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A BRIEF (BUT ACCURATE) HISTORY OF NA LITERATURE
AND INCIDENTS IN WORLD SERVICE NOT GENERALLY KNOWN

DATES ARE APPROXIMATE (FROM MEMORY) ACTIONS ARE EXPLICIT

# Following WSC '79

·Work on "Our Book" begins as a project of the Fellowship...by the World Literature Committee (members were members just by being willing to help). This was <u>not</u> the WSC Literature Subcommittee, but something called the World Literature Committee.

·First World Literature Conference held first conference, wrote first literature handbook.

Following WSC '80 Work on Basic Text continues...WLC-2 decides to frame chapters from little White Book...

Memphis Feb.'81- WLC-3 THE CONCEPT: POWERLESS OVER THE DISEASE - IDENTITY-very simply AN ADDICT...AND...THE 1ST DRAFT OF OUR Basic Text - THE GREY BOOK ...are developed by World Literature Committee Memphis Mar."81- Grey Book distributed to every known NA Group (free) for review and input.

# Santa Monica April '81

·WLC-4 Fellowship responds with lots of input. Edit by committee, factoring-in <u>all</u> input begins. WLC membership swells into the hundreds - no NA member is <u>ever</u> denied membership. Book is becoming outgrowth of fellowship.

#### WSC '81

 $\cdot$ Obvious battle between WSO & WSB. 1st real WSC - most of the fellowship is represented.

# Warren June '81, Miami Sept. '81

·Basic Text finalized by committee despite irresponsible, political new chairperson who eventually resigns. Strong, directly-responsible, open committee survives to serve in spite of inadequate trusted servant.

## Memphis Nov. '81

·WLC elects its own new chairperson, distributes Approval Form of Basic Text to the Fellowship. Every known NA group receives a copy. Policy committee (WSC) enlists help of World Lit members to help draft a new service manual reflective of current fellowship practices—including reformation of WSO, Inc.

WSC '82

·Book is approved by the fellowship through the WSC. WSO instructed to produce hardcover by September. Price of book established at \$8.00 until office "gets on its feet," then will be lowered - perhaps to \$4.50 or less...

## Mid-winter '82/'83

·No book published by WSO. Most of fellowship copies approval form for use by members till hardcover is out.

# WSC '83

- "1st Edition" is altered from form approved by fellowship. Justification used was that some few members feel changes are appropriate. Fellowship demands book returned to approved state by a reformed WSO, Inc.-->2nd Edition
- ·Motion passed WSC by 2/3 of voting participants that <u>RSR'S ONLY</u> <u>VOTE AT WSC.</u> CHAIRPERSON CALLED MOTION DEFEATED BECAUSE NOT 2/3 OF TOTAL REGISTERED VOTING PARTICIPANTS.
- ·WSB MAKES EMOTIONAL APPEAL BASED ON (PROBABLY SOLICITED OR FRAUDULENT) LETTER FROM GROUP IN NEVADA TO 'POLL' FELLOWSHIP DURING A 90 DAY-PERIOD REGARDING CHANGES TO THE CONCEPTS OF 4TH, AND 9TH TRADITIONS REPRESENTED BY DELETIONS IN 1ST EDITION. FELLOWSHIP REPORTEDLY RESPONDS IN AFFIRMATIVE, THOUGH DOCUMENTATION NOT AVAILIBLE TILL 1991.
- · "Original 13" pamphlets approved.

## '83-'84

- ·Fellowship Report, originated as open fellowship-wide communication, becomes increasingly (and unnecessarily) detailed and exclusive in tone. WSO, Inc. initiates "Newsline," presenting Office's views to every NA group world-wide, free.
- ·Price of Basic Text is still \$8.00 (printing cost reported to be \$1.45).

# WSC '84

- ·NA WAY magazine taken from the fellowship and given to WSO, Inc.
- ·World convention incorporated as a profit making venture administered by WSO, Inc.
- ·WSC Finance committee disbanded.
- ·World service communication persuades fellowship to accept concept of "vote of confidence" for RSR's.
- ·WSC committee membership begins to close, eventually becomes small controllable groups of like-thinking members.

