The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails. - *Grapevine, July 1965. Reprinted with permission by AA Grapevine, Inc.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next intergroup meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45pm. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
- **AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action! Be a part of the action by becoming a volunteer at the Intergroup Office. Please contact Misty if you are interested – (410)663-1922.**
- The Intergroup office is open from 9am – 4:30pm M-F to purchase literature and chips. Orders can also be shipped or made available for hallway pick up. For your convenience, orders can be placed using our online store. [https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/](https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/) or call 410-663-1922

**INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

- The next Institution meeting will be hybrid on Friday, August 18th at 7pm. Join us in person at University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway (Charles Village, 21218), or on Zoom. The Zoom room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. **Note:** The Zoom information has changed to the following – Meeting ID: 851 0978 7096; Password: 036778
- Homegroups and Speakers needed – The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments, both in-person and online. Let us know your group’s preference. [Please fill out this form](#) if you or your home group would like to carry the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before). Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.

**INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE**

- **Please note:** Many pamphlets and books are out of stock. Click on [this link](#) to read correspondence from the Publishing Director at A.A. World Services. While some items may be said by AAWS to be back in stock, it may be that we have not yet received literature we’ve ordered to replenish our stock. We are grateful for your patience!!
- Our bookstore is stocked with AAWS, Grapevine literature, and some Hazelden titles. We continue to stock pamphlets, cards and other special items that can be purchased online at our [Literature Store](#). Purchases can also be made by visiting or calling the office; Shipping is available for a fee.
- We have specialty enamel anniversary chips in red, blue, and black!

**GROUP ANNIVERSARIES**

- **Catonsville Step** group will hold a 60-year group anniversary celebration on Friday, August 4th. Food will be served at 6:30pm followed by a speaker/meeting at 7:45pm. All are welcome!
• **Fort McHenry** group is celebrating 60 years of service to the fellowship Tuesday, August 22nd. Food and fellowship start at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm.

• If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length either in-person or via Zoom, contact us. Call: (410) 663-1922 or email: intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

**NEW MEETINGS**

- **Primary Purpose** – Meeting ID: 827 0830 3640; Passcode: 123123. This zoom only meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. (O)(D)(Beg)(Online Only)
- **Women On the Promenade** meets on Mondays at 7pm. Meeting takes place in the upstairs church area; please use the main entrance doors in the front of the church; open to all who identify as a woman; not wheelchair accessible. (W)(O)(Spk/D)(Canton/Highlandtown, 21224)
- **Living the Dream** meets at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Wednesdays. (O)(D)(Spk)(Waverly/Charles Village, 21218)
- **Cuidado Con Los 4 Jinetes** meets on Mondays, 6:30pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church. (O)(Lit)(Step)(Trad.)(Spanish-speaking)(Kingsville, 21087)

**MEETING CHANGES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

- **TIME CHANGE – The Bonfire Group** now meets at 8:30pm. Note: Bring your own chair; the meeting takes place around the back. (O)(D)(Beg)(Outdoors)(Severn, 21144)
- **NEW LOCATION – Assisi Big Book** now meets at Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church; 3426 Bank Street, Fridays at 7pm. (C)(D)(Lit)(Baltimore, 21224)
- **NEW LOCATION – Glen Gardens** now meets at Rejoice Fellowship (no longer Marley United Methodist) 7606 Quarterfield Road, Thursdays at 7:30pm. (C)(D)(Glen Burnie, 21061)
- **UPDATE – Folly Quarter Tuesday Night** will no longer be hybrid after 7/25. The in-person meeting will continue on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm. (O)(Spk/D)(Ellicott City, 21042)
- **NEW LOCATION FORMAT – S.O.S. Liberty Road Group** is now a HYBRID meeting with a new location. Meeting time remains at 12 Noon on Sundays. New Address: 3605 Coronado Rd., Windsor Mill, at the One God One Thought Center. Parking and room entrance is at the rear of the building. (O)(D)(Windsor Mill, 21244)
- **TIME CHANGE – New Attitude**: The Wednesday night group will begin meeting at 5pm-6pm effective July 5th. (O)(D)(Step)(Beg)(Severn, 21144)
- **UPDATE LOCATION CHANGE – Living Sober** has returned to its original location at the Church of the Holy Comforter – 130 W. Seminary Ave. Effective July 22nd. (O)(D)(Beg)(Step)(Sparrows Point, 21219)

