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Dear fellow Service Delegate:

God's will has always expressed itself in a way of having all AA members united through Love and Service; so it is with these facts in our hearts and minds, that we wish to say hi to all of you.

This letter is intent in taking to light and to your kind knowledge those spiritual grounds and motivations we experienced several years ago, and which encouraged us to make a hard decision in creating a new AA service structure in this country; this is, the General Service Conference, Section Mexico.

The necessity to constitute a service structure alike the USA/Canada General Service Conference surged since the beginnings of A.A. in Mexico, so it was then that the structure "Central Mexicana de Servicios Generales de A.A." was legally created. Being its sole object the providing of the general service to the young Mexican fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous, so as to serve them with its primary purpose of *carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic*. Time passed and, gradually, Central Mexicana came to be *the only service entity in charge of providing all the general service*. This is, neither a General Service Office, nor an operating entity for the AA magazine were ever created. Meantime, the corporation began to be itself monopolistic and appropriating all of the power either financial as organizational, and it eventually became despotic and imperious toward the fellowship which had created it, and to which it was supposed to oblige.

To every alcoholic person it has been true that the only way to arrest the disease is to honestly face the fact that one is afflicted by this baffling, mortal disease of alcoholism. And the same facing of facts has proved to be true for the rest of our affairs, if we are to enjoy a live full of purpose and peace of mind. It was then that we had to face the facts about Central Mexicana. We indeed had the hope of getting things settled in unity; however, we were powerless to straighten things up according to AA principles, namely:

The delegates were never given the financial statements and none of us was able to know about the situation of the structure; *the legal Charter of Central Mexicana was modified* without even informing the Asamblea Mexicana (Spanish for Mexican Assembly, which pretended to be a Mexican version of the USA/Canada General Service Conference); ample powers of attorney were given to an individual. And a lot more of serious actions like these ones took place. There was a growing concern and unrest among the members about this state of things, but out queries were never even taken into account; they were always barred and never discussed in the Assembly Annual Meeting. The regional trustees acquiesced and connived at the Central's misdoing since they had been legally appointed, under Central Mexicana's modified Charter statutes.



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It was then that after enduring from the General Service Board acts of government as well as a lot of hostile and punitive actions toward eight Areas of the Center-Easter Region after the disregarding of suggestion from AA groups and from the Structure entities and even the ????? to have these suggestions discussed in four annual meetings of the Assembly; after the dismissal of a delegate from the Assembly (a fact which may be unique in A.A.'s history all over the world), the group conscience of these eight service Areas – following a close and direct consultation before the groups they represented- made the decision to secede and to stop recognizing the Central Mexicana de Servicios Generales as their chief service arm, and decided also to create the General Service Conference, Section Mexico, the General Service Board (the Trustees) along with its tow operating entities, always abiding to the ????? ??? principles and the Twelve Concepts for World Service as a base. This historic event in Alcoholics Anonymous in Mexico happened on August the 24<sup>th</sup>, 1986.

According to the will of about 1,500 groups in eight service Areas, three class "A" Trustees, and four class "B" Trustees were elected so as to be in a position to create the General Service Board, and one operating entity (the GSO). Before the first twelve months of independence, two more areas joined us, and we afterwards appointed two class "B" Regional Trustees. This newly-born structure was give a Dls 480 00 to begin its operations. This tiny sum had been gathered through group contributions for the Central Mexicana originally, and that we had withheld because of our difficulties we had with Central.

A special meeting of the General Service Conference, Section Mexico was called for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1986 and then the General Service Board was given a special advisory action in order to constitute one operating entity, the restoring of Public Information service and the editing and printing of 10 titles of Conference Approved A.A. Literature. identical to those copies available in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Through this eight-year service period, the following actions have been achieved according to our General Service Conference advisory actions.

Our General Service Office was started in 1986. It is in charge of the services to AA groups and also the reprinting literature copies edited by A.A. World Services, Inc.

The General Service Conference issued the pricing policy for the literature titles distributed to AA groups. The cost is added to 60% for all the titles, excluding those for Public Information which are added only a 12%. This procedure allows only to cover the cost plus overhead expenses, and a tiny remnant applied for our Prudential Reserve Fund. Seccion Mexico's prices for A.A. literature copies are 253% less than those of Central Mexicana's.

The General Service Board and the General Service Office are always to meet their expenses through the money contributions from the AA groups, according to Tradition Seven guidelines.

With the basis on Concept Twelve, the Reserve Fund has been created. It is being capitalized through contribution from the groups, as well as through remnants from literature distribution. This way the GSB doesn't allow the GSO any more money than necessary to fulfill its operational needs.



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An aggressive Public Information program is being transmitted through the massive media. Out spots are transmitted continuously through television networks, and through radio stations. This has been done at a minimal cost. Some of the interviews have been internationally transmitted to several Spanish-speaking countries, and even by ??? US stations for Hispanic audiences. These are the first transmissions ever in this country. We must here say that Central Mexicana always argued that the cost would be very high in transmitting out AA message this way. And then nothing was done.

