

The Committee(s) in My AA Head

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THE TWELVE STEPS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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Steps = Recovery

201 Words



© 1952* Traditions = Unity

237 Words
(916 words)

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. 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.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



*AA Comes of Age (p 96): "AA's Twelve Traditions were first drawn and first put to paper in 1946."

The Twelve Concepts for World Service

1. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
2. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
3. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."
4. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
5. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
6. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
7. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
8. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
9. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
10. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
11. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
12. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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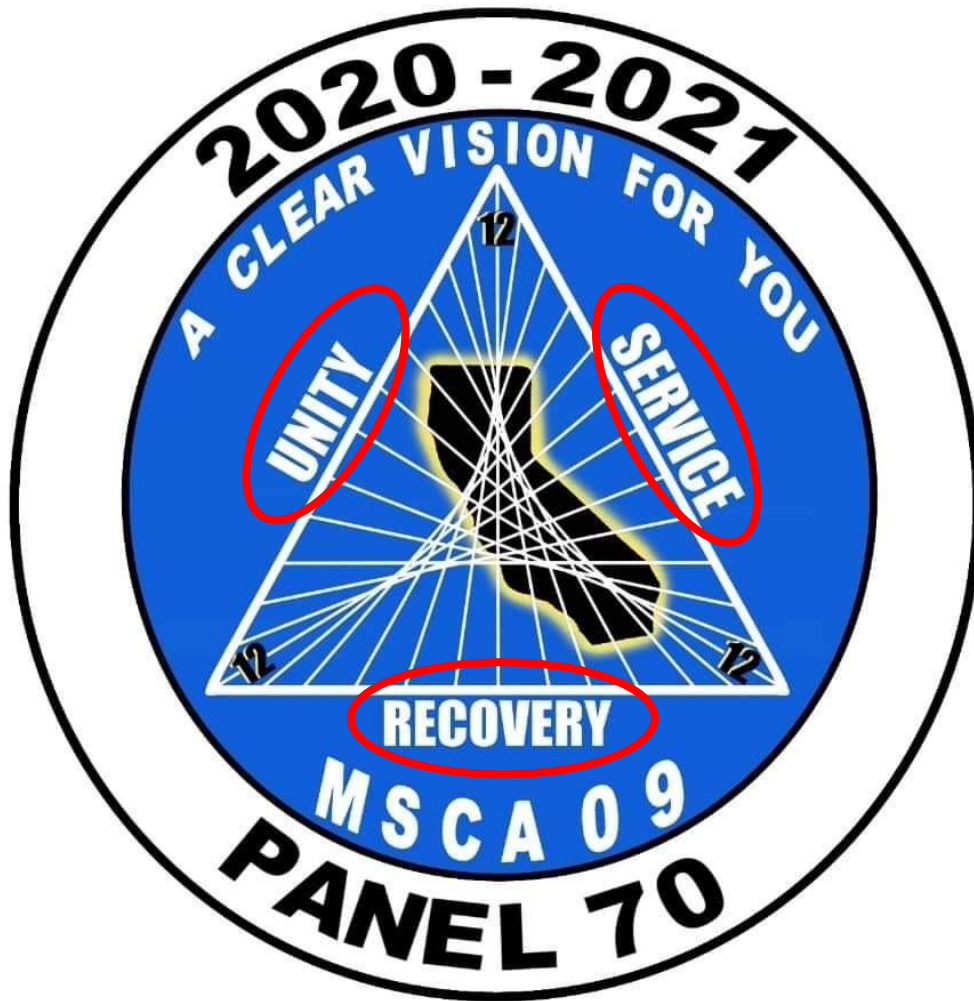
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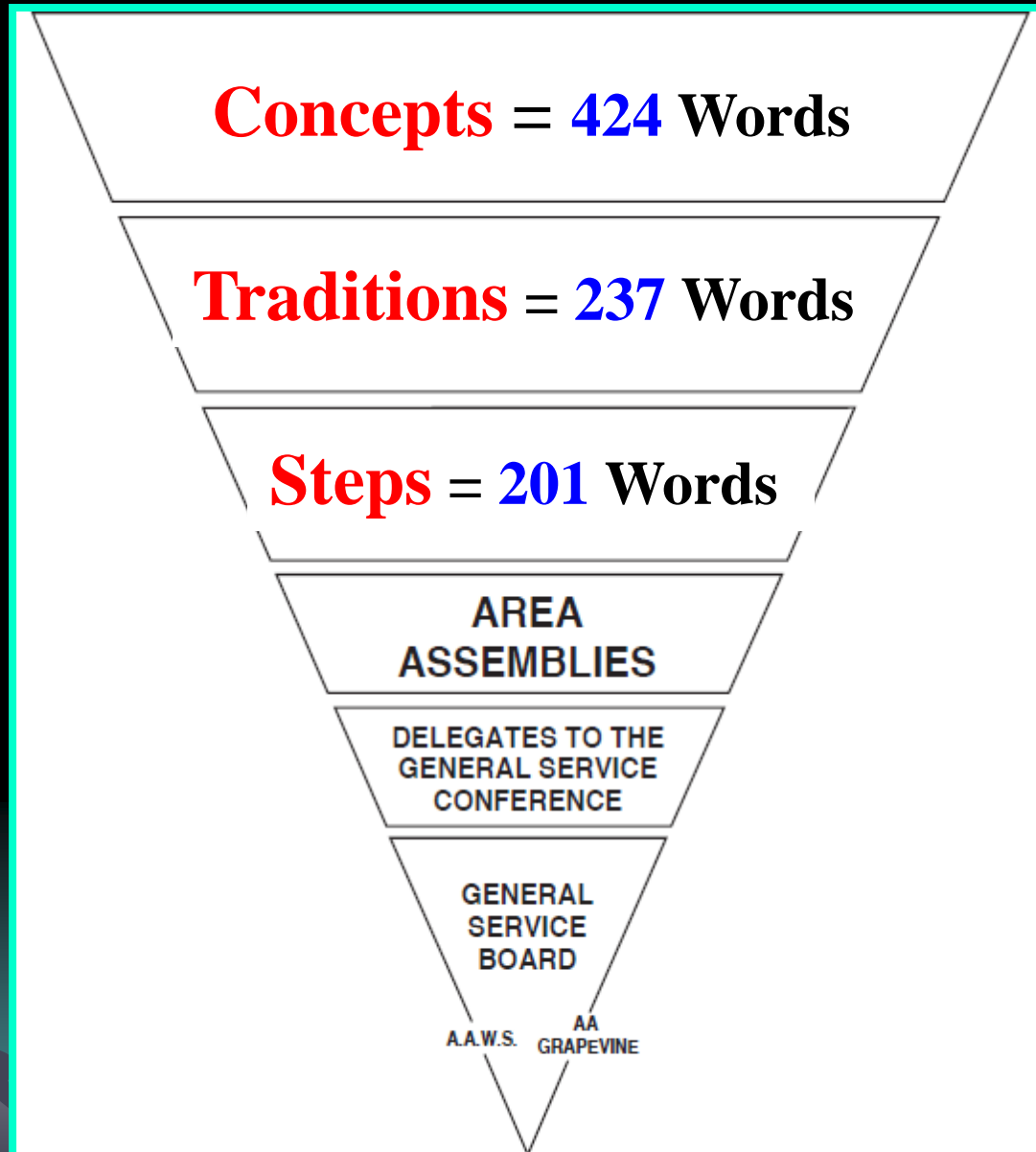


