

A.S.I.S. Fellowship Service Conference
June 17th – 19th 2016
Olivet Blue Mountain Camp
Hamburg, Pennsylvania
Minutes

Bill A. Chairperson
Chubs Co-Chairperson
Scott N. Secretary
No lie S. Secretary

Group Sign In Sheets can be found on last page.

Friday Evening:

Introductions. Everyone introduces themselves
Moment of silence for Jeremiah N.

Group Reports

Tom – Original Grey Book Group of Cleveland. 6 months in – growing, people with time, interested in other fellowship written lit. Looking to start another meeting Thursday night.

Kevin- group meets wed. Thurs. Grey Book meeting who occasionally reads 2nd edition or original 13 IPs. Doing well, with an average 10-12 the group has been growing. Recently they began to catch grief from a local area including other meetings requesting that this home group not be on the same meeting schedule as them. They belong to the Buckeye Region. Group believes they may choose which services to participate in. Been ostracized over Literature conference this summer. Were told what they wrote is not N.A. literature. Other home groups taking down fliers for their events and taking there events off websites. Kevin feels pain and newcomers are being harmed by the ostracizing being dealt down from Region and Area. Staying strong and more Groups are choosing to become historical literature meetings.

Hank S. - Grey Book Group. Also speaking on behalf of By Us For US, another Jacksonville based meeting. New meetings, Phoenix Rising, and meditation meeting in the works. The Freedom Area has been started by these two groups in Jacksonville Florida as a result of being violently removed from the local Jacksonville areas. Are also beginning “the Grassroots Region” - a Georgia group, Mississippi and Tennessee group are also interested in this service body. Area service holds no positions, in an effort to take away entitlement, members who show up to area chose to serve that day. Idea of 6 regions throughout US. This intent is to facilitate service conferences every 3 or six months to piggy back A.S.I.S. G.B.S.A.-L.C. grey form step working guide has been turned over to Anonymi foundation. Home groups own this Lit. Grey form traditions book is almost at its third draft. ‘the hip pocket program has been created it is the 52 questions about the steps and traditions as well as the little white book. Has also been translated into ‘the back pocket program’ In Spanish. We would love to see other countries writing and translating their own lit. so that they may use their own diction. Tradition workbook will also be turned over to A.S.I.S after 3rd Draft. Grey Form Meditations book has about 150 submissions, GET INVOLVED!

Bill A. asks groups if they have any new business to please state is at this time.

Eric - Grateful Wake Up Home Group. Between 2-5 people at meetings, struggling for members. 2 home group members. Happy to be here.

Kathleen – Monday night meeting in Columbiana. Meeting been around for 36 years. Have 3 home group members. Newest member has 27 years. So happy to see so many people here. Really grateful to be here. You are not alone; you don't have to be alone. Like motions this year.

Danny W. – Amarillo Texas. Not High Plains Area Amarillo Texas. Gives background on how the area started. Someone from the area had removed two home groups from the schedule without permission. Another member contacted Danny W. to discuss how to handle this. They decided to start a new area. 4 groups joined. They started the area with these 4 groups and website. Last year the area did a history day. Aug. 12th 13th and 14th 2016 they will host traditions workshops. Groups from Wood ford and Pompas City have shown interest in joining the area. Group in Oklahoma talking about forming a new area. Going to call new region 'Tokenem Region'. Things are working out and moving forward. Attempted to join region two years ago, but because of the controversy over N.A. literature they were pretty much denied. Not High Plains area told region to 'Go Fuck Themselves' Region was unhappy when Not High Plains area decided to start their own area. Each meeting in area is a historic lit meeting. Only trusted service in area is treasurer and secretary. Area travels for each business meeting, and the group where they meet hosts the meeting. Weren't getting a lot of participation at one point so they chose to have conference calls, this way they don't have to drive hundreds of miles for area service meetings. They believe this was an act of prudence. 'The last mistake I've ever made was always my best teacher'

Chubs. – Alive And Free Nomads Home Group / Old School Recovery Meeting. Eric D. is going to read motion and carry votes because Chubs is co-chair. Chubs does not express any opinions or discuss motion because it would be out of line. Group was started in Nevada, Split into two Groups (Alive & Free Home Group and Alive & Free Nomads) when three of the members moved to North Carolina. Eventually the Nevada Group died out and two of the three members in NC moved to Utah, eventually joined by the third member. These were the original founding members of the Nevada Group. The Group has traveled the nation aside from its moves and has held meetings in more states than the three the Group has been based in. After the Nevada Group ceased meeting, the two names were combined into the Alive & Free Nomads Home Group. Nomads was kept in the name because of the nomadic history of the Group. Have never joined an area. The Group shares information and cooperates with the Central Utah Area but will not join as that area uses the Concepts. The area is happy to list them on their schedule and Alive and Free lists all area meetings on their self-produced schedule. The relationship is as it should be will full autonomy respected. Nomads are free to join area if they wish. Area believes it would violate Traditions to exclude them or not list them on the schedule. Nomads directly fund things like schedule printing in an effort to be self-supporting but only fund line-item services, they never make blanket donations to area. The official relationship is that the Nomads are part of the NA Groups who comprise the Central Utah Area of NA but have no membership, nor do they subscribe in any fashion to the committee that is the Central Utah Area Committee for Narcotics Anonymous. The Groups in the Central Utah area all seem to realize that unity has absolutely nothing to do with subscribing to the same services. Nomads

attend area only to share information. Nomads Group has its own website: OldSchoolNA.org, OldSchoolNA.com, OriginalNA.org, OriginalNA.com. (All web addresses go to the same site.) Most groups in Central Utah Area distribute Baby Blue, H&I committee distributes only Baby Blue. Some groups may become a part of A.S.I.S. someday. Relations are good between this home group and the area. Most groups in area have 6th editions and baby blues on their lit tables. Alive and Free Group does not use or make available any corporate books. Home group members range from 3-9. No lack of support in meeting. Not ostracized at this time. Good response for history day Group will be hosting this summer. Discussion about possibly starting Traditionalist area or region to serve Utah, Idaho, Washington, and California, very informal discussion. Group seems to be practicing 4th tradition very well. Practicing autonomy while not forcing their beliefs on other groups.

Ken – Grey Book 5:30 meets every Thursday at 5:30. Attendance usually between 12 & 20. Good meeting. People who do attend, attend regularly. Been around about 8 months. Have really good sharing observations on Grey Book. Everyone really loves the Grey Book. In relation to the area – one guy said they shouldn't be on meeting list because the Grey Book is 'unapproved'. No motions have been made yet in area to be removed from meeting list. Do not donate to area. Group pays rent on their meeting space and buys Grey Books. RD attended meeting and seemed to show support. Group attends area service meetings every month. Good co-existence with meetings in area. Other groups even announce meeting time in announcements.

Ray – Recovery 1st Group Allentown meets twice a week. Working Monday on Grey Book reflections Wednesday is a Baby Blue meeting. Used to be an outreach meeting where isolated groups could call in and do a conference meeting. Oldest group in Allentown. Do not buy lit from world, produce all own literature. Group helps facilitate Baby Blues to other groups.

David – Back to Basics Group Amarillo Texas. 7 nights a week 8pm. Friday night grey book, spiritual principles, candlelit meeting, and every meeting format different. Average 2-7 people.

Rosemary – Grey Roots Group Gainesville, Ga. Been together 3-5 months. Meeting was talked about for a long time before they formed. 8-10 people in attendance. Meets 2 times a month. Have not received any grief at this point. Every now and then a new comer comes in. reading Grey Book line by line. Read and discuss. Really great.

Jim – wanted to add a few things to reports from Columbiana county. 1. Between their groups they make available grey books 2nd editions and approval forms. They brought a substantial number of them here. They allow us to share the cost with them by offering these books at the cost for printing grey book \$4. Second edition \$3 and approval form \$2. Groups sponsor 12 step retreat in the middle of the winter where speakers primarily learned about steps from 3rd revised or 2nd edition. In the fall they do a lit. development retreat. Usually falls the same time as group in Texas is doing stuff because they did not communicate dates well. Trying to discuss service committee meeting but will probably not be standard structure service committee. Trying to create an environment where groups can get together and share what is working, what's not working and how they can support one another. The intent is unity. Right now there are just a bunch of isolated group entities and not a lot of unity of cooperation. Also talking about

revitalizing H&I.

