

District 22 GSR Meeting AGENDA: Sunday, 7-13-2025. 10:15am - 11:30am

In Person Meeting: The Alano Club, 3075 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom Meeting ID: 88279258044 Password: D22GSR

Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer

Read Concept 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. purpose for final effectiveness. ([12 concepts linked here](#)) [Audio explanation from aa.org](#)

(Approval of Previous Minutes and Financials)

INTRODUCTIONS: New GSRs and Visitors _____

REPORTS:

- DCM, Sean G.
- Alternate DCM, Lisa T
- Secretary, Vacant
- Treasurer, Sonia S.
- Registrar, Elisa M.

GSR REPORTS:

VISITORS:

STANDING COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (if applicable):

- Archives Chair (Leonard)
- CPC / PI Chair (Bonnie)
- Grapevine Chair
- Technology Chair (Judy)
- Intergroup Liaison
- SLOPYPAA (Jade)
- Convention Liaison (Bert)
- H & I Liaison
- District 6 Liaison
- Central Office (Jon) Needs new board members - Contact Dick B. 805 431 4164

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Event: Secretary Celebration at Pioneer Group Aug 10th
- Next [Area Assembly](#) July 20th Agua Dulce Women's Club. 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA 91390

11:30 MOTION TO ADJOURN: Adjourn with the Responsibility Declaration

Concept VII

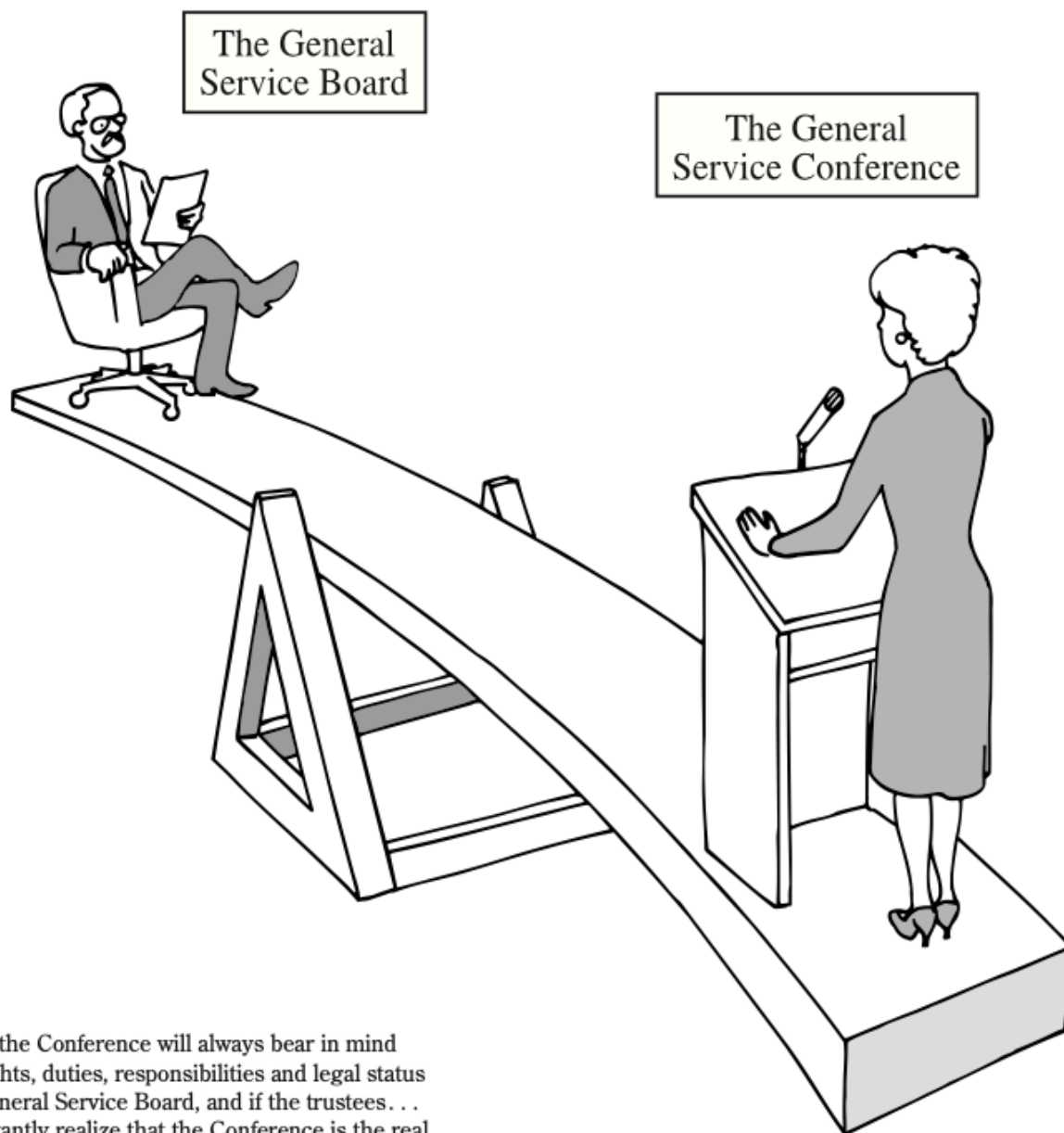
The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.



This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and “balance of powers” between the Conference and the General Service Board. “This . . . may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object.” On the one hand, “the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.’s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board.

“Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members”; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. “Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need.”

The Conference “recommends” — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees “simply refrain from using their legal right to say ‘no’ when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say ‘yes.’”



"If . . . the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the trustees . . . will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority . . . neither will be seriously tempted to make a 'rubber stamp' out of the other . . . In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule."