

The Stand

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Concept Three

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

A background for this Concept, you should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity-at all levels of service-has the right "to decide...how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises."

March 4, 2018

"If in order to get into AA we had had to meet any standards more rigid than the one given in the Third Tradition, who of us would be alive? Think of all the wonderful people, including the nonconformists, eccentrics, and kooks who make such valuable additions to our number, who would have been kept out of AA if we had any requirement for membership other than a desire to get well."

Manhattan, New York, January 1970

SWTA 68 Summer Workshop

July 20 - July 22

Victoria, Tx.

Save The Date July 20-22 at Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria

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Step Three

Step 3 Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

If the writer of a textbook has an understanding of a word, but the reader of the book has a DIFFERENT understanding of the SAME word, then the information that comes through will be garbled and incomplete. There are three words in the "lampshade on the wall" version of Step Three that are important to understand.

Most people think that the Third Step says that we turn our will and our life over to the care of God. But it doesn't say that. What it says is that we **MAKE A DECISION** to turn my will and life over to the care of God. So the first word that needs to be understood is the word **DECISION**, which is defined as "making up one's own mind." Let's say my car breaks down. Although the **DECISION** to get my car fixed is a vital and crucial step, that decision alone does not get the car fixed. I will **ALSO** need to take the actions necessary to get it fixed. **For any decision to mean ANYTHING, it ALWAYS requires further action.**

From the February 2018 magazine.

AA News

A new look for GSO Archives

Last September, the General Service Office (GSO) undertook renovation of the Archives area, including an expansion and reconfiguration of staff workspaces. The renovation entailed making room for four cleanly designed workstations and an enlarged area for GSO's Senior Archivist. In addition, because cabinets no longer block the south-facing windows, natural light fills the office space and spills into the exhibition area. Meanwhile, thanks to clever planning, there is now more wall space for exhibits.

Visitors to the Archives will also notice a pair of new archival-quality cabinets for displays of sensitive ephemera and three-dimensional objects, as well as the reception desk where the Assistant Archivist greets visitors. Plans are afoot to install an educational, interactive audiovisual display as well.

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Speaker Meetings

Ingram Solutions

Quarterly speaker meetings:
First Wednesday of:
March
June
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December
Hamburgers at 6:00-speaker at 7:00

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Speaker meeting the second
Saturday of the month at 6:00pm

Boerne Hwy Group

Last Fri of month 8:00 pm



"I got no drinkin' problem . . . My problem is when I *ain't* drinkin'!"

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Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

In a way, the Fourth Tradition is like the Fourth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions, "Would this break any Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities—they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups.

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From your DCM

Hello again, District 12!

What an exciting time to plan an area event! Spring is in the air, after all...The pre-general service assembly will be at Inn of the Hills from

March 23-25. Our new hospitality chair is Mary Alice H. Brian had to step down for personal reasons and Mary Alice kindly accepted the responsibility, no easy feat. We have been working together to try and make this the best assembly we can, and no one goes away hungry! From breakfast taco's on Saturday morning to pasta lunch and deserts all throughout the event, compliments of AA members of District 12.

We have been passing around sign-up sheets and I will get out there to visit I as many of the groups as possible. So if you see one of these

sheets in your groups, please do what you can to make this event a great event!

Yours in Service,
Tracy M