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Dear fellow members of N.A.,

Attached is a list of all the motions which will be brought to WSC'84 by the WSC-Literature Subcommittee. Also, I want to make a couple of points which I hope will clear up some confusion.

First off, regarding the review literature: many people are under the mistaken assumption that the WSC-Literature Subcommittee is asking for votes on this material, and that it will be "up for approval" at WSC'84. This is not the case. The World Lit. Committee is requesting input only. We are giving you, the fellowship, the opportunity to review this literature until October, 1984, and provide us with your ideas, and suggestions.

I believe there are two reasons for the misunderstanding. First, in the past the Lit. Committee has distributed literature a short time before the WSC, and requested approval (as well as input). Even though members complained that they didn't have sufficient time to thoroughly review the literature, they went ahead and voted on it anyway. We are trying to correct that problem this year by giving you more time to review it. Also, there was a misunderstanding between the WSO and the Lit. Committee. I understood the review material would be distributed in a package separate from the fellowship report, and I prepared a letter to explain the process. It was, however, included in the fellowship report, and the letter disappeared. I am sorry for this mix-up, and I hope this will clear it up.

The WSC-Literature Subcommittee requests your input on these works in progress regarding the following questions:

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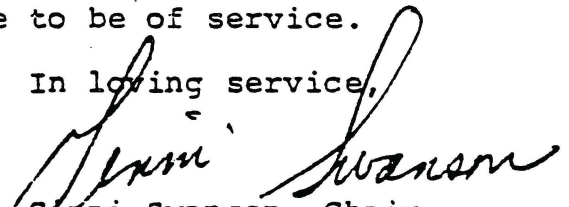
1. Is the material acceptable as it is?
2. What should be added (please attach).
3. What should be changed?
4. What should be left out?

All input must be received by the WSC-Literature Subcommittee by October 30, 1984. The input will then be discussed and implemented at the November meeting of the World Lit. Committee, and "approval" drafts will be compiled based on the input received. These approval forms will then be distributed and you will have a period of one year to evaluate them and vote to approve or disapprove. We hope that by extending the process, we will enjoy a higher quality of literature in the future. Your understanding, patience and cooperation is much appreciated. We know it is hard to adjust to changes, but please bear with us. We are open to your suggestions as to how we can more effectively be of service to you and the addict who still suffers.

The other point I wanted to make, was in regard to an I.P. entitled Participation. Many members throughout the country have contacted me regarding this piece which was distributed by a member in Santa Ana, California. I wish to point out that this piece was not distributed by the WSC-Literature Subcommittee, and will not be brought up for approval at WSC'84. The Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of New Literature (attached) clearly detail the process by which members can contribute new material. Specifically, it should be mailed to the World Literature Committee which then has the responsibility and means of evaluating, revising if necessary, and distributing the material for review and eventual approval or disapproval.

I hope this letter has helped eliminate any confusion, and I look forward to meeting many of you at the World Service Conference. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In loving service,


Ginni Swanson, Chair
WSC-Literature Subcommittee

Attachments:

- (1) WSC'84 Motions
- (2) Procedural Guidelines

1. Does the Fellowship want a publication documenting the history of Narcotics Anonymous.

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. That The Use of Medication in Recovery I.P. be withdrawn from the market and a revised draft prepared by the WSC-LC.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. That the Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of New Literature be approved.

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. That quotations from the "Little White Booklet" be printed accurately in future editions of the Basic Text.

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. That future editions of our Basic Text reflect quotations from the "Little White Booklet" set apart from the text and italicized, but in the same size type as the rest of the text. (This is how they appear in the second edition of the Basic Text).

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. That the stories "I Can't Do Any More Time"; "Fat Addict"; "Early Service"; "I Felt Hopeless"; "I Kept Coming Back"; "It Won't Get Any Worse"; "My Gratitude Speaks"; "No Excuse for Loneliness"; "Relapse and Return"; "Sick and Tired at 18"; "The War Is Over"; and "Up From Down Under" all be included in future printings of the Basic Text. (These were already

approved at WSC-82 and we have just secured release forms from the authors).

