

POLICY:- DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

Preamble

Guidance is given on page S69 of the AA Service Manual “*In keeping with the traditions, GSO accepts contributions only from members, groups, or other A.A. entities. Furthermore the General Service Conference limits individual contributions to \$2,000* per year. This limit also applies to a one time bequest of \$2,000* in the wills of deceased members.*”

*US\$ in 1962

Suggested Clause for insertion in Wills

“I as a member GIVE free of all duty to the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Incorporated the sum of \$??? And the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of that Society shall be sufficient discharge and indemnity to my Trustees.”

NZGSC Policy Decisions

Date	Decision
April 1968	Not to exceed:- Donations NZ\$2,000 Bequests (once only) \$5,000
Sept 1990	Increases:-Donations \$2,500 , Bequests (once only) \$6,000 and to be reviewed at April Conference every second year, commencing April 1992
April 1991	Decided all bequests be credited to the Prudent Reserve unless otherwise specified by the donor.
April 1992	Limits increased to:- Donations \$3,000. Bequests \$7,000 to be reviewed again at April 1994 conference
April 1994	Having regard to CPI movement, limits increased to:- Donations \$3,100. Bequests \$7,200 - with the proviso that should any serious dispute be raised by a descendant the fellowship should decline the bequest.
April 1996	Limits increased to:- Donations \$3,200. Bequests \$7,400

NZGSB Policy Decisions

October 2007	Limits increased to:- Donations \$6,000. Bequests \$10,000
February 2010	Policy confirmed unchanged
February 2012	Approved Policy unchanged with annual review.
March 14	Approved Policy unchanged with annual review.
March 15	Approved Policy unchanged with annual review.
March/April 16	Limits increased to Donations \$6,000 Bequests \$15,000
March 17	Approved Policy unchanged with annual review.