

APRIL 2022 DISTRICT 5 LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

My name is Jeanette C. - an alcoholic grateful to serve District 5 as the (Panel 71) Literature Committee Chair.

STORY SOLICITATION

Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous - Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

Online submission: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.” In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare”, and the Appendices remain as is.”

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees’ Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript

Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Online: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

Email: 5BBStory@aa.org

Subject Line: Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "5th Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you to all who are participating in this process!

STORY SOLICITATION

Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos

Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2022

4LGHistorias@aa.org

In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "a Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference," the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic
- Newcomer and old-timer experiences
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health

Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be approximately 5-6 pages. Please include your full name, postal and email address, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be respected, whether their story is selected for publication or not.

- Stories written in Spanish, English or French will be accepted from any Hispanic member of the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.
- We suggest you keep a copy of your manuscript for your files.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript

Deadline: Please submit on or before December 15, 2022.

Email: 4LGHistorias@aa.org

Subject Line: "Fourth Edition Spanish"

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The words "Fourth Edition Spanish" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you for your participation in the process!

STORY SOLICITATION

Pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic,”

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022.

pamphletstories@aa.org

The trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for recovery stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference advisory action regarding the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic,” stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African American, Canadian, Caribbean A.A. members from the English, French and Spanish-speaking Black communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

Stories of recovery may also include:

- Experience, Strength, and Hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Sponsorship
- A.A. Service
- Safety & Racism
- Military
- Black Mental Health and Diverse Abilities
- BIPOC A.A. meetings
- Atheist/Agnostics

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript

Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Email: pamphletstories@aa.org

Subject Line: A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you for your participation in the process!

As always, we encourage those who wish to purchase A.A. literature to place orders through Intergroup when possible or at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and love,
Your friend,
Jeanette C.
Literature Committee Chair
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