

Acknowledgments

While it is true that each person is responsible for their own recovery, it is also true that COSA is a WE program dependent upon the collective experience, strength, and hope of our whole fellowship. This is clearly evident in the writing of the *{COSA basic text=title to be determined}*. At the 2014 Annual Delegate Meeting, the Literature Committee was instructed to work solely on creating a book that would not only address the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and COSA Tools but would also be written from a perspective unique to COSA.

Upon receiving this directive from the delegates, with continuing support from the ISO of COSA Board, the Literature in Development committee took on the task that had been started by the Book Development Committee. The Literature in Development committee has been comprised of many different COSA members from a variety of backgrounds, skill sets and experiences. The common denominator over the years of writing the *{COSA basic text=title to be determined}* has been the unique, highly collaborative process by which it was written. Prior to a chapter being written, the fellowship was surveyed with specific questions requesting direction for the particular Step, Tradition, Concept or COSA Tool. Once the section was written by a primary author and editor, it was reviewed and edited by the entire Literature in Development committee. When the committee reached consensus, fellowship feedback was collected for a 90 -day period was collected for a 90 -day period. This valuable feedback was reviewed and carefully considered, and was then incorporated as much as possible into the chapter. A final edit was completed by the committee to prepare the chapter for presentation to the COSA delegates. Each year at the Annual Delegate Meeting, the chapters that had been completed that year were considered by the COSA Delegates for voting and approval.

Each word has been thoughtfully crafted to reflect the voice of the fellowship, rather than an individual author. The writing process for the *{COSA basic*

29 *text=title to be determined*} exemplifies the epitome of a WE program. With gratitude
30 for the experience, strength, and hope of each fellowship member, the Literature in
31 Development committee acknowledges those who have contribute d to the creation of
32 this valuable asset.

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