam’ in someone's eye to the tables in our meetings. Our current process has always seemed slow and cumbersome to me, but after sitting in on some of the Literature administrative sessions I believe our literature process is developing and progressing into a process which will be slow enough to be thorough, yet not so cumbersome as to hinder its timely approval.”

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October 1988 (cont.)	<u>From "Vince D., WSC Literature Chairperson"</u> Again we have a lot to report. Already it's October and July seems like it was two years ago, as so much has happened. Not to jump the gun but, things feel like and appear to be heading in the right direction. The main thrust of our work on the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees</i> is to provide proven practical information to aid our area and regional literature committees in their service efforts. We are cleaning up as well as clearing up sections of our WLC guidelines, but basically there is no major modification or restructuring of what was approved last year. Our guidelines are working well. Basically, what you can expect from the World Literature Committee in the Conference Agenda Report is a motion to approve our new Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees and a motion to approve the revised starter kit. Also, as with every year, we look to you for direction in establishing our priorities for the coming year. <i>It Works How and Why (Part One, The Steps)</i>: An ad hoc committee met twice in August and once in September to begin developing the material that resulted from last year's <i>It Works</i> process. Our members who chose to participate in that process however, developed very little new original material. The draft that came out of the Chicago World Literature Conference was basically a recombination of those two books. The Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to begin work on Step One and immediately faced a considerable problem: only seven pages of material survived the <i>It Works</i> ad hoc process. When you take into consideration that it is double spaced you have in essence 3-1/2 pages of written material. We knew that this material was acceptable to our members but it was very little to work with. For example, little or nothing was written on the principles of surrender, acceptance, honesty, humility, and the disease concept of addiction. The Ad Hoc Committee was therefore assigned to work in conjunction with the World Literature Committee to develop as complete a review form draft as possible on our steps. A draft on Step One was developed and presented to the World Literature Committee in Detroit. The WLC gave a unanimous vote of

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October 1988 (cont.)	We want to stress the importance of maintaining an open forum for developing our traditions. All of us are aware that there are a variety of conceptual understandings that exist about our traditions, and issues that may not be resolved in our lifetimes. We hope that no individual or group of addicts tries to make this an opportunity to push their views and beliefs on all of us. We hope that we've grown past that. As we move ahead there will be much more to discuss, as the problems associated with developing the traditions go much deeper. We have to start with one set of problems at a time and trust that all of us will work together in the same direction. This project will require quite a bit of interaction between conference committees, boards, the WSO and the Fellowship to succeed. We believe we can all grow together and come out better if we allow a loving God to guide us. <u>From "Bob R., Chairperson, Board of Trustees"</u> "The Literature Review Trustee Committee addressed a motion which had been committed to the Policy Committee by the WSC. It concerns a process to change the Steps and/or Traditions if the need ever arises for us to do so. Input was finalized and provided directly to the Policy Committee. A brief report was also given at our meeting by the World Literature Committee Chairperson concerning the development of <i>It Works, How and Why - Part II</i>. The Literature Review Committee also spent time discussing the future literature needs of the Fellowship. As discussions progress, we hope to be able to provide input and recommendations to the World Service Conference assessing our future literature needs." <u>From "Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors"</u> "...The Fifth Edition of the Basic Text is at the printer! The slow progress that is required in the pre-production phase is nearing completion. The process began immediately following the Conference. The staff prepared a compilation of the differences between the Third Edition Revised and what the Fourth Edition should have contained. This material, after extensive research, was submitted to the Conference appointed ad hoc committee.

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October 1988 (cont.)	The ad hoc committee met in early June to review the material and to decide which changes were necessary to bring the Fifth Edition in line with the intention of the Conference. The committee acted on all of the identified points. The staff then inserted into the computerized Basic Text file those changes made by the ad hoc committee. The Fifth Edition draft was then photocopied and sent to the ad hoc committee members for their review. In this review the ad hoc committee members found only one comma placement error, which was immediately corrected. The book was then ready for submission to a typesetting company. A local typesetting company was selected whose equipment was easily compatible with the word processing program on which the Basic Text is stored. A schedule was established for typesetting and subsequent review. We are using the same type style in the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text; however, changes were made in the formatting of the text to improve the readability of the book: the type size, the length of the line, and the spacing between the lines are different than that in the Fourth Edition. The Fifth Edition of the Basic Text will have 286 pages compared with the 272 pages of the Fourth Edition. The changes directed by the committee to re-insert omitted material did not have the impact of increasing the number of pages. The re-inserted text was accommodated, generally, on pages within the appropriate sections. While the typesetting work was done, preparations were made to have the typeset material professionally proofread. The proofreading was intended to identify any errors made by the typesetter. The typesetting material was completed in late September and the proofreading was immediately done. The proofreading consultant identified a great number of specific items that are characteristic of the differences in our Basic Text from standards within the publishing industry. More of these were stylistic differences (the result of the Basic Text being written by committee rather than a single author). Only where the proofreader found some typographical error was consideration given to making any change. The minor changes that were suggested were reviewed and a final typeset manuscript prepared.

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October 1988 (cont.)	As this report is being prepared, the Basic Text is in the pre-press production stages at the printing plant in Illinois. It is anticipated that the printing will actually take place near the end of October, and the bindery work in November. With this general time schedule, it is anticipated that the Fifth Edition will be received at the World Service Office sometime in late November. I reported in the last <i>Fellowship Report</i> that the WSO and the Board members had been increasingly dissatisfied with the services of the printer who has been printing the Text for the last few years. As a result of these concerns, the Board of Directors elected to find a new printing company. The office entered into a contractual relationship with a large printing company located in rural Illinois. They will be preparing the Basic Text according to the specifications that have been used for the last few years. We were able to obtain the same paper supply, so there will be no changes in that aspect of the Text... ...With the completion of the typesetting of the Fifth Edition Basic Text, a photocopy was sent to the American Foundation for the Blind, whose readers were used in previous years to put the Basic Text on tape. The production time for their scheduling of this work is approximately sixty days..."²⁵²
November/December 1988	The November/December 1988 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The fifth edition (in the section "Basic Text: Fifth Edition") 2. A review and input draft on the Traditions (in the section "Draft Traditions Material Available from WSC Literature Committee") <u>From "Basic Text: Fifth Edition"</u> "The Fifth Edition is on its slow process towards availability. In recent reports to the Fellowship in the <i>Newsline</i> and <i>Fellowship Report</i> the office has been overly optimistic in portraying when the Fifth Edition Basic Text will be available. Unfortunately, the production schedule could not be met either by our staff or by the printing company. Accordingly, the Basic Text is, as of this date, still not available and will not be received by the office until sometime in mid or late December. The continued delays in the production schedule created an additional problem that we had to find a solution for. We began accepting some preproduction back orders for the Fifth Edition several months ago. This was done in the anticipation

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November/December 1988 (cont.)	that the production schedule originally envisioned would be met. As time has passed and the production schedule continued to erode it became necessary to return the money for those pre-paid orders and cancel other orders that were accepted where payment would have been made later. Accepting back orders for longer than a thirty-day period is not an acceptable business practice for the office, nor is it an acceptable legal practice. The U.S. Postal Service does not allow businesses to accept back orders for a longer period without exact specifications. From time to time the office has been in the unenviable position of having announced an availability date and then found itself unable to meet that date. We certainly want to avoid back order situations, but we also want to keep the Fellowship informed of anticipated delivery dates. In the future, we must maintain better internal discipline so we do not accept orders for items until they are actually available. We apologize to any individuals or committees who were inconvenienced by our acceptance of these pre-production orders and the confusion that may have resulted from our need to refund money and cancel the orders. Our printer, as of this writing, has completed about half of the process necessary to assemble the books. The basic printing is done. The book covers and dust jackets are nearly completed and the book will be assembled in the next couple of weeks. Because we are producing approximately 75,000 copies at one time, it takes several weeks to assemble all of them. In terms of time on the printing press, it took sixty continuous hours to print the 75,000 copies. Because of the complexity and extensive amount of work required in book production, delays are inevitable and delivery dates are always uncertain. We continue to do the best we can on this, but we must, at every stage, review the work to assure accuracy and quality. Even in spite of our diligent efforts to maintain high quality and avoid errors, we have already discovered one embarrassing error in the printing. In the table of contents the wrong word is shown in the title of one of the chapters. Th is will be corrected in the second printing of the Basic Text Fifth Edition which will be taking place sometime in January.

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November/December 1988 (cont.)	The number of Basic Texts that we anticipate being sold immediately when they are available will consume two thirds of the number of books that are currently in production. This will leave a fairly small quantity for orders that arrive in January. Accordingly, we have moved forward to prepare and obtain the second printing. We have not been given a delivery date for the paper from the paper mill. Until the paper is delivered we cannot obtain any specific date for the printing to actually be conducted." <u>From "Draft Traditions Material Available from WSC Literature Committee"</u> "The WSC Literature Committee has announced that a review and input draft of the Traditions material is now available. This draft material is the result of input from the Fellowship over the past seven years. It was organized by a Literature subcommittee and is available for purchase from the WSO. The material will be available until September 1989. Input is requested on standard WLC input forms and should be received by October 31, 1989. The small number of copies that will be produced and the large number of pages makes this draft an expensive item. Accordingly, the WSO has had to charge more for the working draft than will be charged for the final product. The cost for each copy will be eight dollars (\$8.00 - U.S.), plus normal shipping. A special order form is included on the last page for use by Fellowship literature committees. There is additional Traditions input material that was also submitted, but not included in the bound draft publication. This material can be obtained only in photocopy form. It is not bound or indexed. Because of the volume and the requirement to photocopy each set separately, the cost for this input is not included in the \$8.00 charge discussed above. The cost for this loose page input will only be large enough to cover the costs. Information on specific chapters of input can be obtained in your copy of the draft bound publication."²⁵³
December 1988	The December 1988 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 2. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors <u>From "Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> "It's Christmas and I hope you're enjoying the holidays and your recovery.

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December 1988 (cont.)	<u>RING OUT THE OLD</u> The World Literature Committee has several items of business for the conference agenda. A revised <i>Starter Kit</i>, a new N .A. literature committees handbook and a few amendments to the world literature guidelines are the items of business. You will also be asked to help us set our priorities for next year. These items will be presented in detail in the Conference Agenda Report. It may be possible to have a comprehensive review form draft out on our steps this time next year. Inadequate funding would be the only obstacle for the completion of this project. Steps One and Two are completed and Step Three is almost finished. A proposed January meeting of the World Literature Committee to review, accept or reject these drafts was postponed until March due to overall WSC budget priorities. It's frustrating sometimes, but I keep telling myself, 'Patience is a spiritual principle, practice it'. The budget presented at the last World Service Conference would have allowed us to accomplish our tasks and priorities responsibly. However, because of the financial situation we had to reduce our budget by \$20,000. Unfortunately, this has affected the quality of all we've been asked to complete. We will have similar delays if we encounter the same financial constraints this next year. At this time we will be unable to prepare approval forms on <i>Questions and Answers, In Times of Illness</i> and <i>For Those In Treatment</i>. If our step book is all we can do then that would be a large accomplishment. We most certainly will be seeking your help and assistance at the conference. <u>RING IN THE NEW</u> The main focus of this report is on the release of the review form traditions input book. For the next year, while the World Literature Committee is developing the steps book, the traditions draft will be out for your review and input. Two or three traditions have been assigned to every region for development. The only exceptions are regions that are actively engaged in translations. All literature committees will be responsible for developing drafts within their region on their assigned traditions. All regions should have received these

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December 1988 (cont.)	development plans. The assignments are requested priorities and are not intended to discourage anyone from writing on any other tradition. Assignments were made because it would be nearly impossible for a region to develop twelve drafts in one year. We also hope to have an even geographic balance on each tradition. Assignments will ensure drafts on every tradition so we ask for your cooperation. The development plan is very similar to the one used for the steps portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. The difference will be that regional literature committees will be responsible for hosting workshops where members can participate in the drafting of the traditions part of <i>It Works</i>. To promote easier documentation of input, we request the use of the input form sheets. Please do not assume someone else will come forth and write on our traditions. The World Literature Committee received very little input on the traditions portion of <i>It Works</i> when it was released years ago in the blue review form. Without your input the World Literature Committee has no guidance in this effort. Although the traditions input material contains many good concepts, there are some weak and outdated ideas. Nevertheless, all of the material should be helpful in your discussions and workshops. Supplemental information can be ordered with the form included in the input book. Much of this extra information is condensed within the traditions book itself. The content of each step is focused primarily around the wording of that step and expanded towards the action it necessitates. We encourage a comparable style with your work on the traditions. This would allow more essay type development on either a specific portion or the entire tradition. For example, in Tradition Eleven you may only wish to expand on the first portion dealing with attraction versus promotion. These are simply ideas to help you begin your work. The traditions input book is available to all registered fellowship literature committees. All literature committees not currently registered with the WSO should do so as soon as possible so they may participate in this project. The cost of this book is \$8.00.

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December 1988 (cont.)	In closing, we wish you a happy New Year and to remind you that we are here to assist you in your endeavors.” <u>From “Donna M., Chairperson, WSO Board of Directors”</u> Narcotics Anonymous is about to reach another milestone in our growth. We have exhausted our supply of the Fourth Edition hard cover· Basic Texts. In the next few weeks we will have shipped the last of the soft cover Texts. This means that we will have sold 942,4 77 copies of our book since it first became available in April 1983. At this time we are having approximately 70,000 copies of the Fifth Edition printed. Somewhere in this printing is the one millionth copy of the Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text. Discussion at the WSO and with other trusted servants have centered on how to appropriately commemorate this. Among the suggestions is that a special commemorative edition of several thousand copies be produced for our members. This special edition would probably have a special cover and a commemorative insert page. The insert page would have something simple printed on it to indicate that the book is one of the special commemorative editions of the one millionth copy of the Basic Text. This milestone represents a significant event in the growth of N.A. and the reader might take comfort in being one of a million to have obtained this book. The book might be sold for \$25 or more, and all the money received above the usual selling price would be set aside and used specifically for non-English translation and production of the Text into other languages. This issue will be discussed at our next WSO Board meeting, and you will be kept informed of any further developments.”²⁵⁴

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January 1989	"The Fifth Edition of the Basic Text was released in January 1, 1989." ²⁵⁵
January 24, 1989	The World Service Conference 88/89 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information about literature: 1. WSC Agenda Report--WSC Joint Administrative Committee 2. WSC Agenda Report--WSC Literature Committee 3. WSC Agenda Report--JAC Special Reports 4. WSC Agenda Report--Action Item List 5. WSC Literature Committee Work List 6. Regional Motions Assigned to WSC Service/Committees Boards <u>From "WSC Agenda Report--WSC Joint Administrative Committee"</u> "Our second motion relates to the World Literature Committee's 'A' list. The motion would return I.P. #R-18, the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit, Newly Revised</i>, to the 'A' list for further revision. #5: To refer I.P. #R-18, the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit, Newly Revised</i>, back to the World Literature Committee to be placed on the 'A' list for further revisions. Intent: The revisions accomplished by the WSC Literature Committee were due to the request of other WSC committees and only updated certain information in this I.P. In order to be more useful to newly forming groups, further revisions are needed in the sections that were not updated. This action is also recommended should the WSC take action to approve the proposed revisions, as it requires WSC action to place an item on the 'A' list." p. 6 – 7 <u>From "WSC Agenda Report--WSC Literature Committee"</u> "To: The Fellowship From: Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee We appreciate the work and effort you have expended to help complete this year's work. The last two years were spent reviewing guidelines and the handbook. Hopefully with these items completed, time can now be devoted to recovery-oriented literature. We want to keep it that simple. The World Literature Committee has been working diligently on the steps portion of <i>It</i>

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January 24, 1989 (cont.)	of the new information. Therefore, the WLC has also placed the <i>Group Starter Kit</i> on our 'B' list to provide accessibility if a major revision is warranted. #18: To approve the following as the World Literature Committee's 'A' work list for the 1989-90 Conference year. 1) <i>It Works: The Steps</i> (prepare review form). 2) <i>It Works: The Traditions</i> (prepare review form). 3) <i>For Those in Treatment</i> (prepare approval form). 4) <i>In Times of Illness</i> (prepare approval form). Intent: This list consists of the maximum amount of material that the World Literature Committee feels can be developed by the committee during the 1989-90 Conference year. It is the Literature Committee's recommendation that the WSC approve this worklist. The Conference may, however, make changes to the list. Should the WSC choose to add any item of literature to the 'A' list, a piece of equal length would have to be removed in order for the WLC to have a responsible work schedule for the coming year (for these lists and their current items see Addendum 3)." p. 15 – 19 <u>From "WSC Agenda Report--JAC Special Reports"</u> "II. Literature Motion #17 (the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit, Newly Revised</i>). JAC Report: This motion was discussed at the November 1988 and January 1989 meetings. Concerns were raised as to the quality of the revisions. Although the WSC Literature Committee did incorporate specific input provided by the WSC P.I., H&I, and Ad Hoc Additional Needs Committees, the Joint Administrative Committee still feels the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit, Newly Revised</i>, as proposed, is in need of further revision. The Joint Administrative Committee believes that the piece would be of greater value to newly forming groups if a more comprehensive revision were undertaken. Example: the section on N.A. Unity, which currently, in the proposed newly revised form, doesn't appear to address the subject in an adequate manner. We believe that approving the newly revised Starter Kit, knowing full well that more revisions are necessary, is unwise. Further, we believe that this revision should be undertaken soon, and that makes approval of this work, while anticipating its imminent revision, even less sensible. We suggest that the WSC take no action to approve the World Literature Committee's Motion #17 and refer I.P. #R-18 back to the World Literature Committee to be placed on the 'A' list for further revisions. In addition, the Joint Administrative Committee is forwarding a motion to place

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January 24, 1989 (cont.)	“With the adoption of the World Literature Committee guidelines at the 1988 World Service Conference, the WSC established a new literature development process which includes an A, B, C, and D work list. These are lists where literature proposals at different stages of development are placed. Placing our proposals on these lists accomplishes two things. First, the fellowship is advised of the contents of our current work load--the ‘A’ list, as well as what our future work load might be (the ‘B,’ ‘C’ and ‘D’ list). Secondly, it allows for prudent planning within the World Literature Committee as various literature projects are developed. They are listed here for your information and consideration. These lists have been approved by the WLC based on the recommendation of the WLC's Evaluation Committee. During the 88-89 conference year the Evaluation Committee reviewed all of the literature proposals in the files of the WLC. From this review material has been either placed on these work lists, returned to the originator of the material, or forwarded to another Conference committee. What is left listed on these work lists is the material remaining in our working files. As new material is received it too will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee, who will then recommend a development plan to be approved by the World Literature Committee. <u>A-List (Items for Final Development)</u> The A-list consists of items in final stage of development. The A-list is recommended by the World Literature Committee but is reserved for approval by the World Service Conference. The WSC may add or subtract items from the list, however this list has been developed by discussion and debate within the World Literature Committee and has been determined to be maximum amount of material that the WLC can reasonably be expected to accomplish during the 89-90 Conference year. (These items are listed in motion #13.) <u>B-List (Items Awaiting Final Development)</u> The B-list contains items from which the Fellowship makes choices to fill openings on the A-list. This year the WLC is recommending that the <i>I P. Questions and Answers about N.A.</i> be moved from the A-list to the B-list. This recommendation is being made in part so that we can use the financial resources that the Fellowship makes available to work on the remaining A-list items. We also feel that the development of <i>Questions and Answers</i> should be coordinated

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January 24, 1989 (cont.)	4) <i>Step Writing Guide</i> This file contains step study/writing guides which have been received in the process of developing a book on our Twelve Steps. (35 pages) <u>D-List (General Development)</u> The D-list contains all other unapproved items of literature which have been submitted as possibilities for Narcotics Anonymous literature. These are items which may be assigned to members, groups, and area literature committees. These pieces are in a very raw state and will require considerable work prior to final development. 1) <i>The History of Narcotics Anonymous</i> This file consists of material which has been gathered over the years which will need a great deal more work and research before it can be compiled into a meaningful, comprehensive history of N.A. The 1984 WSC gave the World Service Office and the World Literature Committee the job of collecting, reviewing, verifying and correlating all pertinent information regarding the history of N.A. The WSO is currently in the process of developing an outline and has started the process of interviewing some of the early members of Narcotics Anonymous to gather more raw material for the work. The WSO will continue to work on the piece while it remains on the D-list. 2) <i>Restoring Relationships in Recovery</i> This is a 19-page draft based on the premise that besides staying clean, restoring relationships is one of the most difficult parts of the recovery process. It is set up in three parts, an Introduction, Addiction and the Spiritual Disease, and Restoring our Relationships. This piece may be either developed separately or used as source material for other literature such as <i>Living Clean</i>. 3) <i>To the Gay</i> Two short LP. length pieces to the gay and lesbian addict. The piece speaks of the availability of gay meetings in large cities and at conventions. It is made clear that sexuality need not be a barrier to recovery from drug addiction."

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January 24, 1989 (cont.)	<u>From "Regional Motions Assigned to WSC Service/Committees Boards"</u> "The following is input submitted by Regional Service Committees to the WSC Administrative Committee. That input is included here for informational purposes and has been assigned to the appropriate WSC Committee/service board for study and report. When the committees/service boards report to the Conference, they will present the results of their preliminary discussions. The RSR from the region submitting the input may introduce the motion if they wish the WSC to take action. "That the WSC ask the WSO to make the translation and publication of a Spanish edition of the Basic Text into a top priority." Intent: So that we can reach the large population within our region and the fellowship as a whole that reads and speaks Spanish (proposed by the Florida Region). "That the daily meditation book, <i>Just For Today</i>, be placed on the WSC Literature Committee priority list for 1989." Intent: To make available to the fellowship an important piece of N. A. literature suitable for daily use in the practice of Step Eleven (proposed by the Wisconsin Region). 'That the I.P. #18, <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i>, have the words, 'Why Are We Here?' inserted on page six, item six, between lines (b) and (c).' Intent: To restore the original form of this I.P. now that the fellowship has approved the revisions in the White Book (proposed by the Wisconsin Region). 'That the WSC Literature Committee undertake or delegate the responsibility for the creation of an I.P. on the spiritual and recovery benefits of participation in service work.' Intent: So that members can become aware of the underlying principle and meaning, in spiritual terms, of giving it away to keep it (proposed by the Wisconsin Region).

