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WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philladelphia, PA

First group conscience opened at 6:20pm, Friday, January 15. Page C. opened with the serenity prayer.

Members Present:

Page C- Marietta GA
Bo S. - Marietta GA
Linda M - Auburn KS
Anita V - Marietta GA
Joe T - Southampton PA
Kathy B - Bristol PA
Bob B - Morrisville PA
Terrie O - Langhorne PA
Bob M - Wilmington DE
Denise T - Newark DE
Chuck K - Newtown PA
A.J. H - New Brunswick NJ
Mike F. - Morrisville PA
Teresa - PA
Al - PA

The purpose of the conference was stated by Page being that we need to put stories together for the book. Page also stated that we are running on a tight budget and every effort should be made to economize. Materials such as writing tablets should be left in work areas.

Linda M reported that we have about 130 stories but release forms are needed on many of them. People that we have stories on but no release forms on have been contacted. A cross section is needed of the fellowship. Three suggestions were made. 1) get well written stories 2) make sure there is a release form with it and 3) plug it into the needed and proper category. It was suggested that this can be done by breaking into groups of 3.

Teresa reported that she has received some release forms and new stories in the mail recently. New stories seem to be in better condition then the older ones, perhaps because of the letter that was sent out recently with a request for stories.

Page asked that we come up with a plan of attack for the conference.

Teresa asked if we have a way to contact people that we do not have release forms on. Linda stated that we have 90% of the phone numbers that would be needed.

The question of editing was brought up by Page. Linda suggested that we just edit the stories that we are interested in by making 2 piles. One pile would be for good and the other for not so good. Teresa suggested that maybe we ought to have a practice session on editing at the group conscience for anyone who is new and not

familar with the way that it is done.. Linda suggested that in order to save time that we just put an experienced person in charge of a group.

An insert was passed around on writing a good story. Page commented that everyones style will be different because everyone comes from a different background.

The question was brought up about what is a good cross section? It was stated that we are talking about sex, age, race, drug of choice, extent of active addiction, etc.

Page suggested that we go around the table, introduce ourselves and make a comment.

A.J. suggested that we make a cross section before reading.

Bo stated that he was glad to be here and that we should make sure that our cross section does not exclude, because the purpose is to include. He also suggested that we use the phone for stories that are potentially good but need adding to or questions asked.

Page stated that he wants to stay away from re-writing anyones story and Bo agreed because the control should be in the hands of the person writing the story. Linda agreed to be careful of over editing.

Bo state that we need to pull together and support the chairman and get the job done.

Anita wants to get on with it as far as breaking into groups, reading the stories and deciding what is usable and what is not.

Kathy brought up the question of being a little confused over what a cross section was and it was explained to her and the group by Page.

Chuck is curious to see what the conference will be like. Wants to get involved!

Al likes Bo's suggestion of calling people to complete stories. Wants to catagorize first

Linda- nothing more to add at this time.

Joe - first conference and stated that what we are about to do is like writing a term paper. He suggested that we see what we have first, eliminate what we can not use, and the job will be easier because you will have less to work through.

A brief discussion was based on the question of AA members being offended

by referring to AA as "another 12 step program." Page made the comment that recovery is what counts.

A.J. made the comment that our higher power will see to it that we get the stories we need. Lets get into the stories and put in catagories later.

Bo stated that he feels that surrender is a key item to look for. This has to do with the addicts turning point. What and how much a person used does not equal quality of surrender.

The question was raised by Page about leaving some slang terms and phrases unedited because it reflects the addicts true personality.

Anita stated that she feels that if you make too many exceptions on slang terms you will loose a format for editing that a group can use.

Bo interjected that the group should feel free to ask questions about things not understood until you get an answer. He also added that the problem with slang is that it does not always mean the same thing when translating into another language.

Page asked for a show of hands for those wanting to catagorize first. One hand was raised. He asked for a show of hands for people who want to start off by reading and evaluating. The rest of the group raised their hands.

Bo suggested that we get a proposed program for the conference.

Group consciences will be held as needed due to the shortness of time we are working with and the ammount of work needed to be completed.

It was decided that attending ~~meetings~~ members go outside for meetings rather than having them here where work is being done.

Al is in charge of sleeping arrangements.

Pay for coffee!

Linda is the only one that will be in the files. Linda and Teresa are the only ones that will be running the copy machine.

The room next to the bathroom is off limits.

Linda asked if more than one copy was needed of stories to be read and evaluated.

It was decided that one person would read the story and the others would take notes.

The motioned was made by Teresa that meeting be closed, and seconded by a few, and closed with serenity prayer at 7:55pm.

STYLE SHEET FOR COMPOSITION REVIEW

Use the work/phrases:	In reference to (instead of):
CLEAN	Condition of abstinence from drugs (sober)
RECOVERY	Sobriety
ADDICT/ADDICTION	Identity as people powerless over chemicals (Drug addict, alcoholic, drug dependent, drug abuser, dope fiend)
USING	Operating, practicing
STOP	Quit,(i.e., I didn't quit, I stopped using drugs.)
THEM, THEIR	He/she/his/him/her (remove gender)
Useful	Normal
WORKING THE STEPS	Taking the Steps
LIVING A DAY AT A TIME/LIVE TODAY/JUST FOR TODAY	One day at a time
TAKE IT EASY	Easy does it
IT WON'T LAST	This too shall pass
PRIORITIES	First things first
SEEK a)QUALITY b)COMPETENCY c)GROWTH	"Strive for progress rather than perfection."
RELAPSE	Slip

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 ANYTHING
- b) places
- c) type
- d) feelings
- e) behavior LOOKING FOR SECRET

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

OUTLINE FOR EDITING STORIES

I. Direct references to A.A. & A.A.Literature

a) should refer to other 12 step program

II. Geographic Locations

a) leave intact if useful

b) remove if repetious

III. Dates

a) delete month and day

b) convey length of time

IV. Language

a) omit profanity

b) change slang terms to common terms

c) check and correct obvious grammar and punctutation errors

V. Variety

a) area

b) age

c) sex

VI. Drug brand names

(714)
Galuid to downer

WORLD LITERATURE CONFFRENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

January 16, 1982

Second Day, Evening meeting

Meeting opened by Page C. with the serenity prayer at 3:50PM

Members Present:

Al C - PA
Steve K - PA
Andy O - PA
Joe C - PA
Joe R - NJ
Danny W - NJ
Carmen C - NJ
Rivh M - PA
Bobby B - PA
Nunzio G - PA
Dennis T - DE
Bill G - NJ
Al R - PA
Tish G - PA
Donna S - PA
Mike F - PA
Maria S - PA
Arleen T - PA
Vickie T - PA
Carli M - PA
John F - DE
Bob M - DE
Sandy M - PA
Michael V - PA
Pete B - PA
Terica W - PA
Terrie O - PA
Chuck K - PA
Bob B - PA
Clifford T - PA
Chris L - PA
A.J. - NJ
Anita V - GA
Page C - GA
Bo S - GA

Linda M. explained the process of editing. The three most important things being drug of choice, point of surrender, and point of recovery. An example was given to the group. It was stated that we should note as much as possible. All material must be kept in file. A discussion followed on editing.

