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Suggested Guidelines for the Development of Locally-Produced Literature Related to Personal Stories of Recovery

Overeaters Anonymous supports the development of literature which relates stories of personal recovery unique to a specific geographic area, language or cultural group. While the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are the common ground of all OA members throughout the world, stories which demonstrate our diversity can be of great help in achieving individual recovery. In the spirit of unity, the following guidelines are offered to assist in the development of locally-produced stories of recovery.

1. The name Overeaters Anonymous should not be on the cover.
2. The manuscript cannot in any way imply or print that it has the approval of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. or use the OA logo.
3. The manuscript should only be sold within the Fellowship.
4. No permission will be granted to use the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions or any excerpt from OA-approved literature in any piece of locally-produced literature.
5. Each piece should have the following disclaimer on the cover page: "As this piece of literature is locally produced, it is not OA-approved literature. The opinions expressed here are those of the individuals and not of OA as a whole."
6. Upon completion of the manuscript, one copy must be sent to the region trustee and one copy to the World Service Office.
7. When recounting local OA history, relate factual information only.
8. Instruct authors to refrain from comparing or judging the local program with programs in other areas.
9. Review stories carefully for Step and Tradition violations.
10. Insure that the manuscript, contains diverse stories of recovery by multiple authors.
11. Review stories to insure that they do not include practices usually considered unhealthy or unsafe.
12. It is recommended that a committee of three to five currently abstinent members of the Fellowship in your local area be established to oversee the manuscript development process.