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*Core Group Minutes*

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### **3rd H&I Conference 2016 June 4 2016 Pittsburgh PA**

[https://www.mediafire.com/folder/e537ifc0btry3/3rd\\_H%26I\\_Conference\\_2016](https://www.mediafire.com/folder/e537ifc0btry3/3rd_H%26I_Conference_2016)

### **John F, Kansas City, MO**

We had a guy show up holding a baby blue. Secretary had him ejected from the meeting. They beat the guy up out in the parking lot. He staggered off. -----Nice, huh?

### **What's going on? Beware the cure....**

The Marketing of Madness is the definitive documentary on the psychiatric drugging industry. Here is the real story of the high income partnership between psychiatry and drug companies that has created an \$80 billion psychotropic drug profit center.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgCpa1RISdQ&feature=youtu.be&list=PLLRhCOK0qiFD9hJ2T9mWwq7ISNbicLNJa>

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### Agents

**California defines an agent as "one who *represents* another, called the principal, in dealings with third persons." Cal. Civ. Code § 2295, *see also* Restatement (Third) of Agency §1.01 ("Agency is the fiduciary relationship that arises when one person (a 'principal') manifests assent to another person (an 'agent') that the agent shall act on the principal's behalf and subject to the principal's control, and the agent manifests assent or otherwise consents so to act.").** Thus, the key to the agency



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relationship is the ability to act on another's behalf. As William Shakespeare has Claudio say in *Much Ado About Nothing*:

Therefore, all hearts in love use their own tongues; Let every eye negotiate for itself and trust no agent; less poetically, don't send someone else to do your wooing.

<http://calcorporatelaw.com/2011/09/worlds-in-collision-agency-law-and-a-directors-fiduciary-duties/>

Mel H

11:59pm Apr 13

If we got rid of the greed that NAWS has, more people would be served and you could get literature at a reasonable price, but as long as GREED is in the picture the fellowship will suffer. Now they want to audit groups and tell you if you want refreshments we need to take it out of our own pockets so area and world would get theirs. Screw that. Every group that has good attendance should save some money and have a good picnic now and then. I was part of the original boards when Jimmy needed postage for starter kits and we lived on a shoe string. I want my OLD NA back

Nadine Doubleu

11:38pm Apr 26

One thing I learned, I will never be considered for a World Board workgroup. Mark H. explained that they are entrusted to only pick people who will insure the success of a project. This was in answer to a comment about the lack of diversity and revolving door with workgroups and the same members being tapped on the shoulder. I am not shining star material. Now that seems funny on one hand but on the other a part of me was sad. I love NA as much as the next person, have valuable skills, have some service experience and am willing to give of my own time to help NA but I listened as a world board member of the fellowship I love, have made a life in and have given so much of my resources, heart and care to basically said "your kind has nothing we want.". I am considered a liability. I won't lose sleep over this, but for a quick moment as it dawned on me what he was saying my heart was suddenly and surprisingly stabbed with a pain. I just felt discarded for a second

## Tons of Information

On Botticelli and Drug Epidemic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBORJT2N6C8>  
[Dir. Michael Botticelli, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy](#)

## NA Way of Life

Our recovery process has evolved through its actual practice by the hundreds of thousands of addicts who get clean, stay clean and achieve varying degrees of recovery. Our goal is to stop worrying about what the other people in our lives are doing, whether rightly or wrongly, and to get on with rediscovering our own sense of wonder, physical health and mental balance.

Recovery is about your health, your happiness and your sense of wonder. We don't want our feelings to get too high or too low in our new life. We learn to be happy and make the most of our lot in life. In our fellow recovering addicts, we find the tremendous resource that we need to make our lives work. Our therapeutic value is in the way we live: we walk it, not just talk it. We become acceptable, responsible and productive members of society as a byproduct of working the Program of Narcotics Anonymous. (Page 537)



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## Discussion:

**It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.**  
**Albert Einstein**

8:30 Open:

“We hope to pass on what was so freely given to us that others might find a way out of their addiction.” List your memories of people who 12 stepped you. If we don’t teach them, nobody will.

Our Home Group has been deleted off the world & regional websites...

(Apparently this was due to his home group using the Baby Blue or the Grey Book. It is strange because they are totally different works! – Bo S.)

Bo – we are considering a “Book Nursery” section on NASelden. We could put up title, Preface, Intro, toc and a few essays ideas on each proposed chapter. Email can be factored in progressively and a large number of participants could write a book. Input is by page number: insert, delete, modify.

Lester – People might post shit...

Bo – We can deal with that. All books written this way would require a face-to-face assembly and conference to be considered complete.

Found NA 20+, The Spirit of NA and Gary H. from Houston to upload to NASelden. Also, Linda M. has a beautiful autobiography.

Lester – could post article about the last ten years. (Already in NA 20+)

Bo – Nasalden is project now – will probably become a publishing company if all goes well. Will require carefully considered safeguards to prevent it going the way of ‘other’ corporations.

There is terrific value in autobiographies that go into details of the clean life. Society has changed massively. No policy on what the authors chose to put in their stories. Some stories may become movies. This too will be the business of each author. The crucial point is many people will learn more about the day to day lives of clean addicts.

John F – this will be a new chapter in the history of NA.



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Bo – Downloaded app from Shopify that makes iPhone an office. Travis wants us to establish a fund to give away books overseas. I agree and think we might help members establish relations with a printer within their country.

Lester – Fund could be in a separate account for books to go overseas.

Bo – Remember, the buyers pay for the fund. Some authors may want to keep price down. Again, having no blanket policy frees us to tailor each work to the wishes of the individual author. Local printing will circumvent high shipping costs to each Fellowship.

Lester – Using an article with invitation to participate including “permission to use.” Make up form for acknowledgment.

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Bo – John – how about RICO?

Lester – Will we need a lawyer for that? We could chip in to raise money.

Bo – Greg E was Grateful Dave’s lawyer – pro bono.

Lester – Why would WSO want to cover up contributors in 2010 tax return?

John – Income tax evasion puts non-profit status at risk. This belongs to the NA Fellowship, not the employees at office. Must be large to warrant covering up list of contributors with a blank sheet of paper. IRS didn’t kick back incomplete form, State of California did and gave office 30 days to file or lose non-profit status. As a CPA I know systems require each page to be filled out before it will let you go to next page.

Office may have lost their CPA firm over this. Hired new one in Northern Cal. Something happened.

Bo - Richard L. sent flyer from 3<sup>rd</sup> H&I Gathering in Pittsburgh, PA. Seems like what the WSC H&I sub-com would do...

Bo – Marketing Madness on youtube.com is a whirl wind tour of the expansion of pharmaceuticals to ‘treat’ mental illness. Shut down of mental hospitals and a drug for every real or imagined ailment proceeded to epidemic proportions.

Lester – Drug ads on tv and magazines.

John B – Our community has two groups and four members.



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Bo – Thanks for great job on coreIssues Newsletter Lester O!

10:00 – John B. led closing Third Step Prayer...

**Next meeting on June 14, 21, 28, 2016**

*Other good closing prayers....*

*“They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But what if it reflects not reality but an agenda? In this age of airbrushed magazine covers, computer-generated images, reality TV, and phony viral video, have words lost meaning? Or have they become more important than ever?”*

“Dear God,

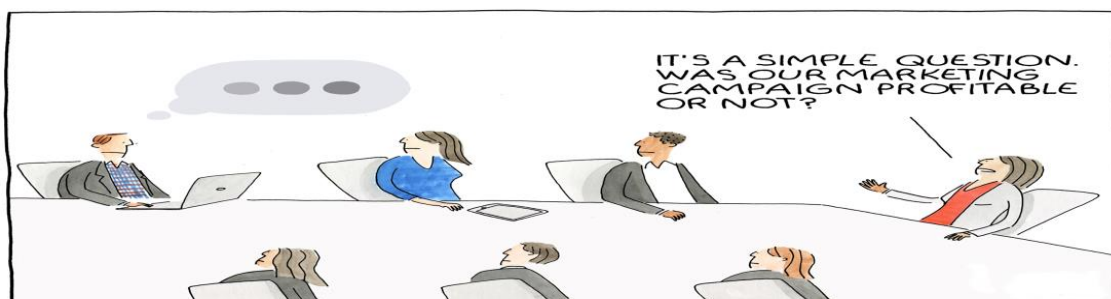
Please protect and provide for me. Guide and illuminate the path of my pilgrimage. Grant me courage, commitment and strength. Teach me to care and give without reservation. Remind me of gratitude and principle. Please allow me to recognize your presence in me and around me and allow my life to be a reflection of your love.” From Greg Pierce

“Nothing blinds a person like fanaticism  
which is just an outward expression of obsession.”

“That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship.”

**Fan Page – “coreIssues” on Face Book**

***Recorded weekly meetings of the core group. We have downloads from all the calls to date. Listing is a chore. Some may not be on our hard drives but no one has asked about them and we go where you directs us with emails or phone calls. You can still dial in for recording of last Tuesday night call by using access code. The downloaded calls I can send you if you need them. – Bo***





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— Causing an Opioid Epidemic. Read more at <http://thefreethoughtproject.com/unsealed-docs-show-pharma-companies-fueling-opioid-epidemic-illegal-pill-mills/#PCbs0swfeZkVUV5C.99>

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3. Wichita Informational Booklet around 40 pages to inform attendance. Free download on core group NA. Think the WIB is a free download on FB core group NA. It was designed to give attending members a grip on the issues, suggestions, anything to help them participate fully. Thanks all the members who put it together!
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5. Disconnect – The huge gap between world services and General Membership was discussed and we realized a stand-alone United States Service Conference (USSC) would not be possible until the Fellowship found ways to restructure NAWs. The only 'US and THEM' we had was between NA members and members of other fellowships who went to our meetings. When WSO got the big bucks, anyone who could them what to do was seen as an obstacle. It is not that they forgot they work for the Fellowship, they never saw it that way and no one had yet corrected them.
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Copied from a post by Kathy Kinnon (Jimmy's stepdaughter):

Can ANYBODY from NAWs/WSO, WB, staff, anonymously or have the guts out in the open to PLEASE tell me WTH are you thinking?

Are you really thinking sending out spies, asking, telling people in the fellowship to go on witch hunts to see if meetings are using BB or what.....lit that saves people's lives?

Just because it's not putting \$ in your pockets. Do you really think the message won't get carried without you?

Here is a quote from the 'NA WAY' magazine 1998; in the article titled "Buried Treasure", "The archives contain first-time communications from NA communities in Australia, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Sri Lanka, Sweden and South Korea."

That is just a few places it was carried LONG ago.

If you are really doing these witch hunts to keep newcomers and the fellowship from finding those meetings, shame on you.

NA started with NO literature and grew from there.

The BT didn't even come out until 1983, and NA was all over the world.





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Again shame on you, if this is true.

If this is true all you're going to do is send NA back years to when they had "Rabbit Meetings".

The NA Spirit will not stop, you know that.

Doesn't any of you have the inner NA spirit strength to say, this is not right, something has to be done to stop this and say.....it's time to sit down and find a way to have peace with all the fellowship for the Fellowships sake, or don't you care?