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. That Chapter 8 of the Basic Text entitles "We Do Recover" be footnoted to indicate an up-to-date figure. (In the sentence "When my addictions brought me to the point of complete powerlessness, uselessness and surrender some twenty-six years ago, there was no N.A.", the figure of 26 is no longer accurate.

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Take from the table the WSC-83 motion that all literature submitted to this conference for approval require a 2/3 majority vote of participants.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Revised

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LITERATURE

I. PREPARATION

1. New raw material is obtained from any source. Release of copyright accompanies personal stories. Release forms should be secured from any member contributing material which may be construed as a personal story or experience. We suggest all material be accompanied by copyright release forms to KFFP IT SIMPLIF! There is one standard release form used by the fellowship for all purposes. Copies can be obtained from the Chairperson or Secretary of WSC-Literature Subcommittee.
- 2a. Service committees and groups choose projects or volunteer to work on projects assigned by the World Lit. Committee. In turn, source material from the WSC-Lit. Committee files is sent to the service committee upon request.
- 2b. These committees compile the input and draw up a draft. The service committees may include but are not limited to local, area or regional literature committee or any committee dedicated to carrying the message in written form.
3. The completed rough draft is then sent on to the World Lit. Committee.

II. EVALUATION

- 4a. All drafts received by the WSC-Lit. Committee by November are distributed to registered active members at cost for evaluation. Evaluation includes:
 - A) Distribute to the fellowship for review and input;
 - B) Needs more work prior to review by the fellowship (input attached);
 - C) Discontinue work on this draft and channel material to WSC-IC resource file
- 4b. Mailed responses are tallied by the Chairperson and Secretary of the World Lit. Committee. A simple majority in "A" initiates action. A 2/3 majority causes action "C" to be taken. Otherwise, the draft is placed into Category "B," which is then workshopped at the World Lit. Conference.

III. REVIEW PROCESS

5. All Category A drafts are printed in review form and distributed to the fellowship for input. This input includes:
 - Is the material acceptable as is?
 - What should be added?
 - What should be left out?
 - What should be changed?
 - Should work on this material be discontinued?

There is a minimum period of nine months for receipt of review input by the WSC-Literature Committee Chairperson.

6. All Category B (needs more work) drafts are placed on the agenda for the next World Lit. Conference. Priority is given to those drafts which received a large number of A responses, but not a majority.
7. Category C (discontinue work) drafts that did not receive a 2/3 majority are placed in the B category (needs more work) with low priority at the World Lit. Conference.

IV. APPROVAL PROCESS

8. Review input received on Category A drafts is implemented into a revised draft at the next World Literature Conference. The draft is carefully edited and proofread before it is printed in approval form (see Step 11).
9. Any additional input subsequently received is kept in a file for consideration in revision. Each piece of literature is evaluated at least every five years for consideration of revision at the World Literature Conference.
10. Prior to final distribution, the draft is forwarded to the World Service Board of Trustees to ensure that it accurately represents the principles of Narcotics Anonymous as outlined in the Twelve Traditions. In response, the Board of Trustees points out section(s) contrary to the Twelve Traditions, or states in writing that the material is within the Twelve Traditions.
11. The printing and distribution of the approval form is accomplished by the World Service Office. The approval form is distributed to the fellowship for approval or disapproval. Group conscience votes are taken through Regional Service Representatives at the World Service Conference.
12. If the work is not approved, the material returns to the World Lit. Committee for further evaluation and revision.

*MEMBERSHIP (Registered Active Member)

In conjunction with the procedures outlined in the N.A. approved Service Manual, the WSC-Literature Subcommittee trusted servants, at the World Service Conference meeting, appoint additional members based on the following requirements:

- Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- A suggested minimum of one year clean
- Indication of willingness and desire to serve
- Active participation
- Service experience in carrying the message in written form