

TO: The Fellowship

FROM: The World Board

DATE: March 1999

RE: 1999 Literature Survey

Overview

During the 1998 World Service Conference, five motions related to the creation and/or revision of recovery literature were committed to the World Board. Those motions read as follows:

Motion #24: "To approve the following as WSCLC's "A" work list for the 1998-99 conference year.

1. A new chapter on Sponsorship to be included in the Basic Text
2. A new chapter on Service to be included in the Basic Text
3. The addition/substitution of personal stories compiled from our worldwide fellowship in the Basic Text."

Motion #21: "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet Narcotics Anonymous (*The Little White Book*), be committed to the World Board who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options." (*Note: Before the vote, the chairperson stated that this will include motion #24.*)

Motion: "To commit Motion #49 ("To recommend that the WSC place Addendum K 'Am I too Young to be an Addict?', on the WSCLC's A-list.") to the World Board.

Motion #77: "To continue with the development of a sponsorship booklet as a new piece of literature. Said booklet should be given to the World Board Publications Committee with a final draft included in the CAR 2000."

Motion: "To commit motions #49 and #77 into the motion #21 process

This survey has been developed to help the World Board fulfill its responsibility to develop a report to conference participants at the 2000 WSC. We hope that the survey that is attached will provide us with an initial sense of what the fellowship would like to see in the development of and/or changes to our recovery literature. We encourage you to copy and distribute this survey to members, groups and service committees.

The World Board will use this information in our consideration of what type of proposals to develop for possible revisions to the Basic Text, the Little White Book and other recovery literature. These proposals will be presented to the fellowship for consideration in the 2000 *Conference Agenda Report*. The World Board would like to extend our thanks for your participation in this important project.

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Important Note: This survey must be completed in the format that is provided here. Additional comments written on this form will not be considered due to the nature of recording survey data. However, the World Board welcomes your comments. Please send your additional comments separately. Please feel free to copy this form. You may obtain additional copies from the WSO or on the internet at www.na.org.

What New Literature Do We Need?

The following are issues that have been discussed over the years as things some of our members have wanted to see as (1) pieces of new literature to be developed, and/or (2) revisions to some of our existing literature.

Please **check one box for each topic** to indicate your opinion of how great our fellowship's need is for the following literature

Very Much Needed	Needed, not a top priority	Not Needed	No Opinion	Don't know	Topic
					Sponsorship
					Youth in recovery
					Seniors in recovery
					A piece discussing how NA is for everyone that will help newcomers focus on our similarities and not our differences.
					Practicing the principles of our traditions
					Recovery in day to day life
					Relationships
					Racial and cultural diversity
					What is spirituality?
					Service and recovery
					A collection of personal stories that reflect a worldwide fellowship
					Revisions to the little white book <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>
					Revisions to the Basic Text

Please return this form before July 15, 1999

The Basic Text

The first part of the Basic Text (Chapters 1-10)--

Is OK as it is _____ Needs editing for grammar and consistency _____ Needs content changes _____

If you answered **Needs Content Changes to the above question**, which of the following would you like to see? **(Check yes or no to the following.)**

Yes _____ **No** _____ Add a chapter about sponsorship

Yes _____ **No** _____ Add a chapter about service

Yes _____ **No** _____ Revise the existing material

Yes _____ **No** _____ Other additions to the text *(If you check yes, please send your ideas to the World Board separately.)*

The personal stories section of the Basic Text--

Is OK as it is _____ Needs new stories to replace the old stories _____

If you answered **Needs new stories to replace the old stories** to the above question, which of the following would you like to see? **(Check yes or no to the following.)**

Yes _____ **No** _____ All new personal stories

Yes _____ **No** _____ Keep some of the existing stories and add some new stories

Informational Pamphlets (IP's)

Based upon our record of literature sales, it is an apparent trend that, for the last several years, our fellowship seems to be using fewer Information Pamphlets (IP's). Please let us know how helpful you believe the following types of formats are in carrying our message.

Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Helpful	No Opinion	Don't know	Format
					Information Pamphlets
					Booklets
					Workbooks
					Book length pieces

Our Literature's Appearance

Would a new look for our literature be desirable? **(Check yes or no.)**

Yes _____ **No** _____ New designs

Yes _____ **No** _____ New colors

Yes _____ **No** _____ New layouts

Please check one.

This form was completed by:

_____ **Service Committee:** Name of Committee _____

Individual NA Member _____

In order to help us determine if the literature needs of our fellowship vary with different amounts of clean time, please check one of the following boxes.

I have been clean:

_____ **less than one year** _____ **one to five years** _____ **six to ten years**

_____ **eleven to fifteen years** _____ **over fifteen years** _____ **completed by committee**