

GROUP CONSCIOUS IN OUR LITERATURE PROCESS

DUE TO THE UNIQUE NATURE AND PROCESS THAT OUR LITERATURE TAKES, PAST AND RECENT HISTORY INDICATES THAT UNLESS WE ~~DELETE~~ THE AMBIGUITIES FROM OUR GUIDELINES AND POLICIES ~~THE Blind~~ POTENTIAL FOR ERROR IS SUBSTANTIAL. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE USE OF PROFESSIONAL WRITERS AND EDITORS IS CONTRA-INDICATED. WE CAN REFER TO THE \$100,000 "IT WORKS" CONTRACT LET

AS ONE EXAMPLE. THE \$60,000 CONTRACT THAT WAS LET AFTER CHAROLETTE FOR THE TRADITIONS PORTION OF "IT WORKS" HAS PROVEN TO HAVE HAD NO MEASUREABLE VALUE IN OBTAINING A USEABLE BODY OF WRITTEN WORK. NOW WE HAVE THE CONTROVERSIAL DELETIONS AND CHANGES IN OUR BASIC TEXT. THE COST OF WHICH IS NOT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, THE COST TO THE UNITY OF N.A. IS TREMENDOUS AND READILY ASSESSABLE.

WE ARE NOT UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO THE USE OF PROFESSIONALS IN OUR LITERATURE PROCESS. HOW AND WHEN WE USE THEM IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. ONCE A PIECE IS APPROVED BY GROUP CONSCIOUS, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO THEN EMPLOY A WRITER/EDITOR. A WRITER/EDITOR SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE REGISTERED MEMBERS, GENERAL MEMBERS AND ADVISORY MEMBERS AS A "WORKING BODY".

THE INTENT OF THE ~~Participant~~ of WSC 85 ^{WAS} GOOD, BUT WE KNOW ALL ABOUT "GOOD INTENTIONS". THE GOOD WILL AND INTENTIONS OF THE RSR'S AT WSC '85 AND THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE HAVE SHOWN THAT THIS ~~WAS~~ JUST NOT ENOUGH.

~~NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS~~
AS A "WORKING BODY", MUST REMAIN FULLY COGNIZANT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ~~FUTURE~~ RECOVERING MEMBERS. WE MUST ENSURE THAT ~~THE~~ ^{SERVICE} STRUCTURE WE LEAVE THOSE TO COME WILL NOT BE AS WE HAVE FOUND; IN A PERPETUAL STATE

OF DISARRAY.

I BELIEVE THAT THE ~~SUCCESS~~ OF OUR GUIDELINES AND POLICIES IS FULLY CONTINGENT ~~UPON~~ RIGOROUS ADHERENCE. IN N.A., THE WORDS GUIDELINES AND POLICIES ARE SYNONOMOUS WITH THE DEFINITION OF "GROUP CONSCIOUS". THERE HAS ALMOST ALWAYS TRANSPIRED CONSIDERABLE DELIBERATION AND DEBATE WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP BEFORE IMPLIMENTING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES. ~~Major Foul-ups~~ have CONSISTENTLY OCCURRED WHEN THESE POLICIES HAVE BEEN IGNORED, NOT FOLLOWED FULLY OR CHANGED BY RSR'S AT WSC'S WITHOUT CONSULTING THE "HOME GROUPS" ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. WHAT RIGHT DOES THE WSC HAVE TO ALTER DECISIONS VOTED ON BY THE GROUPS? NUMEROUS RSR'S HAVE RETURNED FROM WSC TO DISCOVER THEY ARE HELD IN CONTEMPT BY THE MEMBERS WHO ELECTED THEM. ANGER IS FELT TOWARD THE WSC AS A BODY WHEN SOMETHING HAS BEEN SELF-WILLED INTO OR OUT OF EXISTENCE WITHOUT CONSULTING THE GROUPS, ~~OR when the WSO acts autonomously~~. THIS EXERCISE IN SELF-WILL MUST STOP. IT IS A CONTRADICTION OF OUR FIRST AND SECOND TRADITIONS. THE WSC AS A BODY MUST REALIZE THE IMMENSE RESPONSIBILITY INHERENT IN THEIR ELECTED POSITIONS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES ~~WHO~~ COMPRISE THE WSC HAVE MADE COVENANTS TO N.A. AS A WHOLE, AS INDICATED IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECOND TRADITION, "OUR LEADERS ARE BUT TRUSTED SERVANTS". IMPLICIT IS AN ATTITUDE OF SERVICE AND HUMILITY. IN THE N.A. FELLOWSHIP, ULTIMATE AUTHORITY IS EXPRESSED BY THE MANY, NOT THE FEW! THIS COVENANT; ~~THIS SPIRITUAL~~ PRINCIPLE IS WHY WE CHOOSE PEOPLE TO SERVE N.A. ~~WITHIN~~ THE PRECEPTS OF THE TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS. SELFLESS SERVICE IS THE HIGHEST CALLING OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND IS BORN IN THE REALITY OF ANONYMITY, ^{when} WE ARE TRULY EQUAL AND INTERDEPENDANT ON EACH OTHER AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ON "OUR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, A LOVING GOD...."