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January/February 1989	The January/February issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information on: 1. The distribution of the 1 millionth copy of the Basic Text (in the section “The Basic Text: One Million Copies Sold”) <u>From “The Basic Text: One Million Copies Sold”</u> “On Monday, February 6, 1989, the one millionth copy of the Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous was distributed. This important milestone is an event befitting a prolonged celebration. However, as we are a spiritual program based on principles rather than personalities, the recipient of the millionth copy was not noted and shall remain anonymous. Many of us found in the pages of this Text our identification, hope, and a road to recovery. As you attend meetings during the weeks ahead, share with others about this important event. All of us can take heart in the strength that our experience has been shared with so many. We are not alone and ‘that tired old lie is dead, once an addict always an addict.’ We do recover. It would be pleasant to report that all one million copies are being used by recovering addicts active today in N.A. However, that is probably not the case. Many have relapsed and some have died. Still others have gone on to seek recovery in other ways. We know however, that those who took the time to read the pages of the Text while they had it, held in their hands the open door to recovery. We can report that hundreds of thousand (sic) of addicts are finding recovery today in N.A. meetings in over 45 different countries and using at least 16 different languages. Unfortunately, this means that N.A. does not exist in over

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March 1989	The March 1989 World Service Conference Fellowship Report includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Report from Chuck L., WSC Chairperson 2. Report from Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee 3. Report from Bob R., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees 4. Report from Donna M., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors <u>From "Chuck L., WSC Chairperson"</u> "It is with the deepest sense of sadness that I report the passing of one of our oldest and dearest members, Pepe A. of Southern California. Those of us who had the privilege to know him and hear him speak can attest to the profound positive effect he had on our lives. Most recently Pepe's contribution to N.A. world services was as a member of the <i>It Works</i> ad hoc committee on the steps. I know I speak for all of us when I say he will be missed very deeply. At the time of Pepe's death, he had been clean in Narcotics Anonymous for 26 years. Anyone desiring further information may contact the WSO, who will direct them to an appropriate source..." <u>From "Vince D., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee"</u> "This is a reminder that the deadline for review and input on <i>In Times of Illness</i> and <i>For Those in Treatment</i> is May 31, 1989. We also want to encourage you to continue developing input on the traditions. What are we looking for? Good, clear essays on any concepts, principles and topics related to our traditions. There is a lot of material in the traditions input book (available through the WSO) that can help you in your development of these essays. Please feel free to use it if it would be helpful to you. We also ask that you go a step further and share your own experience with applying the

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March 1989 (cont.)	I would like to remind all of our regional committees that nominations to the WSC Literature Committee are due 30 days prior to the meeting of the Conference. If you have five years clean time, three years literature service experience, and a willingness and desire to serve, your RSC may nominate you to serve on the WSC Literature Committee. Membership on the WSC Literature Committee is a two year commitment and requires a considerable amount of time and energy. Nomination forms are available in the Conference Agenda Report." <u>From "Bob R., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees"</u> "...At the August 1988 meeting of the Board, the WSC Literature Chairperson made a report of activities concerning literature and asked the Board to become involved in extensive work on the Traditions portion of <i>It Works</i>. This was followed up with a letter formalizing that request, suggesting that the Trustees take over the work, at least from October 1989 to the summer of 1990. In recognition of these factors, the Board of Trustees adopted a motion requesting the Conference assign the project of developing the publication on the Traditions to the Board of Trustees. A letter regarding this was recently sent to the Chairperson of the WSC Literature Committee and the WSC Chairperson..." <u>From "Donna M., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors"</u> "...The office has received enthusiastic support for the printing of the commemorative edition of the Basic Text. The achievement of this one-millionth copy is significant. Although we are aware that all one million copies don't represent separate members who have come through our doors, it does reflect the strength and determination of the belief that for us, recovery through the program of Narcotics Anonymous is possible. Production on this special edition has not gone ahead as quickly as was expected, and we anticipate that we will have the books here in May. Orders for the book, as was reported in the last <i>Newsline</i>, may be placed after April 1, 1989. Apparently our first notice about the commemorative edition was not clear on one point, the amount of money that needs to be sent in when ordering. The notice indicated that the price for the book will be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

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March 1989	The March 1989 World Service Conference Regional Reports includes information about literature in the following sections: 1. Alabama/NW Florida Region 2. Alaska Regional Service Committee 3. Best Little Region 4. British Columbia Regional Service Committee 5. Chicagoland Regional Service Committee 6. Comite de Service Regional du Quebec de Narcotiques Anonymes 7. Connecticut Region 8. Federal Republic of Germany N.A. Region 9. Florida Regional Service Committee 10. Georgia Regional Service Committee 11. Greater Illinois Regional Service Conference 12. Indiana Regional Service Conference 13. Iowa Regional Service Committee 14. Kentuckiana Regional Report 15. Lone Star Region of Texas 16. Louisiana Purchase Regional Service Committee 17. Mountaineer Regional Service Committee 18. Narcotics Anonymous London Region 19. New England Regional Service Committee 20. New Jersey Regional Service Conference 21. Northern New York Regional Service Committee 22. Ontario, Canada Region 23. Sierra Sage Region 24. Southern California Regional Service Committee 25. Tri-State Region 26. Upper Rocky Mountain Region 27. Volunteer Region 28. Wisconsin Regional Service Committee

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March 1989 (cont.)	<u>From "Alabama/NW Florida Region"</u> "...Our literature committee is also doing relatively well. Its membership is somewhat limited, but there is much excitement about working on our assigned 9th and 10th Traditions for <i>It Works</i>, and the regional and area literature committees are working closely together as a result... ...Our region has a great desire to see the World Literature Committee project on our N.A. steps and traditions completed, and we want to assist in this completion in any way possible. Addicts within this region have also expressed a wish to have our N.A. meditation book finished, and made available soon..." <u>From "Alaska Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Our Region feels that it is our honour to have some input into the development of Traditions 11 and 12 for IT WORKS, HOW ANO WHY, which is being developed for its final draft. We are excited about it and feel that our input will be helpful to the Fellowship of NA..." <u>From "Best Little Region"</u> "...Our literature sub-committee has begun to work on Traditions 5&6 for input to 'It Works: How and Why'. This is generating much interest in what 'literature' can really mean to the new addict as well as the addict already in service..." <u>From "British Columbia Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Our Regional Literature Committee is busier than it has ever been, with the number and frequency of orders growing both from areas and to World. Our Region is holding regular workshops for Tradition 5 input and plans to do the same for Tradition 6 as well. Participation in the workshops has been good and interest from all areas has been shown..." <u>From "Chicagoland Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Attendance (sic) at the Literature Subcommittee meetin9s has increased from three to twelve members this last Year, due not only to the chairpersons consistent involvement, but the amount of work at the regional level. The region hosted two W.S.C. Ad Hoc Committee workshops on; IT WORKS: HOW AND WHY, one in January and another in July. Work on the Informational Pamphlet. IN TIMES OF ILLNESS, is up for input and review. The World Literature

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March 1989 (cont.)	assigned our region traditions 4-5-6 to workshop, record our input, and forward the information to W.L.C. We look forward to correlating and putting it together. We are happy to have been asked to participate and be a part of this project..." <u>From "New Jersey Regional Service Conference"</u> "...Involvement of members in the ubiquitous IT WORKS process has spawned much development in a functioning LITERATURE COMMITTEE. Shortly, we begin Work on our assigned traditions. Workshops have and will be held to work on other current review form literature..." "...NOMINATION: Enclosed with this report please find the Nomination Form for our nominee to the World Literature Committee with supporting documentation of our Regional Mation to nominate. MOTION: To be presented at WSC a motion is being prepared concerning the printing of a pamphlet of the Steps portion only of the Basic Text for H&I use..." <u>From "Northern New York Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Our regional literature committee has been struggling all year; fortunately there is a growing interest in area service committees to do more with our literature process than to just make the literature available to members. This is in part due to our region being asked to write input for traditions 1 and 2 in 'It Works: How and Why...' <u>From "Ontario, Canada Region"</u> "...Ontario's Regional Literature Committee has also had a very successful year, processing over \$35,000 in orders and making \$6,000 in contributions to the RSC. The turn-around time for orders to the WSO is ten to fourteen days and to our areas about a week. In addition, our Regional Literature Chairperson participated in the WSC Literature Workshop in Chicago and has attended most of the WSC Quarterlys (sic) as a voting member of that committee. The most visible benefit from his participation has been the emergence of Area Literature Review Committees in London, Ottawa and Toronto..." <u>From "Sierra Sage Region"</u> "...None of the Areas have have (sic) expressed an interest in Literature Review, although all are active in literature distribution. Regional literature distribution

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March 1989 (cont.)	is handled by a person separately assigned to that task. Literature Review and input continues to be handled by our Regional Literature committee which developed primarily from the efforts put forth on the Steps portion of our book <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. During work on this project the committee was very active and enthusiastic. Although there was a lag in enthusiasm when Regional input and communication was no longer desired on that project, there seems to be an increased interest with the assignment of the Traditions. The Regional Literature committee is currently engaged in a project to assist and encourage the formation of Area Literature committees to try to get more of our Fellowship involved in this process..." <u>From "Southern California Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Our regional literature review committee started to decline after we workshopped 'It Works: How and Why', the steps portion, due to a lack of support and lack of direction. It was decided by the RSC to send the chair of the lit committee to one of the quarterlies at which time Tim came back with fire in his eyes and the literature committee has picked up a head of steam which will culminate with a regional workshop on Traditions 7, 8, and 9 sometime in June..." <u>From "Tri-State Region"</u> "...Our literature committee has been reviewing the Traditions assigned as well as addressing the items in the CAR with their recommendations..." <u>From "Upper Rocky Mountain Region"</u> "...Many Groups have held dances and small workshops on the review and input literature, as well as approval form literature...." <u>From "Volunteer Region"</u> "...When I was elected to the position of RSR, the fellowship was going through some growing pains. We were almost between printings of our Basic Text. The fellowship had a few problems with not being able to get enough of the Text in some areas, but that was very shortlived (sic) and we soon had no problem getting texts..."

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March 1989 (cont.)	<u>From "Wisconsin Regional Service Committee"</u> "...Our Literature Committee has gone through a few chairs, one stolen by W.S.O. Thank you very much, HA-HA!! Our Region helped compile input from Areas and was able to participate in the Chicago Literature Conference on 'It Works'. We are already looking forward to working on the Traditions that we were assigned. Every Area now has a Literature Chair-person and they are already asking what can they do. One Area is creating input for a new IP... ...We have also purchased some material from Kent State University that are 'pictograms' adapted from the 12 Steps. We are going to see if they can be used to help translate N.A. Literature for people who can't read well...."²⁵⁹
April 24 – 28, 1989	The fourteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. I.P. #R-18 N.A. Group Starter Kit 2. WSC Literature Committee Report 3. Board of Trustees and Traditions section of <i>It Works</i> 4. World Service Office Report by Bob Stone 5. World Literature Committee Nominations <u>From "I.P. #R-18 N.A. Group Starter Kit"</u> "It was M/S/ by the Joint Administrative Committee 'To refer I.P. #R-18, the N.A. Group Starter Kit, back to the WSC Literature Committee to be placed on the A list for further revisions.' p. 7 "It was M/S/ WSC Literature Committee 'To approve I.P. #R-18, the N.A. Group Starter Kit, Newly Revised (Addendum 2 of the Conference Agenda Report) as a replacement for the existing I. P.' It was M/S/C Bob H. (WSC Vice Chairperson)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) 'To refer I.P. #R-18 back to the WSC Literature Committee, to be placed on the A list for further revision.' The standing vote: YES-41; NO-26. MOTION TO REFER CARRIED AS AMENDED. AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE: It was M/S/F Tom R. (RSR, Sierra Sage)/Randy F. (RSR, Central California) 'To amend the motion to refer so that it reads To refer I.P. #R-18 to the World Service

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April 24 – 28, 1989 (cont.)	Office Group Services for further revisions.' AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE." p. 21 <u>From "WSC Literature Committee Report"</u> "Vince D. (WSC Literature Chairperson) gave a detailed explanation of his report to the Conference, followed by a question and answer period. Sandrea S. (RSR, Northern California) asked that the minutes reflect the Northern California region's endorsement of the process used in the development of <i>It Works</i> to date, and would like to encourage the use of that process throughout the rest of the work on <i>It Works</i>. It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee 'To approve the <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees, Revised</i> (Addendum 1 of the Conference Agenda Report) as a replacement for the existing handbook.' MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Vince D. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Eve F. (RSR, New Jersey) to add the word 'edited' before '<i>Handbook</i>.' No objections were heard. AMENDMENT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS. It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee 'To approve the amendments (noted in the 1989 Conference Agenda Report) to the World Literature Committee guidelines, as published in Addendum 1 to the <i>Temporary Working Guide To Our Service Structure</i> (1988 edition), and as Appendix C in the existing <i>Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature Committees</i>.' MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 MAJORITY. AMENDMENT: It was M/S/ Vince D. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/ 'In Amendment D, the first sentence of the second paragraph, delete the words and approved by the WLC.' AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, as further amended. AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Andy A. (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho)/Robert McK. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic) 'Insert 'WLC general in between 'six' and 'members.' The sentence would then read Three to six WLC general members, as needed to handle the work load, are recommended by the

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April 24 – 28, 1989 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Eve F. (RSR, New Jersey)/Edgar G. (RSR, Georgia) 'Move to reconsider the above motion.' MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED BY VOICE VOTE. It was M/S/ WSC Literature Committee 'To approve the following as the World Literature Committee's 'A' work list for the 1989-90 Conference year. 1) <i>It Works: The Steps</i> (prepare review form). 2) <i>It Works: The Traditions</i> (prepare review form). 3) <i>For Those in Treatment</i> (prepare approval form). 4) <i>In Times of Illness</i> (prepare approval form)." AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Mario T. (BOT)/Andy H. (RSR, Ohio) 'To delete Item #2.' AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. It was M/S/C Greg P. (BOT)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) 'Move to table as amended until new business.' MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. It was M/S/ Vince D. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Barbara J. (WSC H&I Chairperson): 'To amend the WSC Literature Committee guidelines by deleting from the first sentence, section G.F, the parenthetical phrase, '(with concurrence of the committee)'. Chuck L. (WSC Chairperson) ruled the above motion out of order. Vince D. (WSC Literature Chairperson) notified the Conference of his intention to present this motion again during new business. It was M/ John H. (RSR, Wisconsin)/Mel N. (RSR, Utah) 'That the daily meditation book, <i>Just For Today</i>, be placed on the WSC Literature Committee priority list for 1989.' The Chairperson ruled the motion out of order at this time; it will be in order when the priority list comes back before the Conference. It was M/S/F John H. (RSR, Wisconsin)/Michael T. (RSR, New Mexico) 'That the WSC Literature Committee undertake or delegate the responsibility for the

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April 24 – 28, 1989 (cont.)	workers always adheres to the guidelines of the Eighth Tradition and that our literature will convey only the message of recovery as experienced by members of N.A.' Chuck L. (WSC Chairperson) ruled the above motion out of order, but stated it would be in order during new business; this will serve as prior notification." Friday, April 29th "Bryce S. (Literature Committee Chairperson-elect) presented the Literature Committee report. After his report, Bryce answered questions. Bob Stone asked Bryce to assist him in improving the relationship between WSC Literature Committee members and the WSO staff. He objected to members of this and other committees questioning the integrity, loyalty and intelligence of the staff. Bryce stated that he wholeheartedly supported those efforts, and asked the support of the Conference in improving the relationship. Chuck L. (WSC Chairperson) noted that the Conference as a whole also supports this, and hoped that the Conference will support the efforts of the staff to help the committees accomplish their work. It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee 'To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's 'A' List for the 1989/90 Conference year: 1) <i>It Works: The Steps</i>; 2) <i>For Those in Treatment</i>; 3) <i>In Times of Illness</i>; 4) <i>Group Starter Kit</i>.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY VOICE VOTE. NOTE: Bryce pointed out that the adoption of this work list supercedes (sic) the motion to refer I.P. #R-18, the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i>, to the revision committee. It was M/S/F Ro S. (RSR, Kentuckiana)/ Andy H. (RSR, Ohio) 'That the Literature Committee continue distributing the draft forms of the Steps as they are completed to all conference participants.' MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE." p. 40 "It was M/S/F Andy H. (RSR, Ohio)/Keith S. (RSR, Buckeye) 'That the WSC direct the WSO to cease sales of obsolete literature to all groups, areas, regions, and national entities immediately following the conference in which revised literature is approved. All groups, areas, regions, and national entities have the

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April 24 – 28, 1989 (cont.)	The Board of Trustees Literature Review Committee will exercise direct responsibility for the management of this project. They shall coordinate the working subcommittee of the Board using Trustees, past Trustees, non-Trustees (addicts), and other administrative and clerical assistance as may be appropriate. When the subcommittee is finished with draft material it will be reviewed by the full Board of Trustees for consideration.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. Mitchell S. (RSR, Greater New York) offers a friendly AMENDMENT to change 'for fellowship adoption' in the first sentence of the motion, to 'for Conference adoption.' Bob R. (Board of Trustees Chairperson) agrees to accept that proposal with unanimous consent of the conference. AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Eve F. (RSR, New Jersey)/Sandrea S. (RSR, Northern California) 'To add 'The deadline for input will be moved back to 4/30/90.' AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE." p. 24 – 25 <u>From "World Service Office Report by Bob Stone"</u> "John F. (BOT) requested that the Conference give general consent to the WSO Executive Director and its Board of Directors to proceed with the legal matter relating to the illegal production of N.A. materials or any extralegal proceedings relating to the situation, as they see fit. Approved by unanimous consent." p. 25 "It was M/S/ Andy H. (RSR, Ohio)/Keith S. (RSR, Buckeye): 'That the WSC direct the WSO to cease sales of obsolete literature to all groups, areas, regions, and national entities immediately following the Conference in which revised literature is approved. All groups, areas, regions, and national entities have the responsibility for disposing of obsolete literature stockpiles. Groups, areas, regions, and national entities should not be sold obsolete literature by the WSO after revised literature has been approved at the Conference.' Bob H. (WSC Vice Chairperson) ruled the above motion out of order. Tony D. (RSR, Southern California) asked permission to distribute a letter from Southern California Region to the WSO Board of Directors regarding the commemorative edition of the Basic Text. Permission was granted."

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April 24 – 28, 1989 (cont.)	<u>From “World Literature Committee Nominations”</u> “Andy A. (RSR, Washington/N. Idaho) objected to the WSC Literature Committee chairperson nominating members to the Literature Committee. WSC Literature Committee guidelines were cited, which require nominations to the Literature Committee to be delivered by regions 30 days prior to the Conference, for presentation by the WLC Chairperson on behalf of the committee. Andy H. (RSR, Ohio) objected to the chair having accepted nominations after the nominations had been closed. (Karen C. was added by S. California since that time.) Bryce S. is elected WSC Literature Committee Chairperson by acclamation. Randy F. was elected WSC 1989-90 Literature Committee Vice Chairperson. Terry O., Rick H., Larry S., Mary J., Eve F., and Karen S. were elected to be members of the WSC 1989-90 Literature Committee.”²⁶⁰
July 1989	The July 1989 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. The status of “For those in Treatment,” “In Times of Illness,” <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, plans for a “daily book,” and the revised <i>Handbook for Literature Committees</i> (in the section “News from the Literature Department”) 2. Basic Text inventory (in the section “From Bob Stone.”) <u>From “News from the Literature Department”</u> “The deadline has now passed for input on the two review form pamphlets, ‘For Those in Treatment’ and ‘In Times of Illness.’ The master list of input is being completed and the WSC Literature Committee will begin its study of the input soon. The 1989 WSC decided to give responsibility for the development of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (The Traditions portion) to the Board of Trustees. The office has already received a number of phone calls concerning the literature committee's previous work on this project. There has been no change to the procedure for submitting input on this work. The Trustees have sent a letter to all registered literature committees with their request for input. Meanwhile, any work in

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July 1989 (cont.)	progress should continue and all input should be sent to the office, where it will be compiled in a master list form. The Literature Committee approved a plan for work on the daily book, and that work has already begun. General members who chose to participate have been given their assignments and we hope to have some response within a month. These members will have several options for developing the input on file into the selected format. They may use the material by editing, revising or creating new pieces by other methods. This could include combining several input items into one piece or integrating pertinent ideas from one or more into an original item. We are not requesting any additional input at this time simply because we have a large amount of work from past workshops and individual members. This is one of the methods the Literature Committee is utilizing to move a project along towards an A-list status. The revised <i>Handbook for Literature Committees</i> most probably will be ready for shipping some time (sic) in August. We aren't able to give a more definite date because the production process is a lengthy one and there are a number of other projects to be produced. We would like to remind all literature committees to keep the office updated on any changes to your committee listings. It is helpful to us if you list the person(s) being replaced by the new officer(s). This will help committees receive their mailings." <u>From "From Bob Stone"</u> "...Our general overhead expense has increased considerably over the final six months of 1988. The European Branch Office expense added to the monthly overhead, as did the lease of an additional building at the Van Nuys location. In both cases, some investment for office improvement and equipment was necessary. A second factor was the addition of new staff members who replaced those lost last year. For a number of months, WSO had vacancies in several coordinator positions. With those positions now filled, the basic monthly expense rose. However, the largest factor in the current situation has been implementation of a plan to increase the inventory level of the Basic Text. At some time in each of

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October 1989	The October 1989 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> includes information on: 1. The commemorative edition of the Basic Text and translations (in the section "Basic Text Translations") 2. The sale of the Basic Text to commercial bookstores (in the section "Basic Text Sales") 3. Updates on pricing (in the section "Literature Sales Price Changes") <u>From "Basic Text Translations"</u> "As a result of the brisk interest in the Commemorative Edition of the Basic Text, the translation of the Basic Text into other languages is progressing very well. The French Edition, which will initially contain Book One only, should be available for sale sometime in December, 1989. The members in the French speaking N.A. communities are very excited about the soon-to-be-available recovery text in their language. We expect to finalize the draft of the Spanish

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October 1989 (cont.)	Basic Text in early December, and after the necessary indexing and other pre-printing steps it should be ready for print sometime in the early fall of 1990. The work on the German translation is progressing much slower than we expected. but hope to have a draft sometime in the middle of 1990. These recent strides in the translation efforts are in part a result of the revenue from the Commemorative Edition being used to procure the necessary services to help local members get the job done. We would like to thank those members who supported the Commemorative Edition sales effort, for without your support it would not have been possible for the WSO to expend the necessary resources to assist with these efforts. There are still approximately 1,100 copies of the Commemorative Edition remaining. Those members who are interested in purchasing one may use the order form in the back of this <i>Newsline</i>. Additionally, the two per customer restriction is lifted as of October 1st, 1989." <u>From "Basic Text Sales"</u> "The 1988 World Service Conference approved a motion which encouraged the World Service Office to make the Basic Text available for sale to commercial bookstores. A preliminary report was prepared by a consultant to the WSO in early 1989, but no action was taken by the Board of Directors to implement the proposal. Further study and additional action concerning this recommendation are pending by the Board of Directors. A pilot project may be selected by the Board to permit commercial bookstore sales. A recommended pilot project would make the Basic Text available to bookstores in a specific geographic area, such as Northern California or New England. Confined geographic areas such as this would permit effective monitoring of bookstore sales of the Basic Text. in order to determine the appropriate practices and policies that the WSO should follow, if it seems desirable to increase availability of the Basic Text through commercial bookstore operations. In order for the fellowship to sell the Basic Text through commercial bookstores, an adjustment will most likely be required in the sales policy of the World

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October 1989 (cont.)	Service Office. Options under consideration in the pending report would establish a commercial sales price for the Basic Text. The commercial sales price would exceed by a rather substantial amount the current sales price at which the book is sold to the general fellowship. It is standard practice in the commercial trade for individual bookstores to receive a 40-50% discount from the listed sales price of a particular item. With this in mind, the only practical way to establish a discount policy acceptable to the bookstore trade, and realistic for our fellowship, would be to establish a commercial bookstore price in the range of \$15 to \$16. If the book were sold commercially at a \$15 or \$16 price, bookstores could still receive their industry standard discount of 40-50%, and the practice would not affect the base price at which the book is available for sale to members of the fellowship. It is also standard practice in organizations such as Narcotics Anonymous for members of the organization to receive a substantial discount for purchasing materials directly from the fellowship's service office. The recommended pricing option would allow our members to purchase materials from WSO at the same prices as previously. This matter will be considered at future board meetings. When the board takes action to adopt a program or policy on this matter, the fellowship will be informed and comment invited at that time." <u>From "Literature Sales Price Changes"</u> "The soon-to-be-released 1989 World Service Office catalog reveals price changes for several IPs and workbooks. These price changes were necessary because of the changes in production costs and, in some cases, the text of the materials involved. IP #2, <i>The Group</i>, has increased five cent per copy. This increase should have been made at the time the revised IP was approved and made available for distribution, because at that time the cost of production rose substantially. The original IP #2 was a one-page, three-fold IP. The revised version is a booklet form which has a higher production cost. In similar manner, IP #21, <i>The Loner-Staying Clean in Isolation</i>, is also a multi-page stapled IP and is now listed for sale at 20 cents.

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October 1989 (cont.)	The workbooks and handbooks available to the fellowship have been changed from a 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 format to an 11 x 8-1/2 format. The increase in information in the handbooks has necessitated an increase in the cost of these items. The basic literature materials did not change in price. There was a change, however, in the cost of medallions. from \$1.85 to \$1.95. The WSO has installed a new financial accounting program package. The change in our accounting program has made it desirable and practical to initiate a new code system for merchandise items. The change in merchandise code numbers will facilitate easier and more accurate management of WSO inventory and financial controls. The new catalog will display the new numbers. Until the new catalog is available, when we receive an old order form with the old prices, we will make the necessary item count adjustments to reflect current WSO pricing. you (sic) have any questions about code numbers or sales price, please contact Carl or Vida in the Order Entry Department at (818) 780-3951, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Pacific time. The change in accounting packages became critical because of the extent to which the WSO has grown in its financial and sales operations. The original program was not designed for such a major growth in accounting needs. The new program currently being installed and utilized has the potential for use in a much larger operation, and it can easily accommodate the growth anticipated for the World Service Office."²⁶²

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January 1990	The January 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 4) includes information on: 1. The Traditions section of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "From the Literature Chairperson") 3. Publication of the French Basic Text (in the section "French Basic Text") 4. The printing of literature through the European Service Office (in the section "ESO to Print") 5. Translations (in the section "Translation") 6. A mention of literature price changes (in the section "From Bob Stone") <u>From the section "Traditions Ad Hoc Committee"</u> "Beginning in August. monthly meetings of the Traditions Ad Hoc group have been held in Van Nuys. California. Detailed reports of each meeting have been prepared, reviewed and mailed to all conference participants and registered literature committees. These reports are available to any interested member by asking your RSR, RSR Alternate, or regional literature committee chair. Reports can also be obtained by writing to WSO. So far, the focus of the committee has been on extensive planning and communication with the fellowship about the project. Discussions about audience. mood. voice, and tone are contained in the reports. Also, some preliminary discussions about format and stylistic goals have been reported. The possible value of readability formulas and computer software has received extensive discussion and study. The following statement of purpose for the traditions book has been formulated and will guide future decisions. 'The Traditions section of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> shall serve as a resource for N.A. groups and the individual member. The book seeks to: 1. Explore the spiritual principles within the Traditions, 2. Engage members with the spirit-not the law-of the Traditions, 3. Examine the history of the N.A. Traditions, and 4. Provide a basis for thought and discussion about the Traditions.'