WSC '85

·Motion passed to allow WLC to do "minor editing of Basic Text for tense, verb agreement, etc." Office hires professional editor to do lit committee's work resulting in many changed concepts -->4th edition.

## WSC '86

·Fellowship tells world services "no more professional writers." However, WSC takes it upon themselves without fellowship direction to re-edit Basic Text as committee of the whole -->5th edition [allowing no fellowship review/input and ignoring established fellowship Approval process]

THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS MADE TO ORIGINAL
TRUST DOCUMENT WORKING GROUP - PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THESE

5-16-91 input

... Nothing significant has happened since we first talked (late feb.'91) to bring NA together. I believe, at this point, some real healing actions must occur if Narcotics Anonymous is to remain intact.

Members aware of the facts will no longer tolerate the existing situation. More "Illicit" texts and other literature will appear. More members will be hurt. We could lose our non-profit status. Most important: fewer addicts could find recovery.

A Literature trust document that reinforces the solution rather than compounding the problem could be an honest initial effort.

- SOME POINTS AND CONSIDERATIONS RE: LITERATURE TRUST

  1) for our common welfare: A document should be written which accurately describes and formally defines the unwritten "trust" and de-facto contractual agreement that already exists. The different entities that are party to this trust and contract need to be accurately defined and characterized. The roles of these parties and their relationship should be realistically specified. This document should surpass current or past written or perceived limitations, definitions, guidelines, policy or procedure.
- 2) (simply stated) NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS TRUSTS IT'S SERVICE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, TRUSTED SERVANTS AND (EMPLOYEES) SPECIAL WORKERS TO RESPONSIBLY PRODUCE(PUBLISH), DISTRIBUTE, CONSERVE AND DEVELOP IT'S PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE "ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS' ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFIC OPERATIVE GUIDELINE/CONTRACT IN THE 2ND. 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH TRADITIONS
- 3) ... The "property" is fellowship approved NA literature etc.
- 4) The parties of a traditional trust are: Trustor (owner), Trustee and beneficiary. In this case Narcotics Anonymous (the unorganized spiritual fellowship) owns the property and is the Trustor. All of

the property is a vehicle to carry the "message" that fulfills an NA member's program in step 12, and defines an (NA) group's primary purpose in tradition 5. The Trustee is composed of an agent: WSOinc. who is employed by (service boards and committees directly responsible to Narcotics Anonymous) the ASC's, RSC's, WSC & WSB. The Beneficiary is any recipient of the NA message contained in these vehicles defined as property (the addict who still suffers).

- 5) The reality of our situation and therefore the wording of this document may be cumbersome for the secular legal system, however, it is the responsibility of that legal system to accommodate us not the other way around.
- 6)[reiterated] the fellowship Narcotics Anonymous creates the property and wishes it to be given to those who need it. Service boards and committees (ASC's, RSC's, WSC & WSB) and their agent WSOinc. package the property and offer it for use according to the direction of the fellowship. Addicts who still suffer acquire the property from the agent and use it to their benefit.
- 7) A (real) "trust" already exists: the preceding is accurate description of that trust. --- Document is only formalization.
- 8) Whether this trust is formalized or not whenever the spirit of the trust is broken the owner/trustor will assign different "trustees" to achieve goal of gifting "property" to beneficiary.

# Lit.Trust general input (to original working group) 6/20-21/'91

(Proposed) Lit. Trust Background Statement - Introduction

During the years between 1978 and 1982 Narcotics Anonymous began the process of self-definition and maturity that would allow our Fellowship to become a significant worldwide force for recovery from addiction. A relatively small group of people, ordinary recovering addicts, developed our fellowship's first significant item of property - our Basic Text - the book entitled Narcotics Anonymous. This collection of NA members worked as part of the literature sub-committee of the world service conference. The Four major writing/editing literature conferences were located both centrally and at geographical extremes across the fellowship so that the maximum number of NA members could attend and participate.

Every NA member who wanted to help write our book had the opportunity. The committee eventually numbered in the hundreds of active participating members. Each had a role and a voice in the content of our basic text. During this time these members and the fellowship of which they were representative, developed a trust bond with the service structure; that the results of their work would be used in the same spirit and manner it was developed. This is the basis and foundation of the Literature Trust Document.

