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The World Directory schedule is going along fine. We did get the draft out on time and we have received some of the revisions and corrections. If you have not sent yours in you must do so immediately. According to our schedule, the office will have only fifteen calendar days in which to prepare the material for the printer. The printer will have it back to us on October 15. There were over 250 typed pages in the draft directory which included information on more than 390 new group meetings that were started this year alone.

Book covers for the first editions of the Book have been delivered to the office and are available for those who desire them. In the last newslines a note was included about this and only one response was sent to the Regional Service Committees for distribution within each region. Check with your region in about a week for availability. Attached is a newly revised order form. Included you will find a place for subscription to the NA Way Magazine. When ordering a magazine for a committee, the address at the top of the form will be used for the mailing address unless otherwise specified. If more than one copy is ordered, use the back side of the form for the additional addresses.

Since the last NEWSLINE and instructions about the problem of non-purchases, there has been a marked difference in the pattern of these purchases. We are happy to report there is no longer a substantial loss on these purchases.

You will note on this order form new instructions about the California Sales Tax. The California Board of Equalization (the tax collection agency) has instructed us that we are not going to be required to collect a sales tax from those purchase's where the customer is in another state. This means that only California residents are going to have to pay the tax. On all orders previously received where the group or individual paid the tax and no tax is now required, we are included increased amounts of literature to compensate. If however, the amount exceeds \$10.00 we are sending a refund of the amount of the tax in full.

During the weeks that we have been working to clear the accumulation of unpaid invoices, many have been paid or cleared. A report to the WSO Board last week revealed that \$18,050.00 was cleared. Of that about \$11,000 was paid to the WSO and the rest was cleared by the receipt of copies of checks that had been received by WSO but not

matched with the payment. There still remains \$19,000 in outstanding payments due. The Board of Directors instructed that any of the outstanding invoices not paid at the end of 60 days or if payment schedules have not been arranged they should be sent to the WSC Chairman for his assistance in getting the regions to assist in obtaining payment. This will be done in early September.

The Missing persons list for August: Our last issue of the NEWSLINE gave a full list of those individuals who had ordered something and the item came back in the mails. Only a few of those listed last month were in contact with the office and were cleared. Here is the list for this month.

Luther Smith	Columbus, OH	Dale McCechnie	Moose Jaw, Saskato...
Linda Gray	Pendelton, OR	Grant Killorn	Reading, PA
A.S. Cinnkyind	Covington, KY	Gary Wink	Roch., PA
Michael Brown	Eureka, CA	Lori Linenko	Leig Harbor, WA
Don Dykma	Chicago, ILL	Bill Kennedy	Watson, AL
Sat. Nite Step	W. Palm Beach, FL	Clean Conn.	Mt. Vernon, WA
Sharon Bonita	Alameda, CA	Fire-n-Freedom	Portland, OR
Kirk Shugars	San Francisco, CA	Freedom Group	Detroit Lakes, MN
Shannon Griffin	Henderson, NV	Pat Smith	Moline, ILL
Ray Phillips	Ft. Worth, TX	NWIASC of	Hammond, IN
Winnie E.	Victoria, BC	Ron Herrice	Wiwona, MN
New Freedom GP	Vicksberg, MS		



There has been limited success in locating the authors of the stories that the WSC Literature-Sub-Committee is attempting to locate. Only three individuals were brought in touch and have had their copyright release returned to the office. Here is the list of those that are still not cleared: Hell-N-Back; I Felt Helpless; It Won't Be Any Worse; My Gratitude Speaks; Us From Down Under; It Won't Always Be Like This; Long Distance Recovery; Early Services; Institutional Story; I Kept Coming Back; Relapse and Return; The War is Over.

A problem has recently come to our attention the the Fellowship at large needs to be involved with. The Twelve Steps and Traditions were originated and copyrighted by A.A. They have authorized NA to use a version of their material. However, there is a requirement that each time one or all of the Traditions or Steps is reprinted (a full quote not a paraphrase or excerpt) there is a requirement that proper copyright credit be given. On many of the NA regional and area meeting directories that the office receives, the Traditions or Steps are printed in full without the credit to A.A. The following is the specific language that must be used each time.