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	Report on WSCLC Motion #11 The Joint Administrative Committee believes that Motion #11 by the WSC Literature Committee is too restrictive with regard to the use of non-members for drafting and editing. Non-members are from time to time used as consultants and technical advisors on matters such as publishing and formatting, and the proposed motion may be interpreted as prohibiting that practice. Therefore, the JAC recommends adoption of the following substitute motion: #5: 'To delete Section 6, Paragraph G, of the WSC Literature Committee Guidelines and replace with the following: 'G. Special Workers: Special workers are often used to perform tasks which require time and effort beyond what can reasonably be expected of volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that special workers may accomplish for the committee. These duties range from clerical tasks to editing and drafting responsibilities. When using the services of special workers, the WSC Literature Committee maintains responsibility for all its projects.' Intent: This substitute motion would expand the resources available to the WSCLC to include the use of non-members." p. 7, 14 – 15 <u>From "WSC Agenda Report – World Service Board of Trustees"</u> From Jack B., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees "There are some concepts and principles which do not have corresponding words in some of the languages into which our literature will be translated in the future." p. 16 "The primary focus of the Board's Literature Review Committee this year has been the Traditions portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>. The Traditions Ad Hoc group has been meeting on an almost monthly basis. From the first meeting in August, this group recognized a possible problem with the deadline for draft development that was specified in the WSC '89 motion giving this project to the Trustees. As the need for extensive prewriting planning became evident, the ad hoc group realized that the October 1990 date was probably not realistic and that it would be several more months before a target date could be set. Discussion also highlighted the fact that once the annual meeting of WSC was over in April,

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	Intent: To allow the Board of Trustees to complete this project using all of the resources available to manage the project, until such time as it is decided differently by the fellowship through the WSC. The Board itself will be responsible to approve all decisions relating to the development and production of this project. The deadline of October 1990 for completion of a review-form draft, adopted at WSC '89, will not be applicable. Rather, a detailed content outline of the entire document may be developed and distributed prior to the release of draft review material. The Board will then submit review-form drafts of chapters to a wide cross section of the N.A fellowship for periods of time sufficient to allow input, revisions and a second review, if necessary, prior to their completion of the entire document. Sending out the review-form draft of each tradition as it is completed would give the fellowship the opportunity to indicate their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each draft. This process would allow for any needed change in direction prior to the development of a complete draft of all 12 Traditions. Additionally, this would be a more efficient use of the resources of the fellowship. An approval-form draft of the entire document will be subsequently completed and submitted to the fellowship as a whole for not less than one year. The Board, or its appointed committee, will regularly communicate the progress of this project to all participants of the WSC, as well as regional literature committees." p. 16 - 17 <u>From "WSC Agenda Report – WSO Board of Directors"</u> From: Stuart T., Chairperson, World Service Office Board of Directors "In reviewing the minutes of the 1989 conference, it was discovered that no motions from that conference were officially referred to the WSO for additional study. However, there were several items pertaining to WSO responsibility where additional research has taken place. These items include how to handle the matter of literature that becomes outdated, and making jewelry or other such merchandise available through the World Service Office. Separate reports on these items will be included in the next <i>Fellowship Report</i>." p. 19 <u>From "WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee"</u> "To: The Fellowship From: Bryce S., Chairperson, WSC Literature Committee

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	This report contains the items the World Service Conference Literature Committee (WSCLC) is presenting for action at the 1990 World Service Conference. These items are the culmination of the experience, hard work, and dedication of this year's committee. After many hours of debate and discussion, these are the proposals the committee is presenting for your consideration. The WSCLC is asking that the 1990 WSC adopt each of the following committee motions. THE N.A. GROUP STARTER KIT The WSCLC presented a revised <i>Group Starter Kit</i> to the 1989 WSC for adoption. The 1989 WSC did not approve the revised <i>Starter Kit</i> and instead committed it back to the committee for further work. The committee is presenting three motions in response to this motion committed from last year's conference. The following three motions (#8, #9, and #10), taken as a whole, accomplish a transition from our current <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i> (I.P. #18) to a comprehensive and updated version. In motion #8, we are asking the WSC to approve the <i>Group Booklet</i> (see Addendum 3 in this <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>). This <i>Group Booklet</i> contains the type of information currently found in LP. #18. Motion #9 asks the World Service Office to create a starter kit complete with literature, workbooks, forms and other information helpful to newly forming groups. In motion #10, we recommend the removal of LP. #18 from the category of conference-approved literature, since it will be replaced by a more comprehensive starter kit proposal. In preparation for a thorough and complete revision of the <i>Starter Kit</i>, all resources were examined for pertinent information. These resources included the current <i>Starter Kit</i>, the revision proposed at WSC 1989, the <i>Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure</i>, and the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service's work on the Group chapter of <i>A Guide to Service</i>. This review pointed out that with slight exception, the draft chapter on the group from <i>A Guide to Service</i> has virtually the same topic index and material as the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i>. Because of this similarity, we asked the Ad Hoc Committee on N.A. Service for use of their material. The ad hoc committee released this material, and the literature committee comprehensively reviewed the work for its possible use in developing a new <i>Starter Kit</i>.

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	Intent: This motion creates a starter kit which will incorporate a variety of recovery literature (the <i>Little White Booklet</i> and other informational pamphlets), as well as handbooks (the <i>Group Booklet</i>, <i>Treasurer's Workbook</i>), worksheets, and forms necessary for conducting the business of an N.A. group. This kit will also include other items currently sent out by the WSO when a starter kit is requested. These items include a complimentary copy of the <i>Newsline</i>, <i>The N.A. Way Magazine</i>, and a WSO catalog. Other items may be added as needed. I.P. #18: Motions #8 and #9, if adopted, provide for two new items that would necessitate the removal of the current <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i> from the category of conference-approved literature. #10. 'That the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i> (I.P. #18) be removed from the category of conference-approved literature.' Intent: To remove I.P. #18 from the category of conference-approved literature. LITERATURE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES The WSCLC is presenting four amendments to the committee's guidelines. The literature committee's guidelines have hampered and constrained our work this year. It is vital that the WSCLC, indeed all of world services, be given the ability to use resources to manage fellowship projects with a freer hand. These amendments would assure our ability to create quality literature for the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. A comprehensive report on <i>It Works: How and Why</i>, dated October 13, 1989, details the reasons for presenting these modifications to section 6-G, as well as other pertinent information. You may find it helpful to review that report in considering these amendments. You may contact your area or regional literature committee or the WSO Literature Department for a copy. The literature committee guidelines can be found in Addendum 1 of the <i>Temporary Working Guide to Our Service Structure</i>, or in the appendix of the <i>Handbook for N.A. Literature Committees</i>. <i>Special Workers (Section 6-G):</i> Our Seventh Tradition embodies a principle which provides that no individual should give more than his or her fair share in terms of time and money. The amount of time a project such as the steps portion of <i>It Works</i> requires in terms of writing and rewriting is so demanding that it is impractical and irresponsible to expect this level of volunteerism from N.A. members. It crosses the boundary of 'fair share contributions' implied in the Seventh Tradition. Writing cohesive, well-developed drafts is a very time-

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	<u>From "WSC Literature Committee Work List"</u> <u>"For Information Only"</u> With the adoption of the WSC Literature Committee (WSCLC) guidelines at the 1988 World Service Conference, the WSC established a new literature development process which includes an A, B, C, and D work list. These are lists where literature proposals at different stages of development are placed. Placing proposals on these lists accomplishes two things. First, the fellowship is advised of the contents of our current work load (A-list), as well as what our future work load might be (the "B," "C" and "D" list). Secondly, it allows for prudent planning within the WSC Literature Committee as various literature projects are developed. They are listed here for your information. These lists have been approved by the WSCLC based on the recommendation of the WSCLC's Evaluation Committee. This work list contains all of the material in our working files. <u>A-List (Items for Final Development)</u> The A-list consists of items in final stage of development. The A-list is recommended by the WSC Literature Committee but is reserved for approval by the World Service Conference. The WSC may add or subtract items from the list. However, this list has been developed by discussion and debate within the WSC Literature Committee and has been determined to be the maximum amount of material that the WSCLC can reasonably be expected to accomplish during the 1990-1991 Conference year. The following is the A-list the WSCLC is presenting for conference adoption: 1. The Steps portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> 2. <i>For Those in Treatment</i> 3. <i>In Times of Illness</i> <u>B-List (Items Awaiting Final Development)</u> The B-list contains items from which the fellowship makes choices to fill openings on the A-list. There are no pieces of literature currently on the B-list. <u>C-List (Ready for Regional Development)</u> The C-list consists of material that needs more fellowship writing and input to bring it to a first draft stage. C-list material is assigned to regional literature committees whose responsibility it then becomes to create the forum and

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January 23, 1990 (cont.)	The Chesapeake and Potomac Region requests that the following two Motions and Intents be placed in the Regional Motions Section of the Conference Agenda Report. 1. <u>MOTION:</u> That all Narcotics Anonymous literature be written and developed through fellowship via the Regional Literature Committees, overseen and facilitated by the World Literature Committee (WLC) and that the staff team approach recommended by the WLC not be approved. <u>INTENT:</u> To ensure the spirit of recovery in our literature it must be developed in accordance with our 7th and 9th traditions, the workload must be shared throughout the fellowship. It is the experience of our Regional Literature Committee that quality literature is and can be produced at the regional level. This is how one addict best helps another in print. By allowing the Fellowship as a whole to share its experience, strength and hope within our literature process, we believe that more and better literature can be produced at a minimum of fellowship expense. The World Literature Committee has proposed that its guidelines be amended that the Steps portion of the book, IT WORKS: HOW AND WHY Be written by a paid WSO staff team. If our literature is to carry a pure message of recovery, it must be written in the spirit of recovery. 'In the Eight Traditions', states our Basic Text, 'we do not single out members as professional'. Designation and employment of staff writers is clearly such a singling out. Further, identifying staff writers destroys the concept of anonymity that is the foundation of everything we believe. According to the Twelfth Tradition 'No member is greater or lesser than any other' – yet the offer of money and prestige to a staff writer or writers is clearly an identification of that person or group as greater than. We believe that a book on the steps which is written in defiance of our Traditions is worse than no book at all. 2. <u>Motion:</u> That the World Literature Committee's Guidelines be amended to provide that all Regional Literature Committee Chairpersons be voting members of the World Literature Committee.

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March 1990	The March 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 5) contains information on: 1. The decision to not make the Basic Text available at commercial bookstores (in the section "No Bookstore Sales at this Time") 2. A study regarding literature sales in Canada (in the section "Canadian Literature Sales") 3. Input provided to the WSO (in the section "Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 4. Process and procedures (in the section "From the Literature Chairperson") 5. Review of fellowship input (in the section "December Steps Ad Hoc Report")

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March 1990 (cont.)	<u>From “No Bookstore Sales at this Time”</u> “Capping a three-year study by the WSO Board and a book consultant, the WSO elected to decline offers to make the Basic Text available in commercial bookstores. For three years, the WSO staff and Board studied the pros and cons of making the Basic Text available in bookstores. The study revealed that our current price structure would require a significant change in order to realize a profit on bookstore sales, due to the discount system used in the bookstore trade. The price change would then create further problems. In order for Basic Text revenue to remain at its current level, a commercial retail price of about \$15.00 would have to be established. While many books with production qualities similar to the Basic Text are indeed in the \$15.00 range, it has become very clear that such a price would cause an enormous disruption in the availability of the text through existing non-fellowship customers of the WSO. As an example of the problem, the Board considered a proposal from a book distributing company which was interested in handling the distribution of the Basic Text to commercial bookstores. In order for this to have been viable for the company involved, it would have required the price of the book to be established at \$14.95. If this proposal had been accepted, all non-fellowship sales (current WSO customers, treatment programs, government agencies, etc.), would have to be adjusted to the new price. Normal discounts would be applied to the new retail price, but the increased price would significantly increase the cost to treatment programs. We believe the significant increase in the price would have substantially reduced the number of treatment programs and non-N.A. customers who purchase the N.A. Basic Text. The amount of estimated sales through bookstores would not offset the decline in direct sales to WSO's current non-member buyers. Adoption of the bookstore proposal would mean a potential loss in revenue to the WSO of significant proportions. Additionally, it would deprive many addicts in treatment of the availability of the Basic Text, as many treatment programs would cease to purchase the book.

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March 1990 (cont.)	Pittsburgh ALC, the Ohio RLC, the Volunteer RSR, the Lisbon ASR, and the N.E. Mississippi ALC was distributed to the ad hoc group. This was all of the input received this conference year relating to the Steps Ad Hoc Committee's work. Most of the input was general and concerned the staff team approach or the <i>It Works</i> report of October 13. The next discussion the committee engaged in concerned the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee reports, future communication and sharing of information between the two groups. We talked about sending a member from our committee to the traditions group every so often to maintain a working relationship as well as to observe, first hand, their discussions on the traditions project. We anticipate that the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee will likewise send someone from their group to visit our committee. This type of interaction would provide a valuable perspective for both groups, and perhaps help alleviate some duplication of effort. Another important aspect of this discussion was the issue of whether or not the steps and tradition portions would be contained in one book or two. The consensus of the group was that it was important for the two sections to be contained in one book, regardless of whether they had similar or compatible writing styles. After a lengthy dialogue, we concluded that different writing styles were a concern secondary to the value of having the steps and the traditions in one volume. However, the committee felt strongly that this is a decision that should be made by the fellowship. Some members of the group believe that this discussion should be brought before the 1990 WSC for a decision. At this meeting, the ad hoc group had, as its goal, the development of outlines for chapters on the first six steps. By the end of the meeting on Sunday, we had completed outlines for the first five steps and had a solid beginning on Step Six. We began with a general review of the work from the October meeting, which included a report, minutes, and input from the WSC Literature Committee meeting in S1. Louis. The next topic covered ideas to be considered for an introductory chapter to the steps portion of the book. Much of this discussion centered on sponsorship, and the terms that could be used to explain common experiences. The central thought for this was that there are many principles that work hand in hand with one another throughout the steps, and at times many of the words we use to describe spiritual principles are interchangeable. The

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April 23 – 27, 1990	The fifteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. Report from the Board of Trustees 2. World Service Office Report 3. WSC H&I Report 4. WSC Literature Committee Report 5. WSC Literature Committee Nominations 6. Motion List <u>From "Report from the Board of Trustees"</u> 'It was M/C Board of Trustees 'To continue the Traditions portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> under the management of the Board of Trustees without any of the requirements of the World Literature Committee guidelines. The adoption of this motion will supercede (sic) any previous motions regarding the Traditions portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>.' The standing vote: YES-59; N0-16. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY following the discussion below.

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Gene R. (RSR, California Mid-State)/Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) to dissolve into a committee of the whole for 30 minutes to discuss Motion #6. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Committee of the whole began at 9:50 a.m. At 10:20 a.m., it was M/S/C Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson)/Frank S. (RSR, Southern Nevada) to extend the committee of the whole for 5 minutes in order to make a proposal. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE Following the committee of the whole, there was debate on the main motion. It was M/S/C Eddie A (RSR, Alabama/NW Florida)/Andy S. (RSR, Florida) to call the previous question. Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) requested a standing vote on the main motion. It was M/S/ Eddie A (RSR, Alabama/NW Florida)/Darwyn L (RSR, Mississippi) 'That the copyright of all N.A. literature be taken out of the WSO and put in trust to the BOT.' It was M/S/C Chuck L. (BOT)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) to commit the motion to the BOT. MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE" <u>From "World Service Office Report"</u> "It was M/S/ Ron C. (RSR alternate, Chicagoland)/Frank S. (RSR, Southern Nevada) 'To have the WSO increase prices of literature.' It was M/S/C Andy S. (RSR, Florida)/Mary Kay B. (RSR, Carolina) to commit the motion to the Board of Directors. MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE" "It was M/S/C Lyne R. (RSR, Quebec)/Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase) 'That only the French name Narcotiques Anonymes appears on the front of all French N.A. literature. This motion to be effective at the time of the next printing of French material as present stocks are used up.'" MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE "It was M/S Mario T. (BOT)/Becky M. (BOT) "That the WSO increase the price of all inventory items by the same rate as the annual Consumer Price Index of the

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase) objected to consideration. Chair ruled the objection out of order. It was M/S/C Andy S. (RSR, Florida)/Scott H. (RSR, Mountaineer) ‘To call the question on the amendment and the main motion.’ MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Chuck L (BOT) called for a roll call vote on the main motion. Roll call vote (#3): Alabama/NW Florida-yes; Alaska-not present; Alsask-yes; Arizona-yes; Australia-yes; Best little Region-no; British Columbia-yes; Buckeye-yes; California Mid-State-yes; Carolina-yes; Central California-yes; Chesapeake/Potomac-no; Chicagoland-yes; Colorado-yes; Connecticut-yes; Florida-yes; Georgia-yes; German-speaking Region-not present; Greater Illinois-yes; Greater New York-no; Greater Philadelphia-no; Hawaii-yes; Indiana-no; Iowa-yes; Ireland-yes; Japan-not present; Kentuckiana-yes; London-yes; Lone Star-yes; Louisiana Purchase-yes; Michigan-yes; Mid-America-yes; Mid-Atlantic-no; Mississippi-yes; Mountaineer-yes; Nebraska-yes; New England-yes; New Jersey-no; New Mexico-yes; New Zealand-yes; Northern California-yes; Northern New Jersey yes; Northern New York-no; Ohio-yes; OK Region-yes; Ontario-yes; Oregon/S. Idaho-yes; Quebec-yes; Region of the Virginias-abstain; San Diego/Imperial-no; Show-Me-yes; Sierra Sage-yes; Southern California-yes; Southern Nevada-yes; South Florida/Bahamas-yes; South West Region-; Tri-State-yes; Upper Midwest-yes; Upper Rocky Mountain-yes; Utah-yes; Volunteer-yes; Washington/N. Idaho-yes; Wisconsin-yes; Bob H. (WSC Chairperson)-yes; Ed D. (WSC Vice Chairperson)-yes; Reuben F. (WSC Second Vice Chairperson)-yes; Shari A (WSC Treasurer)-abstain; Tim B. (WSC Policy Chair)-yes; Barbara J. (WSC H&I Chair)abstain; Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chair)-abstain; Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chair)-yes; Stu T. (WSO BOD Chair)-yes; Jack B. (WSB Chair)-yes; Becky M. (WSB)-yes; Tom McC. (WSB)-no; Greg P. {WSB)-no; Mario T. (WSB)-not present; Kim J. (WSB) not present; Garth P. (WSB)-no; Chuck L (WSB)-yes; Donna M. (WSB)-not present; Danette B. (WSB)-yes; Stretch G. (WSB)-yes. THE VOTE: YES-60; NO-12; ABSTAIN-3. MOTION CARRIED” p. 24 - 25

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	<u>From “WSC Literature Committee Report”</u> “Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson) presented his report to the conference. Following his report, Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson) responded to questions from the conference. It was M/S/C Mark S. (RSR, Northern California)/Gene R. (RSR, California Mid State) to observe a moment of silence for the passing of Rick H., a former member of the WSCLC. A moment of silence was observed. It was M/C WSC Literature Committee ‘To approve <i>The Group Booklet</i> (Addendum 3 of the 1990 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>).’ MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE AS AMENDED BELOW AMENDMENT: It was M/S/F Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) ‘To remove the word drugs from the end of the first sentence under the section ‘who can be a member, page 3 of “The Group Booklet.’ The sentence will now read: ‘If an addict wants to be a member of Narcotics Anonymous, all that is needed is a desire to stop using. Our Third Tradition insures that.’ AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/ Andy S. (RSR, Florida)/Pam B. (RSR, Lone Star) to call the previous question on the above motion. The motion was ruled out of order by the chair. It was M/S/F Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase)/Shannon L. (RSR, Tri-State) to postpone the amendment indefinitely. MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/ Rahlo V. (RSR, Region of the Virginias)/ to call the previous question. Motion died for lack of a second. SUBSTITUTE for the main motion: It was M/S/ Gene R. (RSR, California MidState)/ Rahlo V. (RSR, Region of the Virginias) “To approve <i>The Group Booklet</i> after discussion at 1990 WSC has been factored in. Once the discussion matter has been factored in, the booklet be released as conference-approved.’ It was M/S/C Chuck L (BOT)/ to object to consideration of the substitute amendment. Objection was sustained by 2/3 majority voice vote.

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	SUBSTITUTE for the main motion: It was M/S/ Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) "That a review and input period of one year (1) be applied to <i>The Group Booklet</i>. To refer to next year's <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> for action at the WSC 1991.' The substitute motion was ruled out of order at the time because committee amendments had not been considered yet. Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) appealed the decision of the chair. The decision of the chair was upheld to allow consideration of the WSC Literature Committee amendment first. Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson) proposed two amendments from the committee: AMENDMENT: It was M/C WSC Literature Committee 'The <i>Group Booklet</i> corrections are in Addendum 3 of the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>, on page 10, under the section, 'How can our group better serve our community?' In the first paragraph of this section, the second half of the last sentence should be transposed. It will then read as: 'There are two general ways in which a group can better serve its community: through the area service committee (ASC), and through activities coordinated by the group itself.'" The last two paragraphs in that section will then be transposed so that the paragraph on groups served by ASCs will precede the paragraph on groups which reach out to communities themselves. There are no content changes in any of these corrections.' AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/ Rita S. (RSR, Mid-Atlantic)/ to object to consideration. The objection was ruled out of order by the chair. AMENDMENT: It was M/C (WSC Literature Committee) 'to add to the second paragraph, second sentence, on page 13 of Addendum 3 of the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>, 'the Basic Text,' between 'little white booklet' and 'or.' The sentence will read: 'These readings can be found either in our little white booklet, the Basic Text, or the group reading cards.' AMENDMENT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Greg P. (BOT)/Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase) 'to add I.P. #1.' The amendment was accepted without objection. AMENDMENT CARRIED

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	It was M/S/F Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) to substitute the following motion: 'That a review and input period of one year (1) be applied to <i>The Group Booklet</i>. To refer to next year's <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> for action at the WSC 1991.' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED It was M/ Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase)/ to postpone indefinitely. Motion died for lack of a second. It was M/S/C Shannon L. (RSR, Tri-State)/Michael C. (RSR, New England) to move the previous question with regard to the motion to substitute. Motion to close debate carried and the conference turned to the vote on the motion to substitute. AMENDMENT: It was M/ Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) to amend the motion by adding 'That a review and input period of one year be applied to <i>The Group Booklet</i>, to be reviewed for one year. To be referred to next year's <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> for action at the WSC 1991.' The amendment was ruled out of order by the chair. It was M/S/C Mark S. (RSR, Northern California)/Mario L. (RSR alternate, Quebec) to call the question on the main motion. MOTION CARRIED and vote was taken on the main motion, as amended. It was M/C WSC Literature Committee 'To ask the World Service Office (WSO) to create a group starter kit as an inventory item available for sale.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Forest B. (RSR, Southern Florida/Bahamas)/ Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) to offer the following SUBS MOTION: 'To develop a group starter kit going through the regular fellowship literature process.' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/C Pam B. (RSR, Lone Star)/Mark S. (RSR, Northern California) to call the previous question on the substitute motion. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Steve R. (WSC P.I. Chairperson)/Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase) to call the question on the main motion. MOTION CARRIED It was M/C WSC Literature Committee 'That the <i>N.A. Group Starter Kit</i> (I.P. #18) be removed from the category of conference-approved literature.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Greg P. (BOTI/Karen P. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac) to reconsider a motion previously adopted (to remove the starter kit from conference-approved literature). MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/C (WSC Literature Committee) 'To delete Section 6, paragraph G, of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following: G. 'Special Workers: Special workers are often used to perform tasks which require time and effort beyond what can reasonably be expected of volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that special workers may accomplish for the committee. These duties range from clerical tasks to editing and drafting responsibilities. Special workers used by the WSC Literature Committee for drafting and editing must be N.A members. Editing and draft recommendations as well as any suggestions are submitted to the WSC Literature Committee for their consideration. When using the services of special workers, the WSC Literature Committee maintains creative responsibility for all its projects.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Ed D. (WSC Vice Chairperson) to substitute the following motion: 'To delete Section 6, Paragraph G, of the WSC Literature Committee Guidelines and replace with the following: G. Special Workers: Special workers are often used to perform tasks which require time and effort beyond what can reasonably be expected of volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that special workers may accomplish for the committee. These duties range from clerical tasks to editing and drafting responsibilities. When using the services of special workers, the WSC Literature Committee maintains responsibility for all its projects.' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	Joseph K. (RSR, Connecticut) objected to consideration of the substitute motion. His objection was overruled. It was M/S/C Mark S. (RSR, Northern California)/Pam B. (RSR, Lone Star) to call the previous question in its entirety (both the substitute and the main motion). MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/ Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia)/ objected to the motion to call the previous question. Al's objection was ruled out of order. It was M/C WSC Literature Committee "To delete Section 9, paragraph ~ of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following: 'A Time: Each piece of review-form literature is sent out for a period of time to be determined by the WSCLC. Each piece will be accompanied by an input form with instruction for developing input.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE AS AMENDED BELOW Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) asked Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson) if drafts would still be sent out for review. Bryce S. (WSC Literature Chairperson) explained that the motion did state that each piece is sent out for review. It was M/S/ Gene R. (RSR, California Mid-State)/Tim B. (WSC Policy Chairperson) 'To continue the steps portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> under the management of the WSCLC without any requirements of the WSCLC guidelines. The adoption of this motion would supercede (sic) any previous motions on the steps portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i>.' Motion was ruled out of order at this time. AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION: It was M/S/F Nathan N. (RSR, London)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) 'To add the following words: 'of not less than six months' between 'period of time' and 'to be determined.' AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/ Taylor P. (RSR alternate, Louisiana Purchase)/ to postpone to an indefinite time. Motion to postpone died for lack of a second.