Joe R raised the question on why are we using the chart for cross sectioning.
Pete B explained that it has been decided that we would like a good cross section so that any newcomer can find a point of identification.
Page explained about discrimination by exclusion and how the cross section would eliminate this problem.
Page asked for typests. There were a few volunteers.
AJ agreed to co-ordinate typing.
Page explained the editing process in more detail. The file contains a master, 3 copies, a graph and an outline.
The question was raised about using quotes and refrences and the possibility of plagerism. This was in regard to slogans in the other fellowships book.
Pete did not think it was plagerism and Linda thought we should consult a professional.
Page asked about changing the word sober to clean and sobriety to recovery. Discussion on this took place.
Al made the motion that we change the word sober to clean and sobriety to recovery. Seconded by Pete.
More discussion took place. Many opinions were expressed, basically

Previous comments and opinions were reitterated.
Andy stated that a group conscience decided that it was best for the fellowship to make these word changes.
Steve reminded the group that members signed release forms.
Page passed out a detailed style sheet.
Andy questioned the motion on the floor.
Pete ammendedAls motion.to say that we would change the two words sober add sobriety and all other words would remain the same.
The motion was seconded by Andy.
The ammendment was accepted by Al.
Motion was carried.
Page read from editing sheet. Discussion followed.
Joe mentioned that the more slang that is used in the ~~group~~ Stories the quicker the material in the book will be outdated. Many people brought up the problem of translating slang in different languages.
Bobby made the motion that we leave it to the group of three to delete or leave in slang. Motion seconded by Pete.
Motion voted on and carried.

Linda M explained the cross section chart to the group. No errors were found on the chart except that it lacked a place for age. It was suggested that groups make a place on the individuals chart for age.
Al asked if we were going to include a catagory for religious or ethnic backround.
Page stated that we should go with what is on the cross section chart and make comments on the back. Age should be stated if possible.
Page stressed that we are to edit and type.

Aj is in charge of typing, dictionaries etc.

Linda and Page are in charge of cross section chart.

Page asked if there were any questions from the group on editing. There were NONE!

Denise expressed the concern for the need to sleep. Al is still "sleep chairman" and he will find you a place.

Seven people agreed to lead workshops, and they all have experience.

It was suggested that people not working in workshops help clean up, make coffee etc. and keep distractions to a minimum so that the workshops are efficient.

Pete made a motion to close. Aj seconded the motion.

Al welcomed people coming into the conference.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer at 4:50pm.

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

January 16, 1982

Second day, night meeting

Meeting opened by Page with the serenity prayer at 11:11Pm

Attending members:

Page C - GA
Richard M - PA
Al R - PA
Denise T - DE
Donald N - PA
Dennis T - PA
Ken L - PA
Phil S- PA
Chuck K - PA
Suzanne A - PA
Terrie O - PA
A.J/- NJ
Jim E - PA
Cathy B - PA
Alice C - PA
Steve A - PA
John F - PA
Alan S - PA
Carmen C - NJ
David W - NJ
Linda M - KS
Bill G - NJ
Mike M - PA
Wesley K - PA
Toni P - PA
Mike F - PA
Donna S - PA
Stephen K - PA
Joe R - NJ
Andy O - PA
Ron D - PA
Pete B - PA
Tom M - OH

Page opened discussion stating that we had 33 good stories but two were withdrawn from good stack and put in the promising pile. At this time two stories were still in a workshop. These comments were made while copies of previous minutes were circulating.

Minutes of past two group consciences were read by the secretary and accepted as read.

Andy asked for discussion on the two letters that were being included in the minutes. The two letters questioned were one written to Roger T and one written to Page C. Page gave a background on the events leading up to the letters.

Andy made the motion that we radify Page as WLC Chairman. It was seconded by Al.

Pete ammended Andy's motion adding 5 reasons for endorsing the nomination of Page as WLC Chairman.

Andy questioned the ammendment made by Pete. Andy withdrew his motion. Pete withdrew his ammendment to Andy's motion.

Linda made the motion to radify the steps the WSC Administrative sub committee took to ask for Roger Ts resignation. Motion was seconded by Steve. Vote was called for and motion was carried unanimously.

Andy made the motion to instate Page C as acting chairman of WLC. Al seconded the motion. Discussion followed. AJ made a statement saying that he feels Page is willing and able and he gives his support. A vote on the motion was called for. Motion was carried unanimously.

Bo made a motion that the reasons read by Pete stating reasons for endorsing the nomination of Page as WLC Chairman be stated in minutes. This motion was seconded by many and the motion was carried unanimously. The reasons read by Pete are as follows.

1) Roger T who was previously elected chairman has not functioned as chairman since September of 1981 and has as a result of his non- performance, effectively resigned.
2) Steve B., chairman of the WSC Administrative sub committee has communicated to Roger T asking for his resignation and has received no reply.'
3) Jim M previously elected World Lit. Sub committee vice-chairman has declined his chairmanship.
4) The WLS-C at its meeting in Memphis in November of 1981 elected Page C its 2nd vise chairman and acting chairman.
5) Page C has served effectively since that time; establishing communication throughout the committee and the fellowship as a whole stepping into his active position on short notice presiding over the Philadelphia World Literature conference and making considerable progress in establishing financial records for the W.L.S.-C among other things by requesting detailed financial reports from the Santa Monica, Ohio, and Miami. (the cities of three previous World Literature Conferences.)

Linda raised the question of a vice chairman. Should we vote on one?

Ron asked if there was a need for one.

Pete explained that previous experience showed the need for a vice-chairman when we didnt have one and the elected chairman at the time was not present. Bo elaborated on Petes comment stating that a vice chairman is active. He gathers group conscience and raises support.

Ron made the motion that we decide how many vise chairmans we need and to make nominations for office. Motion seconded by Dennis. Page explained the procedure for elections, voting etc. to Andy who asked if we had delt with this already in Memphis.

Pete started to ammend Rons motion but withdrew his ammendment midway.

