



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Dear Fellow Members:

Here is the material on one or more of the chapters from our book. All material was compiled at the Second World Literature Conference last September in Lincoln Nebraska. The material collected at that date was compiled according to a chapter outline developed at Lincoln. It was cut and pasted to establish content and sequence. It is now in a form called "comprehensive paste up". Individual members or groups can go over this material and type it up changing "I's" for "We's" so that it reads like a book. Example one in the material enclosed is comprehensive paste up. Example two is the corresponding we book form. This is what we are asking you to do: type up the material in we book form and send it back to us.

Do not hassle over including a difficult passage unless it seems valuable and necessary. Some of the material is strong and some weak. Strengthen the weak parts and write in material where needed so that at the end you have reasonably complete material which reads like a book. There will be plenty of time to go over it again after you send us a complete copy back to us. We want to pass the first drafts of completed chapters on to other areas for review at the first instant. We will likewise pass their work on to you. In this way we hope to shorten the time it will take to assemble our basic text.

Encourage members in your area to write long and complete stories of their NA recovery and send them to us. We can see the work at hand getting done and want to put out the call for stories now. Both the work on the chapters and stories illustrating NA recovery will be the subject of the Third World Literature Conference to be held in Memphis, Tennessee from January 31st to February 8th, 1981. If fifty members show up and we average 10 hours a day, we can accomplish between three and four thousand man hours of work towards the book. If you attended the Lincoln Conference, you realize that this is a conservative estimate. In other words we can have our book next year. Please commit yourself to the homework which will allow the members at Memphis to do complete work.

While working, keep on track by reflecting on what has worked for you and members you have known. Keep it as simple as the truth will allow for the addict seeking help. We are passing on the best of what we have found to be true and lasting in recovery. We want to strengthen our weakest member, not exult our strongest. Our book should provide for the needs of those addicts seeking to grow spiritually towards a new life **drug free**.

As drafts of the chapters are completed and sent in for review, some of the work will be reassigned in keeping with our First Tradition. If you need help, let us know. Call 427-2086 anytime or the Committee on Saturdays between 1 and 6 pm at 428-0081 or 875-3995, area code 404. Telephoning will save time but please dial direct. Maximum charges on weekends are 22¢ first minute and 11¢ each additional when dialed direct anywhere in the continental US. We will call you the same way. This will help the committees stay in touch. Give us your committee number as soon as you have one and try to meet on Saturdays. We will meet here this way until the book is done.



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BASIC GUIDELINES

1. Go over paste up material to get the best flow of ideas, feelings and recovery experience.
2. When content has been arranged in the best sequence, type up in "we book form".
3. Edit out repetition of material.
4. When draft seems reasonably complete, send it in for review in other areas.

This material was arranged after much prayer by the workshop to get the best flow. They worked with material that was already written. They did not have time to do ~~any~~ "filling in the gap" writing in most cases. Your job in part is to fill in the gaps so that the material is complete.

Since the enclosed material was taken from a large stockpile, cut out and pasted up by a team, the same material is bound to be in your chapter more than once. Go over your chapter and edit out this repetition. If the material is relevant in more than one place, leave it intact in the place where it fits best and completely reword it in the other places so as to improve the material.

If you see a need to add paragraphs or pages, just go ahead and do it. Some member will have to and why not you. That is exactly what we are asking of you. Although we try to preserve the words of the original contributor, rewrite where ever there is a question of clarity, meaning or intent. We have quantity, now we need quality.

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ENCLOSURES:

Handbook for NA Literature Committees
Committee applications (for newsletter)
Examples of paste up and we book form
Minutes from the Lincoln Conference
Comprehensive paste up material