

Area 41 - Nebraska

Delegate

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RE: Background material

Dear Adrienne:

During the 2009 General Service Conference there was a floor action to recommit the following item to the 2010 Conference Committee on Literature:

The committee recommended that the trustees' Committee on Literature develop a questionnaire to gather input from the Fellowship on whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A., and that a report which includes a summary of the results from the responses to the questionnaire be presented to the 2010 Conference Committee on Literature.

The above item was reported as reflected above, although I would suspect it will be worded differently when sent to the 2010 Conference Committee on Literature in an effort to stay in context and make sense in light of time frames.

The issue of a new pamphlet for the purpose noted above was discussed over the 2009 summer in Area 41, and the Area 41 Literature Committee recommended to the entire area that we express our view that such a pamphlet should not be considered nor survey or questionnaire be conducted. Area 41 voted with substantial unanimity to accept the recommendation of its Literature Committee.

It should also be noted that there was some confusion as to whether or not the item recommitted to the 2010 Conference Committee on Literature concerned gathering responses from a questionnaire or producing the pamphlet. We considered both, and would appreciate our considerations and viewpoint being included in the background material for the General Service Conference agenda item to be considered by the 2010 General Service Conference Committee on Literature.

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