**GROUPS NEEDS SUPPORT**

- **The Triangle Club** meets on Mondays at 12:15pm. The meeting at Faith Lutheran church is wheel chair accessible. (O)(D)(Cockeysville, 21030)
- **Guides To Progress** meets at 8pm on Mondays. All construction is complete with a working elevator. (O)(Spk/D)(Step)(H)(Baltimore, 21230)
- **Retread** meets at 7pm on Sundays. (O)(Beg)(Step)(Sparrows Point, 21219)
- **Sherwood** meets on Fridays at 8pm. (O)(D)(Spk)(Cockeysville, 21030)

**DISCONTINUED MEETINGS**

- **The Free to Be Me** Women’s group has been discontinued. It will no longer meet on Zoom or in-person on Wednesday evenings.
- The online-only Wednesday evening meeting, **Charles Village Women’s Big Book** will be temporarily on pause and will not meet for the summer.
- **Before Supper/Grapespine** on Tuesdays at 4pm has been discontinued. (O)(D)(Lit)(Pasadena, 21122)

**GROUP INFORMATION & EVENTS**

- Coming Soon! **The 2023 Sobriety Show** Our annual, free fellowship event is just around the corner. **When**: September 30th from 5-9:30pm **Where**: Catonsville United Methodist Church (6 Melvin Ave, Catonsville 21228). [Click Here for flyer and further information](#). This is a hybrid event.
• **Save the Date** for the Friends of Bill W. 13th Annual Golf Tournament at the Sparrows Point Country Club. This year we will host the event on October 16th. [Click here for flyer and registration](#). First Come First Serve 100 Player maximum. Awards and Luncheon will follow the end of play.

• **A Digital Newcomer’s Packet is available:** Please post this link for a digital newcomer’s packet in your meeting chats so newcomers can get quick and easy access to meetings, literature, and online resources.

• For all **virtual meetings** or meeting changes, [please use this form](#).

• For all **in-person meetings** or meeting changes, [please use this form](#).

**G.S.O. & MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE EVENTS**

• **Area 29, Maryland General Service** will host a presentation and Q&A session on August 20th at 3 p.m. on Zoom about the Plain Language Translation of the Big Book. Join our Delegate, Kurt, and AAWS Non-trustee Director, John W., for a review of the origin and progress of the Plain Language Big Book. [Click here](#) for the flyer and more information. Meeting ID: 841 2499 3206; Passcode: 326186

• **District 22** is hosting a **Beach Picnic** on September 17th at Sandy Point State Park. For further information about this day of fun and fellowship in the sun, go to [D22MD.org](#) or [Click here](#) for flyer.

• Here are the **General Service Conference Advisory Actions for 2023** as well as the **Conference Committee Considerations for 2023** and our Delegate Kurt W.’s Report Back presentation. For more information, visit [https://www.marylandaa.org/](https://www.marylandaa.org/).

• **What Does a GSR do?** How can you help your home group and the still suffering alcoholic? – Join MGS for a Zoom GSR Discussion/Q&A on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am. Meeting ID: 818 6222 7157/No password needed.

• **District 31 Monthly Hybrid Meeting** – Meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, 21146. Virtual Info: Meeting ID: 885 8467 6255 Passcode: district31. Contact [district31MD@gmail.com](mailto:district31MD@gmail.com) for more information.

• **District 33** will now meet on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm. New Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9848 4086 Passcode: D33164 [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84998484086?pwd=WkJqemdGYXVBVW9kOGwrNTZRcld2d09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84998484086?pwd=WkJqemdGYXVBVW9kOGwrNTZRcld2d09)

• Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: [https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/)

> 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.
Dave L. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom.

**New Group Representatives:** There were six new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

**Minutes:** Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jack F. (Treasurer) presented last month’s Financial Report. Ordinary income was $17,646.81, which included $10,192.16 from AA groups, $1,649.00 from individual members, and $3,305.66 in interest (most of which was a one-time interest payment from the U.S. Treasury associated with the Employee Retention Credit). Ordinary expenses were $23,609.97, yielding net ordinary income of -$5,963.16. Literature revenue was $5,346.71, with literature expenses of $4,012.88, yielding net literature income of $1,333.83. Therefore, net income for June was a loss of $4,629.33. Total assets were $253,115.56.

