

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2016

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Steve N.
Alt. DCM – Paige B.
Treasurer – Jen B.
Accessibilities Service Coordinator – John H.
Archives Service Coordinator - Denis S.
Intergroup Liaison – Dean B.
Literature Service Coordinator– Lisa B.
Men’s Corrections Service Coordinator– Al M.
Public Information Service Coordinator– Janet B.
Technology Service Coordinator- Rich M.
Treatment Service Coordinator – Rich M.
Women’s Corrections Service Coordinator– Brenda R.
Workshop Service Coordinator – Jay B.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group
Lynn D. – Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Rich M. - GSR, No Name Group
Tammy P. – GSR, Rainbow Group
John H. – GSR, Sober Nooners Group
Dean B. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Paige B. –GSR, What’s The Book Say Group
Brenda R. – GSR, Women’s New Beginnings Group
Gail Koeslag – GSR, Won Rebos

Visitors: None.

Welcome by DCM:

Steve N., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement

Recognition of New GSRs: None

Roll Call: Alt. DCM Paige B. took roll call and Minutes.

Roll call: DCM, Alt. DCM, and Secretary were present and 11 registered groups were represented.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the May 22, 2016 meeting, which were approved without amendment.

Treasurer’s Report: Jen B.

Jen presented the final Report through the end of May, 2016, consisting of the Income and Expense Sheet and Contribution Report; copies were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$1676.74, income from contributions (including

\$2000 from the Crystal River Group), 7th Tradition collections and Pink Can donations in the amount of \$2258.00, expenses \$368.00, and an ending balance of \$3566.74. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report for May was accepted. Jen noted that the current balance puts us slightly above our Prudent Reserve. Jen also presented a preliminary summary of the monthly report for June, with a current balance of \$3688. Jen thanked everyone for the contributions.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Committee: Denis S.

This month we had the privilege of displaying the District 28 archives collection at the Founders Day Breakfast in Crystal River. A large crowd attended and enjoyed looking at our collection showing the origins of AA. The archives were helpful, especially to newcomers, in understanding how the program got started. We are grateful for the many compliments. Many people volunteered to help out in any way they could in the future, for which I am most grateful.

Accessibilities Committee: John H.

There wasn't much activity this month, I'm still gathering information. I found an Accessibilities workbook on the internet and it contained an awful lot of information, some of it will be helpful in the future. We have a plan but it will take a while to get it done.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: Lina R.

[There was no formal report this month as Lina, the CPC Service Coordinator, is out of town. DCM Steve N. addressed some CPC issues in the DCM report.]

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

Lazy days of summer and what moves, moves slowly, including our meeting schedules. I met with David B., GSR for the Real Happy Hour Group, to give him some Where and When's, NCI Journals and flyers for our Florida State Convention. I was so pleased he asked. I have come to believe that Public Information is not just for the public but also for those of us within the AA Structure.

Along that same line, a new Step meeting for women started in Inverness and I gave them the same info as David received plus some chips.

We have a firm date for the adult workshop on alcoholism at the Lakes Region library. It will be Friday, February 17, 2017 from 2 to 3 p.m.

The hospital gave us another holder now full of "AA at a Glance". The Share Club has not thrown away any schedules and the Where & When's at the laundry are still secure in their holders.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet B.

P.I. Service Coordinator

Men's Corrections Committee: Al M.

We have had a good month but it could have been better. We are making contact and at least the present Warden is returning my calls; the previous one did not. We could use some books. We are only going in every other week because there are only two of us who have been through training. We have people waiting, several guys lined up to help us, but first they have to go through a training session before they can get approval, and it takes a while. We can't do anything about that. But, we are making progress. In response to a question about how many inmates were coming to the meetings, Al advised that if we have two people come in, we get 20 prisoners; if there were three, we could get more prisoners, probably 30. So we have been getting about 20 or 21 attending. The new guy, new CO, at the facility is great.

Women's Corrections Committee: Brenda R.

For the month of June we have been able to bring in 3 of the 5 meetings scheduled with only one cancellation by the jail and then we have one coming up this week. We have 7 women bringing the meetings in to the jail, and one who has gone away for the summer. We really need to get books for the women we have none. I will be starting work July 5 in Ocala so I am not sure how this is going to affect me attending the meetings. Kathy G. has volunteered to help out. I will be attending the District and Area Assemblies while she attends the weekly meetings.

