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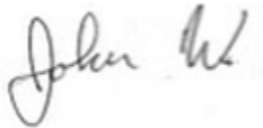
Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*

At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of \$20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition, updated with 26 new stories of recovery, in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,

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John W.

Chair, AAWS Board

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Bob W.

General Manager, G.S.O.