

## Heroin Anonymous World Services, Inc.

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Dear Heroin Anonymous delegates,

We are contacting you to regarding a memo issued on October 19<sup>th</sup> on 2021 where we made suggestions regarding Regional Trustees, their election, and qualifications. After careful review and consideration, it has become clear that some of the information provided was out of line with the current HAWS service manual and outside the scope of the motion approved by the 2021 World Services Conference. Please see the excerpt below for any guidance on Regional Trustees and be prepared to address any questions or changes to these guidelines at the 2022 World Services Conference. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

Thank you,

The Heroin Anonymous World Services Board

### From the Service Manual:

#### REGIONAL TRUSTEES

A trustee is a trusted servant nominated by the areas and elected by the regions, representing the regional perspective of the fellowship's group conscience to the world service office board.

*"The World Service Office Board is the chief service arm of the Conference, and is essentially custodial in its character...Excepting for decisions upon matters of policy, finance, or H.A. Tradition liable to seriously affect H.A. as a whole, the World Service Office Board has entire freedom of action in the routine conduct of the policy and business affairs of the H.A. service corporations." - excerpt from Conference Charter items 12-13*

The trustees of Heroin Anonymous are concerned with everything happening inside and outside H.A. that may affect the health and growth of the movement. However, as the Charter points out, their duties are essentially custodial. Whenever a decision on movement-wide policy is needed, they turn to the Conference. And because trustees are members of the Conference body, they participate in these decisions — but as individual Conference members, not as a group.

Trustees attend the monthly WSOB meeting and carry a vote. While trustees are not members of the WSOB, they participate in the monthly WSOB meetings and provide a regional perspective. Trustees have one vote at the annual conference.

#### REGIONS

A region is a group of areas that are geographically collocated. Areas inside those geographical boundaries are encouraged to participate in their region. Names of regions to be ratified by the board of trustees. Each region will be represented by 1 trustee. **\*\*See regions map below**

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## TERM & REQUIREMENTS

- 4 year term length
- Suggested sobriety time: 5 years
- Knowledge of traditions/concepts
- Service Experience within the HA service structure
- Time commitment to Trustee duties (able to attend in person or virtually WSOB meetings)
- Should not be a current Delegate.
- Should not be a current WSOB member.

## ELECTION PROCEDURE

Areas nominate their pick for Trustee. Regions elect the regional trustee(s) for their region. Conference ratifies the trustees elected.

### Future Considerations

- Future consideration needed for staggered elections so that they do not all happen at once.
- Future consideration needed for how many terms a trustee can serve