Thank you allowing me to serve.

Grapevine Committee: Paula D.

Hello Everyone!!!!

I am so excited and filled with gratitude!!!

I received a call from Ami at AA Grapevine who told me that as a result of the successful 2015 ICYPAA convention, ICYPAA has contributed 124 Grapevine and 14 La Viña subscriptions to the North and 124 Grapevine and 14 La Viña subscriptions to the South Florida Areas; totaling 248 Grapevine and 28 La Viña subscriptions to the Florida Areas.

We have a very exciting and important decision to make during the Grapevine/ La Viña Workshop, at the July 2016 Area Assembly. I need your input to help make decisions on how to maximize the benefit of these subscriptions to carry the message for the sick and suffering alcoholic.

Please feel free to call me or send me your ideas prior to the workshop so we can have some discussion points ready!

Thank you all for your service.

Paula

Literature Committee: Lisa B.

Thank you for the opportunity to grow and serve Alcoholics Anonymous through District 28's Literature Committee. Most recently, Sandra W., Literature Coordinator at the G.S.O. in New York, wrote to all Literature Chairpersons reporting on all the following **recommendations from the 2016 Conference Committee on Literature** at the General Service Conference April 17 – 23, 2016.

ADVISORY ACTIONS

- The trustees' Literature Committee developed a plan that includes a systematic schedule for the annual review of recovery literature items regarding content, relevance, and usefulness; and prioritized by the time span since last review. The committee requested that the plan also include an annual report, to be forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee, reflecting the results of their review and any other items proposed for updates or revisions.
- The trustees' Literature Committee revised the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." to include information about Young People's conferences and that the proposed text be brought to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee for review.
- The trustees' Literature Committee update the pamphlet, "Young People and A.A." to better reflect the experiences of young people in A.A. today. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee.
- The trustees' Literature Committee undertook a comprehensive revision of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" with a modernized presentation of

both text and illustrations to reflect contemporary A.A. experience. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS / REVIEWS brought forth by the 2016 Conference Committee on Literature

- Considered a request to develop a plain language version of the Big Book and took no action. While sympathetic to the spirit of the request, the committee agreed that developing a plain-language Big Book was not appropriate at this time.
- Reviewed a progress report from the trustees' Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman," and made some suggestions to be considered. The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft revised pamphlet or progress report at the 2017 General Service Conference.
- Reviewed a progress report from the trustees' Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic." The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft copy or progress report at the 2017 General Service Conference.
- Reviewed the revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and It's Services" and offered to the trustees' Literature Committee additional suggestions to better reflect the full range of A.A. services, with the request that a full revised draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2017 General Service Conference.

Progress on translating the Big Book continues. Currently, it is available in 69 languages, with 17 languages in process of translation. Sandra also shared in her communiqué the story of our most recent (2015) completed translation – Twi (Ghana) – where three individuals tirelessly worked on this project over a period of eight years. During the final book-binding stage, members got together to bind the Big Books by hand – literally, the hands of A.A. reaching out in love and service!

Soon we will be receiving a complimentary literature display that I requested. It is to be used for A.A. events and it simply consists of the book jackets for our hard cover literature.

It is a privilege to serve with District 28's Literature Committee. Thank you.

Treatment Committee: Rich M.

We are still waiting for Tiffany at Lecanto Centers to give us the ok to start the women's closed meeting. Jo Ann from St. Benedict's has also been working with her on our behalf. Hopefully I'll have more to report next month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich McDonald

NCI Liaison: Dean B.

Chairperson Rick T. called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jen B. took roll. There were 11 groups represented and 15 people present.

There were no new representatives from other groups.

Secretary's Report: Jen B. read the minutes from last month's meeting.

The Minutes were accepted as read after being amended.

Treasurer's Report: Paige B. went through May's income and expenses, accepted as read. The draft for June was explained.

Trustees Reports: Denis S. complimented the Founder's Day Breakfast and says he is working on an Intergroup archives display to coincide with District. Bill M. talked about the Hotline and technology. Sandy H. and Janet B. had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Hotline: The Old Fire House Group has had the Hotline for the month of June. Although the number of calls was not tracked, there were quite a few calls.