Recovery then Unity then Service?



Newcomers
important,
Oldtimers
(in General Service)
essential!

Simple → Complex?



Types of Committees

- **Group** Conscience (occasional Business Meetings)
- **District/Area** Business Meetings
- **District/Area** Standing Committees
- **District/Area** *ad hoc* committees
- (Coordinating Committees; e.g., H&I, YPAA)
- **Conference** 1°, 2° Committees (delegates, GSO staff)
- **Trustees** Committees (trustees, GSO staff, **ACM***)
- **Trustees** Subcommittees

*ACM = Appointed Committee Members

Committees at All Levels

Groups = 0?

Districts = 3, 8, 10, 11

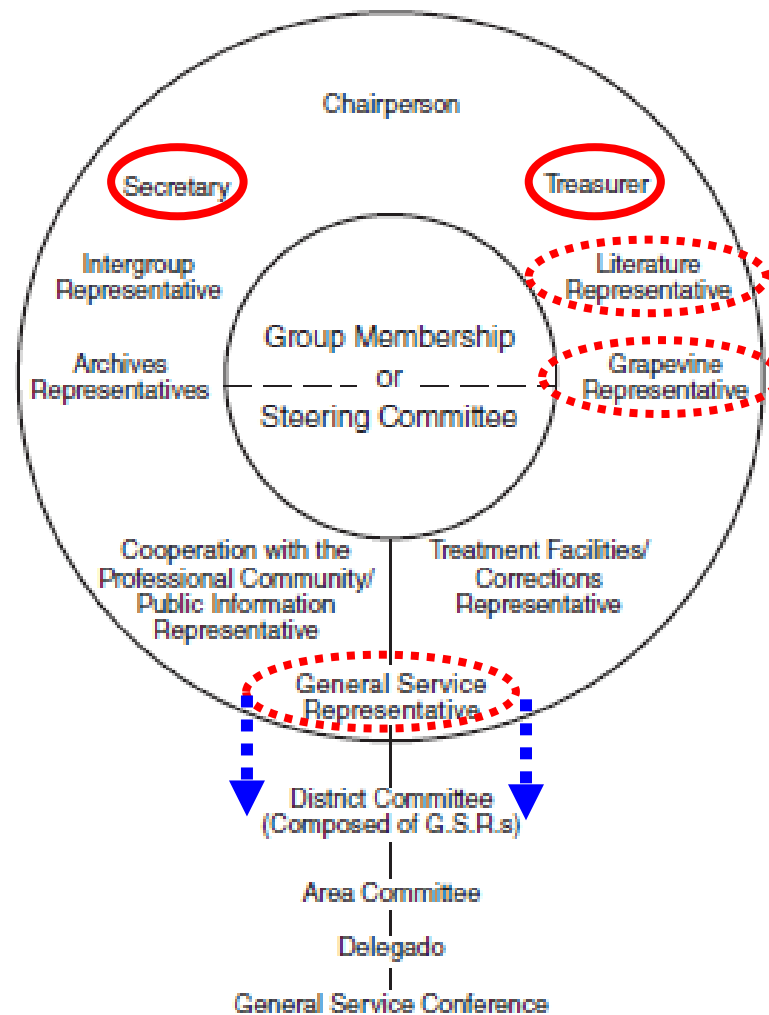
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Conference = 13

