

NORTHWEST OHIO AGENDA ITEMS VOTING

1. AGENDA	AREA 55	GSC
A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference	A.A. staying Unified in a Changing World	A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution
B. Review presentation/discussion topics ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference	On line groups Adversity Diff b/w religion spirituality`	General Service – Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm 1. Our Common Perils and Common Solution 2. Using A.A.'s Literature in Carrying the Message 3. Fostering a Thriving Three Legacy Culture
C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference	Guard Principles Unified Changing World	Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings (in person and On line groups)
D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2021 Evaluation Summary		No Recommendation forwarded
E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement	No action	The General Service Board develop a status report on the progress and outcomes from the 2013-2015 Conference inventory and include a draft plan for another Conference inventory with considerations of its value, timeline and approach to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Agenda
CPC		
A. Review progress report on A.A.W.S. Linkedin page		No recommendation forwarded.
B. Review suggested revisions fir the draft pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community”		No recommendation forwarded.
C. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals	No Action	No recommendation forwarded.
D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible	Passed	No recommendation forwarded.
E. Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook		No recommendation forwarded.
3. CORRECTIONS		
A. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook	No action	No recommendation forwarded.
B. Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature	Passed	Took No Action. The Committee affirmed the need for language that is inclusive and non-stigmatizing as expressed by the 71 st General Service Conference. The committee also discussed that implementation of the advisory action was already in place and that it would be premature at this time to reconsider the action.

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C. Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous	Passed	Took No Action. While the committee discussed the concerns expressed by the Fellowship, the committee noted that we operate on a system of trust and checks and balances and agreed that A.A.'s Twelve Concepts adequately provide guidance to our trusted servants to make decisions that reflect the informed group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.
D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind	No action	Took No Action. The committee agreed the cadence and role of the annual General Service Conference already provides the appropriate guidance. The committee also noted that through Concept Four, "The Right of Participation," all members of Alcoholics Anonymous are invited to participate in the year-long process of the General Service Conference.
4. FINANCE		
A. Review Self-Support Packet	No Action	Requested that the trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee undertake a full review of the service material in order to provide language that is clear and consistent for the U.S. and Canada
B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions	Failed	Took No Action. The committee agreed that the current introduction in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions already addresses concerns regarding the language in the book.
C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes		Took No Action. The committee agreed that they did not want to mandate a specific format for possible changes to a future Conference. The committee noted that future proposals for changes should be considered by the group conscience of each Conference.
5. GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA		
A. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions		No recommendation forwarded.
B. Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts		No recommendation forwarded.
C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later	Mid Sobriety Higher Power AA Family Steps 6 7 LAVINA Carrying message AA Family	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best of Dear Grapevine 2. Book for Newcomers 3. Best of La Vina II 4. Prayer & Meditation La Vina Book

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<p>D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship</p>		<p>The committee felt that after careful consideration of Fellowship feedback, it would be premature to quantify the impact when many A.A. members are still either uninformed or ambivalent about the change. The committee emphasized that at every level of our Conference process there is a reciprocal responsibility of all A.A. Members and trusted servants, of participation and communication, to embrace the guiding principles of trust and transparency.</p>
<p>6. LITERATURE</p>		
<p>A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix</p>		<p>No recommendation forwarded.</p>
<p>B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”</p>		<p>The committee recommended that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be revised. This was a lively discussion. A question was raised “Did the committee have any discussion regarding the impact changes to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” would have on sponsors? Lively discussion ensued An Amendment was made. Motion Failed A Motion to Recommit was made. Motion Failed. Another Motion to Amend was made. Motion Failed Question was called. Motion to Reconsider was made and Passed. Original Motion was Passed with Substantial Unanimity</p>
<p>C. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober</p>		<p>The committee recommended that the booklet “Living Sober” be revised.</p>
<p>D. Review draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”</p>		<p>The committee recommended that the draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” be approved with minor editorial revisions.</p>
<p>E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”</p>		<p>The committee recommended that the video animation of the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing department. A motion to amend was made and seconded. The committee recommended that the video animation of the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing department and brought back to the 2023 Conference committee on literature for review.</p>

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F. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Too Young?”		Request for progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
G. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”		The committee recommended that the draft of the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” be approved
H. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”		Request for progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
I. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”	No Action	Request for progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
J. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos.		Request for progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.	No Action	Request for progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.		The committee request that the trustees Literature Committee provide further information regarding the purpose of the proposals and examples of what Big Book or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions study guides would look like.
M. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	No Action	Request for progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
N. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated”		The pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations.
O. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy:		
1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is A.A. for You?”		Recommended that the update be approved
2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”		Recommended that the update be approved
3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”		Recommended that the update be approved
4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “This Is A.A.”		Recommended that the update be approved
P. Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats		Recommended continuation of the trustees Literature Committee efforts to make literature available in all formats including digital platforms
Q. Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook		Request for progress report of draft workbook be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature
R. Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as directed by the 71st General Service Conference	No Action	Took No Action