Page asked the group how many vise chairmans did the group think we need. Ron suggested two, AJ suggested at this time one. Ron withdrew his original motion and made another motion to decide how many vise chairmans we need. Motion seconded by AJ. Motion was carried to elect one vise chairman at a later time in conference.

Ed made the motion that we elect vise chairman tommorrow. Motion was seconded by a few and voted on. Motion was not carried.

Linda made a motion to open the floor for nominations and it was seconded by Ron. Qualifications for office were stated by Page. Willingness to serve as well as ability to serve.

Dennis nominated Andy. It was seconded. Andy declined.

Ron nominated Pete. It was seconded. Pete accepted.

Bill nominated Bill G. It was seconddd. Bill declined.

Rich nominated Steve K. It was seconded. Steve accepted.

AJ made the motion to close nominations. Seconded by Dennis. Page called for a vote after Steve and Pete stated their qualifications for office.

Pete: involved with literature since June of 80. This is his 3rd World Literature conference. Has done alot of communication and is very willing to serve. Surrender to the program is complete in his heart

Steve: wants to decline nomination and support Pete.

Pete elected vise chairman of WLC by acclamation.

Group paused for prayer.

Page explained the different catagories that we have and the cross section chart was explained to the group. We have covered most catagories. We need to try and go over promising stories to fill in the gaps.

There was discussion on where to fill in the gaps and where to get the stories from.

Anita suggested that we concentrate on filling in the ethnic groups first rather than drug of choice gaps. Most of the drug of choice gaps that are shown on cross section chart in actuality are filled in the garbage can classification.

AJ agreed with Anita.

It was suggested by Ron that we look at the names to see if they may indicate the ethnic group represented.

Page agrees with priority to fill in the ethnic group gaps first and than fill in drug of choice catagory.

Bo explained that if the phone is needed try and get member to call us back to help keep the phone expenses to a minimum.

Page stated our plan of attack. 1) search files to see what we have first 2) ethnic group catagory first 3)drug of choice catagory second.

Gratitude extended to AJ for the fine job coordinating the typing.

Page stated that the group will evaluate the physicans viewpoint tommorrow.

Bo stated that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees called and would be here if at all possible. He sends his support.

Aj needs another typist.

Next group conscience will be Sunday Jan. 17th at noon.

The meeting was closed at 12:32AM with the Lords Prayer.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

January 2, 1982

Roger Teague
C/O CONCEPT HOUSE
162 N. E. 49th St.
Miami, FL 33127

Dear Roger:

I, as Chairman of the Administration Committee, and after due deliberation and vote on this matter, by that Committee, do hereby ask for your written resignation as Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee (1982).

This decision was derived from on-going concerns of the members of the WSC Literature Committee, as well as, the Administration Committee, due to your lack of attendance, availability, and visible participation.

This in no way reflects upon your personal program, but at this time we think it imperative to have a person able to devote the time and energy so crucially needed.

We thank you for your efforts and will welcome any input you have to offer.

Yours in Fellowship,

Steve Bice

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Chairman
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WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

JANUARY 2, 1982

Page
1757 Darwin
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Dear Page,

Congratulations on your selection as 2nd Vice Charman of the WSC Literature Committee.

Roger's inactivity, has disqualified him of the Chairmanship and I understand that Jim Miller disqualified himself as first Vice Chairman due to other responsibilities, which leaves you, as the active Chair of the Literature Committee of the World Service Conference (1982).

I especially like the action that the Committee took out of need for a leader, and who would know of your qualifications better than your peers, on the Committee you have been so active on.

I believe a good precedent has been set by these actions and I hope our next conference will deal with this situation, so committees of the future will have guidelines in selecting Vice Chairmen from their active members, instead of the apprehension your committee must have felt, with no plan to guide you.

Speaking for all of the WSC Administration Committee, I thank you for your past labors and you have our continued confidence as active Chairman of the WSC Literature Committee to the World Service Conference (1982).

Yours in Fellowship,

Steve Bice

Steve Bice
Chairman
World Service Conference (1982)

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WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philladelphia, PA

January 16, 1982

Second day, Morning Meeting

Meeting opened by Page C with a momemt of silence followed by the serenity prayer at 6:55 AM

Members present:

Linda M - Kansas
AJ - New Jersey
Toni P - PA
Steve E - PA
Carlie M - PA
Dennis L - PA
Bernie A - PA
Ron D - PA
Anita V - GA
Page C - GA
Pete B - PA
Teresa W - PA
Tom M - Ohio
John S - PA
Bo S - GA
Andy O - PA
Denise T - DE
Bobby B- PA
Joe G - PA
Joe C - PA
Chris L- PA
Kathy B - PA
Carmen C - NJ
Terri O - PA
Bill G - NJ

Linda M reported that we have 25 good stories and 31 promising stories. We have no breakdown on a cross-section.

Everyone still is not sure on the meaning of cross-section. Page explained what a cross-section is to the group. Identification is the key. The question is, Can everyone find a story they can relate to? They should be able to.

It was suggested that we start catagorizing the stories by drug of choice first, than sex, age, race etc. Discussion was held . Andy had a question as to whether or not we would cover all catagories. Teresa, Tom, and Aj all felt that we should start our catagories by drug of choice. Tom mentioned that every story considered will have one thing in common, that being NA recovery. Steve stated that the stories he read didnt necessarily state a drug of choice and we should consider another point of reference for a starting point. Teresa made a motion that we classify the stories by drug of choice and Pete seconded it. Discussion still continued. Page stated that a story can do two things...1) add recovery experience that is not in basic text because member can express personal opinion in his story where as we cant express personal opinion in the basic text. 2) Cross-section is needed in order to have a point of identification for a newcomer.
Ron suggested that point of surrender be the starting point for a cross section.
Andy stated that everything is important and we should consider all catagories.
Denise would like to see street user vs closet user as a catagory.
Page called for a vote on the motion made by Teresa. The motion being to start catagorizing by Drug of Choice as a starting point.
Motion carried

Motion was carried.
More discussion was held. It was the same discussion that took place before the vote on Teresa's motion.
Andy stated that God will see to it that the stories get in the book that are suppose to get in the book. Ron also made a statement to the same effect.

Page asked for next point of action because we have evaluated all the stories that we have. Do we want to evaluate the stories as a group or leave this to the individual group consciences?
Work must leave PA as polished as possible. A good typest can type a story and edit at the same time.
The question was raised by Joe about editing. Do we edit just the stories labeled good?
Page restated that we need to evaluate (or decide) if we are leaving evaluation of stories up to the groups that originally evaluated them.
Joe stated that we should catagorize before we edit to avoid excess work.
Many agreed with Joe.
Bo stated that he thinks the 25 "good stories" should go in the book and so we should start to edit the 25 stories now while catagorizing is taking place.
More discussion took place on cross-sectioning.