Trustee = 15

Group Structure

Service Structure Inside the A.A. Group



District Structure

Literature
Public Information Co Chair
Co-op with Elder Community (CEC)
Co-op with Professional Community (CPC)
Archives
Grapevine
Accessibilities
Treatment Committee Co-Chair
South County Hospitals & Institutions
Memorial Day Picnic Chair
Memorial Day Picnic Co-Chair
Web Chair
GSR Orientation Co Chair
GSR Orientation Co Chair
Regional Events Chair
Traditions Day Chair
Speaker Guidelines Chair
Sponsorship Workshop Chair
Concepts Workshop Chair
Traditions Workshop Chair

Website
Literature
Finance
District 3 Liaison
Public Information
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Grapevine
Accessibilities
Guidelines Committee
Hospitals & Institutions
Newcomer Orientation
Cyber and Internet Liaison
<i>Ad hoc</i> committees as needed

Tradition 4: “Each group [District] should be Autonomous except in matters affecting other Groups or AA as a whole.”

Area

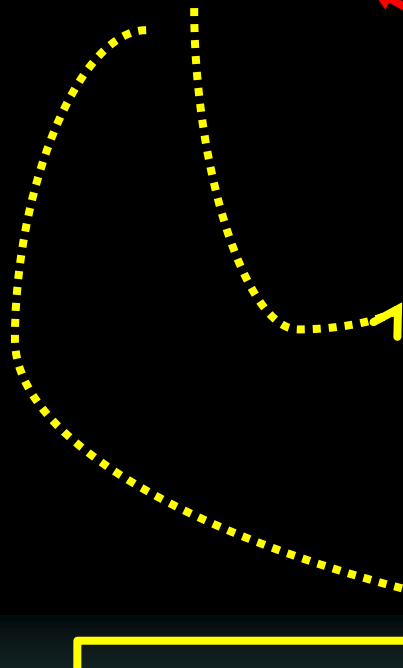
Delegate as Conference
member

Conference

Delegate as Committee
member

District

Trustees



17 AREA STANDING COMM.

1. Accessibilities
2. Treatment
3. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
4. Cooperation with Elder Community (CEC)
5. Archives
6. Convention Liaison
7. Corrections
8. Finance
9. Grapevine/La Viña
10. Guidelines & Policy (GAP)
11. Literature
12. Public Information
- None

13. Communications
14. District Committee Member School (DCM School)
15. General Service Representative School (GSR School)
16. Registration
17. Young Person's in A.A.

13 CONFERENCE

1. Treatment & Accessibilities
2. Cooperation with the Professional Community
3. Archives (2°)
4. International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums (2°)
5. Corrections
6. Finance
7. Grapevine & La Viña
8. Agenda (Conference)
9. Literature
10. Public Information
11. Trustees (present slate)

12. Report & Charter (Service Manual, Final Conference Report)
13. Policy/Admissions (Conference)

15 GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

1. Cooperation with the Professional Community/ Treatment and Accessibilities (CPC/TA)

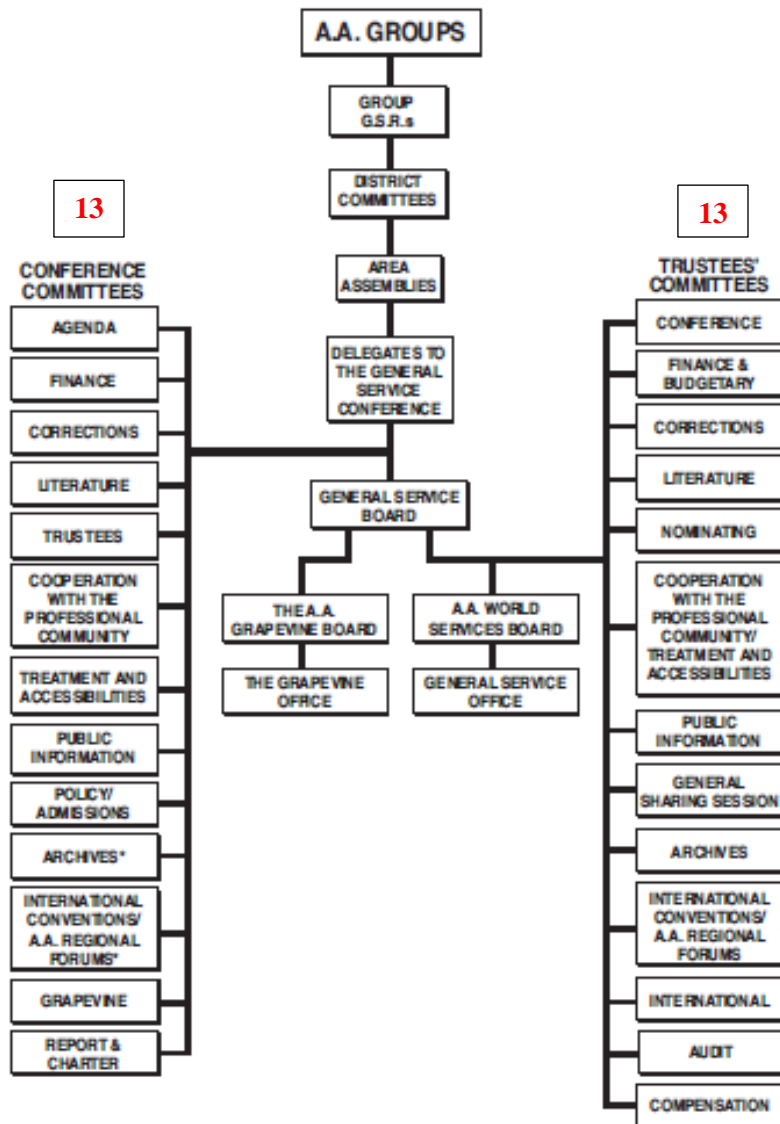
2. Archives
3. International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums
4. Corrections
5. Finance & Budgetary
- None
6. General Service Conference
7. Literature
8. Public Information
9. Nominating (determines slate)

