

**WASHINGTON**  
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**HANDBOOK**

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## **THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND THE WASHINGTON STATE EAST AREA 92 COMMITTEE**

“Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

“Hence, an AA service is anything and whatever helps us to reach a fellow sufferer — ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to AA's General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.” (Bill W. AA Service Manual)

### **What is it to be a Trusted Servant?**

Trusted servants at any level of AA service are expected to exercise leadership, and leadership is not simply a matter of submissive housekeeping. It is the voice of experience, based upon the trials of thousands of groups in AA's pioneering time.

The main principles of Tradition Two are crystal clear: The "group conscience" is the ultimate authority and the "trusted servant" is the delegated authority. One cannot function without the other. As a leader, you are to be entrusted with delegated responsibility to act humbly regarding the group conscience.

The "trusted servant" provision of Tradition Two contemplates that you as a servant, within the scope of your duties, should be trusted to use your own experience and judgment to determine how you will interpret and apply your own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises. To accept the necessary disciplines that your service tasks require and to see yourself as "a small part of a great whole."

### **With this in mind, The WSEA 92 Committee has put together the following thoughts and information for the use of future DCMs:**

In WSEA 92, our DCMs traditionally meet with the other members of the WSEA 92 Committee in January and July at WSEA 92 Quarterlies and in April and October at WSEA 92 Assemblies.

Some of the WSEA 92 Committee members have been:

1. Sharing experiences, ideas and problems in each of the Districts represented.
2. Receiving information from the WSEA 92 Delegate, other Area 92 Officers, and Special Committee Chairpersons, about the General Service Office, the General Service Conference, and various WSEA 92 activities, to take back to the Districts.
3. Presenting, reviewing, and/or clarifying motions concerning WSEA 92 policy, procedure, and organization.

We have found that the first two functions, experience sharing and information gathering, have been enjoyable and worthwhile.

We would like to share some of our experience regarding WSEA 92's motion procedures.

1. The idea for a motion can come from any member, a Group, a District, any WSEA 92 Committee, or from the floor of a WSEA 92 Committee meeting (Quarterly) or Assembly.
2. The WSEA 92 Committee tries to be responsive to the needs of WSEA 92 by choosing the most appropriate course of action for each issue by using the Traditions and Concepts as guidelines.
3. Some motions are considered housekeeping motions. A housekeeping motion:
  - a. is a motion of a routine nature dealing with administrative or purely formal matters necessary to