

Our traditions and our concepts

1	Our common welfare comes first	I, IX	The conference has ultimate responsibility (I); good leadership and sound service structures (IX) protect our unity
2	A loving God expressed in our group conscience - our leaders are trusted servants	III, IV	The right of decision (III) allows trusted servants to act, while our right of participation (IV) ensures everyone's voice matters
3	Our only requirement for membership	V	The right of appeal (V) protects minority voices and fairness reflecting AA's inclusiveness
4	Group autonomy	III, VII	Groups make their own decisions , while trustees have defined legal responsibilities which respect that autonomy
5	Our primary purpose - carrying our message	I, II, XII	All service exists to support our primary purpose . Conference (I), the board (GSB) (II), and the spiritual principles of service (XII) serve this aim
6	Related facilities and outside enterprises	VIII, X	Service work remains separate from outside issues; responsibilities and authority are clearly defined
7	Self supporting	VII, XI	Trustees manage AA's finances responsibly (VII); competent administration (XI) ensures good stewardship
8	Twelfth step work remains unpaid	VIII	Trustees oversee professional services while ensuring spiritual work remains voluntary
9	Service boards may be created	IX	Effective leadership and organised service structures are essential
10	No opinion on outside issues	X	Authority is carefully limited to avoid involvement outside AA's primary purpose
11	Attraction rather than promotion	XI, XII	Public information is handled responsibly, while humility and anonymity guide communication
12	Anonymity - our spiritual foundation	XII	Concept XII expands these spiritual principles: humility, prudence, participation - and the placing of principles before personalities