

OAGB NSB Guidance Notes for Locally Produced Literature

“Local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic”

(Policy statement on OA-/AA-approved literature adopted by WSBC 1982).

The above statement is quoted from the very comprehensive WSO Locally produced literature guidelines available at <http://www.oa.org/pdfs/localliteratureguidelines-2010.pdf>, which should be read and adhered to in conjunction with this document.

This guidance relates only to locally produced literature printed by OAGB Literature.

In considering whether a piece of locally produced literature is needed, the proposing service body or OA members should approach the NSB with a brief outline of what they intend, and why it is necessary.

The Board will then consider whether the proposal comes within the remit of the WSO locally produced literature guidelines mentioned above, and may set up a sub committee to investigate and carry out this work. At all times any proposed literature must uphold both the spirit of our Fellowship and our Traditions.

It may be worth noting that AA rarely give permission nowadays for much of their copyright material to be used in other Fellowship's literature. They may permit the occasional line or two, but have turned down requests for larger amounts in recent years.

OA WSO will usually grant copyright approval for reproducing their material, further guidance on the procedure to be followed is available on the WSO website www.oa.org.