

The Lighthouse



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Letter to the Board

Signed by 49

April 1, 2025

Dear Scott and Bob

We write to you as members of the General Service Conference, in your capacity as co-chairs of the 75th General Service Conference. After reviewing the proposed revisions to How the Conference Operates and your subsequent Memo circulated March 24 with additional revisions, we have significant concerns. We strongly urge that these revisions be withdrawn and replaced with the version recently printed in the A.A. Service Manual.

Of the many changes, most concerning are those granting the chairperson sole authority to determine whether a floor action can be heard, restricting the topics for which a floor action may be raised, limiting floor actions from the opening session (when these very rules are to be adopted), introducing a code of conduct for members, and limiting motions that can be made.

The proposed changes regarding floor actions appear to conflict directly with Warranties Three and Six of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. Granting the chairperson the sole authority to determine whether a floor action is warranted places one individual in a position of unqualified authority. As Bill W. wrote, "we of A.A. will not tolerate absolute human authority in any form." All Conference members, including the chairperson, are equals. Further, vesting one person with the power to silence the voice of the Fellowship, through its elected representatives, undermines the democratic principles outlined in Warranty Six. If a floor action does not reflect the needs of the Fellowship, there are already numerous procedural tools available to express the group conscience - such as not offering a second, declining to consider a motion, or ultimately voting against the action. There is no need to elevate the chairperson to an ultimate authority over the group conscience. As Tradition Two reminds us, we already have but one ultimate authority - a loving God.

The revisions introducing a code of conduct for members, under the General Rules of Debate and Voting, also conflict with Warranty Five. Vague rules are introduced, attempting to regulate members' conduct in the name of unity. Warranty Five makes clear that such measures are unnecessary. Who would enforce these rules, and what punitive actions would be taken? As Bill W. wrote in Warranty Five, "We have no doctrine that has to be maintained...We have no authority that has to be supported. We have no prestige, power, or pride that has to be satisfied." See in this light, these revisions, in fact, distract from our primary purpose and further erode the unity of the Conference.

Limiting the motions to only those listed on page 3 overlooks the broader purpose of additional motions in Robert's Rules. These rules are designated to ensure that all voices are heard, treated equally, and that the Conference can function effectively. They support Warranties Four and Six by providing a structured, democratic framework for decision-making. This revision fails to recognize the importance of other motions that are essential for the Conference to operate in line with Warranties 4 and 6, such as motions to adjourn, points of order, and motions to take items from the table. Without these motions, the Conference would lose the ability to decide when to adjourn, raise procedural concerns with the chair, or revisit tabled items.

While each of these revisions is concerning, their inclusion in the Conference Manual without prior identification or discussion is particularly troubling. It reflects a disregard for the proper Conference process. As world servants of Alcoholics Anonymous, we are but trusted servants - we do not govern.

In love and service,

Delegates for Areas 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 72, 76, 77, 84, 86, 90, 93

G S B R e s i g n a t i o n

Resignation from the AA Grapevine Board of Directors

Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

After deep reflection, I am resigning from the Board of Directors, effective today, March 25, 2025.

This is not a decision I make lightly. I've served on this board for two years with dedication, sincerity, and deep belief in our shared mission. But recent events - particularly the handling of the General Service Trustee selection process - have made it clear that the board is no longer functioning in alignment with the principles it professes to uphold. The way this process unfolded revealed power imbalances and favoritism that stand in direct conflict with my values.

I understand that nominating work involves confidentiality; I never expected privileged information. What I did expect was clear communication at the level outlined in our own guidelines and procedures. Instead, I found myself learning more about my own board's nominating activities through informal conversations than from my fellow board members. That is not a sign of healthy leadership or shared service - it is a sign of a broken process.

Notably, current non-trustee directors were barred - without explanation - from participating in the interview process for the incoming non-trustee director. This directly contradicts established procedure and was neither communicated nor justified. When I sought clarity around this and other deviations, I was met with dishonesty and obfuscation. That further eroded my trust and confirmed that transparency and accountability are not being practiced in good faith.

What has been most disheartening is the board's refusal to acknowledge that anything went wrong. No explanation has been offered. No accountability taken. No repair attempted. That silence has done more damage than the original missteps. It has made clear that when harm occurs here, the response is to deny and deflect rather than to reflect and grow.