1. Do you believe we should be managed by a small group of people who regard outside forces as more important than reflecting the beliefs and wishes of our own people?
2. Should the breakthroughs and significant advances of our members working the 12 Steps of NA be made available for study and consideration by all our members?
3. Is the open and friendly exchange of information about NA, where we came from and the persistent visions of our spiritual growth and development used to explore and maintain our Program of recovery from addiction?
4. "Marketing Madness" video has 14 related side panels – it is excruciating to view these videos which bring to mind countless addicts who fall prey to the ad campaigns and ill-informed physicians. Our literature speaks of following the guidance of informed physicians. When the Basic Text was written, we honestly felt informed physicians would become more numerous. We did not take into account the huge pressures of money and mind control that reduced the number of physicians who acknowledge and respect the disease concept of addiction. – Bo S.

From the Trenches...

A WORD FROM JOHN:

Just had a great idea. After the board is convicted under the RICO Act and put in Leavenworth Federal Prison, you can all come out to visit me and then we can drive over to Leavenworth to visit the board.

They once held an event called "Meet the Board". This could be called "Visit the Board".

We could take up a collection to put money on their books. And we could give moral support to the shipping clerks and secretaries also doing twenty years. They will probably need it since they thought that only having knowledge of the felonies being committed would not get them indicted by that grand jury.

[Amy Cool W](#) 🙏 feeling grateful.

[17 hrs.](#) · [Mountain View, CA](#) ·

After many years of translations efforts by many addicts living in East Africa, the local translation committee was finally able to present an approved draft of our Basic Text in Swahili at the recent East African Convention. Imran is the regional delegate for Tanzania. These are his words, shared with his permission.

"When the Local Translation Committee Approval Draft of Swahili Basic Text was presented to the addicts present a spirit swept through the meeting room in a way I have never ever experienced before.



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To see the Convention Banner, the Podium, Table and addicts wearing NA Basic Text blue giving out the Basic Text in Blue in OUR LANGUAGE was for me a spiritual awakening like no other.

I can only imagine after the 1st approved Basic Text, what feelings that must have swept over my predecessors.

As I and other were handing out the Basic Text to the addicts I started feeling this immense feeling of Love and a sense of healing as I stood and watched room full of addicts hugging some crying with tears of joy clutching the Basic Text in Swahili with the Blue cover in conjunction with the theme of the convention "Back to Basics" with blue banners on the wall and blue convention shirts.

This is when I am just Wowed - HP has a plan I just need to be patient and at times like now I will see how it all worked out.

Swahili Basic text had caused many frictions between the Delegates/Regions of East Africa - now it has also brought us together."

## Discussion:

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8:30 Open:

**From Dale A - Bangkok, Thailand –**

Learned from Al-Anon that they refer to their literature as CAL and Non-CAL. CAL stands for Conference Approved Literature. Helped me realized NA has (in reality) categories of CAL, Non-CAL and WLCA (World Literature Conference Approved), WBAL (World Board Approved Literature, and NAWOA (NA Way Of Life Approved). Maybe further sub-categories of CAL might be helpful, such as the year the Conference Approved each specific piece of literature. Such as, CAL 1983. An example of WLCA literature is the Grey Review Form. All of these are (exclusively) NA Literature, written by addicts for addicts.

An example of Non-CAL would be AA or Al-Anon literature, the Christian bible, Buddhist literature, etc.

In reality, I think it's true to say, each NA Group chooses what literature it uses, and/or makes available at their NA meetings. Some NA Groups choose literature by Group Conscience, some by Consensus and others by various means such as a trusted leaders' decision, a committee, etc. That in itself can be confusing to some members and especially to newcomers. A statement that each group varies as to policy and literature might be helpful.

Another suggestion is a statement to the effect of; no NA Group would be effective using Non-CAL literature. One final suggestion would be a statement that reads, individual members and service committees are best served by NOT trying to enforce the unenforceable on NA Groups.

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Bo – You have what you take up for. The bureaucracy has crept forward in tiny increments, concealing their aggression with stealth. Perhaps some did not even conscience what they were doing and justified wrongdoing with egotism. Still, more and more members are raising their heads up and looking around the NA landscape and are appalled by what they see. When the Fellowship no longer controls their practices and methods, they are no longer free. The membership has been co-opted. When you change yourself, you change the world.

Brian - Had my first NA meeting with John F. Drove up in Michael's Cadillac, we called it "Red Carpet Bottom." Went to 2 AA, CODA, 2 NA and one Debtors Anonymous, on a Saturday, I think.

Bo – How are the Teleconference Call Meetings going?

Brian – TC meetings struggling. Everything goes up and down, up and down.

Bo – like intercourse?

Brian – Come and go, some stay clean w/o NA.

Bo – Had a very startling thing happen at an NA meeting a few months back in Dawsonville, Georgia – up in the mountains. I walked over to meet some members sitting at a picnic table and one man stood up and said, "Marietta Bo." He was heavy set and had a beard. 40 years ago I got a 12 Step call late at night and this man wanted a ride home from the Greyhound Bus Station in Atlanta. He was emotionally distraught, so I wanted to help him. I was twenty miles away in Marietta, Georgia. I was nearly out of gas and my Oldsmobile Cutlass gulped gas. This was long before bank cards and so I had to go the night dispatcher at a nearby cab stand owned by a friend and ask her for some money to make a run to Atlanta. She was in a really bad mood and didn't want to be tricked! She asked how much I needed and I said, "Three or five bucks. I'll come by and give Bill the money back tomorrow." She pulled open a drawer at her desk and counted out slowly, 300 pennies. I just stood there. Finally, I got the coins and got three dollars' worth of gas and drove to the Atlanta Greyhound Station. I recognized the guy right off. He was real glad to see me! He got in the car and I asked where he lived. He said Stone Mountain. That was twenty miles east of us. So, I thought hell, twenty miles from Marietta, another twenty to take this guy home and thirty to drive home. Hey, God! I'm gonna run out of gas! But you know, I didn't. I drove him home and made it back to Marietta on 300 pennies of gas. Here he was in front of me, John from forty years ago. We hugged and sat beside one another in the NA meeting. I guess this is what they call the "X" factor. He had two years clean in NA.

Brian – Six of us rented a house together in California just north of San Francisco. Got to NA meetings with Lefty who had lost his right arm. He had gotten clean in prison and his parole officer made him to meetings in



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San Jose. He later fell down some steps and broke his neck. We lived in Fairfield, California.

John – Yeah, Brian dug out the basement because when they built the house they left only six inches between the rafters and the dirt. Code required eighteen inches to rent out, so he made a hole in the kitchen floor and shoveled the dirt into buckets and dumped them outside. Took him two weeks but he got it done. He has a photographic memory. He knew all the Civil War generals I asked him to keep an eye on the car and when I got back outside, he had taken out his glass eye and had set it on the hood of the car!

Bo – When was this? What year?

John – Around 1983 or maybe 1987-88. We would go out on Highway 80 and help people who had flat tires. We had stuff to fix them.

Bo – Good Karma!

John – We could not abandon them. We had a friend in the Program who had a wrecker. Big John would give people free tows like fifty miles to their homes! One lady was late to a job interview. He gave her a ride. She tried to pay him and when he refused her money invited him to dinner! We were all doing stuff like that.

Bo – Y'all were grateful for recovery! We all were back then.

John – One lady went through all the men. She owned an appliance store. Doctor put her on meds.

Bo – Fellowship was kind and building NA!

Brian – In 1980 through 1989 – no questions when it came to helping others. Having a voice helps us go back to our authenticity. Just “go along:” with what others are doing cuts out some of the hope, dreams, personal authenticity. You become ‘somebody.’

Bo – Up and down, right?

Brian – Most of Conference Call meetings are struggling. They will come up again. How many times have we seen it happen? I recall a noon meeting where smoking became an issue. A group would make it a smoking meetings one week and the next another group would show up and make it back to a non-smoking meeting. Back and forth they went. Selfish voice.

Bo – When I have been in on writing guidelines for group actions, I always put in praying before voting. Of



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course, the ones who don't want to pray are quick to take issue with someone telling them to pray!

Brian – Group conscience is not the vote. Implementing something to make the group more attractive.

John – Black key tag is the epitome of what's wrong with NA today. They employ the black tag because it is less work in key inventory. "Does anyone have over ten years?"

Bo – First time I am hearing this, send me an essay for the minutes, please...

John – I have thirty-three years. Excitement builds. I go up to get my 'over ten years' and am asked how long and nobody in room can hear me say 33. Another brain storm of NAWS. Corporate monster. The person giving out the key tags and I are the only persons in the room who know I have 33 years. Kind of anti-climatic.

Bo – How do you feel Brian?

Brian – Understand what he is saying, I don't get black tags. I spoke with Steve R at WSO other day. He is so full of Jim Delisia. I asked him what the Fellowship would have to do to get the price of the Basic Text down to \$4.00. Spin master Delisia knows how to teach people to re-work what people are asking to make it seem like that's what WSO is doing! NAWS Kool-Aid.

Bo – Nasalden has been going less than three weeks! Our goal is to get one hundred autobiographies. People need to know what it is like to live the clean life.

Brian – Held and attended several NA Way of Life conferences. I met Steve S at one in Dalton, Georgia up in the mountains near Tennessee border. He wanted to put 'pert near' into a piece of literature. ('Pert near' is mountain talk for "Pretty near," as in approximately.)

John – Vito spoke here in Missouri. He talked with 20 year member, asked if Vito had a problem with NAWS. Vito told him our literature is no longer Fellowship Approved, it is Board approved. The member asked him what he meant by that and Vito asked him if he recalled going to a workshop on the "Living Clean" book. The members said, "Oh."

Mitch – Worked a long day today. Sorry I'm late. How you doing John?

Bo – (lots of static) Speak more clearly please.

Brian – Went to workshop in Baltimore on Twelve Traditions. We took lots of time. Steve M was the chair. I



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Mitch – I recall. Wasn't an effective workshop. They were trying to do a good workshop. Steve M was chair and did best job he could. I had no money on me.

Bo – Complete, creative freedom went out of style. Ideas, suggestions, comments help people see outside their field of vision. Just hearing one thing can jar a person's consciousness to greater awareness.

Lester – Sending dates on NA Way of Life and the core group.

Bo – Thanks Lester. Let me ask one question of everyone reading these minutes? What did you do to help?

