

Area 67 Literature Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025
7:30 pm

The April meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm. Present: Jim M., Carol F., Shea L., Dallas D., Steffanie J., John H., Caitlin B., Kris C., and Byron.

The March 2025 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Chair report- Jim tells the committee that he was able to get the service material list that we had discussed at the last meeting. He also was able to update his information at the GSO and received a Literature Committee update. The update included the literature workbook, new service manual, and the plain language big book. Service material is not conference approved literature, but it is something we can promote. They are still drafting the 5th edition of the big book and the 4th edition of the Spanish version of the Big Book. They are still updating the pamphlets for the Native American, Do you think you are different, Q&A on sponsorship, 12 steps illustrated, and the 12 steps illustrated video.

Alt. Chair report - Carol tells the committee about her experience with the Assembly Roundtables. She said her group talked about the founder's writings and 12 & 12. She said the founders' writings were very controversial, but they came to a quick agreement on 12 & 12. They believed that it was a good idea to put the 12 concepts in the 12 & 12.

Unfinished Business

Feedback Forms

Jim tells the committee that he had added reviewing the recommendations to the agenda so that we could give clear feedback to our Delegate. He took feedback from the last meeting minutes to compile these forms and wanted to review them.

- **Modernizing or updating Living Sober.** The committee discusses our recommendations. Everyone in the committee is in agreement that our recommendation is that the book Living Sober should be updated to include social media and online meeting in an addendum, instead of a major overhaul.
- **Expand Article 3 in the conference charter to protect the founder's writings.** The committee discusses the recommendations. Jim says he wrote on our form that we would like further consideration and more information. Majority of the committee were not in favor of changing the writings, we had so many questions that we were not confident to say that. The committee agrees.

The PAI submitted by our Area to move the deadlines back to give the fellowship more time to review PAI background information at the Area, District, and group level was not put on the GSC

agenda for 2025. Jim would like to survey the Area about what we want. He said that if we got a lot of response, we could take it back to the Assembly and see about submitting it for 2026. The committee discusses it. There is concern that most people answering the survey would say yes we want more time. Other comments about adjusting the board meeting and committee calendar at GSO were probably a big consideration, late background information, and priorities.

Jim says that in the Literature update they said they were still finishing up the concept video. He thinks it is really well done and will be helpful to the fellowship.

Ways we use conference approved literature?

Carol tells the committee about the Sunday night reading of the Great Responsibility meeting. She said it has been very interesting. Steffanie tells that she has gone through the 12 & 12 with a sponsee, and now she wants to do the concepts, so she ordered the Plain Language Big Book. Jim says that he goes to a meeting that reads the stories in the back of the book. He talked about the story of Dan P. and his service in AA. We need to remember those people that have done so much for AA. Caitlin B. shares that she has been working with a sponsee on the 12 traditions and they are studying multiple pieces of literature.

Sales at the Assembly

Jim says that we sold a few service manuals. He said that we have not heard back if we are supposed to do the sales at the Seta Convention. Carol asks if we will be doing literature sales at the State Convention. Jim says all we have been asked to do is set up a table. Byron says that Intergroup has had a table at the State Convention in the Past. Byron asks wouldn't it be redundant for the Intergroup and Literature Committee to have a table at the State convention. Jim explains that the job of the Literature Committee is to raise awareness on Conference Approved Literature. Intergroup sales literature that is conference approved and non conference approved literature.

Next Meeting: May 20 , 2025

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with the responsibility statement.