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Goals and Purposes

We believe there needs to be discussion among the members of NA with regard the purpose and direction of our fellowship. There are 'service' groups springing up throughout North America; their goals are as many and varied as our members. Our purpose at 'core' is to provide a venue to facilitate open and respectful discussion among the members of the fellowship. We discuss ideas about how to make the NA fellowship more responsive to the still suffering addict. We hold weekly meetings, publish a weekly newsletter, and plan events for the purpose of uniting our fellowship. These are not core meetings, core newsletters, nor core gatherings; they are our gift to the NA fellowship.

<p>We Believe that the Greater the Base (Global NA Society)</p>		<p>The Broader the sides and the Higher the point of freedom.</p>
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**Yours in Loving Service,
 Lester O.**

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**Summary of Core Group Discussions for the
 Month of April**



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Core Group Minutes

March 29, 2016 – no meeting

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We are All in This Together

All the best to members gathered in Longwood, Florida on March 18-20 to work for NA goals! We are raising energy and spirit every time we get together. We, as a Fellowship, have need to relearn the simple principles of our commonality. What hurts one, hurts us all. What helps one, helps us all. Replication of positive effort will help us rebuild the sense of interpersonal caring and sharing which is what NA is all about!

“Every good idea has it's time but sometimes you have to wait. One thing recovery has taught me is it is not only good to wait. It is also necessary for others to go through their changes and get ready to entertain - and work for - actualization of the good idea.” – Bo S.

Note: the Agentic State movie is *Experimenter*, not The Experimenter. I am counting this idea as the central item in understanding what the heck happened to our service structure! Watch it. The peers and other affected persons attacked the man who designed and conducted the experiment. He was Jewish and wanted to know how the German population was shifted from educated, civilized and culturally advanced to becoming agents of atrocity in a very short few years.

Discussion:

9:00 Open:

John F – ok...

Bo – Home files – progress on checking out ownership of property.

Lester – on call, it is supposedly legal to own a company, then have that ~~company pay~~ company pay rent to a corporation you also own. Way to shield income from taxation.

Written essay:

A Company that I once worked for in Oregon had its parent company in Seattle WA. Its primary business was Bakery Supply. They owned 3 warehouses in 3 different states. They also owned a Dec-On Plant that made cake decorations as well as 3 Flour Plants. Products from both plant and flour mills were sold, and distributed out of their warehouses. They also owned a paper company (on paper only). This company was an equip-



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ment, company. They would buy equipment and then rent it to their other holdings, (warehouses, flourmills and Dec-On plant. All equipment was rented on a 99 year lease meaning that the rentee kept making payments for as long as the equipment lasted. Once the parent company payed of the rent for the equipment they had bought the rent money became profit for the company which was owned by a single Individual so that company profit was income for the Individual. The company was then passed on to the owners heirs etc. Supposedly all of this was legal.

Mitch – Jack B is not practicing Jewish person. Mel Hellman is in same position.

Bo – Term “Jewish Mafia” is generic and not aimed at any particular person. It was preceded by “Mexican Mafia” as an instance of good, devoted members adopting a style of conducting world service concerns and business in a manner understood by members involved, responsibility, accountability, etc. We are the “Hippie Mafia” if you need a term to designate the dominant attitudes in building the World Service Conference and the formation of the World Sub-Committees in late seventies and early eighties. Take away the guns and drugs, keep the peace and love that hippies are known for. We also stopped the insane Vietnam War.

Mitch – I’m not in any kind of Mafia!

John – Amazing to me how flawlessly the Basic Text is done. I get tears when I read the First and Second Edition. Other Editions do not affect me – I do not cry when I read them. It was done in a short length of time. Writing of the Basic Text is the 8th Wonder of the World. Everybody working in the solution, no competition. Divinely inspired.

Bo – WSO would undercut our efforts if they could.

Mitch – Found letter Sylvia M had written to Jimmy about pure alcoholic running NA. Not able to identify with NA members. Copy of the letter to Jimmy and his response is in the Addendum at end of these minutes.

Had situation where secretary working at WSO relapsed and wanted to stay on as secretary of Office.

Bo – good topic...

Lester – Wants Jimmy’s letter to Sylvia.



