

We are a "group" a local chapter of the spiritual fellowship Narcotics Anonymous. As a discreet unit, an autonomous but integral part of this fellowship, we wish to clearly state that we are part-owners in each and every item of "Intellectual Property" that belongs to Narcotics Anonymous. We do not assign or give ownership of any item of this "Intellectual Property" to any service board or committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

All service boards and service committees of Narcotics Anonymous are defined by one principle, the Ninth Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous; "N.A. as such ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards and committees, directly responsible to those they serve."

Our group has but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express himself in our Group Conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. All Narcotics Anonymous service boards and committees are theoretically composed of these trusted servants who do not govern.

"THE FELLOWSHIP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRUST" is a legal document proposed to the 1992 World Service Conference of N.A. by the World Service Board of Trustees. In this legal document the "Parties" of the trust are as follows:

Trutor (owner) - World Service Conference of N.A.
Trustee - World Service Office of N.A.
Beneficiary - Fellowship (Groups) of N.A.

This is wrong. The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and the groups of Narcotics Anonymous own all of the property of Narcotics Anonymous. Therefore, this document, as proposed, is invalid. There are many other errors and misrepresentations in the document. This one major flaw is the basis of our severe objection to the document and our refusal to be legally bound by it.

We also wish to state that the World Service Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the World Service Office Board/WSO Inc. have regularly and intentionally compromised the spiritual principles stated previously (2nd & 9th Traditions of N.A.). They also compromised the seventh Tradition which states our principle of self-support. The spiritually based, non-governing, directly responsible, inclusive service boards and committees which once characterized N.A. world service no longer exist. In their place are business-oriented, bureaucratic, power centers manipulating information and "services" through clever propaganda and political control. We refuse to lend them credibility. The "decisions" of the world service conference bear little or no resemblance to the group conscience of Narcotics Anonymous. If all the facts were known to the fellowship, there would be none. The trustees, in the name of expediency, regularly compromise those very principles they are trusted to guard; the Traditions. And the office funds all of this disservice through selling "products", our literature, which was written as a gift to benefit all addicts seeking recovery. Each of these world

service entities presents the fellowship polished propaganda as justification. We are not fooled.

The nature of N.A. world services in 1992 renders any decision, decree, or legal action made at the world service conference, by the board of trustees or the world service office, null and void. They are not binding on the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

We suspect, regrettably, that where there is smoke there also may be fire; perhaps, while violating the spiritual principles of N.A. service, members of our office board or staff chose also to violate the law. Our basic text, the book Narcotics Anonymous has generated millions of dollars in cash-flow for the WSO inc.. Our requests for an unbiased audit have been uniformly refused. We pray no-one has used N.A. dollars for their personal gain but we are not naive. Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit fellowship we need for our office to be above reproach as regards our non-profit status.

In summary, neither N.A. world services in general, nor The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust specifically, are representative of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous or the spiritual principles upon which that fellowship is based. We, as part of Narcotics Anonymous, will not assign any of our "Intellectual Property" to, or be bound by any decisions of any world service board or committee of N.A., until such time as these bodies embrace the spiritual guidelines of Narcotics Anonymous service. The Twelve Traditions.