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July 3, 2019

Dear Mr. John Waldeck:

We refer to your announcement in a recent newsletter to the Fellowship of A.A. Australia:

Message from Your Office and the General Secretary of AA Victoria

Central Service Office have just taken delivery of a large consignment of "Conference" books and pamphlets.

We shall be contacting groups with back-orders prior to packing and sending. If your group has books on back-order and you don't hear from us in the next couple of weeks please contact the office. The books and pamphlets have been imported from the USA and are printed under license from AA World Services.

This letter is intended to confirm that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) owns the copyright to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) in the United States. And all A.A.W.S., Inc.-copyrighted General Service Conference-approved literature. We hold these copyrights in trust for the worldwide Fellowship as mandated in the charter of A.A.W.S.

We've attached a copy of the Copyright Registration (Exhibit A) for *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Fourth Edition.

Moreover, G.S.O Australia is the sole and official licensee of A.A.W.S. and the only entity currently authorized by A.A.W.S. to publish and distribute A.A. literature in Australia. As proof, we have also attached a copy of our license with A.A.W.S. in Australia (Exhibit B) as an example of our currently active licenses in place with the General Service Office of A.A. Australia.

It is our shared obligation to stop parallel importing of Alcoholics Anonymous items of literature to Australia.

The intention is not to prevent alcoholics from accessing A.A. literature. ***In fact, it is quite the opposite.*** The purpose is to ensure the proper reproduction (printing) and distribution of A.A.W.S., Inc.-copyrighted literature in order to preserve the A.A. structure and uphold the A.A. traditions and principles, so that the General Service Office in each country can effectively distribute A.A. literature to the still-suffering alcoholic.

While we understand and support the important goal of getting literature to the still-suffering alcoholic, we are obligated to do so in a manner that respects the structure of the international A.A. Fellowship.

These practices emerge from decades of experience adhering to A.A. traditions and concepts, to Unity, and to fulfill our primary purpose. They are both a contractual responsibility and a spiritual responsibility and these practices are followed by each G.S.O. worldwide.

The Alcoholics Anonymous books you are importing are available from G.S.O. Australia, and your method of supplying them in Australia is contrary to practices that are integral to supporting the international A.A. Fellowship.

If there are certain items that you wish to distribute in Australia that are not available from G.S.O. Australia, please advise and G.S.O. is obligated to acquire them for distribution in Australia.

By circumventing G.S.O. Australia, your office is actively hurting the international A.A. Fellowship, a society that is dedicated to helping the still-suffering alcoholic, which is our common goal. Therefore, we are not only asking you from a legal perspective, but also from an A.A. traditions and principles point of view, to cease your harmful activities. Please work with us to provide the A.A. literature in Australia through the proper A.A. structure so that together we may help the still-suffering alcoholic.

We look forward to receiving your written confirmation that you agree to work with us and will cease all unauthorized importation of A.A.W.S., Inc.-copyrighted literature within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

With A.A. love and service,



David Rosen
Publishing Director



(Signed for in his absence)



G. Gregory Tobin
President

OFFICE OF REGISTRATION

FORM TX
For a Nondramatic Literary Work
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE



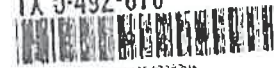
This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

Marybeth Peters

REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS
United States of America

REF

TX 5-492-870



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OFFICIAL SEAL

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1

TITLE OF THIS WORK ▼

Alcoholics Anonymous *B*

PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATIVE TITLES ▼

PUBLICATION AS A CONTRIBUTION If this work was published as a contribution to a periodical, serial, or collection, give information about the collective work in which the contribution appeared. Title of Collective Work ▼

If published in a periodical or serial give: Volume ▼ Number ▼ Issue Date ▼ On Pages ▼

2

a NAME OF AUTHOR ▼
Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH
Year Born ▼ Year Died ▼

Was this contribution to the work a "work made for hire"?
 Yes
 No

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY OR DOMICILE
Name of Country
OR { Citizen of _____
Domiciled in U.S.A.

WAS THIS AUTHOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK
Anonymous? Yes No
Pseudonymous? Yes No
If the answer to either of these questions is "Yes," see detailed instructions.

NATURE OF AUTHORSHIP Briefly describe nature of material created by this author in which copyright is claimed. ▼
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NOTE

Under the law, the "author" of a "work made for hire" is generally the employer, not the employee (see instructions). For any part of this work that was "made for hire" check "Yes" in the space provided, give the employer (or other person for whom the work was prepared) as "Author" of that part, and leave the space for dates of birth and death blank.

b NAME OF AUTHOR ▼

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH
Year Born ▼ Year Died ▼

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3

a YEAR IN WHICH CREATION OF THIS WORK WAS COMPLETED This information must be given in all cases.
2001 Year

b DATE AND NATION OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS PARTICULAR WORK
Month October Day 29 Year 2001
U.S.A. Nation

4

COPYRIGHT CLAIMANT(S) Name and address must be given even if the claimant is the same as the author given in space 2. ▼

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

TRANSFER If the claimant(s) named here in space 4 is (are) different from the author(s) named in space 2, give a brief statement of how the claimant(s) obtained ownership of the copyright. ▼

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PREVIOUS REGISTRATION Has registration for this work, or for an earlier version of this work, already been made in the Copyright Office?