Discussion took place on whether or not the 25 good stories should go in the book. A mixed opinion was expressed.

Bobby made a motion that we go ahead and catagorize the 25 stories the group conscience felt was good so we can see what gaps we have.

Discussion reverted to the question of cross sectioning and point of identification, at which point of time Bobby ammended his motion, adding that we start to catagorize in the following order. Drug of choice, surrender, and recovery. This motion was seconded by AJ and many others. Motion carried.

Discussion on the passed motion started.
Denise stated that we need a plan on how we are going to do this.

Tom made a motion that we type and edit the 25 stories we feel are good and this was seconded by Bo.
Discussion followed.
Linda suggested the following. 1) workshops of 3 for editing. 1 person type, 2 others would discuss. 2)take to a professional typest.
Anita ammedded Toms motion. Motion is to type and edit the 25 storie in groups of three. Seconded by many. Motion was carried.

Dennis made the motion that we close and seconded in unison by entire group. Meeting closed at 8:25AM with the Lords Prayer,

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

Third day, afternoon meeting

Meeting opened by Page C with the serenity prayer at 1:40pm

Members present:

Terica W - PA
Page C - GA
Anita V - GA
Joe N - NJ
Bob M - DE
Al R - PA
Terri O - PA
Andy O - PA
Joe C - PA
Al S - PA
Barry S - PA
Daniel W - PA
A.J. - NJ
Bo S - GA
Carli M - PA
Stephen K - PA
Dennis T - PA
Bill G - NJ
Janine Y - PA
Joe R - NJ
Denise T - DE
Bobby B - PA
Toni P - PA
Pete B - PA
Ed W - PA
Jerry G - PA
Donna S - PA

, Minutes of the last group conscience were read by the secretary. AJ made a motion to accept as read. Page made a correctionnim the minutes. On page 2, reason 5 the correction is as follows... Page C has served effectively since that time; establishing communicatiom throughout the committee and the fellowship as a whole, stepping into his active position on short term notice, presiding over the Philadelphia World Literature Conference and making considerable progress in establishing accurate financial records for the WLS-C among other things, and is in the process of requesting detailed financial reports from Santa Monica, Ohio, and Miami (cities of three previous World Literature Conferenees)
AJ withdrew his motion. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as corrested and this was seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Page brought up the issue of the changes in WLC chairman and the letters to Page C. and Roger T. He stressed the 12 traditions and stated that principles are placed above personalities. Gossip is not needed. He streesed that in no way should judgement on Roger T be made. He did a good job while acting chairman. For a committee to function, an active chairman is essential. That was the reason for resignation of Roger T and instatement of Page as chairman. Integrity must be upheld. Page stated that he is proud to serve and just wants a book.

Page informed the group that since the last group conscience we have about 4 hours of typing left at which point in time 30 stories will be typed and edited. The files have been gone through and we have come up with 5 promising stories to work on in order to fill the gaps we have on cross section chart.

Discussion took place on the progress of the catagories. AJ stated that attention should be on filling the ethnic group representation gaps. Bill stated that he had a hard time seeing the significance of ethnic group s being a priority for point of identification, and stated that the point of identification is addiction. Steve agreed with Bill.

Andy, Bobby, Terica, and Mike all stated in one way or another that they felt a need for all the ethnic groups to be represented. Barry and Tom made suggestions for attaining needed stories to fill the ethnic group gaps. Joe stated that we could easily exclude by including. Bo said that he would like to get a story from Europe, Asia etc. The telephone could be used. He is willing to be involved in a workshop or committee to this effect. Bill stated that we should keep our principles spiritual. Dennis stated that we should put ourselves in the newcomers shoes. Al agrees with Bo about foreign stories. Anita suggested that if we are not going to include and cover all ethnic groups maybe we should consider editing reference to ethnic groups in the stories. The discussion continued but nothing was stated that had not already been stated and discussed. Joe made a motion to close discussion and it was seconded...motion carried.

Page stated for point of information that we have stories from Hawaii, Austraila and the black race.

Dennis stated that we need to start working.

Terica commented that we can only work with what we have. Terica made a motion that we go ahead and get the promising stories that would fill the gaps up to par. Seconded by Joe.

Bobby ammended Terica's motion by adding to let Bo and others start gathering stories from overseas.

Terica did not accept Bobby's ammendment to her motion.

There was a call for a vote and the motion carried.

Bob made a motion that refrence to ethnic nature be edited. seconded by Pete.

More discussion.

Al feels we are backtracking.

Dennis sees the point but feels hesitant about newcomer finding a point of identification.

Linda stated an alternative and Petemade an ammendment to Bobs motion. The motion now reads that we edit direct refrence to ethnic groups and add a preface to the story section stating that this is a fellowship for addicts seeking recovery. The stories following are written by all types of ethnic groups and races. We have chosen to delete direct refrence of these ethnic groups so that we may relate to each other as addicts rather than individuals.

Joe seconded the ammendment.

Motion carried 16 for , 3 opposed and 1 abstained.

Discussion... Andy stated that he felt there was a problem. We are changing directions. Tom stated that we should have a 2/3 majority vote to change previous group consciences. Discussion continued, became chaotic, hard to follow, and the secretary became confused. Bo stated that we are making a sweeping change that would hit the fellowship hard and be difficult to explain. Stories should say that N.A. recovery exists for ALL humans. Page restated that a 2/3 majority vote has been used in the past to change a previous group conscience.

Joe tried to shed some light on procedure.

There was a call to revote or reconsider motion made by Bob.

Andy and Boe than exchanged more words on procedure. At this point in time discussion among members of the group became slightly heated.

Jerry stated that he felt meeting was out of order and the chairman should be in charge.

Chairman agreed.

Page called for a recount on previous vote.

Motion made by Bob and ammended by Pete was re-read by secretary.

Recount of vote took place and motion was defeated by overwelming majority.

Pete made a motion to coordinate workshops. 1 would gather more stories from promising group in order to secure stories from Australia, Blacks, and Hawaii, and another workshop would work on overseas stories that we do not have. Motion seconded . Discussion took place but nothing was remarkable enough to note.

Bobby called for a vote to vote. This was seconded, voted on and carried. Motion made by Pete was voted on and carried. 12 were for the motion, 8 were against and 10 abstained from voting.