TRUSTED SERVANT MEANS THAT WE --- NOT YOU, NOT I, BUT WE AS AN EXPRESSION
SUGGEST THE MOST SELFLESS. SPIRITUALLY

AWARE N.A. MEMBERS TO SERVE. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT RECOGNIZE THEY ARE ONLY HUMBLE MESSENGERS OF A LOVING GOD WHO SPEAKS WHEN WE -- ALL OF US -- COME TOGETHER IN OUR GROUP CONSCIOUS, APPLYING THE 12 TRADITIONS TO OUR EFFORTS. ON PAGE 9 OF THE BASIC TEXT IT SAYS "THE ATMOSPHERE OF RECOVERY IS PROTECTED BY OUR TWELVE TRADITIONS." ON PAGE 56 IT SAYS, "OUR TRADITIONS PROTECT US FROM THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORCES WHICH COULD DESTROY US."

TO HELP UNDERSTAND WHERE WE HAVE GONE ASTRAY IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE THE PLACEMENT OF THE WORD "MAY" IN THE SECOND TRADITION; WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AND WHAT COULD PREVENT GOD FROM EXPRESSESING HIMSELF IN OUR GROUP CONSCIOUS?

THE MOST SIMPLISTIC ANSWER IS FOUND BY EXAMINING THE WAYS WE LACK FULL COMPLIANCE TO THE OTHER 23 PRECEPTS OF RECOVERY! THE WORD PRECEPT IS DEFINED AS AN AUTHORITATIVE RULE OF ACTION, MORAL CONDUCT, A LAW OF CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR, TRUTH, SPIRITUAL TRUTH. A PROVEN SET OF RULES TO OBTAIN A SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE, REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCE! IF WE ARE POWERLESS OVER ADDICTION TODAY ARE WE LESS POWERLESS BECAUSE WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CLEAN TIME OR A SERVICE TITLE? DO WE ASSIGN THE TRUSTED SERVANT THE CLASSIFICATION OF "RECOVERED" BY VIRTUE OF THE LEVEL OF THE SERVICE POSITION? IS THE PRINCIPLE OF ANONYMITY (EQUALITY) NULL AND VOID WHEN ONE ASSUMES SUCH A POSITION? DO WE SET THEM UP TO FAIL BY ALLOWING THEM TO SHOULDER THE WEIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY BY THEMSELVES, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO BE BOTHERED? HOW OFTEN HAVE WE HEARD, "THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE THEM FOR," AND LET THAT STATEMENT PASS OUT OF APATHY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED OURSELVES? RESPONSIBILITY IS A PART OF OUR RECOVERY AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCEPT OUR ROLE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR TWELFTH STEP AND FIFTH TRADITION, YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMMORROW!

