

2014 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2015 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- D. Review the revised description of the Conference Agenda Committee in Chapter 8, Conference Committees in the 2013-2014 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual*.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider changes to the section, “Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities” in the pamphlet, “If You Are a Professional...”
- B. Consider changes to the pamphlet “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional.”
- C. Review contents of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Consider request for revisions to the section “What A.A. does NOT do” in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals” to be consistent with similar text in C.P.C. literature.
- B. Consider the development of a new video to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” (DV-08).
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- B. Review A.A. Grapevine Board proposal to the 2014 Conference Committee on the Grapevine to significantly reduce the La Viña deficit.
- C. Review report from A.A. Grapevine Board on feasibility of producing one book in American Sign Language (ASL).
- D. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2015 and later.
- E. Reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of the Grapevine.
- F. Consider a request “to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the A.A. Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines.”
- G. Review suggested changes to pamphlet “A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print” (P-52).
- H. Review Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Review the draft revised pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service.”
- B. Review revised draft of the proposed pamphlet on spirituality.
- C. Discuss suggested change to the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated.”
- D. Discuss suggested changes to the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship.”
- E. Discuss suggested changes to *Living Sober*.
- F. Consider the use of the circle and triangle as an unofficial A.A. service mark on Conference-approved literature.
- G. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness.
- H. Consider a request to add “Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the Primary Purpose (Blue) card.
- I. Approve a correction to inaccurate text related to the addition of appendices in the Preface of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve admission to the 2014 General Service Conference of Jennie Herd, alternate delegate, Area 85, Northwestern Ontario, in place of Ken Baker, the Panel 63 delegate for Area 85.
- B. Review dates for the 2017 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider a request that an anonymous electronic voting system be utilized at the General Service Conference on all nonelection votes for a trial period.
- D. Reconsider the 2008 Conference Advisory Action regarding responsibility for site selection of the General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2014 Comprehensive Media Plan from the trustees' P.I. Committee.
- B. Consider report from the trustees' P.I. Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- C. Consider that the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey.
- D. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review report from trustees' P.I. Committee on A.A. Video P.S.A.s.
 - 2. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 3. Consider production of new video P.S.A.
 - 4. Review final report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video P.S.A. for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza."
- E. Consider revisions to the Anonymity Card (F-20).
- F. Review progress report on development of a brief video on anonymity.
- G. Discuss how delegates might stimulate local discussions in light of ongoing anonymity concerns.
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2014-2015 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 2. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
 - 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 4. Consider draft text for “Advisory Action” and “Additional Committee Consideration” as additions to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
 - 5. Consider draft text regarding duties and qualifications of “Secretary and Registrar” on page S45.
- B. Consider request to modify Article III of the Current Conference Charter.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*:
 - Reconsider the 2013 Conference Advisory Action regarding editing Area Service Highlights.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Consider proposal to revise the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity.
- B. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee;
 - 2. Pacific Regional Trustee.
- 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 A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

XII. Archives

- A. Review revised draft video *Markings on the Journey*.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2015 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.