**Administrator’s Report:** Doug M. (Interim Office Manager) reported that during the past 24 working days, there were 0 new/re-opened meetings, 2 closed/cancelled meetings, and 9 meeting changes. There are now 675 total meetings (482 in-person, 100 virtual and 93 hybrid). There were 203 calls for help during office hours, 3,743 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 7 shipped literature orders), 5 12th Step/Bridging the Gap requests, and 80 visitors/literature pick-ups at the office.

Doug reported that since the last Intergroup meeting, he attended two Activities Committee meetings, the Institutions Committee meeting and the weekly office managers’ meetings and has been in contact with members of the Advisory Committee.

Doug met with Jen to learn the mechanics of the quarterly submission to the IRS and Maryland Comptroller, has been training Steve, and went to our financial institutions with our Treasurer, Jack, to arrange for banking authority.

The number of Bridging the Gap requests has increased in recent months. Volunteers are desperately needed and may sign up at [https://baltimoreaa.org/12-step-bridging-the-gap-sign-up/](https://baltimoreaa.org/12-step-bridging-the-gap-sign-up/)

**Activities Committee Report:** Doug M., for Paulette R. (Chairperson), reported that preparations are underway for the Sobriety Show scheduled for September 30th at the Catonsville Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed. The Bull Roast will take place on Sunday, November 19th at Columbus Gardens. Details of these events will follow. Dick M. reported on the Friends of Bill Golf Outing scheduled for October 16th. He emphasized that the financial success of the event depends on contributions in the form of Sponsorships by AA home groups and individuals and requested that Intergroup Reps spread the word to their home groups.
Answering Service Committee Report: Melody B. (Chairperson), reported that last month there were 140 calls, including 2 12th Step calls. Three vacancies were filled so more volunteers are needed for the waiting list.

Public Information Committee Report: No report.

Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees: Ferdinand B., chairperson, had nothing new to report.

Speakers Committee Report: No report.

Literature Committee Report: No report.

Internet/Website Committee Report: No report.

Institution Committee Report: No report. Don B. mentioned that the number of institutions looking for AA meetings is increasing, so the Committee needs more sponsors and co-sponsors.

Outreach Committee Report: Melissa B., Chairperson, reported that she will be attending the 50th Anniversary of the ODAT group on Tuesday, July 25th. Food and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7:45 p.m.

Chairperson Report: Dave L. has been in contact with Doug M. concerning his work as Interim Office Manager, and has been involved with the search for and selection of the next Officer Manager.

Nominations: Mike C, for Lucy H. (Chairperson of the Nominations Committee), completed the process of securing nominations of candidates for the trusted servant positions (officers, directors, and committee chairs) that will be filled in the elections in August. Please see the “Sample Ballot” that is being distributed with the bulletin for a complete list of the elective positions and nominees.

Old Business: Darlene S. asked to revisit the issue of whether it was appropriate for the Intergroup Office to publish announcements of the “Back to Basics” workshop held in April, stating her belief that it shouldn’t because the materials used were not Conference Approved literature. She had previously raised the issue in the May Intergroup Council meeting. Several members noted that many workshops and meetings use materials that are not Conference Approved, that the Intergroup Office sells literature (such as Hazelden publications) that is not Conference Approved, that AA groups are autonomous, and that it would be a “slippery slope” if the Intergroup Office started to judge which group events it should announce. The discussion ended without a motion being made.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Don B. announced that the Spanish-speaking Intergroup Office for Baltimore is celebrating its 2nd Anniversary.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC.

FINAL BALLOT — 2023

Note: All candidates were unopposed this year; all committees welcome volunteers.

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

INTERGROUP CHAIR: Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
    Dave L.  Wrath of Grapes

INTERGROUP CO- CHAIR: Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
    Rod B.  Catonsville Beginners

TREASURER: Vote for 1 (2-year term; unopposed)
    Mike W.  Hopkins

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Vote for 1 (2-year term; unopposed)
    Don B.  Strangely Insane

RECORDING SECRETARY: Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
    David R.  Daybreak

DIRECTORS AT LARGE*: Vote for 3 (1-year term; unopposed)
    Lucy H.  Hopkins
    Jack F.  Cowenton
    Barb S.  Magothy 12&12

*Pursuant to the Amendment to the Bylaws adopted on May 8, 2023, the Chairpersons of the Advisory Committee and the Personnel Committee are also members of the Board of Directors.

COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Vote for 8 (2-year term; unopposed)
    Patti V.  24 hour Group
    Kathleen W.  As Bill Sees It – Arbutus
    Mel W.  Timonium Group
    Melissa B.  Fort Smallwood Friday Night
    Becca H.  Hot Dog 12&12
    Mary Ellen K.  Day By Day A.A.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
    Steve S-W.  ABC

ANSWERING SERVICE COMMITTEE: Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
    Melody B.  Brooklyn Keep Coming Back
**COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Ferdinand B. Mustard Seed

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Eddie T. Wrath of Grapes

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Vote for 2 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Lucy H. Hopkins
   Mike C. 164

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Melissa B. Fort Smallwood Friday

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Odyssey G. Mustard Seed

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   Patti V. 24 Hour Group

**SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:** Vote for 1 (1-year term; unopposed)
   No nominees: volunteers are welcome.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** Vote for 2 (2-year term; unopposed)
   Mike C. 164
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Total Contributions for June: $13,490.15
Baltimore Intergroup Activities Committee presents

2023 Sobriety Show

A Baltimore A.A. event since 1958!

September 30

A Free fellowship event! No tickets required!

Available for purchase:
Hot dogs, meatball subs, pizza, soda, coffee, cakes and more!
All proceeds benefit Baltimore Intergroup!

CATONSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6 MELVIN AVE.
CATONSVILLE, MD 21228
**REGISTER NOW!**
$150 per Golfer

Players:

Name: ________________________
Phone: ________________________
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Total Amount Included: $ ____________

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**Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous**

The Intergroup Council exists to serve and unify the activities of A.A. groups in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. The Mission of the Baltimore Intergroup Council and Office is to service the 500 groups and more than 1,000 meetings in the area, and to assist all people who call for help from alcoholism.

**Make checks payable to:**

**Baltimore Intergroup**
8635 Loch Raven Blvd. Suite 4
Baltimore, MD 21286

Register online at:
**www.baltimoreaa.org**

For more information, contact the Intergroup Office at:

**410-663-1922**

Email: dougm@baltimoreaa.org
--- OR ---

Dick M. at: 410-375-8490
Email: rcmikulski@msn.com

All proceeds to benefit Baltimore Intergroup

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**Friends of Bill W.**

**13th Annual Golf Tournament**

Monday, October 16, 2023

Sparrows Point Country Club
919 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Sponsored by the Baltimore Intergroup Council Activities Committee
REGISTER NOW!
100 Players Max!!
Cost Per Player: $150
Registration: 8:00am
Driving Range & Putting Green
Open 8:00 am
Shotgun-Start at 9:00 am
Awards & Luncheon Follow at
2:00 pm or End of Play
Proper Golf Attire Required
No Denim Permitted

Sparrows Point Country Club

Directions:
I-695 Essex
Exit 41 Cove Road
Keep right at the fork
Merge onto Cove Road.
Turn left onto North Point
Turn right on Wise Ave.
Destination will be on left;
919 Wise Ave.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Captains Choice Format
(single Best Ball on Each Shot)
No handicap required

Mulligans $5.00 each
Raffle Tickets Sold at Registration
(Tickets eligible for raffle table prizes)

Prizes for Individual Play,
Including Longest Drive
(Men & Women) & Closest to the Pin

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Team
50/50 RAFFLE

HOLE SPONSORSHIP
$100 PER SIGN

Please add the message
for your sign, which will be
placed around the golf course.

Examples:
Easy Does It from the 1-2-3 Group
OR
In memory of Joe B.
OR
One Day at a Time from John D.

