

Creation of
Trustee
Agreement

1969

Trust Agreement

as member of the

We the undersigned appointed & approved members ~~of the~~
General Service Board of Trustees by duly elected
representatives of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous,
do accept that trust placed in us.

We hereby will act in that capacity to the best of our abilities
and act at all times to carry out the purpose of our Society
and heed to our own consciences & the voice of ~~the~~ consciences
of our Society.

We will guard, preserve our Traditions & implement &
enlarge our general services to better carry our message.

We will oversee all services & use all funds prudently &
wisely for the betterment of our Society.

We will be aware at all times of the danger of excessive
power in any arm of our services or any our mess
and do all in ~~our power~~ the course of our duty to
preserve a truly democratic balance.

Signed this day May 20-1969.

Present Permanent Trustees. JPK.

New Permanent Trustees.

~~~~~ Bob.  
~~~~~ Chuck.  
~~~~~ Jack.  
~~~~~ Bill.  
~~~~~ Hank

To be aware in the course of our duties  
of the need for a truly democratic  
balance of power, since excessive power  
in any one arm of service may undermine  
the whole.

## CREATION OF TRUSTEES

The N.A. fellowships foundation is the spirit of service. Here service is not directed by any governing body but the trusted servants are governed by the service.



In the past we have had dedicated people in the fellowship who found it difficult not to govern. Because others were not encouraged to assume personal responsibilities, they found it more and more impossible not to be pushed into the position of being 'the leader' 'the authority' 'The indispensable father'. The end result was no chain of service and fewer and fewer recoveries. Few of us are strong enough to be free of ambition by ourselves. The temptation to lead, to advise and finally dictate is too much for most of us. Prudence dictates that we create our own safeguards against ourselves.



One of the purposes of a trustee board is to preserve balance in our thinking and save us from insular or sub-culture ambition.



One function is custodial in the sense that it is the caretaker of our traditions in the present. Future policy or tradition improvement Ought to be that which they deem wise from experience. Any suggestions or modifications they offer for the fellowships scrutiny and approval ought to be made in the light of their (the fellowships) experience.



The trustees should be our guides in improving our movement, our business affairs, our intergroup relations, our public relations, our literature output (future publishing company) and our worldwide services: last but not least, to be responsible in expediting those affairs dictated by the group (overall) conscience.



The trustees should not now be, nor should they ever be, regardless of circumstances or conditions, even for any short term emergency period, a governing body or a central government. We feel that our experience as expressed in Tradition 2 can be equally applied to the trustee board no matter what its size.



The board should always be composed of one non-addict member more than addict, regardless of what the future size may be. Example: 1 to 2 – 2 to 3 – 3 to 4 etc.