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## ORIGINAL DRAFT AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION

We, who have signed below, participated in discussions held at MRLCNA in Harrisburg, Pa. in February, 1991.

The purpose of these discussions was to heal the division in the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship which resulted in case #907631 before the Eastern District Federal Court. We were to be part of a working group that was drafting an Intellectual Property Trust document which would accurately describe the origin, ownership, and purpose of Narcotics Anonymous literature and the bond of trust between the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and it's service boards, committees, and service office.

The participants in these discussions were: George H, Stu T, Bo S, David M, Oma J, Jim M, and Kathleen M.

We understood Stu T to clearly state during these discussions that WSO Inc. would not suggest any definitive action regarding the copyrights on NA literature during WSC '91. Stu T re-affirmed his promise during a conference call April 19, 1991. When suggestions were made regarding WSO's reference at WSC '91 to work in progress on literature-copyrights and this trust document He responded "...we'll keep things status quo until we get finished..."

Stu T broke his promise when, during the WSO Inc. report to WSC '91, he called upon attorney Terry Middlebrook to address the conference regarding copyrights. Subsequently, Stu T initiated the motion that the conference re-affirm WSO inc.'s "exclusive rights" to copyright and publish NA literature.

letters in response to trust document

We are a "group" a local chapter of the spiritual fellowship Narcotics Anonymous. As a discreet unit, an autonomous but integral part of this fellowship we wish to clearly state that we are part-owners in each and every item of "Intellectual Property" that belongs to Narcotics Anonymous and we do not assign or give ownership of any item of this "Intellectual Property" to any service board or committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

All service boards and service committees of Narcotics Anonymous are defined by one principle; the Ninth Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous..."N.A. as such ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards and committees, directly responsible to those they serve."

Our group has but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express himself in our Group Conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. All Narcotics Anonymous service boards and committees are

theoretically composed of these trusted servants who do not govern.

"THE FELLOWSHIP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRUST" is a legal document proposed to the 1992 World Service Conference of N.A. by the World Service Board of Trustees. In this legal document the "Parties" of the trust are: Trustor (owner) - World Service Conference of N.A., Trustee - World Service Office of N.A., and Beneficiary - Fellowship (Groups) of N.A. This is wrong; the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous-the groups of Narcotics Anonymous own all of the property of Narcotics Anonymous. Therefore, this document, as proposed, is invalid. There are many other errors and misrepresentations in the document but this one major flaw is the basis of our severe objection to the document and our refusal to be legally bound by it.

We also wish to state that the World Service Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the World Service Office Board/WSO inc. have regularly and intentionally compromised the spiritual principles stated previously (2nd & 9th Traditions of N.A.) as well as the seventh Tradition which states our principle of self-support. The spiritually based, non-governing, directly responsible, inclusive service boards and committees which once characterized N.A. world service no longer exist. In their place are businessoriented, bureaucratic, power centers manipulating information and "services" through clever propaganda and political control. We refuse to lend them credibility. The "decisions" of the world service conference bear little or no resembelance to the group conscience of Narcotics Anonymous, none at all if all the facts were known to the fellowship. The trustees, in the name of expediency, regularly compromise those very principles they are trusted to guard; the Traditions. And the office funds all of this disservice through selling "products", our literature, which was written as a gift to benefit all addicts seeking recovery. Each of these world service entities presents the fellowship polished propaganda as justification. We are not fooled. The nature of N.A. world services in 1992 renders any "decision" made at the world service conference, any decree made by the board of trustees, any legal action taken by the world service office null and void, and not binding on the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

We suspect, regretfully, that where there is smoke there may also be fire; perhaps, while violating the spiritual principles of N.A. service, members of our office board or staff chose also to violate the law. Our basic text, the book Narcotics Anonymous has generated millions of dollars in cash-flow for the WSO inc.. Our requests for an unbiased audit have been uniformly refused. We pray no-one has used N.A. dollars for their personal gain but we are not naive. Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit fellowship we need for our office to be above reproach as reguards our non-profit status.