Ernesto – Spiritual Solution Group in Washingtonville. Group started as a living clean the journey continues meeting. Group voted to use the 1983 version because it has more information for the new comer and group wants to focus on the newcomer. Group decided to place their group on A.S.I.S meeting list because there were rumors that if they didn't work with NAWS they would be removed from the area meeting list. Ernesto likes to call the book 'the journey begins'. Area tried creating a 'lynch mob' as a repercussion of this home group. Groups has 6 members regularly. Shifts up to 15 members. Group is here for the newcomer. First year at A.S.I.S. Group is happy to be here and considered part of A.S.I.S. family.

Mike – Historical Perspective Group Allentown PA. average 12 people in attendance. Sometimes they have participation from surrounding areas. Does not participate in area service structure. Group does Grey Book study every Friday.

Robert- Grey Area Meeting Washingtonville NY. Joined last year. Read that 'a group should stand by itself if it has to' and '2 or more members make a meeting' felt empowered by these lines so they started a meeting. Read Grey Book. Print their own IPs Suzanne prints literature. Hank and No lie sent them hard copies so they could print. Have 4 home group members and 6-8 people in attendance. Member brings Baby Blues and Spanish Baby Blues into the prison. Have an H&I meeting with these books at the prison. Really good response from Spanish speaking guys at the prison. Will be using 1983 version of living clean. They were ostracized by their area but they don't care, the area isn't NA, home groups are NA. Newcomers feel welcome at grey area meeting; they leave with lots of literature. Newcomers go to other meetings and often catch grief about attending the Grey Area meeting. Group often asks new members if they have received a basic text, and then gives them a baby blue so they do have one. Home group suggests that they read the book at home and do not bring it to other meeting so that they don't become ostracized.

Mickey – group not an official member. Cape Atlantic area, New Jersey Gives report but no votes. Grey Book step study NJ. Give out Grey Book and Baby Blue. Distribute a lot of literature, gives out NAWS medallions and 6 NAWS pamphlets that have been there for 6 months. Member of area, attends area, participate in region and is often in attendance. Made it a point to be very much a part of area and region service and taking their issues publicly to NAWS. Believed that someone needs to take these issues to NAWS. We are NA; we follow the 12 steps and 12 traditions of NA and will be until the day he dies. Motion did come through area to remove this group from meeting list. Proposed workshop on groups who use lit not approved by NAWS. Groups don't really seem to care. They approved the workshop for a 1 hour time slot before an area service meeting. Will take place at July area service meeting. If area continues with motion to remove group from area then group will propose an all-day history workshop. Region doesn't seem to have any issue with this group. Want to propose workshop and invite NAWS, A.S.I.S, area and region. Looking for a source for N.A. medallions, key tags and eternity medallions.

Sean – A Different Look, northeast Philly Saturdays 9 been in existence 6 ½ years not a member of area and never asked to be, not members of region. Have 4 home group members.

Attendance fluctuates. Meeting on world meeting app. Many people who show up as a result of this app do not stay after they find out this is a Grey Book group. Literature keeps group very well grounded. Group gives out Baby Blues with group name date and time stamped on the back. Use the Baby Blue 2nd tradition reading before group conscious meetings. After they have finished reading through the Grey Book they have tried reading other pieces of lit like paths of recovery.

Alan – new meeting Delaware county Thursday 6pm living clean 3rd revised (1983?) Called rabbit meeting newline Gristmill Park in Glenn Hills, so they have to be out of there at dusk.

Bill A. asks if there are any other groups, no one responds.

Bill A. talks about literature conference in Longwood Florida this past March. Worked on Grey book reflections, traditions work book and the traditions book that is on Radio Free. Very successful conference. Conference will be a week long conference somewhere around the third week in March 2017. We need to communicate who's hosting literature conferences so we can post it on the A.S.I.S website. Please communicate this info to webmaster Alan. Conference coming up in Holland people in attendance from ten different countries to be there. Allowed Bill A to be program chair will be 4 day conference. Discussing doing European A.S.I.S. Conference. No longer want to participate in NAWS. Want to participate in old school NA service. Should be a very fulfilling conference. Those who want to attend from USA should make arrangements ASAP. Billy committed to going to Amarillo Texas for their traditions weekend. Group in Houston Texas wants to do a history day first weekend in November, 5th. Talk to Billy about participation.

Chubs – Often it is said that history days are one-sided propaganda, but at the history day in Utah they invited all people to the history conference including those from NAWS, but they requested they bring documentation for any info presented.

Billy A. – Everywhere we go we have invited NAWS participation but they always reject us. So it's not that we haven't reached out people just rejected to come support these history conferences. Bill A has all the documentation from these history conferences. These conferences include open participation from the floor. They have been a wonderful tool. Many people who are not present at this conference are not able to be in attendance right now but they are facing problems in their area and are considering joining the A.S.I.S. structure. Since attendance at the WSC in 2013 over 50,000 baby blues have been distributed. This is a movement, everything is a movement. Hank puts info all over the world. More people are asking for knowledge and experience. We have to be consistent with what we do and support one another. It's not making excuses why we can't be somewhere but making excuses of why we can be somewhere -Joe P. breakfast tomorrow at 8:30, conference starts at 10:00 am. Open forum tomorrow is everyone in agreement? (No one responds we take this as a yes)

Hank S. - Last year we wrote a piece of lit about meeting etiquette here at A.S.I.S. This piece of lit. is available at the grey book group in Jacksonville fl. It is important to be transparent so that everyone knows what's going on. Grey book group has given away over 300 grey books and 150 step work guides. If there is anyone here wondering if this works, it has for the grey book.

If a newcomer leaves with free lit. not just IPs but books, they feel part off. This free lit. movement is real, it is no longer a fantasy. All members may have these books for free if home groups support these ideas.

Bill A. – If you haven't yet, please register with Ray and fill out form. This conference is and has always been beautiful. Spiritual principles are never in conflict and Grey Book reflections book are available on Radio Free NA. We decided that we wanted to make traditions book a top priority.

Hank S. – In Longwood in the traditions room we gathered everything we could find concerning the traditions, including Greg P's writing and many other historical documents and sifted through them to find what was usable. Hank made stacks of paper labeled on the top with different traditions. He handed one of these sheets to each person who walked into the room for input. Lots of info was compiled this way.

Ken – in the next workshop we need to sit down and put this info in a readable format.

Bill A. – we will plan getting that input together for next year's literature conference in Longwood. Hopefully we will get the material out so home groups will have a hard copy to look at and review before the conference. This is an exciting time where people are getting excited and inspired about NA literature. Some groups are having writing meetings. We need to discuss coordination and communication. Tomorrow we will discuss report on Anonymi Foundation. Anything else? Bill A will step down at new business. After 11 years of service in this position. This will be part of tomorrows agenda.

Close this meeting with silence and serenity prayer.

Saturday Morning June 18th 2016

Chubs (Co-Chair) opens with a moment of silence (Chair taking care of other conference obligations)
5 people here representing new groups

Chubs- are there any groups who were not here to identify themselves last night?

Christine – Another Day Another Way. Group uses the Baby Blue. Do a step a month a tradition a month and a chapter a month out of baby blue. Also study original IP'S located in Syracuse area NY. Usually about 25 people at meeting. Another group in area, the Foundations Group uses 2nd edition and usually have about 20 people at meeting. Other groups have 3rd edition revised available to give out. Foundations Group and Another Day Another Way are on A.S.I.S. schedule. Group brought donation.

Chubs – are there any questions or issues that groups would like to bring up that they weren't able to last night?

Chris- heard a lot of diversity last night but had one question. Two of their groups are using the Baby Blues but they are still using NAWS lit, will that be a conflict?

(Several members yell out) NO not at all

Chubs- this conference does not dictate anything to any groups this body serves the groups not the other way around.