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John – Nothing new in Kansas City, MO. We lost a few more meetings in the last few weeks. Facility meeting in old mansion lost secretary, meeting went dark and sparked controversy because meeting still on schedule of area meetings. Kansas City now has thirty meetings, used to have a hundred. A forced effort is underway to have convention in St. Joseph with no real host committee. Trying to get a few pre-registrations.

John – Guy with 32 years started NA meeting in St. Joe, near the state line. There are coal cars going south full of coal and other cars going north empty to get more coal. There is a three day spectacle about this. Had a convention there for 20 years – last five years, convention held in smaller motel facility?

Bo – Do any members relate Tradition Violations to smaller meetings yet?

John – Obama sending more Drug Court money down from Feds. I still leave home at 2:00 am to make the drive two hundred miles to Kansas for 6:00 am Sunday NA meeting and return that evening. Go to AA meeting on way back in afternoon. There is an NA meeting in the country where if you are one minute late they lock to meeting room door.

Bo – How is East Coast Convention of NA going in Pittsburgh this July 8, 9 and 10?

Mitch – May go alone or not attend, still thinking about it.

Bo – Kermit has sent several more essays for Just for Tonight. I was overwhelmed by trip to Texas. Thanks Kermit!

I am attending from Cleveland, Texas right now. Had great visit with Gino in Galveston last weekend. Happened to be on groups 35th Anniversary. 200 members showed up for dance.

Note: idea came in from Chris W to translate the **Grey Book into Spanish**. Called a few people and everyone I talked to thought it was a great idea. Kay R from Vancouver, WA and Kenya told me they started a group in Kenya with ten members, later group attendance fell to five. They did the translation to Swahili, read and spoken by many people in Africa.

Asked group for ideas to translate and went with Second Edition since that is based entirely on the Approval Form as approved by the 1982 World Service Conference. The First Edition had deletions not approved by the Fellowship. Kay's wife took the translated material to the NA



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convention in Kenya and someone in touch with WSO said it could not be used in NA meetings, since the Second Edition not currently approved form. Some of the stories are most helpful, for instance Mid-Pacific Serenity.

I recommended doing a report to use as a template for any members in any country to do their own translation of the Grey Book and have it printed under one of their NA Groups locally. Call it Friendly Fellowship Publication. Keep it 'informal' to avoid conflict with the disconnected service structure. More to come on this... Our concern is that members feel empowered to do this under their own steam, without ridged guidelines of support of any particular group or entity. You know, anonymous. - Bo S.

10:00 – Lester – “Third Step Prayer...”

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Discussion:

8:30 Open:

John – Doing well . . .

Bo – Please look over Translation Project and contribute your ideas, suggestions to make it work to carry message where it may not be available. We are encouraging some members to do translation of Grey Book into Spanish suitable to the various dialects.

Bruce G – Group conscience project – got called a NA Nazi by WSO clones. They jump from meeting to meeting looking for members to attack. Area keeps \$20 to \$25,000 in treasury. Dollars disappear every year. Personal attacks and physical ~~threats~~by threats by goon squad.

Bo – John, you have much the same problem with a few variations. Tell Bruce please!

John – We had 100 NA groups in the Kansas City, Missouri area, now down to thirty. Follow NAWS party line. I keep quiet in meetings I attend here.

Lester – On call.

John – Missouri is in deep recession. Planting fruit trees and working on house. Members love drug court.

Bruce – I have lost hope in NA. WSO ignores Traditions unless they fit in with what they want to do. A group has \$800 in Treasury. Throw \$ at WSO. I jumped ship – go to AA.

Bo – We were rejected at Marietta ASC when we went to register Grey Book Study Group.

Bruce – Gone to AA – they talk about drinking and drugging. “Guys like us” rule. Problem is in NA we were ostracized. People find more acceptance in AA. WS Gov’t run by corps – same with NA. Goon squad members have recovery houses and pound their take on things into their clientele.

Lester – Area I left here in Melbourne, FL survives on convention money. Without the area convention, area would go under. Some Area’s can’t support Region as it is. World is mostly supported by book sales to outside enterprises. If we lost the forced attendance and persons



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just hanging out, we would lose majority of attendance. NA would be better off in long run because people would be getting clean and really working the 12 Steps!

Bruce – Addicted to alcohol. Baltimore AA full of addicts. They get tired of ‘journaling’ required by treatment centers.

Bo – We hear from groups in trouble as well as others that are doing well.

