

## **Conference Approved Literature Statement Debtors Anonymous General Service Board**

March 2, 2008

At the 2006 World Service Conference (WSC), the Conference voted to approve a statement presented by the Literature Committee regarding the use of conference approved literature at meetings (the statement can be found in the WSC 2006 report). One of the recommendations made by the Literature Committee was that the Board publish the statement on the DA Web site, in the DA Focus and Ways & Means, and be emailed through the e-communications list. One of the Board's responsibilities is to safeguard and uphold the Traditions. It was clear to the Board that the statement is in opposition to DA's 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Traditions which cover unity, matters that affect DA as a whole, carrying the message, and not endorsing outside enterprises. The Board does everything possible to support the work of the Conference and the WSC committees, except in the rare instances that the work falls outside the spirit of the Traditions. After reviewing the statement, the Board decided not to publish it due to its implication that displaying and selling non-conference approved literature at meetings was acceptable.

In the spirit of the Traditions, the Board encourages all DA members and groups to support the display, selling, and use of only conference approved literature. A helpful resource for individual members, groups, and intergroups, is the Board produced essay, "Conference-Approved Literature at Meetings: Assuring Our Unity." This essay is available for free on the DA Web site and can be used as an educational guide and for discussion at meetings.

The Literature Committee encourages and welcomes groups and intergroups who have developed their own literature to submit the material to them for conference approval consideration.