

2026 General Service Conference


Area 34 Delegate Report Back



76th ANNUAL
National Service Conference

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The Commission on Governmental and
Nonprofit Organizations and the
Department of the Interior
and the Department of the
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AGENDA: Item A: Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference. **Pass 129-2 (Yes)**

1. Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation
 2. United in Love and Service: Building Fellowship in Challenging Times
 - 3. Embracing Our Past, Empowering Our Future**
 4. One Purpose, Many Voices: Listening, Loving, and Learning Together
 5. Rebuilding A.A. Unity
 6. Service With a Smile: Practicing Humility Without Losing Our Humor
 7. The Spiritual Principle of Not Taking Ourselves Too Seriously
 8. Trusted Servants, Not Glorified Bosses: A Humble Guide to Service
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Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Item B: Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.


The committee has reviewed and **formally approved** the project plan and pamphlet outline designed for mental health professionals. Key takeaways from the review include:

- **Support for Vision:** The committee expressed high enthusiasm, noting that the project aligns perfectly with its strategic goals.
 - **Requested Enhancements:** The Secretary was tasked with incorporating specific feedback, most notably adding a reference link to the **Cochrane Study** to bolster the pamphlet's clinical credibility.
 - **Next Steps:** A formal progress report or a completed draft of the pamphlet is required for presentation at the **2027 Conference Committee on CPC**.
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Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Item E: Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Trustees.” Key takeaways from the discussion include:

- **Strategic Alignment:** The committee views these videos as vital professional communication tools, similar in purpose to the *About A.A.* newsletter.
 - **Collaboration:** There is a continued emphasis on working closely with **Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees** to develop a robust communications strategy and diversify available resources.
 - **Standalone Content:** The committee requested that standalone clips be produced whenever new or revised professional videos are created to increase versatility.
 - **Future Planning:** New topics will be evaluated on a **case-by-case basis** to ensure relevance and impact.
 - **Linguistic Authenticity:** For French or Spanish-speaking Class A trustees, the committee recommended recording in their **native voice** rather than using dubbing or captions to maintain authenticity.
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Corrections: Item B:

Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.

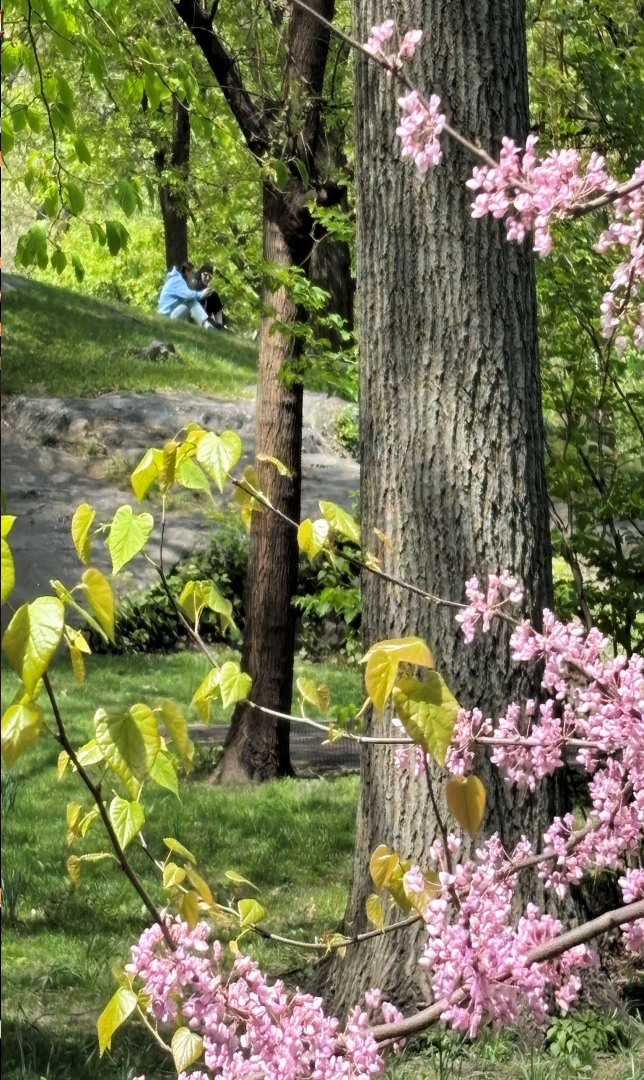
The committee discussed the content and requested that it be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee for further review.



