

**Questions to the WSC and World Board related to the:  
'AMENDMENT TO THE NA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BULLETIN #1 -2020 PROPOSED'**

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**These questions are for input to the World Service Conference Participant Web Meeting on August 10, 2019**

**Question #1 :**

How many individual pieces of input were received as input for this project?

**Question # 2:**

How many open workshops were held to discuss this topic?

(No information regarding this project was available at MARLCNA in February of 2019)

**Question #3 :**

Why does the FIPT not clearly state in the FIPT Instrument or in the FIPT Operational Rules that NA Groups have the authority to create new NA literature or reproduce NA World Service Conference approved recovery literature for group use.

**Question # 4:**

Why is the NA Group authority to reprint NA literature reduced to the lowest level of protection by being defined in the 'NA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BULLETIN #1'?

(The first level of protection is in the FIPT Instrument, the second level of protection is in the FIPT Operational Rules, and the lowest level is a Bulletin.)

**Question # 5:**

Why is the reprinting of previous versions on NA literature not permitted by NA Groups for Group use?

**Question # 6:**

Does any service board, committee or conference have the authority to require that an NA Group stop using previous versions of NA literature?

**Question # 7:**

How is denying permission for NA Groups to reprint NA books (and give them away for free) helping to carry the NA message to the addict that still suffers? Is the NAWS method superior to the NA Group method of carrying the NA message?

**Question # 8:**

More than 100,000 NA books, in multiple languages, have been printed and distributed by NA Groups in the past few years. These books are currently being used by hundreds of NA Groups around the world. Most of these NA Groups have no intention of stopping.

Is this change in the FIPT designed to magically make these NA books, and the NA Groups that use them, somehow disappear or suddenly conform to NAWS standards,, Or ,, Is this change in the FIPT designed to harden the battle lines, attempt to expel the NA Groups, and prepare for a legal confrontation ???

**Question # 9:**

When is the WSC or the World Board going to have an Open Forum Panel Discussion with the NA Groups that are currently printing, using and distributing NA literature?

Is the WSC going to fulfil the requirements outlined in the current FIPT under Conflict Resolution?

## **RESOLUTION STATEMENT – 2019** (Draft #2)

To be approved by the NA Groups, any service structure that the NA Groups participate in, or through an outside court determination.

### **Let it Be Resolved, Agreed Upon or Determined that:**

#### **RESOLUTION # A**

#### **Authority in Narcotics Anonymous only flows in a direction from the NA Group outward through the entire NA service structure.**

1. Each NA Group is an autonomous entity with an individual and autonomous Group Conscience that is their interpretation of the authority of a Loving God for their Group.
2. NA Groups create, direct and have complete authority over the services and structure of the local service level. The local service structure does not have any authority to direct, manage or control the NA Groups.
3. The NA Groups in the participating local service structures create, direct and have complete authority over the services and structure of the regional service level. The regional service structure does not have any authority to direct, manage or control the local service structures or the NA Groups.
4. The NA Groups in the participating regional service structures create, direct and have complete authority over the services and structure of the zonal service level. The zonal service structure does not have any authority to direct, manage or control the regional or local service structures or the NA Groups.
5. The NA Groups in the participating regional service structures create, direct and have complete authority over the services and structure of the world service level. The world service structure does not have any authority to direct, manage or control the zonal, regional or local service structures or the NA Groups.

#### **RESOLUTION # B**

#### **NA Groups have the authority to create new NA literature or reproduce NA World Service Conference approved recovery literature for Group use.**

1. Changes or alteration of the 12 Steps or 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous are strictly forbidden.
2. Literature that is created, modified or bundled by an NA Group for Group use must conform to the principals, definition, and nature of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. No literature may be used, created, modified or bundled by an NA Group that presents any contradiction to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.
3. Literature that is created, modified or bundled by an NA Group for Group use is specifically excluded from the purview of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust.
4. An NA Group may make alterations that consist of non-substantive corrections, bundling, excerpting, and/or repackaging, or enhanced electronic versions of current or previously approved NA literature for Group use.
5. Any Narcotics Anonymous World Service Conference approved recovery literature that is modified, bundled, or altered in any manner by an NA Group for Group use must be renamed on the front cover to indicate that the altered piece of literature is different than the World Service Conference approved piece of literature.

**Resolved, Agreed Upon or Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_**