WAS THE CONCIIOUSNESS OF N.A. EXPRESSED BY 19 VOTES OF NONELECTED WSC PARTICIPANTS AND 32 RSRS ON AMOTION THAT HAD NEVER GONT TO THE FELLOWSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSCIOUSING PRIOR TO IT'S ADOPTION AS A LAST MINUTE MOTION ON THE FLOOR OF WSC? OF THE 51 VOTING PARTICIPANTS WHO AMONG THEM HAD ASKED THE N.A. MEMBER AT HOME WHAT TO DO? WAS THIS THE EXPRESSION OF "GROUP CONSCIOUS", OR AN ACT OF SELFWILL BY A TINY MINORITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO THOUGHT THEY KNEW WHAT WAS BEST FOR US. AFTER ALL WE REALLY DONT CARE AND WE REALLY DONT KNOW WHATS GOOD FOR US.

WHAT "GROUP CONSCIOUS WAS IN EFFECT WHEN THE WSO HIRED A WRITER FOR "IT WORKS" AND OFFERED TO SPEND 100,000 DOLLARS AND JUST WHO MADE THOSE DECISIONS FOR US AND NOT WITH US?

~~THERE~~ EXISTS ENOUGH

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR YOU TO ARRIVE AT THE SAME CONCLUSIONS WHAT GROUP CONSCIOUS WAS IN EFFECT WHEN, AFTER THE HANDWRITING WAS ON THE WALL IN CHARRLOTTE AT WSC QUARTERLY IN 1986 A 60,000 DOLLAR CONTRACT WAS LET FOR THE TRADITIONS PORTION OF "IT WORKS"? DID ANYONE RENEMBER BEING ASKED WHAT YOU THOUGHT? DOES OUR SECOND STEP REMIND US THAT A FORM OF OUR INSANITY IS, "REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKES AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS? JUST WHY IS IT SO SUPRISING THAT THE FELLOWSHIP SHOULD RESPOND IN THE WAYS THAT IT HAS OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS?

WE HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM OUR RIGHT TO BE SELFSUPPORTING AND SELF DETERMINING AS A FELLOWSHIP. ~~WE~~ HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT WE ARE UNSPIRITUAL WHEN WE QUESTION? ~~WE~~ HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY ATTACKED FOR STANDING UP FOR WHAT WE BELEIVE? WHEN THE CHAIRPERSON OF OUR WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PUBLICLY STATES "THAT THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD BE LINED UP AGAINST A WALL AND MACHINE-GUNNED," DO WE SEE THAT AS ~~ACTING~~ IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING? OUR N.A. MEDIA IS USED TO SUPPRESS DISSENT AND TO BEND AND DISTORT THE TRUTH. JUST WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP ? IT SEEMS THE TRUTH IS A HOT POTATOE