10. Audit
11. Compensation
12. International (Int'l Liaisons)
13. Employees' Retirement
14. Retiree Medical Benefit Fund
15. Legal Affairs*

Corresponding Committees

*The 2018-2020 Service Manual identifies 13 General Service Board Committees, but 15 are identified in the 2020-2022 version. In an email from Jeff W (Group Services Coordinator) on 9/14/2020, he identified Trustees' Committees 13, 14, and 15 to be new committees. Kathi F said these three committees existed when she became trustee in April 2018.

The General Service Conference Structure (U.S. and Canada)



*Secondary committee.

Source: 2019-2020 Service Manual

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous
and A.A. World Services, Inc.

General Manager



Trusted Servants of Alcoholics Anonymous

Though an organization,
A.A. is mainly people!



2020 Conference Committees

Agenda

PANEL 69

Coleen A. — Area 17, Hawaii
Bobby D.** — Area 21, Southern Illinois
Lorraine R. — Area 85, Northwest Ontario
Steve S.* — Area 57, Oklahoma
Susan V. — Area 73, West Virginia

PANEL 70

Hank K. — Area 50, Western New York
Gary P. — Area 92, Washington East
Jim S. — Area 35, Northern Minnesota
Secretary: Patrick C.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

PANEL 69

Cynthia B.** — Area 33, Southeast Michigan
Barb D. — Area 71, Virginia
Alan F.* — Area 72, Western Washington
Brad M. — Area 4, Arkansas
Gail P. — Area 79, BC/Yukon

PANEL 70

Jeney N. — Area 63, South Dakota
Jim S. — Area 55, Northwest Ohio
J.J. S. — Area 80, New Brunswick/PEI
Secretary: Diana L.

Connections

PANEL 69

Brad A.* — Area 22, Northern Indiana
Ken D.** — Area 59, E. Pennsylvania
Jeff G. — Area 93, Central California

PANEL 70

Ramona B. — Area 76, Wyoming
Tony H. — Area 72, Delaware
Debi K. — Area 16, Georgia
Michael P. — Area 68, Southwest Texas
Cheri S. — Area 2, Alaska
Secretary: Brenda B.

Finance

PANEL 69

Troy B.D.D.** — Area 67, Southeast Texas
Missy P.* — Area 36, Southern Minnesota
Marilyn S. — Area 60, W. Pennsylvania

PANEL 70

Tom A. — Area 7, Northern Interior CA
Franz E. — Area 90, Northwest Quebec
Dorothy M. — Area 80, Manitoba
Randy S. — Area 62, South Carolina
Pete V. — Area 43, New Hampshire
Secretary: Zoray Medina

Grassroots

PANEL 69

Jeff B.* — Area 44, Northern New Jersey
Jeney D. — Area 39, Western Missouri
Florida F.** — Area 42, Nevada
Stephen S. — Area 53, Central SE Ohio

PANEL 70

Johnny C. — Area 37, Mississippi
Ruth L. — Area 87, Southwest Quebec
Joan N. — Area 41, Nebraska
Nikki G. — Area 28, Maine
Jerry S. — Area 8, San Diego/Imp. CA
Secretary: Jan W.

Literature

PANEL 69

Sheryl B. — Area 54, Northeast Ohio
Matt D.** — Area 69, Utah
Katy P.* — Area 57, North Carolina
Serge V. — Area 88, Southeast Quebec

PANEL 70

Brad P. — Area 78, Alberta/NWT
Ted J. — Area 48, N/Mt. New York
Ed Lafl. — Area 9, Mid-Southern CA
Sheri P. — Area 25, Kansas
Char V.D. — Area 74, N. W/Upper Am. MT
Secretary: Steve S.

Policy and Admissions

PANEL 69

Barb C.* — Area 47, Central New York
Lori C. — Area 32, Central Michigan
Alan G. — Area 89, Northeast Quebec
Kevin H.** — Area 1, Alabama/NW Florida
Ray McC. — Area 90, Saskatchewan

PANEL 70

Kevin H. — Area 3, Arizona
Ray C. — Area 66, Northwest Texas
Ron S. — Area 23, Southern Indiana
Linda V. — Area 70, Vermont
Secretary: Mary C.

