

IWS -- A.A.W.S., Inc  
Summary

Event: 9/26/92: first copies of the MINI EDITION are sold at the New Jersey State Convention by Intergroup World Services Inc.

1. Letter, 10/27/92: from A.A. Attorney to Intergroup World Services, Inc. Cites the "federal unfair competition statute", concerning publication of the MINI EDITION.

2. Letter, 11/6/92: to A.A. Attorney from Intergroup World Services, Inc. "We are unaware that 'carrying the message' is competitive."

Event: 11/8/92: Greg Muth, Trustee of A.A., asks to set up a meeting with John Gillen, Secretary of Intergroup World Services, Inc. (IWS).

3. Memo, faxed 11/17/92: details of meeting between AA Trustee Greg Muth and members of the IWS Group of Alcoholics Anonymous that was requested by the Board of Trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Trustees are assured that IWS "will work closely with you and A.A. to be certain that considerations of 'fairness', and the avoidance of controversy will prevail in the continuing spirit of carrying the message."

4. Letter, 11/18/92: to All of A.A. worldwide from the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous. "There is no connection between the publisher (IWS) of the book and this office, nor, insofar as we know, any central office/intergroup."

5. Letter, 11/19/92: from A.A. Attorney "we must insist on your immediate agreement to change the color of the book cover, delete AAWS' name and trademarks and change your name." Repeats reference to unfair competition.

6. Letter, 11/25/92: to A.A. Attorney: IWS informs the Attorney that the next printing of the MINI EDITION will be as requested. In the interest of fairness IWS says it will title its version "THE BIG BOOK".

7. Letter 12/3/92: from A.A. Attorney. Demands that the Twelve Traditions be removed from our book, the name "THE BIG BOOK" not be used, and that our book be retypeset.

8. Letter, 1/15/93: to Trustees asking for permission to include the Twelve Traditions in the MINI EDITION.

9. Letter, 1/27/93: from A.A. Attorney: demands that we stop using the name Intergroup World Services, in response we change our name to IWS for the sole reason of avoiding controversy.

10. Letter, 2/25/93: A.A. Attorney: informing that the name BIG BOOK is not being used, the cover our book is now red, and asks the Attorney to ask A.A. to respond to our long unanswered letters.

11. Letter, 5/10/93. to A.A.W.S., Inc.: IWS offers to provide printing services to A.A. General Service Offices. Assures A.A.W.S., Inc. that IWS will not violate any copyrights or trademarks.

12. Letter, 5/15/93: to A.A. Attorney: requests assistance in getting A.A.W.S. to reply to our letters.

13. Letter 6/18/93: from A.A. Attorney: "A.A.W.S., Inc. does not object to your sale of the Mini Edition of The Big Book..." Demands agreement not to infringe on copyrights.

14. Letter 7/12/93: to A.A.W.S., Inc.: IWS offers to print hardcover Big Books for \$1.85, 12x12s for \$1.75 and MINI EDITIONS for .60¢.

15. Memo of 7/12/93: to A.A. Trustee, Greg Muth: IWS asks Muth for assistance in getting answers from A.A.W.S., Inc. IWS updates Muth on relations between A.A.W.S., Inc. and IWS and informs him of future plans.

16. Letter, 7/30/93: from A.A.W.S., Inc. denies to IWS requests for IWS to print the Big Book in Russian for free distribution, denies request for including the Traditions in MINI EDITION.

Event: 7/93: A.A.W.S, Inc. publishes an abridged edition of the BIG BOOK that is the same size as the MINI EDITION, and was printed in the same factory, on the same press, by the same people as the IWS MINI EDITION. AAWS offers this book for sale at \$3.20 to \$4.00 per copy. IWS reduces its prices to 60¢ to \$2.50.

17. Letter, 10/23/93: responds to several Intergroups who contacted IWS concerning telephone listing in the MINI EDITION. IWS will include a disclaimer of affiliation or

endorsement. Seeks to correct information arising from a September meeting of Intergroups sponsored by A.A.W.S., Inc.

18. Letter 10/23/93: to the A.A. Trustees directly: informs the Trustees of the apparent active opposition to IWS by A.A.W.S., Inc. and the erroneous statement concerning IWS included in the 1993 Final Report.

19. Letter, 12/15/93: to A.A. Trustees informs of activities and planned publication of 12x12 to be sold for 60¢ to \$2.50/copy.

20. Letter, 2/1/94: from A.A.W.S., Inc., General Manager to AA Trustees re IWS letter with 9 pages of internal memo concerning property, money and authority.

21. Letter, 2/1/94: from A.A.W.S., Inc., General Manager – "we urge you not to infringe our copyright" on the 12x12.

22. Letter, 2/14/94: to A.A.W.S., Inc., we have instructed IWS Inc. not to publish the 12x12 – we urge you to reduce your prices.

23. Letter, 2/25/94: to A.A.W.S., Inc., asking for a reply to our letter of 10/23/93. *[Editors note, original document erroneously lists the date as 10/23/94, see #18 or 146.gif]*

24. Letter, 3/18/94: from A.A.W.S., Inc., General Manager thanking IWS for its letter of 2/14 and says IWS concerns "will be carefully considered by the General Service Structure."