ACCESS TO THIS MEDIA IS DENIED TO ALL BUT A CHOSEN FEW SO WHY SHOULD
ANYONE BE SUPRISED WHEN WE USE OTHER METHODS TO INFORM A LARGE
PORTION OF THE MEMBERS? WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTILL SUCH
TIME AS THERE IS NO LONGER A NECESSITY TO DO IT THAT WAY! WOULD
THE FELLOWSHIP LIKE TO HAVE THE "FELLOWSHIP REPORT" FOR THE MEMBERS
OF N.A. TO ASK QUESTIONS OF OUR SERVANTS? TO HAVE THEIR PUBLIC
RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS INSTEAD THE PRESENT PROPOGANDA IS
A ONE SIDED VIEW: THE N.A. MEMBER CAN ASK QUESTIONS, IT IS O.K. TO
QUESTION OUR SERVANTS, OR IS IT? ^{*pause} THE TONE OF THE FELLOWSHIP REPORT
DATED NOVEMBER 87 IS SELF RIGHTEOUS AND DEFENSIVE--ARE WE ON TO
SOMETHING OR ARE WE JUST MAKING ALOT OF NOISE? THE PARRALELLS
ARE STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO THE SITUATIONS AND THE POSTURING THAT
WENT ON WHEN THERE WAS A HUE AND CRY OVER THE APPROVAL COPY OF
"IT WORKS!" THE FELLOWSHIP WAS INFORMED IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER
AND THE NEWS LINE AND FELLOWSHIP REPORTS CARRIED MUCH THE SAME
TONE THAT IS BEING PUSHED ON USAT THE PRESENT TIME! THE LETTER FROM
BOB STONE DATED NOV23 OR DEC8 THAT STARTS OUT TELLING ALL OF US HOW
UNSPIRITUAL SOME OF US ARE, IS PRETTY SAD, CONSIDERING HE IS NOT AN
ADDICT! WHERE ARE WE AS FELLOWSHIP TODAY, FAMILY??? ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS!!
TAKE THE RISKS INVOLVED IN MAKING THE TRUTH AVAILABLE! IT IS NOT
EASY TO BE REJECTED, BUT REMEMBER THIS QUOTE FROM GEORGE ORWELL--
"IN A TIME OF UNIVERSAL DECIET, TELLING THE TRUTH IS A REVOLUTIONARY
ACT!" THE DISEASE IS TRYING TO DECIEVE. SO WE WILL CONTINUE ASK-
ING QUESTIONS AND PROBING FOR THE TRUTH UNTILL SUCH TIME AS IT
IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. THAT TIME IS COMING, WHEN WE NO LONGER
HAVE TO WRESTLE THE TRUTH FROM THOSE WHO JEALOSLY HOLD
IT AWAY FROM THE FELLOWSHIP. WE HAVE NO NEED TO ALTER THE FACTS
OR SUGAR-COAT THE REALITIES! WE ARE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ANY
UNPLEASANTRIES THAT MAY ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF OUR GROWTH AS A
FELLOWSHIP!

THE BASIS OF OUR PAST LIVES AND THE UNPLEASANT REALITY OF THEM
SHOULD BE ENOUGH INDICATION THAT WE CAN SURVIVE EVEN THE WORST
SITUATIONS THE STEPS OF OUR RECOVERY PROGRAM, AT EVERY TURN,

ENCOURAGE US TO BE HONEST AND CONFRONT THE REALITY OF OUR EXISTANCE.

WE ARE UNIQUELY PREPARED TO RESOLVE ANY CONFLICTS OR SURVIVE ANY CONTROVERSY! THE VEILING OF REALITY SERVES TO PROLONG AND EXACERBATE OUR DILEMAS. JUST AS DENIAL OF REALITY IS INJOURIOUS TO OUR PERSONAL RECOVERY. WE ARE CONSTANTLY TOLD THAT TO PUT OFF DEALING WITH ANYTHING WILL HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS FOR US.

I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT OURSELVES, AS A FELLOWSHIP, AND INVENTORY OUR RECENT PAST. LET US EXHUME THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS AND DEAL FROM AN INFORMED POSITION. WHERE THERE HAS BEEN WRONG, LET US ADMIT IT, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN RIGHT LET US

APPLAUD IT. WE OWE THAT TO OURSELVES AND TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW!

LET THE MEMBERS KNOW AND DEAL WITH THE TRUTH. THIS IS

A REVOLUTIONARY IDEA!! ONE WHO'S TIME HAS CERTAINLY COME!!! NO ONE WILL ^{BE} EXCOMMUNICATED FROM N.A., NO ONE WILL BE LINED UP

AGAINST A WALL AND MACHINE-GUNNED, THE TRUTH WILL NOT KILL US

OR DO IRREPERABLE HARM TO N.A.! IF THAT WERE THE CASE I WOULD

NOT BE HERE ! THIS FELLOWSHIP IS FULL OF LOVE, FORGIVENESS, COMP-

ASSION, EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING! THERE ARE NO RABID DOGS WAITING

TO DEVOUR THOSE WHO MUST GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SELF EXAMINATION,

AND ADMITTING THEIR WRONGS! THERE IS ONLY THE OPEN, LOVING ARMS OF

THIS FELLOWSHIP TO SURROUND, TO NUTURE AND TO CARE FOR THEM! I

HAVE HAD TO TEST THE TRUTH OF THIS MANY TIMES IN MY OWN RECOVERY.

