

It's
Pre-Conference
Season!

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Calling all
GSRs, Committee
members &
interested fellowship members

Multiple Opportunities to have input into the
Agenda Items of the 71st General Service Conference



ROUNDTABLES (VIRTUAL)

DISCUSS A SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS EACH NIGHT

April 1, April 5, April 6 at 7PM

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SURVEY

for home groups and individual members to
weigh in on Agenda items
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AREA ASSEMBLY (VIRTUAL)

ROUNDTABLE REPORTBACKS & HOT TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, April 10

9:00AM

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for "What is the
General Service
Conference?"

What's this all about?

What is the General Service Conference?

At the 1955 International Convention, AA came of age and the General Service Conference was designated as the actual voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society - it has the responsibility for maintaining our vital world services, is the guardian of the Traditions, and is the sole successor of the co-founders, Doctor Bob and Bill W.

The 71st General Service Conference Annual Meeting will be held on April 18-24, 2021. There are 134 voting members: 93 Delegates, 21 Trustees, 5 AAGV Directors, 2 AAWS Directors, 3 GV staff, and 12 GSO staff. Our Area 61 Rhode Island Delegate is one of the ninety-three delegates elected by the service areas of the US and Canada which comprise 69% of the voting body.

The purpose of our Area 61 Pre-Conference Roundtables, Survey and Assembly is to discuss many of the agenda items that will be a part of the upcoming General Service Conference. Agenda items are matters of importance to the Fellowship as a whole. Our discussions will form group conscience on the agenda items and this will be shared with our Area 61 Delegate, who will serve our Area and AA as a whole at the virtual General Service Conference.

Each group is strongly encouraged to participate in the important and far-reaching business of AA, by having a voice and a vote at the Roundtables and Pre-Conference Area Assembly. The Agenda items are posted on aainri.com.

| Sample Agenda Items | |
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| Committee | Agenda Item Description |
| Corrections | Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/ programs. |
| Policy/Admissions | Consider request regarding participation of online groups in the General Service structure. |
| Grapevine | Review suggested gender-neutral language options for changes to the A.A. Preamble. |
| Literature | Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution. |
| Report and Charter | Consider a request to revise Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service. |