International Convention

Just a quick note here that the International Convention came in with a net profit of \$8,364, that's about 25 cents per attendee. Those proceeds will be forwarded to the general fund.






Corrections: Item **C:** Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.” **Pass 129-5**
(Yes)

The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 Conference on Corrections.



Finance: Item B: Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
*(“Motion to add this wording to the pamphlet ‘Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix’ on page 13 immediately following the Samples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities pie charts: **Pass 126-6 (Yes)**”*

A.A. Grapevine and La Vina do not accept contributions. They are supported by sales of subscriptions, books and other specialty items. When your group is discussing how to distribute contributions to A.A. service entities, please consider how you may support Grapevine/La Vina. Purchasing subscriptions for your group, gift subscriptions, books or specialty items is a great way to support Grapevine/La Vina.”



Finance: Item B Continued:

The committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and recommended several updates to ensure technical accuracy, consistency, and ease of use for members.

Digital & URL Enhancements

- **Direct Links:** All references to "aa.org" within the packet will be replaced with the more specific URL: aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support.
- **Accessibility: QR codes** will be integrated into the materials where possible to allow for quicker access to contribution pages.
- **Treasurer Resources:** The "A.A. Group Treasurer" (F-96) pamphlet will be updated with the correct, current URLs for the **AA Grapevine (AAGV)**.



Finance: Item B Continued:


Policy & Consistency:

- **Language Alignment:** All packet materials will be revised to match the language used in the “**A.A. Guidelines on Finance**” (**MG-15**) to ensure organizational consistency.
- **Contribution Limits:** The committee reviewed the **\$7,500 maximum annual individual contribution** limit to the General Service Board and decided to take **no action**, noting that this limit was already recently increased in 2024.

Key Amendment: Language Change:


The committee amended a specific wording change regarding financial contributions to the Grapevine/La Viña from “~~is not set up to~~” to “**does not.**”

Note: This amendment clarifies that the policy is a matter of established practice and tradition rather than a technical or administrative limitation.



Finance: Item C: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. **No Action**

The committee considered a request for a Twelve Step study guide or workbook and **took no action**. The committee noted these efforts currently exist locally. The committee expressed support of the efforts already taking place on the Corrections desk at the General Service Office to provide shared experience, literature and template language that specifically addresses how other members have utilized the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* for Step work.



Grapevine/LaVine: Item C: Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña

The committee reviewed and accepted the Grapevine five-year plan, with appreciation to the AA Grapevine Board for its thorough development and presentation. The proposed approaches align with the primary purposes of Grapevine and La Viña and the committee looks forward to receiving annual updates on performance metrics.



Grapevine/LaVine: Item F: Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions. **No Action**

The committee reviewed the request that Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions and **took no action**. In their determination, the committee considered and recognized the broader implications for our shared spiritual principles, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts for World Service and other A.A. entities.



Literature: The committee recommended the following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section:

“To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees’ Literature Committee throughout the year.”




Literature: Item A: Annual review of recovery literature matrix.

- ★ The committee reviewed the Recovery Literature Matrix. The committee recognized the updates to the matrix and suggested that future literature matrixes include:
 - A key defining abbreviations and color coding
 - More information on the scope of revisions
 - The number of pieces distributed (paid and unpaid)
 - Digital downloads and page views
 - Ensuring that the grid is readable (font size)
 - Information on whether pieces are included in service kits
 - Note which committee, Staff member or department has purview for review and revision of a piece of literature.
 - Noting whether pieces fall into categories of recovery, service or archival material
 - Sortable columns (for Conference committee eyes only)
 - The committee noted that copyright information for individual items continues to be useful.

Literature: Item B: Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.


The committee discussed the content and format of the Literature Workbook (Item M-52i) and the A.A. Literature Catalog (Item F-10). The committee agreed to provide the Staff secretary with any suggested updates.