Chris – home group is discussing what to do with group money. They have discussed using it to fund their own H&I apart from area. So far they have not had any problems with the area. They welcome anyone who is interested in their meeting but are not interested in controversy. Chris is here this weekend to check it out.

Hank – asks if Chris feels welcome

Chris – yes

(others) – ‘welcome’

Ken – I have heard the question “can groups who are members of the NAWS service structure join A.S.I.S.?” and the answer is YES.

Chubs- anyone else with a new group who has input? Or anyone else who left anything out from their report last night who would like to add anything?

Alan – website report – website has been kept up to date with events and meeting list and we had a blessing in disguise happen when one of our members accidentally updated the website to a newer version. But it is a lot nicer now, it's well organized and makes sense and there is an A.S.I.S. registration form for new meetings. There are a few things that still need to be modified as well as other pieces of lit that need to be added like 1983 living clean.

Chubs – will pull up website for all to see. We're not able to recover the old NA way magazine, but they are working on it. Anonymi.info has not been working for sometime but that domain is back pointed to the right website now. NAhelp.org, anonymifoundation.org, anonymi.info all work. They are different addresses that all point to the same website.

Danny – we moved do I give Alan info?

Chubs – yes or fill out form on NAhelp.org

Ernesto – can we download lit from website?

Alan – yes and explains where to download info from NAhelp.org

Chubs- if you have an event that's happening and give info to Alan then it will get up on the website.

Alan – nahelp.org@gmail.com is Alan's e-mail address and should be used for any website or meeting list forms or fliers to be posted on website or anything to be posted on the website. nahelporg@googlegroups.com is a google group that is unanimous so when something is sent to this email address it is sent to everyone who is a part of this group. If you send something to this address and it is sent back to you as undeliverable then you are not yet a part of this group and should first email nahelp.org@gmail.com.

Chubs – talks a little about Radio Free NA. If you are sending stuff for A.S.I.S. don't assume that because you sent it to Radio Free NA it will end up on the A.S.I.S. website. If you need help understanding how to use Radio Free NA Chubs will be happy to help. Radio Free NA is a communication tool not an official leg of A.S.I.S.; it is not consigned by any group. The Anonymi Foundation page and A.S.I.S. page are two separate entities, but both located at NAhelp.org, each with a dedicated page with explanation. We do not have a Facebook page.

Hank- when are we going to talk about copyrights?

Chubs- in open forum we are about to start.

Open Forum

Kevin – wants to thank Alan
(everyone claps)

Hank- about copyrights, the GBSA – LC holds copyrights to 3 books. The G.B.S.A.-L.C is a lit committee that the Grey Book Group in Jacksonville started about 2 years ago. The group was thrown out by area and decided they wanted a step work guide meditations book and a traditions work book all centered around the Grey Book. The group was concerned about how they would copyright these books so they would never be used as a form of profit or for corporation and would always be owned by the NA home groups. So the Grey Book Group formed the G.B.S.A.-L.C to facilitate lit conferences and to hold the original copyrights to these books up to the 3rd drafts. Hanks question is how do we turn these copyrights over to Anonymi so that NA home groups own these pieces of literature. Should the G.B.S.A.-L.C write a letter of intent? At this point the 3rd draft of the step work guide has been entrusted to the Anonymi Foundation already. GBSA-LC has done a lot of work in 1.5 years. They never intended for everything to move so quickly. Now they would like to ensure that all literature that has been written is protected and owned by ALL NA home groups. We need to address these copyright issues now so that at this time next year if there is a 3rd draft of a traditions workbook and a Grey Book meditations book we will know how to handle that.

Chubs- does anyone else have any questions or input?

Kevin – asks question about copyright.

Hank- explains that GBSA-LC is the agent of the copyright but the books are owned by NA home groups.

Kevin- wants to clarify is it an issue that these books belong to all NA books and not just ASIS home groups.

Bill A – explains that GBSA-LC is acting like the Anonymi Foundation and for the Anonymi Foundation to take over the copyrights than there needs to be a disclaimer written stating what the Anonymi foundation is able to do.

Chubs – home groups own literature that is copy written by Anonymi – Anonymi Foundation files the copyrights and acts as the groups instruct. Literature is copyrighted to the Groups of Narcotics Anonymous, not the Foundation itself.

Bill A – all groups can print and use our literature, they just may not profit off this literature. Chubs – official changes may only be made to any of this literature through a conference process. A home group may opt to change and affect lit for their personal use (not for profit) in any way that home group needs as long as they are clear it is home group literature.

Hank- GBSA-LC copy wrote the way they did so that these pieces of literature would never be owned by a service body or corporation for profit.

Chubs – discusses copyrights some more.

Hank S – is there any way that we could meet as Grey Book Spiritual Autonomy Literature Committee and write a point of action paper to submit to A.S.I.S next year.

(several people) yes.

Hank S – what's most important is that lit is protected by home groups.

Bill A – Anonymi foundation protects NA fellowship written literature. Content of these pieces of lit may only be changed by home groups.

Hank s – lit is not only written by home groups it is written by members in an open participatory writing process. So the clarification.

Chubs- wants to clarify that the intent of this action would still be to allow home group to make changes to a written piece of literature for their own use.

Bill A - says that is up to home groups not this conference.

Hank s. – groups could potentially re write this lit any way they choose, but the intent to copyright to all NA home groups was with an idea of idealism that home groups would do the

right thing for the right reasons. We are here for group conscience, nothing else matters. Potentially down the road home groups will have just as much rights to this stuff as we do now. The dignity of home groups should set the precedence for how they alter or use these pieces of literature. Hank then asks where to present a document of intent to turn literature to Anonymi foundation

Bill A – says GBSA-LC can e mail it to him.

Jim – there is a way to transfer copyrights.

Hank – we are not trying to transfer copyrights, we are transferring the use of these copyrights to Anonymi Foundation.

Bill A - get the written letter e-mailed so we can get it into these minutes and back to groups

Hank s- is there any questions for GBSA-LC?
(no questions)

Alan- how much time does a group have to submit something as new business?

Bill A - we are presenting new business right now in open forum.

Bill A- the grey form step work guide has already been physically turned over to Anonymi. But in order for Anonymi to work on this in conference we need documentation for legal purposes.

Chubs – turns chair back to Bill A.

Bill A - any more discussion?
(no one responds)

Bill A - asks if there is anything else to discuss in open forum.

Jim – in 83 several pamphlets written by groups were offered for approval. One of those books was the little white book. An error was made in typesetting so that it appeared they were trying to change the second tradition. There was not enough time before the lit conference to inform everyone; therefor the draft was not passed. It later became well known that this was an error though this did not change group votes. Shortly after this a small closed literature committee of so called trustees took over this project and revised the little white book. They included many of the changes that the fellowship asked for and one additional change on their own. This was presented to the fellowship as a potential revised little white book. This was approved at conference at the time the 3rd edition was out and was included in the 3rd edition as the italicized portion and became the 3rd edition revised. One change that the trustees made without the lit committee was to change ‘medicine religion and psychiatry have no answers for us that we could use’ to ‘medicine religion and psychiatry is insufficient for us’. The epidemic of DRT and psych meds in the fellowship today is authorized by this change. Deaths in our fellowship are predicated by this change. The change implies that we do have some use for medicine, religion

and psychiatry. I believe that this is the one most significant literary Fault s that has caused relapse and death in our fellowship and we need to take a look at it when distributing baby blues. Believes we should insert amended and original content and an explanation of reasons behind it. The reasons being that the folks (trustees) who made these changes were cooperative and affiliated with treatment centers. Soon there will be a motion to approve as our literature the Baby Blue and I support it 100% with this one exception.

Bill A - believes groups voted on those changes because there was not a real input and review process. We have to look at the legal ramifications of these types of changes. These changes have to be group approved. And if we make those types of changes the Anonymi Foundation will be forced to defend them at some point. Another change made was 'those' to 'these' in the 12th step. Several changes went through because there was no input and review process. In October 2012 the board said we need to alter our thought process as a fellowship because Hazelden has accepted DRT and they won't send people here anymore. We need to look at legal ramification.

Jim – I am not proposing a change, I am proposing an addition.

