

Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2020 General Service Conference*

As of 11/12/2019
29 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.

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| 1 | 3/14/19 | Consider developing a book titled A.A. Comes of Age II to chronicle the history since the writing of the first book to now. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee tabled discussion on the request to develop a book A.A. Comes of Age II until the February 2020 meeting. |
| 2 | 5/6/19 | Consider removing the bulleted duties from the following pages in The A.A. Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Services: On page S50, Chapter Six, The Delegate Duties: • ' Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions'. On page S31-S32, Chapter Three, The District and the D.C.M Duties: • Brings Tradition problems to the Delegate | 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. |
| 3 | 6/18/19 | Consider an amendment to the title of the booklet, Living Sober, to read: Living Sober: How to not take the first drink. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee tabled discussion on the request for adding a subtitle to Living Sober until the February 2020 meeting. |
| 4 | 6/23/19 | That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee tabled the discussion on the request for a developing literature sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation until the February 2020 meeting. |

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

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| 5 | 6/3/19 | Consider a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition forward, of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, at the time it is published. The addendum of gender terms is written with the intent that all who are seeking answers (help) for a drinking problem are encouraged to give Alcoholics Anonymous a try. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee reviewed requests for proposed Conference agenda items related to the possible development of a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee recognized the priority of addressing whether or not a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, might be developed before addressing items related to content and format changes. The committee will continue discussions at the February 2020 meeting. |
| 6 | 7/11/19 | That the AA Grapevine Board, in cooperation with the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, develop a new pamphlet which would describe how the A.A. Grapevine can be utilized to carry A.A.s message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. | A.A. Grapevine | Under consideration |
| 7 | 7/18/19 | That the words "of the opposite sex" be removed from the paragraph in Chapter 12 of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions which currently reads: "Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made —spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. " be changed to: "Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate with whom the fullest possible union can be made - spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. | Awaiting Decision | |
| 8 | 8/19/19 | Consider a request to discontinue and retire the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in your Community." (P-31). | Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities | Forwarded to Conference Committee on C.P.C.: The trustees' committee agreed to forward a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community" to the 2020 Conference Committee on C.P.C. The trustees' committee noted the current distribution of the pamphlet and suggested that the Conference C.P.C. Committee consider revising this pamphlet. |

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| 9 | 8/30/19 | That the General Service Conference consider creating a 5th Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with the removal of the Chapters 'To Wives', 'The Family Afterward', and 'To Employers'. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee reviewed requests for proposed Conference agenda items related to the possible development of a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee recognized the priority of addressing whether or not a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, might be developed before addressing items related to content and format changes. The committee will continue discussions at the February 2020 meeting. |
| 10 | 8/26/19 | Consider a motion to develop a 5th edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee reviewed requests for proposed Conference agenda items related to the possible development of a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee recognized the priority of addressing whether or not a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, might be developed before addressing items related to content and format changes. The committee will continue discussions at the February 2020 meeting. |
| 11 | 9/5/19 | Consider removing the words "He", "His" and "Him" from Steps Three, Seven and Eleven and replace them with the word God. | Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference | Took No Action: The committee discussed a proposed agenda item to "Consider removing the words 'He His and Him' from Steps Three, Seven and Eleven and replace them with the word God" and took no action. The committee understands that changing the Steps is a major undertaking. The committee agreed there is no widely expressed need for this change. |

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| 12 | 9/5/19 | Consider to allow Jewish Rabbis and Muslim leaders and Indian Ancient Vedas scholars et al to have diverse spiritual language in the Fifth Edition Big Book rather than the current predominantly Judeo Christian language. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee reviewed requests for proposed Conference agenda items related to the possible development of a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee recognized the priority of addressing whether or not a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, might be developed before addressing items related to content and format changes. The committee will continue discussions at the February 2020 meeting. |
| 13 | 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 | Took No Action: The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request and will continue this discussion at their July 2019 board meeting. The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request with appreciation and decided not to move forward with this request because no expressed need has been indicated as well as staffing and financial constraints for a project of this magnitude. |
| 14 | 10/15/18 | Consider translating the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous into plain language – at a fifth grade or similar reading level. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under Consideration (Carried over from a previous year): The trustees' Literature committee formed a subcommittee on Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access to the Book, Alcoholics Anonymous to review previously submitted requests for literature development related to the items included in the Board chair's request in order assess the problems and needs being addressed in the related requests and possible common solutions. The committee looks forward to a subcommittee progress report at the February 2020 meeting. |