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April 23 – 27, 1990 (cont.)	AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C Mario L. (RSR alternate, Quebec)/Mona M. (RSR, Greater Illinois) to add 'considering translations' after 'WSCLC.' AMENDMENT CARRIED It was M/S/C Mark S. (RSR, Northern California)/ Andy S. (RSR, Florida) to call the previous question. MOTION CARRIED It was M/C WSC Literature Committee 'To delete the first sentence from section 9, paragraph b, of the WSC Literature Committee guidelines. To delete the word distribution' from the second sentence and move the sentence to the end of the paragraph.' This paragraph will then read as: 'The fellowship is strongly encouraged to get involved with literature review and input at this stage. It is generally for use and development within area and regional committees. It is not for use or display in N.A. meetings.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Rich (RSR alternate, Mid-Atlantic Region)/Mona M. (RSR, Greater Illinois) to object to consideration of the substitute motion. MOTION TO OBJECT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/C WSC Literature Committee 'To delete Section 10, paragraph A, from the Literature Committee guidelines and replace with the following: A. Time: Approval-form literature is prepared by the WSCLC and distributed for a period of time determined by the WSCLC of not less than 90 days. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE AS AMENDED BELOW SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/F Gene R. (RSR, California Mid-State)/ Al R. (RSR, Greater Philadelphia) to substitute: 'To delete Section 10, Paragraph A, from the literature committee guidelines and replace with the following: A. Time: Approval-form literature is prepared by the WSCLC and distributed for a period of time determined by the WSCLC of not less than 120 days prior to the conference. MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED

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May 1990	The May 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 6) contains information on: 1. Approval and publication of the Group Booklet (in the section "The Group Booklet") 2. Approval and publication of the Revised Literature Handbook (in the section "The Revised Literature Handbook") 3. An update from the 1990 WSC in the section ("From the Literature Chairperson") 4. The Japanese translation of literature) in the section "Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Islands: Summary of Japanese Translations") <u>From "The Group Booklet"</u> "At the April meeting of the World Service Conference, <i>The Group Booklet</i> was accepted as conference approved literature. Immediately following the week of the conference, we began the production process of this item. It has been typeset and is currently being proofread. After a mock-up booklet is create, it will go to the printers for an initial draft which will also be proofread by WSO staff, as well as both the chairperson and vice chairperson of the WSC Literature Committee. Once all these steps have been completed, the booklet will be printed. We hope that by early July, this item will be in our inventory and available to the fellowship." <u>From "The Revised Literature Handbook"</u> "There were several changes made and approved in the literature handbook at the April meeting of the conference. The production process is similar to what is described above with one main difference. This item is printed in-house and will be available by mid June. The WSC Literature Committee chairperson will have more details on the revisions in the upcoming <i>Fellowship Report</i>." <u>From "From the Literature Chairperson"</u> "The 1990 World Service Conference established continued progress on the Steps portion of <i>It Works</i> and the I.P.'s <i>In Times of Illness</i> and <i>For Those in Treatment</i> as priorities for the literature committee. These three works remain on the A-list as items for the coming conference year. The daily book is our highest non-A-list priority. We hope that work on this book can proceed in an energized manner

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July 1990	The July 1990 issues of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 7) includes information on: 1. The illegal printing of the Basic Text (in the section "Basic Text Controversy Subsidies") 2. H&I literature updates (in the section "News from Hospitals and Institutions") 3. Meetings of the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee (in the section "From the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee") 4. The Group Booklet, Revised Literature Handbook, and I.P.'s For Those in Treatment and In Times of Illness (in the section "The Literature Department") <u>From "Basic Text Controversy Subsidies"</u> Early this year, a few individual N.A. members in the eastern U.S. began illegally printing and selling their own paperback version of the Basic Text. Some of the language of the conference-approved Basic Text was changed in the unauthorized book. On June 29th, the World Service Board of Trustees wrote an open letter to the fellowship about the problem. 'We want to suggest one simple thing N.A. members can do when confronted with the book itself: <i>don't take it,</i>' the letter said. 'Those behind the illegal book will get the message: N.A. wants them to stop.' The trustees gave two reasons why N.A. wants the unauthorized text stopped. What happens if N.A. allows a few people to change the Basic Text to suit their personal ideas? N.A. as a whole will lose its ability to decide what its own literature will say. And what happens if N.A. allows a few individuals to sell an unauthorized text? Our worldwide services are partially supported by sales of the <i>authorized</i> Basic Text. Sales of the unauthorized book mean fewer N.A. services. World services have tried hard to put a stop to the unauthorized book by asking those personally responsible for the book to stop. Those members refused. This left world services with no choice but to take strong action to protect N.A.'s copyright and the first step has already been taken. The WSO Board of Directors is responsible to protect N.A.'s legal rights concerning the Basic Text. On July 2nd, their attorneys mailed a 'cease and desist' letter to trusted servants in the

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October 18, 1990	Terri B. sends a letter to the Greater San Jose Area Fellowship with the subject "The Book Controversary." The controversy is defined by the question "Can individuals, groups or areas take N.A. literature, change it to fit their own ideas, print it, publish and distribute it for cost or for free?" "TO: The Greater San Jose Area Fellowship DATE: October 18, 1990 RE: The Book Controversary The Controversy: Can individuals, groups or areas take N.A. literature, change it to fit their own ideas, print it, publish and distribute it for cost or for free? Well, some people thought they could. The fact of the matter is, they cannot.

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October 18, 1990 (cont.)	Because I work for and am a share holder in a company that makes software that is copyrighted does not exclude me from prosecution if I chose to copy, etc. any of the software that my company makes, without expressed approval of that company. The second allegation is that the World Service Board of Directors have voted to sue without asking anyone (as of Oct. 8, 1990). In the meeting minutes of the 1989 World Service Conference, on page 25, paragraph 11 it shows that it was requested that the Conference give general consent to the World Service Office and it's (sic) Board of Directors 'to proceed with the legal matter relating to the illegal production of N.A. materials or any extralegal proceedings relating to the situation, as they see fit.' This was approved by unanimous consent. There is more information to be found on the second page of the letter to the Fellowship from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the World Service Office on September 20, 1990. On the second page of the packet of documents is a copy of page 16 of the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure, section on the Board of Trustees, # 8. Part of a sentence, 'the Board of Trustees will immediately notify the Fellowship as a whole and will have the matter placed on the agenda of the next World Service Conference.' The implication is that the Board of Trustees did not do this in regards to the suit against the person(s) breaking the copyright law. The part of the section that is disregarded is 'The Board of Trustees is an advisory Board rather than a directive Board, except that responsibility may be exercised by the Board of Trustees, when acting unanimously, to correct a violation of Traditions, if such is found in our printed literature. When taking this action, the Board of Trustees will immediately notify the Fellowship as a whole and will have the matter placed on the agenda of the next World Service Conference.' This section pertains to Tradition violations found IN our printed literature. There is NO Tradition violation connected with this controversy. So consequently, there is nothing in this section concerning the Board of Trustees that has anything to do with anything. On page 1, paragraph 5, in a document named 'Comments on Service in N.A.' it is alleged that 60% of all the money from our Seventh Traditions is taken by the World Service Office and never returned to the Service Structure to carry the message of recovery. The World Service Office is supported entirely by the sales of our literature and other approved items that the Fellowship wants to buy.

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October 18, 1990 (cont.)	N.A. service structure should not be considered a part of Narcotics Anonymous. After discussion between the World Service Office Board of Directors and the World Service Board of Trustees, it was decided that certain portions appearing in those essays should be removed before the publication. In response the Chairperson of the World Literature Committee attempted to revoke the earlier release of rights to the Basic Text. However, when the World Conference meeting took place in May 1983 no motion was ever made to do it. On the contrary, new World Service Office by-laws were accepted, clearly stating that N.A. literature should be held in charitable trust by the corporation. The World Service Office copyrighted the First Edition and it was released on April 27, 1983. Conference minutes of '83 reflect that an amended motion was passed directing 'that our book be completely returned to it's (sic) original approved form in subsequent printings. (Motion passes 24 in favor, 15 against, 5 abstaining. Pages 14-15 of the WSC '83 minutes.) So the Second Edition was released on September 28, 1983 with the missing lines reinserted. The copyright owner was again listed as C.A.R.E.N.A Publishing Co. the fictitious business name of the WSO. At the same time as it directed WSO to reinsert the missing lines, the World Service Conference decided that the issue should ultimately be settled directly by the membership of Narcotics Anonymous. In 1983 Regional Service Representatives were asked to poll their groups on the following question: 'Should the wording of the essays on the 4th and 9th Traditions be as reflected in both the original approval form and the second edition or as reflected in the 1st edition? (The approval form and the second edition have the portions in, the 1st edition they were deleted). Their responses were to be mailed to the Conference Chairperson within 60 days of the end of the Conference, and prior to the printing of any more books by the WSO. The change would require a two-thirds majority vote. The results would be printed in the 'Newslines'. (This is found in the WSC '85 minutes pages 32 and 33). The question was submitted to the Fellowship in a seven page document which included the proposed changes, plus reasons both for making the changes and for keeping it the same. The response was thirty-six votes in favor of changing the text and eight against changing it. Therefore at the next printing, which is now the 3rd edition, the words that were originally deleted, were deleted again, this time in response to a direct vote of the Fellowship. The 3rd edition was officially released October 20, 1984. At the World Service Conference the motion to edit (as stated previously) was approved on May 3, 1985. This motion stated that the edited version need only be accepted and approved by the Literature Review Committee. 47 for, 1 against

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October 18, 1990 (cont.)	nothing that I can find that shows that the people in service don't follow the rules established for the business of Narcotics Anonymous. I urge everyone to take a few hours and investigate for themselves the documents that were provided to me and see what you think after that. I urge you, as members of this Fellowship to ask questions of your G.S.R.'s. Ask to see minutes of Service Committee minutes. I ask you to consider who you elect as trusted servants, to have business meetings for your groups and request that your G.S.R.'s do certain things for you so that you will be informed of what goes on. To not be afraid to state your mind in matters that effect you. G.S.R.s and other elected trusted servants I ask you to consider, in your service committee meetings, what should be Fellowship group con science, and then take it to your Area Service Committee meetings and ask that a given issue be voted on at group level. Time seems to be a huge consideration in our decision making processes in committee meetings, but maybe we should slow down sometimes and consider the members that elected us to our positions. Are we doing them justice in how we do our service commitments? If your meeting doesn't want business discussed at the recovery meetings, establish monthly (or whatever time frame you want) business meetings for the group and remind them at every sing le recovery meeting the date and time the business meeting is going to be held. Let them know that this is where the business and decisions concerning that group will take place. Granted you might not get a whole lot of participants but there are members that do care and will come. I believe it's the most important part of our service commitments, to have available information pertaining to N.A., from individual member to group to service committees. If more trusted servants took the time to be involved, really in volved, in their commitments, a horrible disunifying controversy such as the one that we've all been through lately, could have been averted. In grateful service to N.A, Terri B."²⁶⁹
December 1990	The December 1990 issue of the <i>Newsline</i> (Volume 6, Number 8) contains information on: 1. The decision to pursue litigation around the illegal printing and distribution of the Basic Text (in the section "Illegal Basic Text Update")

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December 1990 (cont.)	publication. Ursula speaks English, German, French, and some Dutch. During the coming year we hope to add an English/Spanish speaker to the staff. The Translation Department has been quite busy the past three months. With the recent changes in Europe, we can expect to hear more from those countries about the need for Narcotics Anonymous groups, and in particular the need for literature in Eastern European languages. Most countries do not have a network of help for drug addicts, so our literature will be a primary source of information about recovery from drug addiction. During this past year we received inquiries from professionals in countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and several of the Soviet Republics. And this is just the beginning. Part of the difficulty we have experienced in translating our literature is the intensive work needed to determine appropriate wording for each language. Mechanically generated literal translations are seldom successful. Every language has a corresponding historical, cultural, and social perspective that is reflected in the expression of that language. The uniqueness of each language means that all these things must be considered by someone knowledgeable about not only the country, language, and people, but about Narcotics Anonymous as well. For example, while the Russian translations are exceptionally well done, the translator clearly did not understand the meaning and consistent use of the phrase 'carrying the message.' Although we know exactly what that means, to someone new or unfamiliar with N.A. it gets translated differently and often inconsistently, depending upon the context. Considering how easily people misunderstand each other within the same language, you can well imagine what a delicate and complicated matter it is to communicate ideas between languages. Another important aspect of the translation process is the cultural applicability of the information portrayed in our literature. While translating the new Group Booklet, for instance, the section describing where meetings are held states 'Groups usually want to find an easily accessible public place;' and then gives examples of types of facilities. However, there are no such public places for meetings in the Soviet Union or in certain other countries. Usually the way to resolve problems like these is to ask someone familiar with the conditions in a certain country to develop a general statement of information that is applicable.

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December 1990 (cont.)	<u>From "From the Literature Department"</u> "A reminder to all literature committee chairpersons to keep the WSO updated about any changes in addresses or new chairpersons. If you think you aren't receiving any mail from the WSC Literature Committee, double check your current name and address status with the WSO Literature Department. Ask for Julie or Deb. <i>THE GROUP BOOKLET</i> This item is in stock and available for ordering. It is a beige booklet similar in size to the Fourth Step guide. The item number is #1600, and it sells for \$.50 (fifty cents)." <u>From "From the WSC Literature Chairperson"</u> "The Steps Ad Hoc Committee has begun working with the staff team to develop draft material on the steps. We have developed first and second drafts of Steps One and Two, and are currently working on Steps Three and Four. At our November meeting, we reviewed the second drafts of Steps One and Two, along with input on these drafts from members of the WSCLC and the Board of Trustees. Additionally, we reviewed the first drafts of Steps Three and Four to provide input and direction for the development of second drafts for these steps. We hope that we will be able to release at least the first two steps for fellowship review and input by '91. All conference participants receive regular (text cut off) from the Steps Ad Hoc Committee. Ask your (text cut off) RSR alternate for more information about (text cut off) reports. At the October 20th meeting, the WSCLC (text cut off) for inclusion in the 1990-1991 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> the pamphlet, <i>For Those In Treatment</i> (text cut off) be distributed for a ninety-day approval period. The I.P., <i>In Times of Illness</i>, needs further work. Current plans are to release it at the 1991 World Service Conference for a one-year approval period. The daily book project is again moving along. The five-member review panel has implemented an initial production schedule and is working hard to maintain a steady review pace. The WSC Literature Committee will ask the 1991 WSC to place the daily book project on the A work list.

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December 1990 (cont.)	We've heard from many literature committees about their assignments, and we commend everyone for all their work and effort. WSCLC members receive copies of all returned work and will use that information to make recommendations for further development of each piece. This next year is shaping up to be an exciting one for literature committees. It appears that there will be both step and tradition drafts to review. The November <i>Fellowship Report</i> has more detailed information about the steps project." <u>From "From the Traditions Ad Hoc Committee"</u> The committee has met four times since our last report in the <i>Newsline</i>. The first meeting took place July 27-29, 1990. During this meeting the committee discussed a production schedule for the project, as developed by WSO staff. After some discussion on the proposed schedule, the committee decided to adopt it in principle. The plan calls for completion of the project in time for a vote on the book at WSC '93. There was also discussion about review and input periods, and whether or not to release the material in sections, or as a complete book_ The committee decided to present the plan to the full Board of Trustees for comment. A staff team was assigned to the committee to assist with drafting the work, and the staff team was present for the July meeting. Input received was reviewed, and directions were given to the team to help them in developing first drafts of Traditions One and Two. The next meeting took place August 24-26, 1990. The majority of the committee's time during this meeting was spent with reviewing the material drafted by the staff team. The material was reviewed in terms of the concepts presented, tone, style, etc., in order to ensure that the decisions made by the committee previously were reflected in the material. Further direction was then given to help the staff develop second drafts of Traditions One and Two. The committee had some discussion about Traditions Three and Four, to facilitate the development of first drafts of these traditions by the team. The committee also discussed the proposed process for review of the material by the Board of Trustees and members of the WSC Literature Committee. The Traditions Committee decided to send second drafts to the BOT and the WSCLC, asking for individual review by members of those bodies. There was additional

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January 22, 1991	The Narcotics Anonymous World Service Conference 90/91 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information about literature. 1. WSC Agenda Report – World Service Board of Trustees 2. WSC Agenda Report – WSO Board of Directors 3. WSC Agenda Report – WSC Literature Committee 4. World Services Translation Committee and Policy 5. World Service Travel Committee Operational Plan 6. WSC Literature Committee Work List 7. Input from Regions <u>From “WSC Agenda Report – World Service Board of Trustees”</u> To: The Fellowship From: Jack B., Chairperson, World Service Board of Trustees “...The meeting in October was focused on our attempts to resolve the matter of the ‘baby blue’ Basic Text. While we did not fully achieve the goals and objectives we had hoped by these meetings, the increase in communication between both boards has been very positive.” p. 22 “Regarding the motion stating ‘That the copyright of all N.A literature be taken out of the WSO and put in trust to the BOT’, the Board has approved the following recommendation. A paper has been developed explaining our position, which will be available to all conference participants during the 1991 WSC. <i>‘IN CONCLUSION: After a thorough discussion by all members of the Board of Trustees, and after reviewing notes on that discussion, the Literature Review Committee has come to the following conclusion:</i> 1. <i>That in order to implement this motion the current Board of Trustees would have to incorporate itself to afford adequate protection to the properties it would be entrusted to hold ~ for the fellowship. The fellowship would then have two corporations at the world level and no doubt some duplication of effort. To avoid duplication, considerable study must be given to establish clear delineation of responsibilities and the right working relations/zip between the two corporations.</i>

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January 22, 1991 (cont.)	Intent: To utilize the translation policy during the coming year, and to make any necessary changes for improvement prior to formal adoption at WSC 1992..." p. 28 "The following section of the WSO report is provided as our commitment to the recent settlement agreement concerning the production and distribution of the Basic Text. The motions from the agreement, as presented in this section, are the culmination of a joint effort by all concerned to obtain a clear understanding and determination from the fellowship. We encourage all regions, areas, and groups to read the introductory remarks thoroughly, and to consider each motion conscientiously during their subsequent deliberations. The motions are not accompanied with intent statements, and are presented without any further comment other than the following introductory remarks. These are the comments of the Honorable Louis H. Pollak, J., United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. THE COURT: We have spent the day hearing testimony in this matter. It is not the kind of a controversy that a court welcomes. It is, quite evidently, a controversy which is essentially internal to a group with many, many members, many dispersed subentities (sic), a common purpose, a common purpose of great social consequence. It is evident that the fellowship has engaged, over the years, the devoted participation of tens of thousands, now maybe hundreds of thousands, of people, people who have in their own lives been deeply troubled, and who have striven very hard to liberate themselves in the course of time, to help liberate others to brave this sort of peril. For a controversy to arise in an enterprise of that kind is regrettable; certainly one that is controversy that seems to be deeply schismatic. It is more regrettable, and it appears to be beyond the capacity of the participants to resolve their differences internally, recognizing the larger importance of common purposes than the areas of disagreement. That is to say, the more regrettable one. An appeal is made to the secular authority of the courts to make dispositions.

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January 22, 1991 (cont.)	That was apparently beyond the pale in discussion with the group. I have not inquired into, and I do not intend to inquire into, what the debates are with respect to what texts are appropriately within the compass of the revered Twelve Traditions, and what are not. Debates of that sort have a habit of being unproductive. Yet, I can't believe that if you people on both sides of the aisle, both sides of the litigation, really have a shared earnest commitment to people gripped by addiction, that you cannot find a way of reconciling your differences; recognizing that shadings of verbal meaning may, usefully, be the subjects of honest debate rather than insuperable obstacles to getting on with your real business of saving people who are desperately ill. I guess I'm saying. to you that, after listening all day, I think there's an awful lot of self-righteousness on both sides of this case. And for people who are trying to save others, that sort of self-righteousness is not entirely attractive. So now you have my preachment. I'm going to leave you for some hours with that preachment to chew over. I'm going to challenge you, both sides, to have the courage of your convictions; to talk with one another, not against one another, but with one another, with a view, at least for the moment, of reaching accommodations -- maybe small accommodations arrived at now -- to obviate the need for going forward one way or another with an application for a Temporary Restraining Order, and beyond that a Preliminary Injunction. Maybe accommodations arrived at right now could pave the way for larger accommodations, so that you could then use more fruitfully the machinery of the World Conference and get back to reasoned collective debate rather than imposing solutions on one another. I don't know whether you really have the courage of your conviction. I wonder whether each side isn't simply taking a refuge in its self-described virtue. Maybe if I talk long enough in this vein, you can recognize me as a common enemy, and that will give you something to unite about. You're not the only people who recognize the evils of narcotics addiction. A person in my line of work sees it every day in this courtroom, and these courtrooms are replicated by the tens of thousands throughout the country. For

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January 22, 1991 (cont.)	<u>From "World Service Travel Committee Operational Plan"</u> Addendum 2 "World service travel has generated almost as much controversy--both within and without the world service community-as the literature development process and conference voting procedures. The attached operational plan attempts to settle the controversy. It seeks to create a single point of decision and accountability for travel related questions, and to carefully define the service authority being delegated to that body..." "INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Translations Travel is often required to facilitate the translation of N.A literature. All translation-related trip plans include travel authorization for two members of the WSC Translation Committee: one a WSO employee-member, the other an elected trusted servant. An initial translation-related visit is usually made when a new national N.A. community has grown sufficiently stable to support a translation committee. The purpose of the initial visit is to clarify the ground rules and procedures for future translation work, establish a first-round translation agenda, and allow key participants to begin developing productive working relationships. Further translation-related travel occurs as needed, either to solve problems arising in the translation process or to finalize local approval of a translation. Such travel may include meetings with individual member-translators or translation contractors, national translation committees, or national conferences Organizational consultation It is expected that national N.A communities will organize their own services as they see fit, according to their own circumstances and abilities. However, N.A World Services is responsible to advise service bodies of the various national communities on those matters which affect the integrity of the worldwide N.A Fellowship. The questions at issue are those related to the use of N.A literature, the N.A name, and the N.A logo. Travel teams for organizational consultation trips include a WSO administrator or coordinator, and a trustee, a WSO director, or a conference officer.