Bill A - legally it is still altering a book and there will be legal ramification.

Jim – brings up the change to restore the 4th and 9th tradition.

Bill A – yes, and there were legal ramifications for that, we were taken to federal court with grateful Dave.

Roberto- I'm in agreement with what was said, but why are we trying to change a book 'the third edition revised' that was already approved. Why not make revisions we want, make the changes we want, with group approval and call it something else. It's the name that will change the legal ramifications.

Bill A - I want groups to understand the legal ramifications of our choices, including legal fees and be prepared for that.

Mickey – proposes three different books. Talks about another change made that changes the interpretation of traditions. They took Group in the twelve traditions and made it not capitalized. One piece of literature we could do is: We should call it approval form basic text with white book changes.

Bill A - the only reason the Baby Blue is called the Baby Blue is because of the color of the cover.

Hank- it breaks my heart to talk about changing shit that's the problem in the first place someone made changes without asking. One of the things the GBSA-LC did was hold up the integrity of the Grey Book. I believe in the integrity of work. You cannot just change a word and call it something different. If we are discussing taking a historic piece of literature and changing it again, that's dangerous. Proposed writing new book with accurate information instead of

harming the integrity of historical literature.

Alan – clarifies that Jim initially stated a motion that will go out in new business. We will have to deal with the legal ramifications of changing our literature. Groups will need to discuss this on their own if they want that to happen.

Bill A - we take no action unless the groups direct us. It may be time for groups to bring a proposal.

Chubs- three of the major changes that have been made have been brought up. A 4th change that was brought made was ‘we have no leaders’. This is just a discussion; we can do nothing until a home group brings a motion to the table. The original intent of the Basic Text was that it would continually be a living thing and would continually be improved upon. Intent statements in this conference are adopted in the motion. Explains the intent and that they were written in there for a reason. For a lot of years we thought the approval draft and 2nd edition were identical. In the approval draft it says ‘we forgot how to work’ in the 1st and 2nd edition it says ‘we forgot how to work, we forgot how to play’... this is all just a discussion that you may take back to discuss at group conscience. This is not to make decisions here but to take informed info back to group conscience.

Jim- we should all pray and meditate on what happened between the Grey Book and the Approval Form. A lot of the errors were probably typist errors, so a lot of these errors were probably never even meant to be there. Just know that all this lit that has been done and will be done, will have human error and we should correct it particularly if the corrections will be helpful. There’s a line in the tree that service committees are notorious for getting caught up in their own dust on a road to their uncertain destiny. I love everybody here and thank you so much for taking your time and effort to be here.

Christine- thinks that the conversation here is that maybe there is something that needs to be changed here. Encourages everyone to get involved and know the changes and why history is important. We are discussing individual words that change the entire meaning of other things. But if you study all the different versions you will see that there are things that jump out as an individual. One of the major changes in the 6th step is letting go of character defects should be done with love changed to letting go of character defects should be done decisively. Making these changes collaboratively together making comparisons between literature is important. This is why we should keep changes within the fellowship and address what changes when we do professional edits.

Hank- asks Jim about the change from the word ‘those’ to ‘these’. One letter makes a huge difference.

Bill – Bobby Edwards fought for this change not to be made, but I could not alter group conscience once this vote hit the conference floor. Because there was no input and review some things got overlooked. When your just approving things you don’t take the same amount of time as a line by line edit does.

Eric- has done a lot of research and would like to know about white book changes in our symbol. Discusses changes in this book.

Kenneth- our text is not a sacred cow, it was meant to be a living document. Doesn't see any problem with modifying things as long as the original text is still available and as long as the altered documents are labeled as revised. It does a disservice if we stay stuck in certain areas. There are a few things in text that I would like to see changed.

Bill A – if groups make a decision that they want to revise the basic text then we will work on it. But groups must bring a proposal first. We all know that there are issues with the book. But our problems in the past are a result of how this has been handled. ASIS was created because groups were not being heard. All these things can be looked at when a group brings a proposal.

Bill A- break for lunch and come back at 2pm
Closing prayer

Saturday June 18th 2016 After Lunch

Bill A - open with serenity prayer
Chubs- reads Twelve Traditions from approval draft

Old Business (Motions 1, 2, 3, & 4)

Bill A - 14 Groups voting by show of hands

*Note: There arose debate with regard to one of the motions as to whether a single “No” vote should hold up the process for a year. There was also a suggestion that a 2/3 (66.67%) majority should be sufficient to pass the first year a motion is considered. It was further suggested that abstentions should not count as part of the quorum and asserted that abstentions never count as part of the quorum. The past practice of the conference has been that all motions require 80% of the Groups voting YES for a motion to pass. In addition to this, in the first year a single “No” vote would hold up any motion that is being voted on for the first time for one conference cycle (provided a reason for the NO vote was given). After a year of input and review the conscience of the Groups is tallied again. At that point there is no stipulation that allows for a motion to be held up based on a single NO vote and 80% of the Groups voting “Yes” is all that is needed for a motion to be adopted. Motions are never defeated and will continue to be considered at each conference until they 1) pass as originally motioned, 2) pass with suggested changes accepted by the motioning Group, or 3) are rescinded by the motioning Group. This practice is established simply by precedent (past practice of the founding Groups of ASIS). In the end, the conference officers did not change this practice as they believed they had no authority to do so. To make changes would require a motion from a Group that passes under the established process, and this may be forthcoming at future conferences, but the officers of ASIS (now known as FSC as a result of these motions) simply are not empowered to make changes to any procedure – only the Groups possess this authority. The percentages are included in this report. The percentages are presented under the current practice of abstentions counting as part of the quorum. Also included (in the interest of making information available and so that the Groups can clearly see what percentage of YES votes each motion would have garnered) are what the percentages would have been if abstentions did not count as part of the quorum. This **does not** imply nor should it be construed to mean that we are using such a system. This information is solely for the purpose of Groups who may be considering submitting motions to move in such a direction so they can accurately gauge whether or not the outcome would have been any different under a 2/3 (66.67%) majority system or a system where abstentions are not part of the quorum in this particular year only.*

Motion 1	Yes 12	No 0	Abstaining 2
% with Abstentions counting	85.71%	0.00%	14.28%
% with Abstentions not counting	100%	0.00%	Not Applicable

Motion:

To officially name the annual ASIS conference which is held in Hamburg, Pennsylvania the "Fellowship Service Conference". Any fliers or publications could include the words "for NA" or "for Narcotics Anonymous" as a clarification of who the conference is a tool for, but would not be an official part of the name of that body.

Intent:

To better describe what it is that we do. To more accurately describe the all-inclusive nature of the conference and the ability of any Group of NA to participate and make the conference and ASIS directly accountable to them. This would not affect the name of the structure which results from the Groups who participate in this conference coming together for communication and to meet some common service needs.

Abstentions because one group could not come to a consensus and the other group believed the motion could be construed as a way to hide the fact that the conference is the ASIS conference. (Note: The actual motion states the name of the conference name will change but the structure it directs will still be called the Alternate Service Informational Structure.)

Motion 2	Yes 0	No 0	Abstaining 0
% with Abstentions counting	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% with Abstentions not counting	0.00%	0.00%	Not Applicable

This motion was rescinded by the motioning Group. The motion numbers were not changed to avoid confusion or miscommunication. Effectively, there is no Motion 2.

Motion 3	Yes 7	No 4	Abstaining 3
% with Abstentions counting	50.00%	28.57%	21.42%
% with Abstentions not counting	63.64%	36.36%	Not Applicable

Motion:

To form a literature committee and elect a chairperson and set a process for ASIS approval of new or changed literature.

Intent:

To formalize what we have already been doing.

