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TO:ALL ASR'S BUCKEYE REGION,  
FROM:MAC MCFADDEN RSR

FELLOW REPRESENTATIVE SERVANTS:

THIS IS A MAILING THAT IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE, EXCEPT FOR THIS SEPERATE COVER LETTER, THAT WAS SENT TO ALL KNOWN AND LISTED RSR'S IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS. I FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM YOU OF THESE ACTIONS. WE HOPE TO FOLLOW, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH A LIST OF ALL CHANGES MADE TO THE FOURTH EDITION. THIS IS A LONG LIST, AND WILL TAKE A FEW DAYS TO COMPILE.

AT THE AREA REPRESENTATIVES CAUCUS TO BE HELD AT MY HOUSE ON DEC. 5, (2157 W. 30 CLEVELAND) IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE ACTIONS, THEIR REPERCUSSIONS IN THE FELLOWSHIP, AND OUR PROPER RESPONSE TO THEM. THIS WOULD MEAN INFORMING THE FELLOWSHIP AND BEING SENSITIVE TO THEIR CONSCIENCE. IM SURE YOU WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY.

LOVE IS ONLY OBVIOUS IN EFFORT. LOVING GRATITUDE SERVES.

IN SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP,

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TO:ALL RSR'S

FROM:MAC MCFADDEN RSR BUCKEYE REGION,REG.MEM.WLC

RE:CHANGES IN OUR BASIC TEXT,I.E.THE FOURTH EDITION OF;  
"NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS"

FELLOW REPRESENTATIVES IN SERVICE:

ON NOV.6-8 1987,(THIS PAST WEEKEND),I WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT"TRUE COLORS",AN AUTUMN CONVENTION SPONSORED BY THE MOUNTAINEER REGION IN WESTON,W.VA..PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO A FEW RANDOM MEMBERS TO WORKSHOP THE CHANGES IN THE NEW FOURTH EDITION OF OUR BASIC TEXT.THERE WAS DISSATISFACTION VOICED ABOUT UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES.IT WAS MY BELIEF AT THE TIME OF THE INCEPTION OF THE WORKSHOP THAT THESE CHANGES WERE NOT MAJOR.MY ATTENTION HAD BEEN CALLED TO THESE CHANGES EARLY(1:30AM)THURSDAY BY LONG DISTANCE PHONE,AND BY SUBSEQUENT CALLS MADE TO ME AND BY ME.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WITH ME AT THE WORKSHOP WAS BO SEWELL,BOT LIASON TO THE WLC AND A MEMBER OF THE LITERATURE REVIEW COMMITTEE. WE WERE JOINED LATER BY JOSEPH PROCTOR,A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE WLC..

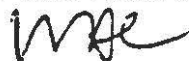
WE BROKE UP INTO TWO TABLES,ONE CHAIRED BY MYSELF,AND THE OTHER OBSERVED BY BO,AND COMMENCED WITH FLOW READINGS AND COMMENTS ON THE CHANGES.AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME,(30-45 MINUTES),AND A CONFERENCE WITH BO,IT WAS APPARENT TO US THAT THE CHANGES WERE MORE THAN MINOR,WERE CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE,AND RELIED FOR THE MOST PART,ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE,UNAUTHORIZED DELETIONS.IN OTHER WORDS, ANY FURTHER WORK WAS NOT THE PROVINCE OF AN INPROMPTU AD HOC COMMITTEE,AND THAT PARTICULAR CHOICE BELONGED TO THE FELLOWSHIP. IT WAS A CONCENCUS AGREEMENT OF ALL WLC MEMBERS PRESENT THAT; AFTER PROPER PHONE CALLS WERE MADE,I.E.WSO COORDINATOR OF SERVICES, GEORGE HOLIHAN,BOT CHAIR BOB REHMAR,WLC CHAIR MICHAEL LEE,WSO-WLC COORDINATOR DANETTE CREEL,WSO DIRECTOR BOB STONE,WSC CHAIR LEAH

GOODRICH, A MAILING WOULD BE MADE TO ALL RSR'S INCLUDING A TAPE OF THE MEETING, ANY NOTES MADE DURING THE MEETING THAT WERE STILL AVAILABLE, AND THIS COVER LETTER, IN OUR EFFORTS TO SERVE YOU AND THE FELLOWSHIP THROUGH YOU.

I FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL YOU OF LONG GAPS OF INACTIVITY THAT WERE NOT TAPED, THE WORKING PERIOD NOT BEING TAPED, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS NOT COMMENTING BECAUSE OF INCREDULITY, FEELING DISTRAUGHT, OR BEING IN OR NEAR TEARS.

OUR HOPES IN SENDING THIS INFORMATION ARE THAT YOU WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE GROUPS IN YOUR REGION, MAKE SURE THEY HAVE IT, AND SERVE THEM. OUR TASK IS COMPLETE AT THIS TIME.  
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THAT WSO BE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THE BASIC TEXT PROFESSIONALLY  
EDITED TO INSURE CONSISTENT AND CORRECT USE OF CAPITALIZATION,  
VERB TENSES, GENDER, SINGULAR-PLURAL ENDINGS, AND OTHER GRAMMATICAL  
ERRORS, AND THAT THE EDITED TEXT BE RETURNED TO THE LITERATURE  
REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO PRINTING  
AND DISTRIBUTION.

VOTE: 47 YES 1 NO 3 ABST PASSES

*Gender - Classification of nouns and pronouns  
according to masculinity, femininity,  
and neuter.*

*Syntax - Sentence structure - Technical*

media contacts more aware of what our program of recovery offers and should help dispel some of the distressing calls we get to provide opinions or interviewees for programs that have nothing to do with recovery from addiction. The mailing is due to start the end of November and five regions have been chosen to start with. They are all eagerly waiting.

The final item is the lack of response to the P.I. survey. We are here to serve you, but we need to know who you are. We have had twelve responses. We tried to make it as easy as possible for you. Please, just fill it out, fold it up, staple it, stamp it and mail it. And please remember to include committee mailing addresses.

There was an important change made in the way in which world P.I. tasks will be done. It was decided to involve regional P.I. committees in the work. But in order to do this it is necessary for you to become involved at a basic level, which includes sending back the P.I. survey.

That about raps it up, so the next time you hear from us will be in the Conference Agenda Report.

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To:           The Fellowship

From:         Randy Jones, Chairperson  
              WSC Hospitals & Institutions Committee

Since the last report, our Committee has been very busy working on the H&I action items for the '87 Conference Agenda Report. We had a very successful WSC Committee meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina and I would like to thank all in attendance for their input. At that meeting we elected two new members to the Committee, and this leaves us three open slots in our Committee membership, which we tried to fill from our pool of nominees but were unable to do so because they didn't meet our clean time requirements. If you know of anyone in your region who could actively participate on the WSC H&I Committee and who meets the clean time requirement of four years, please submit their names to your RSR before the Conference in April.

We covered all the items on our agenda, many of which were developed into motions which will be recommended to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report. The recommendations are:

- 1)     That the funding practices of the H&I can be removed from all N.A. meetings and functions and that the N.A. service structure assume full responsibility for all H&I funding.
- 2)     That the H&I Committee be allowed to purchase White Books and I.P.'s at a 30% discount using a registered distribution system.
- 3)     Remove the funding section in the H&I guidelines and replace with a section on preparing a budget.
- 4)     That H&I meetings be closed meetings and run by H&I committees.

These will be the main motions from WSC H&I Committee. These motions and their intent will be explained in more detail in the Conference Agenda Report.

Other items discussed by our Committee during the Charlotte meeting was the review of a second draft of the pamphlet on "Transition from Treatment to N.A. Fellowship." The Committee approved the draft entitled "For Those in Treatment" which was presented to the WSC Literature Review Committee for review and input. We discussed the use of a specific number of informational pamphlets in H&I meetings. The ones we felt were best suited for H&I use are LP's # 6, 7, 8, 11, and 16. LP. #13 *Youth and Recovery* would be included for use in adolescent facilities when appropriate. Another item that was brought up was our need to enhance communication between H&I committees and the various institutions we service. The Committee felt that we need to approach institutions that are able to purchase their own literature and provide these institutions with literature ordering information and order forms. In the long run, the Committee firmly believes this action will ease the burden of literature costs in N.A. H&I efforts. There was a lot of discussion about H&I meetings held in institutions where there is open access to the general N.A. membership. The Committee addressed the issue and voted to approve the following motion: [That all H&I meetings should fall under the direction of an H&I committee and that the general N.A. membership should not have open access to H&I meetings.] In the current *Newsline* there is an article which describes further, the problems we have encountered in this type of meeting.