Lester – Starting a Grey Book Study Group. In some places members call newcomers out and tell them that if they want real recovery to check in their sponsors Treatment Center. Anybody heard WSO taking meetings off schedules if involved with Grey Book, Baby Blues or don’t send money to world? Heard about this on Radio Free FB.

Bruce – Happening in Baltimore.

Bo – Happened here.

~~Lester~~ Lester - “Historical Perspective” meetings ~~ok’d~~ Ok’d here. WSO starting to characterize what is and is not an NA meeting. The answer is sponsorship.

Bruce – Attack is work sensitive – lately ‘addiction is a feeling disease.’

Lester – Knows a counselor who left the treatment center because they were telling him do things against his will and better judgement.

Before I had an honest desire, I had a situational desire. I wanted to escape cops, losing jobs, manipulated, was dishonest, anything to escape consequences of my using. Developed a desire to get what other people had in NA.

Told a social worker today’s members often don’t have an honest desire, have not hit bottom yet, ~~court slip~~ court slip pushes them into meetings prematurely. Three quarter of people in meetings not willing to do the program.

Bruce – Have to have honest desire to get results. Not a judgmental assessment! Desire to connect with another NA member to get what they have.

Bo – John says DC attendees are ten years from their bottom.



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John – yea.

Bruce – NA is Treatment Industries' snake oil.

John – Nobody had picked up white chip in eight years.

Bruce – What happened eight years ago?

John – One meeting had no smoking rule and some smoked anyway. After a few warnings, the Fire Marshall contacted the owners of building and threatened to shut them down, so group got kicked out. Saw Cocaine Anonymous go dark overnight – they wanted to charge for speakers, paid airfare, etc.

Bruce – they infiltrated the meeting.

John – other meetings go dark overnight.

Bruce – Street sales of NA tees and merchandize out of car trunks upset neighbors and got group kicked out.

John – Some things never get talked about but everyone knows – Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Acceptance, Peace and Peace: DABAP. Many are going through denial or anger right now, some trying to fix it. Funny inner city phenomenon where kids in uniforms go out and pick up trash to keep neighborhood clean. If a window get busted get busted out and is not repaired, other windows are broken and then comes graffiti. After that, crime sets into area. Keeping streets clean is survival. Kinda like keeping to Traditions keeps groups alive. When NAWS started breaking Traditions and no one successfully opposed them, they just took off! Government fabricates 80% of persons in Drug Court never use again. Where do they get their figures? How long do they check? Are their figures accurate-accurate? Good enough for funding.

Lester – They- They don't consider taking Methadone or Suboxone to be a relapse.

Mitch – Ten or twelve members at Grey Book Study Group. Newcomers love it. Touches people inside.

Bruce – 100 kids a night at his former NA group on Monday night. Gave out Basic Text, Stopped sending money to service structure due to disconnect.



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10:00 – Mitch did closing prayer extemporaneously. Thanks Mitch!

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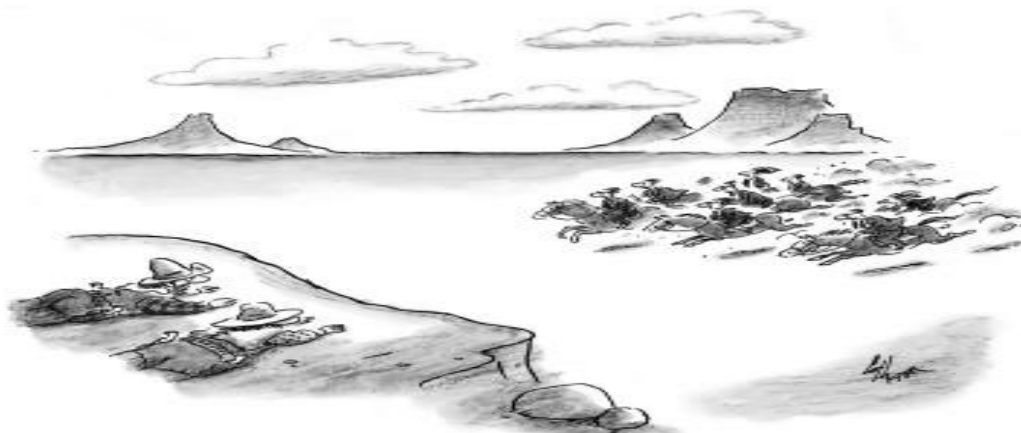
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5:00pm Apr 17