I HAVE LET MY MIND OVERLOAD MY MOUTH, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACTS

THAT WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF RECOVERY, I HAVE

ADMITTED THE TRUTH WHEN IT WAS UNCOMFORTABLE OR EMBARRASSING TO DO

SO. I GREW FROM THESE EXPERIENCES AND AM A BETTER HUMAN BEING FOR

HAVING DONE SO. THERE ARE SOME WHO WILL HOLD ONTO THE PAST AND

REMIND ME AND OTHERS OF MY PAST TRANSGRESSIONS IN A VAIN ATTEMPT

TO APPEAR SUPERIOR TO THEMSELVES AND PEOPLE AROUND THEM. THERE

WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL DO THAT---THEY DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING I

WANT AND ARE NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS TO

PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO! CERTAINLY AS AN EXAMPLE OF RECOVERY THIS
TYPE OF BEHAVIOUR IS OF NO VALUE! IN THE COURSE OF TIME
I HAVE COME TO SEE THE TRUTH.

I WAS INDOCTRINATED IN THE SCHOOL OF "US THEM"
HELL WE ALL WERE ! SO UNTIL WE CAN ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT THERE -
IS AN US AND THEM MENTALITY, IN ALL OF US, WE WILL NEVER KNOW THE
TRUTH OF THE STATEMENT, "WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND HE IS US!" ~~WE WILL~~
THEREFORE BE UNABLE TO COME TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF ANONYMITY!
WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRUST THE PROMISE THAT OUR STEPS AND
TRADITIONS HOLD FOR US UNTIL ~~WE~~ BECOME MATURE ENOUGH TO APPLY
THEM IN OUR LIVES AND OUR SERVICES! SO LETS CUT THE CRAP
AND GET DOWN TO NUTS AND BOLTS. WE HAVE A JOB TO DO AND WE ARE
GOING TO NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCE,
STRENGTH AND HOPE TO OVERCOME THE DISEASE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP, AND IN
OUR OWN PERSONAL RECOVERIES! THE DISEASE IS WAITING IN THE WINGS
TO LEAP OUT AT OUR VERY WEAKEST MOMENT! WE NEED EACH OTHER TO
SURVIVE THIS ONSLAUGHT! WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF FINALLY BREAK-
ING THE STRANGLEHOLD OF ADDICTION FOR OURSELVES AND THE REST OF
THE WORLD. THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION KNOWS THIS FACT ALL TOO WELL!
ADDICTION "THE DESTROYER" WOULD HAVE US AT EACH OTHERS THROATS
TELLING EACH OTHER LIES SELF OBSESSED WITH PROTECTING OURSELVES
FROM EACH OTHER. WE HAVE NO NEED TO PROTECT EACH OTHER, FOR WE HAVE
A LOVING GOD THAT DOES THAT OTHERWISE WE WOULD NOT HAVE MADE
IT THIS FAR! WE DO NOT NEED TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE TRUTH, THE
DISEASE CAN NOT SUCCEED WHERE THE TRUTH IS FREELY AVAILABLE! THE TRUTH
IS THE MOST POTENT ALLY WE HAVE, AS RECOVERY IS NOT POSSIBLE WHERE
DENIAL OF THE TRUTH IS PRESENT!

OUR BASIC TEXT SAYS "THE MOST POTENT WEAPON FOR RECOVERY IS THE RECOVERING ADDICT" WE ARE ALL RECOVERING ADDICTS AND AS SUCH WE CONSTITUTE A POTENT FORCE FOR GROWTH AND CHANGE. WE NEED NOT LIMIT THIS CAPACITY BY DUCKING THE QUESTIONS OR BY DISGUIZING THE TRUTH WITH WHITE LIES AND HALF TRUTHS. A HALF TRUTH IS MORE DEBILITATING THAN AN OUTRIGHT LIE! NEVER GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO QUESTION!

