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Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon

Concept 10

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Concept One gives the groups ultimate authority and final responsibility. For practical purposes, these must be delegated further down the service structure. For example, Concept 2 states the groups delegate 'complete' authority to the Conference and that the Trustees must be given 'active' and 'immediate' responsibility. Other terms scattered throughout the concepts include principal and operating responsibility as well as administrative, discretionary, legal, and traditional authority. Each level of our structure has different responsibilities, and therefore requires different authority to get the job done. This concept ensures our various entities and trusted servants can be effective, because the responsibilities each has is matched with the appropriate level of authority to carry it out.

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76th General Service Conference, LinkedIn – Connecting Professionals with AA, Everything AA App and more!

Information to Share

- Final Conference Report from the 76th General Service Conference Link
- Message about Everything AA App Link
- Everything AA App Update Link
- GSO to Launch New Contributions Platform Link

The October and November beacon will include information to help members prepare for the discussion on changing Article III of the Conference charter at the Fall Assembly.

What is the Conference Charter? It is a foundational guiding document that sets up the structure, composition, and purpose of the General Service Conference. There are twelve articles. Both the original and the current Charter can be found in Appendix K of our current service manual.

What does Article 3 cover? The relation of the Conference to AA. It describes the role of the Conference Delegates and lists the literature that cannot be changed by Conference action.

What is the role of Conference Delegates? To vote as their conscience dictates. Delegates decide when an item should be referred to the groups for information or discussion prior to voting on the item at Conference.

What literature cannot be changed by Conference action? Currently, the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and Article 12 of the Conference Charter cannot be changed by a Conference Advisory Action. The original Charter listed only the Traditions as having this level of protection. The Steps and Article 12 were added in 1957.

Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship

- October 24th – District 43 Service Workshop
- Conference CPC October Feedback Meeting - TBD

At Wits End:

The next frontier
There's one thing about long-term sobriety. I used to drink to forget…now I forget why I walked into a room.

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