

The Stand

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Concept Six

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the Groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to The Conference (Concept II). The Conference in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. The Trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Greetings District 12!

I have a quote for you this month:

"We sit at A.A. meetings and listen, not only to receive something, but to give reassurance and support which our presence can bring. If our turn comes to speak at a meeting, we again try to carry A.A.'s message. Whether our audience is one or many, it is still Twelfth Step work."

Bill W., Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 110

Yours in Service,
Tracy M.

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Founder's Day 2018

83rd Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous
June 8, 9, & 10, 2018 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

AA News

2018 Regional Forums: All Welcome

Forums provide an opportunity for AA members in a particular region to share with GSO and Grapevine

Regional Forums strengthen our Fellowship's Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service by providing an opportunity for AA groups and area representatives, as well as any interested AA members in a particular region, to share experience, strength and hope with representatives of the General Service Board and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members. There is no registration fee for Regional Forums; they are hosted by the General Service Board and coordinated by G.S.O.

These weekend sharing sessions enhance and widen communication, and help spark new ideas for carrying the AA message through service work. Mailings regarding each Regional Forum are sent to area committee members, delegates, D.C.M.s, and central offices and intergroups approximately six months ahead of time. Online registration is also available at www.aa.org.

The next Southwest Regional Forum will be October 11-13, 2019 in Houston.

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all-every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.

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Speaker Meetings

Ingram Solutions

Quarterly speaker meetings:

First Wednesday of:

March

June

September

December

Hamburgers 6:00-speaker 7:00

2211

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

Boerne Hwy Group

Last Fri of month 8:00 pm

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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

naatw.org

Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

The “related facility” may be an outside group combating alcoholism-or an enterprise that A.A.s want to start. It was the latter that most often confronted the young Fellowship. Outside agencies were pretty scarce in those days, and some members thought A.A. should cover the whole alcoholism field. Led by a “super-promoter”(as the Twelve and Twelve describes him), one group built an all-purpose center, including a section for drying out treatment. Picture any group tackling such a project! Arguments over cost, architecture, staff, fees, medication, and rules might even make the local paper.

Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is “cooperation but not affiliation.” A group cooperates, for example, by welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. A.A. members employed by outside agencies wear two hats, but Tradition Six cautions against wearing both at the same time. On the job they may be alcoholism counselors, not A.A. counselors. In meetings they are just A.A.s and not alcoholism experts.