

2019 General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2018 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
- B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
- C. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
- B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
- 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 of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- D. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.
- B. Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine.
- C. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- D. Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.

VI. Literature

- A. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- B. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.’s Three Legacies.
- C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- D. Review progress report regarding updating the video “Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure.”
- E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.
- G. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Too Young?”
- H. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”
- J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- K. Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- L. Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in *Living Sober* and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
- N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- O. Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- P. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- B. Review report from G.S.O.'s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.
- C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.
- E. Discuss a request to "develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items."
- F. Consider revising the "Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings."
- G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
 - 2. Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.
 - 3. Consider request that the video PSA "My World" be discontinued.
 - 4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).
- D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."
- E. Consider request to update language in the flyer "A.A. at a Glance."
- F. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- G. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- B. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2018 - 2020
 - Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.
- B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”
- D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
- E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.
- F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- 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 AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.