

Fellowship Literature Development Process

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BY ADDICTS, FOR ADDICTS (our literature development process)

Source material
submitted by
members

Drafts
developed
by the
Workgroup

Review drafts
circulated
to gather
Fellowship
input

Approval draft
appears in the
Conference
Agenda Report

For the last 20 years, each literature project has utilized the same basic process.

- The Fellowship is surveyed for input about the project itself.
- Source material is collected from members.
- A workgroup of members who review all of the source material and the resulting drafts is formed.
- Drafts for Fellowship review and input are released.
- Drafts are revised based on input.
- An approval draft is published with the *Conference Agenda Report* 150 days before the World Service Conference.

It's a process that allows members all around the world, regardless of literacy level or language spoken to contribute.

In the case of the recently approved *A Spiritual Principle A Day* book, NA World Services received more than 1,000 pieces of input on the first four principles circulated. Much of it was handwritten in 55 workshops around the world. Even after participation waned—as happens in every literature project, there was a steady stream of source material.

The workgroup took great pains to read everything submitted, identify common themes and colorful phrases, and weave together the strands of input to develop cohesive entries. They found the wisdom in every submission, and the result is a text that represents the broad Fellowship of NA. It's truly by addicts, for addicts.

THE LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT BUCKET (A) STARTS TO FILL WITH THE FELLOWSHIP'S NEEDS AND IDEAS, WHICH MAY BE EXPRESSED IN LITERATURE SURVEYS, THE NAW'S STRATEGIC PLAN, AND CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT [CAR] MOTIONS. (B) THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE [WSC] DECIDES WHICH IDEAS TO PURSUE. (C) FELLOWSHIP INPUT SHAPES THE BASIC FRAMEWORK OF ANY PROPOSED TEXT. (D) THE PROJECT PLAN [BUDGET, TIMELINE, ETC.] IS PRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE APPROVAL TRACK [CAT]. (E) PROJECT BEGINS AFTER WSC APPROVES PROJECT PLAN. (F) ADVANCE MATERIAL IS COLLECTED FROM THE FELLOWSHIP AND HELPS DETERMINE THE OUTLINE AND CONTENT OF THE TEXT. REVIEW AND INPUT OF A DRAFT IS THEN SOLICITED AND REVISIONS ARE MADE BASED ON FELLOWSHIP INPUT. (G) AN APPROVAL DRAFT AND A MOTION ARE OFFERED IN THE CAR. (H) CONSENT FROM THE WSC ESTABLISHES A NEW PIECE OF NA FELLOWSHIP-APPROVED LITERATURE.

