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Dear Michael,

At a recent meeting of the Southeast Regional Delegates, I was asked to write the A.A.W.S. Board with some suggested solutions regarding our ongoing problems with I.W.S. The Delegates think it is important to move forward and the action we take at this time will set a precedence for future copyright and trademark infringers. The Delegates suggest the following solutions.

1. That the A.A. Fellowship be polled through the Area Delegate. The Delegate may use any means favorable to him/her to reach the A.A. Groups requesting their input on the protection of our copyrights and our name Alcoholics Anonymous, giving accurate information on the nature of what is happening and the consequences involved. There would be an emergency time deadline give the Delegate for a return of the Area's conscience. The Southeast Delegates feel that even though they participated in the Conference discussion on "Marks and Copyrights", there was not an opportunity to get the conscience of the Area Groups on this important issue. The Areas responding by the deadline date would be used as the overall group conscience of the Fellowship regarding the future of the Alcoholics Anonymous name and message.
2. That the price of the pocket size edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be sold to the Fellowship at cost. Since we are financially stable at this time, it would be an opportunity to do something for the Fellowship. Of course, this would alleviate some of the problem with IWS – but more importantly, it would be a good and right thing to do for the Fellowship.

Thank you for your consideration.

In love and service,
/s/
Gay Garner
Southeast Regional Trustee

cc: A.A.W.S. Board