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Holy crap batman

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Comment from an RDA and an article from a 2010 newsletter

Holy crap batman! That issue of the newsletter you sent was written back in 2010, yet the first article was written as if the author was at WSC 2012!!! It really hasn't changed. It has only gotten worse. People look at me like I don't know what I'm talking about when expressing the truth about NAW\$, yet they have no idea regarding the truth I have been exposed to from Traditional NA members and what I have seen with my own eyes and heard with my own ears at WSC 2012. I need to do a better job expressing myself to others. My delivery of the truth in NA service must be done properly. I'll do my best to dodge the sheepish distracters by passing the information to **all** members in a carefully thought out manner. I cherish your friendship and the time you take spoon-feeding me the truth. I love NA and firmly stand upon the Traditions and spiritual principles.

What happened and an estimate of why ...(from 2010 newsletter)

Let's say it started with the "vote of confidence" in 1983/'84. Some will argue that much went before and we can't really disagree, yet this idea was the confusion that began the development of our structure as government

rather than service. The party line went: "When you can see the big picture and when you know what we (in world service) know, your idea of what is good for your local fellowship will change. So give your delegates a 'vote of confidence' to think for, speak for and vote for what would be your group conscience...if you just knew what we know." Occasionally, the line was "You just don't understand. If you did, you'd agree that this is the right way for greater NA." The "vote of confidence" was accepted; group conscience began its long sloping descent into abandonment. One-sided information was distributed, with ample "spin" to ensure favorable decisions were made. Service devolved into government.

Ah yes, the change from information sharing to propaganda dissemination. The Fellowship Report was started as a genuine method to enhance the quality of Group Conscience and encourage participation by folks who were accustomed to open participatory service committees. When the know-betters took power and had control of communication the Fellowship Report (as well as all other NAWS, Inc. communication, even the NAWay) gradually became a vehicle to shape fellowship opinion. They found excellent writers and marketers and used common, familiar NA language to offset many of the objections they could anticipate. They were successful – open, thorough discussion ended.

The NAWS party line became NA law. Any glimpse of a loving ultimate authority in our decision making disappeared. Pivotal service committees and sub-committees and ad-hoc committees were successfully and systematically staffed with hand-picked members of the like-thinking know-betters rounded out with approval seeking yes-people. The "Concepts" came from this sort of assembly, polished by a professional writer* and slid right by the fellowship through "vote of confidence." The results? Eventual disregard and disdain for the traditions. "Unity" means only compliance. Group Conscience has all but disappeared. Autonomy no

longer exists. Our message is garbled with psycho-babble. There is no real requirement for membership as long as drug replacement therapy is deemed a medical issue rather than denial supported by the treatment center industry. Professional writers for hire have abolished the self-support of willing members and discouraged us from participating in the miracles of writing for others. We finance outside enterprise through discounts in literature prices, and we have powerful government control rather than direct responsibility.

Is this what we really want? Is this in any way Service? How long will we stand for it?

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