COMBINED TRUSTEE/TRADITIONS AD HOC MEETING MARCH 9-11/90

Friday, March 9, 1990

9:00 AM-10:00 AM--Agenda Review 10:00 AM-12:30--Preliminary Discussion How will the Traditions be discussed?

- 1. **One through Twelve?**
- 2. By Principles?
- 3. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12?
- 4. Some other way?

12:30 PM-2:00 PM--LUNCH

2:00 PM-7:00 PM

- I. Report on Steps Ad Hoc Meeting from Danette:
- II. Review and Pre-Review
 - A. sending each chapter out as it is completed
 - B. a pre-review form can add confusion to the process
 - C. a limited a structured pre-review by WSCLC and /or BOT might serve the project well.
 - D. We hope to get more clear with BOT and WSCLC on the reason for/or goal of both the pre-review and formal review processes:
 - 1. for keeping the fellowship informed
 - 2. specifically for feedback about the direction of the project from a smaller group of people (i.e. WSCLC and/or BOT)
 - 3. value of review by groups of people who are not directly involved in producing the work
 - 4. we will continue to plan chapter by chapter review with explicit instructions on the types of responses which will be most helpful.
- III. The term "writer"
 - A. The many different images it conveys, i.e., author, technician
 - 1. there is no way that all the input and current drafts can simply be reviewed and then just kind of mushed into a new form.
 - 2. We have made decisions about tone and style and voice that will require a completely new draft and new writing to go with it. The committee may not have the time nor the skills to get done what it wants.
- IV. The hiring issue professional writers, addicts/non-addicts, etc., etc.
 - A. We need to consider an actual job notice/search which may not happen until after WSC. There was also some confusion/concern about the WSO and/or BOT making hiring decisions. Discussion

clarified that this committee's role is to make a recommendation for the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees to consider.

- B. Each of us has gone back and forth in our feelings about addict/non-addict, particularly since we each have differing perceptions at various times about the type of writing that will be required, i.e., transitional, new, etc. So far, our experience has been limited with addict writers but has indicated difficult ego/ownership problems. On the other hand, can a non-addict take our stuff and give it back the way we want it? Or can anyone, for that matter?
- C. Perhaps WSO staff can take it to a draft form easily by the time we go through all input. Perhaps we can ask a hired writer to develop outlines before drafts. And we can certainly have any writer hired for just a couple of chapters to be sure we can get what we want without being stuck for an entire book contract.
- V. Discussion of any philosophical issues that may have come out of the review of the existing Traditions input material by the Traditions Ad Hoc committee.

7:00 PM--Adjourn for the day

Saturday, March 10, 1990

9:00 AM-12:30 PM--Traditions Discussion

12:30 PM-2:00 PM--LUNCH

2:00 PM-6:00 PM--Traditions Discussion Continued

6:00 PM--Adjourn for the day

Sunday, March 11, 1990

9:00 AM-12:00 PM--Traditions Discussion Continued

12:00 PM--Close meeting

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