

Literature Committee

Proposals and updated Report to Conference 2007:

As you will have seen from the Annual Report 2006 the year since Conference last year has been a very busy one for the Literature Committee. I must start by thanking the members of the Committee in particular for their enormous efforts over the last 12 months. Their unstinting service has resulted in the large body of work which is laid before you this week end.

There are 5 Guidelines within the Committee process for your consideration. There are also 5 pieces of literature, the majority requested by Conference 2006 for textual consideration in plenary session. All 5 pieces were issued in draft form to Delegates in early December.

Last year you agreed the text version of 2 new leaflets (Message for Professionals which was designed and issued in July and Archives which is now available)

This report also allows us the opportunity of sharing with you our work in progress. (Contingent of course on anything that Conference 2007 may wish developed)

Every review starts with the most pragmatic of questions. Does what is already in place meet the criteria 'fit for purpose'. In other words does it meet the needs of the Fellowship, the service discipline (if appropriate) and most importantly the reader? Message for Professionals in many ways was a ground breaking piece of work for the Fellowship. It was born out of a vacuum, from a need recognised by members in service. Our ability to recognise that need and react to it positively is fundamental to our ability to continue to carry the message.

Can I make the point... that as a Committee we make every effort to get it right all the time. We are not infallible...Nor are we precious of our work. Your input is crucial. Your stewardship provides the necessary checks and balances to ensure that the Fellowship gets the literature it deserves

Posters:

We are currently reviewing our posters and will continue to work with the Service Disciplines to deliver a set of posters that best meet the needs of the Fellowship. Our recent request for ideas through AA Service News resulted in a considerable offering of wonderful ideas. My thanks to all who have participated. These suggestions will be on display through out Conference and delegates feed back would be very much welcomed.

Our intention is to short list a number of ideas, develop them with the relevant Service Disciplines and produce an updated range of posters that meet the definitive needs of the Fellowship.

Newcomers Literature:

The Committee is currently reviewing our Newcomer literature. We are particularly focusing on issues of literacy and readability. This review has come from our initial efforts to adapt 'Who Me' in order to make it more accessible to those with literacy issue.

Prisons:

This year in conjunction with the Prison Service discipline we are initiating a new pamphlet designed for inclusion in the induction packs given to new prisoners.

Health:

The committee in liaison with the Health Discipline are radically reviewing AA as a source for the Medical Profession

Employment

The Committee are undertaking a review of 'The Problem Drinker and Employment

Service Handbook of Great Britain:

We are currently reviewing the content of Group Handbook

Guideline Reviews

In keeping with the work we are doing with Literature for prisons, employment and health, it is our intention to review the relevant guidelines as part of the process (Guidelines 8, 9, and 11) Our objective in reviewing a guideline is to ensure that

- it continues to reflect best practice in what we do and
- that its content is consistent with other Guidelines, the 12 steps , traditions and concepts.

When we review a guideline we liaise with the Service Discipline

Proposals for Conference 2007

That Conference approves the text of 12 Concepts Illustrated
That Conference approves the text of the Concepts Check List
That Conference approves the text of the Traditions Check List
That Conference approves the Fellowship Structure card
That Conference approves the text of 'The Pot'

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