

Why Donate to Refuge Recovery World Services?

The first job of Refuge Recovery World Services is to protect the integrity of RR meetings and service committees from individuals and groups, both inside and outside our fellowship, who would attempt to use the RR name in ways that are not in accord with our primary purpose of helping those still suffering from addiction, and that are harmful to RR as a whole. Without this integrity, Refuge Recovery will cease to exist. We need a dedicated service organization to accomplish this task. This service organization needs funding from all RR groups and service committees.

We have seen the results, of what can happen when a group inside the fellowship attempts to use the Refuge Recovery name and other intellectual property in ways that are contrary to our primary purpose. We have seen the reputation and good name of Refuge Recovery questioned by groups and individuals outside our fellowship.

The current board members of Refuge Recovery World Services have defended the integrity of our meetings, service committees and fellowship. As the Refuge

Recovery service organization we continue to defend against misuse or disparagement of the RR name.

How does RRWS protect the integrity of our meetings and service committees?

By licensing RR meetings and service committees to use the RR name only in specific ways and for specific purposes. By ensuring that only licensed RR meetings and service committees use the RR name and other RR intellectual property.

How does RRWS protect the integrity of RR Intellectual property?

RRWS is licensed to defend the RR name, and all additional Refuge Recovery intellectual property from infringement or misuse.

Refuge Recovery World Services consists of a World Service Board (RRWSB) and a World Service Office.

The responsibility of the World Service board is to help deal with anything that affects RR as a whole; both

internally and externally. The board is concerned with anything which may endanger the existence of our fellowship or limit our growth. Intellectual property matters, public relations and the creation of democratic service structures are some of the larger areas of responsibility for the board. Our support services emerge from this basic responsibility.

Our World Service office is the heart of Refuge Recovery. Our office is the contact point between all RR groups. Communication between groups and members is an essential function of the office. Without this central point our organizations continued operation and growth would be impossible.

Refuge Recovery World Services is a non-profit public benefit corporation and is separate from the volunteer service structure of RR. RRWS is a non-profit business, designed to support our program of recovery by providing the services necessary for our members and groups to survive and grow.

At this time, Refuge Recovery World Services provides the following support services to all Refuge Recovery groups:

1. The RR World Service Office provides and maintains the main Refuge Recovery website. Listing all

meetings. Providing material and guidelines needed to start new meetings. Providing material and guidelines to assist current meetings and Inter-sangha as well as state and regional service conventions. To ensure social media carrying the RR name reflects the views and purpose of our recovery organization we are tasked with managing and moderating all Refuge Recovery social media.

2. The RR World Service Office is responsible for the day-to-day business of Refuge Recovery. Fulfilling all of the obligations of the non-profit. Accepting and administering funding from groups to cover shared expenses. Providing legal, tax, and banking solutions for RR groups as needed.
3. The RR World Service Board will create both a long-term asset sharing agreement, to include an eventual Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, as well as a practical, short term, “in-case of emergency” plan for all RR marks and rights.
4. The RR World Service Board assists in the creation of an unbroken line of democratic infrastructure for Refuge Recovery, beginning at the meeting level and extending to the board of a World Service convention. The RRWSB is providing guidelines and

implementing the building of a direct democratic infrastructure. State and national service conventions are being held, culminating in the first RR World Service Convention. The RRWSB is responsible for the organization of future World Service Conventions.