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WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Dear Fellow Trusted Servants:

The time has arrived for us to take a look at, evaluate and decide if the Basic Text that has evolved from six W.S.C. Literature Conferences over the past several years represents recovery from addiction through our experiences in Narcotics Anonymous.

There has long been a need for a comprehensive Basic Text on recovery, the Narcotics Anonymous book. Our book is needed to carry the message of recovery to places where members cannot go or have not yet been or gone. A Basic Text book on recovery from addiction for public libraries and for the shelves of doctors; parole and probations; and judges' offices. A definitive text so millions of people may know that we can and do recover, a day at a time.

The Mid-South R.S.C. accepted the responsibility of printing, packaging, addressing and mailing this Approval Form of our book, our Basic Text on N.A. Recovery. As of this writing, many addicts are arriving in Memphis, Tennessee, to help with this great work and many others continue to send their spiritual, emotional and financial support from around the world.

Now it is on you. The time has come, to be or not to be...to do or not to do! Approval of Our Basic Text should proceed as follows: Narcotics Anonymous members read this Approval Form of Our Book and Groups of N.A. members vote to approve or not. The Group Service Representatives vote the conscience of the Groups at Area Service Committee Meetings and then the Area Service Representatives vote the conscience of their areas at Regional Service Committee Meetings. Regional Service Representatives, State Delegates (in areas that have not yet formed a Regional Service Committee), will then vote at the World Service Conference to be held in Los Angeles, CA, in May of 1982, to approve for Hardback. If your group's locality does not have an organized service structure, you should get together with other N.A. groups in your state and send a state representative who will have the same voting strength as an R.S.R.

In an effort to reduce the cost of printing and mailing, the personal stories have been excluded. Our book in its present Approval Form is Basic Text only. The stories, some of which were in the Review Form, will be considered separately at a later date. We remain your trusted servants.

In Gratitude and Loving Service,

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Story of Flint, MI Approval Forms

Hey I was really surprised to see you have picture of our "Recovery Can't Wait" copy of the Approval Form from 82 in Flint, MI.

I'm sending another photo of our original Approval Form with Recovery Can't Wait banners scotched taped to the cover, and a pic of one of our copies.

Here's the story. Got the AF in Atlanta GA NA Convention in Feb 1982. I met Bo S and Joseph P there. Through them I connected with Greg P and Jim M? They all convinced me to run for RSR from Michigan and I got to attend WSC 82 and cast a vote for the approval of the BT. The WSO had made arrangements to print the book and announced that it should be available around Thanksgiving 82. But it didn't happen and there was a lot of speculation and fear about why. There were only a couple of Approval Forms in all of Michigan and we felt that addicts were dying every day for lack of access to our message.

So another member and I made 1500 copies of the Recovery Can't Wait texts and began to distribute them around groups in Michigan and the Midwest. Most were given away and some were sold for fund raising at an event in Flint in Feb 83. We stopped copying when we got a letter for the WSO to 'cease and desist.'

We also got a request from a TC in Texas for 10,000 copies!! We referred them to the office.

In loving service
Jim B

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