

N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A.
Literature Workshop Report

The Northeast Ohio Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous-Literature Committee conducted a two-weekend mini-conference for the purpose of reviewing the proposed book on recovery, Narcotics Anonymous.

The conference was held March 27-29 and April 3-5. Approximately 48 members of the Fellowship from the Northeast Ohio area dedicated more than 1,200 working hours of review. The Ohio effort was concentrated on three major areas of review and input:

1. Restructuring for readability, continuity and flow.
2. Eliminating any omissions pertinent to recovery of Ohio members.
3. Correcting errors of diction and grammar.

The conference attendants spent little time or effort correcting obvious technical errors like spelling, punctuation and "typo's". However, the main concentration of this effort did center on the personal (and N.E.O. regional) concept of recovery as it has been experienced by attending members.

The conference was divided into "group conscious" workshops consisting of 4-8 members. Each workshop had an appointed secretary who kept notes on corrections and input. The workshop secretary's notes were compiled and given to the conference librarian, who acted as liaison between the workshops and the conference secretary.

The librarian and conference secretary jointly maintained a master conference file. The end result of the N.E.O. Conference is nearly 50 pages of input to be presented to WLC-IV for inclusion in the final form of "the Book." In addition, two members of the conference also wrote personal stories for consideration.

As a further result of the Ohio Conference, every Northeast Ohio member now has a "group conscious review" readily available for reference when filling out and sending in an individual input/review form.

Jim M., who reported on this conference, said that the prevailing theme of the conference was the "input prayer" as found at the top of the review/input form, which is the second sheet of the review form. Jim says that this format would work well for any area. The only requirements are a good location, dedicated members and a little equipment and a few supplies which can be donated by attending members.