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To: General Service Conference Members
From: Phyllis H., General Manager
Re: Update on A.A.W.S. e-Book Publishing and Distribution

Greetings! There are two items related to our e-Book project that I would like to share with you. First, because of an additional review requirement of our Apple digital agreement, our e-Book on iTunes was not made available within the same timeframe as the other retail publishers earlier this month. Our digital Fourth Edition Big Book was delivered to Apple on Friday, December 13, and it is expected to be available on iTunes by the end of the month; our other publications will follow accordingly.

The first title in our digital publishing program, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Fourth Edition (English) is now available via Barnes and Noble and Amazon; *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* will be available from all three vendors very shortly. Over the next few months, our entire catalog of A.W.W.S. titles will be offered as e-Books through the major third-party vendors for the various platforms and e-reading devices and in the three languages of our General Service Conference.

The second item concerns our iOS6 A.A. reader app. In a previous communication with you, I stated that our app for e-Books (the Big Book and the *Twelve and Twelve* for certain Apple reading devices) will continue to be available to the Fellowship until further notice. The A.A.W.S. Board met last week and made a decision to discontinue all further sales of our proprietary app, effective immediately. We will continue to support the app for current customers for a period of time – the end date yet to be determined.

As we move forward into 2014 with our digital publishing program, look for future announcements on G.S.O.'s Web site, www.aa.org. As always, we are grateful for your interest in and support for our e-Book publications.