Thank you to every single person who takes the time to offer up their perspectives and ideas for everyone to discuss. This addict, does not think it equals "almost nothing". I know that if you are typing it here, you are thinking, you are aware, you are probably talking to people in your local area as well. Contrary to some opinion, I put my love, support and faith in those who help our NA groups understand their importance, what is happening past the group level and who help to empower our Groups and their fellow members with understanding of fellowship business. I do not believe one has to be an RD to make a difference. One just needs to be a member and to be willing to learn. Most important, one just needs to trust their own process. Not every addict in NA needs to hold the RD position and then the WB position as the cherry on the top. Did we get clean for that? Did we get clean to grow membership numbers? Did we get clean to be PR associates for NAWs? Did we get clean to bury ourselves in the business of NA? Or did we come here in pain, seeking salvation and having found it, now we seek to give back in however that feels right in that moment. Are we members of a fellowship where the coffee maker is less than the RD? Or are we called to the kind of autonomy that enables real unity based upon our common purpose and our common origins of the pain of addiction? Yes, I believe NA can grow and flourish without a World Board. Yes, I believe we would do what needs to be done without a select few taking credit for "growing the fellowship". Yes, I believe that the "mere member" would join together to help other addicts and mostly I believe that the same HP that gave us NA would continue the miracle without the World Board. It would take work and we would work. It would take some structure and we have that. Mostly it would take what it has always taken. Willingness, the Traditions, gratitude based service and humility. So, whether you are an RD or not, whether you agree with this or that or not, each and every single person I meet in NA matters equally. Period.

Bill Fritz

April 19 at 1:37pm

A memory from 2012. Has anything changed?

HAVE YOU CAST YOUR HOMEGROUPS BALLOT FOR THE 2012 CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT? THE WSC BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND.

A FAMOUS MEMBER IN OUR ANONYMOUS PROGRAM HAS GIVEN ME HIS PERMISSION TO SHARE HIS VIEWS FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

Love him or hate him I believe he is right.

Bo Sewell

The following are simple observations from our structure and our history. So far as I know they are not debatable. It seems to me that many of today's members have not been presented with simple information on these things. We have problems in today's Fellowship because these things have been removed so the people who removed them are trying to 'fix' the deficiencies rather than utilizing what has worked in the past. Giving out accurate information over a period of time sufficient to acquaint the members to be polled with the items to be voted on is not an optional step. Having a reliable, simple and consistent method of polling, so far as I know is not debatable. Holding trusted servants accountable is similar to ordering seafood and getting pancakes. There is no issue to discuss here. The servants have to do what they are told or they will be either cor-



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rected or replaced. It is as simple as that.

A WSC sub-committee for H&I could deal with drug court attendees, orienting and giving them necessary information to help them approach recovery if that's what they want.

A WSC sub-committee for PI could be carefully considering and working out ways to get across the idea that we really are a program of total abstinence. If the gov't and institutions require meds, then perhaps they could go to AA.

Without WSC Admin, there can be no group conscience. Powerful forces from the buyers of NA literature outside the Fellowship force our service corporations to attempt to change our message to fit the marketplace rather than faithfully adhere to the reality of NA recovery. Real topical information is not sent out, poor polling practices abound, no procedure to reel in world services when situations arise where the Conference and the Fellowship feel WS is off track. Disadvantaging the Fellowship's representative body is damaging to NA because without communications, evaluation processes and proper polling, nobody really knows what the membership thinks or feels. Putting pressure to change onto an ill prepared Fellowship is heinous disservice. Blaming them for not knowing is horrible. It is not their fault.

It may help to understand we live in an era of great presumption and we have to learn new habits of care and concern for others, and this includes our service structure as well as any other part of the program. The Fellowship gets the message. In fighting and character assassination does not make you look good, it indicates you lack something inside. In NA caring is not optional. Keeping faith is not optional. The tiny effort required to learn how a working structure is created, then maintained is nothing compared to the pain and emotional hardship of watching it fall apart on your watch. We are waiting to see what you will do. Along with the other advantages of the information age, we are really watching. If you need help, ask for it. There are many levels of support available all require enough surrender to ask for it. Playing big deal and working philosophical fallacies on us is going out of style. There are those among us who feel that life is but a joke. We have to rise above them to get any progress. Following the rules is what makes any system work. Buzz words and corporate tricks need to be understood and repelled when they are attempted. We can do it.