Written statement was read which was submitted by Alive & Free Nomads Home Group of Narcotics Anonymous (Old School Recovery Meeting), explaining their reasons for voting "No":
MOTION #3 NO – *We believe the motion as worded could be construed as to give the committee the power to set the process by which literature is approved. Any Group can currently submit a motion to approve a piece of literature. We do not want to see committees or subcommittees with the power to make motions. We believe this should be reserved to the Groups. We have no problem with electing a chair or coordinator who would inform the Fellowship and collect information on the various service conferences. Although it is assumed it*

might be wise to include the stipulation that committee membership is based on Open Participation with regard to any motion that forms or recognizes a literature committee. If a process for approval other than the one we have were to be set we may or may not support it depending on what that process looked like. We would feel better about knowing what we were voting for or against if the motioning Group actually laid out the process as a part of the motion. We are not necessarily opposed to the motion. Ultimately we could not come to a good faith conscience as we believed it to be too vague. This motion may be a good start and might be something we could support in the future if it were either more detailed with regard to the process or did not mention setting a process. If the intent is to delegate setting that process to the ASIS officers, conference participants, or any committee we would be wholly against that.

Danny W. – something was brought up last night, instead of saying chairperson, calling that person coordinator. Can we amend the motion?

Bill A. - no

Bill A - yeses, why did you vote yes? maybe discussion would help.

Kevin- we really don't care what you call it a coordinator or whatever. We understand that A.S.I.S. is for the groups and that the chair person isn't going to do anything without being asked to by the groups, that the chair does not have authority to rule censor or dictate to groups. Group is totally behind the intent of this motion. group read more into the intent than written, to finalize any ideas and complete bodies of work already started. Perhaps the motion is wish washy.

Bill A - who is going to set up the process?

Kevin – the groups.

Bill A - this motion says the committee. Maybe we need to take a look at this motion.

Chubs- even though among us we understand this motion, we need to be careful how we word motions, and set things up for future generations. Don't you think you and I could be corrupted too?

Kevin- concerned that we are going to fumble around for the next year without any real direction. With this vote we are trying to move in a forward direction.

Bill A - the vote is hardly a group conscience.

Kevin- who decides the process?

Bill A – makes reference to another motion from the early days of the conference that had 2 No votes and 8 Yes votes. It was a situation in which one or two words could be interpreted as something totally different than the intent. That motion went back to the groups for one year and and was reworded to clear up the intent. The next year the groups approved it unanimously.

Kevin- should we discuss Roberts's rule of order?

Bill A – Points out we do not use Robert's Rules of Order and why, specifically that Robert's Rules have historically been regularly used to subvert the Traditions and Group Conscience in order to push the office agenda at WSC. We rely solely on the Traditions to insure that the minority view is considered. We want to insure the conscience of the home groups is heard and fully expressed and that a clear, informed expression of the conscience of the home groups is what moves us forward. He also points out that motions never “fail” or go away. They simply go back to the groups for more input if they do not pass. Bill also discusses how literature conferences have been working so far, and then suggests that this motion be reworded by the groups for clarity.

Kevin- since minority voice gets heard, if there is one group that constantly opposes will that hold up group voting? I bring up these questions because I'm sure a lot of other people have these questions too...

Bill A – Explains if a motion comes back for a second year that a single no vote will not hold the motion up because the groups have then had time to consider the motion and address the concerns. Bill also explains we didn't have the meeting time this year in Ohio in the end of September to go over motions and intents so if something needed to be reworded we could do that. It's about a 9 month process. In case anything needs to be clarified so the groups can better understand. GSRs join in on conference calls. We didn't do that this year so we need to look at it.

Ken- I would think that after this conference that some group comes back with a policy that deals with this that says something about if a motion doesn't get passed unanimously then it gets tabled for a year and then needs to be passed by an 80 percent majority or something like that.

Bill A - the groups that voted no, what was the reason?

Group- not enough info, they didn't like the intent.

Roberto- group didn't like the idea of A.S.I.S. approval, felt the words A.S.I.S. and NAWS were interchangeable in that sentence.

Eric- group voted no because the motion is worded to give the committee the power as to how the literature is approved. Don't want to see the committee in power. No problem electing a chair or coordinator to inform the fellowship of what's happening. Are not necessarily opposed to what we think the intent is, but could not come to a group conscience because the motion was too vague.

Bill A - any groups abstaining want to input?

Hank- thought to form a committee and elect a chair person for approval felt this was the opposite of what we are doing. Felt that we could elect a coordinator and set a process for group approval with the intent of setting a process for group approval to use whatever NA lit. groups

choose. The motion says A.S.I.S. which says the body of A.S.I.S. could set approval not groups. Maybe right now the people in seats at A.S.I.S. would uphold traditions, but group is worried that down the road this may change and we need to protect this now so that down the road someone or something does not corrupt.

Jim- the intent of this motion is to do things the way we did in the past in a way that was successful and includes the entire fellowship. Our fellowship in my perception is the groups in A.S.I.S. and the groups we communicate with. This motion was trying to get some order to the literature process rather than being haphazard all the way around.

Chubs- sounds to me like every group trusts the group who made the motion, but the groups who said no or abstained fear that down the road, the way the motion is presently worded someone could misinterpreting these words.

Hank- to say that things are getting done and nothing is finished is not true.

Jim- but things are not finished.

Bill A- I think that groups want this motion to be re worded and resent out.

Robert- just wants to make sure that the voice that his home group is heard.....

Bill A - all the groups that abstained or voted no – the group who wrote this motion is going to reword and send out this motion again. At this point everyone is doing great work but we need some coordination. All the stuff that we've been working on is available on Radio Free NA and it's being used, but we haven't gone through it all and worked on it all together yet. We need to formalize that and get it done. It doesn't seem like anyone has a problem with that, just how this motion is worded and the intent needs to be adjusted. This motion needs to be put back on the table. We cannot keep going this way. There are some key issues here.

Chubs- Speaks about how it's easy to take things personally and become emotionally invested in this type of a setting.

Jim- it's a misunderstanding, when there's an abstention it means that group is on the outside. So the abstaining groups don't count.

Eric- not speaking on behalf of the group. I hear about attraction rather than promotion. Would rather take the time and do this right, everybody counts; otherwise it's a slippery slope. We need to take the time to get this right and I know this causes frustration.

Bill A - abstentions do matter here and they always have.

Nolie - Were talking about making chairs and coordinators. If a member or home group has the desire to coordinate literature conferences then by all means do that, there is no reason to wait for a title from this conference to do what needs to be done in an effort to move our literature conferences forward.

Motion 4	Yes 12	No 0	Abstaining 2
% with Abstentions counting	85.71%	0.00%	14.28%
% with Abstentions not counting	100%	0.00%	Not Applicable

Motion: For the Anonymi Foundation to copyright for the benefit of the Groups developing and developed new NA literature as developed by the ASIS Groups in literature conferences.

Intent: To provide protection against claims of ownership by entities that the ASIS Groups do not recognize or delegate authority to and to ensure that the actual Groups who produce literature remain in control of said literature.

Roberto- home group abstained because they may not be able to attend literature conferences. would have felt better if motion ended in ‘A.S.I.S. groups’ I understand that if you want to get something done then come to lit conferences, but does that mean that our input will not be included unless we come to a literature conference?

Chubs- talks about home groups holding literature conferences, and how groups don’t need stamps of approval to have literature conferences.

Sean- group abstained for similar reasons as Roberto’s group. Group could not come to a final unanimous decision so they decided to abstain. Also was happy with just A.S.I.S. Groups....

Bill a- suggests to bring this back up in new business

Chubs- this does pass as of right now, but suggests the wording could be amended with a Group motion in the future.

Bill a- steps down as chair and turns it over to Chubs.
(applause)

Hank- thanks for your service Bill

New Business

Chubs - Is there any new business that hasn’t been brought to the floor already

Hank- freedom area and grassroots region joining this body, is that new business?

Chubs- There is no vote to accept Groups joining. Groups simply need to declare it.

Hank – Freedom area has joined A.S.I.S. and The Grassroots region has become a part of this Body.
(applause)

Hank- let it be known that the first A.S.I.S. region is the Grassroots region.

Chubs- to clarify these groups are already part of A.S.I.S. The way this is structured they may send one representative to carry each home group's vote in that region, but they need to be able to say where each individual group vote came from.

Hank- this way we can hash out how we feel about votes and then vote before we get here each year.

Ken- we should probably think of a way to figure out how to give a voice to people who can't make it here, maybe conference call.