More broadly, I've witnessed a persistent pattern of performative inclusion rather than true equity and respect. The board culture, as it stands, feels more political than spiritual - more focused on control than on the shared service. I no longer believe my voice is welcomed or meaningfully considered.

My trust in the board has been irreparably damaged. I can no longer serve in a space where fundamental breaches of process are tolerated and where integrity is compromised behind a veil of silence.

I remain proud of the work I've done during my time here, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served. I hope the board will reflect seriously on the condition that led to this moment and begin the difficult but necessary work of restoring its commitment to transparency, trust, and ethical leadership.

Sincerely,

Trustee Resignation

**From: Scott Huyghebaert, Chair
General Service Board**

Date: 4/3/2025

Good Afternoon Fellow Conference Members;

I want to let you know that Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee and our General Service Board Treasurer, has decided to rotate after this GSC and not allow his name to move forward on the slate for the next Board Year.

Kevin has given me the following statement to answer some of the questions that will naturally arise regarding his decision to discontinue his service on the GSB.

I am honored to have had the last four years to serve as a trusted servant and friend of AA. We have accomplished some great work, and many of the relationships I have been able to build will last a lifetime. Sadly, the consequences of my courageous efforts to address board leadership issues two years ago and my insistence that the will of the group conscience make our financial decisions - not me individually - have made service over the last two years extremely challenging. Attacks on my character and professional competence have been continuous in both public and private settings. It is very disheartening that many past trusted servants chose to use their influence to use these issues to divide rather than unify the Fellowship. In addition, the added pressure placed on the GSB as a result of the above sometimes adversely affected interactions among the General Service Board members. For these reasons, I have decided that further service in this capacity is no longer tenable.

What I will take with me is a heart filled with gratitude for every day I had the privilege to serve. I am forever grateful to you and my loving God.

Please be respectful of Kevin and his decision and allow him some space.

**District is
planning a
summer fellowship
event!
We need your help!**

District Meeting



**100 Oak Dr, Lake Jackson
meet.google.com/uzo-cchu-qww**

FIFTH STEP PRAYER

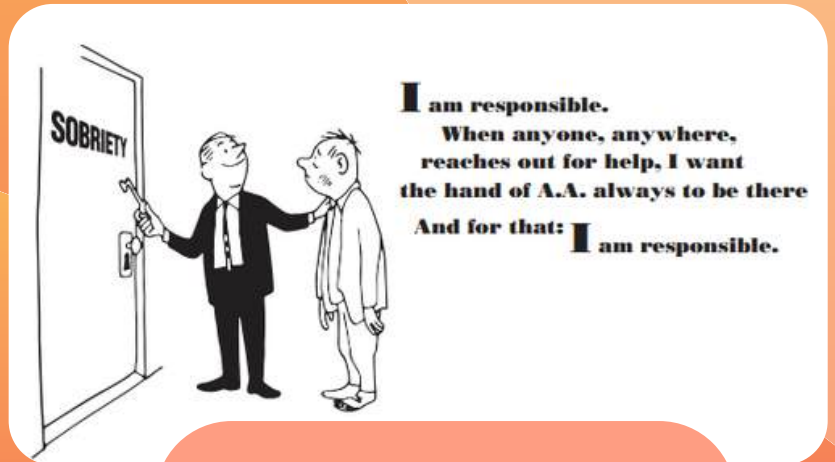
Higher Power, My inventory has shown me who I am, Yet I ask for Your help in admitting my wrongs to another person & to You. Assure me, & be with me, in this Step, for without this Step I cannot progress in my recovery. With Your help, I can do this, & I do it.

Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.



I admit all I did wrong.



Tradition 5

Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry the message to the alcoholic still suffers.

Concept 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.



Keeper Sightings in Area



ANGLETON AA SPEAKER MEETING

ROY A.

Sobriety Date: 03/26/1993



MAY 10TH at 6PM



May 17, 2025 Angleton Spaghetti Fun Day



Registration Opens: 2:00pm

Karaoke Contest 2:00-3:00pm

Games 3:00-3:30pm

Big Book Trivia 3:30-4:00pm

Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-5:30pm

Games 5:30-6:00pm

Speaker 6:00-7:00pm

Shaye S.