Public Information

PANEL 69

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Tina P. — Area 65, Northeast Texas
Shirley F.** — Area 15, S. Florida/
Bahamas/Virgin Islands/Antigua
Mark S. — Area 82, Nova Scotia/NL
Curt W. — Area 52, North Dakota

PANEL 70

Linda B. — Area 34, Western Michigan
Jim E. — Area 58, Oregon
Rich H. — Area 46, Southern New Jersey
Shane S. — Area 64, Tennessee
Secretary: Nancy J.

Report and Charter

PANEL 69

Arnette D. — Area 14, North Florida
Dan G.* — Area 24, Iowa
Joan K. — Area 30, E. Massachusetts
Gene M. — Area 38, Eastern Missouri
Brian T.** — Area 70, Chicago, Illinois

PANEL 70

Mary H. — Area 26, Kentucky
Paul G. — Area 84, Northeast Ontario
Steve L. — Area 61, Rhode Island
Secretary: Jeff W.

Treatment and Accessibilities

PANEL 69

Teddy B.W.* —
Area 6, Northern Coastal CA
June E. — Area 49, Southeast New York
Rob McA.** — Area 83, Eastern Ontario
Sue T. — Area 27, Louisiana

PANEL 70

Marilyn E. — Area 20, Northern Illinois
Paul H. — Area 31, W. Massachusetts
Bill L. — Area 46, New Mexico
Thad N. — Area 18, Idaho
Secretary: Irene D.

Trustees

PANEL 69

John D.* — Area 11, Connecticut
Kris K. — Area 75, Southern Wisconsin
Paul L. — Area 40, Montana
Scott M.** — Area 10, Colorado
Thomas S. — Area 5, Southern California

PANEL 70

Nancy H. — Area 56, Southwest Ohio
Carlos L. — Area 77, Puerto Rico
Cynthia E. — Area 29, Maryland
Sandi W. — Area 86, Western Ontario
Secretary: Nick W.

Archives¹

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Jerry S. — Area 8, San Diego/Imp. CA
J.J. S. — Area 80, New Brunswick/PEI
Secretary: Michelle Mize

International Conventions/ Regional Forums¹

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Dorothy M. — Area 80, Manitoba
Joan N. — Area 41, Nebraska
Ray C. — Area 66, Northwest Texas
Secretary: Julie E., Sandra W.

13 Committees

11 Primary Committees 2 Secondary Committees

Spirit of rotation ensures
experience, strength, and
hope are shared → Panel
69 working with Panel 70
delegates



Chairs and Alternate Chairs of the Pacific Region

2021 CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSONS AND ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSONS

Committee	Chairperson	Alternate
Agenda	Gary P., Washington East	Hank K., Western New York
¹ Archives	J.J. S., New Brunswick/PEI	Jerry S., San Diego/Imperial
Cooperation with the Professional Community	Jamey N., South Dakota	Jim S., Northwest Ohio
Corrections	Debi K., Georgia	Cheri S., Alaska
Finance	Randy S., South Carolina	Tom A., Northern Interior California
Grapevine	Ruth L., Southwest Quebec	Jerry S., San Diego/Imperial California
¹ International Conventions/Regional Forums	Jess N., Nebraska	Donny M., Manitoba
Literature	Sheri P., Kansas	Tad J., Hudson/Mohawk/Berkshire New York
Policy/Admissions	Kevin F., Arizona	Ron S., Southern Indiana
Public Information	Shane S., Tennessee	Rich H., Southern New Jersey
Report and Charter	Mary F., Kentucky	Steve L., Rhode Island
Treatment and Accessibilities	Bill L., New Mexico	Marilyn F., Illinois
Trustees	Sandi W., Western Ontario	Cynthia T., Maryland

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

G.S.O. Staff Assignments

Revised December 2019

FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENT	COMMITTEES	REGIONAL CORRESPONDENCE	OTHER
Accessibilities/Remote Communities Irene D.	Co-secretary, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities committee; secretary, Conference Committee on Treatment/Accessibilities	East Central	Liaison with Remote Communities; Loners/Internationalists correspondence; <i>Loners-Internationalists Meeting</i> . Spanish and French Correspondence (U.S./Canada)
Conference Coordinator Patrick C.	Secretary, trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference and Conference Agenda Committee.	Southwest (June–November)	Final Conference Report; <i>Box 4-5-9</i> , Conference issue
Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment Diana L.	Co-secretary, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities; secretary, Conference Committee on C.P.C.	Eastern Canada	<i>About A.A.</i>
Corrections Brenda B.	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on Correction	Western Canada	<i>Sharing From Behind the Walls</i> ; Corrections Correspondence Service
Group Services Jeff W.	Secretary, Conference Report and Charter Committee	Northeast	Liaison with Central Offices/Intergroups, Special International Contacts and Other Twelve Step Fellowships; Website Liaison; Service Material and A.A. Guidelines
International Eva S.	Secretary, trustees' Committee on International	International (outside U.S./Canada)	Coordinator, World Service Meeting; World Service Meeting Final Report
2020 International Convention Coordinator Julio E.	Co-secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums		
Literature Steve S.	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Literature Committees; secretary, A.A.W.S. Publishing Committee	Southeast	<i>Box 4-5-9</i>
Nominating Rick W.	Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee and Conference Committee on Trustees; secretary, A.A.W.S. Internal Audit Committee	Pacific	
Public Information Racy J.	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Public Information Committees		Triennial Membership Survey; Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
Regional Forums Sandra W.	Co-secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums; secretary, A.A.W.S. Technology/Communication Services Committee.	West Central	Regional Forum reports
Staff Coordinator Mary C.	Secretary, Conference Policy/Admissions Committee; A.A.W.S. director; assistant secretary, General Service Board	Southwest (December–May)	A.A.W.S. Highlights; Quarterly Report from G.S.O.