NOTE: I provided the Trustees Committee on Literature with a list of 12 suggested updates. The most important, in my view, had to do with the wording of asking for volunteers. The Literature Workbook only suggests asking at announcement time at meetings. I am a big advocate of asking people to step up on a one-on-one basis. My experience has proven that blanket announcements of this sort rarely produce the desired results. By personally asking someone to volunteer I have consistently gotten 70% or more positive results.



Literature: Item C: Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* – Spanish

The committee discussed the progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish). The committee recognized the work that has gone into developing the revised draft and requested that a manuscript or progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature. The committee offered the following suggestions:

- Additional communication to the Fellowship on the status of the project would be helpful to clarify misunderstanding.
 - Consideration be given to inviting a Spanish-speaking member of the Conference Committee on Literature to participate in the final review of the manuscript prior to Conference.
 - Consideration be given to inviting Cesar F., ACM and chair of the Working Group for developing a Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish-language Big Book) to attend the 2027 General Service Conference to be available as a resource for Conference deliberations on the manuscript.
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Literature: Item D: Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The committee recommended that the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* be approved with minor editorial changes. **Pass 125-9 (No)**



Literature: Item D Continued:

Additional Committee Considerations:

The committee noted that in accordance with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action authorizing development of the Fifth Edition Alcoholics Anonymous, which reads in part: “Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V”: “Appendix III — The Medical View on A.A.” and “Appendix V — The Religious View on A.A.” have been revised in keeping with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action The committee noted that although the 1995 Conference Advisory Action

- recommended keeping the Appendices “as is,” the following changes have been made for the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous: “Appendix IV — The Lasker Award” was revised to include a footnote to direct readers to the awards page on aa.org.
- “Appendix VI — How to Get in Touch with A.A.” was revised to reflect more current best practices. In keeping with the “A.A. World Services, Inc. Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current,” which was accepted by the General Service Conference Advisory Action in 2020, and subsequently revised by the AAWS Board in 2022, the committee noted that the Publishing Department of the General Service Office will maintain editorial responsibilities for the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, including:
Editorial “fine tuning” such as footnotes, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, page numbers, headings and subheadings

Literature: Item D Continued:

- Finalizing the titles and order of personal stories
- Editorial review of the title page, jacket copy and table of contents
- Coordinating the flow of work between the book designer, typesetters, copy editors, proofreaders and the printers
- Designing the book cover and jacket
- Listing other A.A. literature in the final pages of the book
- Determining the potential inclusion of QR codes based upon current best practices as identified by AAWS, Inc.

The committee agreed to provide minor editorial suggestions for the Publishing Department if the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous is approved for publication by Conference, including the removal of a pejorative phrase from one of the new personal stories.

- Noting the recommendation to remove the word “Eskimo” from “Chapter 7: Working With Others,” if approved by the Conference, the committee suggested that consideration be given to making similar changes to translations of the Big Book, including those in Spanish and French. (Note: The 3rd French edition had the word removed but subsequently returned it in the 4th edition.)
- The committee suggested that the final sentence of the final paragraph of the draft introduction to “Part II, Experience Strength and Hope,” in the Fifth Edition Alcoholics Anonymous which reads:



Literature: Item D Continued:

No matter their background or life experience, no matter how smooth or rocky their path, these alcoholics share how they have been able to find, gain and maintain sobriety by using the fundamental principles of A.A. as a firm foundation for recovery.

be changed to the following:


These alcoholics share how they have been able to find, gain and maintain sobriety by using the fundamental principles of A.A. as a firm foundation for recovery, no matter their background, life experience, and no matter how smooth or rocky their path.



Literature: Item D Continued:

Random Notes Taken During Discussion:


Conference members had from noon Wednesday through Friday morning to review the book via OnBoard. The first six people have supported the publishing of the new BB with the exception of me. Praising the diversity and inclusion seemed to be the theme. Similar comments continued. Praise for the message contained in the stories (which I absolutely agreed upon). In terms of outside issues, drugs, sex, marital problems have not been avoided in our literature, consequently, neither should sexual orientation be excluded. I addressed the Conference twice to express my concern that there may arise serious controversy which Bill W. warns of in Tradition Ten. I also mentioned that I have a grandson who is a fully transitioned transgender but that I did not love him any less. One lesbian and one transgender delegate spoke in strong favor of the stories. Strong support because of the feeling that these stories will attract many more into the doors of AA. Only one other Delegate spoke in opposition to this recommendation. The cross-section of Delegates speaking towards this recommendation came from shore to shore, east to west and deep south up through Canada and everywhere in between. In all, roughly 40-50 people spoke in favor of this recommendation.