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April 21 – 26, 1991	The sixteenth World Service Conference is held. 1. First Board of Trustees panel presentation 2. WSO and WCC Panel Presentation 3. Intellectual and Physical Property 4. Basic Text 5. Public Information 6. WSC Literature Committee 7. Nominations 8. Motions #13, 14, and 15 9. Translations <u>From “First Board of Trustees panel presentation”</u> “The next item of business was the first Board of Trustees panel presentation by Danette B. (BOT). Danette introduced Bob McK., Mitchell S. Ceven McG., the non-trustee participants on the traditions ad hoc committee. The review and

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April 21 – 26, 1991 (cont.)	It was M/S/C Chuck L. (BOT)/Stu T. (WSO BOD Chairperson) to refer the main motion to the WSC Literature Committee. MOTION TO REFER CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial)/Sonny T. (RSR, Connecticut) 'To republish the steps portion of the 1985 blue version of It Works: How and Why as interim material until the ongoing It Works: How and Why projects are printed as review-form material.' MOTION FAILED BY VOICE VOTE MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED: It was M/S/ Joe Y. (RSR-A, Greater Illinois)/Ceven M. (RSR, Iowa) In the pamphlet For Those in Treatment, delete sentence 4 'Treatment can help you start to live drug-free.' from paragraph 1, page 2. It was M/S/C Jim E. (RSR-A, Chicagoland)/Andy A. (RSR, Best Little): 'object to consideration of the motion to amend something previously adopted.' OBJECTION SUSTAINED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE. It was M/S/R Buddy K. (RSR, Upper Midwest)/Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey) 'That all subsequent literature that is to be revised and be produced to have non-gender specific language and all references to God be changed to 'Higher Power' or 'Power Greater than ourselves.' MOTION COMMITTED as follows. It was M/S/C Tim S. (RSR, New England)/Scott A. (RSR, San Diego/Imperial) to commit to Board of Trustees. MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/F Andy A. (RSR, Best Little) motion to adjourn in the following manner; all remaining motions be handled by having a 20 minute recess to have the makers of motions indicate their preference for either referring to an appropriate committee for later presentation in the CAR, or presenting them to this body. At the end of the recess, the meeting will adjourn after presented motions are finished. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND <u>Approved Motions</u> 6. "It was M/C WSO BOD "To reaffirm and ratify that the ownership of all of N.A.'s intellectual and physical properties prepared in the past, and to

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1992 (cont.)	Committee nomination form Among the items in Addendum 10 you will find the WSCLC's nomination form. We encourage regions to nominate members who meet the qualifications for registered membership and who have the time and willingness to serve. The qualifications are listed on the nomination form. What the nomination form does not indicate, however, is the amount of work participants on this committee do throughout the year. Besides meetings, there are regular and demanding assignments to complete. We hope that you will consider the responsibility of membership on this committee as you make your nominations. Nominations must be received at least <i>30 days before</i> the World Service Conference. <i>Mary J., Chairperson"</i> <u>From "Addendum 1: World Services Translation Committee and Policy"</u> "This proposal was designed to work within the existing service structure. It can easily be modified to conform with any structural modifications that may be implemented in the future. OBJECTIVES 1. To ensure that all translations of NA conference-approved literature maintain the spirit of the NA message as well as the integrity of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. 2. To provide a consistent and coherent manner in which translations can be developed. 3. To provide assistance for translations when a need has been defined or if a specific NA community is unable to initiate the translations themselves. This could occur in countries where the fellowship is isolated geographically, has no service structure, or lacks members with the skills to work on translations. 4. To secure all legal documentation, copyright releases, etc., needed to protect the translation of NA material. To provide a general yearly production schedule for all projects. All financial considerations and arrangements are referred to the WSO Board of Directors. 5. To assist in determining a priority translation schedule for each language.

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1992 (cont.)	b. Translated material received from non-NA sources will be sent to a professional translator as well as, whenever possible, NA members who have skills in that language for translation of specific selections. These selections will be used to determine conceptual fidelity and technical accuracy. Technical accuracy here means correct sentence composition and style for that language. c. Material initiated by the Translation Committee will be sent to a professional translator for translation into the specific language. NA members with skills in that language will be solicited to review the translation for conceptual fidelity and technical accuracy. Technical accuracy here means correct sentence composition and style for that language. d. Staff will prepare a report for the Translation Committee from these initial reviews to identify any concerns relating to the translation, with recommendations for further work. This initial process will be used to help determine whether the submitted material can be used for further development or whether another draft will need to be created. e. The chairperson of the World Services Translation Committee will either arrange a conference call or place the item on the agenda for the next scheduled committee meeting. The committee will then decide whether or not assistance can be arranged for the proposed translation project. When a decision has been reached by the Translation Committee to begin a translation project, the next outline is followed. 2. Production of technically accurate translations (i.e. composition, grammar, spelling, and punctuation). a. A hard-copy first draft is produced for the local working committee. Each draft is printed in standard review format and is assigned a file address and an ISBN number. A technical tracking sheet and document cover page are attached. b. All correspondence, communication, and work pertaining to the translation is maintained by WSO Translation Department staff members. This will include the Translation Committee's review of all drafts of any work in progress. c. When a working committee has completed its final draft, a status report is sent to the World Services Translation Committee. 'Final draft status' means that the draft has been completed to everyone's

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1992 (cont.)	5. Upon receipt of revised material, it will be sent to a professional translator in order to determine conceptual fidelity and technical accuracy. 6. Staff will prepare a report for the Translation Committee to identify any concerns related to the revisions. 7. If any concerns exist, work will continue until agreement between the Translation Committee and the working committee is reached. 8. When the revision is completed, it is sent to the respective country for a 90- to 180-day approval period. Each country will have the responsibility to develop its own approval process. For example, a large assembly or a committee may be given the authority to approve a new translation. Its written approval of the revised item is then sent to the Translation Committee. 9. Upon receipt of written approval, the Translation Committee will approve a new printing. 10. If a system is not available in any given country to approve the revised translation, the World Services Translation Committee will approve the printing of the revised translation itself. PROBLEM RESOLUTION Occasionally, there may be problems that cannot be resolved by the ordinary means of communication outlined elsewhere in this policy. The Translation Committee will refer any such issue to the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Conference Administrative Committee. These two bodies will be given any written communication, reports, and minutes that relate to the particular matter. If their recommendations fail to resolve the matter, the matter will be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the World Service Conference. NEW, ORIGINAL MATERIAL New, original literature written in languages other than English will be translated into English so that it can be submitted to the world service body responsible for the review and evaluation of new literature. Translation of original material will follow the same procedure as outlined in the section 'Translation Process,' Part 1, Items a and d. The report prepared by staff will be sent to the appropriate world service body. <i>(Currently, the WSC Literature Committee is responsible for evaluating new recovery-oriented proposals; however, the wording of this section is meant to allow for the possibility of future changes in world service procedures.)</i>

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1992 (cont.)	<u>From "Addendum 3: The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust"</u> EXPLANATORY NOTES INTRODUCTION Over the years, Narcotics Anonymous has developed a book and a variety of booklets and pamphlets. Most of us assume that the World Service Conference has the authority to approve new or revised NA literature, and that the World Service Office has the responsibility to copyright, print, and distribute that literature. A variety of WSC actions, recorded in Conference minutes and handbooks, describe different parts of this arrangement. However, those parts have never been gathered together into a single comprehensive policy document. The absence of such a document has, at times, resulted in much confusion within the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship concerning the approval, copyrighting, and publication of NA literature. The document you now have in your hands, 'The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust,' has been created to eliminate that confusion. It takes all the current policies relating to the approval, copyrighting, and publication of NA literature, combining them into a single, comprehensive, definitive, legally binding policy document. The document specifically describes the authority of the Fellowship, the Conference, and the Office regarding NA literature--essentially, the same authority as exists today. These policies have been cast as a legal document, a 'trust.' This has been done, in part, because US law and international treaty regulate the way 'intellectual property'--copyrights, trademarks, and other creations of the mind or spirit--should be administered. The legal 'trust' framework has been used because it fits the relationship established in Narcotics Anonymous between the Fellowship and its service bodies where NA literature and marks are concerned. NA's fellowship wide service and decision-making body, the World Service Conference, has both the responsibility to create or revise NA literature and the authority to approve it. It gives this approved literature, in trust, to the World Service Office, which is expected to publish it in accordance with the directions of the World Service Conference. The literature is created and published to benefit the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in fulfilling its primary purpose: 'to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.' In legal trust terminology, this makes the World Service Conference the <i>Trustor</i>, the World Service Office

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1992 (cont.)	the <i>Trustee</i>, and the NA Fellowship the <i>Beneficiary</i>. By casting the policies affecting this arrangement as a registered legal document, we insure that those policies can be enforced, if need be, by the California state government. Over the past year, the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust has been discussed widely in the world service community. The text, originally developed by the WSO Board of Directors in mid-1991, was turned over to the Internal Affairs Committee of the World Service Board of Trustees for completion. At a combined world services meeting held in Van Nuys, California, on October 26, 1991, the final draft was approved for action at the 1992 annual meeting of the World Service Conference. <i>Please be aware that the explanatory notes appearing on the next few pages are not being proposed for Conference approval. The notes are offered only to help you better understand the material. Only the Trust Instrument and Operational Rules are being presented for action.</i> If the document is approved by the Conference, the Trust Instrument will be formally registered with the California attorney general's office. After that, any questions anyone may have about approval, changes, copyrights, or publication of NA literature may be answered by referring to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Instrument and Operational Rules... <i>World Service Board of Trustees"</i> "...Article I: Background, purpose, and parties of the Trust Section 1 provides a brief documentary history of the trust relationship that has already developed between the Fellowship, the World Service Office, and the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Conference prior to the formal creation of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. Section 2 summarizes the general purpose of the Trust Operational Rules. Section 3 briefly defines and describes the three parties to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust: the <i>Trustor</i>, the <i>Trustee</i>, and the <i>Beneficiary</i>. In all trusts, the <i>trustor</i> establishes the general policies that guide the administration of the trust property. The <i>trustee</i> carries out the trustor's instructions in the day-to-day management of the property of the trust. And the <i>beneficiary</i> is the person

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1992 (cont.)	or group of people in whose interest the trust is managed. In this Trust, the Truster is the World Service Conference, the Trustee is the World Service Office, and the Beneficiary is the NA Fellowship as a whole. It is our belief that these trust roles line up pretty closely with the roles the Conference, the Office, and the Fellowship have already come to play in NA's development. We have not described anything new in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust; we have merely tried to mirror the existing service relationships in our Fellowship. In developing this Trust document, we have taken time to consult with a number of NA members. One of the questions they have asked is, 'If the <i>Trustor</i> is supposed to create the policy by which the Trust is actually administered, why not place the NA membership or the NA groups in the position of Truster here, rather than the World Service Conference?' Such an arrangement would certainly give individual members and groups a great deal more direct control of our literature and marks than they have now. However, this arrangement would give individual NA members and groups the authority to make decisions on their own concerning the Fellowship's literature. Such decisions really <i>should</i> be made by the entire Fellowship, not by a few individual members or a few individual groups. That's one reason why we've placed the World Service Conference in the Truster's position: so that decisions affecting the entire Fellowship's literature can be made in an equitable, responsible way through the already-established fellowship wide decision-making process. Another reason for placing the World Service Conference, rather than the NA membership or the NA groups, in the Truster's role is to provide for practical, direct accountability of the Trust. Whoever is selected to be the Truster needs to be able both to oversee the Trustee's performance and to provide additional direction to the Trustee if the need arises. If 'the NA membership' or 'the NA groups' were to be the Truster, they would not really have any way of collectively overseeing Trustee performance or providing instructions, unless they were to do so through the World Service Conference--in which case, why not just place the WSC as the Truster, as the plan now calls for? Article II: Intellectual properties held in trust The first four sections of this article simply describe the items that have been placed in trust: NA's Twelve Steps and Traditions, other NA literature, NA's name and marks, and the copyrights to NA literature. The Trust document

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1992 (cont.)	regulates the creation, revision, and use of these items in a way consistent with already approved World Service Conference policy. From time to time, questions have arisen concerning the rights of those who participate in creating NA literature. The terms of Section 5 are intended to settle those questions for all NA literature developed in the Mure so that the Fellowship's rights to its own literature are indisputably secured through the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. Section 5 offers a very specific definition of the terms under which NA literature is created and copyrighted. We believe this definition is consistent with our Fellowship's philosophy of both the anonymity and the accountability of its trusted servants, and with precedence and already established Fellowship policy. When our trusted servants take part in an NA service project, we expect them to do so not to accrue power, property, or prestige to themselves but to unselfishly serve our Fellowship. And we expect that our Fellowship, through its service structure, will have final authority over such projects from start to finish. Throughout Article II, we find statements like this: 'The ownership of [our literature] will be registered in the name of the Trustee,' the World Service Office. Some members might ask, 'Does this mean that, if this Trust document is approved, the World Service Conference and the Fellowship <i>won't</i> own our literature?' Practically speaking, the answer to that question is <i>no</i>. Ever since the World Service Office was created in the early Seventies, it has been the <i>legal owner</i> of the copyrights to our literature. However, WSO itself has been--and, under the terms of the Trust, will continue to be--subject to the direction of the Fellowship through the World Service Conference. WSO may be the legal owner of the Fellowship's literature, but the Fellowship, through the World Service Conference, has ultimate legal control of WSO. The World Service Office is not, after all, a completely independent entity; it is our Fellowship's world service corporation. All Article II says is that legal ownership of the Fellowship's literature will be registered in the name of the Fellowship's legal corporation. Article III: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustor In this article, the role of NA's World Service Conference in the creation, approval, and revision of NA literature is clearly described: The Conference, and <i>only</i> the Conference, currently has the authority to approve or revise NA literature on behalf of the entire Fellowship. (Before the creation of the

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1992 (cont.)	Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees had that authority.) The relationship between the Conference and its boards and committees, and the process whereby new or revised NA literature is approved, is described in clear, definitive terms that are consistent with already-approved Fellowship policy. We have been asked to clarify the use of the term ‘agent,’ used in Article III, Section 1. The ‘agents’ of the World Service Conference being referred to here are simply the boards, standing committees, and ad hoc committees of the Conference, the groups through which the WSC does its detail work. Article IV: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustee This article of the Operational Rules goes into great detail in describing the role, responsibilities, and limitations that have been placed on the World Service Office corporation in administering the Fellowship's literature and trademarks. Three particular sections of Article IV seem to deserve special attention: Section 3 defines the "fiduciary" relationship between the Truster (the Conference) and the Trustee (the Office). Basically, the fiduciary relationship is one where someone is given something to care for--copyrights, for example—and specific instructions about how to provide that care. Further instructions on how that care should be given may be issued as time goes on, and the caretaker is obliged to follow those instructions. Though the thing being cared for may come to be <i>legally</i> registered as the property of the caretaker, the original owner (in our case, the World Service Conference) maintains what is called <i>equitable interest</i> in the property, and may take it back if he pleases. This is the fiduciary relationship, and it matches well the arrangements that have been made in past years for the management and protection of Conference-approved literature copyrights by the World Service Office. Section 11 describes the process to be used in protecting the Trust's intellectual properties. It allows the World Service Office to respond in a timely manner to infringement of the Trust's copyright, trademark, and service mark registrations, and to inform the Fellowship of the problem. It also gives the Office the authority to settle the problem in the best interests of the Beneficiary, provided that the leadership of the World Service Conference and the World Service Board of Trustees concur. The provisions of Section 11 are consistent with the motion approved at last year's Conference regarding infringement action. Finally,

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1992 (cont.)	Section 12 lays out the Fellowship's requirements for full annual reports from the WSO on its finances and operations, especially as they relate to the Fellowship's literature. This section is included to insure that WSO, as Trustee, remains fully accountable for the way it administers our Intellectual Property Trust..." "...ARTICLE I Section 1: Name of the Trust The name of this trust shall be "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust." Section 2: Creation of the Trust The World Service Conference, as Truster, does hereby reaffirm and restate its transfer, assignment, and conveyance of all NA literature and intellectual property to the World Service Office, Inc., as Trustee, to hold and administer them in accordance with this Trust document and its purpose. Section 3: Nature of the Trust The Trustee shall hold the Trust Properties as a perpetual charitable trust, subject to revocation by the Truster, and shall use the properties and income derived therefrom exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes described below, and for the payment of the incidental expenses and costs of the administration of the Trust. Section 4: Purpose of the Trust The sole object and purpose of this Trust is to hold and administer all literature and intellectual properties of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in a manner that will help addicts find recovery from the disease of addiction and carry that message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, in keeping with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA..." "...ARTICLE II: PARTIES TO THE TRUST The World Service Conference is the Settler and the Truster. World Service Office, Inc. is the Trustee of the Trust. The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole is the Beneficiary of the Trust.

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1992 (cont.)	ARTICLE III: IDENTITY OF TRUST PROPERTY The Trust Property includes all literature, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and all other intellectual property of the Fellowship. From time to time, the Truster may add to, modify, or delete property from the Trust. All additions made to the Fellowship's literature, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and all other intellectual property by the World Service Office shall additionally be considered property subject to this Trust..." "...ARTICLE I: BACKGROUND, PURPOSE, AND PARTIES OF THE TRUST SECTION 1: BACKGROUND OF THE TRUST The foundation for the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust was laid, in fact, at the 1st World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous, held November 5, 1971, in La Mirada, California, USA. At that convention, the membership of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous directed its World Service Board of Trustees to establish a World Service Office to serve as a central Fellowship contact point, an NA information clearinghouse, and NA's publishing agency. Since that time, the World Service Office has been the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship's authorized publisher, holding the Fellowship's intellectual property in trust as a fiduciary of the Fellowship's primary service arms, the World Service Board of Trustees (through 1976) and the World Service Conference (from 1976 to the present). The WSO's role as Fellowship publisher has been described in every approved NA service manual, from the first edition of <i>The NA Tree</i> (1975) to the most recent edition of <i>A Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure</i>, as follows: '[A] major function of WSO is the publication and distribution of literature...WSO is also responsible for the printing, warehousing, and distribution of all existing literature.' On September 15, 1982, the trust relationship was reinforced when the WSC Literature Committee specifically conveyed the copyright to the book <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>, NA's Basic Text, to World Service Office, Inc., such specific trust to be administered in accordance with the direction of the World Service Conference as given at its annual meeting of May 5-9, 1982. In 1988, the trust relationship was further reinforced when the World Service Conference approved guidelines for the WSC Literature Committee which read,

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1992 (cont.)	“...ARTICLE II: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST SECTION 1: TWELVE STEPS, TWELVE TRADITIONS By license agreement with Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., the Trust holds all rights to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as adapted for use by the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, listed in Schedule A of these rules. SECTION 2: OTHER LITERATURE By assignment from the Truster, the Trust holds all other literature created directly or indirectly by the Truster, the Beneficiary, and/or the Trustee...” “...SECTION 4: COPYRIGHTS The Trust holds legal title to the copyrights for all books, booklets, pamphlets, workbooks, audio and/or video recordings, and service guides, both in original and in translation, that have been approved by the World Service Conference or its predecessors. The Trust holds legal title to the copyrights for all volumes and numbers, both in original and in translation, of <i>The NA Way Magazine</i>, a periodical publication created and directed by the World Service Conference. The Trust holds legal title to the copyrights for all literary works in progress, both in original and in translation, developed by the World Service Conference, its boards, and its committees. SECTION 5: NATURE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE TRUST'S COPYRIGHTED LITERATURE The creation of all new or revised Trust literary properties will be commissioned by the Truster, either directly or through a subordinate board or committee. The process used to create those properties, from commencement to conclusion, will be under the constant control of the Truster, exercised directly or by a subordinate board or committee. Individuals who take part in the creation of those properties will do so as employees of either the Truster or the Trustee, whether salaried or volunteer, with full knowledge of the commissioning and controlling interests of the Truster. No individual participant in any project designed to create or revise Trust literature will retain any claim of copyright with respect to their contributions thereto. The ownership of these Trust Properties will be registered in the name of the Trustee.

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1992 (cont.)	“...SECTION 6: MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF PRODUCTS The Trustee shall use, produce, print, manufacture, and/or reproduce products using Trust Properties, and shall offer such products for sale to the Beneficiary and the general public. The Trustee may enter into appropriate agreements and arrangements with third parties regarding the manufacture, distribution, and sale of products using Trust Properties. SECTION 7: TRUSTEE AUTHORITY WITHOUT NOTICE OR PERMISSION In the absence of the Truster's specific direction to the contrary, the Trustee may make the following decisions relative to administration of the Trust without prior notice to or permission of the Truster: 1. The Trustee has complete discretion as to the manufacturing format of products generated from Trust Properties, including appearance, design, typeface, paper grade, binding, cover, ink, or other material. 2. The Trustee has complete discretion in the management of all affairs related to the perpetuation of the Trust's business, including contracts, leases, licenses, covenants, manufacturing specifications, inventory and production quantities, distribution and marketing policies and programs, and pricing of products generated from Trust Properties. SECTION 8: TRUSTEE OBLIGATION FOR NOTICE AND APPROVAL The Trustee must notify the Truster at least ninety days prior to any given annual Truster meeting of the Trustee's intent to publish or otherwise manufacture a product based on an alteration of any Trust Property. The Trustee may not publish or manufacture such a product prior to receiving the Truster's approval at that annual meeting. For such a proposal to be approved, two-thirds of the Conference's voting participants recorded as present in the roll call immediately prior to the vote must vote ‘yes’ to the proposal. SECTION 9: UTILIZATION OF REVENUES From the revenues accruing from licenses, covenants, or sale of products ~generated from Trust Properties, the Trustee shall provide services as directed by the Truster, including but not limited to the following services: 1. The Trustee shall provide administrative, organizational, and logistical services to the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous and

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1992 (cont.)	4) Literature Review--reviews literature as requested, administers assigned literature projects, handles any other related literature issues or tasks on an as-needed basis (e.g., interaction with the World Services Translation Committee)..." <u>From "International Development Forum"</u> "DATE: October 22, 1991 TO: Kim J., Chairperson of the WSB External Committee FROM: Joe G. RE: International Development Forum... ...Service Literature Trusted servants involved in international development could also assist in the creation of service-oriented literature appropriate for emerging fellowships outside of the United States. In western culture, we have found local H&I committees to be an effective way to carry the message; this will not be true everywhere. In western culture, we have found 'passing the basket' to have only minimal success in funding our service efforts while literature sales are generally accepted as the appropriate way to generate the majority of our resources. This combination will also not be true in every culture. We must find a balance between appropriate service literature with a universal appeal and personalized sharing for specific situations. Recovery Literature We may overemphasize this because it appears to all to be the easiest to provide. We must remember that every NA Fellowship (including the American fellowship) initially developed without written recovery literature. NA is based on addicts helping addicts and there are no short cuts around that central fact. When an emerging fellowship matures to the level of being able to initiate a translation committee, World Services should be in a position to support that effort. As that fellowship continues to mature, funds will become available to facilitate printing translated recovery literature. Attempting to shield emerging fellowships from these growth experiences can be a disservice..."