■ 2020 Trustees' Committees**

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International Conventions/ Regional Forums

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Jan L.
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Ginger R.B.
Carolyn W.
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—International Conventions
Sandra W., *secretary*
—Regional Forums

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Deborah K.
Jan L.
Homer M.
*Amalia C.
*Katie H.
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Nominating

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Public Information

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*Allison C.
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Racy J., *secretary*

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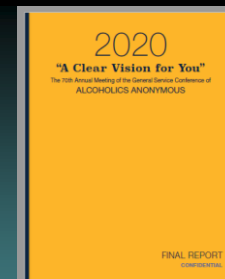
Chair, Michele Grinberg
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Assistant treasurer, Bob Slotterback
Assistant secretary, Mary C.

Pacific
Region
Trustee

Class A
Trustees

*Appointed Committee Member

**Michele Grinberg is an ex officio member on all committees; Greg T. is an ex officio member on all committees except the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee



Resources of Alcoholics Anonymous

...not available via flip-phone...



District 18 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. New General Service Representatives arrive at 6:30pm for orientation and meeting starts at 7:00pm.
Location: Mesa Verde United Methodist Church, 1701 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. We do offer childcare!



A.A. EVENTS

- **September 26 | Woman to Woman San Diego | 8:00 AM - 9:15 PM | Join Zoom | 836 5348 6379 | w2w2020**
- **September 25 - 27 | Three Rivers BigBook Weekend III | Eastern Washington's Woodstock of AA Riverfront Hotel & Convention Ctr. 50 Comstock Street, Richland, WA 99352** [Website: threeriversbigbookweekend.org](http://threeriversbigbookweekend.org) | [Flyer](#) | [Registration](#)
- **September 26, 2020 | Finding Your Niche in AA Service Workshop | Presented by Districts 1 & 3 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. | Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093 | Passcode: 642408 | Zoom # 834 4726 6025 | Password: 290929 | [Flyer](#)**
- **September 26, 2020 | District 9 Workshop: The The AA Concepts & Warranties | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. | Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093 | Passcode: 642408 | Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/92881704093?>**

District Resources

msca09aa.org Resources



MID SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 9
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



HOME ABOUT MEETINGS EVENTS CONTRIBUTE DISTRICTS NEWS ARCHIVES CONTACTS DELEGATE

AREA 9 INFORMATION

- Bylaws
- Guidelines
- Forms
- Committees
- Finances
- Officers
- Workbooks
- Calendar 2020
- Minutes
- Registrar

USEFUL LINKS

- AA.org
- AA Grapevine.org
- PRAASA.org
- Box 459
- Area 9 Meetings
- AA Online Intergroup
- GSR Preamble

Welcome to Area 9

This site is provided by the Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA) as a service to the community. It is our attempt to provide A.A. Service information to the communities of Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and a portion of Los Angeles County (the portion that is south of Rosecrans Ave.). Mailing Address: MSCA P.O. Box 51446, Irvine, CA 92619-1446

Featured Items

NEW! A.A.W.S. Online Webstore

NEW! AA Online Member Contributions

Call For Stories in A.A. for the Older Alcoholic"

Reopening Guidelines

Confidential Resources

GSO Announcements

70th GSC Agenda Items

2020 MSCAArea 9 Workbook

2020 Calendar

Group History Form

Other MSCA Websites

Area 9 Bridging the Gap

Area 9 Vets Bridging the Gap

MSCA en
Español

Newsletter

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**ONLINE
CONTRIBUTIONS**

 **EVENTS**

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AREA 9 INFORMATION

- Bylaws
- Guidelines
- Forms
- Committees
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- Officers
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- Calendar 2020
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Area 9 Committees

The seemingly endless tasks that are required in General Service, are necessary to keep a strong service structure that can support the Groups as they reach out to offer a helping hand to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Fellowship in Mid-Southern California, has come to depend upon every act of service by dedicated members of the Standing Committees to make the framework of General Service solid and responsive to Group needs.