Andy stated that a deadline was given on submitting stories and what we now have is represenitive of N.A. at this time.

Bobby made a comment regarding the budget and than followed the comment with a motion that the committe working on gathering international stories ASK members to CALL the conference back in order to keep expenses to a minimum. seconded by Pete.

Jerry elaborated on Bobby's motion. The secretary became very spacy and CAN not recall Jerry's elaboration.

Bo commented on Jerrys elaboration stating that he did not visualize spending over 50.00 on phone calls. He suggested that a tape recorder is used and made a statement that every effort will be made to keep cost at a minimum. Bo also stated that a little effort to communicate to the members overseas would show these members that we care.

Terica calldd for a vote to vote and it was seconded by everyone in unison. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bobby was carried.

Linda raised the question if all the stories that are going in the book need to pass a group conscience such as this.

Page replied to Linda saying that it was already decided that the group consciences of three were being entrusted with the decision.

Page suggested that we read the Physicians view point in the group conscience and copies were passed out.

Terica read the physicans view point.

Tom made the comment that he had a major concern being that he felt the opinion was expressed that NA is only valid as aftercare program following medical treatment. Tom made the motion that the physicans viewpoint not be accepted for the book. Motion seconded by Andy.

Discussion took place. Comments were made by Pete and Bobby, Bobby raised the question of possibly editing the physicans view point. Pete commented on emotional impact. There were many thoughts and comments exchanged by many but not in any way for a secretary to take notes.

Joe called for a vote to vote. Seconded and voted on. 18 for 12 against. The motion made by Tom was than voted on Motion was carried... 23 for, 1 against and 8 abstained.

Page presented the present plan of attack...the 5 promising stories to be submitted to the workshops for improvement and 1 committee would be formed to gather overseas stories with cost being kept to a minimum.

Al suggested that we form workshops in group conscience.

8 people volunteered to lead workshops and they all have experience.

Terica made a motion that the meeting close. Joe strongly seconded Terica's motion.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer at 3:30pm.

"A PHYSICIAN'S VIEWPOINT"

The subject presented in this book is of lifesaving importance to those afflicted with the disease of addiction. I say this with a background as a clinical associate professor of both medicine and psychiatry with two years of formal training in addiction. As one of a new breed of medical specialists known as "addictionologist," I have a real sense of satisfaction and regard in being asked to contribute to the book of Narcotics Anonymous, a blueprint of recovery for the addict.

Six years ago, I attended my first meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. Three years ago, I sat on the floor of a small house in another N.A. meeting. Because of my professional training, as well as my personal life, I am knowledgeable in-depth about the 12 step recovery of Narcotics Anonymous. I quickly recognized the need that this largely young group of addicts were responding to in this meeting of N.A. Some years later, when one of the originators of the literature movement in N.A. suggested that I might contribute to the N.A. book from a medical specialist's standpoint, I was both flattered and humbled.

Since that first meeting, I have cared for many addicts, those suffering from addiction to narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogenic drugs and alcohol. It is now

apparent that these individuals are not weak-willed, ignorant, lack guts or will power, nor are they bad or evil. They are certainly not crazy and most have no primary psychiatric disease. They do, however, suffer from a biochemical-genetic disease called drug addiction. As an addictionologist, with training in both medicine and psychiatry, I have watched and participated in many forms of treatment. It is established truth that the self-help group of Narcotics Anonymous is the single most effective ~~treatment~~ tool we have ~~in~~ for the treatment of disease of addiction.

Through both clinical and laboratory research more knowledge and information has been acquired in the last seven years than in the past seven thousand years. It is apparent that many individuals suffering from drug addiction will need hospitalization for detoxification. Likewise to many with the disease of addiction, residence in treatment centers will provide intensive education into their disease, provide the tools of non-chemical coping skills, and help to rebalance them physically and biochemically. But critical to these men and women's disease recovery is the understanding, acceptance, and practicing of the Narcotics Anonymous program. Indeed a large proportion of drug addicts in Narcotics Anonymous have achieved quality recovery by attendance at N.A. meetings. Critical to the recovery of any person suffering from the disease of drug addiction, in terms of aftercare, is long term attendance at N.A. meetings. The data and scientific evidence in these early years of this decade of the eighties

confirm the rationale of Narcotics Anonymous being the most effective aftercare treatment modality that medicine possesses. As I have observed N.A. through the years an increasing number of adolescents and adults have achieved cleanliness through regular attendance at Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Therefore I now appreciate N.A. and its value as an integral part of any treatment program.

There are many stories of recovery in this book which are similar to those I have witnessed, played a part in. A pattern runs through each of the "miracles of recovery" that are documented in these pages. First, the individuals recognized they were ill, sick, and needed help. Then through the precepts and teachings of Narcotics Anonymous, they recognized the need for a moral inventory and an acknowledgement of their faults and weakness in their personality structure. Following was the requirement to make amends to those they have harmed, either psychologically or physically. Then, appreciating that the best way to keep their cleanliness and recovery was to give it away, they embarked on a life of helping others. Invariably in those who achieved cleanliness and serenity, this was accompanied by a feeling, often initially vague, tentative and undefined, that they could no longer do this by themselves; that they needed a power outside themselves. Many called it God as they understood Him; some combined them both. All agreed they couldn't use mood-changing drugs and they couldn't get well by themselves.

I have watched the growth of Narcotics Anonymous and as a need existed for the new generation of chemical dependent individuals where the drug of choice was narcotics, sedative-hypnotics, hallucinogens or stimulants, Narcotics Anonymous was born. As the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous has grown, so has the need for a primer, a guideline, a recovery map for the disease of addiction. I have witnessed a segment of the effort. A dedicated, unselfish group of ~~individuals~~ N.A members entirely without financial profit motive have banded with ~~N.A.~~ other members throughout the United States to write this book. It is needed, indeed it is critical reading for those who wish to recover, using the guidelines of N.A.

Current medical and scientific evidence indicates that addiction to any and all drugs is a disease, a biochemical-genetic disorder. No longer does the drug addict, the narcotic user have to harbor shame, embarrassment or guilt, nor do they have to suffer the ignorant scorn heaped upon them by those unknowledgeable in our society. By following the steps of the program of Narcotics Anonymous, attending N.A. meetings and talking with sponsors, the addict can learn to cope with this ignorance and prejudice. But it is clearly evident that this destructive ignorance and prejudice can most effectively be handled at N.A. meetings and the membership.

Those of us who are medically trained and work with these addictive diseases are numbed by our impotence utilizing traditional medical and psychiatric techniques in curing people

suffering and dying from drug addiction. Likewise, we are both impressed and humbled by witnessing the positive effects on the drug addicts who attend and follow the program of Narcotics Anonymous. As I used to give the drug inserts from the boxes of antibiotics to my patients, I will give those patients with drug addiction the book of N.A. To each I will give this book and this message, "Read this carefully and repeatedly. It's a simple book, yet profound in its wisdom and examples. It's inexpensive but above all it works. Of all the scientific weapons at my disposal there is no operation, no medicines, no machines that are half as effective or with half the promise of recovery that this book possesses. Many take this book out of compliance, and as unbelievers. Read it, reflect on it, read it again for the third promise of Narcotics Anonymous awaits you, if you practice the program of Narcotics Anonymous; you will find cleanliness, you will find serenity, and peace and love await you at the end of its chapters."

G. Douglas Talbott, M.D., F.A.C.P.

1982

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa.

Third day - night meeting

Attending members:

Terica W - PA
Pete B - PA
Jerry G - PA
Donna S - PA
Terri O - PA
Linda M - KS
Bobby B - PA
Denise T - DE
Stephen K - PA
Mike G - PA
Bo S - GA
Joe C - PA
Toni P - PA
Tom Mc - OH
A.J. - NJ
George R - PA
Rich Mc - PA
Andy O - PA
John S - PA
Mike V - PA
Al S - PA
Stephen K - PA
Al R - PA
Barry S - PA
Page C - GA
Anita V - GA

Meeting was opened with the serenity prayer by Page C at 9:55PM Corrections to the minutes were as follows. Tom made a statement that on page 1, 3rd paragraph it should read, (5th line)...He did a good job while chairman. Steve corrected the minutes in that only t of the 3 reasons Tom made concerning the physicans viewpoint were included in the minutes.On the third page, 13th paragraph, the addition is as follows. The three reasons Tom felt were reason not to accept the physicans viewpoint are 1)The opinion was expressed that NA is only valid as a aftercare program following medical treatment. 2)The physican is an addict himself and this could possibly discredit his opinion in the eyes of other physicain who are not. 3) The material was solicited and it would be better to wait until after the book was out and have a Physican write in because he wants to and as a result of the material he read. AJ made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected it was seconded by Tom and motion carried.

Page brought up the promising story catagory and asked for a report from committees that worked on these stories.All committees (workshops) reported and the results were that a few were approved, a few not approved and one needed more work.

Linda reported that Jim M from Ohio suggested that the release forms be re-written and she stated the reasons for a release form as being 1)possibility of any legal action 2)if anyone tried to claim royalties of some sort. Linda asked if we should call Jim and see if one was re-written. Page asked if all members that wrote stories could be contacted with new release forms. Linda said "Yes" to Page's question. Linda suggested that we send members that wrote stories that we are using, a copy of their story as it now stands. Bobby agreed and made a motion that we send members whose stories we are using a copy of their story as it now so they can see any changes that were made and sign new release forms to that effect. Linda ammended the motion by adding that the release forms are to be notorized.Oh, Donna seconded Bobby's motion. Lindas ammendment was accepted by Bobby. Motion was carried. A discussion took place regarding the motion that

was carried and the general trend of discussion was positive!

The question was raised on having all members who worked on the book sign release forms. Page said it would be researched but felt it wasnt needed and probally impossible.

Page asked for a report on stories by Linda. Lindas report was that at last count 18 were finished being typed, 5 were in typewriter, and 6 were waiting to be typed.(this equals or adds up to 29!) We also came up with 10 more stories to edit which puts us at aproximately 40 stories and thats where we are at.

Page asked for a report on overseas stories. Hawaii was contacted ~~(two contac~~ (two actual contacts) and they will get back with us within 8 hours. London was contacted and they were encouraged and will get back with us tommorrow night to dictate story. Frankfort was contacted, but they sounded annoyed, perhaps because it was 4 AM their time, we got cut off, tried to call back but no one answered.

Page stated for point of information that it looks as if stories will be printed in eihher Memphis or Atlanta and perhaps they will be typed in Memphis and mailed from Atlanta.

At this point Page brought up for discussion three "touchy" subjects. 1) Subject of money...at last count we were 8.00 over budget. This does not include long distant calls that have been made and that are being made. When Pete receives the phone bill the procedure is that he will call Page, Page will call the treasurer, and a check will be put in the mail.Can you believe there was no remarkable discussion??? 2) Concern over physicans view point. Should we let the fellowship decide by sending it out with the stories or decide for them?Discussion...Bobby stated he feels we should make the decision as Literature Committee. Andy agrees with Bobby and added that we are entrusted with responsibility over the material and the vote on the View Point was overwelming in favor not to include it. Discussion abrupty ended.#3) the subject of changing refernce to A.A to other 12 step program. A lengthy discussion followed .The secretary did her best to accurately represent all sides of this point of controversy. The motion was made by Rich to change any reference to AA, OA or other rehab. , to simply say "another program." It was seconded.Pros to this motion ~~was~~ are as follows.The AA fellowship may have given us our steps and traditions but they did not give us or write our book. Our own program seems to get watereed down by repeated reference being given to other programs. The purpose of the story is so people can identify and recover in NA.. Cons to the motion were as follows. We are working against time. We are changing a previous group conscience of over 100 ~~and~~ in which a larger representation of the fellowship was present. These pros and cons were discussed in detail by people that have attended all previous World Literature Conferences and are knowledgeable and well informed on the topic. Many people stated and reiterated the same thought as the person who spoke before him so names of people making the comments were ommitted for simplicity if simplicity at this point of time is feasible. Bob made an ammendment to the motion on the floor to include an option to strike mention of other twelve step program

if appropiate. The ammendment was accepted by Rich who made the motion and seconded. More discussion took place. It was brought up by Bobby (I think)that we are trying to establish a recovery process. He suggested that we keep it like we had it and not attempt to change a previous group conscience at this point in time. Pete, George, Page, Steve, Bo, George, Tom, Aj, Terica, and andy stated opinions, comments or anything else you would like to call them. Rich withdrew his motion with a statement that he wasnt aware of all the angles and prior group consciences. ~~or at least the sizes of the previous ones~~.

Page stated that lengthy discussions serve a purpose and alot is learned from these.

Andy ~~xxx~~ stated that he is getting better!

Page asked Tom Mc to call chairman of the Board of trustees and to check with him on the issue of"other twelve step program".

AJ stated that He believes God is with us. Stories are getting in the book that are meant to be there.

Barry is getting confused. Feels that the fellowship should and will decide. Does not want anything to go in the book that he would regret at a later time. Streeed getting the stories out to all the groups.

