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# Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon



## Concept 1

**Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

What Concept 1 did was to shift the advisory position of Dr Bob and Bill that the foundation looked to for guidance to the fellowship. This is the group conscience that is the final responsibility and ultimate authority. The ideas come from the fellowship and how they are implemented comes from the General Service Board. It is up to us to tell the Board what we need. It is also our responsibility to fund the ideas that we want the Board to implement. The groups are in charge and that is why they are at the top of the triangle. Sometimes business in AA can take a long time and may feel tedious. Unity in the fellowship will always be a guiding force in forming our group conscience. It is our authority and responsibility to show up and do the work of AA as groups and individuals to participate in order to keep AA safe for the future. The collective "We" are responsible.

### Information to Share

- Opening for 2 Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) with relevant military experience to help with the Military Outreach Project. Resumes due Jan 15th [Letter](#)
- How Should We Treat A.A. Founders' Writings? This topic will be discussed at our Pre-Conference events. I have provided a Form for those who cannot attend. I do encourage attendance to hear all points of view. [Google Form](#)

### A 2024 New Year's Greeting from your Delegate

Dear Friends and Fellow Trusted Servants,

As we start a new year and another General Service Conference approaches, newly rotated-in trusted servants join our ranks. It is the time of year where I reflect on the past year and look forward to the upcoming year of service. I will admit that the past year was a bumpy ride for this new Delegate! But I look back fondly on the work, interactions, and new enthusiasm for General Service. Sometimes it felt like I was riding on the shoulders of our groups and sometimes the weight of our groups laid heavy on my shoulders.

Our Fellowship is built on 3 legacies, the 3-legged stool of Recovery, Unity, and Service. It is indeed an exciting time to be a part of the Service Structure. There has been pain and discomfort, but that is the touchstone to growth. What I marvel at is that most of the fellowship can disagree and still maintain unity. Nothing is more pleasing than to see two opposing sides go to the microphone to make their statements and then meet up for ice cream afterward. I wish for all of you to experience these relationships. That is the trust in our work, the love for one another, and the willingness to speak even when it is uncomfortable. As I venture into the 2<sup>nd</sup> (and last) year of my term, I hope to encourage everyone into the 3rd leg of that stool, be a part of the group conscience, respect the group conscience because it is the work of our Higher Power through all of us. AA is constantly growing and when you look back through our history, it is full of experiments, oopsies, and corrections. That is how we grow, that is why AA is strong. We stick together because we cannot stand alone even when "we" or "they" are wrong. [A.A.'s Legacy of Service pamphlet](#) has a great summation of our AA history of growth.

Please reach out if you need anything. No question or comment is ignored by the Double "Ds". I look forward to talking with all of you at our preconference events. Though I am 'half-way through' I am committed to fulfilling the role that you all so graciously elected me to do and to representing Area 51 with the respect and dignity that it deserves.

Pre-Con Event	Central	Western	Eastern	Spanish	Virtual
Date	March 16th	March 23rd	April 6th	April 7th	TBD
Info	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	Coming Soon	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	Coming Soon	Coming Soon

### Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship

- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Concepts and Coffee Talk Road Show 12&12&12 at the Raleigh Camel Club
- Jan 4<sup>th</sup> NH Concepts Study – Concept 1 [Flyer](#)
- Jan 4<sup>th</sup> First Meeting of the Grapevine Conference Committee
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> @ Gratitude Study Raleigh
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Area 06 Information Session: Plain language Big Book [Flyer](#)
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Tarheel Mid-Winter Conference [Link](#)
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 Conference Committee Chairs Orientation
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Triangle Intergroup Inventory
- Join me at the [First Tuesday Service Manual Study](#) at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Email me for the **passcode**

### Rocketed!

Q: How does an alcoholic get to the moon?  
A: In a **Fellowship!**  
[AA Grapevine Podcast](#)  
[AA Grapevine App](#)  
[aagrapevine.org](#)

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