Standing Committees

(S) = Committees with Spanish Co-Chair positions

[Accessibilities](#) (S)

[Area Communications Committee](#)

[Archives Committee](#)

[Convention Liaison](#) (S)

[Cooperation with the Elder Community \(CEC\)](#) (S)

[Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\)](#) (S)

[Corrections Committee](#)

[District Committee Member \(DCM\) School](#) (S)

[Finance Committee](#)

[General Service Representative \(GSR\) School](#) (S)

[Grapevine/La Vina](#) (S)

[Guidelines and Policy Committee](#)

[Literature Committee](#) (S)

[Public Information \(PI\)](#) (S)

[Registration Committee](#)

[Treatment Committee](#) **(S)



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Accessibilities Committee

Purpose: Accessibility issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual, or emotional. While there are no special alcoholics, there are alcoholics who face additional personal barriers to accessing the A.A. message. For the purpose of these Guidelines in defining the accessibility issues that many alcoholics face, we refer primarily to persons who have visual and auditory challenges, those who are housebound or chronically ill, those who are living with the effects of brain damage or stroke, and many others who may have less visible challenges.

Accessibilities Committees: Some A.A. entities are attempting to meet these diverse needs by forming Accessibilities Committees. In some localities committees name themselves according to the particular need addressed, such as "Homebound Committee." Members of Accessibilities Committees often explore, develop and offer resources to make the A.A. message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it. A G.S.O. staff member who serves on the Accessibilities assignment, is available as a resource to share Accessibilities experience and to answer questions from local Accessibilities Committees.

In the interests of good communication and working together, Accessibilities Committees are encouraged to keep their area committees and local central/intergroup offices informed of their activities. It is also helpful to work closely with committees handling Public Information and Cooperation With the Professional Community in terms of keeping the public and appropriate agencies informed about A.A. being accessible to alcoholics with diverse needs.

-- Taken from the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics from N.Y.

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Corrections Committees

From G.S.O., Box 408, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

A.A. Guidelines are compiled from the shared experience of A.A. members in various service areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups in A.A., as a whole, most decisions are made by the group consensus of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group consensus.

HOW A.A. CARRY THE MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

The material in these Guidelines has come from the experience and growing understanding of A.A. corrections committees. We are proud to share it with A.A.s throughout the United States and Canada who are carrying our message behind the walls.

PURPOSE

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through parolee contacts.

A corrections committee may function within the structure of a General Service Conference area committee or an intergroup central office. In A.A.'s early years, prison Twelve Step work was usually done by an individual group or an individual member. As A.A. has grown, however, it seems that a committee formed within the A.A. service structure works more effectively.

Prior to 1977, services to correctional and treatment facilities were provided under the umbrella of the Institutions Committee. Because of rapid growth, the 1977 General Service Conference voted to discontinue the Institutions Committee and form new committees, one in corrections and one in treatment facilities, were formed. This decision was made to provide better service to groups and meetings in both kinds of facilities.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Perhaps the first step would be to contact your general service area committee or local intergroup central office and, if there is an existing corrections committee, they will counsel you in the committee chairperson. Local A.A. groups and members should be given the opportunity of sharing in and doing corrections Twelve Step work. It has proved a great deal to have members from many groups serve on this committee. If a corrections committee does not exist in your area, then you may wish to form one. Thus, a chairperson is elected, and plans are worked out so that each correctional facility group and correctional facility in the area will be covered by A.A. help. The chairperson of the corrections committee often participates with the area general service committee or intergroup steering committee. These committees convene every month to make assignments and handle other related business. The chairperson relays information from

meetings of the Conference Committee on Corrections, both during the annual General Service Conference, and during Conference Steering, and experience in A.A. in corrections service work.

If you are a new committee, the next step would be to let your corrections committee with the General Service Office in New York. Your chairperson will be put on a mailing list and receive a Corrections Workbook and other service literature and material.

The Corrections Workbook is a good basic text. It contains information on how to do corrections work, background information, guide letters, and a selection of pamphlets, leaflets, etc. If your area already has a functioning committee, the workbook may provide new ideas or new ways of implementing old ideas. If your committee is just getting off the ground, the workbook will help you find effective ways of getting organized.

RELATIONSHIP TO A.A. IN THE AREA OR DISTRICT

As in all A.A., activity, communication of needs and progress is all important. Such communication can be maintained through group representatives at intergroup central office or general service area meetings, through area or intergroup coordinators, and by the contact by committee members at regular A.A. meetings.

Communication also takes place at special dinners where corrections committee leaders share with other regular corrections work shops at area conferences (in a few areas, inmates are allowed to attend these conferences with their group advisors) and during monthly meetings of these committees (often rotated within an area) to which all A.A.s are invited.

BASIC FUNCTIONS OF CORRECTIONS COMMITTEES

The basic functions of corrections committees are elaborated on in the Corrections Workbook. However, here are highlights of major functions.

Corrections committees, when allowed to do so, take A.A. meetings into facilities within their area. They encourage "volunteer" group participation in this kind of Twelve Step work. In some areas, each group has a group corrections representative. The committee provides a liaison between the correctional facilities groups and meetings and groups in the outside, and also coordinates parolee contact.

