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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 it's service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a tradition “Right of Decision.”

The ‘Right of Decision’ is all about trust. Concept 1 describes the ‘ultimate authority’ of the groups; Concept 2 describes how the groups then delegate ‘complete authority’ to the Conference, making it the active voice and group conscience of our whole society. Though the groups could send an *instructed* Delegate to Conference, experience has shown it is better to send an *informed* Delegate instead. In North Carolina, we hold a series of Pre-Conference events where members can share their thoughts on upcoming Conference agenda items with the Delegate, thus informing the Delegate of the Areas conscience. The Delegate then shares that with Conference, as well as listens to the discussion on the topic from other Area Delegates. This allows the group conscience of the Conference to form. Of course, with the ‘right of decision’ comes the responsibility of reporting back to the Districts and Groups.

Information to Share

- ACM for Trustees’ Literature Committee opening [LINK](#)
- International Convention Chit-Chat [LINK](#)
- 2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual digital edition now in English, Spanish, and French [LINK](#)
- New Literature Available [LINK](#)

Conference Committee	Conference Agenda Item
1. Literature L	Discuss <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> review process.
2. Corrections E	Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951.
3. Literature K	Consider request to update the book <i>Living Sober</i> .
4. Trustees G	Consider request to include the version of the Lasker Award text in A.A. Comes of Age in the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
5. CPC A, D, E PI C, portions of A	CPC A: Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page D: Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org E: Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics PI C: Review progress report on the development of a GSO Podcast
6. Report/Charter B, Policy/Admissions E	B: Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders’ writings. E: Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature
7. Literature J	Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> .
8. Finance A, C, D	A: Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. C: Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members. D: Review the Conference-approved level of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
9. Finance F	Consider a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 in <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> .
10. Grapevine / La Viña D	Review the progress report for a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.
11. Report/Charter A.3	Consider a request to remove the word “woman” from the Concept IV essay.

Conference background available in the Delegate’s Corner on the website.

Inside the Delegate’s Rocket Ship

Current Reading

- *Plain Language Big Book*
- *Background, background, and more background!*

Going Places

- Winter Committee Meeting, March 7-9 in Clemmons, NC
- Freedom From Bondage March 21-23 Aberdeen, NC
- Precons: Spanish, March 16; Western, March 29; Eastern, April 5; Central, April 12; Virtual, April 3 and 13
- Speaking in Smithfield, NC March 15

In a hurry

The trouble with immediate gratification is that it isn’t fast enough.

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