

CONCEPT XII AND ALT-DCMC REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2020

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, The General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

This concept consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. Please remember that the Charter is an informal agreement made between the A.A. Groups and their Trustees in 1955. It is the agreed upon basis of how A.A. should be operated. However, the Conference Charter is an elastic document; which means it can be readily amended. But article 12, like the 12 Traditions can only be changed if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the directory-listed A.A. groups give written consent and a deliberation period of six months has been given.

In my opinion Concept XII is the culmination of how Bill W. wanted A.A. to be operated going forward. It would take an immense amount of time to go through each Warranty so I am going to list them here for you.

- Warranty One: “The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.”
- Warranty Two: “Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principal.”
- Warranty Three: “None of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.”
- Warranty Four: “That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.”
- Warranty Five: “That no Conference action ever be personal punitive or an incitement to public controversy.”
- Warranty Six: “That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serve, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and spirit.”

This is my last report I will be giving you as the Alt-DCMC of panel 69. I just want to try to convey my feelings to all of you who have touched my life; both in service and on a personal level.

For those of you who were at the election in 2018 you will remember that I did not stand for this position. The roster was called and no one stood. The DCMC was already decided and I was not going to let my Sponsee and Friend, Chris D. take on her position without an Alternate. I took the position and over the past two years I did the best I could to fulfill my duties. For most of my rotation I was working 3 jobs. One full time and 2 part-time positions. There were times when I just could not be there, but Chris and the rest of the body stepped up and covered the events. I thank you sincerely for that.

Once COVID hit I assisted Christine as best I could. I was very blessed I only lost one job. I was deemed essential personnel at one part-time job and I work from home full time. I knew by the end of June this year that standing for DCMC would not be in the best interest of A.A., Suffolk County or myself.

I know that the incoming Officers of panel 71 will do a fantastic job operating Suffolk County General Service.

My wish to everyone is health, happiness, and a sober future.

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