

## INTRODUCTION

The suggestion of a manual defining the powers, duties and functions of hospital Boards of Trustees was first made at a regional meeting of northern Trustees in October of 1951. The suggestion was heartily endorsed by the southern Trustees in November and the following committee was appointed by the Director to implement the recommendations:

### Northern Trustees

Mr. C. C. Cottrell, Agnews  
Mr. William J. Hobin, Stockton  
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Dr. Arlien Johnson, Norwalk  
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Mrs. Helen Amick  
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Recommendations emanating from the northern and southern regional meetings served as the starting point in the preparation of this manual. These and additional suggestions made by committee members, as well as by other Trustees and department and hospital personnel, have aided in the formulation of the material here presented.

It is the hope of the committee that the manual will serve not only as a guide to new Trustees but also will be helpful to incumbent Trustees.