

USE POLICY**ARTICLE 1: RIGHTS TO DEVELOP AND PRINT LITERATURE****Section 1: Literature written by groups**

In cases of literature written by an N.A. group, that group reserves the right to print, copy, and use that literature for its group purpose, as determined by group conscience. This may include, but is not limited to, pamphlets, meeting lists, newcomers packets, flyers, physical merchandise, etc. Unless or until that literature is released to the World Service Conference Literature Committee (or other board or committee), that literature belongs to the N.A. group who produced it. Other groups may utilize and/or reproduce this literature, so long as it is not sold, produced for profit, or used for reasons other than fulfilling the group's primary purpose.

In cases of WSC Conference approved literature, an N.A. group may, as it deems necessary, reproduce, modify, and/or utilize Conference-approved literature at its own discretion, provided that it is for the use of the group and its members only. This literature may not be sold, produced for profit, or used for reasons other than fulfilling the group's primary purpose. Other groups may choose to utilize this literature, so long as it is not sold, produced for profit, or used for reasons other than fulfilling the group's primary purpose.

Section 2: Original literature written by service committees

In cases of literature written by a Literature Committee of an Area or Regional Service Committee, that committee reserves the right to print, copy, and use that literature to fulfill the primary purpose of the group: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Unless or until that literature is released to the World Service Conference Literature Committee (or other board or committee), the literature belongs to the ASC or RSC who produced it. N.A. groups, or other ASCs or RSCs may utilize and/or reproduce this literature, so long as it is not sold, produced for profit, or used for reasons other than fulfilling the groups' primary purpose.

ARTICLE 2: REVISION(S) OF LITERATURE

World Service Conference approved literature belongs to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Changes proposed to the concept or wording of WSC-approved literature, including recovery literature, service guides, informational pamphlets and other literature for Fellowship-wide use shall be made with the consent and 2/3 majority vote of the Fellowship in this manner:

- 1) Proposed changes to literature will be compiled yearly by the WSCLC at the World Service Conference. All proposed changes, including the old language and the section or paragraph in which it is found, will be mailed to each registered Area Service Committee the first week of July, with a return date of October 1. All N.A. groups shall be encouraged to participate in the voting procedure.
- 2) The ballots shall consist of a self-addressed, stamped postcard which has the area's identification number on it, and numbers or letters assigned to each proposed change in the literature. Each

number shall have "yes," "no," and "abstain" space in which to record the area's vote, along with a blank for brief comments.

- 3) Proposed changes to N.A.'s "12 Steps," "12 Traditions" or "Basic Text" shall be made and approved by a 4/5 majority of all registered groups.

Final approval of new N.A. literature, which has been through development, input and review periods, will be made by 2/3 of registered groups in this manner:

- 1) Proposed literature will be compiled yearly by the WSCLC and sent to each registered N.A. Area Service Committee. This literature will be available for all groups to read and review.
- 2) Ballots shall be mailed along with proposed literature to each registered N.A. group. Ballots shall consist of self-addressed, stamped postcard which has the group's registration number on it, and numbers assigned to each piece of proposed literature. Ballots shall include, if necessary, corresponding numbers for large books that were sent to the ASC. Each number shall have "yes," "no," "abstain," and a space for brief comments.
- 3) Ballots and literature shall be mailed the first week of July, with a return date of November 1.

SECTION 3: USE OF TRADEMARKS, LOGOS, SERVICE MARKS

Use of logos and trademarks:

All physical property developed and produced by the WSO, Inc. belongs to the WSO, Inc. This shall include, but not limited to: calendars, mugs, book covers, etc., including only non-literature saleable items.

The N.A. logo, trademark, service marks, and hybrids thereof belong to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. Any group, ASC, RSC, or board or committee may make use of the logo, provided it is not used for reasons other than fulfilling the Fellowship's primary purpose, mindful of the 7th Tradition.

The World Service Office, Inc., is a service center for the N.A. fellowship. Its rights and responsibilities include: printing, producing, copying, distributing conference-approved literature. Its rights and responsibilities DO NOT INCLUDE: managing, making profitable, mortgaging, pledging, loaning, lending, or otherwise controlling the content, price, development or "profitability" of N.A. literature.

The WSO, Inc. has the right to control quality and quantity of printing, methods of distribution, and other "non-decision-making" aspects regarding the content of N.A. literature.

If the WSO, Inc. spent \$20,000 in 1990 on developing the lit trust, we can assume that the vast majority of that was on legal fees. More than likely, Wagner & Middlebrook, the law firm retained by WSO Inc.,

developed the Trust from a standard document, and "tailored" it for N.A. use. It must be made clear that the WSO, Inc. is the "Trustee" in this document. In the document, and in fact, it is a separate entity from the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous ("beneficiary"). The Fellowship must be informed that the law firm represents the interests of the WSO, Inc. (Trustee), and not of the Fellowship (Beneficiary). The Beneficiary must be entitled to legal counsel of its own to represent the interests of the N.A. Fellowship.

Individual use or sale of N.A. logo items:

Literature Trust Board: This Board shall be responsible for compiling information, storing correspondence, preparing reports, and otherwise serving the N.A. Fellowship. Formed to consist initially of twelve people, at least half of whom were among those who helped to write the book. This panel would be charged with three responsibilities:

- 1) Solicit and act upon mature fellowship input regarding the conservation, maintenance, and development of our literature and property.
- 2) Be a non-voting participant at WSO BOD meetings, with veto power on actions affecting the fellowship's literature property. (By veto, meaning to hold off proposed action until approval is obtained by Trustee)
- 3) Foster open fellowship-wide communication and continuation of the literature development process.

Board is entitled to separate legal counsel, independent of Agent's legal counsel.

Interim decisions made by board may be ratified by WSC.

Select this panel by getting volunteers from those registered at world literature conferences. All the members that were registered at world lit conferences could be contacted and elect the panel by a mail ballot. Serve for up to two six-year terms. Replacements to this panel could possibly be selected by the panel so that there would be a continuity of service.

Enforcement against "infringers":

General notes:

The background statement needs to be focused on the fellowship rather than services, and most particularly, that portion of the fellowship exemplified by the four literature conferences prior to 1981. The composition of the literature committee, the process that was happening then, etc. It needs a simple description of the bond of trust that does exist between the spiritual fellowship of N.A., and its services, including ASCs, RSCs, WSC, WSB and their agents, primary service center, WSO. The 1981 Literature Committee and those four conferences were something that happened in the fellowship, and was a phenomenon that didn't have a precedent and hasn't happened since.

In case of "no go" on the ASCs and groups voting on new or revised literature, must include RSR-only vote on literature approval.