


Service Material (English)

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, New York, New York
Information Sheet: A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

DATE	LOCATION	THEMES	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
2017-2018: 1992	137 th Anniversary New York, New York	1992-1993	3,000
2018-2019: 1993	138 th Anniversary St. Louis, Missouri	1993-1994	3,000
2019-2020: 1994	139 th Anniversary Long Beach, California	1994-1995	8,000




Information Sheet: A.A. International Conventions

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CONFERENCE-APPROVED LITERATURE

"Conference-approved" — What It Means to You

The term "conference-approved" describes either an individual or a committee's approval of a book, pamphlet, or other literature to be used in A.A. programs. Conference-approved material always bears the name of the conference that approved it. The following are the names of the conferences that have approved the following literature:




SMF-29: Conference-Approved Literature

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PUBLIC INFORMATION
(For Group Newsletters)

The first Public Information (P.I.) column in A.A. was known by the General Service Office as "Public Information." It has since been renamed "Public Information for the Public." It is a column in the A.A. newsletter that is intended to be read by the general public. It is not intended to be read by members of the group. It is not intended to be read by the general public. It is not intended to be read by the general public. It is not intended to be read by the general public.



SMF-32: Public Information Suggestions for Local P.I. Activity

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ESTIMATES OF A.A. GROUPS AND MEMBERS
As of DECEMBER 31, 2021

Category	Count
Groups	64,541
Members	1,032,415

United States



SMF-53: Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members

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SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION MEETINGS

GENERAL IDEAS

- The Twelve Steps
- The Twelve Traditions
- The Twelve Principles




SMF-56: Suggested Topics For Discussion Meetings

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CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

A service piece for home groups, districts, areas

Some of the concepts that are commonly used in A.A. are listed below. They are listed in the order in which they are used in the A.A. program. They are listed in the order in which they are used in the A.A. program. They are listed in the order in which they are used in the A.A. program.



SMF-91: Concepts Checklist

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A.A. PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their




SMF-92: A.A. Preamble

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A.A. FACT SHEET

The Principle of Alcoholics Anonymous

The Principle of Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope to help one another stay sober and enjoy meaningful lives. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees. There are no religious or political beliefs. There are no sectarian views. There are no racial or ethnic restrictions. There are no age restrictions. There are no gender restrictions. There are no educational requirements. There are no financial requirements. There are no physical requirements. There are no other requirements.



SMF-94: A.A. Fact Sheet

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT A.A. WEBSITES

1. Q. How do we start to set up a local A.A. website?

A. The first step is to determine if you have the necessary resources to set up a website. This includes having a computer with internet access, a domain name, and a web hosting service. Once you have determined that you have the necessary resources, the next step is to choose a website design and content. There are many options available, ranging from simple, one-page websites to more complex, multi-page websites. Once you have chosen a design and content, the next step is to create the website. This can be done using a website builder or by hiring a professional web designer. Once the website is created, the final step is to launch it and promote it to the public.




SMF-101: Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Websites

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IS YOUR GROUP LINKED TO A.A. AS A WHOLE?

There are many ways in which a group can be linked to A.A. as a whole. Some of the most common ways are through the use of the A.A. name, the A.A. logo, and the A.A. literature. Other ways include participating in A.A. programs, such as the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions, and contributing to A.A. efforts to help other people with alcoholism. It is important for groups to be linked to A.A. as a whole in order to be able to help other people with alcoholism.



SMF-104: Is Your Group Linked to A.A. as a Whole?

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SPONSORSHIP—
AVOID LITIGATING STONE TO SERVICE & SOBRIETY

The 11th Tradition in the General Service Conference Manual is the principle that states: "How many of you come to service of A.A. with the help of a sponsor?" Essentially all of us depend on our sponsors for help in our recovery.



