Our literature is truly the life blood of the Narcotics Anonymous program. After researching the history of our literature, and the way it's created (approved), I felt spoiled and completely in awe. I am so grateful to be a part of such a beautiful and selfless organization, that gave me another chance at life. I hope you find the same feeling of awesome that I did in some of the research my HP led me to share. In loving service, Kristen B. Literature Chair

History of the Board-Approval Track (including service pamphlets)

At world services, we’ve been getting an increasing number of questions about Board-Approved service material (especially service pamphlets). In particular, people have asked about the role of the Board-approval track, wondering how this development and approval process came to be and whether it was voted on by the fellowship. We drafted this report in the hopes that it would answer some of those questions.

The Three Approval Tracks

There are three different types of approval tracks for NA literature and service material: fellowship-approved, conference-approved and board-approved. A Guide to World Services in NA does a good job of describing them, but we’ll give a quick summary here. For more information, see DWSNA. (You can find a link off of our conference page: www.na.org/conference)

Fellowship-Approval Track

The fellowship-approval track consists of recovery literature and literature dealing with our core principles. This material is sent to the fellowship for review and input, and then “approval” drafts of these texts are included in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to be voted on as part of old business at the World Service Conference.

Conference-Approval Track

The conference-approval category covers service manuals, pamphlets like IP #28 Funding NA Services, and materials like A Guide to World Services in NA and A Guide to Local Services. The project plans for these texts describe whether or not they will be sent to the fellowship for review and input. Approval drafts are included in either the CAR or the Conference Approval Track mailing to be voted on at the World Service Conference.

The distinction between fellowship-approved and conference-approved materials is based on experience applying the principles contained in Fellowship- and Conference-approved tracks. Service pamphlets, such as “Disruptive and Violent Behavior” or “Principles and Leadership in NA Service” are often developed from input we hear during the Fellowship Issues Discussion or during workshops. Some tools, such as the Area Planning Tool, contain material or information we were already distributing in 2000. Prior to that time all service materials were also included in the CAR, which was a more extensive and comprehensive document. Many groups complained that the CAR was overwhelming and the focus didn’t feel relevant to them.

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World Board-Approval Track

The complicated report that is now. The motion passed in 2018 that created the conference-approval track described board-approved materials. Prior to the creation of the World Board, the Trustees also had the ability to develop and publish bulletins. Similarly, board-approved materials, as described in the language of the motion, include “articles/bulletins concerning service work, NA-related philosophical issues, NA’s Twelve Traditions, and NA’s Twelve Concepts for service. Papers for presentation at professional events, when they are published for broad distribution to the fellowship or the general public, are [also] included in this category.”

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Happy New Year Family!!
I hope everyone had a good Holiday!
So starting out this new year, I ask for your help. If you are reading this, then you can help. I’m asking for help announcing at every meeting you attend that our newsletter is in need of front page stories, short & long articles, recovery quotes, poems, upcoming anniversaries, NA news, upcoming events, meetings in need of support, meetings that are opening or closing. Any information about NA/recuperation that you would like added to the newsletter, please send all information to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com

I thank all of you for reading this newsletter every month and a big thank you to those who have submitted something to this newsletter for us to read. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Jocelyn D.
Newsletter Chair

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Would you like your upcoming anniversary published in the Macomb Miracles? If so, send an email to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com with your clean date, (month, day, and year) and we’ll make sure it gets in the appropriate issue.
Theme & Logo Contest
We need a new theme and logo for MACNA VIII
Please submit your ideas at any convention meeting or to any committee member on or before the April 1st MACNA committee meeting.

Winner will receive a free convention package.

Hey!! Guess What?? The Macomb Area has a convention each year in November!! We are in the planning stages for the 8th annual convention and could use your help. No experience required!! No resume required. Willingness is all you need!!

Come on down and give back that which has been given to you!!

For more information Contact: Rob H. (313)-633-6743

MACNA VIII
Wyndham Garden Sterling Heights
Committee Meetings are held the First Sunday of every month at the hotel until the convention.

Committee Dates:
Jun.7th 2018        Feb.4th 2018
Mar.4th 2018        Apr.1st 2018
May6th 2018         Jun.3rd 2018
Jul.1st 2018         Aug.5th 2018
Sept.2nd 2018       Oct.7th 2018
Nov.4th 2018

Convention Subcommittees:
*Merchandise, *Policy, *Programming,
*Tickets & Registration,

DACNA XXVI
― "LIVING THE DREAM"
Detroit Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
March 29-April 1, 2018
Detroit, MI
The DACNA Convention will be held in beautiful downtown Detroit at the luxurious 5 star Marriott Hotel Renaissance Center.
Hotel reservations call 1-877-901-6632 mention DACNA.

Do you have any questions about recovery that you would like answered? Just send your question to Mcanadearaddy@gmail.com and Addy will have an answer for you the following month!

To get a “Just For Today” Daily Meditation sent to your Email or phone everyday just go to this site and sign up! Just that easy!
Go to NA.org Click on “service to members” then click on “Just for today subscriptions”.
666 daily meditations, one for everyday of the week

December 10th, 2017
Area Minutes
MSO report given by Marty K. – MSO Office Manager position has been filled. Positions that are still open are Secretary, Personal chair, and Merchandise chair. Must become a MSO board member. Their business meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the MSO.

There will be a workshop held each month at 9am before the Area meeting at the Eastside Alano Club for new GSR’s. Perfect opportunity to get involved!

Area – Robert J.

Macomb Area H&I Subcommittee hosts its 13th Annual Blue Book Banquet
When: Wednesday February 7th, 2018
Where: Crank’s Catering, 46915 Hayes (@ 21 Mile) Shelby Township.
Time: Doors open @ 6:00pm. Dinner at 7:00pm. Speaker at 8:00pm-Mike M. from Macomb County.
Tickets are $35 Please see/call Robert J. (313) 999-4416 or Steve L. at (810) 523-0063 for tickets and/or more information.
Proceeds go towards providing Basic Texts to inmates and those who are in treatment..