

June 25, 1998

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous
Attention: Lois Fisher, Assistant Secretary
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

Dear Lois:

In response to your June 15, 1998 letter to me:

1. It is most important that an issue of this import reach the groups. The General Service Delegate from our area attends the Los Angeles Central Office Central Service Meeting to report items of issue in A.A. to us. Although he was willing to swear on a stack of Big Books that he had given a report on this issue, when handed the minutes and tapes of the meeting for the past two years, he sheepishly admitted that the item had been omitted.

2. We represent some 15-20% of the sober A.A. members in this country at this meeting. They have a right to hear and be heard from in A.A. Our Central Office will mail some 3,000 copies of the minority Report, my letter of June 2, 1998 to the General Service Board, your letter of June 15, 1998 to me, and this letter so that they may become aware of the lack of importance the General Service Board has attached to this report.

3. You state that "Gay G~~~~~'s Minority Report has received a significant amount of attention from the General Service Board and the General Service Conference during the past two years," but the report was not written until December 5, 1997, so I find this depth of clairvoyance difficult even for the General Service Board. In fact, the General Service Board never addressed or discussed the Minority Report or its facts. In fact the decision from the Finance Committee minutes states "that the best (sic) interest of the Fellowship would not be served by forwarding this report and related documents to the Conference Committee at this time."

4. While discounts may be acceptable, actual transfers of cash from public or outside funds cannot be.

5. The vote to suppress discussion was not a 2/3 majority as you state, rather an uninformed 78 to 45.

The real issues are in front of us:

A. Did we solicit money from outside of A.A.? Yes.

B. Did we accept money from outside of A.A.? Yes.

C. Did we deposit money from outside of A.A. into an A.A. bank account? Yes.

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This cannot continue. Both the mistake in acceptance of outside money and the attempt to suppress the issue threaten the very roots of our Fellowship. Even worse, the failure of the "A.A. groups holding the ultimate responsibility and the final authority for our services" will destroy us. As time passes you will be hearing from thousands of us.

Yours in Fellowship,

Bob K~~~~~