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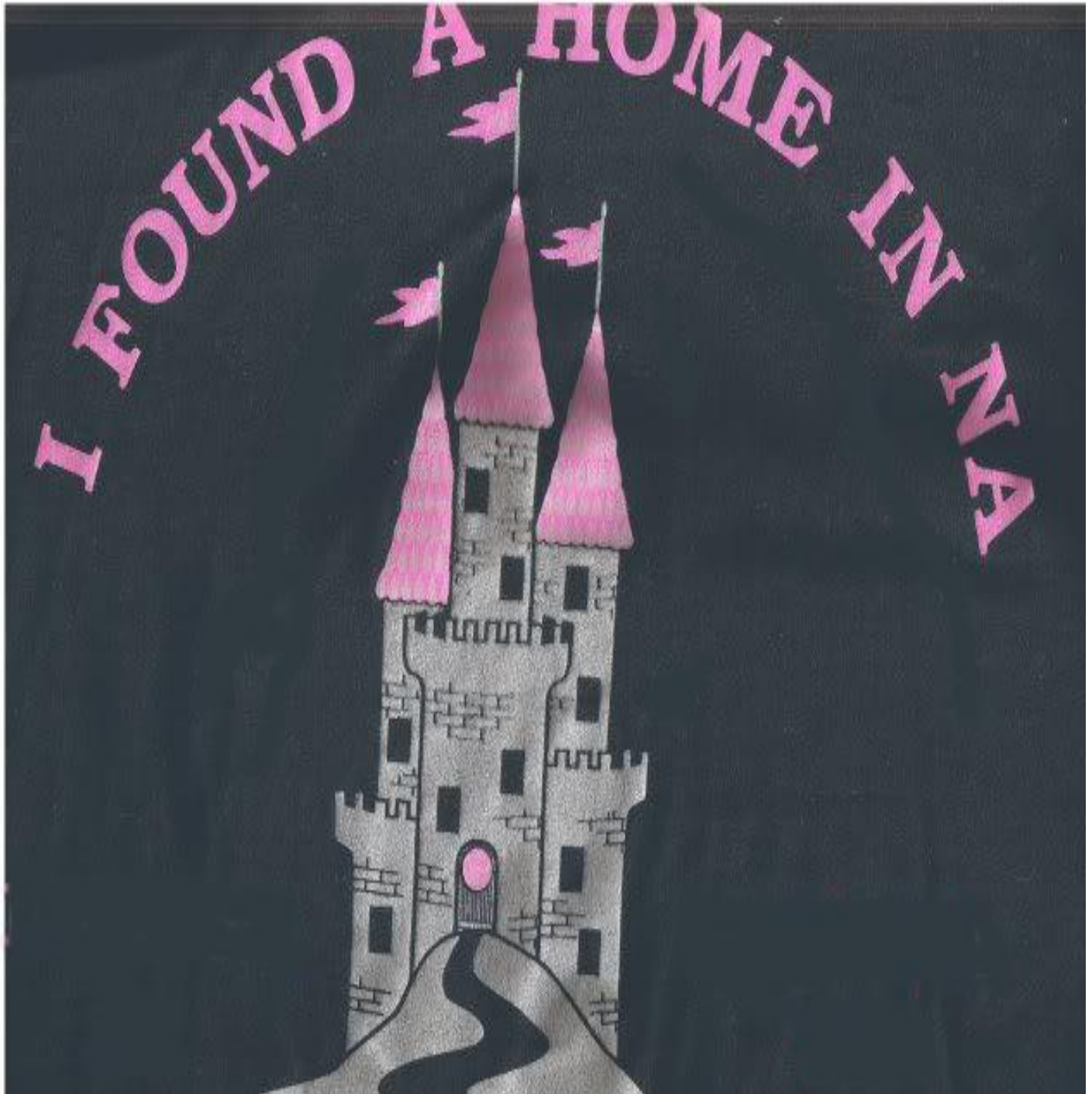
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Can ANYBODY from NAWS/WSO, WB, staff, anonymously or have the guts out in the open to PLEASE tell me What are you thinking?



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Are you really thinking sending out spies, asking, telling people in the fellowship to go on witch hunts to see if meetings are using BB or what.....lit that saves people's lives?

Just because it's not putting \$ in your pockets. Do you really think the message won't get carried without you?

Here is a quote from the 'NA WAY' magazine 1998; in the article titled "Buried Treasure", "The archives contain first-time communications from NA communities in Australia, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Sri Lanka, Sweden and South Korea."

That is just a few places it was carried LONG ago.

If you are really doing these witch hunts to keep newcomers and the fellowship from finding those meetings, shame on you.

NA started with NO literature and grew from there.

The BT didn't even come out until 1983, and NA was all over the world.

Again shame on you, if this is true.

If this is true all you're going to do is send NA back years to when they had "Rabbit Meetings".

The NA Spirit will not stop, you know that.

Doesn't any of you have the inner NA spirit strength to say, this is not right, something has to be done to stop this and say.....it's time to sit down and find a way to have peace with all the fellowship for the Fellowships sake, or don't you care?

- 1 Do you believe we should be managed by a small group of people who regard outside forces as more important than reflecting the beliefs and wishes of our own people?
- 2 Should the breakthroughs and significant advances of our members working the 12 Steps of NA be made available for study and consideration by all our members?
- 3 Is the open and friendly exchange of information about NA, where we came from and the persistent visions of our spiritual growth and development used to explore and maintain our Program of recovery from addiction?
- 4 "Marketing Madness" video has 14 related side panels – it is excruciating to view these videos which bring to mind countless addicts who fall prey to the ad campaigns and ill-informed physicians. Our literature speaks of following the guidance of informed physicians. When the Basic Text was written, we honestly felt informed physicians would become more numerous. We did not take into account the huge pressures of money and mind control that reduced the number of physicians who acknowledge and respect the disease concept of addiction. – Bo S.

From the Trenches...

## ILLEGAL AND ILLICIT LITERATURE – CORE ISSUE

I thought I'd post some additional discussion on the "Illegal and Illicit" Literature Issue. Funny to me that everyone just can't accept that group autonomy and the FIPT allow groups to use and print whatever NA literature they want to. What's the issue here?? Isn't getting and staying clean and fulfilling our Primary Purpose the object??? Why is our least attended service 'event' (WSC) attempting to govern what the groups and members do??? Has it all become about Money, Property and Prestige?? This is ludicrous..... – Bill F. California



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### **A WORD FROM JOHN F.:**

You know how court slippers refer to our meetings as classes. Well, that's just what they have become.

Our meetings have gone from being family gatherings in our sanctuaries to classes. Like traffic school, which is so boring that we now have comedy traffic schools in most cities. Otherwise people just can't stand sitting in these boring classes very long.

And so it has become in Narcotics Anonymous, boring dull mind numbing forced classes created by the state. Thus newcomers seldom attend very often or for very long. These dreaded events send people fleeing out the door.

The old meetings used to be fun events. Your friends were all there and they were like going down to the club to see the guys...and the girls. But now contact with girls in the program is fore often. Only stale non-fellowship literature is allowed. It's 1984 in the rooms. There is no joy in Mudville.

So the very thing newcomers desperately need (massive amounts of meetings) is the most unappealing thing imaginable.

No going out for coffee, lunch or dinner. No going to people's homes to play cards...who wants courtslippers casing their house.

Any talk different from the party line is crushed by lockstep meeting secretaries trying to do NAWS bidding.

Friends are not made, people not trusted, bonds not formed and recovery not achieved. It's the federal government doing what it does best, taking a good thing and blowing it up.

I saw this elusive trend after going to five meetings yesterday with a steady stream of relapsers, all who admitted not attending meetings...well, attending till they wanted to scream like a Guantanamo Bay Terrorist after being subjected to 24 light and booming music.

Perhaps if Homeland Security tried nonstop NA meetings on the terrorists, they might have more of them crack.

### **Discussion:**

*It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. - Albert Einstein*

8:30 Open

Bo – Hey Brian.

Brian – Chris W will be on call.

Chris – I'm here. Wonder why we don't translate with computers?

Bo – It has been tried. Last I heard, only 10% is useful. Has to be done by members.

Lester – Noticed on FB, "If NAWS disappeared, it would just be a bump in the road to the Fellowship." Article also said, "Doing away with WB would cut prices of Literature in half."

Chris – You mean cut WB out?

Lester – Remove Board of Directors could cut cost of Literature and restructure WSC. Counter argument is we



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voted the changes in.

Bo – Members were not schooled in statescraft or the mechanics of bureaucracy. I went to the library and looked up “Bureaucracy” I found it under B.

Bo – Do what you will people. I’ll keep on solutions. Fellowship is now studying some of the background material. I believe a lot more leaks out from core group than anyone suspects. We have come a long ways in five and a half years. Insincerity and shallow belief systems do not have longevity.

Chris – Make material available: literature, audio, video, area clean time tags. Access WSO financials and come up with better items, better prices.

Bo – We can do audio now.

Chris – Can do Grey Book audio at my upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration August 19<sup>th</sup> in Knoxville! We can have a Speaker Jam and do recordings of all the chapters in the Grey Book.

Lester – Great idea to have a Grey Book audio.

Bo - Need study materials and occasions to work out details.

Lester – How can we prevent this from becoming another USSC?

Bo – I think the USSC effort we fostered got people thinking why this, why that and it will all lead to eventual betterment for the Fellowship. Wake up call. The core group is a very different set up from what members think of as an effective effort. When you do lots of study and consideration, you come to viewpoints and conclusions that are ahead of your time. When you spread the word, the typical response is outrage and resistance. When people stop and think – and they eventually do – they realize a few missing pieces of information change everything. Discussing and reporting to the Fellowship brings those who read closer to a complete picture. As they do, they spread the word to others and continue to grow in understanding. It is tedious work and not everyone has the personal resources inside to follow through like we do. There will be a USSC someday because the people need one. The twisted moves towards zonals may be one line of approach. We’ll see. Change is the one constant.

Got Matter of Principle soft cover from printer.

Bo – There is a perception locally that a convention called “A Little Girl Grows Up” is drawing fire as a Tradition Violation. It has been successfully convening for years now. Some people see it as using the NA name for outside purposes. Men are allowed to attend although it is primarily designed to meet the needs of ladies. I am checking out all the viewpoints now.

Lester – The Orlando Hotel hosts a major NA convention. It is an outside issue?



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Chris – in Knoxville, they leave out money for other expenses so they can have a nice hotel. Volunteer Regional Convention tries to get the best hotels available.

Lester – in 1990 WCNA met at Convention Center with five local hotels for attending members.

Bo – Mike Polin sure did a great job when he chaired the World Convention Committee for a number of years. He was available to help any convention, anywhere who asked for the help.

Lester – Portland Police Department provided security for the World Convention there. NA enjoyed a very good reputation there.

Chris – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. Speaker Jam in Knoxville for my 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Get a ride Lester!

Bo – When did Dilizia start consulting for WSO? I think it was long before anyone knew about it.

Lester – Still working on essay.

Brian – back on call.

Chris – Want to do workshop on recording Grey Book audio at Speaker Jam October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Brian – We have a hard time getting long term members together. They are all fighting. Personal agendas, selfishness, that's why core group fell apart.

Bo – Well, we still meet, do minutes and mail them out. We have support. We have always been supportive of various groups working for the good of NA. I guess it is a matter of perception. Some members get resentments when they fall behind on information. It is mainly communication disabilities, I think.

Brian – Mitch Harvey would be a great speaker Chris. Ivan Faske, Dale Spencer, Randy Jones. There is an H&I Learning Day coming up. Still in planning stage.

Bo – Get a good audio board. There was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual H&I event in Pittsburgh Richard L. mentioned.

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We are Americans and we fix stuff. We cured polio, invented dental implants, and came up with AA and NA.

But when it comes to getting them clean we are scratching our heads. We forced them to go to NA but that kinda turned out like the old phrase "Buy them books and send them to school and what do they do? eat the covers... Or, eat the teacher, take your pick."

So we send them to NA and they kill the host.

See, the rules that apply to everything else don't apply to addiction. It's like a UFO that operates with some sort of magnetic drive or something, can mess around with time and goes really, really fast when it wants. It's all different from an airplane.

Addiction is all different too. It's not like cancer, TB, MS, Crohn's Disease. Not only is it different, its way, way different. Shots don't work. People often don't want to get well from it. It's largely a spiritual deal. If you are too smart, it can be very hard to stay clean.

You can't tell if someone is likely to relapse.