Yes No If your answer is "Yes," why is another registration being sought? (Check appropriate box.) ▼

a. This is the first published edition of a work previously registered in unpublished form.

b. This is the first application submitted by this author as copyright claimant.

c. This is a changed version of the work, as shown by space 6 on this application.

If your answer is "Yes," give: Previous Registration Number ▶ A749100

Year of Registration ▶ 1976

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DERIVATIVE WORK OR COMPILATION

Preexisting Material Identify any preexisting work or works that this work is based on or incorporates. ▼

Editorial revisions and new text

Material Added to This Work Give a brief, general statement of the material that has been added to this work and in which copyright is claimed. ▼

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT If the registration fee is to be charged to a Deposit Account established in the Copyright Office, give name and number of Account.
Name ▼ Account Number ▼

a 7

CORRESPONDENCE Give name and address to which correspondence about this application should be sent. Name/Address/Apt./City/State/ZIP ▼

Cynthia Clarke Weber
Sughrue Mion, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20037

Area code and daytime telephone number ▶ 202-293-7060

Fax number ▶ 202-293-7860

Email ▶ trademark@sughrue.com

b

CERTIFICATION* I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the

Check only one ▶

author

other copyright claimant

owner of exclusive right(s)

authorized agent of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Name of author or other copyright claimant, or owner of exclusive right(s) ▲

of the work identified in this application and that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Typed or printed name and date ▼ If this application gives a date of publication in space 3, do not sign and submit it before that date.

Cynthia Clarke Weber

Date ▶ March 7, 2002

Handwritten signature (X) ▼



X Cynthia Clarke Weber

Certificate will be mailed in window envelope to this address:

Name ▼ Cynthia Clarke Weber; Sughrue Mion, PLLC
Number/Street/Apt ▼ 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
City/State/ZIP ▼ Washington, DC 20037

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SEND ALL 3 ELEMENTS IN THE SAME PACKAGE

1. Application form
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 3. Deposit material
- MAIL TO:
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Copyright Office
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000

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As of July 1, 1999, the filing fee for Form TX is \$30.

*17 U.S.C. § 506(e). Any person who knowingly makes a false representation of a material fact in the application for copyright registration provided for by section 400, or in any written statement filed in connection with the application, shall be fined not more than \$2,500 June 1999—200,000 WEB REV: June 1999

Certificate of Registration



This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

Marybeth Peters

Register of Copyrights, United States of America

Form RE
For Renewal of a Work
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE

RE 903-118



EFFECTIVE DATE OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION

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1

RENEWAL CLAIMANT(S), ADDRESS(ES), AND STATEMENT OF CLAIM (See Instructions)

Name Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.
 a Address 475 Riverdale Drive, New York, NY 10115
 Claiming as Proprietor of Copyright in a composite work
(Use appropriate statement from instructions)

b Name _____
 Address _____
 Claiming as _____

c Name _____
 Address _____
 Claiming as _____

2

TITLE OF WORK IN WHICH RENEWAL IS CLAIMED ▼

Alcoholics Anonymous

(4th edition)

RENEWABLE MATTER ▼ If any author is deceased, give the complete date of death (month, day, and year)

15% - deletion of stories and additional stories added

PUBLICATION AS A CONTRIBUTION If this work was published as a contribution to a periodical, serial, or other composite work, give information about the collective work in which the contribution appeared **Title of Collective Work** ▼

If published in a periodical or serial, give **Volume** ▼ **Number** ▼ **Issue Date** ▼

3

AUTHOR(S) OF RENEWABLE MATTER ▼ (If any author is deceased, give month, day, and year of death)

Name Alcoholics Anonymous Date of death _____
 Name _____ Date of death _____
 Name _____ Date of death _____

4

ORIGINAL REGISTRATION NUMBER ▼ **ORIGINAL COPYRIGHT CLAIMANT** ▼

A-749-100

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

ORIGINAL DATE OF COPYRIGHT

If the original registration for this work was made in published form, give
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(Month) (Day) (Year)

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Title of Contribution				
a	Title of Periodical	Vol	No	Issue Date
	Date of Publication (Month) (Day) (Year)	Registration Number		
Title of Contribution				
b	Title of Periodical	Vol	No	Issue Date
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Title of Contribution				
c	Title of Periodical	Vol	No	Issue Date
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT* If the registration fee is to be charged to a Deposit Account established in the Copyright Office, give name and number of Account

