

July 26, 2024

To: Dawn B, NIA 20 Chair

Subject: Proposed Motion to be added to the agenda of the 2024 NIA Fall Assembly

Dear Dawn:

On behalf of the groups listed below, I wish to submit a motion to be added to the agenda of the 2024 NIA Fall Assembly. If approved by the Fall Assembly, this motion would become a Proposed Agenda Item to be submitted by the Area to the General Service Conference Coordinator at GSO in the hopes that it would pass the Committee process at the 2025 General Service Conference and receive the necessary floor votes for it to become an Advisory Action.

This motion and Proposed Agenda Item have been approved for submission by 24 groups from Districts 61, 11, 40, and 91, and we anticipate that many more groups will approve it prior to the Fall Assembly. We have given them until September to submit their approvals, and we will have a full tabulation and listing of the supporting groups at the Fall Assembly.

In summary, our Proposed Agenda Item is an effort to put in place a mechanism that will allow changes to the English version of the Founders Literature (detailed below) but only after obtaining appropriate approval levels from the AA Groups of the US and Canada. The Motion for the Area agenda would be a vote on whether the Area should submit the below Proposed Agenda Item to the GSC Coordinator.

The GSC Proposed Agenda Item is as follows:

We propose that the 2025 General Service Conference issue an Advisory Action with words to the effect that:

The 1995 Advisory Action of the GSC Literature Committee says: "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." And the 2002 Advisory Action of the same Literature Committee says: "The text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill W., remain as is, recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published."

In consideration of the intent of the past two referenced Advisory Actions to protect from change the literature listed in the two Advisory Actions (herein after called the Founders Literature), and much of the Fellowship's feelings that Founders Literature be retained as originally published, it is resolved that in the future, the English versions of the Founders Literature shall never be changed or amended by the General Service Conference except by first asking the consent of the known AA groups of the US and Canada. These groups shall be suitably notified of any proposal for change and shall be allowed no less than six months for consideration thereof. And before any Conference action be taken to change or amend the English versions of the Founders Literature, there must first be received in writing within the time allotted, the consent of at least three-quarters of those known groups in the US and Canada who respond to such proposal.

Respectfully Submitted

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Creators of Proposal

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District 61 informed 7-13-24, all other districts informed 7-16-24, Questionnaire closing 9-22-24

Groups in favor of submission as of 7-30-24:

Yes	11	Men's Suggested Step Study Group
Yes	11	Supper Club.
Yes	11	How and Why, Island Lake Wednesday 7pm
Yes	11	Clean Air Group Saturday 10:00am MAC
Yes	11	Open Discussion 11:00 am Sunday MAC
Yes	11	Sunday Night Beginners Card Topic
Yes	40	Women's Choice Friday 10:00AM Group Glen Ellyn, IL
Yes	40	Men's Group
Yes	40	Wednesday Night St. Luke
Yes	40	Nuts and Cakes
Yes	40	Satisfied Customers
Yes	61	Prayer and Meditation Group
Yes	61	Meeting Makers Make It. Wednesday 0700pm
Yes	61	We are not Saints. Thursday 0500pm Geneva
Yes	61	Living Sober
Yes	61	Grapevine
Yes	61	Early Birds. Saturday 0900am
Yes	61	Day Trippers
Yes	61	The Gathering Meeting
Yes	61	Monday Nights Womens Meeting, Batavia Club
Yes	61	Women's Happy, Joyous & Free Group
Yes	91	Monmouth Barn Group
Yes	91	Oquawka New Group
Yes	91	Weinberg Group
Yes	91	Primary Purpose Group - Galesburg, IL
Yes	91	Primary purpose Big Book Study