SMF-110: Sponsorship-A Vital Stepping Stone to Service & Sobriety

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HOW TO CONDUCT A SHARING SESSION

The purpose of a Sharing Session is to be a need for improved communication among Area committees, districts, and Groups. It is a time for people to share their experience, strength, and hope to help one another stay sober and enjoy meaningful lives. The only requirement for participation is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees. There are no religious or political beliefs. There are no sectarian views. There are no racial or ethnic restrictions. There are no age restrictions. There are no gender restrictions. There are no educational requirements. There are no financial requirements. There are no physical requirements. There are no other requirements.



SMF-111: How To Conduct a Sharing Session

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SUGGESTED WORKSHOP FORMAT

In response to many inquiries at G.S.O., requesting information on conducting workshops, the following information is being provided. This information is intended to be used as a guide for conducting workshops. It is not intended to be used as a strict rule. It is not intended to be used as a strict rule. It is not intended to be used as a strict rule.




SMF-112: Suggested Workshop Format

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USE OF THE CIRCLE / TRIANGLE SYMBOL

On April 29, 1965, A.A. World Service Board distributed a statement explaining that it would no longer use the circle and triangle symbols in its literature, press, or other communications. This decision was made in order to avoid any confusion with the symbols used by other organizations. It is important for groups to be aware of this decision and to use the appropriate symbols in their literature and other communications.




SMF-113: Use of the Circle/Triangle Symbol

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THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE
(SHORT FORM)

The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founders Bill W. and Bob B. They are a set of principles that guide the work of the World Service Center and the World Service Office. They are a set of principles that guide the work of the World Service Center and the World Service Office. They are a set of principles that guide the work of the World Service Center and the World Service Office.



SMF-114: The Twelve Concepts for World Services (short form)

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THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE U.S. and Canada



SMF-116: The General Service Conference Structure U.S. and Canada

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REGIONAL MAP
This map represents a general outline of regions.

SMF-118: Regional Map of US and Canada

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THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
- We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.



SMF-121: The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

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THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- Our primary concern is for other alcoholics who still suffer. Only by helping them can we be free from our own problems. Our literature has been written to help them, not to get them into our own programs.
- The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.



SMF-122: The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous (short form)

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LONGER-INTERMEDIATE MEETING (LIM) CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE

The Longer-Intermediate Meeting (LIM) is a confidential, anonymous service that provides support and encouragement to people who are struggling with alcoholism. It is a service that provides support and encouragement to people who are struggling with alcoholism. It is a service that provides support and encouragement to people who are struggling with alcoholism.



SMF-123: Longer-Intermediate Meeting Correspondence Service

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ACCESSIBILITIES CHECKLIST FOR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

How accessible is your meeting? This is a guide to help you assess the physical access to your meeting. For a complete checklist and more information, please visit www.gso.org/AccessibilityChecklist.

Introduction
The meeting location should be physically accessible so that anyone who wishes, regardless of their ability, can attend your meeting. This checklist is intended to help you determine the accessibility of your meeting location.



SMF-208: Accessibilities Checklist for Meetings and Groups

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Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare

Safe is the best. It is our responsibility to ensure that our meetings and our members are safe. We can address the needs of our members and our meetings based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

*Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is first a usual part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live, or most of us will hang on. Hence, our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare comes second.



SMF-209: Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare

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THE INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE FUND

All the A.A. message has spread around the world — sometimes slowly, sometimes more rapidly. To meet this growing need, in 1980, the 11th World Service Meeting established the International Literature Fund. The fund's purpose is to provide financial assistance for the translation, printing, and distribution of literature for those countries unable to finance their own translations.



SMF-219_en: The International Literature Fund

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PRACTICING THE SEVENTH TRADITION AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

In recent years a number of groups have utilized digital platforms to provide opportunities for members to practice the Seventh Tradition. This service is not to be confused with the traditional in-person meeting. Experience suggests that the most effective way to practice the Seventh Tradition is through the use of digital platforms. This document provides information on how to practice the Seventh Tradition at virtual meetings.



SMF-223: FAQ on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADING BEGINNERS MEETINGS



MU-1: Suggestions for Leading Beginners Meetings

ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1951-2024



M-39: Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1951-2024