Literature: Item D Continued:

Random Notes Continued:

I feel comfortable knowing that I stood my ground and voted my conscience which I based upon what various members of the Fellowship have told me concerning controversy in regards to demographic diversity, and backed by the 2021 Conference Advisory Action which recommends that a 5th edition Big Book be developed, “including stories to better reflect current membership” (these stories, I felt, did not represent our overall current membership, and that many members may take issue with the top-heavy stories from transgender authors) plus excerpts from Tradition Ten regarding controversy. Because of the huge gap between yes and no votes, I did not offer a minority opinion. Further, I did not feel that I could make a compelling case within the 1 minute 15 second time allowance at the microphone.



Literature: Item D Continued:

Final Thoughts:

I applaud the Trustee Committee on Literature and the subcommittee's hard and often tedious work in selecting the 26 new stories for the 5th edition of the Big Book out of the nearly 3,000 submissions. Every draft story is well written, inspiring, and each has its own way of offering hope to not just the still suffering, but for those just finding their way in this amazing journey, and as reminders to those of us who have been here for a while of what our lives could be like again if we succumbed to that fatal first glass again. I *especially* like that there are 19 mentions of general service in the new stories. To those who have spent countless hours doing everything they know to get this manuscript right, I say, "Well done!"

I would encourage those who may take issue with the imbalance of demographics represented in this 5th edition Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous that, if you keep your eyes upon the message and not the messenger, you will find yourself within its pages, along with the very thing which brought all of us into this amazing Fellowship.

And that thing is

HOPE





Speaking of hope, through this arch a man once walked filled with a hope so big that it has been an inspiration to all generations to come.

Literature: Item E: Review progress report on the update to the book *Living Sober*.

The committee discussed the revised draft chapters for the book *Living Sober* and suggested that the revisions continue in the current fashion. The committee requested that a revised draft or progress report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.




Literature: Item F: Review progress report on the development of a *Plain Language Big Book* amendment process.

The committee reviewed the progress report on the development of a *Plain Language Big Book* amendment process and offered the following suggestions:

- That the trustees' Literature Committee consider providing more detail on the specific changes to the *Plain Language Big Book* that have been suggested both within, and outside of, the PAI process, including the total number of substantive changes and editorial changes. The committee emphasized the PAI process as the avenue for suggestions from the Fellowship for changes to Conference-approved literature.
- That consideration be given to providing reference points throughout the *Plain Language Big Book* to the corresponding pages in the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- That consideration be given to resizing the *Plain Language Big Book* to match the size of the large print format Big Book.

The committee asked that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.



Literature: Item G: Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.

The committee reviewed the progress report of the subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book and requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.



Literature: Item H: Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.

The committee reviewed the progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic and requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.



Literature: Item I: Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* not included in the draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The committee discussed the suggestion to publish the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* not included in the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and suggested that the trustees' Literature Committee:

- Provide more information on expected costs, potential sales and break-even point.
- Provide more information about whether the proposed book would be more successful as a revised version of *Experience, Strength and Hope* or as a new standalone volume.
- Consider renaming the book to avoid confusion with the newly approved Part II section of the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2028 Conference Committee on Literature.



Literature: The committee also recommended the word “Eskimo” be removed from “Chapter 7: Working With Others” and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. **Pass 122-22 (Yes)**

An amendment to extend the change to the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50-82) but was later voted on and failed (66-68) in **Floor Action #6**.




The committee recommended that ~~following the 78th General Service Conference that~~ the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued. **when a workable solution is in place. Pass 93-39 (Yes)**

Fail 116-14 (No) on amended (as indicated) motion. Vote on original motion Passed 93-39 (Yes)

(I was originally opposed to this recommendation.) **Motion to reconsider Failed 54-75. (Yes)**

NOTE: Had EDW not been in place, the Conference Literature Committee would have been tasked with an additional 7 Agenda Items.



