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Re: Review Form Literature

At the 1990 World Service Conference, a motion was passed that allowed us more flexibility in our literature review process. The current literature handbook does not accurately reflect these changes. Rather, it implies that all NA literature is best reviewed line-by-line.

You will notice as you read the description of our guidelines in the handbook, that the WSCLC is responsible for selecting an appropriate time and method of review based on the piece being developed and fellowship needs. If you have been involved recently in literature review workshops or meetings, you will recall that the WSCLC has provided some guidelines for review specific to that particular work-in-progress. In addition, we have been using review forms that ask you to input the concepts and other significant features in the work. Generally, we have found that literature committees prefer to review the work in this manner. It allows for a more in-depth evaluation of the piece.

The line-by-line input form on page 28 of your handbook is not currently in use. I draw this to your attention in an attempt to avoid confusion. Rather than using this form, we will send you the appropriate review form for each piece of literature to be reviewed. As you read your handbook, you will notice that reference to line-by-line review is interspersed throughout the document. We hope that you will not let those references mislead you.

We realize that this handbook needs to be revised, but it will be some time before we can do so. Our work with the daily book, the steps project, and other literature proposals has left us little time to revise this book. Be assured that most of the information in it is accurate and up-to-date.

If you are a newly formed literature committee, we look forward to working with you to carry the message in printed form. If you are a committee that has been around for awhile, let us know what you think about conceptual review and how it compares with the kind of review described in the handbook.