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On 6/27/2016 9:35 AM, Richie K. wrote:

Dear H\_\_\_\_\_,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Richie K... I have been asked by a member of the World Concordant Line numbered Basic Text Committee to format the work that you have done into an English-Chinese Line numbered Basic Text, concordant with our latest 6th edition of the NA Basic Text.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the work you have already done! Thank You!!! I am truly amazed!!!!

I am sending you the PDF of the English-Chinese 6th Edition. Word document alone tend to wander at times and do not always represent the document that was sent. So you should find the PDF and the Word Documents in this email.

Where there has been an omission or what I perceive to be an inconsistency, I have highlighted it in red for you to check or correct. There may be things that you find as you go through the document that need improving. If you could mark these in green and send them back to me along with the red changes, I will format them into the final document.

Again, H\_\_\_\_\_, I would like to thank you for your service and for the help.

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Look forward to your updates!!

Sincerely,

Richie K.

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**Hello friends,**

I have recently moved from Chicago 30 minutes south of Grand Rapids Michigan in August. I had gone to meetings and did a 30 and 30 in Grand Rapids. At my very first meeting I was greeted by young members that asked me if I'd like to join them in dinner. Mind you I'm 25 years old with six years clean. So I joined them for an evening after the meeting to Fellowship. I thought it was particularly odd because I noticed people that were with them that weren't in the meeting I'm sure they weren't in the meeting but where did they come from.

We arrived to the restaurant/bar. The guys that I notice that weren't in the NA meeting went to the bar. I asked "who are those guys" one of the young members replied "oh they came with us after their AA meeting at the end of the same time" I "asked are they are friends" he responded "yeah, they like to sit at the bar and pick up chicks". At this point I was really surprised I couldn't believe what I heard. It was only later I'd find out that the person that invited me out to dinner was in fact a member of AA who only attended NA meetings to support his sponsee's. I asked him if that was really necessary given there were members of NA to sponsor these men. He replied "my sponsor told me to sponsor anybody who suffers" I asked him "is your sponsor Mother Teresa?" A few months later one of the first people I came to meet in Grand Rapids had died of an overdose and the day before he died of an overdose he got in a serious car accident with the sponsor speeding through traffic.

This was my first encounter with Grand Rapids NA and I wasn't particularly happy. From that 30 and 30 I made I would come to realize NA in Grand Rapids was very different. I had called a member and asked him to pick me up from my hotel I was staying at until I found an apartment that was where I resided. We galloped making no haste to the meeting. When we arrived we are greeted by another member who seem to have some serious disagreement with my ride. It was only after the meeting that I find out that they would try to fight. My ride was about 70 years old celebrating around three months clean and the man who wanted to fight was about 40 years old. I remember having to break the fight up and talk about the third step in the principles of our ever so needed third step. I was beginning to feel very upset with moving here and not doing too much research. I remember one meeting in particular it was a question and answer meeting and you pick someone who you wanted to answer a question. One of the questions I asked one of their old-timers about I believe it was the eighth tradition. He really didn't know what the tradition was until being reminded and not only that what he had to say but let's put it this way if it were me I'd be embarrassed having said so little. Fast-forward a bit and I would travel to Lansing pawpaw Kalamazoo Battle Creek Hastings Allegan and many more it almost felt like what I was beginning to see was getting worse and worse I can tell the difference between my attitude or the meetings it seemed all the same to tell you the truth. I called my vast network and asked if anybody had a good lead on any members of your with good recovery experience. Although I didn't find anyone I kept trying. Then I began to tell myself we needed a huge regional inventory we needed to come up with workgroups to solve these issues because it seemed like recovery was really nonexistent the only thing that existed was the desire to stop using but not to find a new way to live sure I believe some members wanted a little more than not using but I just couldn't hear it I just couldn't see it. Most of the information I was getting at this point with her step work and out of town and country phone calls. Nothing too out of the ordinary for



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me but it was of lot more than I'd ever done it before I really had to supplement this lack of NA here. I decided I wanted to leave the Fellowship I shut my phone off and in return phone calls my sponsor and other members went looking for me. I began to realize that that wasn't going to work since I still wanted to talk to my NA friends I was just so upset with the Fellowship era didn't know what to do. Members had no concern whether they were involved in NA or AA it seemed all the same to them and now we seemed is the uptight and NA ass hole.

I met a friend named Paul G. he was my hope. I began to talk to Paul often and spend time with them. I was so glad he came when he did I do know what else I would do.

All the people that I enjoyed hangout with asked me to sponsor them. Which was a bummer because I was hoping there be more friends. I'm glad to help others but I also need a social network of my own outside the realms of sponsorship sponsee relations.

And where I'm at today I just recently come back after not making a meeting for a month. I left out a very important part I had a profound spiritual awakening as a result of the shock I had undergone. I don't think I would have experienced what I've experienced without having been introduced to the stimuli. I'm grateful to be a member of NA and want to carry a progressive message of NA a refined and potent one so that all can get what they need when I share when I express myself with others in a way just as much as I want the same from them.

So that is my experience I don't feel too motivated to write unfortunately I feel I'm more motivated to write earlier in the day but anyhow I hope you enjoy love and light - Brennan M

### **Discussion:**

*It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. - Albert Einstein*

8:30 Open:

Bo – Mentioned Amy's Letter of Complaints (see Addendum for her letter)

Brian – Learned something from some past service:

If Atty. Gen. of California receives one letter of concern about NAWS, nothing happens. If he receives 500 they have a looksee. If they receive 1000, they take some kind of action. Essay requested and will be inserted here or in next week's minutes.

Bo – My list: Confounds our group conscience processes, voiding any idea of Fellowship Expression. Non-Disclosure of donors on tax form. Pay scale for WSO officers and employees. Interference with original WSC processes, dissolved sub-committee system. Paid outside non-addict consultant to make our spiritual Fellowship subject to profit making standards. Need a world directory of meetings. Groups would be willing to pay \$10 for a listing – 75,000 meetings would raise \$750,000 and stabilize meetings to keep listed meetings open.



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John F – what's in the letter?

Bo – It is in addendum to these minutes.

Brian – I think we don't need a service structure. If we need long standing members to co-ordinate activities of our services, we will just replicate what we have now. A new board would exclude 90% of membership.

Bo – Have to start with discussion and education. In my experience, there are two classes of motions or decisions in policy: What services to do is one and how we proceed to get things done is the other. Until members understand the basics, there is no start point.

John – There is a war on addicts going on. It is a travesty, it overshadows the holocaust. How many have been killed by corporate power plays to control membership? Spiritual NA has been stifled or neutered. Addiction moves through families like wildfire, so does recovery. We had a good thing going but the corporation put out the fire. Seldom see street addicts at meetings. Think concern over RICO Act should be considered on List!

Brian – Schizophrenia got enthroned in NA. Stay on meds became policy. Mind and mood altering drugs are ok in NA today! "Trust me, I'm a doctor." Became the authority figure. People do not need to be in service positions if they are on meds! Or voting. Meds get in our way.

Bo – core issues need closed meetings to speak freely.

Brian – Alcoholics can't attend.

Bo – Disease concept – alcohol is a drug.

John – Get a rope and string em up! One time in a group business meeting a man who had just been released from a mental hospital was nominated for Treasurer and I asked for him to stand outside the room for discussion. I was overruled and he was voted in to take all the group funds and nobody has seen him since. They thought I was being rude to suggest he step outside while we discussed nomination. No experience with the need for proper procedures.

Bo – I know it! You coulda, shoulda told the group he was mental, but they missed the boat.

John – Moved to Box Co. – no smoking – old timers left group. Fire Marshall posted several warnings, then the group was asked to leave. Vince drove an old Mercedes, smoked cigars.

Bo – We still need closed meetings.

John – How would closed meetings help?

Brian - #16 and #3 – Greg P wrote on our rights, privileges and responsibilities of NA membership.

Bo – Did you read "Democratic Principles" in the Addendum to last week's minutes?



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Brian – Most all members just ‘go along’ and never read materials they are asked to approve or support.

Bo – There are some. WS used un-necessary complexities as a tool to baffle members into compliance. Make reader feel stupid, they do it deliberately. They bully people. I hate it.

Bo – What happened in Wisconsin John?

John – Went on vacation to Appleton, Wisconsin. Went to meetings at the Alana Club many times in the past there. So, when I visited this time and asked about meetings was told there was one per week. Alana Club used to have 4 to 5 meetings a day, AA and NA. Looks like meetings are shutting down in Appleton.

John – Still go to 4 – 5 meetings a day. The feeling I get is like looking at a dying animal.

Brian – Ran into individuals too busy to talk. Appleton is an isolated community.

Bo – Regional Service Office for Wisconsin is located there. I visited the RSO when I was speaker at group anniversary.

Brian – NA in USA is shrinking.

Bo – So many rules, they have ‘ruled’ themselves out!

John – Another problem – old timers fiercely independent. We were anarchical. We were given rules to follow when we got here. One was not to change horses in the middle of the stream. Have to be asked to speak before we take over a podium. Never quit meetings for life. New crowd today does not know or care about rules. Too lazy to pass a collection basket. Have to put on the full board. Problem with new rules. If I went to WSC and the session ran late, I would say good night and go to bed.

Bo – They never got it – and we never went away.

John – At some point there we will notice there is no new clean time.

Bo – We made up a three part NCR form so you could write a motion or present a question, keep a copy, give copy to your ASR and RSR and mail a copy to the WSC to be distributed to sub-committees. Each one discussed by sub-committee and brought back to you at your group by representative system. No one was overwhelmed but it meant a lot to the members to be respected and the reply cinched the notion of you have a say in NA! A few years back I stopped reading the CAR because there is nothing there to help addicts.

John – Rogue government in NA is corrupt. Strangle hold on the Fellowship. Don’t even see the problems that ensue. Lots take anti-depressants. I have been to 30,000 meetings of NA. I sit back and watch people walk into the propeller. Maybe Drug Court will go away. Meetings are not spirited and fun anymore. They are lecture sessions to the attendance at the meeting.

Bo – What about the list being sent to California Attorney General?



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John – What does Yellow Eyes think about the AG?

Brian – I believe in Fellowship. Only I can give away what I got. Got it in my pocket. When I walked away from NA for ten years, I didn't take my phone numbers. Learned the Fellowship at large won't keep me clean. Now have list of five past H&I chairs. They are in my phone. More input than Basic Text. Meeting Schedules. If they give away their creative freedom, I will survive. As long as not hurting me or you, I have my personal creative freedom.

Bo – Ditto – the core group, Nasalden, tele-therapy, a few home groups, my sponsor Neal, keeps me alive and free.

Brian – When I came to NA, they taught me unconditional love, varying degrees of disease, different rates of recovery, we were stuck together. Don't feel it in the rooms anymore. Found 150 musicians who play Traditional Style music. Tightly knit. Went to Wayne Henderson Festival. Been practicing guitar six months now. Found all-inclusiveness. Met a guy with sixty guitars. How many guitars does he need? Just one more! I felt so good, I got tears in my eyes for days.

Bo – I have four, two classical, two electric. I began learning about life in the coffee houses. Went to Newport Folk Festival. All my friends played instruments. Hung out with Joe South and Buffy Saint-Marie.

Hey, Richie K in Kenya is in touch with member in China doing Chinese translation of BT.

Brian – They are doing Baby Blue in Swedish and Russian.

Closing Prayer 10:00 John F. – “Take my will and my life...”

