

## **BASIC TEXT REVIEW AND INPUT WORKSHOP**

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### Introduction

The 10 year moratorium on changes to the basic Text expired in 1998.

In 2002, it was decided that we would not touch the first 10 chapters.

In 2004, stories were solicited and 700 submissions were received.

No more Book 1 and Book 2.

Sixth edition will have 2 parts, Basic Text and Our Members share.

### Discussion on Preface to 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

Linda – Some phrases we've always used should not change, page 3 says "a new way of life" when we always used "a new way to live"

Susan – Second the slight shifts in grammar

Ned – Why do we need this preface? What does it lend to the Basic Text?

Joanne – This addresses more of our worldwide fellowship than the preface of the current Basic Text

Linda – Having authored many books, the preface to a new edition says what's new, but this is too wordy especially in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

Susan – The 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph is unprofessional. No reason to bring our old history. The 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph is self-congratulatory.

Steve – What does "today" mean? Today is a finite period of time. Each printing should reflect a specific date or year when giving current statistics, so that if someone is reading an older printing, they will know the period those statistics reflect.

Joanne – Last sentence of first full paragraph on page 2 is awkward.

Susan – Reminder that our primary purpose is to carry the message to the newcomer who may not be concerned about our history.

Ned – Why was there not a preface to editions 2-5?

Joanne – Not getting a feel for a worldwide fellowship, it is more of a side note.

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### Discussion on Introduction to “Our Members Share”

Linda – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line, page 6, “These voices” should read “Some of our early member’s voices”.

Joanne – First sentence, drop the last two words or say “gain recovery”.

Kathy – This can be condensed.

Ned - 2nd paragraph, do we want to put what our first tradition teaches us? Why is this paragraph “here”?

Susan - 2nd paragraph of “Preface”, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of “Our Members Share” are redundant

Kathy – Next to last paragraph – Do we need this roadmap? Simplify it.

Steve – It seems as if all this is saying is “Now that you’ve read the first five editions, here is the latest and greatest, and here’s why this is better than the others”.

### Why Do We Share Experience?

Linda – There should be more on traditions, sponsorship and homegroup. Many have never read the stories since they first got clean.

Ned – In our Basic Text study meeting, we read the stories and it has cemented my identification. It was very beneficial. I am very excited about updating these.

Susan – Stories are very heartfelt. The book has two modalities, two ways of thinking.

Joanne – I want to read about people who got clean young and stayed clean.  
(Note: Most translated Basic Texts do not include the personal stories. It is our hope that the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition will do that in the translated versions.)

Jeannie – The first 10 chapters were a bit “vague”. The stories should reflect how the ideas in the first 10 chapters affect my life. They should bring the ideas home and show them reflected in people’s lives and experiences.

Linda – What about stories from the “missing people”, those who left NA and came back to the rooms still clean.

Joanne – How people handled different time frames in life and different time frames in recovery.