Policy & Admissions: Out of committee, It was recommended that the General Service Board develop a draft plan for the creation of a working group comprised of nine Conference members, with a composition reflective of the ratio of Conference members (i.e., six area delegates, two board members and one GSO Staff member) to **improve** **review** the ~~selection process of~~ **selection and distribution** proposed agenda items (PAIs) forwarded to Conference committees, with attention to the topic of workload both at a Conference level and the impact on GSO and GV offices, and that a ~~plan~~ **proposal** be brought back to the 77th Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.

Motion to amend (as indicated) Failed 63-68. (Yes) **Motion to recommit Failed 38-93 (No)** **Vote on original motion Failed 49-68. (Yes)** I felt that this could be a means to rope back some of the power/authority of the Delegates from the Trustees.
to reconsider Passed 75-56. (Yes)
vote Failed 61-71. (Yes)

**Motion
Final**

Report & Charter: Item Aii: Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in *The AA Service Manual*.

The committee discussed a request to remove a quote from co-founder Dr. Bob in The A.A. Service Manual and **took no action**. The committee noted that the quote was well placed in this section and effectively conveys a general appreciation for the love of service. No Action



Announcement

As of May 1, AAWS is the owner of the *Everything AA* App



Woohoo!

The Board felt confident that the app would pay for itself through voluntary contributions from subscribers within 8-months.

Announcement Continued

Key Statistics

- ~1 million app downloads
- ~10,000 contributors
- Largest user base: US, Canada, UK, Australia, Ireland

Strategic Opportunities

- Expands reach beyond members involved in General Service
- Increases access to A.A. literature
- Supports Public Information efforts
- Creates additional opportunities for Seventh Tradition contributions
- Allows more intentional coordination with:
 - Meeting Guide
 - Grapevine
 - Everything AA platforms

Financial & Operational Notes

- Acquisition considered a “net zero” transaction due to voluntary contributor base
- No Reserve Fund drawdown associated with acquisition
- Estimated ~8 months to become cost neutral through contributions
- Small budget allocated to evaluate operational and technical requirements
- App will remain operational during transition process

Content & Policy Review

- Non-Conference approved materials will be removed, including:
 - Speaker recordings
 - Non-approved literature
 - Other program content
- Contribution processes and subscription models will be reviewed to ensure alignment with Tradition Seven

Report & Charter: Item Aiii: Review progress report on the development of a new “Amendments” section to be added to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
Pass 130-1 (Yes)

The committee reviewed 2026-2028 edition of The A.A. Service Manual editorial list and noted that the vertical margin change bars are no longer necessary. The committee also suggested that the Publishing Department reinstate the practice of including a list of changes and place it at the beginning of the book.




Treatment and Accessibilities: Item A: Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.

The committee discussed ways to continue to expand outreach to both active duty and veteran members of the armed services and made the following suggestions:


- To create a service piece that links to the audio page and can be shared with the Fellowship across the service structure, and presented to professionals
 - That any improvements made to the aa.org website include increased visibility of the Military/Veteran Interview Project, including but not limited to banners, a scroll and other ways to bring attention to the project
 - Arranging the recordings on the web page in a manner that identifies and groups by branch of the military and the nation of service, and highlights the original language
 - Continue to explore developing short-form content to post on the AAWS YouTube page as another tool for the Fellowship to highlight this content.
 - Include postings about the Military/Veteran Interview Project on the AAWS LinkedIn page and highlight the project in articles in future editions of the *About A.A.* newsletter for professionals and other outward-facing materials.
 - To review and refine the use of hashtags to increase visibility.

The committee requested that the General Service Office move forward with communicating the completion of the Military/Veteran Interview Project to the Fellowship using the widest available distribution channels.




Treatment and Accessibilities: Item E: Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO. **No Action**

The committee reviewed a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO and **took no action**. In addition to intellectual property (IP) concerns, the committee discussed that for broad use throughout the US and Canada a video with a format and content more closely aligned with current service material would be more effective. The committee expressed gratitude to the local service district for its work in producing the original videos, as it inspired a vital Fellowship-wide discussion on this important topic. However, the committee determined that the videos needed more than minor editorial adjustments and would require more substantive changes.



