"WITHOUT A DREAM A MAN IS ONLY HALF A MAN,
WITHOUT A VISION A FELLOWSHIP IS A FARCE,
WITH BOTH ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

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CONFERENCE

OF **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORT TO NEW LITERATURE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS THAT OTHERS MAY FIND THE FREEDOM OF RECOVERY WE HAVE FOUND.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 thru WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1981
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WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE

OUTLINE FOR STORY Writing

I. Identify
   A. usage
   B. places
   C. Type
   D. feelings
   E. behavior
II. Turning Point
   A. hitting bottom
   B. introduction to N.A. program
III. Recovery
   A. made decision
   B. specific action (meetings, steps, sponsor, service)
   C. Specific recovery
      1. problems
IV. Well written stories
   A. Balance between using and recovery
   B. easy reading---good style
   C. express feelings
      1. motivating factors behind using and behavior
   D. expression of ideas specifically without lengthy details

OUTLINE FOR EDITING STORIES
I. Direct references to A.A. & AA literature
   A. should refer to other 12 step program
II. Geographic locations
   A. leave intact if useful
   B. remove if repititous
III. Dates
   A. delete month and day
   B. convey length of time
IV. Language
   A. omit profanity
   B. change slang terms to common terms (change junk to heroin ect)
   C. check and correct obvious grammar and punctuation errors
V. Variety- be specific
   A. area
   B. age
   C. sex
VI. Drug brand names- (use downer or barb for qualude ect.)

SUGGESTED STYLE OF RECOVERY PORTION OF STORY: CONSISTENT WITH BASIC TEXT

USE THE WORD:	IN REFERENCE TO (INSTEAD OF)
Clean	condition of abstinence from drugs (sober, straight, clean and sober)
Recovery	Sobriety
Addict/Addiction	Identity/Disease (drug abuser, chemical dependent, drug addict, alcoholic, dope fiend/ chemical dependency, alcoholism)
Relapse	Return to using (slip)

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FOURTH WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE

MINUTES

Santa Monica, California

April, 1981

Fourth Literature Conference
Santa Monica, California
April 26, 1981 - first day

Bo S. called meeting to order with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

We went around the table, each person telling the reason they were at the conference and telling what they hoped would be accomplished here.

Bo S.	service
Paige	service, book, input into chapters
Nancy	service, book, learning
Doug	service, book
Charles	group conscience on each sheet, book
Joy	service, book as it relates to both the newcomer and the oldtimer, should be a book of N.A. recovery
Mike	Leave it up to God
Phil	book
Nolan	rediscovered N.A. at Memphis, conference
Jim	complete book, N.A. unity
Greg	service, caring, self
Nikki	self, service, loving attitude
Bob	thought of words: simple adequate, open-mindedness, principles before personalities, pride, intuition, the book, feeling God- consciousness
Terica	book, adequate, service
Mary	get away from St. Louis, God's will
Linda	gratitude God's will
Bob	recovery, service, God's will
Tom	I don't know why, recovery is Now- N.A. recovery

At this point there was some disruption and amends were made.

Hank	gratitude,self
Dean	gratitude, God-s love, grateful, not proud, recovery,quality N.A. recovery, unity in N.A.,"we"should be used, non-sexist, No "buts", honesty, simple clear N.A. message, chapter to hospitals and institutions, chapter to the family
Roy	service, help, God's will, keep it simple, hope, practice steps
Joe	love, N.A. , help
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"How 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 tommorow.
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.

1:45 p.m.

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 chapterwhat was good, what needed changing? Wrote a review form, Separated chapter by chapter, passed the book.

Paige (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 quiet time.

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 tophotocopy them for conference.

Cliff (California) Need to keep away from politics.

Linda (Topeka) Workshops on Saturdays for 1½ hours, made comments as went along, toomuch 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 attendence, lots of enthusiasm, no footwork. If it works, don't fix it.

Hank (Marietta) Had Miniworkshops, 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 7p.m. to 9 p.m. The motion carried.

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.
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, go 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.

Attendence 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.	Lincon 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 Harding	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
[redacted] Jim P.	Vancouver, Wa.
Peppy	California
Gina	Nashville, Tn.
Pam	Santa Monica, Ca.
Jack	Venice, Ca.
Jerry	California
Nina	California
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

ATTENDANCE

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 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 evaluated to find out what work will be necessary to achieve publishable material.

Report from Doug:

No progress was made on Chapter one. There is a need for a procedure.

Bo: Suggestion was made to minimize the size of the workshop. Input should be written, and the verbal input should be lessened.

Terica: What are our goals? The omissions in the chapters should be filled before the continuity of the text could be worked on.

George: Input needed to be blended in the existing text. After looking at Chapter two, the input needed to sort the material according to the Lincoln outline. Small groups can blend this material.

Jim P: There is a need to add personal experiences to the chapters, and to reduce redundancy.

Matt: Matt share his gratitude at being present.

Greg: An experimental editing session was held prior to the conference and their experience showed that a small group worked well.

Jim M: Written input was important, as opposed to verbal input.

Bo: There are three major functions in editing. They are delete, change, and insert. He share that the monentum of this conference is different. Lincoln was very fast, Memphis was fast, and this conference is slower. He illustrated them as a boiler room, a train, and planting seeds. He also expressed a need to institute flow in the conference.

Charles: One editing table would promote continuity.

Doug: There is also a need to move some material within the text.

Jim M: There are two large masses of input and they could serve as basis for adding the input into the basic text.

Terica: She disagreed about moving material within the text.

Gina: Structure and direction are needed. The conference should accept the criticisms of the new members to the conference.

George: Input needs to be evaluated.

Sidney: She shared her gratitude for being able to attend the conference.

Bo: Specific imput needs to be blended before the general input. We should make the most of opportunity to work on the book.

Linda: Struggles and frustrations are part of the growing pains of a conference.

Jim P: He volunteered to work on the stories.
Charles: Let's break and do it. Seconded.
Greg: Remember, nothing is sacred.

Fourth Literature conference
Santa Monica, CA group conscienc # 3
April 27, 1981 Day 2

Bo opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, at 10:30 am.

Bo gave a short overview of the work to be done and the procedures to do it (see notes from group conscienc of first day). He said we have need of a photocopier.

Charles talked about the problem of too much talk and not enough action. He said we need to review input and edit out what's repetitious. We have a photocopy of the book to make corrections on, courtesy of Greg P. The thing to do now is to do paste-ups in the margins of the chapters of the photocopies, in order to make corrections. He stated that chapters 1 and 3 are ready for typing and review. He also mentioned the fact that paste-up groups seem to work best with three people, except for the group working on chapter 4.

We passed around an example of a pasted up input form.

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 D.	St. Louis	Brian L.	Pasedena
Joy S.	No. Hollywood	Dan K.	Omaha
Jim P.	Canoga	Albert H.	Mar Vista, CA
KarenS.	Sunland	Thom L.	St. Louis
Stan D.	San Gabriel	Bob D.	St. Louis
Judy L.	Downey, CA	Linda	Topeka
Jim M.	Ohio	Nikki	California
Roger T.	Marietta	Kathy T.	Memphis
Mary L.	Marietta	Tom M.	Marietta
Sue M.	Venice	Nolan	Venice
Linda H.	No. Hollywood		
David W.	Venice		
Jim P.	Vancouver, U.S.A.		
Bob S.	Memphis		
June W.	Hollywood		
Charles K.	Baton Rouge		
Cliff H.	Torrance		
Doug W.	Lincoln		
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 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, andthat 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 informati 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 and not perfection was emphasized.

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

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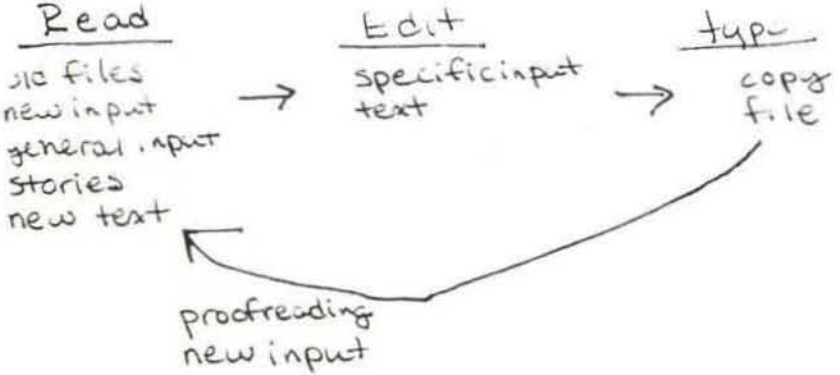
April 27, 1981 4:20 p.m. Day 2

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.
Morrlin W.	Los Angeles
Joe H.	Los Angeles
Sally E.	Orange
Greg P.	Oregon
Linda M.	Topeka
Richard	Venice

1) Divide Input
   a) specific (pages and lines)
   b) general
2) Divide specific into chapters
3) Read general input



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4:00 pm

Chapters	Absorb Input	Type	Edit
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2	☒	☒	2
3	☒	☒	3
4	4	☐	☐
5	☒	5	☐
6	☒	6	☐
7	7	☐	☐
8	☒	8	☐
9	9	9	☐
10	10	☐	☐
stories	-	☐	☐
other	-	☐	☐

STATUS REPORT
GROUP CONSCIENCE
4:20pm 4-27-81

Fourth World Literature Conference
Group Conscience #5
April 27,1981

The meeting was chaired by George R., PA.
George Requests progress reports.
Paige: 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: 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: 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 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.

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: I think its 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 the 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.

DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE MEETING AND THE IMPERFECTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE FAILED TO TAKE ATTENDANCE. PLEASE FORGIVE US.

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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 a 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 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 through all ten chapters.

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 written 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 break we began discussion of story-editing. Charles read guidelines developed for this purpose (copy enclosed). There are some stories already edited 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 line.

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 "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.

Roger T.	Marietta	Dan K.	Omaha
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Gina H.	Nashville		
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING AND EVALUATING PERSONAL STORIES

1. Reading groups of 3
2. Read story aloud
3. Put comments on a seperate sheet
4. Must meet major points in outline
5. Catagorize 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 Catagory and Editing comments

LIST USED TO LABEL STORY FOR STORY FILE

Overall story section

Catagorize Stories as to:

1. male
2. female
3. old
4. young
5. alchol
6. ampth.--- speed
7. pills(presc.)
8. narcotics
9. Shooting
10. hospitals (physical= mental)
11. instutions (jails,instutions,or juvenile hall
12. gay
13. color (nationality)
14 housewife
15.professional
16. Doctor, lawyer etc
17. occupations
18. location
19. relapse
20. closet user
21. street user
22. rich
23. middle class

OUTLINE FOR STORY READING AND EVALUATION

I. Identify
   a) usage
   b) places
   c) type
   d) feelings
   e) behavior

II. Turning point
   a) hitting bottom
   b) introduction to N.A. program

III. Recouvery
   a) made decision
   b) specific action(meetings, steps, sponsor,service)
   c) specific recovery
      1. problems

IV. Well writen 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

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W.U. 1201-SF (R5-69)

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 furthers suggests that they be included in an additional publication entitled The Twelve Traditions .

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 imput.

6. A member was pleased that the word "love" was used so often in the book.

7. Some members object to the fact that personal stories do not differentiate but mix A.A. and N.A. recoveries. Some members object to numerous references to A.A.

8. Members want language cleaned up; language is bad in stories.

9. Some members feel there is too much rambling throughout the text.

10. A member feels we should check with an attorney regarding libel or slander possibilities with regards to pharmaceutical trade name value (Quaaludes, ect.)

11. A member suggests that the steps and traditions should read like a manual. This member felt they were too general, not specific enough and, as such, missed the point.

12. Some members feel stories were not representative of N.A. as a whole, but only of small segments of N.A.

13. A member felt the syntax, continuity, transition and general arrangements were clumsy. It was felt the book badly needed editing.

14. Some members felt the book needed more information on how to work with others.

15. It was suggested that all "yets", "buts", "maybes". "shoulds", "woulds", "coulds", and other insidious negatives be removed.

Fourth World Literature Conference

Group Conscience # 7

April 29, 1981 4:30 p.m.

Paige opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

The first order of business was a report on the progress of the story-editing. At this point 14 stories have been reviewed. There are 15 stories in the book needing to be reviewed. When reviewing, we need to decide whether a story canbe edited or if it should be pulled out. There is also about 100 pages of editorial comment now available on the stories in the book.

Currently the stories are being sorted into three sections: 1.) unpublished, unreviewed stories (those now being submitted fall into this category), 2.) hard-to-edit stories, which would take too much rewriting, and 3.) easily-edited stories. Right now there are eleven stories in this last section.

It was suggested that there be only two people in each story-edit workshop, so we could have more workshops. It was stated by the chairperson that our goal is to take an inventory of each story.

Jim is working on excerpts from hard-to-edit stories for consideration in a different part of the book. It was suggested that hard-to-edit stories be held for a second or third publication of the book and that we concentrate on stories which are the best, most appropriate, and most representative of the Fellowship.

A question was brought up concerning whether we should change "A.A." to " the other 12 step program" in the stories. It was decided to postpone this decision.

It was suggested that the person editing a story not know the writer personally.

The text-editing workshop is finished with chapters 1,2, and 3. Chapter 4 is at the typist. The reading and evaluation of chapter two, edit one is pretty well completed. It was suggested that we concentrate more on content and less onstructure and grammar when we read and evaluate.

Gina will be gathering a list of spontaneous one-liners, to add feeling and spirit to the book. It was suggested that we add an appendix of one-liners not used elsewhere in the book.

It was also suggested that we add questions or statements to chapter one in answer of the question "Who is an Addict?" It was asked that when reviewing a chapter that the chapter be read in its entirety before evaluation begins.

It was suggested that, due to the lack of time, we should begin the second text-editing workshop. After some discussion it was decided that when the first text-editing workshop gets to chapter 6, the second would begin. The logic behind this is that hopefully the second text-editing workshop can be less time-consuming.

An announcement was made that there will be a banquet tomorrow (Thursday April 30) at 6:00p.m. It is asked that people help set up for it. The cost is $3.50 per person. Those that have extra funds are asked to contribute more.

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.

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Nancy	Bellflower

FOURTH WORL LITERATURE CONFERENCE

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

GROUP CONSCIOUS # 8

29 APRIL 1981 11 P.M.

Bo opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the still suffering addict, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Story report given by Charles K. All but one story has been reviewed. There will be input sheets and decisions of editing later. Three stories are being retyped.

Bo S. reported on the edit workshop he attended last evening. They accomplished or finished chapter one by 11 AM. Once the format of procedures were set, progress was noticable. They did chapters 4 and 5 with Jim and Royce acting as consciences. Starting to move quickly.

Greg added that chapter one was rough because of all the input. Chapter two was experimental. Please give credit due the input groups for excellent job.

Jim M. also pleased with absorbed input.

Sally reports that chapter five is ½ page from typing complete.

Mary requests information on procedure for editing. What do we do with new input after chapter is edited?

Bo cautions group to evaluate each input before starting to make changes in chapter. Many times it helps to give to different group.

Page noticed that if the input is well incorporated into the chapter the editing is much easier. Each time chapter is edited it will get more efficient.

Mary wanted to know if we should incorporate more input with each edit review. Should each review and evaluation group incorporate the changes as they receive them?

Bob thinks this would be appropriate. Have each read and evaluate group add only improvements, sorting out trivia, and retype before giving to next edit team.

Bo would like to streamline these groups to two or three people.

Jim likes idea of adding input to whats been typed with two people.

Jack would like to have one member from each group or committee to have input on chapter one.

Bo feels that we should have the basic framework by each group with the insertion of the love factor and stressing much individual input. Chapter one, two and three have gone through the workshop.

Matt reports that chapter seven is ready for the editing workshop. He wants to know if the new input should be incorporated before editing.

Bo would treat each chapter as a differnt entity and experiment with each chapter with this in mind. Thanks RTC for the $85 donation to the confernce. Read telegram of support from Lincoln area groups. (Copy enclosed)

Mary would like to take typist into chapter one workshop. Asks what status other chapters are in.

Nicki needs to know who the available typists are. Asks to have all subsequent typing go into the finish review form to make input insertion easier. This includes putting numbers by each line as in review form. Wants clearification if words steps and traditions are to be capitalized.

Bo feels that if proper names, they should be capitalized.

Nicki requests people should not interupt 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 think we should put AA down. It's been tried before with little success.

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 story.

Bo thinks we should discuss this later.

Tom would like to continue discussion.

Nancy says AA is pertinant 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 foolow the sixth tradition.

Charles feels that story input is up to the author, and that if the author doen't 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.

Bo would like to mention that this may very well set a precedent as to the future .

Suzanne made comment that this is NA book. It has no other purpose than to carry the message of NA recovery.

Roy believes that every person, place, or thing mentioned in a story does not indicate that the author is endorsing . Many things in one persons life may be important to the fact we are in NA now.

Greg makes motion that stories be judged on the basis of merit vs. content. Content means specifics. Merit means valid recovery.

Bob states spiritual principles don't conflict. We should be building bridges, not walls.

Greg withdraws motion.

Nolan makes motion "Not to change the words AA in stories, but leave them in as they are."
Terica seconds.

Frank says AA Big Book doesn't name specific other programs, and that NA should not also.

Mary would like to hear of NA recovery, but foremost feels recovery stories should be on an individual basis.

Bo would like to call for vote.

Matt passes to Cathy.

Kathy will acknowledge AA in our book, AA has traditions too. AA may not want their name mentioned because of their traditions. Our book should be geared to the newcomer; we should talk about NA.

Vote on Nolan's motion failed.

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.

Tom 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 absorbtion input. Much of the input work is 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

Attendance.

Group Conscious

29 April 1981

Bob S.	Memphis, Tn
Cathy T.	Memphis, Tn.
Larry N.	Winchester, Va.
Jeb B.	Venice Ca.
Frann J.	Lawndale, Ca.
Bob M.	anta Monica, Ca.
Bob R.	Brentwood, Ca.
Ham M.	Venice, Ca.
Greg P.	Oregon
Nickie C.	Bellflower, Ca.
Doug W.	Lincoln, Neb.
Nancy C.	Bellflower, Ca.
David B.	Lnog Beach, Ca.
Tom McT.	Georgia
Jim B.	Mono Bay, Ca.
Thom L.	St. Louis, Mo.
Page C.	Marietta, Ga.
Pam K.	Warren, Ohio
Bo S.	Marietta, Ga.
June H.	California
Sally E.	Orange, Ca.
Linda G.	California
Steven C.	California
Koren S.	Tujunga, Ca.
Larry K.	California
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.
Dan K.	Omaha, Neb.
Frank S.	Alabama
Fred A.	California
Bob S.	West L.A., Ca.
Roy D.	Ohio
David	Venice
David R.	Venice, Ca.
Bob M.	L.A., California
Teri M.	Santa Monica, Ca.
Barbara N.	Mar Vista, Ca.
Shorty C.	Mar Vista, Ca.
David W.	Santa Monica, Ca.
Chuck L.	Venice, Ca.
Coco U.	Venice, Ca.
Richard C.	No. Hollywood, Ca.
Charles K.	Baton Rouge, La.
Fawn F.	SanFernando Valley, Ca.
Jim P.	Vancouver, Wa.
Bob D.	St. Louis, Mo
Jerry C.	Venice, Ca.
Nolan W.	Venice, CA.
Mike A.	Los Angeles, Ca.
Matt K	Venice, Ca.
Jeffrey L.	Omaha, Neb.
Mary L.	Marietta, Ga.
Jim M.	Ohio
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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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Banquet April 30, 1981 7:00 P.M.

