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Tradition 9

Short form

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Long form

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.



Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. recently acquire the **Everything AA** app, expressing sincere gratitude to the app's creator Ben S. for the vision, service, and loving care that helped grow the app over the years.

This represents an opportunity to make A.A. literature and other resources available in a format that reflects how people communicate and seek information today, particularly members and still suffering alcoholics who increasingly engage with A.A. digitally. As the app continues to develop, members will notice phased changes to content and features, along with the addition of new resources. AAWS and the General Service Office wish to ensure the app serves as a trusted source for AAWA literature and resources published and are consistent with A.A.'s Twelve Traditions and GSO policies and practices.

There will be opportunities to subscribe to support the app and its ongoing development. Thank you for your patience during the transition, and the many ways members support carrying the message in the future.

Excerpts taken from June 18 letter from AAWS, Inc. to GSRs, DCMs, Trustees, Non-Trustee Directors, Area Officers & Committee Chairs, Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts, GSO, and Grapevine Employees

SMF-131 Traditions Checklist from A.A. Grapevine.org

1. Do I try to "boss" things in AA?
2. Do I ever resist formal aspects of AA because I see them as authoritative?
3. Do I try to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?



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A.A.'s RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.