The General Service Conference, Section Mexico has, with God's help, grown through its short age. The Areas attending the Conference are now 19, this is a growth of 237%. The groups we're now serving are about 2,400. In order to optimize the services rendered to groups, there are now 4 Regions in the country.

The General Service Conference, Section Mexico has been very careful and watchful about those money-related activities. An accounting firm audits every year the financials of our whole operations, and the delegates, the MCDs the RSGs, and the groups, of course are given monthly financial information concerning the GSB, GSO, and the magazine (Dimension). Also we have NO PROFITABLE ACTIVITIES. The financial statements at the end of 1993 show these figures:

BALANCE

Total assets	NS210,885.37 (dls 63,844.05)
Literature	NS119,984/07 (dls 36,358.80)
Total Liabilites	NS 16,061.31 (dls 4,857.06)

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Literature remnant	NS 56,274.14 (dls 17,052.77)
GSO Reserve Fund	NS 35,154.96 (dls 10,743.93)
Net Remnant in GSO	NS 20,819.18 (dls 6,308.84)

A.A. World Services, Inc, has always been informed by us since the very beginning of our predicaments. Furthermore, our General Service Trustees Board requested New York GSO's good-willed intercession so our Area delegates and Central Mexicana's Assembly could get to meet and then have an understanding. On request we were always swiftly told that Mexico was autonomous, and the GSO could not intervene in other countries business.

However, A.A. World Services, Inc. inconsistently with the latter assertion, and unconsciously for they were fully aware of the two-year-old Section Mexico service structure. AAWS legally accorded the Central Mexicana the privilege to be its sole agent in Mexico. AAWS acted even oblivious of two decisive facts: The Central Mexicana's Charter and service structure did not accord with the Service Manual suggested points and, in the other hand, the predicament of the many folks reunited as Section Mexico. Furthermore, AAWS authorized its chosen service structure to criminally sue us, the alcoholic AA members of Section Mexico. We do believe that consistency between one's words and acts is the vital requisite of good will ??? ????????



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In virtue of the agreement between AAWS and Central Mexicana, and the current lawsuit, we have been summoned to appear before criminal courts, concerning A.A. copyrights. We have proposed Central Mexicana to have the Area Delegates of both fighting parties to have as many meetings as necessary, so as to reach an agreement, since they are the representatives of the collective group conscience. As it is stated in official court documents, their answers have been that: Their delegates lack the training to carry on such discussions (sic). Their board of trustees are the final authority (sic). Only the members of those groups adhered to Central Mexicana are AAs (sic).

We would like you folks, to include some of the next reflections we make our selves about this bizarre situation we are living –and that, in a way or another, each of us is being a witness-, in your daily meditation and prayer:

What would the Lord say when He sees us fighting each other for nobody-knows-what-motives, while the life saving words inside A.A. of 'love thy brothers and sisters' are in risk of becoming a lip service? Is it fair, folks, that the precious AA-message-carrier and God-inspired literature, inherited to the alcoholic members in this country by our older AA brothers in the U.S. had been confiscated by the police and be now in court for we dared to print and distribute it to the still-suffering alcoholic, helping save his/her life?

As a leader in service what would you answer to those who you serve, when they asked you about this mess, and the AA principles so viciously abused? What would you do, besides praying the Lord for His help, when you wouldn't have even a hundred sheets of "Is A.A. for your?" to carry the message, supposing you were the still suffering alcoholic to be informed? Come November, the Month of Gratitude and the honoring of Dr. Bob's passing away anniversary, and Thanksgiving; and what about those troubled and "troublerousers" AAs in Section Mexico? Is this problem in AA as a whole just a sliding snow ball or –the unthinkable– the tip of an iceberg? Never mind it hasn't ever been *licensed* to carry the AA message, but an AA service structure has reached out to you for help, so doesn't it recall you on the "*I am responsible*" Declaration of Service? *Tempus fugit* says the Latin proverb, 'time ??ies. We mean, since last July 5<sup>th</sup> when the police seized our facilities, to this date, no matter what efforts we have made, but things haven't progressed in the least. We wonder whether this state of things is to last for ever and ever. Under the AA principle light, we can hardly imagine an action more punitive than this one, inflicted on our Section Mexico.

Just a few more words, folks:

Let's not let God's works be barred to go on saving the life of the next suffering alcoholic! What was so freely given to us through Bill's spiritual experience, lets give it back freely too! Let's not let anybody warp our Back to Basics, for it is our back to God! Let's not let power, property and prestige take over our cherished principles! To each of us all we say: Let us all be the instruments of the Lord's peace!



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Sincerely yours in the Spirit of Service,

CONFERENCE: ALWAYS A GUARDIAN, NEVER A GOVERNMENT FOR A.A.

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