

August 6th, 2007

**Letter** to all RCA groups from the Chair of the Board of the RCA World Service Organization,

**Re: Comments on the 2006 Draft of the 4th Edition of the Blue Book extended to Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

1. On Friday, August 3, 2007 at the RCACC in St. Louis, the 31 RCA groups that had delegate representation at the business meeting voted to extend the comment deadline to Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 **due to the fact that the RCA fellowship wants to hear from more RCA groups.** The delegates also approved a plan and schedule (see below) to get the present 2006 draft revised either by late December 2007 or by early January 2008. Then the whole fellowship can review it and vote to approve the Fourth Edition.
2. There are comments from 11 groups now posted on the website. **There will be an attempt to get as many more as possible up on the website prior to the Sept 5<sup>th</sup> cutoff date.**
3. Whether or not you have had an opportunity to send in your own comments yet, **please review the comments posted on the website.** If, after reviewing the comments on the website, you have an opinion on or response to any of the comments posted, please send your thoughts by e-mail to the WSO so that they can be considered in the process of revising the 2006 draft. The WSO e-mail address is: [wso-rca@pacbell.net](mailto:wso-rca@pacbell.net). To keep the Fellowship informed, we are planning to post all of the comments that are received. As the comments are posted, please take the opportunity to review them. You may comment multiple times if you have additional thoughts or if you wish to respond to new comments as they are posted
4. To view the comments on the website, [www.recovering-couples.org](http://www.recovering-couples.org) , please follow the following procedure:
  - (1) On the Home Page, in the large blue box at the bottom-center of the page, click on or select “RCA Bluebook.”
  - (2) On the page that opens, click on or select “Bluebook Feedback – 2006 Draft.”
  - (3) On the page that opens next, you will see a list of the comments that have been posted. There are eleven sets at this time with more currently in process. Click on or select any of the comments on the list and you will go directly to that set of comments. You may review the comments on your screen or you may download the Adobe PDF file or print the comments.
5. Please take this last chance to comment on the 2006 draft. **The ability of the WSO to meet the needs of the Fellowship will be greatly enhanced if we are able to get feedback on the 2006 draft from as many RCA groups as possible.** Just review the posted comments and send your thoughts to the WSO.
6. **Remember the cutoff date is September 5, 2007.**

**On Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> the delegates in St. Louis RCACC approved the following plan and schedule:**

1. The period for receiving comments on the 2006 draft of the fourth edition will end on Sept. 5, 2007.
2. The Literature Committee will review all comments received and edit the 2006 draft consistent with comments received from the Fellowship. Depending on the extent of the comments this process might take as much as three to four months.
3. When the Literature Committee has completed its efforts, a professional copy editor will be contracted with to edit the final draft of the Literature Committee.
3. Consistent with its express duties under the bylaws, the Board of Trustees will review the updated draft and approve the submission of the draft to the Fellowship for its review and approval as "Fellowship Approved Literature."
4. The WSO will send to each RCA Member Group one printed copy of the final draft for review by each group. In view of the recent requirement for each group to purchase copies of both the 2005 and the 2006 drafts of the fourth edition, one copy of the final draft will be sent to each group without charge. But, each group that is financially able will be encouraged to make a donation to the WSO to cover the cost of the copy that is provided.
5. Fellowship approval will be sought by means of a by-mail ballot to each RCA group, a ballot which will provide the 90-day review period required by the bylaws and which is estimated to be sent out sometime around the end of December 2007 or in early January 2008. **Under a special rule of order adopted by the delegates on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, a two-thirds majority will be required for Fellowship approval of the Fourth Edition.**
6. If the result of the by-mail vote of the Fellowship is "Fellowship Approval," the WSO will proceed to contract for the printing of the final version of the fourth edition.
7. If the Fourth Edition is approved by the Fellowship, a reasonable attempt will be made to have copies available by the time of the 2008 convention in San Francisco."

Please take this last opportunity to provide your comments on the 2006 draft of the Fourth Edition. **It is very important that everyone be heard particularly with respect to those changes to be made to our fundamental principles, the long-form of the 12 steps and the long-form of the 12 traditions.**

**Please remember that this is the first opportunity that the Fellowship has had to comment on the proposed changes to the long-form of the 12 traditions since the revisions to the traditions were not included in the 2005 draft.**

Gerrie in recovery with Randy,  
Chair, RCA Board of Trustees, 2007-2008