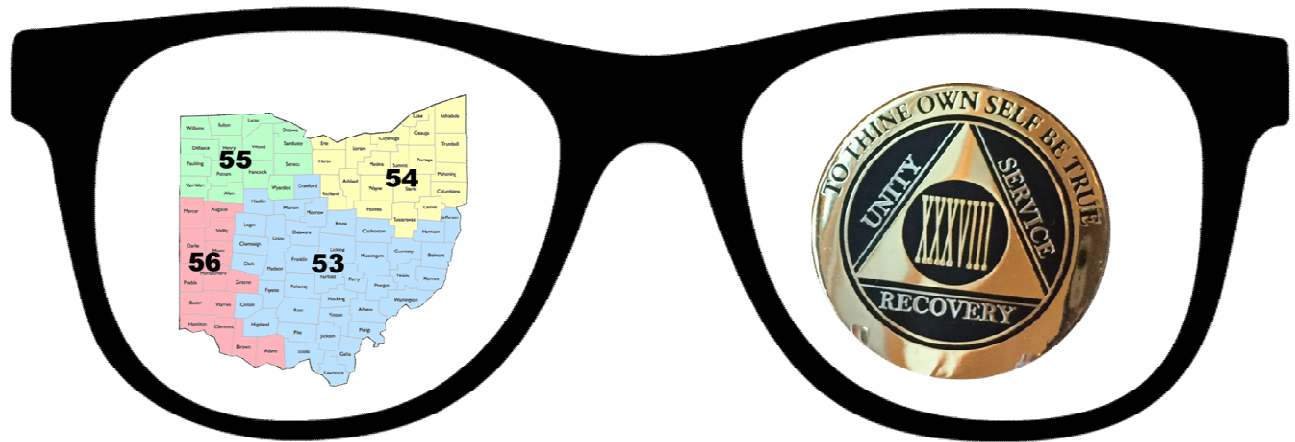


# 38th Area 55 Mini-Conference



**“2020: A Vision For You”**

# **AREA 55 ACTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

# AGENDA ITEMS – AREA 55 ACTIONS

## LITERATURE

I. (Item L): Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous

1. Consider an Audit of the first 164 pages.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

2. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

II. (Item M): Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous:

1. Develop a Fifth Edition

❖ Area 55 recommends a Fifth Edition.

2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V. (*Split into three parts by the Committee*)

❖ Area 55 recommends a Fifth Edition with updated stories only. The revisions to Appendices III and V failed in Committee, and no Area actions were taken on that part.

3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition forward of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.

❖ Area 55 recommends a the proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition.

III. (Item P): Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:

1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve”

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.”

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

IV. (Item T): Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”:

1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

## FINANCE

I. (Item A): Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

3. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket.”

❖ No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.

II. (Item B): Review Self-Support Packet.

❖ No Action from Area 55

## **AGENDA ITEMS – AREA 55 ACTIONS**

### **GRAPEVINE**

I. (Item C): Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.

❖ No Action from Area 55

II. (Item D): Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other...”

❖ Area 55 (via Floor Action vote) does not recommend revising the Preamble.

III. (Item H): Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

❖ Area 55 recommends the establishment of an Instagram account.

### **AGENDA**

I. (Item A): Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.

❖ Area 55 recommends “Home Group – The Heartbeat of A.A.” be the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.

II. (Item C): Review workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.

❖ Area 55 recommends the following three workshop topics:

- Home Groups – Strengthening the Home Group
- Singleness of Purpose
- Dealing with Meeting Attendees from Drug Court

III. (Item G): Discuss the General Service Conference schedule

❖ No Action from Area 55

### **CORRECTIONS**

I. (Item A): Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook

❖ No Action from Area 55

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS**

I. (Item A): Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.

❖ No Action from Area 55

II. (Item B): Discuss upcoming 2020 International Convention.

❖ No Action from Area 55

III. (Item C): Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

❖ No Action from Area 55

## **TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES**

I. (Item A): Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.

- ❖ No Action from Area 55

II. (Item B): Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.

- ❖ Area 55 recommends the development of the workbook.

III. (Item D): Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

- ❖ Area 55 recommends that within the workbook, literature F186 (Local Experience Information) should be referred to G.S.O. for possible updates since it was last updated in 2009.

IV. (Item E): Review contents of Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.

- ❖ No Action from Area 55

## **POLICY AND ADMISSIONS**

I. (Item C): Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site.

- ❖ Area 55 recommends that research underway on Site Selection and bylaw changes be done independently of each other.

II. (Item D): Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.

- ❖ Area 55 recommends that we follow the general manager's request to continue the review of dates for the General Service Conference.

## **COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)**

I. (Item A): Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."

- ❖ Although Area 55 took no action on the original General Service Conference agenda item, Area 55 recommends the pamphlet be sent to the Trustees' CPC Committee for further review and revisions.

II. (Item B): Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.

- ❖ Area 55 recommends the creation of a pamphlet for mental health professionals.

III. (Item D): Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook .

- ❖ No Action from Area 55

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

I. (Item D): Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. message.

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

II. (Item G): Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

III. (Item I): Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

IV. (Item L): Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

## **ARCHIVES**

I. (Item A): Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.

❖ **Area 55 recommends creating the book.**

II. (Item B): Review Archives Workbook.

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

III. (Item A): Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

❖ **No Action from Area 55**

## **REPORT AND CHARTER**

I. (Item C): Consider restoring the two paragraphs in the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of the Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.

❖ **No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.**

II. (Item D): Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the Conference Charter.

❖ **No Action from Area 55, Committee Declined to Consider.**