

# AA and Advancing Technologies

2012 Southeast Regional Forum

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# Introduction

*Who, What, Where, When, Why am I?*

*Who is our esteemed workshop Recorder?*

# Workshop Outputs

- Timeline? 10/15min opening --> 25/30min discussion
- How many topics can we support? 2-3
- What should we capture? Minutes
- What will be done with the information captured?  
Report given to GSO for use and sharing
- Format? Sharing-style format

# eTech Team

*Who, What, Where, When, Why are we?*

# How Can We Help?

- ① Principles & Responsibility (for Technology)
- ② Communications
- ③ Focus on Experience

## *Limitations*

- No Special Authority – We are AA Members
- Financial Resources are limited
- Team is small and have “Day Jobs”

# ① Principles & Responsibility

*Tradition 12 -- “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”*

- What Principles should come before Personalities when dealing with Technology?
- How can we apply the Traditions to arrive at an *Informed Group Conscience* on Technology issues?

**Suggestion:**

**12 Statements of Technology**

# Statement of Purpose

*Tradition 5 – “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”*

*Statement #1:*

*“The measure of technology value in AA is the support of 12 Step progress”*

~ Brouck H, 2011

## ② Communications

- Resource for GSO Staff
- Technology Focus at Forum and Conference events
- Stimulate Area-level Resources
- Direct Communications and Publications – *TBD*



# ③ Focus on Experience

- Share example, Facilitate, and and make Suggestions
- Resource for Technical Accuracy – avoid rumor
- AA Guidelines – socialize, reiterate, etc.
- Central Repository of Content - *TBD*

On To The Workshop!

# Suggested Topics

1. AAWS agenda item for 2013 General Conference will propose distributing through outside vendors – third party
  - iPhone / iPad capability
  - What does 3<sup>rd</sup> party mean?
  - How will summarized accomplishment report be distributed?
  
2. What would enhance and improve our communication with the Fellowship and in Public Information?
  - Services
  - Publications
  
3. What technologies would you (Fellowship) like to see GSO implement?