

IWS GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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Dear Trustees:

We have recently received a number of requests from intergroups requesting deletion of their telephone numbers from the listings in our MINI EDITION of the FIRST 164 PAGES. These requests had elements in common: they came from intergroups that attended the recent A.A. General Service Office sponsored meeting of Intergroups in Baltimore, they said that AAGSO told them they did not know who we were, that A.A. has asked IWS to stop publishing our MINI EDITION, that IWS is a bunch of guys making money off A.A., that a telephone listing in our book implied endorsement of the book.

Since our first meeting, at the request of the Board of Trustees of A.A. in November 1992, IWS has been in frequent communication with Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office, the A.A. attorneys, members of the Board of Trustees, and with Greg Muth, the Corporate Secretary of A.A. All have been aware the IWS is an A.A. group, that IWS Inc. is the service arm of the IWS A.A. group, that IWS is non profit, that no one at IWS is "making a buck off A.A.", that A.A. has not asked IWS to stop publishing, and that IWS has cooperated with AAWS in the publishing of the MINI EDITION.

The perceptions relayed to us from the Baltimore meeting, taken together, seem to indicate that Alcoholics Anonymous Inc., its General Service Conference, A.A. World Services Inc. and the General Service Office are opposing the IWS group of Alcoholics Anonymous and its service arm, IWS Inc.

We are a group trying to do our best to stay sober by carrying the message and AAGSO seems to be interfering --- why?

If we are in violation of any of the Traditions, we would seriously like to know where. We would like to correct the apparent problem, but we don't know what it is.

We are enclosing a copy of the letter being sent to Intergroups that have contacted us, informing them of a disclaimer being included in our next printing and seeking to correct the impressions based on erroneous information emanating from the Baltimore meeting. We understand that more than 170 intergroups attended this meeting. We are, by way of this letter, requesting a list of the attendees at that meeting so that we may contact them concerning these matters.

In the 1993 Final Report prepared for the 43rd annual meeting of the General Service Conference there is a mention on page 35 concerning "intergroup World Services, Inc." We are unaware that any one was "waiting to hear" from us. We hope this letter will correct any perception that IWS has been anything other than forthcoming and prompt. A copy of this letter has been sent to the delegates listed in the Report. Could you please send us a listing of recipients of this report with addresses who are not listed therein so that they can be contacted.

Sincerely yours in love and service,

John G., Secretary