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1992 (cont.)	<u>From "Approved Internal Affairs Committee Conference Call Minutes"</u> "October 15, 1991..." ...The first hour of the call was taken up with a review of the Literature Trust Document. Tim B. had several wording changes to suggest which were noted by Lee M. Most of these changes were accepted with minimal discussion by the other members on the call. These changes will be incorporated into the document by Lee M. for distribution on 10/16/91. Lee left the call after this discussion was completed..." <u>From "Report to World Service Board of Trustees Multinational Development Mini-Forum"</u> "BACKGROUND" To foster a better understanding of the fellowship worldwide. MINI-FORUM A somewhat ironic term as this forum was by no means "mini" as NA members from over fifteen countries/regions/NA communities, presented basic issues in world NA development. This forum was an effective utilization of resources available to the trustees. As an event WCNA 21 had the highest level of interested speakers, members and service experience ever to date, as already forecasted by Bill Winterfeld's WSC Report of September 1991. The presenters at this forum were: Garth P., WSB External Committee, Coordinator Mitchell S., WSC Policy, Opening remarks and background. USA Tennessee, Winston G., RSR-Alt. New Jersey, Jon T., RSR Wisconsin, John, Past RSR South Pacific/Pacific Zone Hawaii - Phyliss (Guam Liaison Service Rep., stood in for Tom McC.). Guam - Shawn H. - Impromptu Rep. Aotearoa New Zealand - Lynn R., RSR Australia - Tony W., RSR

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1992 (cont.)	Indonesia, Bali - Rob, Past California RSR Hong Kong - Suzy M., Invited Rep. Japan - Brut (Interpreters Ice and Helen) - Past RSR Europe United Kingdom - David T., Past wee Director Germany - Daniel S., Past RSR France - Henri, Invited Presenter Arabia - Bahrain -Ammar, Invited Presenter INTERESTING POINT Out of the above 16 names, 11 of the presenters have-participated at the World Service Conference. (Ten have been RSR or still are.) The presenters were given a summary outline, the day prior to help them keep their presentation focused. The outline consisted of: 1) Maximum time of presentation - 10 minutes 2) Presentation to be as broad and as basic as possible. 3) Brief outline of your NA community/region 4) Basic needs in your development in respect to World Services. 5) Services you are currently receiving from World Services that you feel useful. 6) Zonal conference? (e.g., European, South Pacific Conference) as a possible solution to the financial constraints in attending the WSC as it starts today. The following summary of the days events were compiled by three experienced facilitators. The range of their service experience ranged from minimal to extensive. This was done on purpose so as to gather a broad perspective of interpretation. The session was also taped. The tapes are of good quality and I urge all the trustees and other interested member to have a listen to them prior to the next WSC when the two day MDF will be held. Presenter 1: Tennessee - Winston (RSR-Alt.) Region formed in 1982 developing from a first meeting in 1979. They have no standing regional chairs, no standing sub-committees but have 'projects' and mobilize forces on an as needed basis. Experienced growth from 1982, but are

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1992 (cont.)	due to the language barrier and lack of translated literature. They also suggested a branch office of WSO in the Pacific Region. Numerous persons in jail due to drug problems. They need help with steps, structure and Japanese stigmatization. They expressed a wish to give back in the Pacific Region. There is limited knowledge of traditions due to lack of translated material. Eight Japanese members attended. Presenter 8: Australia -Tony (RSR) NA first started in Melbourne and Perth early 1970's. Started in Sydney in the early 1980's. Currently 80 meetings per week in Sydney. There are 240 meetings per week in Australia with 14 areas. WSO helped initially with a 'loan' (i.e.; literature stockpile). World Services also helped in setting up a service structure (WSB member visited in 1984). Initially, the Australasian Region included New Zealand. They want improved communication between regions worldwide. They would like to see cost equalization due to vast distances to travel. Greater involvement literature review process was also recommended. Suggested a Western Pacific Zonal conference could be valuable. Presenter 10: Paris - Henri (Invited Presenter) There are currently 30 meetings per week. Six in English, one bilingual and the rest in French. Two 'closed' HIV positive meetings. They feel HIV should be the theme at a convention. They are having to address HIV issues due to the high percentage of seroprevalence within the French fellowship; e.g., 40%. He wonders why this is not being addressed worldwide. They have the advantage of bilingual links with Canada so they have literature in French, e.g., Basic Text. This has helped French NA members. They see that reaching out to minorities in own area and region should be a priority. WSO is giving financial support via its European Service Office. They will make a bid for World Convention 1995. Made the decision (sic) to finance a RSR to the WSC rather than (sic) finance a regional office this year. Presenter 12: Hong Kong - Suzy M. (Invited Representative) Meetings are in English, so there are major difficulties in carrying the message to non-English speaking addicts. There was no feeling of connection with world fellowship until visit by Garth P. from BOT. This sparked off enthusiasm. They have had difficulties in getting letters answered from WSO. Packages from WSO takes weeks and weeks to arrive, usually input dates have long expired. They

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1992 (cont.)	want to be involved in literature review. A south Pacific Zonal Conference may mean Hong King could attend and participate. Having a consistent link person was again suggested as it is, very important the person be easily accessible and respond rapidly to request. Presenter 13: United Kingdom - David T. (EX WCC Director) NA is eleven years old in the United Kingdom. There are 14 areas, 1 region and 1 National Service Assembly, with 228 meetings per week. The United Kingdom fellowship has gained a great deal from visitors from WSO, ie; experience. UK has a National Service Office. The idea of more mature fellowships sponsoring newer fellowships was proposed. London Region has hosted a World Convention. There are certain misgivings about ESQ and the way WSO went about setting it up. They believe in local services supporting their own offices. They feel they only need World Services for literature and experience, the rest is up to us. Presenter 14: Germany There are 85 meetings throughout the country NA has been going for 13 years. They feel zonal conferences will certainly help. They have received financial support from WSO for translations of Basic Text. Issues arise due to language barriers, requesting translators for World Service Conference. Due to lateness of information from WSO, they were again unable to have input on issues as date to respond had expired. Sometimes information is two or three months late. SUMMARY OF COMMON VIEW POINTS Short Comings of World Services 1) WSO inability to communicate within appropriate time frames. 2) Worldwide Fellowship lack of focus in cultural handicaps. 3) Desire for a more effective communication service structure. 4) Translations, number one priority for N.E.S. Communities. 5) Not addressing the coordination of helping minority groups. 6) Increasing and obvious problems with regional offices and convention corporations. 7) Isolation in general, felt by many of the presenters. 8) WSO seems to have lost some integrity (due to communications and original agreement deals). 9) Criticism of literature process. Where is the literature?

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1992 (cont.)	‘C’ Work List (ready for regional development) The ‘C’ work list consists of material that needs more fellowship writing and input to bring it to a first draft stage. ‘C’ work list material is assigned to regional literature committees whose responsibility it then becomes to create the forum and atmosphere where members of their regions can develop the assigned project. The ‘C’ work list contains the following item: 1. <i>Living Clean</i>. This book-length piece is intended as a newcomer's guide to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. The current draft consists of 136 pages on a variety of topics. ‘D’ Work List (general development) The ‘D’ work list contains all other proposals for NA literature. These items require considerable work at this stage and may be assigned for development to literature committees, groups, and members at the discretion of the WSCLC chair and vice chair. Our current ‘D’ list includes the following pieces: 1. <i>The History of Narcotics Anonymous</i>. Although material for this book has been compiled over the years, much more research is needed before a meaningful, comprehensive history of NA can be written. The WSCLC continues to maintain pertinent information regarding this proposal in its files. Due to a reduction in staff resources at the WSO, indexing of material related to this book, which begun last year, has been halted. Although we recommend that this item remain on our ‘D’ list, discussions have commenced within our committee about the infeasibility of accumulating necessary information and rallying the resources for developing this piece at the present time. 2. ‘Practicing the Principles of Our Traditions.’ A new submission this year, this piece discusses the concept of applying the traditions to our daily lives. The proposal was also referred to the WSB Traditions Ad Hoc Committee as source material. 3. ‘NA Service.’ This new proposal discusses the importance of doing service work in Narcotics Anonymous. It addresses the benefits of service to both the individual and the fellowship...” <u>From “Addendum 12: Regional Motions”</u> “NNYRSCNA 2117 Buffalo Rd. Suite 286 Rochester, NY 14682 12-17-91

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1992 (cont.)	World Service Conference Chair C/O World Service Office Attn: Steve Sigman PO Box 9999 Van Nuys, CA 91409 Dear Steve: As per my phone conversation today with Molly at the WSO I am faxing the motion listed below for inclusion in the CAR. This motion is being submitted as a result of action taken by the Northern New York Regional Service Committee at their November meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Motion: That the WSO Board or Directors establish one standard price for all literature sold to the fellowship. Intent: To establish an equitable system for all fellowship purchasers of our literature. David J. Lester, RSR Wisconsin Regional Service Conference c/o WRSO 6754 W. Beloit Road West Allis, WI 53219 November 25, 1991 WSC Admin Committee c/o WSO PO Box 9999 Van Nuys, CA 91409 Submitted below are two motions passed by the Wisconsin Regional Service Conference on November 17, 1991. Both motions received unanimous support of those present and voting.

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1992 (cont.)	MOTION: That the WSC direct the World Service Office to produce and stock braille literature, specifically the White Book, Newly Revised. INTENT: To carry the message of recovery to visually impaired addicts and to meet ongoing demands for braille literature. In loving service, Bob J., RSR-Wisconsin 733 E. Johnson #1 Madison, WI 53703 December 15, 1991 Barbara J., Chairperson World Service Conference PO Box 9999 Van Nuys, California 91409 1. That no changes be made in Narcotics Anonymous literature without the approval of the NA Fellowship as voiced through the normal NA literature approval process. Intent: to prevent any changes in NA literature without Fellowship approval. There have been motions brought up on the floor of the Conference to change already approved literature and there is no mechanism to protect the literature from being changed. Yours in service Jim E. RSR (312) 489-4841 TO: Barbara J., Chairperson, World Service Conference FROM: Jon T., RSR New Jersey Region Dear Barbara, The New Jersey Region is presenting these 7 group conscience motions to be included in the 1992 Conference Agenda Report.

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1992 (cont.)	1. MOTION: To include the IP#6 'Recovery and Relapse' into the next printing of the <u>Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous</u>. INTENT: Although not a requirement, relapse is a reality in recovery and this IP brings to light for the newcomer that recovery is always available to them and encourages them to KEEP COMING BACK!!! 6. MOTION: To insert in <u>The Group Booklet</u> under the section 'How Can Our Groups Solve It's Problems?', page 17, 6th line from the top, after the sentence ending '... in all our affairs.', the sentence that states, 'When we collectively apply the insight received from that spiritual awakening to our group's problems, we call that <i>group conscience</i>.' INTENT: This sentence, which appears in the proposed Group Chapter of The Guide to Service, was deleted during the revision to The Group Booklet. Although it is understood differently in different places, obtaining group conscience is the practice by which our second tradition is exerised (sic) throughout our Fellowship. Nowhere in The Group Booklet is the term 'group conscience' mentioned. To deprive members (sic) and newly forming groups of any exposure to this process deprives them of the opportunity to experience the second tradition in action. In light and service, Jon T., RSR-NJRSC To the W.S.C. Administrative Committee, From the ALSASK Regional Service Committee, Our region would like to submit the following motion: 'That the WSCLC produce an information pamphlet entitled 'Seniors in Recovery.' Intent: To produce an information pamphlet similar to I.P. number 13 entitled 'Youth and Recovery', aimed at welcoming seniors into Narcotics Anonymous. In Service Lucie G. RSR ALSASK RSC

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1992 (cont.)	The Buckeye Region Dear Barb DEC 27 1991 In an effort to repair some of the perceived damage created at the level of World Services, the Buckeye Region would like to submit the following motions to be included as agenda items in the 1992 WSC Agenda Report. Many of the members from our region, as well as members from neighboring regions, believe that the true fellowship conscience is not accurately carried at the Conference. This holds possible in that a region with a sum total of 50 recovering addict members has the same voice as a region with 1000 recovering addict members. Please accept these motions in the spirit they are given with hope that we can arrive at a process once and for all that will quiet the controversy of 'Conference Approval' vs. 'Fellowship Approval'. 1. We move that the WSC Literature Committee restructure it's (sic) guidelines to eliminate the use of a 'Select Committee'. Intent: The Literature Committee has not directly involved the fellowship's participation. If the 'Select Committee' is eliminated, participation must be solicited in order to prepare anything for approval. 2. We move that the WSC Literature Committee return to the practice of conducting 'Literature Conferences'. Intent: The use of 'Literature Conference' produced most of the literature enjoyed by the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship. Since this practice was discontinued, literature production has fallen off. Greater Illinois Regional Service Conference P.O. Box 6326 Peoria, Illinois 61601-6326 December 20th, 1991 Barbara J., Chairperson World Service Conference P.O. Box 9999

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1992 (cont.)	Van Nuys, CA 91409 (818) 780-3951 Dear Barbara: Please include the following motion in the Conference Agenda Report. The item was discussed in our regional literature committee meeting and they voted unanimously to propose the motion to GIRSCNA. At the regional meeting on December 15th, 1991 GIRSCNA voted unanimously to include the following motion in the CAR. Motion: Delete sentence 4, paragraph 1, of page 1 from the IP 'For Those In Treatment'. (WSO Catalog Item No. 3117) Intent: The sentence reads: 'Treatment can help you start to live life drug-free.' Although the statement is probably true in some cases, making a statement about treatment like this could be seen as an affiliation, an endorsement, and/or an opinion; thus possibly violating our Sixth and Tenth Traditions. The pamphlet still reads well without the sentence and by removing the sentence there will not be any possible implied endorsement and/or affiliation with treatment centers. If you have any questions and/or clarifications, feel free to contact me at (217) 344-4847. Sincerely, Joseph W. Y. (Greater Illinois Region RSR)"²⁷³
January 1992	After not being published in 1991, the <i>Newsline</i> returned in January 1990 and included information on: 1. Proposed 10% increase in literature prices (in the section "Literature Price Increase") 2. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> review and input (in the section "Upcoming Material for Fellowship Review and Input") 3. New literature for approval at the 1992 WSC; Just For Today, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, and Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust handbook (in the section "New Materials for WSC '92 Approval Now Available")

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January 1992 (cont.)	the World Service Board of Trustees is proposing the establishment of a legal trust to further safeguard the fellowship's literature and logos. A 32-page handbook describing the creation and administration of this proposed Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust will be up for approval at WSC'92. The handbook comes with notes explaining the proposed policies and procedures, and is available through the World Service Office. Use the clip-out form on page 15 to order your copies. Single copies-\$1.65-Item #2114 Bundles of 25 copies-\$22.00-Item #2115" <u>From "From the WSB Traditions Ad Hoc Committee"</u> "The committee has met four times since our last report in the <i>Newsline</i>. The first meeting took place December 14-16, 1990. As noted in the December 1990 <i>Newsline</i>, the primary writer for this project resigned shortly after the October meeting. The committee spent some time at its December meeting discussing the resulting changes in the staff team. A new writer was assigned on a temporary basis to assist the committee in its work until a permanent replacement could be found. The committee spent the majority of this meeting reviewing first drafts of Traditions Five and Six and reviewing and factoring in input received from members of the World Service Board of Trustees and the WSC Literature Committee on second drafts of Traditions Three and Four. The committee gave a considerable amount of direction to the staff team in revising drafts of Traditions Five and Six. Once these directions were followed, the resulting drafts were sent to the WSB and the WSCLC for their individual review. Similarly, the committee gave further direction to the team on the drafts of Tradition Three and Four. When the revisions were completed, they were mailed out to the WSB for its consideration. The final discussion during this meeting focused on some preliminary plans for the committee's panel presentation at WSC '91. The committee expressed its hope that its work would have progressed to the point that it would be able to release drafts of the first six traditions for fellowship review and input by or at the time of the 1991 conference. The committee was also looking forward to the fellowship's response to the prereview drafts of Traditions One and Two, which had been mailed out in November 1990.

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January 1992 (cont.)	order a copy of the review form of Traditions One through Six, please use the clip-out form on page 15 to order your copies. Our last meeting before this report was written occurred July 26-28, 1991 in Van Nuys. During the meeting, the committee approved a revision to their meeting schedule, calling for five more meetings between now and WSC '92 next April. While the schedule was revised, the committee still intends to release the second half of its portion of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> on January 15, 1992. Use the clip-out form on page 15 to order your copies. That material will then be out for review and input until July 15, 1992." <u>From "From the Literature Department"</u> "A reminder to all literature subcommittee chairpersons to keep the WSO updated on any changes in addresses or new chair people. If you think you aren't receiving any mail from the WSC Literature Committee, double check your current name and address status with the WSO Literature Department. If you have questions about any literature orders, ask for the WSO Customer Service Department." <u>From "Unauthorized Literature Distribution"</u> Since the 1991 World Service Conference, we have been informed that there are members of the fellowship who are still engaged in the unauthorized production and distribution of NA literature. We would like to take this opportunity to ask those members to cease any further involvement in this activity. The matter of literature production and distribution was presented to the fellowship and voted on at the WSC. The fellowship expressed its collective view on this issue, and it's time we all respected that decision. We do not seek to render judgments about those members who are still involved in this activity, but merely request that the decision reached be respected. For those members who are not aware of those decisions the fellowship overwhelmingly approved through the WSC, the World Service Office is the exclusive publisher and distributor of NA literature and the holder of the fellowship's intellectual property (copyrights and trademarks, etc.). Many members have contacted the WSO, dismayed by this ongoing activity and demanding that something be done. The WSO will live up to its responsibility

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April 25 – 30, 1992	The seventeenth World Service Conference is held and includes the following: 1. Motions carried at WSC '92 related to literature 2. Motions committed at WSC '92 related to literature 3. Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust 4. Translations <u>From "Motions carried at WSC '92 related to literature"</u> "It was M/S/C WSC Administrative Committee 'To approve the booklet, 'Twelve Concepts for NA Service' (Addendum 2).' MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (#3 below) It was M/S/C (WSC Literature Committee) 'To add to the supplemental reading list at the end of In Times of illness Chapter 10, 'More Will Be Revealed' from the Basic Text. This annotated reference listing would state: 'More Will Be Revealed' (Basic Text, Chapter 10)--This chapter contains a variety of recovery related topics. Among them is a discussion of the use of medication in recovery." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/C (WSC Literature Committee) #13. 'To approve the booklet, 'In Times of Illness' (Addendum 7) as amended.' MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.								

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April 25 – 30, 1992 (cont.)	It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #14. 'To approve 'Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts' (Addendum 8) as amended.' ·MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (0 nays, 1 abstention), after the following. AMENDMENT: It was M/S/C (Mitch G. (RSR, Southern Nevada)/Harry L. (RSR, UK) 'To Amend, 'Just For Today: Daily Meditations For Recovering Addicts,' page 41, paragraph 1, the sentence which reads 'we would dance, drink, and do drugs until the sun rose' by inserting the word 'other' before the word 'drugs.' If amended, it would then read, 'We would dance, drink, and do other drugs until the sun rose.' With no objections heard, the amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment by the WSC Literature Committee and the conference It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #15. To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's "A" work list for the 1992-1993 conference year: 1) The steps portion of It Works: How and Why. 2) The step writing guides. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/C (Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chairperson) #29. To include the IP #6 "Recovery and Relapse" into the next printing of the Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous. MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOICE VOTE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee #111 "to substitute motion #25 to read 'the conference shall not vote on: any proposals to change existing conference-approved NA literature unless such changes have appeared in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>.'" SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE AMENDMENT: Ron D. (RSR, Central California) "to amend to the substitute motion by adding the word 'recovery' between the words "NA" and "literature." Peter M. (RSR, Ohio)/Mary J. (WSC Literature Chairperson) "That the WSC confirms the use of contract writers who are NA members and who work within our literature development process to draft and edit NA literature." MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (see below), after the following:

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April 25 – 30, 1992 (cont.)	WSB: It was M/S/C Becky M. (WSB Chairperson)/Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chairperson) #103. "To commit motion #8 to the World Service Board and a RSR working group to be appointed by the WSC Chairperson to solicit, review, and factor in, where appropriate, additional input on the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust for presentation to the fellowship in the 1993 Conference Agenda Report." MOTION TO COMMIT CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE It was M/S/ Bob J. (RSR, Wisconsin)/ "That the WSC direct the World Service Office to produce and stock braille literature, specifically, the White Book, Newly Revised." It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Jim E. (RSR, Chicagoland) "That the World Service Conference send back to the fellowship for consideration the following motion: That the WSO produce a low cost version of the Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, 5th Edition utilizing measures one, two, three, four, and five detailed in the 1991 WSO "Report Concerning the Motion for a Low Cost Basic Text." Said motion to be included in the 1992/1993 Conference Agenda Report, along with the above cited measures from the WSO 1991 report, for action at WSC 1993." AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION: It was M/S/ John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Carlos G. (RSR, Colorado) Intent: To help generate increased sales of the soft-bound Basic Text to the market, and create price differences between the soft-bound and hardbound editions more in line with general publication marketing practices. It was M/S/C John R. (RSR, Indiana)/Bob F. (RSR, Northern New Jersey) "To commit the two motions above to the WSO Board of Directors~ MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. WSCLC: It was M/S/ Jon T. (RSR, New Jersey)/ #31. "To insert in The Group Booklet under the section "How Can Our Groups Solve its Problems?", page 17, 6th line from the top, after the sentence ending " ... in all our affairs.", the sentence that states, "When we collectively apply the insight received from that spiritual awakening to our group's problems, we call that group conscience."

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April 25 – 30, 1992 (cont.)	WSC be enjoined from acting on the literature trust document (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust). The suit also asks for a beneficiary trust membership committee to be set up and to meet throughout the year at WSO's expense, and seeks to prevent the WSO from selling literature. She stated that our attorney is studying all the paperwork, and we hope to have further information later in the week." p. 2 TO: Attendees of the World Service Conference FROM: Bob McD., Chairperson World Service Office, Inc. DATE: April 28, 1992 On April 22, 1992, papers were filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of David M.. These papers seek to hold the World Service Office in breach of the Settlement Agreement and in contempt of the Consent Order entered in the litigation in Philadelphia on January 4, 1991, and further seek to reopen that litigation in an effort to prevent a vote by the 1992 World Service Conference on Motion Number 8 which relates to the creation of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. Our counsel has advised that there is no reason not to consider Motion Number 8 in the normal course of business as it is reached on the agenda. Our attorneys have reviewed the filed papers and have assured us that the claims against the World Service Office are utterly groundless. As of this date, there has been no hearing set on this matter. We wish to stress that all times, the World Service Office has complied with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order entered in that litigation. Our attorneys will be taking the appropriate actions to defend the World Service Office in this matter. We will keep you apprised of further developments as they arise." p. 43²⁷⁷ <u>Related to "Translations"</u> "Garth P. (WSB Vice Chairperson) turned the meeting back over to Kim J. (WSB). She introduced George H., Division Director of Fellowship Services of the World

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April 25 – 30, 1992 (cont.)	Service Office, to report on the history of the international growth of Narcotics Anonymous. George shared information about NA's early development in California, across the United States, into South America, and Europe. Various aspects of WSO services and WSC developments through the seventies and eighties were described. The correlation between translation of N.A.'s literature and worldwide fellowship growth was noted. Obstacles to international growth, including governmental and cultural differences, were also noted. Use and availability of funds, balance between unity and autonomy, and worldwide common bonds in recovery were all cited as important to NA's future growth." p. 4 <u>WSC</u> "At 7:35 p.m., the WSO "A" panel on the use of contract writers in the literature development process began with a brief presentation by each panel member. Members of the panel were Bob McD. (WSO BOD Chairperson), Mary J. (WSC Literature Chairperson), and Chuck L. (WSB), with Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) serving as moderator. Barbara J. (WSC Chairperson) appointed Peter M. (RSR, Ohio), Kelley S. (RSR-A, Lone Star), Jeff P. (RSR, S. Florida), Bill Z. (RSR, Chesapeake/Potomac), and Alden I. (WSC Literature Vice Chairperson) to a working group with the purpose of making recommendations about utilizing contract writers to WSO and WSCLC." "The WSCLC "A" panel began at 4:05 p.m. Mary J. (WSC Literature Chairperson), Jorge B., Mike C., Jane N., Ceven M. served as panel members with Mary Kay B. (WSO BOD Vice Chairperson) serving as moderator. The panel session discussions focused on In Times of Illness, Just for Today, and the committee's "A" work list for next year. Mary Kay B. (WSO BOD Vice Chairperson) assigned a working group for the purpose of formulating a recommendation based on the input given in this session regarding the name "Just for Today" and the subtitle "Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts" and some of the terminology contained in the book. Members appointed were: Harry L. (RSR, UK), Chris H. (RSR-A, Connecticut), Mike W. (RSR, Michigan), Danette B. (WSB), Jeff H. (RSR-2A, Chicagoland).

