

2016 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

I. Agenda (Background 386 pages)

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2017 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2017 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- D. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."
- B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..."
- C. Consider adding text to the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" regarding A.A. as a resource for small businesses.
- D. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals."
- E. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review draft of video created to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review the Conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. Members.
- C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. Member of \$3,000.
- D. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.
- E. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.
- C. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Review A.A.W.S. report on “pagination” of Conference-approved digital books.
- C. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Woman.”
- D. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet “A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic.”
- E. Review progress report on the development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.
- F. Review progress report on the development of a plan for the systematic review of A.A. recovery literature.
- G. Review revised draft pamphlet “Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services.”
- H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- I. Consider request to update the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve request for two observers from A.A. in the Ukraine to attend the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Review progress report on plans for French and Spanish translation of all Conference background.
- C. Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships.
- D. Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material with the exception of digital media and works in progress.
- E. Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2015 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 1. Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 2. Review 2016 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- C. Review the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 distribution and tracking information for the video P.S.A. "Doors."
- D. Review 2015 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.
 - 1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza" at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.
 - 2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. "I Thought."
- E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates."
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:*
 - 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 2. Consider adding definition of “Service Manual” to Glossary of Service Terms.
 - 3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.
 - 4. Consider draft text for a section on “Local Forums” to be added to Chapter Nine.
 - 5. Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
 - 6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding “male/female” distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)
 - 1. Consider that the category title “ONLINE MEETINGS” be changed to “ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS” in A.A. Directories.
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Consider removing “Special Needs” from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities’ name and throughout the committees’ Composition, Scope and Procedure.
- B. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. West Central Regional Trustee;
 - 2. Western Canada 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.
- E. Review report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating on expanding the pool of candidates to serve the General Service Board and the Corporate Boards.
- F. Consider option presented by the trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected vacancy of Regional Trustees.

XII. Archives

- A. Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Convention/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
- B. Discuss report on the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.