

*Good morning, good afternoon and good evening.*

# Concept 6

Concept 6 discusses various roles of the Conference and the Board of Trustees in World Service, and how those two entities interact.

# Current version of Concept 6

On behalf of ACA as a whole, our Annual Business Conference has the principal responsibility for the **maintenance of our world services**, and it traditionally has the **final decision** respecting **large matters of general policy and finance**.

But the Annual Business Conference also recognizes that the **chief initiative and the active responsibility** in most of these matters would be exercised primarily by the **Trustee members** of the World Service Organization when **they act among themselves as the World Service Organization** of Adult Children of Alcoholics.

# First thoughts



## 1. Why is it so long and wordy ?

No wonder it's confusing to members .....let's try to shorten it for more clarity.

We realized that less words = more confusion because of less clarity .

Back to the drawing board...what`s the intent ?

2. Intent ( we think ) is to clarify boundaries of and between the Conference and WSO for greater collaboration, which will assist in the Conference and the WSO being able to carry out their responsibilities to the fellowship.

# Draft Language ( work in progress )

The World Service Organization is a **service arm** of the **Conference [of Delegates]**, and the WSO Board functions as a trusted servant of the Conference. **By tradition**, the Conference has the **final decision on large matters of policy and finance in world service matters**, as determined by the Conference.

By tradition, the Conference has the **right to [may]** specify of the Board whatever **transparency and other support [communication]** it needs to conduct an **Informed Group Conscience**. The Conference recognizes that **WSO has primary administrative and operational authority** in world service matters. The Board, its committees, and special workers may use their **initiative and discernment** in carrying out WSO obligations, **implementing Conference directives, and making recommendations** for Conference consideration.”

# Issues we are considering as we draft language

1. That the WSO is a **service arm of the Conference** and the WSO **Board are trusted servants**.  
(Tradition 9)
2. That the Conference ( of Delegates that represent the fellowship as per Concept 2 ) has the **right and responsibility to approve / request / ask / deny / allow / direct** , any **large policy and financial decisions** that affect ACA as a whole , from the WSO as they relate to world service matters.
3. In order for the Conference to carry out this responsibility, it ( they ) need to be **fully informed**. Conference cannot speak to what they don't know , hence including the words “**transparency and support**” for the conference to have **adequate input and final decision** in those large matters.
4. In order for the WSO , it's Board and committees to carry out their responsibilities, they need to be given the room ( **trust** ) **to carry out Conference directives** on a consistent basis and **use their initiative** . In other words we , the Conference, **cannot micro-manage** the WSO , it's Board & Committees , especially in legal matters.

# Additional thoughts on Concept 6

It is not likely that we will be able to come up with language that details every possible scenario that will undoubtedly arise in our fellowship and its service structure - (**the Charter** that is currently being drafted will however provide greater depth) -

It is our hope that we can provide a guideline, based on spiritual principles by which the various service groups can work together for the benefit of providing an **informed Group Conscience** platform for the fellowship as a whole.

This is our “Guiding Star “.

# What our Discussion (Q&A) might look like

1. Your thoughts on what has been presented
2. Your concerns
3. Your questions
4. Your inspiration
5. Your support ( if we have it )