In summary, neither N.A. world services in general, nor

The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust specifically, are representative of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous or the spiritual principles upon which that fellowship is based. We, as part of Narcotics Anonymous will not assign any of our "Intellectual Property" to, nor be bound by, any decisions of any world service board or committee of N.A., until such time as these bodies embrace the spiritual guidelines of Narcotics Anonymous service: The Twelve Traditions.

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We, The Recovery First Group of Narcotics Anonymous are writing in protest of decisions made by the World Service Conference. The WSC has chosen to violate the spiritual principles of Narcotics Anonymous, therefore WSC decisions are "null and

void". We will not be bound by WSC decisions, Narcotics Anonymous is not bound by WSC decisions.

The World Service Conference has gone along with the World Service Office, World Service Board of directors, and the board of trustees in seeking power and control of the spiritual fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous that created them. They participated in the theft by deception of stealing the copyrights of The Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous.

These copyrights belong to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, not to any service board or committee.

Our Basic Text was written by recovering addicts for addicts seeking recovery without support of the W.S.O., Inc. it was written

by the NA members who participated in our literature movement during the late 70's and early 80's. Our book was not written

love. We entrusted the publishing of our book to the W.S.O.inc. with all intent that the fellowship would continue to "own" its own book

with all the rights and responsibilities of that ownership.

What has happened instead is that the W.S.O., Inc., with
support of it's board of directors and the World Service

Board of Trustees have manipulated changes in our text
without seeking direction of the NA Fellowship. Theses World
"service" entities have used the World Service conference as
a vehicle to endorse their behavior while compromising the

Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

World Services including most of it's boards, committees and officers, participate in persecution of NA members who speak out against their policies. They even prosecuted one member by taking him into Federal Court for copyright infringements. They deliberately selected this member, only one of many involved,

who is dying from the AIDS virus and did not have the financial backing to defend himself.

World Services in general and the WSO inc. specifically have used a large portion of the funds generated by sales of our book to

provide "services" that were not requested by those they
serve. A great deal of money has been spent to further their
own singular perceptions through political style propaganda
via their exclusive access to effective Fellowship-wide

communication. This violation of our spiritual principles is expanded through world service travel worldwide to personally manipulate the Fellowship interfering with the group conscience process and influencing groups, area and regional committees and service offices to agree with their power and control political beliefs. NA world services regularly violate the principles of the ninth tradition including... "the ninth tradition goes on to define the nature of the things that we can do to help N.A. It says we may create service boards or committees to serve the needs of the fellowship. None of them has the power to rule, censor, decided, or dictate. They exist solely to serve the fellowship, but they are not part of Narcotics Anonymous."

Throughout the years we have sought an <u>internal</u> financial audit of W.S.O., Inc. As the corporate arm of our world services,

this non-profit organization is bound not only by federal 501(c)(3) regulations to fully report all revenues and expenditures, but also morally and spiritually obligated, by its own guidelines, to be responsive and responsible to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

There is a lack of financial accountability. We know that our book has bought in millions of dollars. Also other literature has brought in a sizable amount of funding. Yet there has never been an outside internal audit done. We

therefore request that the California Attorney General's office investigate WSO inc. on

our behalf. WSO inc. is a non-profit cooperation operating under California State laws, but they do the majority of their business throughout the world. We feel that they have violated their non-profit status and that individuals there use this non-profit status for personal gain.

January 28, 1992

World Service Board PO Box 9999 Van Nuys, CA

Dear fellow members,

I want to thank you for the restitution of my name to the mailing list. It helps me clear up matters that come to my attention when information becomes garbled. I hope you got my note about the "Just for Today" plaque. Matters such as this need to surface and be dealt with in an appropriate manner. Perhaps a copyright verification with the Pacific Lumber Company would help clarify whether this piece is ours, public domain, property of some other entity, or varies sufficiently from the original to constitute a new version.

Another matter concerns me now: the copyrights to our literature. Along with many others, I helped work on literature directly in my capacity as a member of the World Service Office Literature Committee, Board of Trustees Literature Committee, and as Chairperson of the World Service Conference Literature Committee. In that time, there was a fundamental understanding: Addicts were writing for addicts, passing on what was then known of recovery in N.A., and that none of us sought, nor would receive, any personal gain. It felt like a giant Twelfth Step. I think time has verified this. The main discovery was that there was a verbal literature trust statement. It went like this: "We're doing this work with no thought of self, out of love and gratitude. We seek no byline, no royalties. This work is a gift." If you had been involved in talking with a few thousand members who contributed time, travel, and material sufficient to get see the Basic Text from dream to reality, you would probably feel some loyalty to those whose trust you had to earn. This trust is still upon me as well as others who were fortunate enough to be directly involved.

