

## Literature, Service Material, and IDT Survey

Through these polls we are trying to get a sense of the Fellowship's priorities for recovery literature and service material development as well as Issue Discussion Topics.

We have had lists in the *CAR* before for members to prioritize, but the process always seemed to be cumbersome. We are trying to keep it simple this time by asking that delegates collect and report the top two priorities in each of the following four lists:

1. book-length recovery literature;
2. booklet- or pamphlet-length recovery literature;
3. service tools; and
4. Issue Discussion Topics.

Since the process to collect a conscience varies so much from region to region, according to the regional reports, we are simply suggesting that delegates collect this input in the same way that they would gather a conscience on motions. We welcome any additional information that you want to send to the World Board, but we are asking that delegates be prepared to report to the Conference the top two choices per category. That will amount to well over 200 responses per category and provide us with a great sense of what our members find important.

We will be asking delegates to fill out this survey online, on behalf of their regions, before the Conference if possible, so that we can collect and compile regional responses to distribute to delegates and discuss at the Conference. Delegates will be sent a link when the survey for them to post their results is active. We have also included a motion and survey "cheat sheet" in this *CAR* for delegates to copy and distribute. This sheet will be posted separately on the website.

We will also be offering an opportunity for individual members to fill out the survey online if they wish. Members who fill out the survey individually will still want to participate in the process of collecting a regional conscience. Offering the survey online to individuals is not meant to supplant that process; it simply gives us more data to look at, and it may be interesting to compare the responses delegates bring to the Conference with the ones collected through an online survey. The online survey can be found from the link off the Conference page: [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference). Please note: the deadline for individuals to fill out the survey online is 15 March 2016. You can still participate in your regional *CAR* conscience if it takes place after that time, but in order for us to have data to report at the Conference, we need results by mid-March.

We are hoping that this survey will be more user-friendly than some from our past. We "beta-tested" this survey with regional delegates and alternates before we drafted the *CAR* and used their results to refine and expand each list. The items in the lists below come from a variety of sources: project requests from members, holdover items from former surveys, suggestions from delegates and alternates, and items the Fellowship has repeatedly asked for.

## Recovery Literature

The first two lists ask what literature our members would like to see worked on next. We have surveyed members several times in the past to get a sense of their literature priorities. Past surveys have pointed to the need for projects like *Living Clean* and the Traditions workbook (the latter grew from a new business motion, but has been consistently prioritized in Fellowship literature surveys). We also used a literature survey to help us determine where to focus revisions to the Basic Text.

Please keep in mind that the process takes time; this is not like drafting a grocery list for a trip to the market this week. Developing a project plan takes a Conference cycle, which is two years. A book-length piece of recovery material takes an additional four to six years, and smaller pieces like pamphlets can usually be completed within a two-year Conference cycle. We are not planning to work on any book-length pieces in the upcoming cycle, so this six to eight years for development would not take place until after WSC 2018 at the earliest.

So, in thinking about this list, the question is not what we want today but what each of us thinks will serve the needs of the Fellowship four to ten years from now. Many of these ideas were taken from our last literature survey conducted in 2010. Others have been suggested by members, delegates and alternates, or service bodies.

In each of the four sections below, please check the two items per section that you believe are most important.

### ***Book-Length Recovery Material – Pick Two***

(A complete list of books, booklets, and IPs with copyright and revision dates is included in Addendum B.)

New book about sponsorship	
New step-writing guide (not to replace, but as a possible companion piece to the current <i>Step Working Guides</i> )	
Daily meditation book featuring a spiritual principle a day	
Daily meditation book based on <i>Living Clean</i>	
Service and recovery	
Revise current <i>Step Working Guides</i>	
Revise current <i>Sponsorship</i> book	
Collection of stories from early members in NA communities around the world	
History of NA	
Miracles continue to happen – pictures and stories about the growth of NA around the world	
Other (please specify)	

**Booklet- or Pamphlet-Length Recovery Material – Pick Two**

(A complete list of books, booklets, and IPs with copyright and revision dates is included in Addendum B.)

The following list contains ideas for both pamphlets (IPs) and booklets. Though sometimes a booklet seems like the ideal length—if we have more to say than will fit in a pamphlet but we don't want to create a full-length book—the reality is that many meetings do not carry booklets. With the exception of the Little White Book, our booklets are not distributed nearly as frequently as IPs or books. You may want to consider this factor when making your choices.

