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The Literature Committee met in New Orleans from October 25-28 to work on revisions to the manuscript of the SAA basic text. There was much excitement, but also some anxiety concerning the magnitude of the task facing us. It seemed to us that the topics needing to be discussed were so numerous and so complex that it would be extremely difficult for us to cover them adequately. These worries were reasonable, but they didn't take into account the transforming influence of a Power greater than ourselves which guided our deliberations and inspired a sense of unity, and resulted in a success beyond our expectation.

All major concerns were discussed, and we achieved consensus on the great majority of issues. By the end of the Literature Committee retreat, there was a renewed sense of confidence in the process. Also, a deepened sense of faith that at the end of this road our fellowship will finally have a book that we can truly call our own, one that will help sex addicts find recovery for years to come.

To go into greater detail concerning some of the specific issues we discussed would be premature at this time. The manuscript is now back in the hands of the authors, who will produce a second draft based on the defining work that was accomplished in New Orleans. I would like, however, to outline in a more general sense the purpose and principles of an SAA basic text as we see it.

The book will be focused on our primary purpose as a fellowship - carrying the message of recovery from sex addiction through the program of Sex Addicts Anonymous. This message will be presented clearly and concisely, with particular emphasis on the Twelve Steps of SAA as the core of our program, and on abstinence from inner circle behavior as an indispensable element of recovery. The book will also reflect, as fully as possible, the diversity of experience of our members, seeking to communicate a sense of identification and belong-

ing to sex addicts using the book, without presuming to be an authority on matters which lie outside of our primary purpose.

At this point I need to announce that **we are asking for more members to submit personal stories.** Our only requirement is that your writings reflect your personal experience of recovery through the program of Sex Addicts Anonymous. Please send submissions to the ISO Office. There is no hurry or deadline at this point. This is our book - and it should reflect our experience as widely as possible.

Members often ask me, "When is the book going to be finished?" The question is usually posed in a tone of excited anticipation and enthusiasm. I share that feeling, and I also share the desire to have this vital piece of literature completed as soon as possible in order to help us carry our message more effectively to sex addicts everywhere. Yet it is important to remember that few things are done well that are done in a hurry. A book that will stand the test of time, that members will pick up again and again, that will serve the needs of many different members with differing lengths of time in the program, and that will properly reflect the depth and significance of our message, takes great care and patience to produce.

Our Higher Power has already brought us a long way just this year, and we can look back with gratitude on how far we have come. We believe that we will continue to be guided in a way beyond our expectations towards the creation of a text that will effectively carry the message of Sex Addict Anonymous.

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