Website: Steve N. reported 858 visits this past month with 592 first time visitors. Each visitor viewed an average of 2.64 pages. The top 10 pages visited were the Traditions by Chet R., State Convention, Where and When, Journal, Meeting Information, NCI Calendar, Young AA, Audio Information Links, and Newcomers. The top 10 most downloaded documents were the Where and When, Journal 0112, Responsibility Statement, Workshop Topics, Legacies, Journal 0212, State Convention flyer, the Traditions by Chet R., Young AA/12 Questions, Founders Day 2016. The top key word searches leading to our site were: Nature Coast Intergroup, Citrus County group meetings, AA meetings, newcomer, citrus, fellowship, group, and amazing grace fellowship by the sea.

The bounce rate was 53.47% (good). The site was updated with minutes and flyers, the Where and When was updated six times with corrections, subtractions and additions to group pages corresponding to all updates, and the calendar was updated twice.

Journal: Paige B. reported the new Journal will be out this week or mid July.

Events: Lynn D. reported that the Spring Fling and Founders Day Breakfast were successes. The Long Timers Speaker Meeting and Bake Sale will be July 14th at the First Lutheran Church, Inverness at 7 pm, and the Picnic in the Park will be September 17th at Rainbow Springs State Park, 11 am - 5 pm.

Alternate Chairperson Report: Steve N. 1. We need to start thinking about NCI Elections. They will be held at the October meeting according to our By-laws. Offices are: Chairperson, Alt. Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee (3). Terms of Office - two year term, may serve 3 terms (6 years). Service Positions: Events Coordinator, Hot Line Coordinator, Webmaster, Journal Editor, District 28 Liaison, Committee Members for Events, Hot Line, and Journal. Resumes are available. 2. We need to hold a discussion about whether we want the location of this meeting to change. The Parks and Recreation Department has sent out the rental notice for next year. We need to decide if we want to stay at the Holder facility. This should be discussed in both the District and NCI agendas for June. There are some positive considerations, such as location, but some negatives as well: A/C system, acoustics, size, central location (?), etc. We need to make the decision as the commitment for 2017 is due next month. We are currently paid through September or October as we pay a year at a time.

No Old Business.

No New Business.

Motion was made to Close.

There But For The Grace Of God Go I,

Dean B.

Workshop Committee: Jay B.

Steve introduced the new Workshop Service Coordinator, Jay B. Jay advised that he has put on several workshops all over the north Florida area. Last week he was in Jacksonville for a workshop on sponsorship for Step One. By next month he will have a proposal together. He doesn't know about funding availability, but we will figure it out anyway. As for possible

workshops, he would like to start with Step One and then do one on sponsorship; he did a workshop on sponsorship in this area at least six years ago. He has been giving thought to a workshop on How to Chair an AA Meeting. There are a lot of different ideas on this; some of it is controversial, but that is okay.

He attends a lot of meetings in the Ocala and Leesburg area. He gets a lot of ideas from attending other meetings. He attended a YPG meeting in Ocala the other day, there were 80 people there. He would like to get them interested in participating. He will look for a centrally located place to have the workshops, so it will be convenient for everyone and maybe some people from Ocala can come over. He will work out a format to present next month. He will look into the availability of resources, including financial, but we can go forward anyway. He looks forward to working with everyone and extended his. thanks for letting him serve.

The discussion following Jay's remarks included the question of coordinating NCI and District 28 workshops, the minimum number of workshops each year, and the availability of possible locations for the workshops. We are required to have two a year, and we try to rotate locations. Steve welcomed Jay to the position of Workshop coordinator.

Technology Committee: No report this month. DCM Steve advised that there were no new project developments regarding the Technology Committee and that the current technology status was addressed in his Website report.

Website Committee: Steve N.

There were 744 visits this last month with 586 unique visitors. Each visitor viewed an average of 1.93 pages. The top 10 pages visited were Calendar, Meetings, Help Now, Where and When, Archives, Contact Us, Legacies, Young AA, Mobile Site, and Newcomers. The most downloaded documents/pages were Training Video MP4, wandw.pdf, Founders Day Flyer, District Minutes, Training Where and When, Training MP3, Legacies, Help Now.jpeg . The bounce rate was good.

The site was updated with current minutes and fliers, the training pages were corrected, the Where and When was updated six times, the calendar was updated, and Contact Webmaster links were added to key pages. No installation of Google analytics yet, still in progress.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Steve N., AA District 28 Web Master

Alt. DCM: Paige B.