The relationship with prison authorities is discussed in the workbook to ensure a positive reciprocal working relationship with administrators and staff. A.A. members wishing to carry out their message to alcoholics behind the walls of correctional facilities should

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PR Delegates

District/Event	Contact	Date	Time
1	Alex	3/26	7 pm
4	Maryka	4/1	7 pm
12	Romy	4/2	6:30 pm
6	Stacey A	4/7	7 pm
5	Ryan H	4/9	6:45 pm
Archives	Various	4/11	2-4 pm
Traditions in Virtual World		4/11	
TLC	Katy P	4/13	5:30 pm
7	Char M	4/13	6:30 pm
17	Michael	4/14	6 pm
8	Deborah A	4/15	7 pm
Area 09	All officers	4/19	10 am
19	Bob O	4/19	3 pm
GSO	Greg T	4/20	5 pm
PR delegates	Alan	4/22	6 pm
1	Alex	4/23	7 pm
Area 09	1st Zoom	4/26	3 pm
Hispanic 20, 22, 25		4/26	8 am
Hispanic 21		4/29	8 pm
CLC and TLC		5/2	11 am
CLC		5/2	12 am
CLC		5/3	11 am
Area 17	Coleen	5/2	11 am-?
Area 02	Cheri	5/2	10:45 am
Area 06	Teddy	5/2 & 5/3	9-5 & 9-3
PR dels	Alan	5/5	6 pm
10	Laura	5/6	7:30 pm
Conference	GSO	5/7	12-2 pm

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15	Albert	5/7	7 pm
18	Rozanne	5/12	6:30 pm
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19	Bob O	5/17	3 pm
14	Lynn Q	5/20	7 pm
9	Ken R	5/24	3:30 pm
Stepping Stones		5/27	3 pm
PR dels	Alan	5/27	6 pm
2 (1st R-B)	Cindy F	5/27	7 pm
1	Alex W	5/28	7 pm
MSCA 09 Board		3/31	10 am
12 R-B	Romy	6/4	7 pm
4	Maryka O	6/6	4 pm
18 R-B	Rozanne	6/9	6:30 pm
21 R-B	Jesus C	6/10	7:30 pm
1&3 R-B	Alex W	6/11	6 pm
19 R-B	Bob O	6/13	10 am
Area 09 R-B		6/14	8:30 am
20 R-B	Rolando	6/15	7:30 pm
22 R-B	Ruben O	6/16	7 pm
PR dels	Alan F	6/17	6 pm
Coachella Intergroup		6/20	7 pm
06 & 08 report-backs		6/20	Various
9 R-B	Ken R	6/21	3 pm
23 R-B	Jose/Dario	6/26	7 pm
4 DCM Share		6/28	9 am
25 R-B	Jose/Jesus	6/29	7 pm
24 R-B	Luis	6/30	7:30 pm

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6 R-B	Stacey A	7/7	7 pm
5 R-B	Ryan H	7/9	6:30 pm
09 FORO	Zoom	7/12	8:45 am
Area 92	Gary P	7/12	1:15 pm
Area 02	Cheri S	7/12	4 pm
17 R-B	Michael	7/14	6 pm
8 R-B	Deborah A	7/15	7 pm
Concepts	Thomas S	7/16	8 pm
Unity Day	Hiro/Alex	7/18	10 am
Area 06	Teddy	7/18	11 am
District 9	Sponsorship	7/18	1 pm
MSCA 09 Board		7/19	10 am
17 "COVID Service"		7/19	6 pm
Concept 2	Gordy, Area 5	7/21	6:45 pm
District 19	Bob O	7/28	6 pm
Area 17	Colleen A	8/1	1:30 pm
10 R-B	Laura UB	8/5	7:30 pm
09 ASC	Zoom	8/9	9:00 am
7 R-B	Cheryl/Char	8/10	6:00 pm
18	Rozanne	8/11	6:30 pm
58 RB	Jim F	8/15	2:00 pm
Financial	Leslie B	8/15	4:00 pm
Trustees	Kathi	8/18	6 pm
MSCA 09 Board		8/23	9 am
Hispanic Intergroup		8/30	9 am
4 R-B	Maryka/Tom B	9/2	6:15 pm
South Bay Round-up		9/4-6	2 days
Arizona Convention		9/4	3 days
Unity/Service		9/5-6	2 days

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Dist 18	Rozanne	9/8	6:30 pm
Dist 1	Alex W	9/10	6 pm
Talk (Big Book Jane D)		9/12	11 am
Dist 9	Francine	9/12	1-3 pm
09 ASA	Zoom	9/13	08:30 am
PR Zoom	Kathi	9/14	6 pm
Dist 14	Lynn Q	9/16	7 pm
Dist 8	Deborah A	9/16	7 pm
Rhonda speaking		9/18	7 pm
Unity & Service		9/19	11-12:30
Taste of So Cal		9/19	Noon
Area 58	Jim F	9/19	9 am
09 Board		9/20	9 am
Dist 19	Bob O	9/20	3 pm
CLC	Sheri P	9/22	3 pm
GSE Strategic Plan		9/23	3:30 pm
Niche in AA	Dist 1 & 3	9/26	10 am
Dist 9	Francine	9/26	1-3 pm
Heritage Day	Dist 4	9/27	2 pm
Dist 12	Romy	10/1	6:30
Area 09 Election orientation		10/4	1 pm
Committee Work	Dist 18	10/3	10-2

GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

September 23, 2020

“Alcoholics Anonymous was nurtured in its early days around a kitchen table ... True, we have progressed materially to better furniture and more comfortable surroundings. Yet the kitchen table must ever be appropriate for us. It is the perfect symbol of simplicity.”

AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, September 1948, "The Fundamentals in Retrospect", *Spiritual Awakenings: Journeys of the Spirit*