CORRESPONDENCE: Give name and address to which correspondence about this application should be sent

Name _____
 Account Number _____

Name Leigh Ann Lindquist
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Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
(City) (State) (ZIP)

Area code and daytime telephone number ▶ _____ Fax number ▶ 202-293-7860

Email address llindquist@sughrue.com

CERTIFICATION* I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the (Check one)
 renewal claimant duly authorized agent of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.
(Name of renewal claimant)
 of the work identified in this application and that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge

Typed or printed name ▼ LEIGH ANN LINDQUIST Date ▼ NOVEMBER 5, 2004

Handwritten signature (X) ▼
Leigh Ann Lindquist

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Name ▼ Leigh Ann Lindquist, Esq. C936
 Number/Street/Apt ▼ Sughrue Mion, PLLC
 City/State/ZIP ▼ Washington, D.C. 20037-3213

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1 Application form
 2 Nonrefundable filing fee in check or money order payable to Register of Copyrights

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 Washington D.C. 20559-6000

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*17 U.S.C. § 506(e) Any person who knowingly makes a false representation of a material fact in the application for copyright registration provided for by section 409 or in any written statement filed in connection with the application shall be fined not more than \$2,600

LICENSE TO GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF A.A. AUSTRALIA TO REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE COPYRIGHTED WORK

For the work entitled "*Alcoholics Anonymous* 4th Edition" which is a book (the "Licensed Work"), in the English language. The undersigned Applicant hereby requests permission to:

- a) Reproduce the Licensed Work.
- b) Distribute the Licensed Work in Australia.

Applicant's signature below constitutes an acknowledgment of an agreement to comply with all of the terms set out herein. This application must be executed in duplicate and returned either via fax to: (212) 870-3137 or by regular mail to: David Rosen, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. One signed copy will be returned to Applicant.

1. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that A.A.W.S. is the sole owner of all U.S. and foreign copyrights in the Licensed Work and that such copyrights are valid and in force.
2. A.A.W.S. grants Applicant a non-exclusive license to:
 - a) Reproduce the Licensed Work in the exact form in which it was received by Applicant from A.A.W.S. ONLY, in the country identified above ONLY.
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4. Applicant agrees that all copies of the Licensed Work will bear the attached notice (See Exhibit A) on the inside cover page in English without any modifications, and that no copy of the Licensed Work shall be published, produced, distributed without inclusion of this notice on the inside cover page.
5. Applicant agrees to send three copies of the Licensed Work in the exact form in which it is published and distributed, including the notices described in Paragraph 4 above, to A.A.W.S. within two weeks of the publication date of the Licensed Work.
6. Within the country / territories identified above, Applicant agrees to respond (i) to all requests for copies, distribution, or purchase of the Licensed Work; (ii) positively to all reasonable requests to obtain the Licensed Work and to avoid refusing any reasonable requests to obtain the Licensed Work; and (iii) to all requests and inquiries pertaining to the Licensed Work in a prompt, reasonable, and polite manner.
7. Applicant acknowledges that it is a privilege to reproduce and distribute the Licensed Work owned by A.A.W.S. within the country / territories identified above and, by Applicant's

- signature below, Applicant hereby agrees to accept the contractual, spiritual and moral responsibilities associated with the Licensed Work and A.A.W.S. and to take every reasonable effort to provide, distribute, or sell the Licensed Work to all who request it.
8. Failure by Applicant (i) to satisfy its contractual, spiritual and moral responsibilities associated with the Licensed Work and A.A.W.S.; and (ii) to take every reasonable effort to provide, distribute, or sell the Licensed Work to all who request it shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and A.A.W.S. shall be entitled to revoke this License immediately and without notice and that any existing inventory of the Licensed Work in Applicant's possession or control must be returned to A.A.W.S. immediately.
 9. Applicant may inform third parties that it is the "Official licensee of A.A. World Services, Inc."
 10. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that this license may be revoked by A.A.W.S. at any time for any reason, upon 30 days' written notice and that any existing inventory of the Licensed Work in Applicant's possession or control will be returned to A.A.W.S. Unless revoked, the duration of this Agreement shall be ten years from the date of A.A.W.S. signature hereto.
 11. Applicant is required to notify A.A.W.S. promptly if Applicant is unable to fulfill the obligations put forth in this Agreement at any time.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO this 28th day of September, 2018

Signature of Applicant: *Anthony Coombs*
Name (typed): ANTHONY COOMBS
Title: Assistant Office Manager
On Behalf Of: GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF A.A. AUSTRALIA
Address: 48 FIRTH STREET
ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
AUSTRALIA

AGREED TO this 25 day of October, 2018
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.

By *David Rosen*
Name DAVID ROSEN
Title PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

Exhibit A

Alcoholics Anonymous Fourth Edition

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