

GOALS OF SESSION:

- Raise members' awareness of the project and opportunities for involvement.
- To gather input on the drafts.
- Work through the session profile with others who will do this in their home communities.

On tables are Pens, Brainstorming Guidelines, Ground Rules, Facilitator's Guides and Draft material for review and input. Ideally there should be enough copies of the draft material so that each participant has one for the read through portion of the session. The times indicated are estimates and may vary depending upon the size of the group.

LEADER WILL PROVIDE A SESSION SETUP**10 MINUTES****Background and Introduction to the Project**

- The project plan for this book length piece was adopted at WSC 2008 but has been an item on the "literature wish list" since 1983. This project remained on the back burner until other literature priorities were completed.
- This book will allow us to touch on many of the ideas gathered from the fellowship over the years regarding new literature. While this book will not be able to capture all of the ideas submitted, it will include material on practicing principles in our daily lives as we deal with relationships, spirituality, living with success and failure, our health, and our spirituality as we move forward in our recovery.
- In order to realize the vision for the book we need input from our members. We are seeking examples of practical application of the tools of recovery, some real boots on the ground experience, things we hear that positively affect our recovery and the results of applying the principles.
- We want this book to sound like us in much the same way that the Basic Text speaks to us: a lofty goal to be sure, but one that is attainable if we all work to contribute to the project.
- As with any literature development process, the beginning of this process is the best time to offer input which may affect the overall scope of the book.

REVIEW AND INPUT:

- The project plan calls for staggered periods of review and input. The first set of review and input contains the first two chapters and the detailed outline for

the book. Other chapters will be released for review and input later in the process of development; the next round will occur after the beginning of 2010.

- The deadline for input on this review period is **15 September 2009**.
- The APPROVAL FORM of the book will be released in April 2011 for one full year. Approval requires a 2/3 vote of the Regional Delegates at the World Service Conference in 2012.

REVIEW AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

60 MINUTES

Icebreaker

5 minutes

Have the members of the small groups introduce themselves to one another and offer an interesting detail about themselves that others don't know. Groups of not more than 10 people are best.

SMALL GROUP

55 MINUTES

Post the questions where participant can see them, use a PowerPoint to display them, or have the questions printed and placed on each of the tables.

Review and Input Questions

It is our hope that this book will speak to all NA members. This will necessitate discussing all elements of our lives and may encroach on topics that at first glance appear to be outside issues, yet as NA members we navigate those issues on a daily basis.

It is worth keeping in mind that these drafts have not been fully copyedited and as a result may contain spelling errors or erroneous punctuation. The approval form of the material will have been fully edited to eliminate such occurrences so the focus of the review sessions can remain on the concepts being communicated rather than spelling or punctuation.

These questions will help to focus your review sessions.

CHAPTER REVIEW: Allot 40 minutes for the chapter review.

Take each chapter separately. It is helpful to read the material aloud as a part of the review process. Reading the entire chapter is recommended before responding to the questions. Use the same questions for both

chapters. Members may find it helpful to note areas they want to return to after the read through is completed.

1. What are your overall impressions of the chapter? Please rate this chapter on a scale of 1 to 10; with 1 representing “don’t like it at all” and 10 representing “loved it.” Try to be specific about what you particularly liked or disliked in the chapter.
2. Are any ideas or concepts missing from this chapter? If so, what specifically is missing?
3. Are there concepts or ideas that should be elaborated upon or expanded in some way, including ideas that are inadequately explained? Please be as specific as you can.
4. Is there anything in the drafts that should be removed or modified, including anything that is not consistent with our NA principles? If so, what specifically should be removed or modified, and why?

OUTLINE: Allot 15 minutes for this process.

This outline represents our best ideas right now about what will be covered in each chapter. It is a work in progress.

1. What are your overall impressions of the outline?
2. Are there any ideas or concepts missing from the outline? If so, what specifically is missing?
3. Is there anything in the outline that should be removed or modified?

REPORTS BACK FROM THE SMALL GROUPS

15 MINUTES

Once time has expired, facilitate a brief discussion about the groups’ work, addressing one set of questions at a time.

- Allow the small groups to share their overall impressions and views regarding the material they reviewed. This is not a time to get into specific input.

Here are some other avenues to offer personal input for this project:

- The Project Discussion Area is a discussion board for members of the fellowship to offer their thoughts regarding the material to be in the book. The discussion board is set up by chapter and members are encouraged to share their experience, strength and hope regarding the long term aspects of living the NA program. The link to that site is: <http://naws.org/lc/index.php>
- Input from this session can be sent to: LivingClean@na.org
or entered on the website at: <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org>
- The survey gave us a great jumpstart with some material for the book. It was posted in October of 2008 and discontinued effective 15 July 2009.
- As always we welcome the submission of material from our members via regular postal mail as well; send that material to:

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