

Hawaii Area 17 Proposal to the General Service Conference

Proposal:

The Mana of the Round Table Group and Hawaii District 8 propose that:

AAWS design a simple pamphlet to help AA members and groups apply the Twelve Concepts for World Service at the group level.

Background Information:

Outside of members involved in General Service, our group and district feel there is a lack of understanding of the practical use of the Twelve Concepts at the group level. Even the *Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated* pamphlet, while simplified from the full version found in the *AA Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service*, is not geared for practical application at the group level.

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Examples:

Concept III, "Right of Decision" – At the group level this could mean that trusted group servants have the right to make decisions when necessary; for instance, buying a different brand of coffee because it is on sale and will save the group money.

Concept IV, "Right of Participation" – At the group level this could mean that those actively involved in carrying out group service work should have voice in group matters and consciences.

Concept V, "Minority Opinion" – At the group conscience, minority opinion is a valuable tool to insure that groups always fully discuss their decisions and that all voices are heard.

Commentary:

We have often heard that the Twelve Steps are directed at the individual, the Twelve Traditions at the group and the Twelve Concepts are for World Service. Yet many members with long and active sobriety feel there is a value to practicing the Traditions at a personal level at home, at work, and in their relationships. We feel there is a lot to be gained from an understanding and application of the Concepts at the group level and would like to see a pamphlet that suggests how a group may utilize these principles in their service.