The first conference was in 1986 and held in California as was the second conference in 1987.

"In 1986, the Northern California members proposed a conference to be held in Bakersfield, California. Thirty-five people from Northern and Southern California came to celebrate our newly formed fellowship. We had workshops. Bill H. from San Francisco questioned whether we were truly a 12-step program; the general consensus was that we were. Through the fellowship of our program, the 12 steps, and a belief in a power greater than ourselves, we had overcome an addiction over which we had thought ourselves powerless.

The next year, there was a second conference in Monterey at which Maurice Z. became our first main speaker. "

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