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Jim B.	Los Angeles
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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.

Page reported that Chapter five was almost typed for second edit.

Charles reported on stories. Twenty-eight stories have been reviewed and approved. They are being typed The stories from the little white book are included in this count.

Tom reported that nineteen release forms had been signed. The authors of stories not accepted were sent a guideline sheet.

Charles reported that all the stories were approved on the basis of the outline.

Steve reported that the new input was integrated into Chapter seven. It will be ready for second edit tonight.

Paige said the relapse story currently in Chapter seven is incomplete. A better story was submitted and is going to be considered.

George asked about chapters two and three. They both need to go through the Reading and Evalutation workshops.

Roger said Chapter two needed to be typed and then would be ready for the second edit.

Bo asked if the new imput was bing spliced in and then sent to the second editing workshop. He suggested that second editing workshops splice the new input in and edit the material. This would save time. How much input was being spliced?

Roger said there wasn't much material being added. Their technique for the second editing workshop was one quick flow reading, followed by a slower flow reading, and the paragraph by paragraph evaluation. They restructured the paragraphs and spliced in new input.

Mary shared Chapter one had a lot of input while the other chapters had less.

Dean shared the desire to strike the work chronic from Chapter one. "Addiction is an incurable, chronic, progressive, and fatal disease characterized by the obsession to use drugs compulsively."

Roger shared the paragraph is controversial. He felt a large group conscience was needed to resolve the issue. The definition is from the medical body, not N.A. The paragraph was read. He suggested we postpone a vote till after prayer.

George felt the matter should be decided in a workshop.

Bob said the material was weak. We have a deadly disease and it is chronic.

George said it wasn't chronic if it was fatal the first time.

Linda said the dictionary definition should be read.

Bo said this is workshop material. If one really felt strongly about this matter they should attend this workshop.

Leon: The workshop felt a Group Conscience was necessary.

Glenn read the dictionary definition.

MOTION: Close the Group Conscience. If you feel this is important stay. Seconded.

Linda had Bob read two telegrams and a prayer. (Enclosed)

Dean suggested that we qualify the sentence by saying it was the clinical definition. Why don't we have three versions

Bo said too much time was being taken. He asked that the motion be withdrawn. The work can be continued in a workshop. "When in doubt, leave it out."

Roger said this is important to ghe workshop.

Leon We propose three versions be presented to the Group Conscience.

Jeff said our disease is fatal--which is acute.

MOTION: Three versions of the sentence be presented. Seconded.

Paige asked if Chapter three was ready for second edit. Hes reaction to a negative response was to insert input and ready for second editing.

Dean commented on the phrase "The drugs don't work..." As a representative from Orange Co. he commented that drugs did work and that is why we were at N.A.

Paige said we could statements with "For some of us...".

Leon read the three version:
Addiction is an incurable, , progressive, and fatal disease characterized by the obsession to use drugs compulsively.

Addiction is an incurable, chronic, progressive and sometimes fatat disease characterized by the obsession to use drugs compulsively.

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Bo wanted to share chronic means it does not go away.

Dean shared the disease is chronic. Let's qualify by saying this a clinical definition.

Bob called for a vote.

Greg called for a point of procedure. He is ging to submit new input.

Dean said we should drop chronic.

Bill said the issue is a lost cause.

Linda wanted to make an amendment to Qualify as a clinician's definition.

Nikki said let's vote. We need to remember this is a for sure thing.

One asked for the Serenity Prayer to be prayed.

VOTE:
#1--one vote
#2--thirty@ votes
#3--fifteen votes

Bo said this is time wasted. He requested that no motions be made without proper preparation. Let's do it. There are people dying out there.

Attendance

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April 30, 1981

Incomplete

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Thom L.	Missouri
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Nicki	California
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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-five hundred service hours compiling the material prior to review. The Conference kept busy nine electric typewriters and two photocopiers and used more than twenty thousand photocopies. A solid wall of love greeted each arriving member. As with the preceding literature conferences, only N.A. members participated. The atmosphere of recovery was the strongest and most sustained I have ever experienced, from the enthusiasm of the early days to the deep dedication of the final days of the nine-day Conference.

Approximately seventy-five members from thirteen states attended and each was in touch with their home area on a daily basis. This helped the work because the consciousness of the group extended to the whole Fellowship.

From the first day onward, the Conference ran twenty-four hours a day. The dedication, spirit, active participation and support of members from all areas not physically present resulted in the miracle at Memphis. Memphis members were excellent hosts and brought spirit and warmth in addition to securing a fine facility and getting all the equipment together.