Treatment and Accessibilities: Item E Continued:

Rather than spending resources to adapt these videos, it was the conscience of the committee to request that AAWS create a new video based on existing content found in our safety service materials, and, as budget permits. The committee requests that AAWS consider all available cost-saving technologies, including AI, for content production and language services. The committee discussed additional ways to effectively produce this content and offered the following suggestions:

- That the video be medium in length, up to four to seven minutes, while still effectively conveying the message, and animation is considered as a format
 - That the video includes links to our safety materials
 - That the project remains open for future videos to be created
 - That the video format is mindful of visual content versus text, as well as easily translatable
 - That the video is mindful of accessibility for all alcoholics
 - That the video be completed and made available at the earliest opportunity, with consideration to available funds.
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Trustees: Item E: Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.” **Pass 104-27 (Yes)**


The committee requested that a progress report or draft video be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Random Discussion topics: Est. cost = \$30,000 - \$120,000. Concern that the video will not help people into the program but rather around inside of it. Reserve Fund cannot stand the hit when compared to the small amount it will accomplish. May cost \$ but if it saves lives it's worth it. Once it's made there's no additional cost, unlike printed material. In Area 87 they state they are careful with their \$ but fully support this. Cost is a big concern to many, including me. How much of a message would it actually carry? Came out of West Virginia which has a high illiteracy level. They feel it would be an educational tool in that respect. Some want hard numbers before deciding.



Trustees: Item E Continued:


Young people don't want a twelve-page pamphlet. They'd rather watch a short and sweet video instead. High school kids wouldn't be caught dead with an AA pamphlet in their back pocket, but they all have a phone. I was tempted to vote against this due to the uncertainty of the cost, combined with the state of our dwindling prudent reserve, however, considering it comes to about 0.2% of a \$20,000,000 budget, I was going to vote for it. Then I heard the argument that we all got sober because of the gift of desperation, and we got a sponsor to help guide us through the Steps and I wondered, "Is this going to replace sponsorship?" If so, I'm against it. And then I recalled that kid with that non-existent AA pamphlet in his back pocket. So, I was ready to vote in favor of it, and then someone made a motion to recommit. Vote to re-commit Failed 33-99. (No) The question was called. Motion to call the question passed 122-7. (No) Vote on the original motion Passed 104-27. (Yes) Motion to reconsider Failed 57-69. (No)



Trustees: Item F: Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.” **Pass 110-21 (Yes)**


The committee recommended that the trustees Literature Committee ~~produce~~ **explore producing** an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated”. The committee requested that a progress report ~~or draft video~~ be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Motion to re-commit Failed 85-44. (No) **Random discussion topics:** Can only justify one expenditure this year. The Traditions are more complex, and we should be told about them when we come into AA. Can't vote for anything that costs money. If we think doing the Steps is good, who are we to say doing the Traditions is bad? It would take five groups from 9 different areas to pay for this.



Trustees: Item F Continued:

Without the Traditions how is anyone going to successfully get into General Service? Friendly amendment as shown above. This Agenda Item **IS** important, but the amendment is a good first step towards prudently moving forward. Motion to amend Failed 69-62. (Yes) Back to the original motion. This would give the body solid numbers to consider when the committee brings it to the floor next year. Motion to amend Passed 101-29. (Yes) Motion to reconsider the amendment. Motion to reconsider Failed 48-80.) (No) Discussion on amended motion begins. Traditions are neatly packed in the Preamble, and it's what attracted me to keep coming back. We cannot emphasize enough, the importance of the Traditions. We know that the younger generation use their cell phones religiously, so we need to start focusing on digital presentations. The younger people are the future of A.A. Question called. Motion to call Passed 124-8. (Yes) The motion to pass as amended Passed 110-21.(Yes)



Trustees Item Ai: Review resumes of candidates for Pacific Regional Trustee

The committee recommended that the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Class A Trustees⁺

Thomas (Tom) I., MD, MPH
Dawn (Dawn Marie) K.
Timothy (Tim) M.
Kerry M.
Molly O.
Kelly Marie P.
Veronica R.