**Next meeting is on July 6, 2016**

*Other good closing prayers....*

*“They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But what if it reflects not reality but an agenda? In this age of airbrushed magazine covers, computer-generated images, reality TV, and phony viral video, have words lost meaning? Or have they become more important than ever?”*

“Dear God,

Please protect and provide for me. Guide and illuminate the path of my pilgrimage. Grant me courage, commitment and strength. Teach me to care and give without reservation. Remind me of gratitude and principle. Please allow me to recognize your presence in me and around me and allow my life to be a reflection of your love.” From Greg Pierce

“Nothing blinds a person like fanaticism  
which is just an outward expression of obsession.”



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“That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship.”

Fan Page – “coreIssues” on Face Book

*Recorded weekly meetings of the core group. We have downloads from all the calls to date. Listing is a chore. Some may not be on our hard drives but no one has asked about them and we go where you directs us with emails or phone calls. You can still dial in for recording of last Tuesday night call by using access code. The downloaded calls I can send you if you need them. – BO*

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## Addendum: for core group members:

May includes some emails or phone conversations  
from core group members during past week.

*Please select material below and set to 14 point size to read and review following articles. You can reset to 7 point when done or paste to another document. Let us know what you think and like/dislike.*

## Democratic Principles

(Written at home of dear friend Johnny S. in Huntsville, Alabama June 2005.)

Everybody is somebody in NA. The reason why it is imperative that we embrace and actualize democratic principles stands out rather quickly when language is applied to the day to day reality we live within NA. We are very inbred, everybody knows everybody with a rumor and gossip system that would give us any type of information about another member that we might want, for any reason good or otherwise. We live in glass houses here. It is part of our recovery process to learn how other people actually live and deal with things that come up in their lives. So, participation, voting, is the way to keep it all above board. Everybody is in on it, everybody has a more or less equal chance to be informed, and everybody will abide by the vote, because it is fair. Even if the vote goes against our personal preference, we will go along and support it because it is part of our “agreement” that the others would have gone along with us had it gone the other way.

Now, this ‘reality’ is offensive and unwieldy to some and the ‘some’ found a way to get a better grip on things by changing our system of representatives to delegates. Now, there is talk of creating another ‘layer’ between the Regions of NA and the weakened World Service Conference. Maintenance of the appearance of participation from the Fellowship keeps the changes from being more blatant. Basically we have traded our interactive, participatory, spiritual service structure with something more like a religious board of deacons, a business like corporate board or a political government.

In the faces of a thousand silent witnesses, the claim is made that the Fellowship voted in the changes that have been made. No mention is made of the thousands of members who fled the world service system in NA when abuses came right and left in the early 1990’s. This left a loose assemblage of members who had gotten clean only a few years before the 90’s and had four or five years in 1991 or 1992. So, they really had no idea of what it was like before. The rest of the members who voted in changes were newly clean and took much on faith. They wanted to believe the leadership of the times and really, what else would they do? There were no study materials and the writings coming out in the Fellowship publications were captured as part of the takeover by the world board enthusiasts. So, the people who voted in the changes were acting after a good portion of the active Fellowship had been driven away by abuses of the system. It is sort of like serving sewer rat and blaming those who didn’t want to stay for dinner. What is important to realize is that some of these members stayed in NA - and are still unaware of the exact nature of the changes. If you are somewhat informed on the subject, you are called ‘disaffected member’ since you don’t go along with everything, ask questions and know about the changes.





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The two opposing viewpoints are between efficiency and membership involvement: efficiency and involvement.

One idea is that you need to get a skilled team of members who are aware and experienced enough to make calls on behalf of the Fellowship with their best interests in mind. This would include consulting with certain members, creating a 'pool' of members who are ready and willing to jump in and form teams to do whatever they are asked. Funding, policy matters and procedures are arranged by the main board to expedite performance and get results quickly and at the lowest cost possible.

The other idea brought the Fellowship together in such great numbers and changed us from a small, almost insignificant program into a rather large and widespread Fellowship. It was based on democratic principles that make every member important by tallying their votes at the group, area, regional and world level. In other words, they get to approve/disapprove all decisions that affect the whole Fellowship. There is a feeling of importance that goes with this responsibility. Some decisions involve what is done, like where to hold a World Convention of NA. Other decisions involve how things are done in NA. These are called policy decisions. Policy is our Fellowship's standard reaction to things that come up repeatedly.

So, one approach would be to align all the gears and mechanisms and let members be the individual cogs that connect the gears. No one that important, everyone anonymous, all the machinery under control of a small, powerful group of people. Accountability and report systems are also under as much control as the others organs of publication. The other approach involves human beings who are much more than dead little sprockets of steel that stick up just so to mesh with other cogs to be part of a machine. Each of these human beings functions as part of a Program of recovery where all members are valued, important and informed so their participation is meaningful. Instead of steel, they have spirit. And it is the spirit that brings the whole thing together and makes it work.

Recovery is not the result of any machine. Each of us is held by our surrender and our heart strings. No one can tell us what to do and make it stick, if we don't want to. Our volition is very essential and important. If we stop believing in NA, NA will stop working for us or anybody else. Surely this is not privileged information. Nor is it merely personal opinion. To inform, involve and encourage NA members is our main purpose in NA.

Because of the unusual sequence of events surrounding the changes in our service structure in the 1990's, only a few members even realize the extent of the changes in our structure. Many members still refer to the Board of Trustees or sub-committees of the World Service Conference. While this is odd, it is also a key to understanding that one reason we have not suffered spiritual injury more than we have, is that no one knows. The changes were voted in after the exodus of members who were appalled at the length and deadening effect of the inventory conducted by world services to 'find out what the Fellowship wanted us to do.' In reality, the Fellowship knew very well what they wanted world services to do because it was written out in the approved service structure of NA. The practical advantage to all this is that we now have samples of how things can go wrong. Warnings of what would happen if we changes our basic structure fell on deaf ears. Ears that were interested in other things. WE actually have an obligation to honor and ennoble our members who do all these services for us in the name of NA by trusting them with the truth and informing them so that they really know what is going on and being done in their name. If this is seen as inefficient by some, let those few realize that we do not want only efficiency and business like traits in NA. NA did not start out to be a business or a publishing company. It started out as a self-help organization that followed 12 Steps and 12 Traditions for personal recovery and to help others where ever possible.

I want to go on record as predicting that everything will turn out alright. But it will take a measure of commitment from many members if it is to be so. We have to be firm in our input to world services that our service structure reflect the reality of democratic principles not so that time and money are wasted but so that members are in on things that affect them. There is a belief afoot that the end justifies the means. Well, in our case, the best of intentions fail the most important and basic test if NA members don't know and feel good about what is happening. Advocating open communications in this maelstrom is no easy chore but there must come a time when members say, "Enough!" and we get back to building our Fellowship into all it can be. Nobody I know wants a bad business office but just the same, no one wants a business office that is aggressive at the expense of our members. The situation now is so far gone that even a 'vote' at the world lever lacks the solidity of a motion know, understood and really supported by the general membership. It is likely that we will rejuvenate somehow from the members and groups down the structure links to something like world services. I say like world services because it may not be apparent what is happening at first.

We now live in the information age. It is now possible to ask questions and make comments without going through a structural procedure that brought members of good will together in service settings where all were able to speak, ask questions and get answers. Today, we have other way of getting answers. There are many changes. Members get files, records, court reports, information on the history of NA and have access that just was not possible until the last few years. I have seen the members of this Fellowship consider a situation for quite some times and then take decisive action in a quiet but effective manner. I remember one time like this when every member in metro Atlanta said the words, "I am an addict and a \_\_\_\_." Then, one night with no discussion I was aware of, no plan and no coercion, everyone in the room said, "My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am an addict." It was really something. A quantum jump from a loose, random identification to a meaningful, real and accurate single term that identifies the say as a person who freely admits their addiction and their need for help. This is what makes them a member of NA and different from addicts who cannot make this admission. This is what we find admirable and why we call the newcomer the most important person in the room at an NA meeting.

I remember back when the general Fellowship had an open attitude to an early version of "It Works" and then they began reading the material in group settings to evaluate it for general approval as it a piece of NA literature. Certain word choices came up and it turned out they offended every member present. The material failed approval at so many groups, areas and regions that it failed approval at the World Service Conference. Of course, the time and money spent on the project was wasted but it was more important that members agree to approve the material as accurate as to our NA recovery process and experience. Pushing through material without sufficient Fellowship review is dangerous to our Program because errors that could have been corrected are typeset into 'official' approved writings with our NA name on them. It is evident from our subsequent history that there were those who thought the loss of time and money was more important and they took measures to change our approval process.





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Our good name was earned by intensive Fellowship reading, discussion and review. Where approval no longer means that the writing has been subjected to such intense study, and close scrutiny, it can hardly be expected to have the same power to speak from the heart in a way that makes the reader wonder to see their experience and feelings in print. We owe it to ourselves to become informed and effective in our understanding of the principles that can have such a devastating effect on our validity and actualization as a spiritual Fellowship. Society will always come up with new, non-addictive drugs for us to take and in our weakness as addicts, many will be drawn once again into their dependence on chemicals.

This is compounded since some people really do require chemicals to live relatively normal lives. These people need their medication the way the rest of us need food and air. It is up to each individual member to make this important decision. But a few common denominators are clear. AS addict in active addiction cannot take their medication as prescribed by an informed physician. They will always take more or less. This is because of the obsessive/compulsive nature of our disease. Second, for a person who needs medication, it is using for them to not take their medicine. To not take it makes changes that are life limiting and life threatening. We never tell someone new to go off all prescribed medications because it can trigger physical and psychological reactions we cannot possibly know about. Original NA dealt with illegal drugs traded in the streets or at least in secret because of the illegality. Time and our success in those areas has forced us to consider other questions. Like medicines prescribed for extreme physical pain, these medications do not trigger the compulsive/obsessive reaction that characterizes our disease. No one can cheat and get away with it. If they are not taking 'real medication' for an illness, their disease will accelerate at some point and a relapse will follow. Sometimes quickly, sometimes over a period of time. But no addict is exempt from relapse, by definition.

Again, it is our common welfare that is at stake. Our membership includes a broad range of addicts from prescription drug abusers to street addicts. We have member who are wealthy and well educated alongside members who never finished their education. It is difficult to generalize among all of them for those things that can be said to be true for all of us. But our desire for recovery unites us. The 12 Steps work for us in ways that we find incredible and wondrous. Our recovery leads each of us to a place and time in our lives when things finally begin to make sense and our understanding grows to the point of personal peace and acceptance. Peace and happiness begin to dominate our lives. – Bo S/

***Without including this in our minutes, the situation is almost impossible to believe, much less explain. This is why we need big change now! – Bo S.***

In the exchange of letters below, because Jimmy cites the NA Tree service manual it has to be after 1975 and probably before 1978 when the World Service Conference was established in Sun Valley, California. Interesting because it gives a bird's eye view of how our structure supported the Traditions. Jimmy is writing as WSO Manager. He helped us all greatly in the 1970's! – Bo S.

**This will be interesting reading once things are better – and things will be better. Information is flowing out to the Fellowship as never before! Thanks to all who help in this struggle to clean up the mess. It is interesting that at the end of all this mish-mash, the Regional Delegate felt empty and unappreciated.**

Jimmy Ess [commented on Bill Fritz's post in Seeking Traditional Solutions Group of NA.](#)

[Jimmy E](#)

1:57pm Jun 20

What about "organizational governance" doesn't anyone understand? : D  
governors don't govern simply by mouth...they divide, censor, etc. EVERYTHING

[Gerald S](#)

1:54pm Jun 20

I'll certainly raise the issue on the board if Tony's login was removed without his requesting it.