Many years ago, we asked for a more business like WSO. Today we ask for a more caring WSO. Don't hit the Fellowship up for money if you are exhibiting wasteful management practices. We will help and support people who care about us. We walk away from those who are just using us. We understand that almost all members in service at the world level are loyal and dedicated but surely you know there is something out of whack. All this money and time being wasted on unwonted structural change and a blatant attempt to bully the Fellowship into going along with a corporate management system violates the spirit and letter of our Twelve Traditions. Members are quickly learning our historical facts and it is our hope we can all get back on track.



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Bo – Just got more file boxes back from Boyd via Jim C. Wow. Just occurred to me that along with the material on a couple of CD's I have all my world files from the ten years in elective service positions as well as before and after. At forty-one years clean, that's a lot to be grateful for – thanks God. You really know how to set things up, don't ~~You~~you!

Also, Joe N gave me Georgia RSC files from back when I was Georgia RSC Policy Chair. Is that awesome or what!

John – commentary: St. Joseph, MO used to be a big meat packing town. Dead now. They charge for meetings to pay expenses. They think that's ok. Closed all AA meetings in Platte City, MO. AA meetings closing all around state of Missouri. Oxford House clients go to bars – do not drink. Think that's cool.

Mitch – Ocean City Convention – rude to speaker – half audience left the hall during talk Saturday night.

John – NA may break this year in Missouri.

Mitch – Kansas City, MO and Kansas have twenty meetings a night according to a schedule I have.

John – Kansas City is 13th largest American City.

Mitch – Got a job at local country club as greens keeper. Do light work and get paid along with having free golf Saturday and Sunday. Don't need to money but the golfing is great!

Bo – Behind with helping Kermit. He and I had good call last week as he was going to Panama City, Florida for *Fun in the Sun* convention. Doing good on *Just for Tonight* project.

Mitch – Passover this weekend!

10:00 Bo gave closing prayer: "God thanks for bringing us together in hopes we can help restore our Fellowship as a spiritual program of recovery."



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ADDENDUM A: Global Translation Project SWAHILI

I arrived in Nairobi in October 2013. My wife to be, Jane, took me to the Friday night Narcotics Anonymous meeting at the hospital. There was about ten addicts at the meeting. The readings were done in English. I noticed that there were a few pamphlets that had been translated into Swahili, however, all the Basic Text was the 6th Edition English version.

My wife to be also took me to the Saturday morning meeting at one of the treatment centers. There was sometimes up to twenty people in attendance at these meetings. The format at this meeting was reading a page or two from the 6th Edition Basic Text as a focus for the meeting. When people shared, it was in Swahili and sometimes in English. There was no practice of the 7th Tradition, and probably all who attended had no introduction or knowledge of any of the other Traditions.

Jane and I moved to Ongata Rongai, a small town about an hours drive from Nairobi, after we were married at the beginning of November, 2013. There was no NA in this part of Kenya. My wife was the Worship Team Leader at a local church in Ongata Rongai. There were many people attending her church who had had drug problems in the past, and who had stopped using because of their religious beliefs. They and the local Bishop seemed interested in the Program I was introducing to them as drug addiction was now epidemic in this part of the world.

We started meeting as a group in the church. I had brought a few copies of the Line numbered English Basic Text with me, so we used this book in the meetings to do the readings. The next move was to print the Who, What, Why and How readings in English. These folks could read English; however, it was obvious that these readings translated into Swahili would create a much deeper understanding of our literature.

I worked in Vancouver Pre-trial prison for 15 years during my early recovery. Daily, I would read the 5th Line numbered NA Basic Text with inmates, most of them from Mexico. They read the sentences beautifully in English, however, when I asked them what they thought was important, or what "spoke" to them from the reading, they would have little to say.

I attended a world convention of Narcotics Anonymous in Colombia SA. Here, I introduced Spanish speaking members from around the world to the line numbered approach to helping each other read and study the Basic Text. Some members gave me their phone numbers and email addresses and asked me how they could help. I contacted each member and asked each of them to type out a Chapter, Step or a Tradition from their Spanish Basic Text in a Word document format and send it to me. My job would be to format it concordant to the line numbered English 5th edition. The end result of our community effort was an English-Spanish version of the



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Basic Text up to the end of Chapter 10. That meant that each sentence had a number followed by an English Sentence. Just below the English sentence was the Spanish translated equivalent.

