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Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon





Concept 3

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a tradition “Right of Decision.”

Concept really comes down to trust. This principle flows through our service structure from the groups all the way down to the General Service Board and encompasses everyone in between. We should not direct or give mandates as we delegate our voice (remember Concepts 1 and 2) and group conscience to our trusted representative. An “instructed” servant who cannot act on his or her own conscience is not much of a trusted servant but just a messenger. A trusted servant is fully informed and can make decisions during discussion about what would be best for whatever they think the group that they represent would approve. The “Right of Decision” is accompanied by the responsibility of reporting back about the information that made our trusted servant to vote the way they did. With this safeguard, we can rest confidently in our trusted servant’s decisions, understand that they not only serve us but AA as a whole and their decision was based on information that may not have been available or considered previously.

Information to Share

- Anonymity Letter to the Media [Link to letter](#)
- AAWS Highlights! [Link](#)
- Pre-Conferences are happening this month. Check out the Events tab on aanorthcarolina.org
- The chart below contains Agenda Items that I would like feedback on at the Pre-conferences. I want to hear what you have to share on these and any others. The full list and background can be found in the [Delegate's Corner](#).

Conference Committee		Conference Agenda Item
1.	Finance A	Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB.
2.	Grapevine C	Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Viña.
3.	Grapevine D	Explore the services provided by AA Grapevine and how they should be funded.
4.	Grapevine E	Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholics in A.A. (Equitable Distribution of Workload Item)
5.	Literature F	Review draft manuscript of the translation of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
6.	International Conventions/ Regional Forums A, B, C, D, F, G	<p>Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the Flag Ceremony to be taken at the 2025 International Convention.</p> <p>B. Discuss an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the Convention Flag Ceremony for the 2025 International Convention.</p> <p>C. Discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 International Convention.</p> <p>D. Discuss options for closing the Big Meeting at the International Convention.</p> <p>F. Discuss the production of anonymity-protected videos of other highlights of the Convention as a way of sharing the spirit and enthusiasm of the 2025 International Convention with A.A. members.</p> <p>G. Discuss the production of a delayed, anonymity protected, digital access video product offering of the three big meetings at the 2025 International Convention.</p>
7.	How Should We Treat the AA Founders' Writings? Google Form  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why? 2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue? 3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings? 4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references? 5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future? 6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.) 7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship

- Winter Committee (March 2-4), Freedom from Bondage (March 8-10), Virtual Preconference (March 10), D31 (March 11), Central Preconference (March 16), Joint GV/LV Committee meeting (March 19), Western Pre-Conference (March 23), First Tuesday Service Manual Study, and more!

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- Meet the 4 new Class B Trustees
- Inside AA Finances: The Reserve Fund
- And More!

At Wits End:
A Grapevine
Joke

Steak Please!

Q: Why do you never see people who have made their amends order lobster in restaurants?
A: They have lost interest in shellfish things.

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