[Tom G](#)

1:51pm Jun 20

And all I have to say to this WSC Participants Thread is, yay for the very small amount of open-mindedness, and SO to the rest of the bullshit. At the Group I belong to we openly discuss the goings on of NAWS, The World Board, and the WSC and what our Group has decided is SO!!!! They are NOT NA, and therefore do not govern or decide anything we do, nor will they ever!!! I believe they want all this division and so we inform all who ask why, how come, and for what reason. This has proven to be effective in our area. The sooner we who believe in our NOT-NEGOTIABLE TRADITIONS follow them the sooner wide spread change will happen, which I believe some places it is already taking place. Have a nice week

[Bill F](#)

1:48pm Jun 20

Yes [Gerald Stevens](#), that's what they said would be the 'policy' :)

[Jacqueline L](#)

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modified into just a printshop whoop



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[Bill F](#)

1:46pm Jun 20

Of course not.....But I'm not sold on any of the other options at this time. I'm hoping and have been instrumental in printing literature and helping others to print their own literature. I feel the Corporation needs to be modified or closed.

### Original Post

[Bill F](#)

11:19am Jun 20

I thought I'd post some additional discussion on the Illegal and Illicit Literature Issue. Funny to me that everyone just can't accept that group autonomy and the FIPT allow groups to use whatever NA literature they want to. What's the issue here?? Isn't getting and staying clean and Fulfilling our Primary Purpose the object???

(Pasted in from FB)

1) Hello, Smccarthy has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-Unity. Here is the message that has just been posted:\*\*\*\*\*---Quote (Originally by Jeff P) ---A few weeks ago, I did something I thought I'd never do. I attended a Gray Book meeting. It's about 5 minutes from where I live and I wanted to see firsthand how the meeting was conducted, since it was the meeting that was first withheld from the list on na.org. There was quite a lot of clean time at the meeting. Its format clearly stated the origin of the Gray Book being the review form for the original Basic Text, and the purpose of the meeting being the study of a historical piece of literature that was, in and of itself, never approved. It ended up being a good meeting. I tried not to like it, but...I enjoyed it. I doubt I'll return though. I just have too much personal "history" with meetings using different literature. That goes back to the battles I had in the old days with NA meetings using the Big Book, before there was a Basic Text. And, while there is a very big difference between a Gray Book meeting and a meeting using the Big Book, the message contained in the Gray Book is not the NA message of today. ---End Quote---Jeff: Thank you so much for your post and for checking it out. Genuine ESH is always better than having opinions about things we know nothing about. I've never been and I've never even seen a Gray Book. In fact, I don't even know how to spell it! What makes you say "the message contained in the Gray Book is not the NA message of today"? Just trying to understand rather than be understood, Sandy Mc\*\*\*\*\*2) Hello, Smccarthy has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-Unity. Here is the message that has just been posted:\*\*\*\*\*---Quote (Originally by Helge) ---It is interesting that by now all ideas mean that the clearly expressed conscience of the huge majority of the worldwide fellowship has to change. There would be a very easy and simple way to unity: stop using unapproved literature or do not call it NA recovery meeting. If you want to read old historical material - well - just make a history workshop. Love and Hugs, Helge---End Quote---Helge, What 'clearly expressed conscience of the huge majority of the worldwide fellowship' do you refer? Are you talking about that poll taken at WSC 2016 of 216 members of the worldwide fellowship? Answering questions we have never run by our regions at all? Answering like 92% yes to whether the 'fellowship' still agrees with what the FIPT says when I'll bet only 5 of the 216 have even read the FIPT themselves and the 'huge majority of the worldwide fellowship' doesn't even know we have an FIPT much less what it says or whether they agree with its terms? Or are you thinking of some other 'expressed conscience' of which I am unaware? I don't have all the answers but I do feel that surrender usually means ME to surrender, not the other guy. We all need to surrender a bit of our position to reach resolution or we will remain dug in. I'm just looking for a place to start. Sandy Mc.. PS: I don't really care about Facebook. I'm not on Facebook so go ahead and post away. It may be a good place to engage more of the 'vast majority of the worldwide fellowship' than here.\*\*\*\*\*3) Hello, Deb N. has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-Unity Here is the message that has just been posted:\*\*\*\*\*In my experience, our service structure/system, whatever you want to call it, has a delegation stream, in which RDs carry the conscience of the groups/areas they serve, and make decisions on those groups' behalf. So, in my opinion, they voted on behalf of their members in regards to all the FIPT questions. I know in my region, the vast majority of the groups do know that there is a FIPT, but don't care to read it; in their opinion, that is why we have trusted servants in these positions, to take of these things. The vast majority of groups in my region just want to stay clean, and help the newcomer, with a Basic Text that they recognize. If there were groups that were serious about getting things changed, IMO they should have put forward a motion to be included in the CAR this past cycle. If they did and it did not get approved at the area or regional level, then that is higher power working. I have found it is always after the fact that people state that the polls shouldn't count, because it is not a "true" conscience of our fellowship. I wonder, if the votes had gone the other way, would we be hearing the same members making statements that this was not the will of the fellowship? I think not. I believe in delegation, because I know the people in my region don't want to be sitting in endless group business meetings discussing these things; they want our trusted servants to discuss them. They barely want to be involved in voting on the CAR; this year we workshopped the CAT, at the regional level, and the RCMs asked us to please not do so again, just give them the highlights and vote on their behalf. Just my opinion, take it or leave it. Love and hugs\*\*\*\*\*4) Hello, Steven, servant, AZ has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity. Here is the message that has just been posted:\*\*\*\*\*I believe Trusted Servants are Delegates, Representatives, and Leaders we discern our roles as necessary. After having Regional Assemblies and talking with members at Regional Service Committees we gather our group's conscience. Fully informed at the conference the team has time to talk and bout straw polls. In my AD report I stated the straw poll and that it's the direction the World Service Conference wanted to go in. Any participating region can vote Yes, No, Abstain, or even Present not Voting. We all have choice at what we want to participate in and not, or even how we serve our regions. The fact is illicit or not approved literature is not aligned with the FIPT and shouldn't be read in NA meetings. There have been many times when my ideas get shot down or I don't agree with the direction of something, then it's time to accept it as group conscience and move on. \*\*\*\*\*5) Hello, John F has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*I know a lot of the apathy in many of the areas in our region comes as a result of delegation and the fact that so often the motion that they vote on gets changed, sometimes so much that it doesn't even resemble what they took the time to vote on. The attitude is; why should we vote, you all are going to do what you want anyway. I question whether the fellowship ever



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actually really voted on the FIPT. My memory is that is exactly what happened to the original FIPT. It got amended pretty severely in the original vote. In the most recent discussions during the breakout out groups I know in our group the only "version" of the history of the Baby Blue was the one that the WB wanted to present. The fact is there is another version, and that's what the folks that are printing it believe is true just as passionately as the version the WB and NAWS believe is true. I tried to offer some additional information on the history and was repeatedly shut down by the WB members leading the breakout group. It was very frustrating. I gained a huge amount of respect for Steve R when one AD referred to the members printing the Baby Blue as "assholes" when Steve R reminded us that they were members just as passionate in their love for NA as anyone of us. When one AD said that he'd like to hear what I wanted to say so they had all the information they needed, the WB member lead the group told them they had already been given all the information they needed. I lost my temper and said something I regret and walked out. We can't make an informed decision unless we have all the information and I'm sorry but until we start getting more than just what the WB wants us to have, there will never be an informed fellowship decision on the FIPT. Questions are formed by the WB to elicit a prescribed response. All the questions we did straw polls on where formed that way. We're we led like sheep? You bet we were. \*\*\*\*\*6) Hello, Carlos P has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*---Quote (Originally by John F) --- I'm curious as to how folks feel about the printing of the 2nd and 5th Editions by groups in their entirety, because there are a lot more of those being printed and distributed these days but not a word about that. And frankly Carlos, I'm offended that you talk of profiteering in your post when no one I'm aware of us profiteering off those books. Maybe it's happening in Brazil but not in the US. I sure hope that is the information you're giving your groups because it's false. --- End Quote---John, I was talking about the experience we have here: and that is all that I can offer, my experience. This is that some outside enterprises copy the BT and other pieces to sell to potential future NA members under their care. And there is of course the individual member who wants to produce merchandise for their personal profit. That is what our experience is and that is what we sought solutions for. Ok, I see the point you make, you want to have another edition of the Basic Text distributed, non-profit, to carry the message. Well, I just don't agree that other editions of the Basic Text should be used to carry the message. And I believe that the Fellowship here wants that to be so: that NA groups use only NA approved literature. There might be some resistance here about using the 6th Edition of the Basic Text, since our 5th Edition was an incomplete version without any personal stories. But all I can tell you is that those who are voicing that opinion have not yet read the 6th Edition: and we made a full revision of it, the whole lot is revised to a better translation. So, people who read the text really agree that it is a very good piece of literature. The issue of the cost of the book is being accepted, and we are starting to use the White Booklet and the Introductory Guide as give away to newcomers (yes, we do give away a book to any newcomer, and we were used to giving out the old Basic Text, now we are starting to change that policy in the meetings as the stock of old 5th edition ones start to run out). So, no, John, I'm not communicating any wrong information, I am stating the facts as they are; that there are many members, in several places, who feel strongly that they should use other editions of the Basic Text in their meetings. But that is only part of the FIPT discussion. Ok, you feel that there needs to be more discussion on the topic, and I hear you on that. Sure, if something is not discussed, then the minority is not heard, and we should do that, listen to your point of view on the floor, sure, I hear you. But there is something that I don't understand: are you in favor of changing the FIPT to accommodate just that issue of groups using other editions of the BT, or do you reject the whole FIPT and believe something else should be put in place? \*\*\*\*\*7) Hello, Tristate Adam has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*Neither gray book nor the baby blue were EVER approved pieces of literature! Why is this even a debate? If we were talking about the reading of the second edition basic text we might have grounds for discussion. In fact, the gray book used to have it displayed on the cover and throughout the book on every page that it was NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION, but the same members who are using that book today removed that from the cover! If we say it's ok to read and distribute this literature that was never approved, we open Pandora's box as to what other literature that was never approved is ok to read in our meetings. It's a slippery slope. \*\*\*\*\*8) Hello, John F has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*Carlos, I don't support the BB movement but I understand why they do it and I refuse to condemn them for doing it. I also understand why some groups print the 2nd and 5th Editions. I don't support removing websites because they offer our current literature for download for free but I have multiple reasons for that including a selfish one: local area websites list the most reliable meeting locales and I travel a great deal and sometimes, I can get in a bad space and really need a meeting. God help any one of us that needs a meeting and can't find it because of political nonsense. Removing them also hinders those that are trying to find us and could end up being a death sentence for them. One of the things that came out of the lawsuit over the BB was a federal judge telling NA, all of us, they needed to grow up and work out our differences. That struck me when I heard that and for me I believe there is always a way to do just that. Here it is almost 30 years later and we still haven't been able to figure out how to do that. I believe that we have to find ways to compromise and that is what we seem not to be able to do. When I first got clean, several years before I found NA, I had a sponsor that taught me that group conscience and group majority are not the same thing. When we form true conscience we take into account what's best for us all and find ways to set our differences aside and do what's right for us all including those yet to find us. I fail to see how the infighting over literature and money, yes, free literature is about money, like it or not, doesn't serve any of us well. It surely doesn't serve those yet to find us or our 5th Tradition. There is a solution in here somewhere. We're not going to find it though by getting 1/2 truths and one sided information. We need to have all the information. Votes at the WSC don't make fellowship conscience. Fellowship conscience lies in doing what's right and lies in the heart. I have no doubt you are just as passionate in your beliefs as I am in mine, brother, but what about those whose lives hang in the balance of us digging in our heels and refusing to move? This is just my opinion here, but right now NA is in the middle of the biggest divide or crisis of disunity I've ever seen in the over 35 years I've been around here. I walked away from service once because of what I saw but I'm not going to do it again. There is a solution to all this that doesn't require us to continue the divide or isolate each other. We all just need to have a little willingness and compassion to work hard to find it. Something else I heard early on: "it's impossible to chase rainbows when all you can see is black and white". \*\*\*\*\*9) Hello, Smccarthy has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity. Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*I feel so sad that we are so divided. In any event, Carlos, my point in NAWS publishing the Gray Book themselves was that then it would be part of FIPT, as an historical text. The issue with others selling NA lit for profit is a separate problem with, IMO, a much easier solution. Thank you all so much for sharing your perspectives , Sandy Mc \*\*\*\*\*10) Hello, Carlos P has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012)