Several members from the East, Midwest and West Coast stayed on after the Conference and several members worked night and day for at least eleven days after the Conference officially closed.

On the fourth day of the Conference, it was found that we needed six thousand dollars to print and distribute more than a thousand review forms of our book (estimated at five hundred pages each) to every group in the world. By the end of the Con-

ference, the entire amount had either arrived or was on its way from N.A. members and groups. Thanks for the success of WLC-III really goes to Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

CRITERIA FOR COMPLETION

Obviously, we feel that the material in the first ten chapters developed at Memphis is very good. Publication of the review form is our act of faith that the Fellowship at large will go over the material and report any flaws, additions or items inconsistent with their recovery experience to us in writing. A Fourth World Literature Conference will be held in the Los Angeles area from April 26 to April 29, 1981. We will go over the input forms which have been received in response to the review. This input will be incorporated into the basic text.

Our position of direct responsibility to those we serve, and our certainty that the material can and will be completed, has led us to consider the following criteria:

We feel that the book will be complete when

1. It contains all the things we do to get clean, stay clean and help others;

2. This material is accurate in terms of the written and spoken traditions of N.A. recovery;

3. There has been Fellowship-wide review for input over enough time for sincere N.A. members to respond;

4. It is found to be free from plagiarism.

5. Readability and literary style will never be complete to everyones satisfaction.

Literary style is the least of the reasons for the review now underway. We are mainly after recovery-related material and viewpoints. These will be added to complete the review form and the extra "we's", "but's", spellings, grammar and readability can then be brought to final form. This was not done at Memphis because we knew that it would change after Fellowship-wide input was added. The intent and purpose of the effort at Memphis was to compile a text on N.A. recovery that was as complete as possible at that time for the purpose of review. Final form becomes important only after input.

If we can't complete the work at WLC-IV, another up-dated review form will have to be printed and distributed for Fellowship-wide review, at our expense, and another major conference held to include input, at our expense, which would change the form

which will have to be published, at our expense, and create a "dog chasing his tail" effect. Memphis cost twelve thousand dollars in Conference expenses alone and more than sixteen thousand dollars to attending members who are serious about the N.A. book. We are concerned that non-attending members may take for granted the tremendous effort which has already taken place. The review form didn't pop out of mid-air. Many we talk to apparently feel that we are approaching the "getting serious" phase when in reality, we have been serious for some time.

Waiting for another one, two or three years would only yield the situation we already have at hand. Enough quality input will give the material completeness. A large number of members will have to be on hand to say that they feel the material is complete as to content and literary style and suitable for publication. This can happen in a month, a year or another twenty years. It's really up to you. Ultimate, the material will be finished and ready for publication. This can happen at WLC-IV if enough members pull together and support the Conference.

We believe the text to be of sufficient importance to be worth an all-out effort and that is exactly what we are asking for from you, the Fellowship. Sending out another review form at the end of WLC-IV and holding another conference just to include input from members who can't do it in sixty days or have not taken the work seriously would leave us with a situation exactly like the one we have now: Will the input be sufficient to complete the book? Will WLC-IV be able to include the input and correct the spelling, grammar and readability? If they succeed, will the material be published? Will the success be published as another review form or as a first edition?

The principles of our Traditions and group consciousness give me peace amid these thoughts, but I want to share them because not everyone has been to a literature conference and may not realize what has been accomplished already. The review form came from members who are planning to attend WLC-IV, and they are coming to it with the experience gained from Wichita, Lincoln and Memphis. They, and those who come for the first time to help, are capable of miracles! They have proved it already and I am sure they've been sharpening their pencils.

It is for this reason that I'm going to these lengths to spell out the situation as I see it. I have a duty to pass on what may not be commonly known. These literature people are fantastic! They are able to combine strength and sleepless effort with moderation and conscientious concern for the work at hand. Their existence enables me to recommend that inquiry be undertaken now to assure proper copyright procedures in accordance with our Second Tradition. Furthermore, I urge that arrangements for immediate publication of the first edition be ready May 4, 1981. If completion is not obtained at WLC-IV, the

effort of making these arrangements will not be lost, but only ready for another day soon to come. Discussion of publication arrangements will naturally be a major topic of the upcoming World Service Conference anyway, and the homework needs to be done by then.

If at the end of WLC-IV, members present feel good enough about the material, the Literature Committee will present the material to the World Service Conference to be held May 1-3 for Conference approval. When the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous approves the material, no further changes will be allowed, for the time being, and there will be nothing else to do but publish the first edition. Members of the Board of Trustees will be on hand at WLC-IV to act as guardians of our Twelve Traditions. The immediate next step will be to publish fifty to one hundred thousand copies of our hardback book, Narcotics Anonymous. We urge all members with something to contribute to attend and support WLC-IV. Flyers are included with this mailing.

Additional copies of the review form can be had for the cost of registration at Memphis ($12.00), by writing WLC-III, P.O. Box 41323, Memphis, TN 38104. All free group copies have been mailed, and only a limited number of the review copies remain. This money is needed to close out the Memphis Conference and any overage will go to the WLC and WLC-IV.

