

The Stand

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Concept Four

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

The principle of "Right of Participation" is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the A.A. Grapevine.

There is a spiritual reason for the "Right of Participation." All of us desire to belong. In A.A. no members are "second class." The "Right to Participation" therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in "ultimate authority" over another.

GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

April 3, 2018

"As I carried the Fourth Step into the next directional action, the Fifth ... I began to gain by pain, to win by losing, to get control by letting go of control. And good feelings poured in from all sides. I discovered how many words that I had been fond of using were actually traps, setting off negative thinking -- 'If only...', 'You always...', 'never,' 'forever,' 'If you would only...', and so on. I dug in and tried desperately to change word habits, to share time instead of spending it."

Pompano Beach, Florida, June 1978
"It Takes What It Takes," Step By Step

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From Your DCM

It's a Great day to sober District 12!

Thank you's - to all the volunteer's that assisted with the registration table and hospitality during the Pre-General Service Assembly this month, you guys showed up and made this Area Assembly a stunning success!

Special thanks to Sam L. and Mary Alice H. Sam filled the role of Chair and Mary Alice Hospitality Chair. Both these folks were a gift from divine intervention. "YOU ROCK"!

Kudos to our treasurer Al, whose job to balance our budget was, I'm sure, to say the least, challenging!

My experience with mock assembly was, once again awesome. Breaking up in tables of 10 or so to work on one of the issues that our Delegate will experience when in New York, at GSO. Working together with my peers was a wonderful experience, as our subject was hashed out among us. (Treatment and Accessibilities). ACTION: Sent back to the groups for a vote.

Looking forward to visiting meetings in Bourne in the month of April.

Yours in Service,
Tracy M.

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Tradition Four

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

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups.

As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there have been such actions-or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions, " Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threatens us continually."

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Step Four

*"Made a searching and fearless
moral inventory of ourselves."*

Step Four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what our liabilities are and have been. We want to find exactly how, when, and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach.

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Speaker Meetings

Ingram Solutions

Quarterly speaker meetings:

First Wednesday of:

March

June

September

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

Upcoming Events

72nd Texas State Convention

June 22-24, 2018

The Westin Hotel

4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy

Irving, TX

972-929-4500

txaaconvention.org

National AA Technnology Workshop

Sept. 13-16, 2018

Wingate by Windham

Round Rock

512-341-7000

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First name and last

Initial in print,

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