

2017 General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2018 General Service Conference.
- B. Conference presentation/discussion topics:
 - 1. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2018 General Service Conference.
 - 2. Consider request that for 2018, presentation/discussion topics not be placed on the Conference Week schedule.
 - 3. Consider request that the total number of presentation/discussions at the Conference be limited to no more than six.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2018 General Service Conference.
- D. Conference Evaluation:
 - 1. Review summary of the 2016 General Service Conference evaluations.
 - 2. Review General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- F. Discuss the process of posting the grid of proposed Conference agenda items on the Dashboard.
- G. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."
- B. Consider adding a footnote to the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol."
- C. Consider development of a LinkedIn page for C.P.C. committees.
- D. Consider request that the title of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" be changed to "Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?"
- E. Discuss ways of improving communication about A.A. with professionals who come in contact with Armed Services veterans and men and women in the Armed Services.
- F. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual

Meeting of the General Service Conference.

G. Review C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) in the U.S. and Canada.
- B. Discuss carrying the A.A. message to incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People.
- C. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- D. Review Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Consider request to change the committee's current annual review of the suggested Area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference to every other year.
- B. Consider request to change the committee's current annual review of the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members to every other year.
- C. Consider request to change the committee's current annual review of the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$3,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member to every other year.
- D. Consider request to add text to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" indicating there is no dollar limit to the amount a group may contribute.
- E. Consider request to add text to the committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- F. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Discuss the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action regarding La Viña.
- C. Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on outside sales.
- D. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of an Instagram account.
- E. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s. continued exploration of a Facebook page.

- F. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of a Google for Non-Profits account.
- G. Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Viña when they don't have a GVR or RLV.
- H. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2018 or later.
- I. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- J. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- K. Review Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Consider request for revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- B. Consider request to retire the pamphlet "Too Young."
- C. Discuss proposed plan for the annual review of recovery literature.
- D. Pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
 - 1. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet.
 - 2. Review draft language about young people's conferences, for inclusion in the pamphlet.
- E. Review revised draft pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."
- F. Review revised draft pamphlet "Finding Acceptance: A.A. for the LGBTQ Alcoholic" (formerly titled "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic").
- G. Review progress report on the development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.
- H. Review draft sample illustrations and corresponding revised text for the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- I. Review progress report on the revision to "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services."
- J. Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.
- K. Discuss request for a revision to the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- L. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review final report on electronic voting at Conference.
- B. Review final report on the translation of Conference background.

- C. Consider request to create a plan for the equitable distribution of the workload of Conference committees by combining and/or creating committees.
- D. Consider request that an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report be published, starting with the 67th General Service Conference.
- E. Review dates for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- F. Consider proposing the dates of future General Service Conferences as committee considerations rather than requiring that the dates be considered as Advisory Actions.
- G. Consider a request that the General Service Conference be held in New York City every other year.
- H. Consider a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference.
- I. Consider a request that the Advisory Action delegating site selection for the General Service Conference to G.S.O. management be rescinded.
- J. Consider a request to add a “YPAA Subcommittee” to the service structure.
- K. Consider request to add text to the committee’s Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2016 annual report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan:
 - 1. Review the trustees’ Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 2. Review 2017 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 3. Discuss suggestion to update the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”
- C. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video P.S.A. “I Have Hope.”
- D. Review 2016 report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.
- E. Review report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Google for Nonprofits account.
- F. Review report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Twitter account.
- G. Review report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on the 2017 A.A. Membership Survey.
- H. Review revised text for inclusion in the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings.”

- I. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- J. Review P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- B. *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*, 2018-2020 Edition:
 - 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 2. Consider request to add text regarding area websites to Chapter Four of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
 - 3. Review request to add the bylaws of A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. as appendices.
 - 4. Review request to add a footnote to Concept VIII to accurately reflect the current ownership of the service corporations.
- C. Consider request that changes to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be made available to the Fellowship in years that a revised edition is not published.
- D. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)
- E. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs."
- B. Discuss the accessibility of the A.A. message for Armed Services veterans.
- C. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- D. Review Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. East Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-large/U.S.

- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss voting procedures for electing trustee-at-large/U.S.
- F. Consider request regarding the number of regions and number of regional trustees serving on the General Service Board.
- G. Review revisions to the General Service Board bylaws.
- H. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider proposal for a new publication, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970* (working title).
- B. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.
- C. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
- B. Review 2030 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.
- C. Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.