My name is Paige and I am an alcoholic who has the privilege of serving District 28 as an Alternate DCM and Where and When Chair.

The Where and When will be reprinted in the first week of July, 2016. Anyone with change information may send it to me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com. A reminder; the most up to date meeting information is always available online.

The next Area 14 Assembly, in Gainesville, is scheduled for July 8, 9 and 10. Rooms are reserved. Please let me know if you plan to attend and need accommodations no later than Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at floridadistrict28@gmail.com. For more information, an agenda, area news, a map and minutes, visit aanorthflorida.org.

The 60th Annual Florida State Convention is scheduled for August 3-7, 2016 and will be held in the Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort in Palm Harbor. There is still time to register to attend this amazing event! Enjoy meetings, outings and fellowship in this fabulous location. For more information and to register, visit 60flstateconvention.com. See you there!

In December, from the 2nd through the 4th, the 2016 Southeast Regional Forum will take place in Orlando at the Marriott in Lake Mary, FL. There is no charge to attend regional forums.

You can always register on-site. To register on-line go to www.aa.org, click on, "For AA Members." All who register will receive a Final Forum Report. GSO requests pre-registration where possible to support event preparation. Meals and lodging are "On your own." The Lake Mary Marriott is offering a special group rate of \$129.00 per night. The group code is SERF. The deadline to take advantage of the group rate is November 14, 2016. For more information including a tentative schedule of events, a flyer will be available at the monthly service meetings and on our district and intergroup websites.

Elections for District 28 Officers, DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary and Treasurer, to serve on panel 67 for the years 2017 and 2018 will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2016. District 28 Officer Service Resumes may be submitted either at the monthly business meeting or to Steve or me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com. Service resumes for those seeking to serve in District 28 Committee Chair positions may also be submitted at the monthly meeting or online. District 28 Committee Chair positions include; Accessibilities Chair, Archives Chair, Corrections Chair-Men, Corrections Chair-Women, CPC Chair, Grapevine Chair, Literature Chair, Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison, Public Information Chair, Technology Chair, Treatment Chair and Workshop Chair.

Please consider joining us...No one need be an expert or have prior experience. One day at a time we serve, we learn and we grow.

Paige B.

DCM: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. A special thanks to Paige B. and P.J. O. for meeting with me to create today's agenda and discuss upcoming matters. Those matters included election dates for the District 28 officers; taking the printing date off of the print version of the W&W, but keep a notation of the last update in the on-line version; and, the need for a motion that there be a recommendation to all home groups that they pass a can to collect money to purchase AA literature for people that are incarcerated. District 28 will provide the cans. Groups return the money that is collected to District, it will be put on a separate line item, not part of our expense budget, money to be collected by the District quarterly. Literature purchases will be handled by NCI, tax-exempt, tax-free. We need to stress the importance of this for the alcoholics that are incarcerated, as the literature will be the closest thing to a meeting that many of them will get. For the home groups, it is just a matter of giving pocket change. If and how often home groups make the collection is up to the home group. Doing this collectively will yield better results.

We also discussed the assembly agenda and what meetings Paige would have to cover for Steve who will be in Wisconsin the week of the Assembly. We also discussed that Citrus Park and Rec has sent out the rental notice for next year. Do we want to stay at the Holder facility? This should be in both the District and NCI agendas for June. There are some positive considerations, such as the location, but some negative as well: the air conditioning system, acoustics, and size.

Elections for District offices for the next panel will be held at the September 25th meeting. Resumes will be read at the August Meeting. I encourage everyone to participate in service activity.

I want to once again thank Lina R., our CPC Chair, for the response the AA training site for the Citrus County Sheriffs' Department. Lina's efforts as CPC chair have accomplished an "above and beyond duty" result and Lina has received an e-mail from CPC@aa.org (GSO CPC Service Coordinator) which reads:

"What a wonderful A.A. presentation! We at G.S.O. wish to send a big thank you to you and your committee for developing such a creative and clear C.P.C. presentation about A.A. I would like to share the link to your training in an activity update to all area C.P.C. Chairs if your committee is agreeable. We hope also that you will share this with the P.I.-C.P.C. news exchange at cpc.pi.exchange@gmail.com

Yours in fellowship,

Tracey O.