ALOW THOSE WHO SERVE US TO HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT AS WE DO TO BE WRONG!!! AFTER ALL WE ARE EACH OTHERS EYES AND EARS AND AS SUCH HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE OUR BROTHERS KEEPER. SOMETIMES THAT IS A DIFFICULT TASK AND AT TIMES UNPLEASANT, WE RISK REJECTION AT EVERY TURN, WE TAKE RISKS THAT WE MAY BE MISLABLED ANTAGONISTIC SHIT STIRERS. WHEN, IN REALITY, WE ARE CARING COMMITTED N.A. MEMBERS WILLING TO ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS AND TO DIG FOR THE TRUTH FOR THE BETERMENT OF OUR FELLOWSHIP.

THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION NEVER RESTS, AS WE ARE REMINDED IN THE BASIC TEXT. "THE PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE IS AN ONGOING PROCESS, EVEN DURING ABSTINECE!" (PG 76) "WITHOUT EFFORT WE START THE DOWNHILL RUN AGAIN." ON PAGE 74 THE TEXT SAYS, "WHEN WE REALIZE WE HAVE MADE A BAD JUDGEMENT, OUR INCLINATION IS TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO RATIONALIZE IT. WE OFTEN BECOME EXTREME IN OUR SELF OBSESSIVE EFFORTS TO COVER OUR TRACKS. WE FORGET WE HAVE A CHOICE TODAY. WE GET SICKER."

IT WOULD SEEM THAT WE HAVE A VITAL NEED TO FESS UP AND CLEAR OUR CONSCIOUS SO THAT THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY CAN CONTINUE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN BAD JUDGEMENTS MADE, SO LETS HEAR SOME TENTH STEPS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE MADE ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT. WE WILL ALL BE BETTER OFF, IT TAKES FAR TO MUCH PRECIOUS ENERGY TO KEEP UP THE GAMES! WILL THOSE PEOPLE FIND THIS STATEMENT FROM THE SECOND TRADITION (PG 59) BECOMING TRUE FOR THEM? "...THE SELF SEEKING

SOON FIND THEY ARE ON THE OUTSIDE CAUSING DISSENSION AND EVENTUALLY
DISASTER TO THEMSELVES. MANY OF THEM CHANGE; THEY LEARN THAT WE
CAN ONLY BE GOVERNED BY A LOVING GOD AS EXPRESSED IN OUR GROUP
CONSCIOUS." THESE PRINCIPALS APPLY TO US AS INDIVIDUALS IN
RECOVERY, SO TOO, THEY APPLY TO US AS A FELLOWSHIP. ONE OBVIOUS
REMEDY TO OUR PRESENT DILEMMA IS TO WORK THE STEPS AND LIVE THE
TRADITIONS TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE POSSIBLE!

WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO BUILD A BETTER MOUSETRAP AND AS SUCH WE GET
CAUGHT UP IN OUR OWN INSANITY. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ALLOWING THE N.A.
MEMBER THE RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS
OF OUR SERVICE PROCESS'. LET THE ORDINARY MEMBER GET THAT SPECIAL
FEELING THAT COMES WHEN WE WORK IN COMMITTEE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF
N.A. AND THE STILL SUFFERING ADDICT EVERYWHERE!!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH THE FOURTH EDITION AND IT WORKS HOW AND
WHY SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN!! WE SHOULD CONTINUE
WITH THE LITERATURE WORKSHOPS SO THAT THE MEMBERS CAN WRITE OUR
LITERATURE! THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY THAT THIS FELLOWSHIP
CAN PRODUCE LITERATURE THAT IS TRULY "GROUP CONSCIOUS". THIS
PROCEDURE IS EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL AND CUTS THE "US AND THEM"
OUT OF EVERYONES JARGON!!