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| 15 | 10/27/18 | Consider an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under Consideration (Carried over from a previous year): The trustees' Literature committee formed a subcommittee on Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access to the Book, Alcoholics Anonymous to review previously submitted requests for literature development related to the items included in the Board chair's request in order assess the problems and needs being addressed in the related requests and possible common solutions. The committee looks forward to a subcommittee progress report at the February 2020 meeting. |
| 16 | 11/7/18 | Consider the development of a contemporary and comprehensive new work book to study the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under Consideration (Carried over from a previous year): The committee tabled discussion on the request to develop a contemporary and comprehensive new workbook to study the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts until the 2020 February meeting. |
| 17 | 11/14/18 | We ask for immediate removal [cease active use] of the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services YouTube Channel. | Trustees' Committee on Public Information | Under Consideration (Carried over from a previous year): The A.A.W.S. board has agreed to forward the Proposed Agenda item for the removal of the A.A.W.S YouTube channel, to the trustees' Committee on Public Information for consideration. The committee discussed the request and tabled the item to the July 2019 meeting. The committee noted that the A.A.W.S. YouTube account is still in its infancy and that more information may be needed before determining its usefulness and effectiveness. The committee discussed the request from an Area for "the immediate removal (cease active use) of the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services YouTube Channel" and took no action. The committee noted that the A.A.W.S. account is still in its infancy and it is too early to determine the usefulness and effectiveness of this platform to communicate about A.A. |

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| 18 | 12/10/18 | Consider that the book, Language of the Heart, be translated into a Spanish audiobook/audio format. | A.A. Grapevine | Approved by AA Grapevine Board: In progress: The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request and referred it to their Ad hoc subcommittee on Book translations for further consideration. The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request and is moving forward with the production of Language of the Heart translation into a Spanish audiobook/audio format. |
| 19 | 12/14/18 | The General Service Conference consider ceasing the development of new literature and focus on making all our current literature accessible in all possible formats. | A.A. World Services | Under Consideration (Carried over from a previous year): On January 24, 2019 the A.A. World Services Board reviewed the proposed agenda item and forwarded it to the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference. The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference met on January 26, 2019, and considered item. Due to the broad implications of this request the committee forwarded it to the trustees' Literature Committee " The trustees' Literature Committee plans to review at the July 2019 meeting. |
| 20 | 12/14/18 | Request that the General Service Conference consider the production of an audio format (preferably CD) of the Spanish language book El Lenguaje del Corazón. | A.A. Grapevine | Approved by AA Grapevine Board: In progress: The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request and referred it to their Ad hoc subcommittee on Book translations for further consideration. The AA Grapevine Board reviewed this request and is moving forward with production of an audio format of the Spanish language book El Lenguaje del Corazón. |
| 21 | 10/3/19 | Consider to have Archives prepare a book containing all discontinued pamphlets. | Trustees' Committee on Archives | Took No Action: The committee discussed a proposal to produce a book containing all discontinued A.A. pamphlets and took no action. The committee noted that copies of retired pamphlets are available directly from the Archives Department, upon request. It was also noted that there is no widely expressed need for this material. |

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| 22 | 10/6/19 | Recommendation that the General Service Office direct the appropriate Committee(s) to create and facilitate a targeted PSA to educate seniors about alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous for play on national television and radio stations across America. | Trustees' Committee on Public Information | Under consideration by trustees' committee: The committee discussed a request from an area to create and facilitate a targeted PSA to educate seniors about alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee asked that further discussion about this item and PSA messaging be forwarded to the Comprehensive Media Plan subcommittee with a report back at the 2020 February meeting. |
| 23 | 10/15/19 | That the Conference Corrections committee review corrections related literature intended for use by members in correctional facilities and take action to removing the words "inmate" and "offender" from A.A.W.S. literature and replace these words with more inclusive terms. | Trustees' Committee on Corrections | Under consideration by trustees' committee |
| 24 | 10/15/19 | Consider that a pamphlet be published by the General Service Office explaining YPAA (Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous) events, bid committees, state, regional and international conventions, also the ICYPAA Advisory Council. | Trustees' Committee on Literature | Under consideration by trustees' committee |
| 25 | 10/17/19 | A revised version of the pamphlet, "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings" be considered to replace the current version. This revision seeks to clarify and make more concise the message conveyed, rendering this piece a more effective tool for use by A.A. members cooperating with non-A.A. persons and entities. The current version is 24 pages in length, and while the information contained therein is valuable, a concise piece may be a more effective and practical tool. | Trustees' Committee on Public Information | Pending |
| 26 | 11/5/19 | Consider that the language in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group", Page 13, concerning open meetings be revised to omit the text "Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers." | Awaiting Decision | Pending |
| 27 | 11/11/19 | Consider a request that our trusted servants at Grapevine Inc. change the language of the first sentence of the "A.A. Preamble" as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." | Awaiting Decision | Pending |

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| 28 | 11/9/19 | Publish the hard copy (M-23) and the anonymity-protected electronic versions of the Conference Final Report within 45 days of the annual General Service Conference. | Awaiting Decision | Pending |
| 29 | 11/9/19 | Make the publication (M-39) Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous available to the Fellowship by providing an anonymity-protected, searchable (digital) database to be updated annually at the close of the Conference. | Awaiting Decision | Pending |