Chubs- a home group needs to bring a motion for how to facilitate bringing other groups votes.

Hank- suggests to groups could mail in votes and then we open them hear on the floor.

Chubs- let's address new motions.

Eric Reads written motion -

Motion for 2016 ASIS Conference

Submitted by:

The Alive & Free Nomads Home Group of Narcotics Anonymous
also referred to as The Alive & Free Group or the Alive & Free Nomads
(Old School Recovery Meeting)

Motion: To approve the Baby Blue Edition of the NA Basic Text as Fellowship Approved Literature through the ASIS Conference. This would include any Basic Text that is the result of restoring the original 4th and 9th Traditions to Book One of the Third Edition Revised or applying the Revised Headers to the Second Edition. This motion would not apply to any such volume containing a "Book Two" or personal stories.

Intent: To recognize the Baby Blue as our Basic Text. One Group member referred to the Baby Blue as an anchor, and went on to call it the standard by which most Traditionalist Groups carry the NA message. It is the first thing we give newcomers and the basis on which most of us build our recovery, at least as far as written material goes. He went on to say that it is important that we formally recognize these things and that the Groups who use the Baby Blue feel supported by one another and that they have a standard to point to and say, "Yes, this is legitimate, Fellowship Approved literature through the conference of ASIS and many Groups do use it." It is important that we stand together and say Traditionalist literature is valid. As a Group we came to a unanimous conscience that agrees with these statements. If we are going to have a literature approval process rather than simply polling the Groups and reporting how many Groups use various pieces of literature it is important that we do approve our most widely accepted and time-tested Basic Text. We have a duty, as the only world-wide service body that employs Group Tally and respects true Home Group Conscience to give a voice of approval to that literature which has stood the test of time and become widely accepted by Groups who still use the Traditions and practice Group Conscience.

This motion is in no way intended to force literature on any Group and, as is the case with all motions under the Traditions, no single Group is bound by the decisions of other Groups as voiced in service bodies, even if that decision is supported by the vast majority of other NA Groups. This motion is not intended to supplant the Approval Draft (also commonly called the Approval Form) of the Basic Text as the Basic Text upon which the ASIS Conference and the ASIS Structure is based. That book was properly approved by the entire Fellowship of NA when there was a single body that actually took direction from the Groups and that book should remain the standard upon which our conference and all we do is based. This motion is in no way meant to detract from other versions of the Basic Text which Traditionalist Groups use, such as the Second Edition.

We simply intend to recognize as Fellowship Approved the edition of our Basic Text which is most widely used by Traditionalist Groups (as well as many other NA Groups) and which has stood the test of time at least as well as any other version of our book.

Chubs- if there is discussion, this is the time

Ernesto- wondering if his group is registered and apart of the A.S.I.S. Structure

Chubs- as long as you filled out the registration form yes
(applause)

Jim- although I understand the desire to do this, and although we have been making an effort to produce literature, now it's time to do what our predecessors really tried to do. We need to revise the Basic Text and start with the Baby Blue. There are serious errors in the Basic Text including the 3rd Edition Revised with original 4th and 9th Traditions. There is also massive good stuff that was edited out of the grey book. There is also one other truly massive error in the basic text. It says in the essay on the first step 'we are not only powerless over drugs but our addiction as well'. WE ARE NOT AND NEVER WERE POWERLESS OVER DRUGS OR WE WOULD ALL BE USING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THE DRUGS WOULD HAVE FORCED THEMSELVES ON US. A lot of work needs to be done to revise our Basic Text. Let's do that and then have a valid fellowship approved Basic Text. Let's truly move forward instead of just putting a rubber stamp on something. If we get something that is approved by us we could replace the Baby Blue with a revised, modernized, corrected Basic Text and we could generally carry the message to the addict who still suffers in a better way.

Chubs- any other comments? I know you may feel like you've been here a long time, but if you have opinions even if you are not representing a group make your opinion heard so we may take all points of view back to our groups so they can come to an informed conscience.

Chris- maybe I'm on Facebook too much, but I heard about the Grey Book reflections, Grey Book meditations, Traditions book, and now revising and rewriting a new book. It seems to me like we should just work on one book. When I bring this info back to my home group they want answers to, why should we leave what we're doing to join A.S.I.S. they will want answers. I feel like as a body we should pick a project and work on it.

Ken- I don't think this motion is exclusive of what Jim is saying. But I would like to see a list somewhere of Traditionalist approved literature, what Traditionalists consider really NA approved literature. We kind of have that, but you kind of have to know what's going on to know what's acceptable to us.

Robert- 100% with Jim on revising stuff. I found a niche, I'm good the the GFT but I don't want to input on Traditions, it's not coming out of me, what's coming out of me is the GFT. (NOTE: GFT is an abbreviation for "Grey For Today", which is one of a few unofficial titles for the Grey Book reflections.) I think different addicts have different talents. When you develop this much material at one time it has its benefits. Is in no hurry to get anything done.

Mike- doesn't know how you can pick one book out of all of them, they're all great.

Chubs- reminder to take all info back to groups, not just what you agree with.

Mickey- likes the idea of a new book, we need to take a look at projects we have now and work with what we're doing that seems to be working. When we talk about re-writing the Basic Text were going to start a world of shit. Which is okay, but we need to be ready for it. We could spend a year talking about wanting to work on the Basic Text. My thoughts are to start from the beginning, the Grey Book and Approval Form. If we start with the 3rd Edition revised it would not be an inclusive place to start. We should start at the beginning. Let's move slowly and really discuss this at length for a while.

Bill A - I'm not about the chaos so... everything is really simple. We have a motion that is going to go out to groups. If the intent has to be changed, get it back to the group who made it so they can get that right. There is no motion from any group at this point to do a revision on the Basic Text. There is no proposal at this time. We called it the Basic Text because it is basic for us and we didn't want folks running around calling it the Big Book for NA any more. We've had a problem in the past having structures initiate stuff to the groups. Greg P said that when a committee's job is done than that committee should disband. All literature should be initially copy written to groups. With \$85 you can officially register a piece of literature for copyright. Then it's the groups responsibility to protect this copyright. Everything should be initiated by the groups here. If a group chooses to abstain from a motion then the representative should bring the reason for the abstention.

Christine- feels it is important that we adopt something, to have a foundation and basis to start with.

Chubs- I'm hearing two schools of thought: One that says the Baby Blue has some serious flaws and needs further revision before Traditionalist Groups approve it. The other school of thought says we know that the Baby Blue isn't perfect but we need something to use as a universal piece of literature. As an addict you have complete creative freedom to do whatever you need to do and as groups you have all the authority. It is the Groups who drive the services. The last few years lots of ideas are brought up here on the floor and discussed, but the groups rarely bring motions back to the conference. We are often asked, "Why can't we do this?" The answer is not that we can't, it is that the Groups need to bring a motion. We are used to conferences telling us

what to do. This conference cannot do anything without a motion from the groups. So please take this discussion back to your groups and if your group really wants this conference to do something, bring a motion. Remember your group does not need permission from the conference to start writing. Reminds the conference that the motion that was rescinded by the Alive & Free Group this year was rescinded in part because it asked for permission to do something the groups don't need permission to do.

Mike- votes on motions are yes no or abstain, please explain the policy on this...why were the abstentions counted as invisible?

Ken- we took input on the abstentions.

Bill- on this floor when a group chooses to abstain we find out the reason. We need a majority, an overwhelming majority to move forward because we do allow the minority voice to have a voice on this floor. An abstention here doesn't mean they don't want to participate it means that there is a reason they are abstaining.

Eric- was told that even if one group votes no and shares why than the motion will go back to the Groups for a year for further discussion.

Jim- for a while, among a limited number of people, there has been a question about what group conscience is and is not. It is very simple and follows elementary procedure. Whereas abstention means that those people don't want to vote and aren't counted as part of the quorum so if at the beginning there are 14 voting groups but 2 groups abstain that it becomes 12 groups in the quorum. Unanimity is an unrealistic expectation. I have a huge problem with the need for unanimity because it talks of brow beating, as passionate as I am I don't participate in brow beating, I think it's absurd. I will state this on a regular basis until we change to standard procedure or you convince me that unanimity is a viable achievable thing on a regular basis. We are approving the Third Edition Revised instead of the only fellowship approved edition: The 2nd Edition?

