

THE A.A. GRAPEVINE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

Widely known as a “meeting in print” the AA Grapevine communicates the experience strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with Recovery, Unity and Service. Founded in 1944, the Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through magazine subscription sales

and additional income derived from the sale of Grapevine items. The awareness that every AA member has an individual way of working the program permeates the pages of the Grapevine, and throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for varied and often divergent opinions of AAs around the world. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either AA or the Grapevine. As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, “The grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to the AA movement as a whole. Friendliness and good taste, the Grapevine will enjoy

perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous. Like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement it is to mirror, there will be but one central purpose: The Grapevine will try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs”.

Conference Advisory Action, 1986: “Since each issue of the Grapevine cannot go through the Conference-approval process, the Conference recognizes the AA Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous”.

