

WSC-LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP

January 10, 1984

Dear Fellowship:

A lot has happened since the last report. As previously mentioned, the World Literature Committee met in workshop in November. We have been very busy since that meeting. Included below is a summary of the status and progress made on each project taken on by the World Literature Committee:

Translation of N.A. Literature into Foreign Language(s)

Braille Little White Booklet; Who, What, How & Why; The Group; Another Look; So You Love An Addict; and Recovery & Relapse all completed.

German -- Who, What, How & Why now available; members in Germany contacted regarding other pamphlets. No response to date.

Persian -- Little White Booklet completed.

Cuban Spanish Meeting format as well as portions of Little White Booklet completed. Includes "Who is an Addict?"; "What is the N.A. Program?"; "How It Works"; "Why Are We Here?"; "The Twelve Traditions of N.A."; and "Just For Today."

French members in France and America contacted regarding translation of Little White Booklet. No response to date.

Mexican-Spanish -- members currently working on Am I An Addict?

The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee voted to compile a list of priorities regarding which pieces of N.A. approved literature should be translated first. Input from the Fellowship is welcomed.

BASIC TEXT

The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee Chair drafted a letter to the Fellowship of N.A. requesting input on the basic text. This input should include suggested additions, deletions, and corrections. Other considerations include revisions to the Little White Booklet and ramifications to the basic text as well as the draft on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions possibly being included in the basic text in future editions. This letter is attached for your reference and response.

Release forms have been secured for most of the stories which were approved for inclusion in the basic text at WSC-82. Motions regarding this matter will be brought up at WSC-84. See below.

THE USE OF MEDICATION IN RECOVERY

This pamphlet was approved at WSC-83 and is currently in distribution through the W.S.O. Recently, input has been received from several literature committees as well as the Board of Trustees suggesting that certain material contained in this pamphlet is detrimental to recovery. The Tri-County Area Literature Committee is currently reviewing this pamphlet for input and possible revision.

N.A. WAY

The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee received a request from the N.A. Way for material on recovery. We sent approximately 30 personal stories which had been submitted to the WLC Committee and were not chosen for inclusion in our basic text. We hope that this material will provide assistance to the N.A. Way sub-committee in their efforts to compile and publish our monthly magazine.

LITERATURE READY FOR REVIEW AND INPUT

A Physicians's Viewpoint on the N.A. Program and Basic Text

This pamphlet was approved at WSC-83. However, it was requested on the conference floor that the author be allowed to make certain grammatical changes prior to distribution. The revised draft was subsequently received and reviewed by the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee. It appeared to be semantically different from the draft which was approved by the Fellowship. This I.P. is therefore being sent out to the Fellowship again for review and input this year. All comments and suggestions regarding this piece are welcome.

Newsletter Handbook

This project was completed at the WLCNA-9. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee voted to send this piece out to the Fellowship for review and input.

Self-Acceptance I.P.

A second draft was presented to WLCNA-9. The committee voted to send this piece out to the Fellowship for review and input.

All of the pieces being distributed this year for review and input will be mailed to each Regional Service Committee, Regional Service Representative and Regional Literature Sub-Committee. Additional copies will be available to anyone from the World Service Office.

Living Clean

This draft was reviewed by the World Service Board of Trustees, the Southern California Regional Literature Sub-Committee and other interested WSC-LC members. A workshop was held at WLCNA-9 which resulted in a cover letter being attached to the unchanged draft. An unconditional release of copyright was obtained from the primary author. The WSC Literature Sub-Committee voted at the November Workshop to send Living Clean out to the Fellowship for review and input. Since that time, additional input has been received from the WSB indicating some potential problems. A workshop to thoroughly

review and evaluate Living Clean is planned for February 1984. A decision has been reached by WSC-LC to defer distribution of this piece until after the February WSB Workshop.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The following projects are in semi-advanced stages of completion. This means that first drafts have been completed and the pieces are currently being evaluated by the WSC Literature Sub-Committee.

The Loner I.P. (Staying Clean in Isolation)

Revised White Booklet

Clean and Serene

Welcome to N.A.

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

A tentative title has been suggested. It is IT WORKS: How and Why. The portion regarding the Twelve Steps was revised at the November Literature Workshop. The portion regarding the Twelve Traditions is currently being reviewed by the WSC

Literature Sub-Committee and will be revised in the near future. It should be noted that this project is the first priority of the WSC Literature Sub-Committee at present and the work has been divided among many different individuals, area and regional literature committees throughout this country and Canada. Following is a breakdown of the reviewing committees:

All Twelve Traditions

Kanawha Valley
Ohio
Matsqui, Canada
Oregon Hawaii

Traditions One Through Three

Mid-Atlantic
Tri-State
Florida
New Jersey

Traditions Four Through Six

Philadelphia
Pacific Northwest
New Jersey

Traditions Seven Through Nine

Chesapeake-Potomac
Central Great Lakes
Memphis Area
Knoxville Area
Southern Nevada

Traditions Ten Through Twelve

Carolinas

Minnesota

Mid-America

OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

The following projects are in a more preliminary stage of completion. This means that a considerable amount of work remains to be done. Anyone in the N.A. Fellowship is welcome to contribute input on any of the following pieces:

N.A. History

The special history sub-committee of the WSC Literature Sub-Committee has expressed some frustration in their efforts to complete this project. It appears that the compilation of the history of N.A. is too large of a task for the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee to accomplish alone, and this project is not receiving the attention nor priority it rightly deserves. The assistance of the W.S.O. in collecting archival materials has recently been requested. A response has not yet been received.