THERE ARE THOSE FOLKS WHO WILL TRY TO TELL US THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD
TO CONTINUE TO HOLD LITERATURE CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS. THAT IS
PURE BULLSHIT!! LET US JUST CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT THE OUTRAGEOUS
COSTS INVOLVED IN THE HIRING OF THE PROFESSIONALS AND THE DISAS-
TEROUS RESULTS BRINGING THEM INTO OUR CONSCIOUS HAS CAUSED. THEN
LET US NOT FORGET THE COST OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDITOR ON THE FELLOWSHIP
APPROVED BASIC TEXT AND THE COST TO OUR UNITY! WE CAN AFFORD FOR THE
FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE TO WRITE OUR LITERATURE. 15,000 DOLLARS IS
PEANUTS COMPARED TO THE EXTRAVAGANT AND FLAGRANT ABUSE OF OUR FUNDS
IN THE PAST! WE WENT ON THE ROAD THIS YEAR AND HELD 8 LITERATURE
WORKSHOPS FOR LESS THAN 15,000! HOW MANY BOOKS COULD WE WRITE FOR
THE MONEY INVOLVED IN THE MISTAKES OF OUR RECENT PAST!!!!???????

SO I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE PROBABLY REALLY TIRED OF ME TALKING UP
HERE. SO I'M TIRED TOO, SO WHAT ! YOU CAN TALK AS LONG AS YOU WANT
WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN!!!! WE WILL NEED ANOTHER ROOM TO DISCUSS THIS
FURTHER TOMMORROW SO GRAB SOME OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND LET THEM
KNOW THIS ISSUE IS NOT GOING TO BE TALKED OUT AT MIDNIGHT, THERE WILL
BE MORE PEOPLE TOMORROW WHO WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY!!

IN CLOSING; WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CONFERENCE AGENDA AND GET CONFUSED
BY ITEM # 20 DON'T FEEL ALONE!! THIS MOTION OR ITEM SHOULD BE SIMPLE
TO ANSWER IF WE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE THE POWER TO INSERT THE
THIRD EDITION REVISED IN THE SLOT WHERE IT SAYS: DOES THE BASIC
TEXT NEED TO BE REVISED ,YES OR NO.WE SIMPLY WRITE IN YES THE
THIRD EDITION REVISED. WHERE IT SAYS, SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
YEARLY MINOR REVISIONS? WRITE IN NO! WHERE IT SAYS, SHOULD THERE
BE ONE MAJOR REVISION AT SOME POINT IN TIME? FILL IN THE BLANK
PROVIDED FOR OTHER BY WRITING IN THE LANGUAGE--YES, WHEN "IT WORKS"
IS OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP IN APPROVAL FORM! ALSO WE MUST PASS
THE REGIONAL MOTIONS # 1 THAT SAY THAT UPON DEPLETION OF
THE CURRENT SUPPLY OFFOURTH EDITION BASIC TEXTS, AS OF WSC 88,
THE PRINTING OF THE FOURTH. EDITION BE HALTED AND THE 3RD ED. REV
BASIC TEXT BE REPRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY WSO. (BE CAUSE WE
DONT WANT TO CRIPPLE THE OFFICES AROUND THE COUNTRY) AND #3
THAT ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE BOOK NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS BE MADE BY
FELLOWSHIP WIDE GROUP CONSCIOUS(THAT WILL INSURE THAT WE NEVER
HAVE AS SMALL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS REVISE THE TEXT AGAIN)
BY DOING THESE THINGS WE WILL HAVE SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO EVERY
LEVEL OF THE FELLOWSHIP THAT GROUP CONSCIOUS IS ALIVE AND WELL
IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS!!! THIS SHOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE
LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT WE DONT WANT A REVISION COMMITTEE TO
MAKE CHANGES IN OUR LITERATURE EVER AGAIN!! YOU MAY WONDER, AS I
HAVE, AT THE STRIKING SIMALARITIES IN THE WORDS REVISION AND
REVIEW.LETS SEE HOW THEY SOUND IN THE REAL CONTEXT-- WORLD
LIERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE---WORLD LIERATURE REVISION COMMITTEE!!
I REST MY CASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TOLERANCE!!!!!!!!!!