Bill & Chubs - The Second Edition is already approved.

Jim- I think we're looking at the wrong edition.

Shawn- there is too much info to be able to say too much about motion at this time. As far as parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rules of Order, it's been my experience that in group conscience parliamentary procedures are out of order. However on the flip side of that unanimity is not practical. We need to find a practical balance. We need to be careful with parliamentary procedure because we don't want to govern. I've heard that you cannot govern spirituality. This body does not have the authority to make a decision (makes reference to a question from Chris from earlier). Goes on to say to take back to home groups, that the groups are in charge not this body. That's what you take back to your group.

Ken- just wanted to reiterate that unanimity is not really practical but when we get any opposition we revisit it and come back to it later. If 40% disagree than that's not group

conscience. I think we've accomplished a lot and it's up to the groups to decide how to work through these issues with voting.

Chubs- wanted to clarify we do not work on a principle of unanimity but the first year we do table it. The first year a vote is on the table we are not going to ignore a minority vote no matter how small. The second year a motion can pass without unanimity. We also passed two out of three motions this year.

Ray- when there was about 3-4 groups here we were unanimous 100%. So maybe we need to revisit this idea.

Kathleen- hasn't been here in a few years, but does know that we agreed that there would be no discussion when we do votes, we just take votes. There was a reason for that. What happens when we do that is the same thing that happened In 84 when the quorum was changed at that time on the floor. My personal opinion is that abstentions and not being half of the vote than we throw out half the vote. I don't have a problem with things going back to votes if we need to look at them more... what happens at WSC now a days is that motions are thrown away.

Alan- has personal experience of unanimity working in a home group as far back as 1992. Used to believe that it would not work at any level below the group. But recently through some open mindedness and some information I have learned that it can work if we strive for it. It is the total opposite of Roberts Rules of Order. Unanimity is about bringing more people into the conscience and making sure everyone is on the same page.

Danny- do we have anything on policy or procedure?

Chubs- thinks we need to get into the old minutes to see what was established.

Billy- previously we have accepted the 2nd 4th and 9th traditions (has all old minutes on another computer) there was no discussion during the motion, it happened after, the discussion did not alter the vote or the motion. Then we discussed why the groups abstained because if the group didn't have enough information that the groups should be able to get the information, this has been previously accepted by this body. Sometimes that means motions get tabled for a year. If groups know that their abstentions won't matter than they will just vote no. but we missed that part in Sept-October the last few years.

Robert- Our home group conscious does care. We abstained that abstention means that they were for the vote but they just needed more information. That's why they are a part of this service committee because they thought this service body was different. When their group abstained they didn't mean that they didn't care, they just needed more information, and they wanted to make sure that they are sure about what they're voting for.

Mickey- unanimity is a beautiful thing, but how about that our diversity is our strength. We all need to be allowed to come from different places and even when we don't agree be able to move forward. There was a reason that Roberts rules were created it is utilized in many different organizations there needs to be policy. We need a set of rules.

Hank- there are 13 empty chairs right now, what are we doing? Maybe we need to find some way to move forward right now. This is no longer a quorum, half of us are gone.

Chubs- with chairs empty right now it is indicative that we are spinning wheels. Let's take a break.

Hank- is there any unfinished business right now?
(no)

Closing Prayer

Sunday June 19th Morning

Open with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer

Ronnie B reads 12 traditions from approval form

Chubs- can we have a show of hands of people who were here as voting GSRs to show a representation of how many voting groups are represented. Let the record show there are 12 GSRs with 13 votes because hank is carrying consciences from 2 groups.

Chubs- asks for treasurer's report but clarifies that A.S.I.S. does not have a treasurer, but the treasurer's report is coming from a member of a home group who handles the treasury for this conference.

Ray- gives report *

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Expenses			
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	Food	-\$1,504.59
	Facility	-\$1,350.00
Total		-\$2,854.59
Income		
	32 Registered	\$2,720.00
	Donations	\$50.00
	Historical Perspectives	\$200.00
Total		\$2,970.00
Collected		\$2,970.00
Expenses		-\$2,854.59
Total		\$115.41Over

Hank- asks how the \$85 difference will be paid, do they need donations?

Ray, Allen, Chubs- We are not short, we are over. The extra money will go towards next year and is actually less than the deposit. The same home group that handled it this year, will handle that.

Hank- feels other groups should donate to help share the burden.

Chubs- says there was a motion that should have been brought to new business yesterday. Are there any other new motions that did not get brought yesterday?

Ray- **Motion #2 Historical Perspectives Group Allentown, PA**

Motion: To put the Five Tools I.P. up for approval

Intent: Over 100 groups have been using the I.P. and have approved it for their groups.

Chubs- is there any discussion? Not to decide anything but solely to gain information to take it back to your home groups.

Kevin- is this to decide is this is going to be ASIS approved literature?

Hank- is there an input factor? Or is this going back to groups for approval.

Chubs- if groups have serious issues or think there needs to be more input than groups can abstain or vote no on this issue. This is part of our literature process. If other groups what more to be done than this vote will start a new input process.

Bill A - our group is done with this IP though.

Chubs- this is going to go back to groups right now for a full year of input. This isn't about 'let's do this quickly' this is about let's make sure group conscience is represented.

Ray- this is going to go to the Anonymi Foundation and the home group who wrote this is going to pay for the copyright.

Chubs- any more questions or discussions on this motion? You may go right to NAhelp.org to download this IP if you don't have a copy already. Last chance for any questions on this motion..... Anything else that needs to be brought to this table?

Chubs- speaks more about the motion about a literature committee proposed yesterday and summarizes what has already been spoken about.

Bill A - groups have accepted that all conferences are open participatory. So the committee itself will be directed directly by the groups. The practice in this conference that has been accepted is what groups in this conference have accepted, not what the WSC accepted in 1983. We did not accept that committees would write their own guidelines. We accepted that groups would write guidelines for the committee.**

***NOTE: This is in reference to Motion #3 under Old Business. There was much discussion about the intent of the motion and many groups understanding the intent does not give the committee authority to set guidelines. In these minutes the member who brought that motion in 2015 stated that the intent was to return to what was done when the Basic Text was written. It was later clarified by the member that the intent was indeed to let the committee set its own guidelines as that is what that literature committee did. Although this was not clarified on the floor, it was deemed pertinent that this fact be included in the minutes. This is not to take a position one way or another, merely to provide enough information for groups to come to an informed conscience if this motion comes to the floor unchanged in 2017.*

Alan- it seems that it might make more sense for a committee to make their own guidelines because they are the ones who will be doing it. Tell me why this isn't better?

Bill- the groups direct the guidelines for the committee because committees don't have the right to put a motion on the floor, they do not bring proposals. They may make a report but groups make decisions and directive.

Chubs- to answer the question as to why do we do it that we, we refer to the 9th Tradition.

Roberto- are we following the NA tree structure?

Bill A - no, the only thing we have adopted is the group level. And area level, it is up to the groups to write what we have been accepted.

Roberto- and the stuff with abstentions and no's?

Bill a- that's how the groups have developed this structure here; we have not accepted anything other than the group level, area and region.

Christine- Is there currently on the web page motions that were adopted already as well as any other procedural policies that have been adopted so that when we show up next year we will know.

Bill A - were not using the word policy here, were using accepted practice.

Chubs- it's a good idea and anything that has been approved in this conference could go up on that site.

Hank- there's obviously an issue with how this thing is perceived as being run as opposed to how it's been run. I would like to think that I am about as involved as it gets, as a member as a group and as an area and as a region. So when groups come to me and ask me how do we do business I say "I don't know" so it seems obvious that we need to take a look at all of this, call it whatever you want, but it is amazing that so much is getting done by so many people. Maybe we need an IP of what the fuck is ASIS. Is this day the deadline for a motion for a group to get into the minutes from next year? Because I'm pretty sure a group who supports a lit committee would be interested in getting a motion for next year. I'm talking about the things that have been flying around this room, the confusion, are today the last day for a group to get a motion on the table to end the confusion?