We are currently working on a second draft of guidelines for workshops which we hope can be included in the H&I Handbook in the future. An ad-hoc committee was also formed to begin writing guidelines for meetings held in institutions where patients are still being medicated. There was extensive discussion concerning whether or not our existing guidelines should be divided into two sections: One on institutions and the other on treatment facilities and hospitals. We are seeking input from the Fellowship to begin work on the workshop, learning days and treatment facilities sections, for inclusion in our guidelines.

In closing, we would like to say that our Committee has put a lot of work and deliberation into the motions and the Conference action items that have been brought forward in this report. The Committee feels that by recommending these motions to the Fellowship more unity will be created within the service structure of N.A. Many items discussed in this report need input from the Fellowship, so if you have input please submit it to the WSO, attention: H&I Coordinator.

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To: The Fellowship  
From: Suzanne Schifano, Chairperson  
World Literature Committee

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The World Literature Committee met recently in Charlotte, North Carolina. During that meeting, the Committee completed the final versions (approval forms) for LP. No. R-7 *Am I an Addict? Newly Revised* and LP. No. 23 *Staying Clean on the Outside*. The work is also complete on the pamphlets LP. No. R-2 *The Group Newly Revised* and *Hey! What's the Basket for?* All four of these items will be distributed at the 1987 World Service Conference to begin a one-year approval period.

Another item on our agenda was the Fourth Step Guide. There really was substantial input and the Committee felt that major rewriting was necessary. Some of the input pointed out some sections which were similar to literature from



another Fellowship which, of course, will have to be deleted. There was also a lot of input on additional information to be added to the guide. Therefore the Literature Committee will be meeting again this winter to complete the approval form of *Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous*. We have also received a draft from the WSC H&I Committee entitled *For Those in Treatment* which hopefully will also be reviewed at that time.

During the course of this past year, the WSO hired a professional editor to perform editing on the Basic Text. This was a very light edit, consisting of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammatical corrections, which was mandated by the World Service Conference in 1984. The Literature Review Committee was given the task of reviewing the edit to ensure that the content and meaning of the book had not been altered. The LRC has completed their review of the edits and is satisfied with the editing job. There is, however, one small problem.

During the course of their review, the Literature Review Committee came across six sentences which are somewhat perplexing because they are inconsistent with the *Newly Revised White Book*. These contain terminology which was altered by the adoption of the Revised White Book. However, these sentences do not appear in the portions of the Basic Text which are exact quotes from the White Book. They occur in the regular text portions. The Literature Review Committee discussed this matter at great length during several conference calls as well as the meeting in Charlotte. Although it would appear that the conscience of the Fellowship is to make these changes consistent throughout our literature, the Conference was not specific in directing the World Literature Committee to make the changes *wherever they appear*.

Therefore, the Literature Committee solicited the input of the WSO Board of Directors and World Service Board of Trustees. The result of these discussions was a consensus to bring the matter before the World Service Conference next spring. Therefore, at the upcoming WSC, a motion will be presented to change the following phrases to bring them into conformance with the language adopted in the newly revised white booklet.

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Chapter 36, Pothead! seventh paragraph (3rd ed. bottom of p. 228). "Then it said they didn't care what drug I used and the only requirement for membership was the [honest] desire to stop using.

The Committee discussed the motion from World Service Conference 1986 instructing the World Literature Committee to consider moving the story "I found the Only N.A. Meeting in the World" to the front of the White Book. In the spirit of anonymity, the Committee was opposed to this motion. However, in the Conference Agenda Report, we will follow through with a motion to "take from the table" this motion which was committed to the Literature Committee at WSC '86.

The World Literature Committee was also instructed at the '86 Conference to select five personal stories for possible inclusion in a future edition of the White Book. The committee decided to solicit original material from members over the next year. The deadline will be September 30, 1987 and the personal experiences must be accompanied by a copyright release form. (We are calling them personal experiences rather than "stories," because we would like to encourage people to share their experience with recovery rather than their war story.) We will have an outline available for use in this writing.

In closing, one of the most important things the Literature Committee has discussed is the opportunity and vital importance of receiving input from area and regional literature committees. This year we received quite a lot of good input on the review literature items and we want to stress how important this was. Without it we couldn't do our work and we couldn't produce good quality final versions. Sometimes members and committees don't realize that they have the opportunity to submit input and sometimes they may even assume that their input is not needed, wanted or considered. The World Literature Committee does not ever want to give that impression. The input of the Fellowship is at the source of our work and every single piece is taken seriously and considered and discussed. We are serious when we ask for this input and we encourage anyone who is interested to send in their comments, their personal experience, their original material and share any questions and confusion. It is only through communication and the exchange of information that we can work together in love and harmony to carry the message of recovery in the written form to the addict who still suffers.