We also formatted a complete Spanish Line numbered Basic Text that was also concordant to the English and English Spanish material that we had developed.

When I began using the Spanish-English material in the prison system, the guys that I was reading with would read their lines in Spanish while I would read my lines in English. Even though I don't speak or understand much Spanish, I would know exactly what they were reading because I also was reading from a line numbered book. The really interesting thing about all this work we had done, was in the sharing. When people read the literature in their mother tongue, they seemed to understand it more completely. Where I had experienced little participation in the sharing after the reading using the English only text, I now experience full involvement with the literature and how it spoke to each individual deeply in their own mother tongue. Needless to say, I was impressed!!

We started meetings in two other places outside Ongata Rongai at the request of the Bishop. One was in Ruthigetti, a small town, about an hour drive away by car, or two hours away if we went by bus and by bus, it would take six buses in all just to get there. The other meeting was started in Namaluk, a small town in the opposite direction, again, an hour away by car, but in this case only an hour and a half to get there and only two buses away. These distances were advantageous at the beginning as it gave us a chance to discuss what the Narcotics Anonymous Program was about and what it was not about. Remember that for most of the people attending, they had no idea about any 12 step program.

By the time we started these meetings, we had the meeting readings translated into Swahili, and the beginning of each meeting was Swahili. There was a core group of us that attended these meetings in a car provided by the Bishop. At first, because the Bishop would come, in his car, and certainly it would give people at the meetings the belief that these meetings had something to do with the church. So many of them would rant about their religious beliefs for what seemed like forever. It turned out to be the motivation we needed to start more translating. We would translate a Chapter, a Step or a Tradition, put it in line numbered format and read it at the meeting. This helped to keep us more recovery material focused, but it also gave the group an opportunity to correct and improve the translation. After the meetings, I would go home and update any improvements or changes that had been discussed by the members at the meeting.

Because we met at these different locations four times a week, we were able to translate the first ten chapters and print a Swahili-English line numbered Basic Text and a Swahili Basic Text up to and including Chapter 10.

When we started attending these meetings, we spent many hours driving back and forth to the meetings. I was asked many questions about Narcotics Anonymous that I was really not equipped to answer. NAWS, in all its efforts to raise money, does not offer us with a reliable history book that I'm sure many would purchase if given the opportunity.



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I did read Bob Stone's book However, there is always good old speculation and hearsay, and, having attended every World Convention since 1991 until now, only missing last year in Brazil, I have spoken to many addicts and heard many stories with which I have allowed myself to pieced together my own limited understanding of NA history.

In Kenya we started all of the translating of the Basic Text from the 6th edition NA English book. At some point the addicts in Kenya asked me why we were on the 6th edition of the Basic Text and the AA people were only on the 4th edition. I didn't know the answer, however, I stated that I suspected that it may have something to do with making more money. I made it quite clear to these folks that I use the 6th edition when I am in public as I want to be accepted and I would like to be included by other NA members.

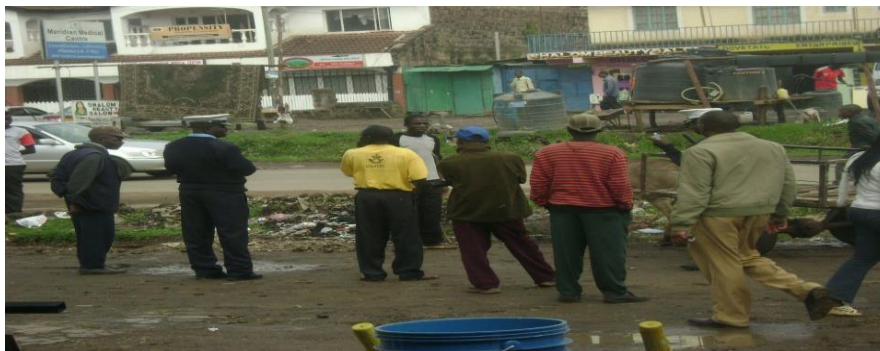
However, I always use my 2nd edition with my close friends in Narcotics Anonymous. I use the 2nd edition as I believe that this is what we got when we prayed the prayer from our Introduction. I like the few typos that appear in my 2nd edition and I'm sorry that in some things I am still not that open minded, but I don't want any humans making my God given Program better. I think that the time in the history of Narcotics Anonymous, all the members responsible for the development of the Basic Text, your prayers, the loving God, ...and God, and all other factors for the development of the 2nd edition are the reasons that the Kenyan members decided to do what they did.