I realize now that we were in error to not have documented this statement formally. Our trust in the leadership during that time was perhaps overzealous. Our encouragement to the old WSO to inspect their accounting and copyright procedures, was perceived as personal criticism of Jimmy Kinnon, and was one example of how thing started to go wrong. I pray that we can show some good sense and goodwill to formulate a suitable trust document. In my opinion, the document currently out for approval would not stand up to Fellowship scrutiny, or be an effective service document even if it were approved. The misconception remains, and perhaps is even fostered, that WSC approval

equals Fellowship approval.

I was less sure of myself in those earlier days. I contented myself with stating my feelings in my trustee reports and let it go at that. I want to Tenth Step this today by being more vigorous in my opposition. Haven't we learned by now that not caring how other members feel about something and pushing an item past an exhausted WSC is no substitute for dealing with issues?

It's sad when some of our most loving, dedicated, and selfless members are betrayed and leave the Fellowship when they see that processes have been abused and ignored, or see individuals taking advantage of their servant positions.

We need plain and simple documents defining the role of our world service branches in carrying out the will of the Fellowship. Any member should be able to read, understand, and feel a degree of respect to the material maintaining the Fellowship's legal right to copy the material it has created. As written, the current "Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Agreement" is harsh and intimidating.

Many months ago, I was asked to participate in developing what was then called the "literature trust document." While I put in over 70 hour working on this, I cannot see where any of my input, nor that of the other members who also submitted input, was utilized. Foreseeing a need to review what was said in the conference calls, and not wanting any viewpoint to be lost, a taped transcript has been made of both

calls. These are available upon request. It is somehow prophetic that the need for this documentation is being manifested.

Regardless of what Stu and George may have stated at the June 15 combined meeting, that document was in no way ready for fellowship review or approval. In fact, Stu said only a few weeks earlier that "We had better take time to work on it a little bit. I think if we expanded our thinking a little bit, we could come up with some viable options."(1) It was clear to everyone at the time that no consensus existed in the "small working group."

As time went on in May and June, and "we" continued to work on solutions to the extreme conflict of tone and approach, I was told that the work was discontinued due to lack of funds. At the time, I was only disappointed and chagrined. However, looking at the report on the seventh and eighth pages of the approved minutes, combined BOD/BOT meeting in June, Stu said "The small working group feels that the document is basically ready for fellowship review." THIS IS A LIE.

It was evident to everyone involved that conceptual problems existed and that the document was advanced prior to resolution of these issues without the knowledge or consent of the majority of the working group. Frankly, I was sad, albeit not surprised, to see documented evidence contradicting the excuse of a low budget. If this were a factor, surely the work could have proceeded in a less costly manner.

Is this matter going to go to the Conference? If so, as one member of the small working group, I would like to report now that some time and money is getting wasted. It won't pass at WSC, and if it does, the Fellowship will abandon it at the first strong wind. Hopefully, we will be able to grow together to the point where we don't play politics with one another. Apparently, we have not yet reached that point. I'm not too dismayed, though. I trust that some of you will have the wit and humor to scrutinize these classes of concern with more vigor.

In loving service,

Bo Sewell, Past Trustee

(1)Page 37, May "littrust"tapetranscript

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WE PRAYED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THIS MATTER SHORT OF LEGAL ACTION. WHAT WE REQUESTED WAS ONLY A MATTER OF THOROUGH DISCUSSION IN THE FELLOWSHIP OVER AN ADEQUATE PERIOD OF TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE DO IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND WORKS TO MAKE OUR MESSAGE MORE AVAILABLE.