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under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at -Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*John and Sandy, Look, first, I'm not passionate about this issue. I have to be honest and recognize that, outside NA, I go for the websites that have free academic literature and books to do my work - shame on me. I don't consider it piracy, because I'm not using those copies for my profit. I am grateful that there are people who share their copies of things, so that I can have access to a material that I would otherwise have no access to. That being said, I was just sharing with you what the general feeling around my region is: that only Fellowship Approved literature should be used in NA meetings. I stand by that. Now, the solution of having the draft of the First Edition being published as a historical piece seems to be a good one, with a disclaimer, sure. What I really don't understand is why John thinks that we are dealing with half-truths on this matter. My first contact with the different books movement was back in 1996, when someone handed me a diskette full of different texts, asking me to give out copies to all Latin-Americans (which I never did). Since then, I occasionally look up different sites - out of curiosity, and I have read part of the Traditions Wars book, etc. - I find that material, though interesting, really not suitable to carry our message, for several reasons. I have never had the opportunity of having a Grey book in my hands to quote it comparing with the 6th edition, but I have information that some crucial passages are different. If the Basic Text has been approved in its most current version, I just can't understand why this has to be an issue. Is the addict who is walking into our rooms really going to miss something if that other versions of the Basic Text aren't available? Or he or she will have the full message available on the table of the rooms with our current catalog of literature available? Now, you, John, say that you don't remember the FIPT being approved by the WSC - well, I remember it being, so now both of us need to go back to the minutes and reports to see who remembers it correctly. When I came to the rooms, in 1990, we had a Basic Text here in Brazil that was the translation of the First Edition with some changes, it had no Recovery and Relapse chapter, no personal stories, and the name of the Fellowship was translated differently. That old Basic Text carried the NA message to me. But when I had access to the 5th edition (I actually took part in the efforts of translating and reviewing it), I saw that it had a much clearer message, so I never got attached to that old text. Some guys here have copies of those older versions of the BT, and we regard it as a curiosity, some object to cherish as part of our history, not something to be read as part of our personal recoveries. It tells our history, but it isn't our current BT. I don't feel passionate about it, but I also don't really see what the point is. Can you please clarify to me why should we in any way change the document that protects us from the wrong uses of our property (such as those that I have mentioned that do affect my community, and that you Sandy say that are a different matter)? Why is it so important for those who advocate having a different edition of the Basic Text feel this is so important? And yes, I do feel matters of money are important. It was NAWS money that paid for literature and keytags to be sent to Rio de Janeiro and Brazil in the early 1990s - we didn't have the means to pay for it, so NAWS sent it for free first. Then we started to pay for the freight, then for part of it, then a larger part, until we were able to pay for it in full. Now, roughly 25 years later, Brazil is 10% of the sales of literature in NA - guess what? We do feel matters of money and receiving money for the literature are important. So, it isn't a matter to be taken lightly. Today, in Brazil, a Basic Text costs around 9 dollars to the member, but there are other places of the World where it can cost 20, 30 up to 40 dollars (and their socio-economic reality is not measured in US dollars). Where is the money to subsidize that message being carried coming from if we are going to give our literature for free? If we can agree on those basic principles, then we can reach some middle term. Hugs from a very grateful recovering addict\*\*\*\*\*11) Hello, John F has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*First off Carlos I did not say the FIPT wasn't WSC approved. What I said was the version the groups voted on was butchered up at the WSC and was very different than what the groups voted on. There is a huge difference between WSC approved and fellowship approved. Ok, I'm about to become very unpopular right now but you are very confused my friend. NAWS didn't give your country literature, The NA fellowship gave it to you. I'm so tired of hearing NAWS did this and NAWS did that. NAWS has NOTHING! NADA! It all belongs to the fellowship of NA. Without the literature and 7th Tradition money NAWS ceases to exist. Please Carlos, don't confuse the two. If NAWS didn't exist do you really think regions wouldn't step up and help? There are US regions subsidizing services in other countries as we post this. My most recent dealings with the WB in trying to use processes has taught me one thing: the WB will lie to your face and I doubt their pulse even rises. NAWS isn't NA my friend. I won't deal with them ever again on any level. They have shown me that they aren't trustworthy and have little to no integrity. With that said, there is more to the story of the BBs then just a bunch of renegade addicts printing literature. It's about whether an agreement was reached to settle the matter. And whether the terms of that agreement were met. The WB will tell you the agreement was met while a faction of NA believes it wasn't. Sadly we can never know the truth. Even sadder is the fact that the whole issue could have and still could be resolved and for a minimal cost but you'll never see that happen because The WB will continue to prevent that from happening. I've got a meeting to go to. Hope I made myself clear about the fellowship versus the WSC approving the FIPT.\*\*\*\*\*12) Hello, Tristate Adam has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*I don't understand why this is even a debate. Feelings really seem to have some folks ignoring the facts as it relates to the distribution of this, so called, illicit literature....One clear thing that I think seems to be ignored is that neither the baby blue nor the gray book were ever approved pieces of literature. There were pieces of those pieces that were approved but neither was ever approved as a whole body of acceptable work. As such, this literature should not be read in a narcotics anonymous meeting. Unless, of course we're ok with compromising our principles. I mean, if we can read unapproved literature then we can read unapproved literature. I mean the bibles a good book, and helps allot of people, as does the Koran, and the power of now fits in very nicely with the whole just for today concept. Maybe we should read those too? NOT SO MUCH.... Because those are tools that we may or may not use for our PERSONAL recovery, and would clearly blur the NA message. The gray book has allot of the other fellowships ideology, focusing on particular drugs and is not so clear on the disease concept. I appreciate the other fellowship for laying the groundwork, but we've grown? Our understanding has grown.... Is that the message we want to carry???? Why are we going backwards??? In fact, the gray book used to say "NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION" in caps very clearly on the cover, and on every single page in the upper right corner, until some clever addicts decided to change it to say "historical document". Now we have this debate over the distribution of a book that was very clearly labeled NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION by the amazing group of predecessors who drafted it. Sadly, some of those same predecessors seem to have changed their mind on this matter and decided that it's now suddenly fit for distribution. The baby blue???? Great idea in theory; but you again open Pandora's box. Can any addict just pick and choose what they want from the old literature: say the 12th step in the gray book; add it to the sixth edition, and give away copies in order to gain a following, and then start reading it as NA literature in meetings??? Giving it away at our HnI's?? Is that responsible??? It just worries me that the implication of these decisions will reach far beyond these particular books. I must say that I'm glad this has come up as a discussion outside of my region, and while I don't feel like this should be debatable, I'm going to gauge my regions feelings at the next RSC to see where we stand. 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region does have a gray book mtg. on the mtg. list, and I've just avoided it. With it becoming a worldwide discussion I see it as my duty to pose it as a question to my region as a whole, preferably at the group level. If the consensus turns out to let it live on our list then I will serve as I promised and fight for my regions conscience because that's what I was elected to do. \*\*\*\*\*13) Hello, Carlos P has just posted in the WSC 2016 forum of WSC Participants Discussion Area (rev2012) under the title of Illicit Literature: Is there a path to Unity? This thread is located at Illicit-Literature-Is-there-a-path-to-unity Here is the message that has just been posted: \*\*\*\*\*Thank you, Adam, John, when I meant NAWS, I meant NA, the Fellowship. Yes, we, Rio de Janeiro, have also sent literature to Cuba in a recent past - but, you know, I consider myself part of the service structure, part of what NAWS is and means. The Concepts state that the groups created that structure. Really, I don't really feel passionate about this issue, it is not something that should be an issue. We have plenty of literature, good literature, many more books available than when we came to the rooms. The message is strong and its resources are available to more addicts, in more languages. Why bother to fight over one piece? Now, I don't sympathize with the WB, and I think I have good reasons: I was treated with disrespect (I was ignored, they patronized and were condescending to me) - but that is personality issues. You make some very serious allegations, allegations you have the burden of proof to show they are true. We shouldn't have any trusted servant that we don't trust. I don't believe that the whole Board is dishonest - I actually have a hard time believing that any of them are. I may disagree, I may not like some of those Board Members, but to state that they are dishonest... Well, that could cost their position. Something like that would around my region. Of course NAWS has nothing - NAWS is the structure we created to deliver services on the behalf of the groups. If we are not happy with the way some things work, we can go on and change them - as I see several suggestions come forward at the WSCs to do so. Most don't go through, but still. Anyway, it is very hard to debate an issue when so quickly one is nearly forced to take sides on a very fierce discussion. I also need a meeting, but I'll go tomorrow, I missed today's one. This thread ceased to be so interesting. Best\*\*\*\*\*

### From Conference Calls during the development of the FIPT Document...

More from the FIPT Formation conference call... (Pasted in from FB.)

The '81 literature committee and those four conferences were something that happened in the fellowship, was a phenomenon that didn't have a precedent and hasn't happened since. The members that worked there, and the fellowship that they were representative of developed a trust bond with the service structure that the results of their work would be used in the same spirit and manner that the work was developed. This must be, in my opinion, the foundation and the basis of this literature trust document.

BS: Roughly, I agree.

GD: I agree. The fellowship and the people who wrote and participated are actually the authors and the owners. I think you've got it switched around. I didn't send any input because I've got some minutes of the conference here, it says to me that the things that we had discussed in Harrisburg and other times, and the promises that were made to Jim and Kathleen and Bo and myself and others that were present at the time, were ignored. It's like you've got the exclusive rights to do whatever you want to do as far as I'm concerned, it seems like that is "your" trust. The trust that I had that you wouldn't ask for these things and you wouldn't do the things that you have done, you violated that trust.

ST: I never said that we wouldn't ask for it. I put it in the Conference Agenda Report. That's not true, Dave. I told you I was going to ask for it.

JM: What I understand, Stu, what I remember was that in those documents that you gave us your assurance that you would share that something was in process, and that after the process was completed, that you would ask for this, and mention that in any requests for it. I felt you made yourself very clear and agree substantially with Dave.