Name: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________

MENU

Breakfast at 8:00—9:00 am
Donuts, Pastries & Coffee

Lunch at 2:00 pm
Oysters on the Half Shell
Pulled Pork
Italian Sausage (Sweet & Spicy)
Grilled Chicken Breast
Fried Chicken
Assorted Salads
Dessert & Refreshments
PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION - SAVE THE DATE

Spanish Interpretation upon request
ASL Interpretation upon request

Working Title: A Tool for Accessing The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, August 20, 2023 @ 3 P.M. EDT
ID: 841 2499 3206 PW: 326186

A review of the origin and progress of the Plain Language Big Book Translation
Presented by:
John W. -Non-Trustee Director AAWS
with Delegate feedback and Q&A

Accessibilities@MarylandAA.org

DISTRICT 22 AAIG FIRST ANNUAL BEACH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023

ACTIVITIES
BBQ & FELLOWSHIP
BEACHSIDE MEETINGS BY DISTRICTS 6, 31 & 42
MUSIC, 50/50 RAFFLE, GAMES AND MORE!

SANDY POINT STATE PARK
RSVP + INFO D22MD.ORG INFO@D22MD.ORG
BECOME A FAITHFUL FRIEND!

Faithful Friends are A.A. members who pledge monthly contributions of $5 or more or yearly contributions of $60 or more (up to $5,000 per member per year). These monthly or yearly gifts are made beyond what’s contributed to the basket at meetings and go directly to support the Intergroup Office. As a thank you, you have the option to receive a free hardcopy subscription to our monthly bulletin delivered by first class mail.

Faithful Friends are committed to supporting AA knowing that we spent much more than $5 each month during our drinking days! Because A.A. is fully self-supporting in keeping with the Seventh Tradition, the money necessary for A.A.’s survival and day-to-day operations can only come from individual A.A. members and A.A. groups. Your generosity keeps the Intergroup office open and running smoothly so that A.A. can be available to carry the message to suffering alcoholics in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

NAME:______________________________________________________
ADDRESS:___________________________________________________CITY:___________________STATE:__________
ZIP:______________PHONE NUMBER:________________________________
EMAIL:________________________________________PLEASE SEND MY FREE BULLETIN VIA: ☐ P.O. ☐ No, thank you.

MONTHLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:
☐ $5
☐ $10
☐ $25
☐ $50
☐ Other__________

OR YEARLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:
☐ $60
☐ Other__________

To pay:
Visit www.baltimoreaa.org/contribute to contribute online or call the Intergroup Office at 410-663-1922 or send us a check made payable to: Baltimore Intergroup.

Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and contributions are tax-deductible.
Celebrate your Anniversary and help carry the message! Please participate in the:

**ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY PLAN**

Please complete this form -- call or email the office by the 15th of the preceding month for anniversaries to be printed in the bulletin. Or, mail them by the 10th to allow time for delivery.

Please list the name and phone # of the person to contact if the Intergroup office has any questions:

Name: __________________ Group: ___________________ Phone #: __________________

For over the past 45 years, many anniversary celebrants have donated $1.00 per year of sobriety to the **Birthday Plan**. Your donations help us CARRY the MESSAGE to the still suffering alcoholic.

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** Individual members may contribute up to $5,000 in any year of sobriety; $5,000 posthumously. As always, this is only a suggestion and may vary as an individual desires. **

** Please Keep In Mind**

- List the date the individual will celebrate; NOT the actual anniversary date.
- List first names and last initial.
- List group name as it appears in the directory.
- Call the Intergroup Office or email to intergroup@baltimoreaa.org
- If mailing, please post before the 10th of the month, to allow time for delivery.
- Make checks payable to: Baltimore Intergroup
CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Concept VIII - This Concept deals with the way the General Service Board "discharges its heavy obligations," and its relationship with its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Service, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Long experience has proven that the board "must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership.... In these matters, it must act with great care and skill to plan, manage and execute."

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"Here, the board's attitude has to be that of custodial oversight....The trustees are the guarantors of good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc....by electing the directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees.... The executive direction of these functions is lodged in the ...service corporations themselves, rather than the General Service Board. Each corporate service entity should possess its own bylaws, its own working capital, its own executives, its own employees, its own offices and equipment."

Bill draws from earlier mistakes by the General Service Board in trying to run the service functions directly and warns repeatedly against "too much concentration of money and authority."

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Concept Checklist

- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Service, Inc. the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
- Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.'s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The A.A.Grapevine? Do I?