Just For Today

The Mid-Coast Regional Literature Sub-Committee is diligently working on a daily meditation guide for N.A. The material previously collected by the Georgia Literature Sub-Committee has

been combined with that produced in the Mid-Coast Region. A lot of input is still required on this project. Anyone in the Fellowship is welcome to contribute a page, paragraph or even a sentence on any topic pertaining to recovery.

A Resource Guide for the Trusted Servant

The Santa Rosa Literature Co-op is currently compiling a booklet which will contain sample meeting formats, guides for group secretaries, sample GSR reports, sample service committee by-laws, etc. This project will provide aid to trusted servants who are new in service and also to new areas and regions formed in this country and others. Anyone is welcome to contribute material to this project.

"Cooperation Not Affiliation" I.P.

The Florida Regional Literature Sub-Committee is continuing work on this project.

"Total Commitment" I.P.

The Florida Regional Literature Sub-Committee is continuing work on this project.

"To the Gay Addict" I.P.

The Northern California Regional Literature Sub-Committee is continuing work on this project.

Revision of "Literature Committee Handbook"

The Volunteer Regional Literature Sub-Committee collected

input on this project earlier this year. The Southern California Regional Literature Sub-Committee has taken on the task of compiling the input into a revised draft. The preface is being written by a former World Literature Sub-Committee Chair and the present World Literature Sub-Committee Vice-Chair.

"Staying Clean Through Crises" I.P.

The South Coast Area Literature Sub-Committee is continuing work on this project.

"To Our Parents" and "To The Medical Profession" I.P.s

The Southern California Regional Literature Sub-Committee has temporarily postponed work on these projects.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE WORKINGS

The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee has formulated and adopted Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of New Literature (copy attached). This is the first time any specific guidelines have been written outlining the operation of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee. In addition, input was submitted to the WSC-Policy Sub-Committee for inclusion in the revised service manual. An examination of the Procedural Guidelines will reveal that the process of generating new literature has been lengthened and clearly defined. It is not the intent of the WSC-LC to produce literature in a rushed or haphazard manner. The Procedural Guidelines represent a conscientious effort by the

WSC-Literature Sub-Committee to ensure the highest quality of literature. The guidelines also clarify who constitutes a member of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee. It is hoped that these guidelines will clear up a lot of the confusion which has been prevalent in the past.

The Procedural Guidelines will be brought to the WSC-84 floor for approval. Sydney R., WSB member, has also submitted input in this Fellowship Report. (See WSB Report). Her suggestions will be considered as input to WSC-84 and perhaps could be combined with these Procedural Guidelines.

The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee elected a new secretary/librarian and treasurer at the Workshop in November. The new secretary, Pete B., is currently compiling a mailing list made up of all persons who have contributed ideas, material or manpower to the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee in the past. Each person on the mailing list will receive a copy of the adopted Procedural Guidelines along with a form on which to indicate a desire to be a member of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee. The responses received should provide an accurate and current accounting of the members of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee. In future years, members will be appointed at the World Service Conference based upon the established membership requirements.

The new treasurer of the WSC-LC, A.J.H., is finalizing

financial reports of the November Literature Workshop (WLCNA-9), as well as the operating expenses of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee for the months of November and December, 1983. It should be noted that the WLCNA-9 financial report indicated \$1,015 received for room and board with a sum of \$2,300 paid out for room and board. Since the charge to each individual for room and board was \$100.00, these figures indicate that 13 people did not pay for their room and board. The WSC-Literature Sub-Committee has requested from the hosting regional literature committee a list of the names and addresses of those individuals who did not pay. This information has not been received to date. As soon as it is obtained, the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee will contact those individuals and attempt to collect the money owed. Any questions regarding the finances of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee should be directed to:

A.J.Hartman, Treasurer

129-A Marina Drive

Edison, NJ 08817

The San Diego Area Literature Sub-Committee is continuing their work on the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee resource files. Responses have been received from some newsletters in other areas and regions. These are being reviewed and pertinent articles extracted. The newsletter articles as well as other material

from the resource files are being categorized by topic to make the information more accessible to the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee in the future.

In summary, please send input on any of the above projects to the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee Chair. Following is a list of the motions that will be brought to WSC-84 by the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee:

1. Does the Fellowship want a publication documenting the history of Narcotics Anonymous.

_____Yes _____No

2. That The Use of Medication in Recovery I.P. be withdrawn from the market and a revised draft prepared by the WSC-LC.

_____Yes _____No

3. That the Procedural Guidelines for the Creation and Development of New Literature be approved.

_____Yes _____No

4. That quotations from the "Little White Booklet" be printed accurately in future editions of the Basic Text.

_____Yes _____No

5. That future editions of our Basic Text reflect quotations from the "Little White Booklet" set apart from the text and italicized, but in the same size type as the rest of the

text. (This is how they appear in the second edition of the Basic Text).

Yes _____No

6. That the stories "I Can't Do Any More Time"; "Fat Addict"; "Early Service"; "I Felt Hopeless"; "I Kept Coming Back"; "It Won't Get Any Worse"; "My Gratitude Speaks"; "No Excuse for Loneliness"; "Relapse and Return"; "Sick and Tired at 18"; "The War Is Over"; and "Up From Down Under" all be included in future printings of the Basic Text. (These were already approved at WSC-82 and we have just secured release forms from the authors). .

_____Yes _____No

7. That Chapter 8 of the Basic Text entitles "We Do Recover" be footnoted to indicate an up-to-date figure. (In the sentence "When my addictions brought me to the point of complete powerlessness, uselessness and surrender some twenty-six years ago, there was no N.A.", the figure of 26 is no longer accurate.

_____Yes _____No

8. Take from the table the WSC-83 motion that all literature submitted to this conference for approval require a 2/3 majority vote of participants.

_____Yes _____No

The next meeting of the WSC-Literature Sub-Committee will be held at the World Service Conference 1984. The meeting will commence on Tuesday, April 24, 1984 at 6:00 P.M., pending WSC adjournment for the day. The following items will be placed on the agenda:

1. Consideration and implementation of input received on Twelve Traditions draft;
2. Consideration of input received through WSC and planning means of implementation;
3. Election of secretary/librarian and treasurer;
4. Appointment of Registered Active Members of WSC-LC;
5. Planning of projects and priorities for '84-'85.

Thank you for allowing me
to be of service

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ginni Swanson".

Ginni Swanson, Chairperson

WSC Literature Subcommittee

Revised

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LITERATURE

I. PREPARATION

1. New raw material is obtained from any source. Release of copyright accompanies personal stories. Release forms should be secured from any member contributing material which may be construed as a personal story or experience. We suggest all material be accompanied by copyright release forms to KFFP IT SIMPLIF! There is one standard release form used by the fellowship for all purposes. Copies can be obtained from the Chairperson or Secretary of WSC-Literature Subcommittee.
- 2a. Service committees and groups choose projects or volunteer to work on projects assigned by the World Lit. Committee. In turn, source material from the WSC-Lit. Committee files is sent to the service committee upon request.
- 2b. These committees compile the input and draw up a draft. The service committees may include but are not limited to local, area or regional literature committees or any committee dedicated to carrying the message in written form.
3. The completed rough draft is then sent on to the World Lit. Committee.

II. EVALUATION

- 4a. All drafts received by the WSC-Lit. Committee by November are distributed to registered active members at cost for evaluation. Evaluation includes:
 - A) Distribute to the fellowship for review and input;
 - B) Needs more work prior to review by the fellowship (input attached);
 - C) Discontinue work on this draft and channel material to WSC-LC resource files
- 4b. Mailed responses are tallied by the Chairperson and Secretary of the World Lit. Committee. A simple majority in "A" initiates action. A 2/3 majority causes action "C" to be taken. Otherwise, the draft is placed into Category "B," which is then workshopped at the World Lit. Conference.

III. REVIEW PROCESS

5. All Category A drafts are printed in review form and distributed to the fellowship for input. This input includes:

Is the material acceptable as is?
What should be added?
What should be left out?
What should be changed?
Should work on this material be discontinued?

There is a minimum period of nine months for receipt of review input by the WSC-Literature Committee Chairperson.

6. All Category B (needs more work) drafts are placed on the agenda for the next World Lit. Conference. Priority is given to those drafts which received a large number of A responses, but not a majority.

Category C (discontinue work) drafts that did not receive a 2/3 majority are placed in the B category (needs more work) with low priority at the World Lit. Conference.

IV. APPROVAL PROCESS

8. Review input received on Category A drafts is implemented into a revised draft at the next World Literature Conference. The draft is carefully edited and proofread before it is printed in approval form (see Step 11).
9. Any additional input subsequently received is kept in a file for consideration in revision. Each piece of literature is evaluated at least every five years for consideration of revision at the World Literature Conference.
10. Prior to final distribution, the draft is forwarded to the World Service Board of Trustees to ensure that it accurately represents the principles of Narcotics Anonymous as outlined in the Twelve Traditions. In response, the Board of Trustees points out section(s) contrary to the Twelve Traditions, or states in writing that the material is within the Twelve Traditions.
11. The printing and distribution of the approval form is accomplished by the World Service Office. The approval form is distributed to the fellowship for approval or disapproval. Group conscience votes are taken through Regional Service Representatives at the World Service Conference.
12. If the work is not approved, the material returns to the World Lit. Committee for further evaluation and revision.

*MEMBERSHIP (Registered Active Member)

In conjunction with the procedures outlined in the N.A. approved Service Manual, the WSC-Literature Subcommittee trusted servants, at the World Service Conference meeting, appoint additional members based on the following requirements:

Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

A suggested minimum of one year clean

Indication of willingness and desire to serve

Active participation

Service experience in carrying the message in written form