ST: No. What I agreed to was the fact that I would ask for this in lieu of producing any other document. I agreed that this document was premature to distribute at the conference at that time. It needed some work. I instructed the conference that we would be working on this document and would send it out.\*\*\*

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BS: In the interest of time, can we be send the relevant documents on this. I'm blind to it. I don't have copies of it.

U: What don't you have?

GD: I didn't get anything.

BS: I don't have any WSC minutes from '91.

GD: Did anybody get the amplifications and the other materials that were supposed to be send, because I received nothing.

U: They were just done. They'll be coming in the next package.

BS: Let's clear one thing here. I talked with Dave last night, and he's gained some admirable strength, but he felt very offended and betrayed in whatever he found in the WSC motion in the minutes. Stu, you're saying you don't think you betrayed anything, that you kept perfect faith and trust. I was never real clear what it was that Dave was asking assurance that you not do. Now he says you've done it. Can I get some paperwork on this, so I don't have to do that addict thing of "make it up and pretend it's so"? It's a little facetious. It takes a marvelous amount of time and attention to participate in something like this, and the idea that some of the participants would be withheld information or events would be very shaky to me. I'm not going to waste my time, whatever happens.

GD: I feel like it's kind of a waste of time. I do so because of my own personal intimate knowledge and understanding of the promises that were made. The last conference call, I said that I had fulfilled my end of the bargain 100%, Stu, you said yes, and everyone was amazed that you had said yes. The fact of the matter is, from what I understood in the court, you were supposed to go from the court to the vote, without any comment.





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ST: No, no, no, no, no. The only comment that wasn't supposed to be taken, was I wasn't supposed to put a prelude to the motions that went out to the fellowship. That's what was indicated by the court.

\*\*\*REFERENCE PAGE #19 FROM APRIL LIT TALK TAPE

GD: Was there not a three-hour discussion before the votes were taken at the conference? Was there not papers sent out four or five days before the conference to RSRs about...I have it, it's dated March 28 "For distribution. An essay on the fourth and ninth tradition changes."

ST: The only thing that was sent out that had anything to do with those three motions was the issue of the low cost text, and that was ordered by the court that it was done. That was it. We said nothing, we publicized nothing, and we did nothing.

GD: There wasn't three hours were of discussion before the votes were taken at the conference?

ST: At the conference, I gave my report.

GD: And then Terry Middlebrook gave her report, and all that information in which I saw nothing positive, not even in the WSO Report, nothing positive at all...

ST: Dave, those RSRs came there with the vote. There's no votes after the discussion. Those votes were taken by their respective fellowships. Those votes were taken back in their fellowships. They went out in the agenda report. They all came with a vote from their fellowship.

GD: Then why was there a need for three hours of discussion?

ST: Because I give a report every year. There was no cross discussion. There were questions and answers after the report, which they cut short and forced the end of

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discussion. We went into session, I asked for a committee of the whole, and they refused it and wanted to vote. They voted and then they went into a committee of the whole after the vote. That's what came then.

JM: I'm sorry to interrupt you, Stu, but I believe we need to move on from here. A lot of us weren't there, and we're just really not positive what happened. The reports that we get indicate that you betrayed the trust that we felt we had established. I think that that's something we must deal with. However, for us to deal with it, when I don't have all the details and facts, and Dave seems to have a whole lot of it, but all of us aren't on the same page. I don't think that we're going to make any progress toward dealing with it. Dave and I, and perhaps to a lesser degree, Bo think that this process that we're participating in right now may be of some value. I'm questioning the value from what I've heard of the conference. However, I'd like to go through the motions of it, and see if we can set some positive change. I think if we discuss this any further on this particular conference call, until I have minutes of the conference and Bo has too, and Dave and Bo and I and perhaps others, Billy, have had a chance to visit, we're going to be spinning our wheels. There isn't any sense doing that.

Let's go on to your agenda and deal with it, and any other input that might come up. Deal with these things that come up point by point and see where we're going to go as a working group from here. If you guys, in fact, have snared us into something, deluded us, and Bo can trust, I guess I'm not going to have to make amends for that. If I do this work and it's all for naught, at least it's built character some. Dave doesn't have a lot of time to build character, but I'm going to go ahead and do that.

BA: I have one question before we proceed. I want to know...In Harrisburg, Carl Deal was involved in this, right?

U: No.

BS: No.

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BA: He also send input to the office on this?

U: I talked to Carl this morning, and we have not received any input as of this morning. We did not receive any fax from him.

BA: Carl informed me that he'd be mailing it, and I know that I received fax input from him.

U: Billy, I can only tell you what I've received here at the office. I talked to Carl this morning, and he said that he was going to fax the material. I have not received anything across yet.

BS: What the hell has that got to do with anything? What has he sent?

BA: He sent a lot of input to this. That's what it has to do with.

BS: Well, I'm open to that. I think he's an excellent servant. What did he send?

BA: I'll be mailing it to you, Bo.

BS: Okay, but can you give us a rough...

BA: I'll just put it in the mail to you.

BS: Okay, but can you give us a rough picture of it? You don't have to read it. Is it just interesting stuff, Billy?

BA: It has a lot to do with what we're doing, and I just feel...I talked to Carl two days ago, he told me that he mailed it, and I received my packet, and it was not attached. He



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faxed it to me that same day and I received it. I wanted to see it. I just have a hard time with things that seem to get lost in the mail over the years. That's what's going on, I'm going to have to have a lot of caution in anything that I do, and I will have distrust with what's happening. I'll be real honest with that.

U: We got everybody else's input.

BS: We can all presume that that's going to be coming in, so we'll just have to wait and see.

GD: I'm sitting here with the minutes of the conference, and I see all the motions. You tell me one thing, and 20 people that were there tell me another. The only way we're ever going to know what's right is if you were to send the tapes of that day to all of us, so we could determine what, in fact, did actually occur at the conference. If you want me to trust you...

BS: Well, just those two or three hours. That's a good bit of listening right there, not the whole damn day, just that section.

GD: There's a lot of stuff here, I'm sure, that spanned over four or five hours. I'm looking at the minutes, making that determination.

U: That section was about eight and a half hours long.

BS: Relating to the copyrights?

U: No, the overall...

GD: The literature, the WSO presentation, the motions, the votes, the committee of the whole.

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BS: It's eight hours long?

U: The whole thing was.

GD: If you could get those copies and send them out, then we would have a better idea of what the conference felt like, and what they wanted. If you want me to at least modify my feelings at this trust, then that would go a long way. I don't like to operate from a position where I've got no information. I don't like to make a mistake or get something wrong. From what I'm looking at here, and from what people have told me, and from the publications and things that people have sent me, and looking at the WSO Report, I didn't have much faith to start with, and I put all whatever remaining faith that I had in Narcotics Anonymous and the principles, and the trusting when we went to court, I put whatever I had left there. I don't have any left.

GH: Let me try to put it into perspective for you, Dave, at least what I believe. This trust document will supersede all previous decisions. The decisions that were made by this year's conference were temporary if we find that those decisions are no longer usable in the trust document. That's how I tend to look at that and what we discussed at the conference. I understood Stu to make a commitment that he would not present the trust document, which will be the policy that is established when we get through the review period, hopefully, and the fellowship approves it. The decisions made by the conference are temporary in that light, because the trust document will supersede all of that.

GD: It seems that the perception that the members that were together in Harrisburg and various other communication that you and I have had personally, that you see things one way, and I know I see things another way, and I'm taking a straw poll down the ranks of the people we have on the phone here. You've got people on the phone here who have not been intimate to this stuff, but Oma and myself, Jim and Kathleen, and Bo and his girlfriend that were in Harrisburg, in that room with you, we made, all of us, made agreements together. It sounded like there was something that could come out of all of it that we would all be happy and satisfied with, and there were things discussed at that time. One of those things was that three months after the conference, when we should take and put out the trust document. That was one item. The second item was the idea of exclusivity and ownership of the properties. You would have the exclusive

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rights to ownership that was going to be held in abeyance. You promised that you would not ask for those things and/or the right to sue any group, area, or region, or member, until such time as we had developed the document.

ST: I didn't promise that. Anybody else who was on the phone that was there, did I promise that?

## Amy's Letter to California Attorney General –

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# Core Issues

## Aug., 2016 Vol. 4 Issue 7

By: Lester O.



### Summary:

I am not alone in noting what appear to be gross differences in the NAWS, Inc. bylaws that qualify them for non-profit status and their actual fiscal practices. We think that these deliberate misleading actions constitute fraud upon the State of California. We are pressing for a forensic audit by the State.

**Salaries:** Executive Director's salary on his 2014 tax return is \$251,936.00 before benefits. The Executive Director and his assistant's salaries increased by \$150,000.00 in one year.

**Conflict of Interest:** Some NAWS members sit on the Boards of outside rehab programs. Example: Executive Director of NAWS, INC. Anthony Edmondson serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Cri Help, Inc., a California drug treatment facility.

NAWS bylaws state they are restricted by the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous (not the 12 Concepts later devised by NAWS, Inc.). Selling to outside enterprises for profit such as Amazon, Hazeldon, Sears would seem to not only violate their trustee position but would place them into a "for profit" category. Much NAWS income today comes from publishing.

**Example:** Basic Text costs approx. \$2.30 to produce but is sold at \$11.55 a 485% markup. Certainly profitable.

**Misuse of funds:** 1) Fellowship funds were used to litigate against a member for providing free literature. The court found in favor of the member and a court order was issued which NAWS is in violation of to this day. NAWS is extorting groups who do not use NAWS published literature by refusing to list them as NA groups and lately advising other members to seize "illicit publications" and sending out "Cease and Desist" letters. 2) Massive losses of approx. \$900,000.00 in back to back conventions. 3) Annual Rent: \$7000.00 per month in the highest Real Estate market in the U.S. 4) Other Costs: \$105,360.00 not explained. 7) Excessive travel by NAWS which is unnecessary in this time of advanced communication technology 6) 1<sup>st</sup> class transportation, single occupancy accommodations for World Board members. 7) Frivolous spending: Afternoons at "The Ranch" for NAWS people cost approx. \$28,000.00 each time. 8) Theft of funds from a literature warehouse in Russia unaccounted for to date.

**Violation of the Anonymity Principle:** NAWS disclosed members' names and addresses to the NAWS law firm. This is a serious breach of Traditions and of individual privacy rights.

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### COMPLAINT TO THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING A CHARITY OR CHARITABLE SOLICITATION

Name of organization: Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

List any other names the organization uses: NAWS, N.A., Narcotics Anonymous

Address of organization: 19737 Nordoff Pl

City, State, ZIP: Chatsworth, CA 91311

Organization Telephone Number: 818-773-9999 Organization Web  
address: www.NA.org

Other identifying information for the corporation, if known:

Corporate # 0790905 State Charity Registration # 20155 FEIN: 95-

3090596

Briefly summarize the main points of your complaint here:

(Attach additional pages for the details of your complaint, if necessary)

Please see attached pages

Have charitable funds or other assets been lost, wasted or diverted from proper charitable purposes? Or, is there a danger that such loss will soon occur? Please explain, giving your best estimate of the amount lost or at risk, if you know:

\$16,000,000 Please see attached pages

What action has already been taken, either within the organization or with other law enforcement agencies, to try to resolve this problem:

Correspondence with NAWS is either ignored or if acknowledged is answered with "double talk" justifying expenditures.