If it seems like we are in a hurry, we are. Far too many addicts have died never knowing recovery was possible. In words telegraphed to Memphis, "The full fruit of a labor of love lies in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season." We are praying for a season of growth and new life for addicts seeking recovery, not another season of death by ignorance.

THE REVIEW FORM OF THE BASIC TEXT

The review form is in some respects like a baby with unformed fingers and toes. Don't be too quick to cut out material which could be improved without deletion. Valuable material which may or may not fit the style of expression common to you or your area can be rephrased. The real purpose of review is to find, as much as is possible, a more common written ground for the material already included and to gather and include any material which may be needed for completion. Remember, we are all addicts pulling together. It might be helpful to make a list of those things which have been very important in your recovery and look for these things as you read over the material. Take notes as you go and send them to us for use at WLC-IV.

Stories contained in the eleventh chapter of the review form will be deleted unless we have a release form from the con-

tributing member by WLC-IV. If you know of a story writer not in touch with us, please have them contact us immediately.

Also, in order that "the Book" will have a consistent theme of recovery throughout, we are asking story writers to send us supplementary material on how their life is today. We are not looking for "All-American Success Stories" about cars, money, jobs, etc. We are not looking either for stories of family reconciliation, although in some cases that is an integral part of recovery. We are looking for how you, as a recovering addict, utilize the Twelve Steps, apply the Twelve Traditions and participate in the Fellowship in ongoing recovery. If the Fellowship approves, we want to leave the door open for additional stories during WLC-IV. Otherwise, we will be unable to include additional stories which may come in during the review period.

The review of material is primarily directed toward the ten chapters of the basic text portion. Feelings about a member's story from Chapter Eleven will be useful and should be included, although the final say about style and content remains in the hands of the contributing member. We can pass on the comments and the material can be improved in some cases.

We learned a lot at Wichita, Lincoln and Memphis. We learned that we can have our book if enough of us put forth the effort. We are grateful for the progress so far and expect to have a great Conference at Santa Monica. Be there! Our most important members are standing at our doors seeking that which we have been freely given. Let us give it to them.

In loving service,

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Bo Sewell
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June 1, 1981
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My Dear Friends:

During the past few weeks, I have experienced much of the beauty of God's handiwork. I am overwhelmed by the infinite scope of His grand design.

I have witnessed the gentle birth of spring in the hills of North Georgia and been amazed at the riot of color in a Southern spring. I have seen the surf roll onto the California beachhead and marvelled at the awesome expanse of ocean. I have seen the trackless expanse of high desert and watched the breath-taking sunrise above the majesty and grandeur of the Great Divide. I have seen the seemingly limitless prairie. Today, I sit amidst the softly rolling hills of Ohio farm country.

Yet for all the marvel of God's bounty, my travels have not been without some tinge of sadness. The trip from Southern California to Lincoln, Nebraska, was approximately 1,200 miles. There are several great cities and thousands of people between California and the Great Plains. Yet we passed through only <u>two</u> communities with <u>active</u> groups of Narcotics Anonymous. From California to Ohio, we passed through eight states. Yet only half of those states were represented at the recent World Service Conference.

My sadness is that I know that there are addicts living lives of desperation and dying even in such out-of-the-way, Mid-American communities as St. George, Utah; Rawlins, Wyoming; and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

But the loving, concerned God that we have found in Narcotics Anonymous has given us hope and willing workers. I met many very dedicated members in Southern California. In addition, there were others at the two Conferences (WLC-IV and WSC) from around the country and, of course, our Canadian brethren from British Columbia. I met more dedicated members at Lincoln, and there is no way to describe to you the enthusiasm and dedication here in the foothills of Northeast Ohio.

Ohio is one of the youngest regional service structures of the N.A. Fellowship. Yet in less than two years, it has grown to be one of our larger areas in terms of active groups. The first

N.A. meeting in Ohio began at Youngstown in July 1979 (less than two years ago). Today, there are 43 groups here, with reports of new groups and rumors of new groups coming in everyday. And, more importantly, the Fellowship here is not just one of those "talk about the Program" areas--these people are involved.

We arrived in Ohio in the early morning last Thursday. That weekend, the Fellowship here held a fund-raiser in support of WLC-V and YOUR book. More than 100 members attended from all over the Northeast Ohio area and raised $1,065.00. That is representative of the dedication to personal recovery and recovery for the addict who still suffers. Ohio wants The Book this year. I am sure that many more of you want The Book just as badly.

Now for the boring, turn-off part of the letter. How badly do you want a book? Step Twelve tells me that I cannot keep the recovery I have found here, in Narcotics Anonymous, unless I freely share that recovery with others. I can think of no better way to share the message of recovery than to hand a copy of The Book to every newcomer. I can think of no better way to attract the newcomer than by making The Book available to every public library, institution, treatment center, hospital, doctor, therapist, university or college, and halfway house in the world. Of course, we have not yet even made The Book available to each other.

