

Greetings Western Washington Family,

Thank you in advance for helping me prepare for the 71st General Service Conference (GSC). There are multiple ways you can help me prepare. First and foremost, please come to a Pre-Conference. There are four different Pre-Conferences and you can come to which ever works best for you.

The purpose of the Pre-Conferences is for the Delegate to communicate with the GSRs (and through them, to the Group) about some issues which will be addressed at the General Service Conference (held in April). This way the GSRs can inform the Delegate about their Groups conscience on the issues so that the Delegate has a sense of our Area while attending the General Service Conference.

The full conference agenda is available with background. Due to the pandemic many topics from the 70th General Service Conference were moved to this year. As a result, there are over 100 agenda items. Just so you know, at the GSC all topics will be discussed by each committee but that doesn't mean the committee will recommend sending the topic to the whole Conference for consideration and vote. I have posted the entire agenda by sections (Committees) on the Area web page for your reading pleasure. If you would like to review certain sections and provide feedback or even feedback on the entire conference it is available on the area web page.

For the purpose of the Pre-Conference - 5 agenda topics have been selected for discussion.

Items for consideration:

1. Policy/Admissions – Consider request regarding participation of online groups in the General Service Structure
2. Corrections - Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs.
3. Report and Charter – Discuss the AA Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)
4. Literature - This discussion is meant to sparks a conversation – Is there a problem with our literature that prevents someone from identifying with our common message? IF so, why?
5. Finance - Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action stating "G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group."

Please pay special attention in these summaries to the section that ask the questions. This is what your Delegate needs to learn from you.

How do you or your group provide feedback on different agenda items?

1. **New: Survey** With the help of our amazing tech team we have created 2 surveys for you to provide information on you and your groups thoughts.
 - **Survey 1** - only the items that we discuss during the [Pre-Conferences](#). Remember to save your responses. [Click here to access summary and survey](#)
 - **Survey 2 – Multiple sections broken down by committee.** You can complete all or part of the survey. Just remember to save your responses.
2. Email me at delegate@area72aa.org

Deadline: I would like all feedback by April 12, 2021.

This year the Conference Theme, Presentation and Workshop Topics

The theme of the 71st General Service Conference is: "A.A. in a Time of Change"

The Presentation/Discussion topics will include:

- Practicing A.A.'s Spiritual Principles in a Changing World:
- Recovery in a Changing World
- Unity in a Changing World
- Service in a Changing World

The Workshop Topic will be:

- Inform – Communicate
- Involve – Act
- Inspire – Attract

These are wonderful AA topics that can be talked about and discussed throughout the Fellowship, in assemblies, districts, intergroup/central office gatherings, and in groups. While we don't hear "group consciences" on these, please consider using them for your AA events. We will also have some time for sharing on the Conference Theme at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Thank you for participating in the Conference process and helping me be better prepared.

Yours in Joyous Service

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Disclosures:

The materials in this document are only summaries of the background. Information presented in the summaries is carefully distilled or extracted to be concise and provide enough information so that all districts and members in CNCA can fully participate. For more information on any particular item(s), please contact your DCM or DCMC to obtain full background information.

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