Sobriety Date: 1-27-19

Home Group: Good News Group

THE BROCKMAN RD. GROUP WISHES TO INVITE EVERYONE TO ITS 42nd ANNIVERSARY AT



147 BRAZOSPORT Blvd.
CLUTE TX
THE BAC

ON MAY 23, 2025

STARTING AT 12:00 PM

The Normal meeting at 12:00 PM -1:00 PM

A Review of the Groups History

A Prepared Lunch (pulled pork, chicken
casserole, beans, salad with dressings, cake,
sweets, snacks and refreshments) Followed
by a speaker

Melinda G. From the Plantation Group

Beginners Group 37th Anniversary



Trudge the Road to Happy Destiny.

JUNE 14, 2025

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
100 S OAK DR. LAKE JACKSON TX 77566
Join us for Fellowship, Fun and Food!!!
11:00 AM- 4:00 PM

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Nautical Mile events further out





Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur

REGISTER BY
APRIL 15
FOR EARLY BIRD
PRICING

2025 A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Join your friends in Vancouver,
British Columbia, Canada
July 3-6

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- ▶ Thursday night block party
- ▶ Flag Ceremony
- ▶ Stadium meetings
- ▶ Old Timers Meeting

AND MORE...including 250+ meetings,
hospitality suites, and a full slate of
panels and workshops

HOUSING IS
STILL
AVAILABLE!

REGISTER NOW



LEARN MORE

aa.org/international-convention

2025ic@aa.org

Alcoholics
Anonymous®

78th Annual TexAs StAte Convention

August 15–17, 2025 – Houston, TX

“Service is Love in Action”

AA Speakers

Donny M., Winnepeg, CA
Tammy Z., Spruce Pine, NC
Racy J. (GSO), NYC, NY
Wayne H., Frisco, TX
Hector H. (Spanish) El Salvador

A square QR code with a small black icon in the center, likely linking to the convention's website or registration page.

Al-Anon

Magdalena E., Seattle, WA

Royal Sonesta Hotel

Houston Galleria Area
2222 W. Loop South
Houston, TX 77027
713-627-7600 (Direct)
800-766-3782 (Reservations)

\$149 Room Rate

Convention Code 081525TXSAA
Cut-off for \$149 rate is 7/18/2025
Self-Parking: \$22.50/day

Convention Attractions

- 1st Timer Contest
- AA Meetings
- Archives Room
- Hospitality Suite

- Spanish Speakers & Workshop
- Spanish Translation (*Bring your own earbuds*)

*The famous Houston Galleria and numerous restaurants
within walking distance of the hotel!*

Website: txaaconvention.org | Email: info.houstontsc@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS 8/1/2025

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Area 67 Newsletter has a new look! They are taking submissions for a new name. Make your entry by June 15!

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District 82

Meeting Schedule

City	Location	Group	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Angleton	124C E Mulberry St (across from H-E-B)	Angleton Group	12p O 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p O 6P O
Angleton	508 S Anderson	Grupo Fe	8p	8p	8p	8p	8p	8p	8p
Clute	14 N Brazosport Blvd	Free to Live	10a O			7:30p O			10a O
Clute	14 N Brazosport Blvd	Brockman Group		12p O	12p C	12p C	12p C	12p O	
Clute	14 N Brazosport Blvd	Beginners Group	6p C	6p O	6p C	6p C	6p C	6p C	6p O
Lake Jackson	100 Oak Dr South	New Beginnings for Women		12p C					
Lake Jackson	100 Oak Dr South	Clean Air			12p C		12p C		
Lake Jackson	200 Oyster Creek (St Timothy's)	Plantation Group		6:30p C			6:30p C		6:30p O
Bay City	2701 Avenue H (Trailer by Railroad)	Bay City Group	7p O	7p O	12p O	7p O	7p O	12p O	12p O 7p O
El Campo	708 E First St (Bible Truth Church)	Easy Does It Group		7p O			7p O		
Needville	16628 Hwy 36 (Creeside Christian Church)	Needville Group	6:30p O						
Sweeny	205 N Oak St (Sweeny Senior Citizen's Center)	Sweeny-Old Ocean Group		8p O		8p C			8p O
West Columbia	212 N 14th St (Warriors' Refuge)	Fresh Start Group				6:30p C			
West Columbia	117 E Clay St (St Mary's Episcopal Church)	West Columbia Group						8p O	



This District 82 schedule is intended to help you locate meetings within the District 82 boundries of Area 67. It is subject to change without notice. For more information and schedule updates, contact Houston Intergroup at (713) 686-6300 or online at <http://www.aahouston.org> or download Meeting Guide app on your phone.