And we cannot, and will not have The Book without you, your dedication, your time, your talent and your money. I realize that this is just a reprise of the same, sad song, but we cannot function without dedicated members and money.

The Book is near completion. But then the Washington Monument stood "near completion" for 50 years from lack of money. The basic text consists of ten chapters. As a result of the effort at Santa Monica (WLC-IV), one-half of the basic text (five chapters) went though second edit and are near "final form" for submission to the Fellowship for approval first by the Fellowship and then the World Service Conference. The remaining five chapters stand at various stages of reaching final form, but for the most part these five chapters got little beyond having input from the review form factored into the existing material. Only two of these chapters completed first edit.

WLC-V is rapidly approaching. If we are to have a "final form" before WCNA-11, it most likely will have to be achieved as a result of the effort at WLC-V here in Ohio. "IF" is always a mighty big word, and in this case is dependant on two factors: your presence at Warren, Ohio, June 29-July 3, and your financial support. At present, our financial reserves are barely adequate to cover the initial expense of mailing flyers for the Conference and this letter. We will need additional revenues immediately to cover the cost of stationery supplies and rental on equipment for the Conference.

In addition, our Conference will need funds to cover the cost of printing and distributing the material produced. Because of lack of funds, the material from Santa Monica has not yet been reproduced, so few of the Conference attendants have seen the final result of their efforts there. However, it appears that the Warren Conference will bring all of the material in the basic text to "final form." Therefore, we cannot justify any delay in distributing copies of the material to the worldwide Fellowship.

The shocking reality is that printing, postage and distribution are expensive--very expensive! The final costs for printing and distribution of the review form (The Gray Book) were more than $10,000.000. Since the Memphis Conference, the cost of printing has not gone down, and postage has increased 20%.

With that kind of figure in mind ($10,000.00), not counting the actual costs of holding the Conference, as of today, we are only $9,800.00 short of our goal. If you want a book, we need money. (Funds raised here this week went to help "catch up" on outstanding expenses. The WSC Treasurer has some funds earmarked for WLC, but the remaining funds from here and WSC are insufficient to open the Conference).

Just as importantly as financial support, we need you--not just your moral support, but your physical presence. No conference of any kind is successful without people in attendance. The mechanics of any conference depend on willing workers. There seems to be a new kind of insidious illness rampant in Recovery today that says: "I shouldn't get too involved in service work because my personal comfort is more important than the needs of others." I make that specualtion only because it seems that the same people show up for every service conference and the letters and telephone calls come from the same people. Some of you don't even bother to answer your mail. Then too, more than half of the areas where we have valid addresses of groups have never been represented at a single World Literature Conference, and other areas have been represented at every one. Show your concern and come to Warren and bring a friend and/or newcomer with you.

Concerning the Warren Conference, we have acquired fantastic facilities. We are meeting at Willard Hall, a former elementary school which has been converted to a residential inebriate alternative program ("go to Willard, or go to jail") for those convicted of DWI charges. We have the entire facilities, including full-service cafeteria, showers, auditorium, classrooms, and dormitories. Therefore, costs of attending the Conference will be minimal, other than transportation to and from Warren and registration.

Preliminary plans for Warren include the following:

1. (Top Priority) Complete the work necessary to bring the basic text to final form.

2. Workshops on proposed new pamphlets, including material already suggested, i.e.:

a. Sponsorship
b. Teenage Addiction & Recovery
c. H&I ("Recovery on the Inside")

3. Review of the proposed I.P.'s previously submitted for review, i.e.:

a. "The Triangle of Self-Obsession"
b. "For the Newcomer"
c. "Getting Realer"

4. Updating the WLC mailing list.

Some of the "input" necessary to implement the above criteria is currently underway. Workshop committees in Southern California, the Pacific Northwest, and Lincoln, Nebraska, are working on four chapters and a fifth chapter is being sent to St. Louis, Missouri, for workshop. We have received some excellent input on sponsorship and some of our teenaged members have submitted material suitable for pamphlet consideration. In addition, we have recently received some truly great material from one of our members currently incarcerated in Ohio.

All that remains now is for you to show up and complete the work that needs doing.

In respect to contributions, Joseph P., our current treasurer for the World Service Conference, has agreed to act as a central clearinghouse for all funds in support of WSC and the various committees. All contributions in support of the World Literature Committee (except registration for WLC-V) should be sent directly to:

Treasurer WSC
671 Jefferson Ave.
Memphis, TN 38105

Please specify by note with your contribution "For WLC" or words to that effect.

Lastly, please remember to include us in your daily spiritual program so that we may truly work for you, according to God's divine precepts, to strengthen the Fellowship, further recovery and aid the addict who still suffers. To paraphrase somebody or other, "Storm heaven with your prayers, and give us the benefit of your written input. I am hoping to see the biggest turnout yet for a Literature Conference. Please dig deep into your pocketbooks. In loving service, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Roger Teague
Chairman