

Motion #3
New Business

Oregon Area 58 Motion

Submitted by: Cha-Cha (GSR) District 24

Motion: Submit a request to the Trustees Literature Committee to delete “of the opposite sex” from page 117 in the book ‘Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.’

This would change the sentence from: *“Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made.*

To *“Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate with whom the fullest possible union can be made....”*

Intent/Purpose: While it is a very important to preserve our historical documents as they are written, it also may serve us well as a fellowship to be willing to make small adjustments to some of our literature to help ensure that our effectiveness is never diminished by terms that may have outlived their usefulness. We can all agree that our Big Book should be left alone, but, as our other literature plays a crucial role in helping newcomers identify, it is important that we, as a fellowship, pay attention to opportunities where we can adjust our literature without compromising the integrity of our message. We feel that this is one of those opportunities.

Current Practice: On occasion, AA does make adjustments to its literature to maintain its effectiveness. An example of these adjustments in recent years would be our fellowship-wide examination of the pamphlet “Letter to Woman Alcoholic,” which was eventually removed from publication due to Fellowship-wide understanding that it was outdated and may have posed gender bias concerns among other reasons.

Budgetary Impact: None to Oregon Area, Cost to AA World Services is unknown.

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