

Literature Development Process Discussion
4-25-10

4:00 pm

114 Seated regions at WSC 2010
NA is in 131 countries

Development has evolved from literature conferences & writing as a committee to staff team approach with workgroups
Involvement opportunities: literature surveys hosting workshops, session profiles for creations.

Members can sign up on literature discussion boards (eg Living Clean). This way members can participate on the front end.

If a project plan is approved in April, a workgroup is created within a couple of months. During Living Clean they had 1490 pieces of input. Over 32,000 visits to LC site.

They are having LC writing workshops to get material. (This morning) Whole fellowship is welcome to submit input.

LC has had the largest success for input of any lit project to date.

Review and Input

What is the relevance of review and input?

- Discern whether concepts are missing
- Consistent with NA philosophy
- Reflective of best practices
- Word choice, grammar, locale specific

How can you participate in review and input if your community doesn't speak literature?

The following is the breakdown of various literature projects. The first number is pieces distributed second number is review and input received back. First is 6th Edition Basic Text – In Times of Illness – Self Support – Funding NA Services – Living Clean

6th Ed BT 7500/350 ITOI 1421/93 Self Support 808/69 Funding Na 796/69 LC
1100+/103

Very difficult to decide on changes when there is so little input from a fellowship that has so many members.

Challenges are getting input from 131 countries when the literature is not translated.
How much weight do we give to input received.

Approval process

- Extended in 2006

- Affecting a piece of literature – primary point is with the creation of piece and secondarily with r&i
- Action in approval can only be “yes or no”

Value with member participation

- Value and importance of member participation
- How else can we improve the process? How can we help members who want to be involved get involved?
- The questions posed are for consideration with the upcoming discussion

They have been really working hard to make R&I available for as many people as possible via workshops. Still trying to figure out how to include non-English speaking members.

Such a dilemma for non-Eng speakers – let delegate approve? What are they approving?

How can we improve the literature development process?

How can we help members who want to be involved/get involved?

Only 2 non-Eng speaking members when asked have helped create literature before R&I

When there is an issue NAWS hears about it. (referring to the Service Pamphlet when the definition of “clean” wasn’t to the fellowship’s liking)

There will be a survey coming out for new literature. Will be available online and print version. NAWS will be taking suggestions for new literature as well on this survey. This will be third lit survey (8 years since last one)

A suggestion was made that home groups start taking responsibility by having literature workshops for R&I. (Kings Row – Reaching for Recovery has started this process already) with input to be submitted to NAWS.

Ended at 6:30 pm