**NORTHERN REGION AREA “A” QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME**

**2. READ: “THE “SET ASIDE PRAYER”**

God, today help me set aside everything I think I know about You, everything I think I know about myself, everything I think I know about others, and everything I think I know about my own recovery so I may have an open mind and a new experience with all these things. Please help me see the truth.

**3. A MOMENTS SILENCE TO CONNECT WITH A GOD OF YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING**

**4. READ: TRADITION 2 (SHORT FORM)**

**For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern**

**5. READ: CONCEPT 12 (LONG FORM)**

**XII. General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; 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 serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.**

**6. READ: INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE**

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, listening to individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly— discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count—precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.

**7. READ MEETING PROCESS**

1. Each member has 2 minutes to speak to any topic
2. Minority voice to be encouraged
3. “General feeling of the room” is the primary decision-making process
4. If a vote is required 2/3rds or 66% required to accept/not accept motion

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**8. PRESENT/APOLOGIES**

**9. GROUP REPORTS**

**10. AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**13. WHATS ON YOUR MIND?**

**14. CLOSE WITH PLURAL SERENITY PRAYER**