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April 25 – 30, 1992 (cont.)	The WSC Literature Committee "B" panel started at 4:10 p.m. The topic of discussion in this session was the Steps Project and the approval process of the Traditions. The panel consisted of Bryce S. (Steps Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson), Alden I. (WSC Literature Vice Chairperson), Michael M. (RSR-A, Northern California), Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chairperson), Steve B. (WSB). After discussions, the session was recessed at 4:45 p.m. The next WSC Literature Committee panel "B" convened at 5:05 p.m. The panel consisted of Ivan F. (WSC H&I Chairperson), Alden I. (WSC Literature Vice Chairperson), Andree L. (WSC Literature Committee member), Gretchen D. (RSR-A, Best Little) and Jim B. (WSC Literature Committee member). The topic of discussion in this session was "C" and "D" work lists and regional concerns. After discussions, this panel concluded at 6:00 p.m. It was M/S World Services Translation Committee, motion #2 "To approve the implementation of Addendum 1, "World Services Translation Committee and Policy, "for an additional year; and to direct the Translation Committee to bring its recommendations concerning both its status and its guidelines to WSC'93." MOTION POSTPONED as follows: It was M/S/C Uli Z. (RSR, German Speaking Region)/Roy D. (RSR, Buckeye) "to postpone to a definite time (Saturday)." MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED, after no objections were stated. It was M/S/C WSC Administrative Committee, motion #3 "To approve the booklet, 'Twelve Concepts for NA Service' (Addendum 2)." MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (#3 below)."²⁷⁸
April 1992	The <i>Newsline</i> becomes the <i>WSO Newsline</i> with the new editorial policy of working "...hand-in-hand with the <i>Conference Digest</i> to keep NA members informed about their world services. While the <i>Digest</i> keeps you current on WSC boards and committees, the <i>Newsline</i> helps you stay abreast of what's happening at your World Service Office." The April 1992 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> contains information on: 1. Active, pending, and inactive translation efforts (in the section "Translations Update")

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April 1992 (cont.)	From "Translations Update" "One of our most active areas is the Translations Department. The following lists projects currently on deck. <i>Active</i> projects are those on the World Services Translation Committee's current agenda. <i>Pending</i> denotes projects that local committees are working on. <i>Inactive</i> projects have been worked on in the past, but to our knowledge have been given no attention in the last six months. ACTIVE Danish: IP No. 1. Dutch: IP No. 1. French: <i>Fourth Step Guide</i>, IP No.s 2 and 7, <i>H&I Handbook</i>. Hindi: IP No. 1. Spanish: <i>Group Booklet</i>, <i>Behind the Walls</i>, <i>NA: A Resource in your Community</i>, <i>H&I Handbook</i>. Swedish: IP No.s 11 and 20. PENDING American Sign Language: Basic Text and White Booklet. Brazilian Portuguese: Basic Text, 5 IPs, 3 handbooks. German: Basic Text, <i>Group Booklet</i>, IP No. 5, <i>H&I Handbook</i>. Hebrew: Basic Text. Norwegian: IP No.s 1, 16, and 22. Portuguese: <i>H&I Handbook</i>. Russian: Basic Text, White Booklet, <i>Group Booklet</i>, IP #7. Spanish: <i>Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts</i>, and <i>A Guide to Phoneline Service</i>. Swedish: NA book (excerpts from text), <i>Fourth Step Guide</i>, White Booklet, IP No.s 6, 9, 14, 16, and 21-24. INACTIVE Arabic: Basic Text. Flemish Dutch: White Booklet, <i>Group Booklet</i>, IP No.s 1 and 7. Hebrew: IP No.s 9, 11, 12, and White Booklet. Hindi: IP No.s 8 and 16. Lithuanian: Basic Text, IP No. 7. Mandarin: IP No.s 1, 13, 16. Māori: IP No. 1."²⁷⁹

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August 1992	The <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 7, Number 3) includes information on: 1. New products (Just For Today, In Times of Illness, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous, and 1992 Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure (in the section "New Products Available")) 2. The promotion of Julie Kirkpatrick to Literature Coordinator (in the section "Inside WSO") <u>From "New Products Available"</u> "All the new products we describe below will be in stock by the time this issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> reaches your mailbox. We've printed an order form for these products in the special supplement included with this <i>Newsline</i>. Just for Today--Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts <i>Just for Today</i>, NA's first new book in ten years, was approved this April by the World Service Conference. This daily meditation book expresses the spirit of NA recovery by capturing a rare blend of our program's greatest strength: its diversity. Throughout its 366 pages, you will find a rich variety of topics ranging from decision making to developing dignity and a sense of self-worth. Written in the straightforward, down-to-earth style that is NA's hallmark, this book imparts inspiration to the newcomer and oldtimer alike. <i>Just for Today</i> is available in two formats. The regular softcover meditation book costs \$6.95. A 2,000-copy limited deluxe edition of <i>Just for Today</i>, featuring quality binding, gilt-edged pages, and decorative bookmark, costs \$25.00. Each copy of the deluxe edition is individually numbered. Orders of the deluxe edition are limited to two copies per person until October 1. In Times of Illness The WSC has approved a new booklet called <i>In Times of Illness</i>. If you are coping with any type of illness, this booklet was developed with you in mind. It offers positive support and practical suggestions for living with a temporary or chronic illness, disability, or medical condition. The 10-page booklet costs 55 cents.

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August 1992 (cont.)	Twelve Concepts for NA Service This new conference-approved booklet outlines a foundation of common principle that can provide the entire service community with a unified and effective means for carrying out NA services. Copies of the 42-page booklet cost \$1.00. Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous The conference decided to include <i>Recovery and Relapse</i>, an information pamphlet, in the next printing of <i>An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous</i>. Though this action has marginally increased the length of the book, the price remains \$2.50. 1992 Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure The <i>Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure</i> (also known by its initials, TWGSS, pronounced like "twigs") has been updated to reflect actions taken at the 1993 World Service Conference annual meeting. Each copy of TWGSS'92 costs \$3.30." <u>From "Inside WSO"</u> "On July 1, Julie Kirkpatrick was promoted to literature coordinator. Julie, whose family lives in Texas, initially moved to Los Angeles from New Mexico in December 1984 to collate data for NA's first public information survey at the WSO. Later, she worked in our Group Services Department, then operated our typesetting equipment. Prior to her promotion, Julie spent two and a half years as the WSO Literature Department's primary assistant. Julie replaces Mary V., who served as literature coordinator for four years. Mary became team leader for the WSO Fellowship Services Team in June. Julie, clean in NA since May 1983, has designed and painted all the banners displayed at the World Service Conference since 1986. She recently earned her BA in psychology from the California State University at Northridge, graduating <i>summa cum laude</i>. We join with Jayne, Julie's life companion, in congratulating Julie upon her promotion."²⁸⁰
November 1, 1992	The November 1, 1992 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 7, Number 4) includes information on: 1. Sales of Just for Today (in the section "WSO Sales, Products, Finances") 2. A posting for a translations assistant (in the section "Personnel")

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November 1, 1992 (cont.)	<u>From "WSO Sales, Products, Finances"</u> "Just For Today sales In August, we received slightly more than two thousand copies of the deluxe limited edition of our fellowship's newest book, <i>Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts</i>. At this writing, only four hundred copies remain on our shelves. We expect the limited edition to be completely sold out by the time this Issue of the <i>Newsline</i> arrives at your mailbox. The regular paperback edition of <i>Just for Today</i> arrived In Los Angeles on September 1. More than 18,000 copies of the book were sold in its first month. If you would like to order copies of <i>Just for Today</i> for yourself, your friends, or your NA group, please use the form included in the special supplement to this Issue of the <i>Newsline</i>." <u>From "Personnel"</u> "Translations assistant sought At its September meeting, our board of directors authorized us to look for a new translations assistant to join the WSO Fellowship Services Team. This new special worker's duties will Include typing material written in various languages into our computer system, proofreading translations, and assisting the World Service Translation Committee. If you or someone you know would be Interested In this position, please call us at (818) 780--3951."²⁸¹

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1993	The 1993 Conference Agenda Report includes the following information related to literature. 1. World Service Conference 1993 Motions 2. World Service Board of Trustees – Intellectual Property Trust 3. WSC Administrative Committee 4. World Services Translation Committee 5. WSC Public Information Committee 6. WSC Literature Committee 7. Addendum B: Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (Reader's Notes) 8. Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property 9. World Services Translation Policy 10. World Services Translations Committee Internal Guidelines 11. WSC Literature Committee 1993-94 Work Lists <u>From “World Service Conference 1993 Motions”</u> “MOTION 10 To approve Addendum D, ‘World Services Translation Policy.’ Maker: World Services Translation Committee MOTION 11 To approve Addendum E, ‘World Services Translation Committee Internal Guidelines.’ These guidelines may be revised by the committee subject to approval by the Interim Committee and notification to the conference participants. Maker: World Services Translation Committee MOTION 15 That the following revisions be accepted in the pamphlet, NA: A Resource In Your Community: 1) That [figures on the growth in numbers of groups] ... be included after the section, ‘How Does NA Work.’ 2) That the word ‘survey’ be replaced with the word ‘poll’ in the section titled ‘NA Member Survey Results.’ 3) That the section of the poll called ‘Clean Time’ be deleted. Maker: WSC Public Information Committee

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1993 (cont.)	MOTION 18 To approve Addendum H, 'It Works: How and Why.' Maker: WSC Literature Committee MOTION 19 To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's 'A' work list for the 1993-94 conference year: 1) Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides. 2) H&I and the NA Member (revision) Maker: WSC Literature Committee MOTION 20 To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998. Maker: WSC Literature Committee MOTION 24 That the World Service Conference implement a three-year moratorium on all new literature development to begin upon final approval of 'It Works: How and Why.' Furthermore, that the World Service Conference Literature Committee resources be redirected to support the translations process and that all literature revision projects currently under consideration by the WSC Literature Committee be given to the WSB Literature Review Committee for completion. Maker: Mid-Atlantic Region" MOTION 28 That the WSC strongly recommend to the WSO Board of Directors that they change the booklet style of the booklet An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous to a less expensive booklet style similar to the booklet Twelve Concepts for NA Service and reduce the price to \$1.00 or less. Maker: New Jersey Region

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1993 (cont.)	MOTION 29 That the WSC Literature Committee separate the IP 'Recovery and Relapse' into an IP on 'Recovery and Relapse' and an IP on 'We Do Recover' and put both IPs out for review and input. Maker: New Jersey Region MOTION 31 To change the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust; the Trustor, Trustee, and the Beneficiary to as follows: Members of the Fellowship of NA are the owner, settlor, and trustor. The WSC is the trustee of the trust. The still-suffering addict is the beneficiary. Maker: New Jersey Region MOTION 32 To table the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust to after the 'Guide to Service' is completed and approved. Maker: New Jersey Region MOTION 39 To make the following changes to our steps and traditions: Step Three: 'We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a God of our understanding.' Step Seven: 'We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.' Step Eleven: 'We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with a God of our understanding, praying only for the knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.' Tradition Two: 'For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.' Maker: Australia Region

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1993 (cont.)	MOTION 40 That the WSC Literature Committee forward all literature correspondence to conference participants and regional literature subcommittees. Maker: Australia Region MOTION 41 That 'Just for Today' be translated into French as a priority. Maker: Quebec Region MOTION 43 That the 'NA History' project be added to the WSC Literature Committee's 'A' work list. Maker: Michigan Region MOTION 45 To make translation of 'Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts' the top priority of the World Services Translation Committee and the World Service Office. Maker: Le Nordet Region" <u>From "World Service Board of Trustees – Intellectual Property Trust"</u> FELLOWSHIP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRUST "The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust was originally released to the fellowship in December 1991 and was included in last year's <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>. During panel discussions at the 1992 annual meeting of the World Service Conference, it became obvious that many RSRs wanted additional time to review and provide input on the trust document. Although many WSC participants said they were prepared to approve the document, they felt that most NA members did not understand it. We believed that this document would be effective only if it received fellowshipwide (sic) support and agreement. After listening to the discussions, we joined with the WSO board in asking that the motion be committed back to us and that an RSR working group be appointed. The motion passed, giving us direction to solicit, review, and incorporate

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1993 (cont.)	If approved, the proposed policy on the internal use of NA intellectual property would make obsolete a motion that currently appears in the <i>Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure</i>. Therefore, we propose the following motion: 5. To rescind the motion approved on May 3, 1981, that reads as follows: <i>The name, Narcotics Anonymous, cannot be used on fliers for dances, conventions, etc. The symbol (NA) can be used on fliers. (TWGSS'92, pg. 25)</i> <i>Intent: To remove the 1981 motion from the TWGSS, eliminating confusion and potential conflict if the new internal use policy is approved."</i> <u>From "WSC Administrative Committee"</u> "During WSC'92, one of the committed motions asked 'that the WSC direct the WSO to add the three paragraphs that follow the traditions in our Basic Text (pg. 58 of the Fifth Edition) to the traditions group reading card.' The motion was referred with instructions 'to commit to WSC Administrative Committee to be placed in the 1993 Conference Agenda Report.' The stated intent was, 'This section has been lost to many of our members since the printing of the readings. It is an important part of our fellowship and should be included in our readings, just as is the italicized section of the steps, so as to add a wider understanding and aspect as to how we solve problems and difficulties that arise and to give a true feeling of our traditions meaning.' In September and again in December 1992, we discussed both the motion and the intent. Our consensus was that these paragraphs could easily be added by WSO to the group reading cards. However, specific direction from the conference had already been given in the motion to commit. Therefore, we have placed this motion in the 1993 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> for consideration during old business. 9. That the following three paragraphs (from pg. 58 of the Basic Text, Fifth Edition) be added to the traditions group reading card sold by the WSO: <i>Understanding these traditions comes slowly over a period of time. We pick up information as we talk to members and visit various groups. It usually isn't until we get involved with service that someone points out that 'personal recovery depends on NA unity,' and that unity depends on how well we follow our traditions. The Twelve Traditions of NA are not negotiable. They are the guidelines that keep our fellowship alive and free.</i>

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1993 (cont.)	11. To approve Addendum E, 'World Services Translation Committee Internal Guidelines.' These guidelines may be revised by the committee subject to approval by the Interim Committee and notification to the conference participants. <i>Intent: To provide a resource to assist the development of translations and local translation committees.</i> <i>Vivianne R., Chairperson"</i> <u>From "WSC Public Information Committee"</u> "Greetings from your World Service Conference Public Information Committee. It is with great pleasure that we present to you the following items for conference action. These items represent work that has been completed during this conference year. They are as follows: 1. A internal survey investigation request 2. Revision of <i>NA: A Resource in Your Community</i> 3. Revision of WSC PI conference policies 4. Revision of <i>A Guide to Phoneline Service...</i> ...REVISION OF NA: A RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY During the time since <i>NA: A Resource in Your Community</i> was approved, there have been several instances in which professionals have called to question the inference that success in NA is limited to <i>continuous</i> complete abstinence. Noting that the only reference to our fellowship's success is the clean-time section of the pamphlet, it was felt that the following motion would best reflect both informational accuracy and evidence of success in Narcotics Anonymous. 15. That the following revisions be accepted in the pamphlet, <u>NA: A Resource In Your Community</u>: 1) That the following be included after the section, 'How Does NA Work': <i>'Rate of Growth--Since no attendance records are kept, it is difficult to estimate what percentage of those who come to Narcotics Anonymous ultimately achieve long-term abstinence. The only sure indicator of our success is the rapid growth in the number of Narcotics Anonymous groups over the last several years and the rapid spread of Narcotics Anonymous outside North America. In 1978, we had fewer than two-hundred registered groups in three countries; in 1982, eleven countries had twelve-hundred groups; as of January 1993, more than 25,000 groups are holding weekly meetings in over sixty countries.'</i>

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1993 (cont.)	contain a summary of the input we received on this book. It was - overwhelmingly positive toward the work, but general and specific content and wording criticism was taken to heart. Thanks to all of you who assisted us in making this moment possible. A copy of this book appears in Addendum H. The first six steps and the traditions portion were released as they were completed. The entire manuscript was sent to regional literature subcommittees and conference participants in early December and has been available for purchase by other individuals and groups since that time. 18. To approve Addendum H, It Works: How and Why. <i>Intent: Adoption of this motion will place It Works: How and Why in the WSO inventory as World Service Conference-approved literature.</i> 1993-94 LITERATURE COMMITTEE 'A' WORK LIST Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides This is the project that has been called, until recently, 'Step-Writing Guides.' A number of these guides were originally submitted by members and committees as source material. They were sent to regional and area literature committees during the 1990-91 conference year for further input and development. These guides were on our 'A' work list during the past conference year. We had hoped to have a review form of this work completed by this conference. Due to resource constraints--both human and financial--we were unable to meet that goal. We have, however, brought the guides to a more final form. We have made decisions on purpose, audience, style, and content. Working groups have factored input from regional and area literature subcommittees and from review panels composed of general and registered world literature members. A working group is currently writing preliminary drafts of questions and narrative for the guides. As resources become available, we plan to have a working group meeting with the staff team to make these drafts cohesive and conceptually sound. We hope to have a review form of this project available following the first quarterly workshop next year.

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1993 (cont.)	H&I and the NA Member (revision) This is the project we have been working on in conjunction with the World Service Conference Hospitals and Institutions Committee. During the 1990-91 conference year, we conducted a survey which asked local literature subcommittees to evaluate literature currently on the tables. As a result of that survey, three IPs emerged as most needing revision. This is one of those IPs. Members of the WSC H&I Committee and the WSC Literature Committee worked together during the October 1992 quarterly workshop. The draft resulting from this effort will be reviewed and revised by both committees. Since this is H&I service-related material rather than recovery literature, there will be no review form of this piece. The final revision of this IP will appear in the 1994 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> for approval or disapproval at that year's conference. The WSC Literature Committee has other works on its 'B', 'C', and 'D' lists. These lists may be found in Addendum I of this <i>Conference Agenda Report</i>. We request that the 1992 WSC adopt the following motion to establish the literature priority list for this year: 19. To approve the following as the WSC Literature Committee's 'A' work list for the 1993-94 conference year: 1) <i>Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides.</i> 2) <i>H&I and the NA Member (revision)</i> <i>Intent: Adoption of this motion will make these two items the priority projects of the WSCLC.</i> BASIC TEXT MORATORIUM During the 1992 World Service Conference, the following motion was committed to the WSC Literature Committee: 'To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998.' Specific instructions that this motion appear in the 1993 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> were given to this committee by the conference. As was the case at last year's conference, the WSCLC unanimously supports extending the moratorium. Our primary reason for supporting this motion is its effect on translation efforts. We believe that changes to the Basic Text at this point

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1993 (cont.)	membership on this committee as you make your nominations. Nominations <i>must</i> be received at least <i>30 days before</i> the World Service Conference. <i>Mary J., Chairperson"</i> <u>From "Addendum B: Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (Reader's Notes)"</u> "Introduction Who says NA literature is NA literature? Who 'owns' NA's literature and logos? Who may print and distribute our White Booklet, our Basic Text, our Daily Book, our IPs? What is done with the money paid for NA literature? How is that money accounted for? And what can we do if it's used improperly? The answers to these questions form the substance of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. Development of the trust began in the latter part of 1990. At that time, our world services were gripped in a conflict over the unauthorized printing and distribution of a version of NA's Basic Text specially tailored by a small group of NA members to suit their philosophical viewpoint. Those individuals claimed that, since the text belonged to the NA Fellowship, they were free as NA members to do whatever they liked with it. World services, on the other hand, claimed that literature which had been approved by the NA Fellowship as a whole could not be altered at will by a few individuals or a few groups, nor could they print and sell it themselves at the expense of services benefiting the entire fellowship. Who was right? And who <i>said</i> so? The fellowship had made various decisions through the years about the development, approval, copyrighting, publication, and sale of its literature. However, those decisions had never been gathered in a single, clear document. The purpose of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust is to lay out the collective decisions the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship has made over the years concerning its literature and logos. Anyone who has any questions about how NA literature is to be developed and approved, who 'owns' it, how it may be changed and who may change it, who may print it, and what is to be done with the money resulting from its sale can easily refer to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. In this one comprehensive document appear ~he policies our entire fellowship has created to preserve the integrity of its published message and the accountability of its publishing services.

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1993 (cont.)	No, to both questions. First, note that this section refers to <i>all</i> the world service boards and committees, not just the conference literature committee. Material originated in an individual's home, for instance, or in a group, area, or region would only need to be accompanied by a copyright release before it could be incorporated into the NA literature development process, as has always been the case. Does this mean that no individual who may have a vast knowledge in a particular area of recovery and/or the fellowship may have his or her name printed? Though we do not print NA books or pamphlets showing the names of individual authors, that is not what this section refers to. This says that individuals who take any part, big or little, in helping create literature for NA must do so for the fellowship's benefit, not their own. The copyrights will be registered in the trustee's name, protecting the entire fellowship's rights to the literature, <i>not</i> in the names of any individuals who may have had a part in the project. Creative members who wish to write and publish their own copyrighted recovery material under their own names are not prohibited from doing so, provided they do not use the NA name or other trademarks. If the trustor has constant control over literature from commencement to conclusion, does that include area or regional newsletters? No. This refers only to <i>trust</i> literary properties-materials created in the name of NA as a whole. For more information on local newsletters, see the approved <i>Handbook for NA Newsletters</i>, available from the World Service Office." ARTICLE III It sounds like the Basic Text and other pieces of NA literature may be revised with only ninety days notice. Is this true? Yes, technically speaking. This reflects conference action taken in 1990. However, the same action showed an understanding that the fellowship should be given as much time as possible to review new or revised literature being proposed for its approval...

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1993 (cont.)	groups <i>and only NA groups</i> should have the authority to reproduce fellowship-approved literature in certain instances. When preparing to reproduce NA Fellowship-approved literature, we suggest that NA groups discuss the Fourth Tradition and follow these general guidelines: 1. An NA group should only reproduce NA Fellowship-approved literature when it has a clear need to do so. 2. NA Fellowship-approved literature reproduced by an NA group should be distributed only within that group. Such materials should always be given away free of charge; they should never be sold to generate income. 3. The text of NA Fellowship-approved books and pamphlets reproduced by an NA group should not be altered or modified in any way. USE BY REGISTERED NA SERVICE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES Registered NA service boards and committees who wish to quote or reprint portions of NA Fellowship-approved literature should always include the proper notation or credit identifying the origin of the quote or reprinted portion they wish to use. Generally speaking, the length of a reprint or quote should not exceed 25% of the original piece. In the case of NA books, reprints or quotes should not exceed 25% of a single chapter or section. In the case of an article from <i>The NA Way Magazine</i>, the entire piece may be used if the source is fully cited." <u>From "World Services Translation Policy"</u> "WORLD SERVICES TRANSLATION POLICY PURPOSE The purpose of this policy is to assure the development and production of quality translations of NA conference-approved literature. OBJECTIVES 1. Provide assistance for translation of NA conference-approved literature. 2. Ensure that translations of NA conference-approved literature maintain the spirit of the NA message as well as the integrity of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. 3. Assure that all legal documentation, copyright releases, etc., needed to protect the translation of NA material is collected. 4. Provide for an annual translation priority schedule. 5. Facilitate the approval of the Basic Text personal stories.

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1993 (cont.)	Book Two of the Basic Text can be composed of either: a. all new indigenous stories b. a combination of indigenous and original English-language stories, or c. all the original English-language stories. Guidelines for the creation and development of new personal stories are available through the World Service Office. OTHER ORIGINAL MATERIAL Other original material is referred to the appropriate world service board or committee for recommendation and/or consideration. IMPLEMENTATION To implement these policy objectives, a World Services Translation Committee has been created. This committee operates outside the regular committee system due to the nature of its work, composition, and direct involvement with other world service boards and committees. for the purposes of reporting and accountability, the committee is integrated into the conference committee system. The committee's chairperson is a nonvoting participant in the World Service Conference. Composition 1. Regular members a. Two members of the WSO Board of Directors, as determined by that board. b. Two members of the World Service Board of Trustees, as determined by that board. c. Four persons appointed by the WSC chairperson who have service experience in translations. Recommendations are solicited from those communities where translations occur. 2. Ad hoc members a. Ad hoc members may be added, as needed, by majority vote of the World Services Translation Committee. 3. WSO staff members a. Two WSO staff members, assigned by WSO management.

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1993 (cont.)	3. To ensure that translations maintain the spirit of the NA message and the integrity of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, a standard procedure will be applied for all languages. A formal evaluation will be done on IP #1 and the glossary since these contain the steps, traditions, NA recovery principles, and basic NA language. Once this has been completed, future translations would typically only require a cursory evaluation for the World Services Translation Committee. 4. An evaluation summary is sent to the World Services Translation Committee for review and discussion. Any recommendations, input, suggestions, or comments resulting from the evaluation are forwarded to the originator. Translated material is evaluated in any of the following ways: a. by the appropriate existing translation committee(s) b. by NA members skilled in that language c. by a professional translator 5. When a language group is satisfied with the final draft, they submit it along with signed committee approval and copyright transfer form to the World Services Translation Committee. At this point, the committee verifies that all documentation is in order and notifies the WSO that the publication process can begin. If, in future printings there seem to be notable concerns with word choices, phrases, or expressions in the translation, a revision process can be set up according to the section 'Revisions to Translations.' 6. Any correspondence, communication, and copies of work pertaining to a translation sent to the World Services Translation Committee is maintained by the WSO. REVISIONS TO TRANSLATIONS Revisions are considered on a case-by-case basis. Usually, things like spelling or punctuation errors, missing words, or blemishes in the text can be resolved during the next scheduled printing of that item. PROBLEM RESOLUTION Occasionally, there may be problems that aren't resolved within the established means of communication. The Translation Committee will support and assist the local translation committee(s) or language groups in resolving their issues. Other world service boards and committees will be consulted if needed."

