12. General Warranties of the Area Charter

- a. From the Service Manual: "In all proceedings the World Service Conference of Al-Anon shall observe the spirit of the Traditions: that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that no Conference member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members; that all decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference serves Al-Anon it shall never perform any act of government; and that like the fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action." p. 174-175
- b. This Area Charter adopts the principles held within the General Warranties of the Conference as listed above.
- c. This Area Charter applies to all registered Groups within Area 9, including Alateen. As stated in the Service Manual: "The term Al-Anon includes Alateen."
 p. 175
- d. This Area Charter is not meant to govern or substitute for any group conscience decision made by AFG Area 9 Florida North. This Charter does not replace any Guidelines in use by the Area. This Charter is designed to bring our history and traditional practices into one place easy access for all members.