

Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2019 General Service Conference*

As of 11/8/2018
32 Items

Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting.

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item	Forwarded to	Status
1	10/24/17	Create a list of questions to aid those interested in <i>starting or improving their archives</i> .	Trustees' Committee on Archives	Under consideration by trustees' committee
2	10/26/17	In the pamphlet named "Members Of The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", on page 11, under the subheading, "What are AA Meetings Like?" add the text from the "Blue Card" to define Closed and Open Meetings.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee noted that the current language in the pamphlet adequately explains the difference between open and closed meetings.
3	10/26/17	That in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" under the section titled "What can you expect from A.A.?", under subsection 3 the first sentence, "They may help arrange hospitalization.", be removed.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Forwarded to Conference Committee on C.P.C.: The committee agreed to forward the request to consider removing text in the section "What can you expect from A.A.?" in the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
4	12/12/17	Consider a request that the Guideline "Cooperation with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs" be revised and updated to reflect the changing quantities, populations, formats and impact of Sobriety Courts, Drug Courts, Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, Healing Courts and Veterans Courts on the meetings and groups that are willing to cooperate with such programs.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee discussed potential alcoholics coming to A.A. through court referrals and requested that the staff secretary update the A.A. Guidelines on Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs to better reflect what A.A. is and is not.
5	3/16/18	Consider adding a service item that lists the items from the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group...Where it all Begins" on page 39 outlining the things that A.A. does not do in a poster form.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action: The committee agreed that "what A.A. does not do" is adequately addressed in current literature (i.e., the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" and flyer "Information on A.A.") and that there is no widely-expressed need from the Fellowship to provide the information in additional formats.

*May include items submitted for a previous year, but still under consideration by a trustees' committee.

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6	4/15/18	That a modification be made to the Service Manual page S82: A footnote be added to S82, listing the titles of the books described on S82 as "The first four books written by Bill W."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
7	4/22/18	That the following paragraph be added after the listing of Duties in the chapter The Group and Its G.S.R. in the A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31): "What I saw, and heard, and felt. "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform members of my group by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
8	4/22/18	That the following paragraph be added after the listing of Duties in the chapter The District and The D.C.M. in the A.A. Service manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31): "What I saw, and heard, and felt. "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform G.S.R. of my District by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
9	5/4/18	That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approve the development of a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of AA).	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
10	3/4/18	To add a paragraph to Chapter 29 in Living Sober extolling the positive experience of participation in general service meetings (including business/group conscience meetings).	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action: The committee agreed that there is no widely expressed need from the Fellowship to revise Living Sober as proposed; and that the "positive experience of participation in general services meetings" may be best addressed in the new pamphlet on the Three Legacies, currently under development.

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11	7/17/18	The grid of proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference Committee be revised to include the rationale for the items not forwarded. In addition, a review of the revised grid be placed on the annual agenda of the Conference Committee on Agenda and included in the February 15 General Service Conference background material.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee: Item 1: The trustees' Committee agreed that no action be taken on the request for a revision of the grid of proposed items not forwarded to a Conference committee because the grid was updated to include the rationale. Item 2: A proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on Proposed Agenda Items Not Forwarded to a Conference committee is under review.
12	8/21/18	That the wording of the last sentence in the section titled "How A.A. Members Maintain Sobriety" of the pamphlet "A.A. at a Glance" be changed from: "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism," to "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggested as a program of recovery."	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
13	8/27/18	That the Conference consider establishing a new Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Elder Community.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee:
14	9/10/18	To add the following wording concerning anonymity on social media to the discussion of the Eleventh Tradition in the pamphlet, "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated": To quote Bill W. 's writing on page 15 from The Language of the Heart, "...it should be the privilege, even the right, of each individual or group to handle anonymity as they wish." However, when dealing with social media, personal anonymity as well as the group's anonymity may be easily compromised. We must be careful when using social media to not use full names and/or photos of A.A. members in a way that would identify them or others as A.A. members.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: The committee discussed the request for additional revisions to the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" and requested the Publishing Department include the spirit of the proposed update in the revisions underway for the pamphlet.

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15	9/7/18	That the Conference consider producing a plastic pamphlet rack, rather than the wire rack, as a way for members and local committees to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: This is not a policy item for the GSC. The Production Manager responded that the search is ongoing for a manufacturer of a good quality plastic literature rack that can meet our needs and is cost effective.
16	9/20/18	That work begins on the development of a fifth edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
17	9/23/18	All Agenda Items for Censure or Reorganization Be Forwarded Directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Took No Action: The committee agreed that it is important to follow our proposed agenda item process and initially submit any item to an appropriate trustees' Committee.
18	9/24/18	That the General Service Conference authorize the Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher to hire and oversee a writer to research and draft for publication the story of the Grapevine (including LaVina) from inception until present with inclusion of a chapter in the spirit of "A Vision For You."	A.A. Grapevine	Pending
19	10/8/18	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Traditions to the inside front cover of the AA Service Manual.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
20	10/8/18	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Concepts of World Service to the inside back cover of the A.A. Service Manual.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
21	10/15/18	Consider translating the Big Book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> into plain language – at a fifth grade or similar reading level.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
22	10/17/18	That conference corrections committee undertake a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.	Trustees' Committee on Corrections	Pending
23	10/17/18	A.A.W.S. design a simple pamphlet to help AA members and groups apply the Twelve Concepts for World Service at the group level.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending

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24	10/22/18	Remove the "Alcoholism at Large" page from the Grapevine.	A.A. Grapevine	Pending
25	10/23/18	That the word "directly" be replaced by the word "inversely" in the Daily Reflection for March 3, in order that the clause at the end of the reflection reads: "until I could discard my expectations, and understand that my serenity was inversely proportional to them, I could not experience serenity and sound sobriety."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: This is not a policy item for the GSC. The request was directed to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department as an editorial suggestion.
26	10/23/18	That A.A. prepare a pamphlet on Service Sponsorship.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
27	10/23/18	Add to the Foreword of "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" the following statement, or something similar: A.A.'s Twelve Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure. The Concepts provide guidelines for carrying the message to thousands of suffering alcoholics yet to come. They aim to record the "why" of our service structure. They may be found in <i>The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> .	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
28	10/23/18	Set the publishing schedule of the Conference <i>Final Report</i> at the highest priority to ensure they will be delivered before August 31st, as they were in the past.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Pending
29	10/27/18	Consider an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
30	11/3/18	Consider producing staple free pamphlets, such as, "Do You Think You're Different?", "This is AA: An Introduction to the AA Recovery Program", "The Twelve Steps Illustrated", and "Frequently Asked Questions About AA." As is currently done with "A Newcomer Asks."	Awaiting Decision	Pending
31	11/4/18	The General Service Board develop a policy outlining the conditions under which the Boards see themselves as justified in bringing a lawsuit as a plaintiff without prior Conference consultation—including policies regarding what constitutes "a grave emergency" and what procedures constitute "consulting with the Conference"—with a draft policy or progress report being brought back for review and discussion by the Conference Committee on Trustees for the 70th General Service Conference.	Awaiting Decision	Pending

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32	11/7/18	Consider the development of a contemporary and comprehensive new work book to study the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.	Awaiting Decision	Pending