

## **S-Anon Board of Trustees**

### ***Regional Trustee Selection, Qualifications and Responsibilities***

#### **Purpose:**

The Regional Trustee represents a designated Region; this ensures that each Region is represented at Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings and calls. This also ensures that the information from the World Service Office (WSO) and the BOT is distributed to the Delegates, Intergroups and groups.

#### **Election/Selection of a Regional TRUSTEE**

A Regional Trustee may be elected by the members of their Region or they may be recruited/selected by the Board of Trustees to serve a Region.

Election by the Region: If a Trustee is elected by their Region, the Trustee is seated on the BOT without further qualification or election by the BOT.

Election by the Trustees: On the other hand, if the Trustee is recruited or volunteers, in the absence of a Regional election process, the BOT process takes precedence, and the volunteer will be asked to submit a service resume and answer the questionnaire and possibly have a friendly interview with the BOT. This process is finalized by a majority vote from the BOT.

#### **Qualifications:**

It is suggested that the member have at least 5 years in S-Anon. It is also suggested that the member have service experience, have a sponsor, and be attending meetings regularly. In addition to working the Twelve Steps, it is recommended the member be willing to learn to apply the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of service as they relate to the challenges of service. The member should also have a willingness to become familiar with the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual and have time and energy to serve at the International level.

#### **Term of Office:**

The Regional Trustee is selected for one three-year term and may serve one additional consecutive term of three years. There is a six consecutive year maximum to serve as Regional Trustee.

If the Trustee's service begins during the predecessor's uncompleted term, they serve until that term of service is completed and have the option to serve a full term following the partial term. Note that concurrent service as a Traditional trusted servant (Delegate) and a Legal trusted servant (Trustee or other BOT member) is a conflict of interest. This means that if a WSC Delegate is approved to fill a BOT position, they would resign their Delegate position.

#### **Regions:**

North America (U.S. and Canada) is divided into eight Regions as shown below:

**Midwest:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

**Northeast:** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia

**Central/Eastern Canda:** Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Quebec

**Northwest:** Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

**Western Canada:** Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut and Saskatchewan

**Southeast:** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

**Southwest:** Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah

**West:** California, Hawaii and Nevada

**Responsibilities:**

- Initially, a new Regional Trustee would inform all Delegates and Alternate Delegates in their region, of their new service position and provide contact information.
- Meet with the full BOT monthly via conference call (1 hour and 15 minutes). Additional calls may be added if and when necessary.
- Attend World Service Conference informed and prepared to discuss and vote on motions.
- Must be willing to attend annual BOT face to face meeting and World Service Conference. A portion of travel and lodging costs are generally reimbursed to BOT members who attend these meetings.
- It is suggested that Regional Trustees belong to at least one standing committee. Each committee meets via conference call once per month for approximately one hour (additional service time may be needed for each committee).
- Actively encourage service work in their Region.
- Obtain and maintain an S-Anon e-mail address to receive and address queries received at the WSO.
- Regional Trustee serve as a resource to groups, individuals and Intergroups, sharing ESH utilizing the Traditions and Concepts of Service.
- Actively assist in the formation of intergroups and act as a liaison between BOT and states and provinces that do not have a Delegate.
- Encourage growth of S-Anon regionally.