I shared my love of this Program with these guys as we drove down the road to our meetings. It wasn't long before they decided to scrap the translation of the 6th edition, go back to the beginning, edit and edit the work they had done so that it now reflected a translation of the 2nd edition. I believe that I tried to give them an equal choice of whether to translate the 2nd, the 3rd revised or the 6th edition. I believe they choose the 2nd mainly because they wanted the original stories. Whatever reason they choose, I believe that because the group choose it, it was a good choice.

Have to go to my 1:30 meeting now. Will try to send some pics of our meetings when I return.

Love in the Fellowship,

Richie K





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Addendum B

Formal fallacies

Main article: [Formal fallacy](#)

A formal fallacy is an error in logic that can be seen in the [argument's form](#).^[1] All formal fallacies are specific types of [non sequiturs](#).

[Anecdotal fallacy](#) – using a personal experience or an isolated example instead of sound reasoning or compelling evidence.

- [Appeal to probability](#) – is a statement that takes something for granted because it would probably be the case (or might be the case).^{[2][3]}
 - [Argument from fallacy](#) – assumes that if an *argument* for some conclusion is fallacious, then the *conclusion* is false.^[4]
 - [Base rate fallacy](#) – making a probability judgment based on [conditional probabilities](#), without taking into account the effect of [prior probabilities](#).^[5]
 - [Conjunction fallacy](#) – assumption that an outcome simultaneously satisfying multiple conditions is more probable than an outcome satisfying a single one of them.^[6]
 - [Masked man fallacy](#) (illicit substitution of identicals) – the substitution of identical designators in a true statement can lead to a false one.^[7]

Propositional fallacies

A propositional fallacy is an error in logic that concerns compound propositions. For a compound proposition to be true, the truth values of its constituent parts must satisfy the relevant logical connectives that occur in it (most commonly: <and>, <or>, <not>, <only if>, <if and only if>). The following fallacies involve inferences whose correctness is not guaranteed by the behavior of those logical connectives, and hence, which are not logically guaranteed to yield true conclusions.

Types of [Propositional](#) fallacies:

- [Affirming a disjunct](#) – concluded that one disjunct of a [logical disjunction](#) must be false because the other disjunct is true; *A or B; A, therefore not B*.^[8]
- [Affirming the consequent](#) – the [antecedent](#) in an indicative conditional is claimed to be true because the [consequent](#) is true; *if A, then B; B, therefore A*.^[8]
- [Denying the antecedent](#) – the [consequent](#) in an [indicative conditional](#) is claimed to be false because the [antecedent](#) is false; *if A, then B; not A, therefore not B*.^[8]



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Quantification fallacies

A quantification fallacy is an error in logic where the quantifiers of the premises are in contradiction to the quantifier of the conclusion.

Types of [Quantification](#) fallacies:

- [Existential fallacy](#) – an argument that has a universal premise and a particular conclusion.^[9]

Formal syllogistic fallacies

[Syllogistic fallacies](#) – logical fallacies that occur in [syllogisms](#).

- [Affirmative conclusion from a negative premise](#) (illicit negative) – when a categorical [syllogism](#) has a positive conclusion, but at least one negative premise.^[9]
- [Fallacy of exclusive premises](#) – a categorical syllogism that is invalid because both of its premises are negative.^[9]
- [Fallacy of four terms](#) (*quaternio terminorum*) – a categorical syllogism that has four terms.^[10]
- [Illicit major](#) – a categorical syllogism that is invalid because its major term is not [distributed](#) in the major premise but distributed in the conclusion.^[9]
- [Illicit minor](#) – a categorical syllogism that is invalid because its minor term is not distributed in the minor premise but distributed in the conclusion.^[9]
- [Negative conclusion from affirmative premises](#) (illicit affirmative) – when a categorical syllogism has a negative conclusion but affirmative premises.^[9]
- [Fallacy of the undistributed middle](#) – the middle term in a categorical syllogism is not distributed.
 - **For more information, google Philosophical FallaciesFallacies**