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1993 (cont.)	<u>From "WSC Literature Committee 1993-94 Work Lists"</u> "According to our literature guidelines, the WSC Literature Committee maintains four work lists. These lists consist of literature proposals at various stages of development. They contain all of the material in our literature files submitted with copyright release forms prior to the October quarterly workshop. Proposed work lists for the 1993-94 conference year are presented here for your information. 'A' WORK LIST (ITEMS IN FINAL DEVELOPMENT) The 'A' work list consists of items in the final stage of development. This list represents the maximum amount of work that the WSC Literature Committee believes it can reasonably accomplish during the year. The following is the WSC Literature Committee recommendation for the 1993-94 'A' work list: 1) <i>Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides</i> 2) <i>H&I and the NA Member</i> (revision) 'B' WORK LIST (ITEMS AWAITING FINAL DEVELOPMENT) The 'B' work list contains items from which the fellowship makes choices to fill openings on the 'A' work list. Our 'B' work list contains the following items: 1) <i>Youth and Recovery</i> (revision) 2) <i>Another Look</i> (revision) 'C' WORK LIST (READY FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT) The 'C' work list consists of material that needs more fellowship writing and input to bring it to a first-draft stage. 'C' work list material is assigned to regional literature subcommittees whose responsibility it then becomes to create the forum and atmosphere in which members of their regions can develop the assigned projects. The 'C' work list contains the following items: 1) <i>Living Clean</i>. This book-length piece is intended as a newcomer's guide to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. The current draft consists of 136 pages on a variety of topics. 2) <i>Practicing the Principles of Our Traditions</i>. This IP proposal centers on applying the principles found in the Twelve Traditions of NA in our daily lives. 3) <i>NA Service</i>. We currently have two IP drafts for this literature proposal. They discuss topics such as the value of service to the individual and the fellowship as a whole, types of service needed, and how to get involved.

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February 1, 1993	The February 1, 1993 issue of the <i>WSO Newslines</i> (Volume 8, Number 1) includes information on: 1. Sales of <i>Just for Today</i>, the Spanish White Book, and Brazilian Portuguese and German Basic Text translations (in the section “Product Information, Development”)

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February 1, 1993 (cont.)	<u>From "Product Information, Development"</u> "New literature selling strongly" The first printing of almost fifty thousand copies of <i>Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts</i> has sold quickly. Eighteen thousand copies were purchased in the first month alone, and an additional twenty thousand were sold in the succeeding three months. In the second printing of <i>Just for Today</i>, now at the printer, four typos are being corrected. We are also using a slightly larger page size and making a change in our printing process that will result in more regular margins on the finished book. We expect the second printing of <i>Just for Today</i> to be in stock February 1 in time to prevent any customer order interruptions. The two new booklets approved by the WSC last April have also been fairly well received. <i>In Times of Illness</i> sold about thirty-one thousand copies between its release in July 1992 and the end of last year. In its second printing, the original master pages were reduced in size somewhat to fit more attractively on the paper. <i>Twelve Concepts for NA Service</i> sold about twenty thousand copies between July and December 1992." "New Spanish White Booklet in stock in early April" The revised Spanish translation of the White Booklet, begun last year, is almost complete at this writing. The project was begun at the request of a number of Spanish-speaking NA communities. As the project has neared its conclusion, we have allowed our supply of the old Spanish White Booklet to drop to zero. We hope to have the new translation printed and on our shelves the first week In April." "Brazilian Portuguese and German Basic Text translations in latter stages of production" Two especially anxiously awaited translations of the Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text, one in German, the other in Brazilian Portuguese, are now in the final stages of production. At this writing, we hope to be able to announce their release in the next issue of the <i>Newsline</i>, which is scheduled for publication May 1."²⁸³

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April 24 – May 1, 1993	The eighteenth World Service Conference is held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California. 1. Traditions Group Reading Card 2. Translations 3. Basic Text moratorium 4. <i>It Works: How and Why</i> 5. WSC Literature Committee <u>From “Traditions Group Reading Card”</u> “It was M/C WSC Administrative Committee motion #9. ‘That the following three paragraphs (from pg. 58 of the Basic Text, Fifth Edition) be added to the traditions group reading card sold by the WSO: Understanding these traditions comes slowly over a period of time. We pick up information as we talk to members and visit various groups. It usually isn't until we get involved with service that someone points out that ‘personal recovery depends on NA unity,’ and that unity depends on how well we follow our traditions. The Twelve Traditions of NA are not negotiable. They are the guidelines that keep our fellowship alive and free. By following these guidelines in our dealings with others, and society at large, we avoid many problems. That is not to say that our traditions eliminate all problems. We still have to face difficulties as they arise: communication problems, differences of opinion, internal controversies, and troubles with individuals and groups outside the fellowship. However, when we apply these principles, we avoid some of the pitfalls. Many of our problems are like those that our predecessors had to face. Their hard won experience gave birth to the traditions, and our own experience has shown that these principles are just as valid today as they were when these traditions were formulated. Our traditions protect us from the internal and external forces that could destroy us. They are truly the ties that bind us together. It is only through understanding and application that they work.’

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April 24 – May 1, 1993 (cont.)	MOTION #9 CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. <u>Regarding “Translations”</u> “It was M/S/ Francine B. (RSR, Quebec) Jamie S-H. (WSB) motion #41. ‘That <i>Just for Today</i> be translated into French as a priority.’ Motion committed as follows: It was M/S/C Tom M. (RSR, Pacific Cascade)/Chris C. (WSO BOD) ‘To commit motion #41 to the World Services Translation Committee.’ MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.” p. 12 <u>Regarding “Basic Text moratorium”</u> “It was M/S/C WSC Literature Committee motion #20. ‘To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by an additional five years ending in 1998.” MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY after the following: It was M/S/F Leonard H. (RSR, Chicagoland)/Winston G. (RSR, Volunteer) motion # 58. ‘To substitute for motion #20 the following: ‘To extend the moratorium on changes to the Basic Text by five additional years, to end in 1998, except for book two, personal stories. The WSC Literature Committee will coordinate the revision of book two. Proposed plan for book two: 1. The WSC Literature Committee will send out a survey of all the personal stories in the Basic Text. The NA Fellowship will vote on which stories to keep, and the top third vote getters will stay in the text. The voting survey should be out to the fellowship for at least nine months. 2. The WSC Literature Committee will ask the NA Fellowship to develop and submit personal stories of recovery to the WLC. The request should be open for at least one year. The WLC would review the stories and then submit the most appropriate ones for review and approval by the fellowship. (Exact details to be developed by the WLC).’ MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILED, after the following: It was M/S/F Carol K. (RSR, Michigan)/Lib E. (RSR, Australian) ‘To postpone until the working group returns.’ MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED BY VOICE.

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August 1993	The August 1993 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 8, Number 2) includes information on: 1. The availability of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> (in the section "NA Step, Tradition Book Now Available") 2. The availability of <i>An Introductory Guide to NA</i> and Spanish NA White Book (in the section "Other New) Items Currently in Stock" 3. Upcoming availability of the Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text (in the section "In Stock Soon") <u>From "NA Step, Tradition Book Now Available"</u> <i>"It Works: How and Why</i>, NA's long-awaited step and tradition book, was approved by our World Service Conference in April. It is now in stock. Under development since the approval of NA's Basic Text in 1982, the first printing of <i>It Works</i> includes two editions, the regular hardcover version selling at \$6.95 each and a deluxe limited edition selling at \$35.00 apiece (all prices in US dollars). The boxed and numbered limited edition is bound in leather with gilt edges and two cloth bookmarks sewn into the binding. Only three thousand copies of the limited edition have been produced, and each customer will be limited to two copies each. There are no quantity limits on orders for the regular hardcover edition. <i>It Works</i>, developed to provide a more in-depth view of NA's steps and traditions, offers the reader an opportunity to draw upon the collective wisdom of NA's diverse membership. As is stated in the book's introduction, the book is not meant to be the final word on any aspect of recovery or NA unity but rather to encourage each reader to find his or her own understanding of the principles contained in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The WSO board has not yet decided whether to stock a paperback edition or not. The WSO warehouse is running out of floor space, and another edition of a major product might push current facilities beyond their capacity."

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August 1993	<u>From "Other New Items Currently in Stock"</u> <i>"An Introductory Guide to NA, newly reduced price</i> The price for <i>An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous</i>, an ideal first NA book for groups and sponsors to give to newcomers, has been dropped to \$1.50 from its original price of \$2.50. The guide includes 'How It Works,' the chapter on the Twelve Steps from our Basic Text, as well as the NA pamphlets <i>Am I an Addict?</i>, <i>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</i>, <i>For the Newcomer</i>, <i>Another Look</i>, <i>Self-Acceptance</i>, <i>Sponsorship</i>, <i>One Addict's Experience</i>, <i>Just for Today</i>, <i>Staying Clean on the Outside</i>, and <i>Recovery and Relapse</i>." <i>"New Spanish White Booklet</i> A new Spanish translation of NA's White Booklet has recently been published. Drawn from the Spanish Basic Text, this edition is the first to include the personal stories appearing in the English-language booklet. Approved by Spanish-speaking NA communities worldwide, the booklet sells for 55 cents per copy." <i>"French Fourth Step booklet, IPs</i> The French-language inventory of NA literature recently expanded with the translation of the booklet, <i>Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous</i>, and two informational pamphlets, <i>Hey! What's the Basket For</i> and <i>Staying Clean on the Outside</i>. The Fourth Step guide sells for 55 cents per copy, while the IPs cost 17 cents each." <i>"German Basic Text</i> The German translation of Book One of our Basic Text is finally available. Printed in hardcover, copies of the book are being sold for \$5.00 apiece." <i>"Four Norwegian pamphlets first in that language</i> The translation committee for the Norwegian NA community has completed work on its first four informational pamphlets, recently added to the WSO inventory: <i>Who, What, How, and Why</i>; the IP entitled <i>Just for Today</i>; <i>For the Newcomer</i>; and <i>Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous</i>. The pamphlets sell for 17 cents each." <u>From "In Stock Soon"</u> <i>"The Brazilian Portuguese edition of Book One of our Basic Text will be published in hardcover in the middle of this year. Though the Continental</i>

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August 1993 (cont.)	Portuguese edition of the text was released last year, the Portuguese spoken in Brazil is sufficiently different from that spoken in Europe that a separate edition has had to be developed. This version contains a completely original Brazilian translation, not merely an adaptation of the Continental Portuguese. It will be sold for \$5.00 a copy and is expected to be in inventory by September 1." ²⁸⁵
November 1993	The November 1993 issue of the <i>WSO Newsline</i> (Volume 8, Number 3) includes information on: 1. Reference to three intellectual property bulletins (in the section "Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust") 2. Staffing (in the section "World Service Inventory") 3. The availability of the <i>Just for Today</i>, gift edition, the <i>Group Booklet</i> in Spanish, and the Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text (in the section "Literature Update") 4. The anticipated December 1, 1993 availability of the Temporary Working Guide in our Service Structure (TWGSS) (in the section "In Stock Soon") <u>From "Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust"</u> "Because of recent reports, most of you are probably aware of the approval at WSC'93 of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. The trust outlines the collective decisions the NA Fellowship has made over the years concerning the use and protection of its literature and logos. The WSO Publications Team, which is responsible for the administration of NA's intellectual properties, has begun to receive quite a few phone calls questioning the specifics of how the name Narcotics Anonymous may be used on flyers and how other trademarks may be used in a variety of media such as letterheads, flyers, and merchandise or material that commemorates an event. However, there has been no marked increase in requests for permission to reprint portions of our written material. To help address some of these issues, we are including three intellectual property bulletins with this issue of the <i>Newsline</i>: 'Individual NA Member Use of Narcotics Anonymous Trademarks,' 'Reprinting NA Fellowship Approved Literature,' and 'Conflict Resolution Within the Fellowship.' Please feel free to photocopy these bulletins and share them with other members."

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November 1993 (cont.)	<u>From "World Service Inventory"</u> "The three staff members assigned to the inventory project are finding that fifty percent of their working hours are being devoted to that project. Support consists of providing assistance in the development of various assessment and survey tools, communication, and providing administrative support. Consequently, some responsibilities have shifted within the WSO Publications Team. Steve Lantos was assigned as primary administrator for the inventory. As a result of that, it became necessary for Lee M., former senior editor, to assume some of Steve Lantos' responsibilities. He has been given supervisory responsibilities for the WSO editorial staff. Marilyn Scott has been pulled completely off her duties for the Administrative Team in order to devote her energies to assisting Steve L. The WSO Conference Services and Fellowship Services Teams are preparing to compile comprehensive histories of world service boards and committees. These histories will specifically consist of a list of decisions made since the end of WSC'88, synopses of board and committee activities during that same time frame, and copies of correspondence between the fellowship and each board and committee over the last three years. In anticipation of this task, both teams have been busy cataloguing all of the files in the WSO storage area. When not occupied providing basic services to the fellowship. WSO staff members expect to be kept very busy supporting the world services inventory project." <u>From "Literature Update"</u> "NEW! <i>Just For Today</i>, gift edition Just in time for the holidays, we are pleased to announce a brand-new inventory item. <i>Just for Today</i>, NA's daily meditation book, has been produced in a special gift edition. It features a deluxe silk-screened hard cover and decorative bookmark, all in a white gift box. \$15.00 NEW! <i>The Group Booklet</i> in Spanish The Spanish-language inventory of NA literature recently expanded with the translation of <i>The Group Booklet</i>. The booklet sells for 55 cents.

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November 1993 (cont.)	NEW! Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text The Brazilian Portuguese translation of Book One of our Basic Text is now available. Printed in softcover only, the book sells for \$5.00. H&I audio tape We have received several phone calls from members expressing their confusion about the H&I audio tape. We would like to clarify that the tape is a supplement to the <i>H&I Handbook</i>. The handbook and the tape are meant to be sold as a unit. As a courtesy to those who already have the <i>H&I Handbook</i>, we are selling the audio tape separately for this conference year only. After April 1994, the two items will not be sold separately. <i>It Works: How & Why</i> At this writing the two-book-per-order restriction on the special edition of <i>It Works: How and Why</i> had just been lifted. Large orders had been received from several regional service offices. As a result, we expect that the special edition will be sold out by the time this <i>Newsline</i> reaches you. We expect inventory levels on the regular edition of <i>It Works</i> to remain constant. The regular edition sells for \$6.95." <u>From "In Stock Soon"</u> <i>"Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure</i> The new edition of <i>TWGSS</i>, which includes revisions and new policy approved at WSC'93, will be available by 1 December 1993. Illness among staff on the WSO Conference Services Team has resulted in the long delay in revising and printing this publication. We apologize for any problems you may have experienced because of this situation and thank you for your patience. The <i>TWGSS</i> sells for \$3.30."²⁸⁶

Section Three

Appendix 1 – Who Is An Addict?

Buff Book Do You Need Narcotics Anonymous>	White Booklet (1961/1962) Who Is An Addict?
Do You Need Narcotics Anonymous? You do, if you are an addict. Are you an addict? Ask yourself these questions. Answer them as honestly as you can. 1. Do you lose time from work due to "using"? 2. . Is "using" making your home life unhappy? 3. Do you "fix" because you are shy with other people? 4. Is "using" affecting your reputation? 5. Have you ever felt remorse after "fixing"? 6. Have you ever gotten into financial difficulties as a result of "using"? 7. Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when "using"? 8. Does your "using" make you careless of your family's welfare? 9. Has your ambition decreased since "using"? 10. Do you crave a "fix" at a definite time daily? 11. Do you want a "fix" the next morning? 12. Does "using" cause you to have difficulty in sleeping? 13. Has your efficiency decreased since "using"? 14. Is "using" jeopardizing your job or business? 15. Do you "fix" to escape from worries or trouble?	Who Is An Addict first appears in this White Book. It replaces <i>Do You Need Narcotics Anonymous</i>, a list of 20 questions designed to help answer the question "Are you and addict?" Who Is An Addict? Most of us do not have to think twice about this question. WE KNOW. Our whole life and thinking is centered in drugs in one form or another, the getting and using and finding ways and means to get more. We use to live and live to use. Very simply an addict is a man or woman whose life is controlled by drugs. We are people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness whose ends are always the same, jails, institutions and death.

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16. Do you "fix" alone? 17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of "using"? 18. Has your physician ever treated you for "using"? 19. Do you "fix" to build up your self-confidence? 20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of "using"? If you answered YES to any <i>one</i> of these questions, <i>you may be an addict.</i> If you answered YES to any <i>two</i> of the questions, <i>chances are you are an addict.</i> If you answered YES to <i>three or more</i>, then <i>you are an addict beyond doubt.</i>	

Appendix 2 – What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program? and Why Are We Here?

Buff Book What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?	White Booklet (1961/1962) What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program? Why Are We Here?
The Buff Book does not contain a section titled <i>Why Are We Here?</i> But it does contain information in <i>What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?</i> which becomes <i>Why Are We Here?</i> in the White Booklet. What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program? Narcotics Anonymous is an absolutely non-profit-making fellowship and is connected with no police, political or religious organization. There are no initiation fees, no dues, no charges of any kind. There are no pledges to sign. Anyone may join, regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are not interested in what you used, how much, or who your connections were. All we ask is that you have the sincere, honest desire to stop using. We of Narcotics Anonymous are exactly like you. We are a group of addicts who meet regularly to help each other obtain and maintain our sobriety and to stay clean. Before coming on the program, our trouble was we could not manage our own lives. We couldn't live like normal people. We had to have something different, and we thought we had found it in drugs and narcotics. We got so we had to have these drugs and narcotics no matter what the cost. We placed their use ahead of the welfare of our families, wives and children. We did them great,	The White Booklet adds the section <i>Why Are We Here?</i> What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program? N.A. is a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovered addicts who meet regularly to help each other to stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only "One" requirement for membership, the honest desire to stop using. There are no musts in N.A. but we suggest that you keep an open mind and give yourself a break. Our program is a set of principles, written so simply, that we can follow them in our daily lives. The most important thing about them is that "They Work." There are no strings attached to N.A. We are not affiliated with any other organizations, we have no leaders, no initiation fees or dues, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone. We are not connected with any political, religious or law enforcement groups, and are under no surveillance at any time. Anyone may join us regardless of age, race, color, creed, religion or lack of religion. We are not interested in what or how much you used or who your connections were, what you have done in the past, how much or how little you have, but only in what you want to do about your problem and how we can help. The newcomer is the most

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harm, but most of all we harmed ourselves. We broke not only the laws of society but the greatest law of all-the law of nature. We were running away, that was our real problem, for the use of drugs and narcotics is but the symptom of underlying causes. We used in order to escape facing life and its problems. We realized we were slowly committing suicide, but such cunning enemies of life are drugs and narcotics that we had lost the power to do anything about it. Jail did us no good. Medicine and psychiatry had no answers for us. Everything else having failed, in desperation we sought help from each other, in Narcotics Anonymous. Here, we have come to realize we are not moral lepers. We are simply sick people. We suffer from a disease, just like alcoholism, diabetes, tuberculosis, heart trouble or cancer. There is no known cure for these diseases and neither is there for drug addiction. But by following a pattern derived' from Alcoholics Anonymous and its teachings, we have become arrested cases. We found out how to live a life free from the uses of narcotics and sedation. We have stopped using. We have learned to live. Here is how we did it. These are the steps we took, and they, are the steps we suggest for anyone who sincerely wants to stop using.	important person at any meeting, because we can only keep what we have by giving it away. We have learned from our group experience that those who keep coming to our meetings regularly stay clean. Why Are We Here? Before coming to the fellowship of N.A. we could not manage our own lives, we could not live and enjoy life as other people do. We had to have something different and we thought we had found it in drugs. We placed their use ahead of the welfare of our families; our wives, husbands and our children. We had to have drugs at all costs. We did many people great harm but most of all we harmed ourselves. Through our inability to accept personal responsibilities we were actually creating our own problems. We seemed to be incapable of facing life on its own terms. Most of us realized, that in our addictions, we were slowly committing suicide, but such cunning enemies of life are narcotics and sedation that we had lost the power to do anything about it. Jail did not help us at all. Medicine, Religion and Psychiatry seemed to have no answers for us that we could use. All these methods having failed for us, in desperation, we sought help from each other in Narcotics Anonymous.

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	After coming to N.A. we realized we were sick people who suffered from a disease like Alcoholism, Diabetes or Tuberculosis. There is no known "Cure" for these—all however, can be arrested at some point and "Recovery" is then possible. In N.A. we follow a program borrowed from Alcoholics Anonymous. In the last twenty-five years more than one-quarter of a million people have recovered in A. A. most of them just as hopelessly addicted to alcohol as we were to drugs. We are deeply grateful to the A.A. Fellowship for pointing the way for us to a new way of life.

Appendix 3 – How It Works

Buff Book How It Works	White Booklet (1961/1962) How It Works	White Booklet (1966) How It Works
Here is how we did it. These are the steps we took, and they are the steps we suggest for anyone who sincerely wants to stop using. 1. We admitted we were powerless over addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable. 2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. 3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God <i>as we understand Him</i>. 4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. 5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. 6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. 7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. 8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.	Two words were added to the 12-Steps. In Step One, “our” (highlighted) was added before the word “addiction.” In Step Twelve, “those” (highlighted) was added before the word “steps.” How It Works If you want what we have to offer, and are willing to make the effort to get it, then you are ready to take certain steps. These are suggested only, but they are the principles that made our recovery possible. 1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable. 2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. 3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. 4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.	How It Works If you want what we have to offer, and are willing to make the effort to get it, then you are ready to take certain steps. These are suggested only, but they are the principles that made our recovery possible. 1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable. 2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. 3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. 4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. 5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. 6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of characters. 7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

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9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. 10. We continued to" take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it. 11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs. Does this sound like a big order? We don't expect you to do it overnight. You didn't become addicted in one day. "Easy does it."	5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. 6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of characters. 7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. 8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. 9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. 10. We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it. 11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and the power to carry that out. 12. Having had a spiritual awaking as a result of those steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs.	8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. 9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. 10. We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it. 11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and the power to carry that out. 12. Having had a spiritual awaking as a result of those steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs. This sounds like a big order, and we can't do it all at once, we didn't become addicted in one day, so remember—EASY DOES IT. There is one thing more than anything else that will defeat us in our recovery, this is an attitude of indifference or intolerance

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Appendix 4 – What Can I Do?

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What Can I Do? We suggest you begin a program of recovery by taking Step One. Admit you are powerless over drugs, that your life has become unmanageable. If you are in' a jail or hospital, you have gone through complete withdrawal and have stopped using for the time being. Upon release,' tell yourself you will not use today. It is most important you get in touch with a. member of Narcotics Anonymous or attend a meeting of Narcotics Anonymous at once. If you are not in jail or hospital, the same thing holds true: Stop using for today. If the compulsion becomes so great you can't see going through a whole day, then put yourself on a five minute basis of not using. After five minutes, do it for another five minutes. Minutes will grow into hours, hours into days. Quitting for one day, then another, will eventually help you break the habit. Go from Step One to Step Two. Then to Step Three. You do it by stages, first thing first. By constant attendance at Narcotics Anonymous meetings, you will find answers to the questions that may be disturbing you now.	What Can I Do? Begin your own program by taking Step One from the previous chapter "How It Works." When we fully concede to our innermost selves that we are powerless over our addiction we have taken a big step in our recovery. Many of us have had some reservations at this point, so give yourself a break and be as thorough as possible at the start. Go to Step Two, and so forth, as you go on you will come to an understanding of the program for yourself. If you are in an institution of any kind, you have gone through complete withdrawal and have stopped using for the present, now, with a clear mind, try this way of life. Upon release continue your daily program, contact a member of N.A. Do this by mail, by phone or in person, better yet come to our meetings. Here you will find the answers to some of the things that may be disturbing you now. If you are not in an institution, the same holds true, stop using for today. Most of us can do for eight or twelve hours what seems impossible for a longer period of time. If the obsession or compulsion becomes too great, put yourself on a five minute basis of not using. Minutes will grow to hours and hours to days and so you will break the habit and gain some peace of mind. The real miracle happens when you realize that the need for drugs has in some way been lifted from you. You have stopped using and have started to live.

Appendix 5 – Just For Today

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JUST FOR TODAY Tell yourself: JUST FOR TODAY my thoughts will be on my recovery, living and enjoying life without the use of narcotics. JUST FOR TODAY I will have faith in someone in Narcotics Anonymous who believes in me and wants to help me to recovery. JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I will try to follow it to the best of my ability. JUST FOR TODAY, through Narcotics Anonymous, I will try to get a better perspective on my life. JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. My thoughts will be on my new associations, people who are not using and who have found a new way of life. So long as I follow that way of life, even for today, I have nothing to fear.	JUST FOR TODAY Tell yourself: JUST FOR TODAY my thoughts will be on my recovery, living and enjoying life without the use of drugs. (Replaces narcotics) JUST FOR TODAY I will have faith in someone in NA who believes in me and wants to help me in my recovery. JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I will try to follow it to the best of my ability. JUST FOR TODAY, through NA, I will try to get a better perspective on my life. JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. My thoughts will be on my new associations, people who are not using and who have found a new way of life. So long as I follow that way (removed “of life, even for today”), I have nothing to fear.

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