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To: The Fellowship  
From: Ed Duquette, Chairperson  
WSC Policy Committee

Greetings from the dynamic, innovative and relentless WSC Policy Committee. The Charlotte quarterly workshop has proved to be the most productive session this year. There were thirteen original Committee members present, as well as some ten to twenty other members of the Fellowship who sat in on the Committee meetings. The general tone of the deliberations was intense! We finished two of the three agenda items scheduled for the workshop.

The first item completed was WSC Policy Committee guidelines:

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**FELLOWSHIP REPORT**  
September 1986

*Before  
Charlotte*

**To:** The Fellowship  
**From:** Suzanne Schifano, Chairperson  
World Literature Committee

Minnesota was a wonderful experience. One of the highlights of the weekend was the opportunity to meet regional and area literature committee chairs and members. They shared about some of the work, difficulties and successes their committees have experienced. I would like to say what an invaluable tool communication is to our literature process. The more regional service committees that are able to financially support the attendance of their committee members at our workshops, the more the lines of communication are opened and the better informed our Fellowship becomes. It appears that the attendance of regional literature committee members is increasing at each workshop and it is nice to see that happening. Please continue to ask your regions to help sponsor your attendance at our quarterly meetings. Some of these regional literature committee members requested projects for their committees and were assigned projects for which we need input. Assuming their respective committees agree to take on the tasks, we should be receiving some top quality input.

The World Literature Committee worked on two I.P.'s during the Minneapolis workshop: No. 2 *The Group Revised*, and *Hey! What's the Basket For?* We will be sending copies to the Select and Policy Committees for their review and input.

The professional editing of our Basic Text has been completed. The editor did an exceptional job of light editing and I would like to express our gratitude. The edited text is now being reviewed by our Literature Review Committee to make sure that there are no conceptual changes.

According to our procedural guidelines, the review and input period for *Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous*, *Am I an Addict? Newly Revised*, and *Staying Clean on the Outside* is over at the end of September. All input must be received by the World Service Office on or before October 1st in order to be considered by the World Literature Committee. The input will be used during the October Workshop in Charlotte, North Carolina when the World Literature Committee will be preparing the final versions (approval forms) of these three pamphlets. We have already received a fair amount of input and we would like to thank those literature committees who sent it in for not waiting until the last minute. It is much easier to collect and collate the input little by little as it filters in over the nine-month review period.

# Fellowship Report After 86/87 WSC

This re-evaluation will result in the preparation of a revised set of Procedural Guidelines for the committee and a revised Literature Handbook, both of which we plan to propose to the Fellowship in the 1988 Conference Agenda Report. We must do this so that process and procedure do not get in the way of our primary purpose of carrying our message in written form to the addict who still suffers, especially with major, critically important works like our steps and traditions book.

**WSO STAFF CHANGE:** As a result of a decision made by the WSO Executive Director, Bob Stone, the World Literature Committee has a new WSO Project Coordinator, Danette Creel. Ginni Swanson will retain responsibility for Translations and Production (coordinating typesetting, and publishing). Cindy Saisselin has been given responsibility for serving the WSC Public Information Committee (internal P.I.), which was Danette's former area of responsibility. Ginni has been doing the work of two people for some time now, so the net impact of this change will be to bring increased staff resources to the whole area of literature, translations and production. I am deeply grateful to Ginni for her past service to the World Literature Committee. I am looking forward to a smooth transition and the increased vitality that the spiritual principle of rotation inevitably brings. WSO is planning to conduct a search for a permanent Literature Coordinator over the next few months.

**ABOUT THE BASIC TEXT:** There's been some confusion as a result of the World Literature Committee action last year encouraging a review of the Basic Text. The background is that the WSC had directed that the Basic Text be professionally edited for grammar, punctuation, syntax and then be evaluated by the Literature Review Committee (LRC). As the LRC reviewed the edited text last summer, we uncovered a variety of parts we felt the Fellowship should consider revising. This was all discussed at the Lit. Review meeting prior to our October meeting in Charlotte, BEFORE all of the controversy about the white approval-form version of *It Works*. Another factor was that the WLC had worked on and completed five approval-form pamphlets for 1988, but no review-form literature; it just worked out that way. So, in the November Fellowship report the problems found in the Basic Text were spelled out in a general way and the Fellowship was asked to review the Basic Text and submit input. This direction was repeated in a lot of correspondence on this subject during the last six months. We also began actively soliciting stories for the Little White Book in the event that the Conference approved a motion to remove the 1986 edited stories from N.A. literature.