12 Steps and 12 Traditions  
Reprinted for adaption by  
permission of A.A. World  
Services, Inc.

It does not need to be in the block form shown here, but the language must be the same. Each time their GSO gets a copy of NA material from an area or region that does not include this credit notation, we get a letter from them asking that correction be made. In one case recently a rubber stamp had to be made and thousands of an item were stamped with the proper credit line. We are all grateful for the Steps and Traditions and need to provide this protection as we are required to.

Recently there has been a growing discussion between the WSO and the WSC-Literature-Sub-Committee about the translation of NA literature into non-English languages. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee Chairperson Ginni S. and the WSO are going to coordinate this effort. Of primary concern will be an orderly program for the development of this without creating an unused inventory of literature. For instance, the Little White Book was translated into German and Spanish. Approximately four thousand were printed in each language, 18 months ago or more. There has been almost no demand for them and they just sit in the box. As the IP's are translated and printed, the volume of printing must reflect orders and use. Individuals and groups or committees that desire to be involved in this process can contact Ginni S. directly or through WSO.

This issue of the NEWSLINE will be going to over 1,200 individuals on our mail list. Our immediate plans are to increase that number

each month only through addition of new groups that register with the office and go back to pick-up addresses of established groups that are not currently on the list. With the next issue we intend to provide space for reproductions (reduced in size) of flyers and notices of certain conference, conventions and other events in the Fellowship. If you know of an event that should receive Fellowship wide notice, send us a copy and we will include as many as space will allow. The next issue will be mailed by the middle of September.

The growing discussion of the matter of the use of the WSO IRS number was discussed by the WSO Board at its most recent meeting. For the information of the Fellowship, that motion is included: M/S/C "to have a letter sent from WSO Board of Trustees indicating the full extent of the problem, along with interim course of actions that the Fellowship at large could follow and ask for help in effectuating discontinuance of the use of the IRS number and that separate letters be sent to the Fellowship showing agreement of the three service arms or that one letter signed by each service are to be sent." Vote: Yes - unanimous. I was assigned the duty of preparing that letter and the alternatives that can be used. The report is being drafted and re-drafted. The more work that gets done on it, the longer and more involved it gets. I was hopeful that it would be mailed prior to the New York Convention - because of its size and complexity, it will not be done for several weeks.



When it is completed and the three service arm representatives have concurred on the report and its language, it will be sent to the Fellowship as a regular Fellowship mailing. Most of the recipients of this NEWSLINE will not directly get a copy, but because the base problems were discussed in this publication previously, it was important to give an up-date. You will need to contact your RSR or RSR Alternate after the report is sent to obtain or read a copy.

I was hoping to include additional information on the production of the book but this is being typed late in the evening and they are closed. We do expect the books to arrive near the first. Considering the Labor Day holiday, it may be a little longer than that before the books are then packaged and shipped to those who have already purchased them. If you or someone else has already paid for a book and moved recently make sure you notify us of the new address.

The Board at their recent meeting addressed the question raised by four area Committees and the H & I Committee of discounts on literature sales. This is a difficult problem to resolve. Many of the customers for NA literature are not particularly wealthy. Those in institutions and those working to carry the NA message to institutionalized people are not particularly wealthy either. The basic question is who, if anyone should be given a break on literature sales. The decision was that all literature sales should be made at the same rate but that efforts should be extended to focus greater attention on providing financial aid to H & I Committees.

A separate but related question on literature sales was re-raised by several Committees hosting conventions. Could they obtain literature on credit and pay later. The Board decision on that matter was consistent with the actions taken to clear-up the \$38,000.00 in outstanding purchase orders. It is difficult to justify extension of credit to some and not be guilty of showing favoritism if it not extended to all those requesting it. The decision to require payment for literature was reconfirmed.

We have been assigning to every addressee in our files a separate alphabetical index group code. This code system will allow us to expedite the correction of addresses and the processing of information. This code group should appear on the same line as your name in the address block of the envelope on this mailing. If you move or have need or desire to have us a different address for you please send in the mail label or at least include the alphabet code group. This should not be confused with the order control number that is assigned to all incoming letters or orders. The Document control number is placed on order forms and checks.

The document control number is placed on all orders and incoming letters and checks. When you order anything and if it gets lost in the mail or for any reason does not arrive the number will be on the check you paid with. This number (a five or six digit number) should be included with any inquiries about the order. This number is also keyed to the general ledger and our mail shipping logs for cross reference.

This surely is enough for one issue.

Yours in service to NA

*Robert B. Stone*

