

# ***The Twelve Concepts for World Service of S.L.A.A.***

- 1. Ultimate responsibility and authority for S.L.A.A. world services always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**
- 2. The Annual Business Conference, by delegation, is the voice and conscience for our world services and of S.L.A.A. as a whole.**
- 3. To insure effective leadership, each element of S.L.A.A. - the Conference, the Board of Trustees, staff, and committees - all possess the "Right of Decision."**
- 4. The "Right of Participation" is maintained by allowing members the opportunity to cast one vote up to the level at which they are trusted servants.**
- 5. The "Right of Appeal" prevails so that minority opinion is heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.**
- 6. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the Board of Trustees.**
- 7. The Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Fellowship are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. Although the Conference Charter is a legal document; it also relies on tradition and the power of the S.L.A.A. purse for final effectiveness.**
- 8. The trustees are the principle planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, including their ability to hire staff.**
- 9. Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership must be assumed by the Board of Trustees.**
- 10. Every service responsibility is matched by equal service authority – the scope of this authority is always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and by-laws.**
- 11. The trustees need the best possible committees, staff, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, systems of rotation, and rights and duties are always matters of serious concern.**
- 12. The Conference observes the spirit of S.L.A.A. Tradition,**
  - a. taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power;**
  - b. that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle;**
  - c. that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others;**
  - d. that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;**
  - e. that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy;**
  - f. that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.**