THE PRIMARY POINTS OF CONTENTION WITH THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRUST DOCUMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) IN ALL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE WERE TOLD THAT A DRAFT PROPOSAL OF THE DOCUMENT WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR REVIEW. MEMBERS
WOULD BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE FELLOWSHIP TO MAKE COMMENTS AND

GIVE INPUT THAT COULD BE DRAFTED INTO THE FINAL FORM BEFORE THE DOCUMENT WOULD BE AGAIN DISTRIBUTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR APPROVAL (OR DISAPPROVAL).

2)THE ORIGINAL TRUST DOCUMENT WORKING GROUP CONTAINED TWO OF THE ORIGINAL "AUTHORS" OF THE BASIC TEXT. THEIR IDEAS CONCERNING THIS TRUST WERE DISCARDED WITHOUT FIRST OFFERING THESE IDEAS TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION. ALL OF THE CONSIDERED INPUT FROM THE ORIGINAL GROUP SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION.

3)NOWHERE IN THE TRUST DOCUMENT IS THERE PROVISION FOR THE
FELLOWSHIP TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION REGARDING FULL FINANCIAL
ACCOUNTABILITY OF MONEY GENERATED BY SALES OF LITERATURE AND OTHER
PROPERTIES. WE REQUEST A FULL INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDIT. IN ORDER TO
CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS FOR WSO, Inc. (As every group does when it
announces Basic Texts or other literature for sale), WE NEED TO KNOW:

## A)FINANCIAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO:

- 1.TRAVEL OF WSO STAFF
- 2.TRAVEL OF WSC, WSO, and BOD EXPENDED TO WSO, Inc.
- 3.ALL OTHER TRAVEL OF NA MEMBERS EXPENDED TO WSO, Inc.
  B)REPORTS EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE TRAVEL AND THE GOALS
  ACCOMPLISHED.

4)THE CURRENT "LEGAL" (albeit fraudulent) REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHTS ON N.A. LITERATURE DEMEANS THE SELFLESS SERVICE OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO WRITE AS PART OF THEIR PERSONAL 12th STEP "WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO ADDICTS..." THERE IS A MORE ACCURATE WAY TO DESCRIBE OUR GIFT TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS.

5) ONE OF THE REASONS TO DRAFT THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE
WAS THE QUESTION OVER THE EXCESSIVE COST OF OUR LITERATURE. THIS
DOCUMENT NOT ONLY DISALLOWS THE FELLOWSHIP THE ABILITY TO HELP
DETERMINE THE PRICE OF ITS LITERATURE, BUT PLACES COMPLETE CONTROL OF
PRICING IN THE HANDS OF WSO, Inc.

## POSITION PAPER

A member at WSC '92 stated "...your ideas are respected by many here, however, your methods are unacceptable." To all of you who may embrace this feeling: We have worked in and through the existing structure for the last ten years, only to have our characters assassinated, our ideas ridiculed (the same ideas shared by the vast majority of the informed fellowship), our service discredited, our recoveries threatened, and our input/comments discarded or ignored. Some of us have even had our lives and families threatened with physical harm, or even outright been attacked. For us to continue to work through the existing structure would be pointless and insane. WE HAVE BEEN LEFT NO ALTERNATIVE - WE LOVE AND NEED THIS FELLOWSHIP ENOUGH TO FIGHT FOR IT. WE WILL NOT GO AWAY.

#### OUR PRIMARY THESIS

ALL N.A. LITERATURE BELONGS TO (IS OWNED BY) NARCOTICS

ANONYMOUS - THAT IS, N.A. GROUPS, AND MAY BE USED BY THOSE GROUPS 
(NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) AS THEY SEE FIT. The copyrights on our

Basic Text have been registered not only improperly, but FRAUDULENTLY:

The book was not written as a work "made for hire," but written by N.A.

members as part of "we can only keep what we have by giving it away"

and "we tried to carry this message to others." The copyrights cannot,

and never will be owned by any other entity than Narcotics Anonymous.

The copyrights were entrusted to WSO, Inc. as a fiduciary. WSO, Inc.

has flagrantly ignored and superceded its fiduciary responsibilities.

The "trust" has been broken. WSC & WSB have condoned and reinforced

this activity. If WSC & WSB cannot do something corrective about this

situation, we can, we will, and we are.

in dedicated and loving service,

Those N.A. members involved supportively
with the "Motion to enforce or vacate"
the order of Eastern District Federal Court.