Cooperation with the Professional Community
General Service Staff"

Lina's report can be accessed at: aadist28.org/training.html

I want to again express gratitude to the groups who have stepped up financial contributions, especially the Crystal River Group of \$2000. Thanks to your contributions, District 28 will continue to carry our groups combined group conscience to Area assemblies and serve as a link between Group Service Representatives and our Area Delegate to the General Service Conference. In addition we can continue to provide services to Citrus County alcoholics which cannot be easily done by individual groups. Group Contributions have replenished our treasury so that we are now very close to maintaining our prudent reserve.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve such a loving and caring organization,
Steve N., DCM

Old Business:

Steve advised that the Agenda item "Pink Can" refers to what is basically a program whereby pocket change will be collected for the purchase of AA literature for people in Corrections. He asked for a motion recommending that all the District home groups voluntarily participate in the program, which some groups are already doing. The money adds up fast. District has already received \$65 or more. A motion was made that District 28 recommend to all the District home groups that they voluntarily adopt the program for collecting pocket change to be used for purchasing AA literature for people in corrections; the motion was seconded. Steve went on to explain that the specific manner of collection would be up to the home groups. Some groups send the can around at the same time as the 7th Tradition basket, other groups send it around separately. The container does not have to be an actual pink can, it can be any kind of can or cup. District will provide cans. The GSR, Alt. GSR, Treasurer or some other person in the group can be designated to collect the money and get it to District. As noted earlier, NCI will actually purchase the literature, as non-profit tax-free organization. The discussion before the vote included the question of whether the literature going to the jails had to be AA Conference Approved literature. The response was that individuals visiting inmates we may purchase and bring in any literature they like. However, as representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous and its program of recovery, the District Corrections Service Committee and its volunteers, we may bring in only the Conference Approved Literature of Alcoholics Anonymous. Also, for the literature to go into a correctional facility there can be no staples in it and it must be soft-cover, not hard-cover books. Upon call for a vote, the motion passed. The District's recommendation will be sent out to the home groups.

New Business:

Regarding a possible change in the location of the District's monthly business meeting from the present Holder facility to some other location, Steve suggested that what we are going to do for now is to ask that all of us give some thought to the proposal. Talk to the home groups.

If we can get better representation here by not making everyone drive so far, maybe we should find a better location somewhere. Paige is going to be asking the County what might be available, and at what price. It would be hard to beat the present price of \$5 per hour. The use of a private facility is not out of the question. If anyone can come up with a better place, let us know. We would have until September to decide. Our decision will have to be coordinated with NCI.

Announcements.

Steve reminded everyone that the election for the District 28 officers would be coming up on September 25th. Resumes need to be submitted by August 28th.

Registration forms for attendance at the AA Southeast Conference Regional Form at the Marriott Lake Mary are available. Please let him know.

Tradition 6 and Concept 6 will be sent out with the minutes.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Tradition 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."

The message in this tradition is AA's pledge to remain poor. In fact, one could say AA pioneered the concept of corporate poverty. AA's tradition 6 is about simplicity as it clarifies the spiritual side of the program. AA's have a primary spiritual aim which money, property and prestige can bust wide open and devour. We need to hear the sixth's gentle whisper toward humility which says, "your primary spiritual aim is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers!"

The accumulation of money, property, power has been the downfall of many an organization. The most well intentioned group eventually gets into a massive bickering session, and the slide begins.

The fact is, money is not the lifeblood of AA. We need just enough to cover expenses, any more than that is a nuisance. Just attend a GSR meeting in your district and whenever the subject turns to money...watch the bickering session begin.

Let's see what Bill has to say about this whole thing about money.

"The core of AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses!"

From The Grapevine, May 1948

Questions we should ask for Tradition 6 include the following:

- Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?

- Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Concept 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....

We have seen that the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for A.A.'s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have.

The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.'s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.'s "bankers," overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.'s substantial Reserve Fund. Bill makes the point that although "our objective is always a spiritual one," nevertheless our world service is a "large business operation." "Indeed," he says, "our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a 'holding company.' And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two 'subsidiaries' (A. A.A.W.S S. and the A.A. Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

"This very real analogy makes it. . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the. . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Questions we should ask ourselves about Concept 6:

Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?
- Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"?
- Can we see a direct link to our home group?