Well, in hindsight, I think we were wrong in what we did. Reviewing the Basic Text and soliciting new stories for the Little White Book were NOT on our priority list last year, so looking back, I think we went too far. The 1987 Conference defeated the motion to change the Little White Book and gave us no other direction on the Basic Text.

The Literature Committee briefly discussed this matter at its last meeting and came to consensus that we would no longer direct the Fellowship to continue reviewing the Basic Text this year. Any input that came in will be reviewed and evaluated, and any stories submitted will be kept on file for possible future use. We plan to develop a proposal for the 1988 Conference Agenda report that will ask you, the Fellowship, whether the Basic Text should, or should not, be revised within a certain number of years.

The edited Fourth Edition of the Basic Text is currently being produced by the WSO, but, it will be at least October before it is available for sale.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** The proposed Daily Book is NOT on the WLC priority list this year. However, the fact that the attempt to add this book to our priority list for this year failed by a very narrow vote (28 yes, 31 no, 13 abstentions) indicates

Why did those Revisions Proceed?

Into P.I.

as soon as possible  
When & where is it written

It was M/S/F Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) "to move the story 'I found the only N.A. meeting in the world' to the front of the White Book". The Vote: YES - 6 NO - 57 ABSTENTIONS - 7 FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY.

It was M/S/C Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) "take from the table and take action to adopt or reject the 1986 motion committed to the World Literature Committee: "to remove from all approved literature the WSC 86 edited storied 'One Third of My Life', 'I Can't Do Any More Time', 'The Vicious Circle', 'Something Meaningful', 'I was different', 'Fearful Mother' and 'Fat Addict'; This change to take place at WSC 89". VOICE VOTE CARRIED 2/3 MAJORITY.

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It was M/S/F Yvonne K., RSR (Tri-State)/J.R. F., RSR (Greater Philadelphia) "to contact the individuals whose stories are in conflict with current philosophy and give them the opportunity to make changes. Intent: Their messages reach the newcomer. As the people grow in recovery they should be able to revise their terminology". VOICE VOTE FAILED BY 2/3 MAJORITY.

It was M/S Michael L., (WSC Literature Vice Chair)/Sydney R., (BOT) "To make the following changes in the Basic Text in order to bring it in line with the Newly Revised White Booklet. These changes will begin with the Fourth Edition and remain in subsequent editions.

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Last, but certainly not the least, the Fourth Edition Basic Texts are in stock. Again, based on the direction of the World Service Conference, some changes have been made. The book has been printed in both hardbound and paperback versions. The hardbound books are in stock now, and the softbound books will be available soon. A subject index has been added in the back of the book. A

list of other N.A. publications was placed in the front of the book. The entire book has been edited and retypeset. The edit focused primarily on correcting grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors. The work was done by an N.A. member who works full-time as a professional editor. It was then reviewed by the World Service Conference Literature Review Committee. The editing, overall, was to improve readability and make the Basic Text consistent with the Newly Revised White Booklet and other N.A. literature. Each of the changes discussed above was based on a motion passed by the World Service Conference. Those motions are included here for your reference:

WSC '85 "To have bound into the Basic Text an order blank offering materials available through WSO, including the Basic Text and other materials deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees."

WSC '85 "To change any and all N.A. approved literature where it has 'recovered' to 'recovering' in future printings."

WSC '85 "That the WSO be instructed to have the Basic Text professionally edited to ensure consistent and correct use of capitalization, verb tenses, gender, singular/plural endings, and other grammatical errors and that the edited text be returned to the Literature Review Committee for acceptance and approval prior to printing and distribution."

WSC '86 "That a subject index be included in the next edition of our Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*."

WSC '87 "Recommend WSO to produce a soft cover Basic Text at same price as hard cover text."

WSC '87 "To make changes in the Basic Text in order to bring it in line with the Newly Revised White Booklet. These changes will begin with the Fourth Edition and remain in subsequent editions. (This last motion is not included in its entirety, as it referenced every specific change in the White Book - those specifics are available in the Conference minutes.)"