Page mentioned that perhaps the last page of the book could include a check sheet. But discussion on this can wait till later.

Bobby raised the question of present priorities. Page stated that the priorities are that 10 stories need to be edited. 5 can get away without being typed. Use white out.

Bo entered the room with new input. Hawaii member contacted Japan. "kyoshi" will try and get a story to us but has to check with translater. Also talking to a Koreon women. Bo stressed that he is not advocating a move to collect international stories with sick fasination. Andy knows a member raised in Libiya and is willing to call. Bo stated that he would do anything to get Kyoshis story in the book! Page mentioned the possibility of two mailings to get international stories out.

Bobby made a comment concerning his concern over the letters contained in minutes earlier. It was discussed and this was all that was needed at this time. Bobby was satisfied with the discussion that took place. Bobby made a motion to close. Seconded by many. Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer at 11:58PM

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE VII

Philadelphia, Pa

January 18, 1982

Fourth day - morning (final)

The final group conscience of WLC VII was opened byPage C with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, at 8:55AM.

Attending Members:

Page C - GA
A.J. - NJ
Steve E - PA
Bob Mac - DE
Kathy B - PA
Terri O - PA
Michael V - PA
Carli M - PA
Bobby B - PA
Linda M - KS
Donna S - PA
Pete B - PA
Anita V - GA
Bo S - GA

Secretary read the minutes of previous group conscience. Bo made a correction in regard to his statement on page 3, next to the last paragraph. The correction to the minutes are as follows. ... the paragraph reading; Bo entered the room with new input. Hawaii member contacted Japan and will try and get a story to the committee but has to check with translator.Also talking to a Korean member. Andy knows a member raised in Libyia and is willing to call. Page mentioned the possibility of two mailings to get international stories out. A motion was made by Bobby to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

Linda reported that 30 stories are typed, 6 need to be proof-read, and three are in the typewriter. This gives a total of 39 stories.

Page stated that we need 3 typist to volunteere' 3 people volunteered! There was 6 volunteers to proofread the stories that need to be proofread.

It was stated that Linda is in charge of making copies.

Page asked for a report from the committee working on international stories.The report is as follows. The workshop met and discussed its objectives and made an international contact list from available mailing list. The first was placed to Johnny H in London England at aproximately 7:46 Pm and continued until 8:15pm Sunday evening the 17th of Jan. Introduction was made and we explained the nature of the call, asking for stories from London. Johnny said that he would check with 2 or 3 local members and call back Monday night to Philadelphia with the input. This completes the information attained from the London call. It cost twenty dollars or less. The second place on the list was Paul B in Frankfort West Germany. The first call was made Sun. the 17th at 11 pm. Three other calls were made which resulted in Paul agreeing to send in his story and the story of another German speaking member, named Voker, Wednesday of this week by the quickest way. Total charges ran aproximately forty dollars. This is for all 4 calls. The third member contacted was Greg M in Honolulu Hawaii. Greg was quick to respond and expressed a willingness to help, locate a story of recovery from an Asian member. He located a Korean

women in Maui and an N.A. member in Japan named Kyoshi O., who lives forty kilometers outside Tokyo, who agreed to write his story. Kyoshi is a recovering Heroin addict and pharmacist. He speaks poor English and is getting with a translator to work out his story. Remarkably Kyoshi has translated some N.A. literature into Japanese to carry our message of recovery. Greg M set it up to get back with Kyoshi and his translator to work on his story. The calls to Hawaii ran about twenty dollars. Another call was made at 9am Monday morning directly to Kyoshi and he said he would call Honolulu at 1400 Honolulu time Tuesday. This call ran about ten dollars. In conclusion, Paul will send his stories on Wednesday from West Germany, Johnny H will call Monday night from London, and Greg M will try and get Kyoshi's story with the support of the Hawaian fellowship. We were grateful that our 11th hour effort resulted in a liklihood of being able to include stories of N.A. recovery from Europe and Asia. A style sheet to help the Japanese translator is included with this report for the minutes of the conference for possible use at a later date when other translations are sought. This material was intentionally designed to minimize difficulty in translation of N.A. recovery stories. Thanks extended to all involved. This report was given by Bo.

Page stated that Hawaii and London will be calling back to Philadelphia, Hawaii to update and London to give original story over the phone.

Bobby made the suggestion that when London calls we have them use the same procedure as Japan and Hawaii which is using express mail. The mail will come to 75 Macfarland Ave. Ivyland, Pa

Page stated that all incoming international stories should be gone over in workshops and mailed immediately. The original copy should be mailed to Linda M at the WLC address which is P.O. Box 3585 Lawrence Kansas 66044 Two other copies should be made. One copy should be kept here and the other forwarded to Page either in Atlanata or Memphis depending on where he is at that time. Page stated that this procedure goes for all incoming stories.

Linda asked if anyone knows the member who wrote the story entitled, "Hell and Back?" Nobody knew the answer. Page stated that the local fellowship is to keep their eyes open for the member who wrote the story and secure a release form.

Pete gave a report on the progress of the workshop on the History of N.A. A summary of the report is as follows. The workshop went over the N.A history that is in the Gray approval form. This contained history of the fellowship up until 2/27/81. N.A. as a fellowship is currently in 1/18/82. Alot of significant events have taken place between 2/27/81 and present. The workshop set out to continue history from 2/27/81 and include events up until now. The workshop read through the History through 1978 and found alot was missing. Events that have been crucial to the growth of the fellowship up to 1978 were not mentioned. The workshop did some digging and found gaps in the formation of N.A. in several areas, by members who in actuality have participated in the growth of these particular areas before 1978. Up until 1978 there was no mention of the fellowship other than one state. The workshop at this time realized that the job at hand is bigger than originally thought! The workshop noted that starting from the first World Literature conference, beautiful details began to be expressed in the history.. However there was a strong influence of literature people which indicated action on one side, yet on the other side literature was not the only significant event taking place throughout the fellowship. Alot of developements were taking place outside of literature. The workshop concluded that the history of N.A. be as

represenative of all significant events which took place throughout the fellowship from 1978 thru the present. The workshop decided that this is not something that can be finished in this conference. Although the History is highly important it is not as high of a priority as getting the stories ready for the book. The workshop turned over the work at hand and at this point will continue working at getting the basic History of dates and significant events. This report was given by Pete.

Page stated that he will solicit input in the form of a letter, to all known regions, areas and listed groups throughout the world, requesting that they send their own history to WLC. P.O. Box3585, Lawrence Kansas 66044. He stressed the need for the fellowship wide input to be sure we are not excluding anyone. Exclusion would be left up to the group NOT sending their personal history.