Bill A - we do have that IP it's in the process.

Hank- every time someone says something and the response is "well the groups...." Well there are a lot of new groups.... So then this is the day, so then new motions must be brought to the floor next year.

Ken- mentioned what happens in Ohio?

Bill A - we go over the motions that were brought up at the previous ASIS conference. We bring in all GSRS on a conference call. No new business goes on. If groups want to change something then they need to bring new motions the following year. That is the accepted practice. New business was the last time to present new motions. We opened new business today because there was a motion that didn't get presented yesterday in new business.

Chubs- in the past this service structure has refused to act without a home group making the directive so as a result when people ask what the established policy is, now that we've got 19-20 groups showing up, we've got to take a look at all of this. In the end this will be a process that comes through the groups. Maybe were going to do something that's never been done, something that respects groups conscience. Let's have faith in the groups' consciences. We're not in a rush.

Danny - the confusion yesterday was about voting and it got really out there. My question is why can't we come up with some type of procedure for how this body works?

Chubs - we can but it has got to come from groups.

Bill - if you're not voting you're not voting, this conference has always accepted the practice that there is a reason for abstentions, all groups have always mattered here....we've always accepted that things take time sometimes. We're here to hear all groups. We have a one year delay... another practice we have is that anybody can voice their voice here in open forum, they don't have to be a GSR. Your group could never ever participate in an area or a region and still participate on this floor. The only requirement to participate on this floor is to be a Member of NA. We need to get our accepted practices written up and posted.

Chubs- any group can use and distribute any literature they choose. If you look in the history of NA any major controversy we've ever had can be traced back to a service committee who thought they knew best and tried to do something quickly. We don't want to do that.

Eric- I am not suggesting making a motion on this floor, this is just an idea to take back to your home groups. If groups were able to ...? (I don't know what he said)

Chubs- clarifies that what Eric is saying is that home groups suggest motions after the conference within 3 months

Hank- all need to understand too that A.S.I.S. is not a day or a weekend. If you go back through the minutes from last year there are a bunch of good ideas that we didn't even talk about. It is the responsibility of the groups to go back through the minutes and talk about what's happened here. It makes sense that if a solution has been working for 11 years, maybe we should look at that... what's been working. Let's be honest most people in this room are still stuck in that other service structure. I had to let go of all that. What matters is that we don't force feed a donkey.

Chubs- those of you who were here last year, my home group brought an absolutely asinine motion to the floor; it was absolutely ridiculous. Someone said this motion is out of order. The chair still allowed us to have a voice. This conference is so committed to respecting group conscience that an absurd motion like the one we brought could not be rules out of order. Our home group later decided to rescind the motion.

Hank- motion to move on.

Bill- Anonymi Foundation report, I am your elected agent. I will make sure that what we have talked about gets posted on the web page. If someone violates your copyright you need to instruct Anonymi to take action and instruct them what action to take. The other thing to keep in mind is what it will cost. I can represent this body and the groups of this body as a per se attorney. But the groups have to understand that I take no action on your behalf unless you direct that. You have two years legally to take that action. I will get with the webmaster to post this online. We are only a copyright holding foundation, and we take legal action only if the groups direct us. We will not ask for your money without telling you what the money is for.

Allen- if you need any assistance reviving your computer I'm the guy to help you (in reference to

old minutes)

Chubs- there is on NAhelp.org a brief description of the Anonymi Foundation. Are there any questions or motions before we elect positions?

(no one says anything)

Allen- has been doing meeting list but would like to offer the position to someone else; he would help someone else learn how.

Chubs- I am not officially chair....

(several members say) 'I would like to elect Chubs for chair'

Chubs- are there any other nominations?

(Unanimously Chubs is voted chair)

Chubs- nominations for co-chair?

Ken- I think if we do a co-chair, unless there is any opposition they should become chair the next year. It would have to be affirmed every year.

Robert- could a co-chair still be a GSR or some type of representative?

Chubs – no.

Chubs- nominations for co-chair.

Ray- nominates Roberto as co, chair.

Roberto- does not accept nomination.

Roberto- nominates ray.

Ray- says he cannot continue to do everything else he does for this conference, like the home group treasury and preparations and co-chair as well. But ray accepts this nomination (nomination seconded and accepted)

Ray- makes motion to keep No lie and Scott as secretary for another year.

Scott- accepts

Nolie- accepts

Chubs- that bring us to webmaster

Alan- 4 people were elected last year and then things moved and changed and other things took precedence for most of those people.

Bill- who has web knowledge and is willing to work with Alan?

Ken- is willing to learn.

Mickey- is willing to help.

Bill- he needs help because we need more involvement.

Chubs- so Alan is the web servant with assistant ken and mickey will help. Is there any opposition??
(no one answers)

Chubs- can we give a round of applause to all the people and the home group who do things behind the scenes?

Bill- and our new chef
(group claps)

Bill- kitchen crew does a great job. Anyone who wants to come get pasta from the Bronx with me next year let me know!

Christine- the dinner crew does a great job but we're all adults, so when dinner or breakfast is done let's all pitch in to help clean up. This is a group effort and we need to make it a group effort. If this was your home group you would pitch in to help clean up after. So let's treat this like your home group.

Bill- before you leave make sure your rooms are in better shape than when you found them. Also if there is anyone who can help clean the building we leave it in better shape than when we found it. We mop all the floors and clean the building.

Close meeting with serenity prayer

~GROUP SIGN IN SHEETS~
Friday

Name	Home Group	State	Area	Area Who Outed You	Region
Tom B.	Original Gray Book Group of Cleveland	Ohio	Colmiano	GLASCNA	
Kevin K.	Honest Desire/ Got Recovery?	Ohio	Northern Columbiana County	None	None
Hank S.	Grey Book Group/ By Us For Us	Florida	Freedom	Serenity Coast	Grass Roots Region
Eric D.	Grateful Wake Up Group	Nebraska	None	None	None
Marty B.	A different look	Pennsylvania	Philly Area	None	None
Alan F.	A Different Look	Pennsylvania	None	NA	None
Roberto R.	A Gray Area	New York	None	none	none
Mickey	Grey Book Step Study	New Jersey	Cape Atlantic	Current Motion to Remove from Area	New Jersey
Rodney Y.	Surrender or Die II	Pennsylvania	Little Apple Area	none	none
Shawn C	A Different Look	Pennsylvania	Not Yet	N/A	N/A
Ernesto Matos	Spiritual Solution	New York	none	Open Arms/ Not Yet	None
Scott N.	Grey Roots Group	Georgia	None	None	None Yet

Saturday

Name	Home Group	State	Area	Area Who Outed You	Region
Eric D.	Grateful Wake Up Group	Nebraska	None	None	None
Ken D.	Grey Book @ 5:30	Florida	?	South Broward	South Florida
Danny W.	Not High- Plains Area	Texas		Panhandle Area	None Yet
Rosemary H.	Grey Roots Group	Georgia	None	None	None Yet
Christine	Another Day Another Way	New York	none	none	none
Alan F.	A Different Look	Pennsylvania	None	None	None
Shawn C.	A Different Look	Pennsylvania	None	None	none
Mickey	Grey Book Step Study	New Jersey	Cape Atlantic	none	none
Roberto R.	A Gray Area	New York			New Jersey
Suzanne P.	A Gray Area	New York			New Jersey
Ernesto M.	A Spiritual Solution	New York	None	Tried Open Arms Area	none
Chris C.	Carry The Message	Delaware	Delaware	none	none
Kathleen M.	Monday Nigh NA Columbiana	Ohio	none	Developing	Maybe Buckeye
Jim M.	Monday Nigh NA Columbiana	Ohio	none	Developing	Maybe Buckeye
Bill A.	Recovery First Group	Pennsylvania	Group Conscience	Rotten Apple Area	none
Ray D.	Recovery First Group	Pennsylvania	Group Conscience	Rotten Apple Area	none
David R.	Back To The Basics	Texas	NHPA		None
John C.	Original Gray Book	Ohio	Columbiana	None	None