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To: Conference Participants

From: World Board

RE: Notice of intent to publish an "NA Survival Kit" that bundles NA literature on the Steps as follows **Deadline 26 November 2023**

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Dear conference participants,

This memo is notice of our plans to publish a bundle collecting chapters on the Steps from NA's books.

NA's Basic Text explains the significance of the Steps in this way:

The steps are our solution. They are our survival kit. They are our defense against addiction which is a deadly disease. Our steps are the principles that make our recovery possible.

*"How it Works," Narcotics Anonymous*

Information about the Twelve Steps is included in three different NA books. It's common for NA sponsors to advise sponsees to read about the Step they are working in the Basic Text and *It Works: How and Why* before answering the questions in *The Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*.

In that spirit, we are proposing to bundle this material into one boxed set titled The NA Survival Kit. For each Step, the Survival Kit would include the section from the Basic Text chapter "How It Works," the chapter from *It Works: How and Why*, and the chapter from *The NA Step Working Guides*, with the questions numbered rather than bulleted.

The NA Survival Kit would consist of five bound packets together in one slip case:

- Steps One, Two, and Three
- Steps Four and Five
- Steps Six and Seven
- Steps Eight and Nine
- Steps Ten, Eleven, and Twelve

The packets would not be produced or sold separately, only together as a slip-cased set.

A brief introduction would be at the start of each packet as follows:

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For each Step, you’ll find the section from the Basic Text chapter “How It Works,” the chapter from *It Works: How and Why*, and the chapter from *The NA Step Working Guides*. Enjoy the journey.

This type of repackaging and bundling of recovery material is permitted according to the following policy, which is called out in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)*. The policy appeared in the 2012 *Conference Agenda Report* and was approved at the WSC:

Where an alteration consists of a non-substantive correction, bundling, excerpting or repackaging, or an enhanced electronic version of Trust Properties, the Trustee shall provide not less than 120 days prior written notice to the Trustor of its intent to publish that product.

In keeping with that policy, we are providing 120-days’ notice before we will proceed. We believe this can be a great resource for our members. Any comments can be sent to [wb@na.org](mailto:wb@na.org) by **26 November 2023**.

Note: This would not affect WSC 2023’s decision to begin exploring a revision of *The NA Step Working Guides*. Three of the ideas that were prioritized in the 2023 *CAR* survey are related to the Steps:

- Step working guide aimed at members not new to working the Steps
- Step working booklet focused mainly on Steps 1–3, aimed primarily at new members and those in treatment and drug courts
- Revise and simplify the *Step Working Guides*

The board still intends to survey the Fellowship this cycle about what members would like to see in a step working guide. That idea is independent of The NA Survival Kit.

Yours in Service,  
World Board