

2013 General Service Conference Committees
Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2014 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2014 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Discuss suggestion to revise text in the section *Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities* in the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..." to reflect current A.A. experience.
- B. Discuss how local C.P.C. Committees are utilizing new technologies to provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service work.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals":
 - 1. Review draft replacement for the section "A.A. in correctional facilities" and two additional revisions.
 - 2. Discuss a review of the entire pamphlet.
- B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss how we engage A.A. members in corrections service.
- D. Discuss how we use available resources in support of local corrections Twelfth Step work.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.
- C. Review report on self-support from the trustees' Finance Committee.

V. Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status report.
- B. La Viña magazine:
 - 1. Review the results of the 2012 assessment of La Viña as a bimonthly, perfect bound, black and white, 68-page magazine.
 - 2. Consider discontinuing the requirement for the current format of the La Viña print magazine (i.e. 68 pages, perfect bound).
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2014 and later.
- D. Review the Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service."
- B. Review final report on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality, along with the draft pamphlet.
- C. Consider a request to replace language in the second paragraph of the dust jacket of the 4th Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- D. Consider a suggestion to add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the *open* meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- E. Consider a request to add an index to the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Consider a request to add the subtitle 'None Left Behind' to the newly revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Consider suggestion that delegates who are elected to be alternate chairperson of a primary Conference committee would not be eligible to serve as chairperson of a secondary Conference committee.
- C. Review suggestion to revise the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the General Service Conference.”
- D. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the role of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions in granting admission to international observers at the General Service Conference.
- E. Consider changing the deadline for the submission of Conference Agenda Items from January 15th to December 15th.
- F. Consider request to revise the timetable for the election of one of the four delegates in Ontario to allow for two odd and two even panels in that province.
- G. Discuss the concept of combining the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy/Admissions Committees.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2012 annual report from the trustees’ P.I. Committee regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- B. 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.s.
 - 4. Review interim report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video P.S.A. for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza.”
- C. Discuss Fellowship sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven.
- D. Review report from trustees’ P.I. Committee on establishing a Public Information Social Media Page.
- E. Consider a request from A.A.W.S. for permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital A.A. literature.
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2013-2014 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 2. Review suggested text describing the duties of the chairperson of the General Service Board.
 - 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 4. Consider adding “Advisory Action” and “Additional Committee Consideration” to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
 - 5. Consider suggested text from Publishing Department on the “spirit of rotation.”
 - 6. Consider request that “the definition and Composition of an Area Assembly be modified for consistency and clarity in Chapter Four.”
 - 7. Consider request to revise the description of “Director (nontrustee)” in the Glossary of General Service Terms on page S19.
 - 8. Consider request to update information about suggested qualifications for area registrars on page S45.
- B. Review revised draft text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report* and consider request regarding editing Area Highlights.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Review report on Spanish and French translations of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Review report on the pamphlet “A.A. For the Alcoholic With Special Needs” formatted for alcoholics who are blind, deaf or learning challenged.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Discuss how Special Needs-Accessibilities Committees can communicate the various ways to make meeting places accessible to *all* alcoholics.
- F. Discuss ways that Special Needs committees might help groups prepare in advance for the arrival of deaf/hard of hearing alcoholics.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. East Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- 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.
- E. Review the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider a proposal to revise the video *Markings on the Journey*.
- B. Consider a proposal to publish a commemorative "75th Anniversary Edition" of the First Edition, First Printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April 2014.
- C. Consider a request to post selected archival audio recordings on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- D. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss selection of three cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2025.
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2015 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.