Another thing to keep in mind when thinking about the results of a survey such as this is that people tend to prioritize their personal interests, and as a result it can be difficult for a piece of targeted literature to receive a high ranking even if the need is relatively great. On a related note, sometimes the need for a piece of literature reflects “who's missing” as much as who has already found us.

Application of the Concepts	
Service and recovery	
Indigenous people in recovery	
Older members in recovery	
Revise the current <i>Sponsorship</i> IP	
Create a new sponsorship booklet	
Women in recovery	
LGBT members in recovery	
What is Twelfth Step work? with how-to suggestions	
Quick responses to ten frequent reasons people may resist NA (focused to new or potential members)	
Our Eleventh Step in action	
Practicing these principles in all our affairs	
Carrying a clear NA message	
Mental health	
Revisions to <i>The Loner</i>	
Revise <i>PI and the NA Member</i>	
Revise <i>H&amp;I and the NA Member</i>	
Other (please specify)	

**Service Material**

Service material can be developed more quickly than recovery material and does not always require the same length of time or expense as a workgroup. Our experience has

shown that smaller pieces like our current “Basics” (*Translations Basics, Planning Basics, PR Basics, H&I Basics*) seem to be most useful to our members in English and are more easily translated.

What pieces do you believe will meet the needs of NA service in the next two to six years?

### ***Service Material – Pick Two***

(A complete list of service material with copyright and revision dates is included in Addendum B.)

Revise <i>A Guide to Local Services</i>	
Revise <i>H&amp;I Handbook</i>	
Sponsorship behind the walls	
Events and conventions handbook (new – there is nothing in inventory)	
Group service tools/toolbox (e.g., sample group formats, group support forum basics...)	
Local/Area service tools/toolbox (e.g., GSR orientation, planning assembly tools, trusted servant training tools, project forms...)	
Regional service tools/toolbox (e.g., trusted servant training tools, regional assembly tools, project forms...)	
Role of regional delegates	
A guide for interactions with drug courts	
Information for creating legal entities and service offices and their relationships with the service body they serve	
Treasurers basics	
Facilitation basics	
CBDM basics	
Service and technology	
Revise <i>Planning Basics</i>	
FD/PR tools	
Other (please specify)	

### **Fellowship Issue Discussions**

The Issue Discussion Topics have become a standard for Fellowship-wide discussions over the past ten years. They are generally a set of issues identified at the WSC with discussion taking place over the next two-year Conference cycle. Issues that arise during the cycle have also been added to this list. The results of those discussions can contain some of NA’s best practices and have created the foundation for several service pamphlets and other tools and literature, including the Building Strong Home

Groups worksheet, service pamphlets such as *Principles and Leadership in NA Service* and *Disruptive and Violent Behavior*, the *Money Matters* IP, and more.

This past cycle's topics were:

Group Support, Planning, Welcoming All Members, and Role of Zones.

Previous cycles' Issue Discussion Topics have included:

Collaboration	Self-Support Means	Building Strong Home Groups
Group Conscience	Supporting NA	Who Is Missing?
Supporting Our Vision	Self-Support IPs	Our Service System
Third Tradition	Building Communications	Atmosphere of Recovery
A Vision for NA Service	Our Freedom, Our	Infrastructure
<i>In Times of Illness</i>	Responsibility	Public Image
	Leadership	

While our most requested topics for discussion have been Building Strong Home Groups and Atmosphere of Recovery, we get the best response when we have a mix of group- and service-focused topics. Many topics seem to bear repeating. Most of these topics are broad enough that we could draft a slightly different approach to the topic for those of us who have participated in previous discussions, and there is usually a turnover in trusted servants every few years.

***Ideas for Upcoming Fellowship Issue Discussions – Pick Two***

How to use “Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions” with a session for each Tradition and the ability to choose which to discuss	
The First Tradition and NA unity	
How can we continue to provide services to our Fellowship and at the same time decrease our reliance on funds from literature, events, and conventions?	
Fellowship development	
NA unity, the <i>FIPT</i> , and reprinting NA literature	
Service in NA	
Atmosphere of recovery in service and how we treat each other	
Retaining members	
Who is missing from inner city/urban meetings?	
Outreach/Rural recovery	
The Conference cycle and staying engaged and involved	
<i>Disruptive and Violent Behavior</i> (putting the service pamphlet through the recovery IP process)	
Applying our principles to technology and social media	
Other (please specify)	