

72ND GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE QUICK REFERENCE

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AGENDA

73rd GSC Theme:

"A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution".

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Committee Considerations:

1. Considered creating a new pamphlet to help CPC committee reach as many doctors as possible and **took no action**.

CORRECTIONS

Committee Considerations:

1. Reconsidered the use of the term "Person in Custody" in AA literature and **took no action**.
2. + Considered requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and **took no action**.
3. + Discussed request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind and **took no action**.

FINANCE

Committee Considerations:

1. + Considered request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the 12x12 and **took no action**.
2. + Considered request that all proposed changes to the 12x12 be handled in footnotes and **took no action**.

GRAPEVINE / LA VINA

Committee Considerations:

1. Suggested the following Grapevine Book Topics for 2023 and later: Best of Dear Grapevine, Book for Newcomers, Best of LaViña II, Prayer and Meditation (LaViña Book).
2. Discussed the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our AA Fellowship and **took no action**.

LITERATURE

Approved:

1. In the "Q & A on Sponsorship" pamphlet add the following to the "What does a sponsor do" section: "Stresses the importance of A.A. being a safe space for all members and encourages members to become familiar with safety material available from the General Service Office".
2. Add the following to the "How does sponsorship help a group?" section: "Sponsorship can also help a group to create a welcoming and secure environment. Safety is an issue affecting all members and it is important for groups to remain accessible to all who are seeking recovery. Sponsorship can help keep the group focused on the common welfare".

3. Add the following to *Living Sober* in chapter 29: "Of course, A.A. is a reflection of the larger society around us and problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. But by keeping the focus on our common welfare and primary purpose, groups can help provide a safe and secure environment for all their members."
4. That a video animation on the 12 Concepts published by the GSB of AA Great Britain be adapted and produced by the Publishing department.
5. The pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations.
6. Revised versions of the following pamphlets were approved: Young People and AA, Is AA for You?, Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?, Frequently Asked Questions About AA, This is AA.

Failed:

1. A second volume of "Experience, Strength, and Hope" with stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book be created.

Committee Considerations:

1. Reviewed progress of the translation of the Fourth Edition Big Book into plain and simple language and looks forward to a progress report next year.
2. Requested the trustees' committee continue research into developing study guide workbooks for AA.
3. Discussed changes to the text of the 12x12 as directed by the 71st GSC and **took no action**.

POLICY / ADMISSIONS

Approved: The compilation of all Conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French, Spanish.

Failed: + A request to restore a paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" in the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous* in all future printings and publications in which the story is included.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Approved:

1. In the "Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet add the following to the "Anonymity in the Digital Age" section: 'It is suggested that when A.A.s gather as A.A.s or as an A.A. group on social media pages and other similar platforms that these pages are set to "private" rather than "public"'.
2. In that same section add: 'Q. Are virtual A.A. meetings considered "Public"? A. These online gatherings are not streamed to the general public; however, information about the meeting is provided to A.A. members,

potential members, and the general public similar to in-person meetings. While some members feel comfortable using their full names and faces, other members feel comfortable using their first name and last initial or turning their video off. For safety purposes, some groups have provided helpful reminders in their group format that picture taking, or screen shots are not in keeping with anonymity principles.'

3. Retire the "A.A. Fact File" and replace it with a new digital Public Information Press Media Kit.
4. A 2022 A.A. Membership Survey will be conducted with two new questions and six changed questions and a "How to Video".

Committee Considerations:

1. Update the flyer "A.A. at a Glance" to modernize the look, and update the contribution / self-support language.
2. Trustees' committee to continue updating the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" based on suggestions from the committee.

REPORT AND CHARTER

Approved:

1. Chapters 8,9,10 and 12 of the A.A. Service Manual be revised to correct inaccuracies and to provide clarity and consistency.

Committee Considerations:

1. + Discussed the request to place the GSR Preamble in the Pamphlet "The G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to AA as a Whole" and **took no action**.
2. + The committee considered the request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship and **took no action**.
3. + On returning "The Dr.'s Opinion" to page one in the Big Book the committee **took no action**.

TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

Approved:

1. + The long form of Tradition Five will be added to the "What is an AA Group" section of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" at its next printing.

Committee Considerations:

1. + Considered the request to revise text in the chapter "Getting Plenty of Rest" in *Living Sober* and **took no action**.

TRUSTEES

Approved:

1. Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards.

Committee Considerations:

+ Considered a request to change the phrases "holding office" and "officer" in the pamphlet "The AA Group" and **took no action**.

ARCHIVES

Committee Considerations:

1. Revise guidelines for Collecting Oral Histories to include suggestions on how to conduct interviews in ASL.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS / REGIONAL FORUMS

Committee Considerations:

1. Conduct survey regarding how to close the Big Meetings
2. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums

FLOOR ACTIONS

Approved:

1. Revise the draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated".
2. After consulting with our professional survey methodologist regarding the questions about Racial and Ethnic Background, and Employment Status, the trustees' may approve final changes to these questions.

Failed:

1. The trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups develop a plan to create one or more non-geographic Areas for online and telephone groups within the US and Canada.
2. The trustees' Conference committee develop a plan describing the process of developing background information that is targeted, balanced and contains relevant historical content.
3. Reaffirm the Advisory Action from the 1995 (45th) GSC stating "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*", the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion", "Doctor Bob's Nightmare", and the Appendices remain as is.

Conference Declined the Floor Action:

1. With the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain language, that the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts not be translated into plain language in any way; that these remain in the existing form in English as in previous editions of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
2. The GSC impose a one-year moratorium on any new agenda items received through September 15, 2022.
3. The GSR Preamble be added to the pamphlet "The G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole".
4. The two Advisory Actions from the 71st GSC that changed "opposite sex" to "partner" and removed the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in the 12x12 be rescinded and the 12x12 be returned to its original text.