

# *Memo from General Service*

## *Southern California Area*

TO: Groups in the Southern California Area  
FROM: Mary T., Area Delegate  
DATE: May 2002  
SUBJECT: News Highlights from the General Service Conference  
PURPOSE: Group Reports -- 1 or 2 bullet points each week

### CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

- **Change to Big Book.** Although the committee acknowledged the importance of electronic meetings to some A.A. members, the sentence “Fundamentally, though, the difference between an electronic meeting and the home group around the corner is only one of format,” in the last paragraph of the Foreword to the Fourth Edition, be deleted in future printings of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- **Spanish Big Book.** The committee considered at length the request for a new edition of the Spanish Big Book and took no action as a widely expressed need was not exhibited at this time.

Many delegates at the Conference recognized the need for a new edition of the Spanish Big Book, but the Literature Committee needs information from more Areas on the best way to proceed.

- **12 & 12.** The text in the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, written by Bill Wilson, remain as is, recognizing the Fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published.
- **Anthology of Stories.** In keeping with the 1997 Conference Action which requested the development of a publication of stories dropped from the First, Second and Third Editions of the Big Book, the publication of an Anthology of the last published version of the 56 stories dropped from the First, Second and Third Editions of the Big Book be approved with the title “Experience, Strength and Hope.”

All new text material in “Experience, Strength and Hope” is to be reviewed by the trustees’ Literature Committee prior to publication.

- **Sponsorship Pamphlet.** The committee considered the request to add a quote from Concept Nine to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” and took no action. The committee agreed that this addition was not necessary.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GRAPEVINE:

- **Items for Production.** The committee considered several suggestions for related items for production and forwarded to the Grapevine Corporate Board the following items for development: 1) Declaration of Responsibility signs in English and (when feasible) in Spanish and in French, with a facsimile of the art that appears in the Grapevine; 2) *Best of Grapevine* CDs; and 3) a Spanish-language CD.