

# 2 - 7 - 9 service

2 – 7 – 9 Referring, of course to our precious Traditions; these are the Spiritual Principles that will save NA from oblivion or if they continue to be violated these same Spiritual Principles will drive our best members away from NA to form a new fellowship. They will take the Basic Text with them because they are the authors of it. They will take many of our IP's with them because they wrote those too. They will take most of our intelligent newcomers with them because those new people want what they have. They will take complete abstinence from all drugs with them because they practice that and understand it is the principle that necessarily precedes recovery. They will take the Traditions with them particularly 2, 7, and 9 because it is the violation of these Spiritual Principles that drove them away. They will take most of the creativity and spirit away from NA and invest it in a fellowship based on genuine Spiritual Principle rather than contrived concepts of denial.

If the idea of losing our best and brightest and continuing on our downward spiral into the abyss of marginalized meaninglessness does not appeal to you consider what we might do to correct the situation.

Restore NA Service to Traditions 2, 7, and 9: very simply return to the basics. Our genuine service structure is an inverted pyramid –

The Group is at the top where Group Conscience exists, and the ONLY place Group Conscience exists. From that point each servant, in order to be trusted, must not wander away from the ultimate authority of the loving god who supports our recovery and service, no matter how convincing political arguments become. Additionally it is incumbent upon trusted servants to clarify and simplify questions to Group Conscience to the point all members understand and diligently state both the pro and the con to all questions without leading the Group Conscience in either direction.

To be self-supporting through our voluntary contributions requires open participation and adequate communication enhancing broad fellowship involvement. Most of us only have limited funds to contribute to NA. However, we all have our creativity, and being denied the opportunity to help develop and share our message not only limits recovery but violates Tradition 7. To be "...fully self supporting" all of our service efforts must be open and participatory especially our written message-sharing, our Literature. Since 1984 all of our literature has been written and edited by small closed committees of members who must feel they are superior to those who authored the Basic Text, and the fellowship never was asked to make this decision it was forced on us by those

folks who “know-better” than input and experience. Literature sales generate most of the money used to fund our overly expensive services.

The fellowship was never asked if they wanted a \$4.00 book so that many more newcomers could afford it or a \$12.00 book so that NAWS could fund representatives to the WSC for political leverage. Direct Responsibility is NOT an intent or a goal or a mission that we can accomplish by being dedicated. It is an action: we must inform groups without bias, then surrender to Group Conscience. Narcotics Anonymous groups and members may ONLY create service board and committees that are directly responsible to them. And it is their responsibility to fire employees and trusted servants who fail to take instruction. It is time to ACT NOW before NA fragments and disappears into meaningless oblivion. If NAWS is not brought under control and made directly responsible, if the SSP movement continues, if we do not regain control over our services our fellowship will change into a caricature of what it once was and what it could be.

It is time to return SANITY to NA service ... if you have some sanity to share please send it along by email to [contact@justnafacts.org](mailto:contact@justnafacts.org)

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