Bo stated that he felt that what Page was going to do was a good course of action. Bo stated that the material included in the Memphis review form was what could be attained at the time in chronological order. It would be helpful for areas and regions to compile input of their history as it would remind them of where they came from and this is extremely healthy in regards to gratitude.

Page stated that the history will probally not be finished in time. It is a priority but not the highest priority.

Page asked for a valid figure of books from Terica.

Terica reported that the figure of being 8 dollars over the budget does not include figures from phone calls made or for the copies being made. Page asked Terica if she could come up with figures for a final financial report of WLC VII. She said she would.

Page stated that the phone bill will be dealt with as procedure indicates in the minutes of the third day- night meeting.This is in 2nd page and paragraph 5.

Bobby entertained the thought that we get as much help as needed to clean up.

Page stated the procedure for cleaning up. Basically the procedure is for those not working to cooperate and start with the cleanup.

Linda pointed out that 3 significant places on the cross section chart, plus some additions were filled. Linda made the motion that the cross section chart be included in the minutes. This motion was seconded by many and the motion was carried.

The secretary made the statement that all minutes, (copies of) can be attained if asked for.

Page asked the group if everything was covered.

Linda made a motion that the committee entrust the people that are going to carry on the work to maintain the spirit of the group conscience already expressed here. This motion was seconded by Bo and followed with the comment that at the end of every conference there is always some work left to do. The people doing the "mop up" work do not change anything. They just catch the aftermath details. The motion made by Linda was voted on and carried unanimously.

Linda asked that the clean up crew be on the lookout for any material from editing workshops.

Bobby stated that the Philadelphia area would like to Thank the fellowship Of N.A. for allowing them to host WLC VII.

Page expressed gratitude to the Philadelphia area for hosting an excellent and complete conference.

Pete stated that he would like to express a deep felt gratitude towards ALL members of N.A., both those present and those not present, who have been a part of the growth of our fellowship from day one to the present moment. The efforts of each and every recovering addict going to any, and all lengths to carry the message to the addict who still suffers, are the reasons we are here today, January 18th, 1982, clean, recovering, and coming into our own as a fellowship. Without each of these efforts being made, sometimes in the face of nearly impossible odds, and seemingly unattainable goals, they plodded forward with courage and perserverence, somehow maintaining the individuality and unigueness of the fellowship of N.A. along the way. They, and our Higher Power's guidance, are the reasons we sit here today on the threshold of adulthood as a fellowship, having passed through childhood, puberty, and the painful years of growing up through adolescence. Pete concluded his statement of gratitude by saying he loves all of you!!

AJ made a motion to close the meeting therefore ending WLC VII. This motioned was seconded by Bobby and others. The motion carried and closed with a silent prayer for the addict still suffering followed by the Lords Prayer at 10:57AM

TRANSLATION SHEET FOR N.A. STORIES, PHILADELPHIA, PA

1. What is life like in your culture being an addict (example, what laws are against the drug addict? How do your family and neighbors accept you as an addict?)

2. Will you explain the way you knew you were hooked and what did you think of yourself and life as yourdisease of drug addiction became more difficult.

3. Will you explain the treatment you had (examples, did you have a doctor? a sponsor? did your family help? did your religious group help?)

4. When you became aware of NA what did you think? Did you think it wouldn't doryou any good? How much does the group of NA belong in your daily life? (example, do you telephone or see NApeople often? How often?

5. Do you injoy living with your higher power?explain. Do you have a strong desire to return to a life on drugs?

6. If your life is happier then you expected from following the NA way of life? what are your joys? Hou has your life changed?

7. Do you think mor communication with us addicts in America or other countrys about how your growing in NA will be important to you and your friends in NA in your country?

The above questions were extended to greg Math as sugguested ideas for Kyoshi Ogivara to include in his story. Kyoshi Ogivara will call Ivyland Conference today at 9:30 A.M to submit over phone his story. Bobby B. also read to Greg Math the outline for story reading and evaluation, which was, L Identify a, usage b, places c, type d, feeling e, behavior. ll. Turning point a, hitting bottom b, introduction to NA program. lll. Recovery a. made decisio b. specific action (meeting, Steps, sponsor, service) c, specific rec overy l. problems , lv. Well writen stories. a, balance between use and recovery b, easy reading--- good style c, express feelings l. Motivating factors behind using and behavior d, expression of ide ideas specifically without lengthy detail.

The call to Hawaii was made at 4:30 A.M , and lasted 7 minutes

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		high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom	low bottom	high bottom	middle bottom
Point of Surrender		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Point in Recovery	steps 1-3			I		I			I				I		II	III		II	II	I	I
	steps 4-9					I	I		I						III	II					I
	steps 10-12		II						I			II			I	III					I

RACE/NATIONAL ORIGIN:
- white ||||-|||| |||| ||
- black ||
- Puerto Rican
- Chicano
- Oriental
- [redacted]
- other
- Indian I

Age:
- Under 20 ||||
- 20-30 |||| ||||
- over 30 |||| ||||

OCCUPATION:
- housewife |||| I
- blue-collar ||||
- white-collar |||
- Doctor/lawyer/etc. ||
- other |||| |||| ||

LOCATION:
- North ||
- MidWest ||
- South |||| |||| ||
- WestCoast |||| I
- Foreign I
- other I

WEALTH:
- Poor |||| I
- Middle Class |||| |||| |||| ||||
- Rich ||||

HOMOSEXUAL:
- man I
- woman

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Dear George:

I was thinking of you and thought I'd write. I wish we could have played more when we were up there. I am sure in days to come we will see more of each other. You were one of the strongest early supporters of our effort for the Book. I've seen you grow, George, over the time I've known you into a different person. I couldn't have walked my mile without you.

How is your work going lately? You're lucky to be able to work with your dad. Mine helps when he can and seems to care a lot more or expect better things of me since being clean but he's in real estate and that's a rough thing to be in these days.

What did you think when you heard the book got approved? It's been a long time coming hasn't it. So many people worked so hard. I'm glad the last big literature conference was in Ivyland. So much of the work got done there. Order forms for the First Edition will be out soon, I hear.

You would have loved the Conference this year! These was some of the usual crap of course but the difference was in the quality and experience of the attending representatives. They really did a great job. I've done everything I could to inform and encourage regions this past year and every bit of effort was worth it. They were beautiful.

How about sending me a letter and let's start keeping in touch again. I love you a lot.

In Loving Service,

Bo Sewell