+Nonalcoholic

John W.
Pacific Regional Trustee-Elect
Eastern Canada Regional Trustee-Elect

Class B Trustees

Edward (Teddy) B-W.
Jennifer B.
Charles (Charlie) H.
Scott H.
Teresa J.
Robert L.
Clinton (Clint) M.
Cheryl (Sherry) S.
Gail P.
David S.
Kenneth (Ken) T.
Susan V.



Trustees Item Aii: Review resumes of candidates for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

The committee recommended that the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Chairperson:	Scott H.
First Vice-Chairperson:	** David S.
Treasurer:	Kerry M.+
Secretary:	** Kelly P.+
Assistant Treasurer:	Paul K.+*
Assistant Secretary:	Racy J.*

**GSO employee*

***Elected by Third Legacy Procedure*

+Nonalcoholic



Trustees Item B: Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Julie C.

Clinton (Clint) M.

Grace F.

Susan V.

Charles (Charlie) H.

John W.

Racy J.*

Robert (Bob) W.*

Matthew (Matt) K.

**GSO employee*

Daniel Solomon



Trustees Item C: Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Edward (Teddy) B-W.

Nikki O.

Christopher (Chris) C.*

Gail P.

Fredy M.

Cheryl (Sherry) S.

Veronica R.+

David S.

Daniel S.

**Grapevine employee*

+Nonalcoholic



Trustees Item C: Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Edward (Teddy) B-W.

Nikki O.

Christopher (Chris) C.*

Gail P.

Fredy M.

Cheryl (Sherry) S.

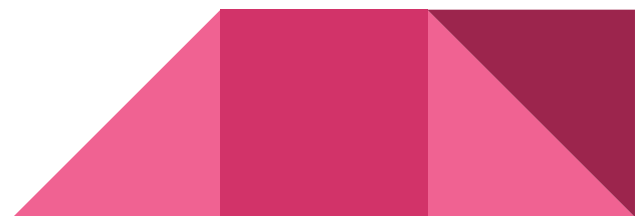
Veronica R.+

David S.

Daniel S.

**Grapevine employee*

+Nonalcoholic



Policy & Admissions

1. Out of committee, the committee recommended that ~~following the 78th General Service Conference that~~ the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued **when a workable solution is in place.** (**Fail 116-14** (No) on amended (as indicated) motion. **Pass 93-39** (Yes))

(I was originally opposed to this recommendation.) **Motion to reconsider failed 54-75. (No)**

NOTE: I decided to vote in favor of the amended motion because “**when a workable solution is in place**” was in it. So, in essence, that meant that the motion would be to recommit because a “**workable solution**” must be decided upon at a future conference.



REPORT & CHARTER Item Ai: Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition. Review list of editorial updates.

Pass 123-5 (Yes)

The committee recommended that the question “What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?” be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* and that the question and answer be included as follows:

What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report?

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity; so that members’ names are not publicly available.”

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REPORT & CHARTER **Item Ai** Continued:

The committee recommended adding:

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. **As co-founder Bill W. explained, “A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services.” The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.**




Floor Action #2: It was recommended that: The suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to ~~\$4,800~~ **\$3,000.**

Lisa E. Area 70 Vermont

Vote on amendment Passed 104-27 (Yes)

NOTE: The key word here was “**suggested.**”



Floor Action #4: It was recommended that: AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference. **Pass 89-44. (No)**

Jodi B. Area 21 Southern Illinois

Motion to decline to consider Failed 71-60. (Yes) Motion to call the question passed 116-12. (Yes)
Vote on main motion Failed 70-59. (No) Motion to reconsider Passed 93-37. (No) Vote on main motion (again) Passed 89-44. (No)

This may cause some logistics problems when ordering. How many is enough? We don't want to run short, and we don't want to be left with a couple dozen either. And does the Area foot the bill and give them away for free, or do we charge those who wish to have a copy? Cost is unknown at this time due to unknown number of orders from areas. GSO has requested estimated order numbers from areas to be submitted by May 31 so a unit price can be determined.

So Concludes The 2026 General Service Conference