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<p>S. Consider an update of the book Experience, Strength and Hope</p>		<p>A second volume of the book Experience, Strength and Hope be developed with the stories dropped from the fourth edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and that a progress report be brought to the conference committee on Literature once development of the publication is in progress.</p>
<p>7. POLICY/ADMISSIONS</p>		
		<p>Recommended – Rio Dinu, Alternate Delegate Area 79, British Columbia/Yukon Territory be seated as a Conference member at the 72nd General Service conference. Recommended – Christopher Morton, Alternate Delegate Area 47, Central New York be seated as a Conference member at the 72nd General Service conference.</p>
<p>A. Review G.S.O. general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection</p>		<p>The committee requested that the next site selection report provide detail on the financial, logistical and spiritual implications of holding the General Service Conference at other locations throughout the eight regions of the U.S./Canada service structure, perhaps in rotation with the New York City metropolitan area.</p>
<p>B. Review dates for the 2026 General Service Conference</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 26-May 2, 2026 2. April 19-25, 2026 3. May 3-9, 2026
<p>C. Discuss the procedure: “Process for Approving Observers to the Conference</p>		<p>Recommendation to revise process for approving observers to the Conference. The committee will approve routine admissions from outside U.S./Canada without polling entire Conference. The trustees General Service Conference Committee and the General Service Board would need to approve admissions first. Passed Recommendation to revise the Scope of the Conference Committee under Admissions function and Procedure Passed</p>
<p>D. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings.</p>		<p>The committee looks forward to continued development of the process</p>
<p>E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process</p>	<p>No Action</p>	<p>Recommendation that the compilation of ALL Conference committee background be made available annually on or before February 15 in English, French and Spanish Motion Failed Motion to Amend Passed</p>

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		<p>The committee recommended that the compilation of all conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French and Spanish</p> <p>Lively Discussion</p> <p>Call the Question to stop discussing the amendment Passed</p> <p>Motion to Reconsider Failed</p> <p>Motion to Recommit Failed</p> <p>Motion to Amend Passed</p> <p>The committee recommended that the compilation of all conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French and Spanish</p> <p>Motion to call the Question Passed</p> <p>Motion Passed with substantial unanimity</p>
		<p>Recommendation to restore paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" in all future printings and publications in which the story is included. Failed</p>
G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship	Failed	Took No Action
8. PUBLIC INFORMATION		
A. Review the 2022 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan		The committee accepted the 2022 Public Information CMP.
B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):		The committee accepted the 2022 report
1. Review the distribution and tracking information for two video PSAs:		The committee accepted the distribution and tracking information
i. "Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall"		
ii. "Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party."		
2. Review the 2021 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs."		The committee accepted the 2022 report
C. Review a progress report and the G.S.O. Podcast Plan.		The committee accepted the 2022 report
D. Review report on "YouTube Performance."		The committee accepted the 2022 report
E. Review report on "Google Ads Performance."		The committee accepted the 2022 report
F. Review report on "Meeting Guide Performance."	No Action	The committee looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information
G. Review the "2021 Fourth Quarter Report on A.A.W.S. Board Oversight of G.S.O.'s A.A. website."		The committee finds the website easier to navigate and user-friendly.

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H. Review report on “AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast		The committee finds recent modernization of the Grapevine website to be effective and inviting.
I. Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.	No Action	The committee requested that further research be conducted.
J. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: 1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “A.A. At a Glance.” 2. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings.” 3. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.” 4. Consider request to retire and replace the “A.A. Fact File.”	1.-3. Passed 4. Passed	#3 Recommendation to revise the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.” The question-and-answer sections: Anonymity in the digital age Passed #3 Recommendation to add text to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” Are virtual A.A. meetings considered Public? Passed Motion to Reconsider Passed Motion to Recommit Failed Motion to Amend While some members feel comfortable using their full names and making their faces visible other members feel it is more aligned with Tradition 11 to use only their first name and last initial or turning their cameras off... Lively discussion followed Motion to call the Question Passed Amended Motion Passed #4 Recommendation to retire A.A. Fact File Passed
K. Review request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.	No Action	The committee reviewed a draft survey developed to gather shared experience from the Fellowship. The committee looks forward to a progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference committee on Public Information
L. Review report on development and distribution ideas for the “A.A. Triennial Membership Survey.”		Recommendation that format changes, two new questions and six changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved. Passed Recommendation that a 2022 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$20,000. Passed
M. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook		The committee agreed to all changes
9. REPORT AND CHARTER		
A. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report		The committee reiterated their support for last year’s committee consideration for the use of digital versions and encouraged the conference coordinator to continue with the availability of these in pre-conference documents
B. Review The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition	Correction required	Recommendation that chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of the A.A. Service Manual be revised to correct inaccuracies by the A.A.W.S. Board A.A. Grapevine Board and General Service Board because 2023 is a printing year Failed

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		Motion to Reconsider Passed Lively Discussion Motion Passed
C. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled "Amendments."	Passed	The committee requested that a draft update of the section be brought back to the 2023 conference committee on Report and Charter
D. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."	Passed	Took No Action
E. Consider requests that the chapter titled "The Doctor's Opinion" be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.	Passed	Took No Action
10. TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES		
A. Review progress report on pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic"		Request for progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities
B. Review progress report on military audio interviews		The committee
C. Discuss draft version of A.A. Guidelines for remote communities.	No Action	Request for revision of the service piece and looks forward to it being made available for Remote Communities
D. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.	No Action	No recommendation forwarded.
E. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.	No Action	No recommendation forwarded.
F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.	Failed	Passed
G. Consider request to revise text in the chapter "Getting plenty of rest" in the booklet <i>Living Sober</i> .		Took No Action
11. TRUSTEES		
A. Review resumes of candidates for: 1. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee 2. Pacific Regional Trustee		Sat as Observer
B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.		Passed
C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.		Passed
D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.		Passed
E. Discuss the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."		Passed

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F. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."		Took No Action
G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to include stories reflecting greater diversity.		No recommendation forwarded
12. ARCHIVES		
A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.	No Action	The committee expressed satisfaction with the content of the Archives Workbook.
13. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS		90 Years: The Language of the Heart
A. Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.	No Action	The Fellowship will be surveyed to determine the preferred way to close the Big Meeting
B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.	No Action	No Action taken