



Frequently Asked Question

My group reads a statement that I believe is not from Conference Approved Literature.
How can I verify the appropriateness of the statement?

Statements often creep into a group when a well-meaning person adds something to the meeting announcements that seems obvious to them. When I hear them I often ask the group to use the current service manual for the opening and closing. In that way the consistency of the message makes it easier for someone to recognize an Al-Anon meeting.

While I am familiar with much of our AFG literature, I hesitate to make a policy statement concerning specific statements, given that there is so much AFG CAL from the early days that is no longer used in our current literature.

I recall going to a meeting out of my area where they read a "letter from an alcoholic". I was unfamiliar with it. What I did then was to ask the meeting secretary where this letter came from. They said it came from P-15 "**Three Views of Al-Anon--Alcoholics Speak to the Family**". I was happy I didn't put my police hat on that day.

Ask the secretary of and long timers in the group where it came from. You might send the actual statement to the World Service Office, ATTN: Archivist. The archivist can do a literature search and determine whether it is in some of the CAL, and if so, when and where it can be found.

Once an answer has been reached, the group can then modify their statement as appropriate.