2011 General Service Conference Committees

Final Agenda Items

I. Agenda

A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2012 General Service Conference.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- B. Presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference.
 - 1. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

2. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics planned for the 2012 General Service Conference.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

E. Consider a request that the trustees' Conference Committee meet annually with the Conference Committee on Agenda and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to address matters concerning the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

II. <u>Cooperation With the Professional Community</u>

A. Discuss the concept of a compilation DVD of Cooperation With the Professional Community (C.P.C.) literature.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

B. Discuss a draft sample letter to professionals on how they might use the A.A. Grapevine, La Vina and La Vigne.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

C. Review a draft service piece regarding use of the A.A. Grapevine, La Vina and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

D. C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

1. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

2. List of goals and project suggestions for C.P.C. committees.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

3. Sharing on formats for one-on-one contact with professionals.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

4. Sample guide letter for healthcare professional school administrators.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

III. <u>Corrections</u>

A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

B. Consider adding references to the Big Book in the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities," including a proposed section describing Big Book studies as a possible meeting format.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

IV. <u>Finance</u>

A. Review update from trustees' Finance Committee in gathering personal stories drawn from the Fellowship that humanize the impact of Seventh Tradition monies for the purpose of communicating with the Fellowship about self-support.

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

B. Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" forwarded from the trustees' Finance Committee.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition."

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee convert Self-Support packet F-19 to a comprehensive Finance Kit."

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

- Discuss the list forwarded from the 2010 Conference Finance Committee for additional ways to communicate about self-support:
 - 1. Birthday Plan
 - 2. Seventh Tradition Pamphlet
 - 3. Box 4-5-9 or Grapevine Articles
 - 4. Finance Workbook/Tool Kit
 - 5. Report Costs of Services to Members
 - 6. Discuss Effects of Inflation
 - 7. Add Additional Financial Information to the Web Site

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

V. **Grapevine**

A. Consider that A.A. Grapevine, Inc. be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

B. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

- C. Review request for a discussion on how to best support the Grapevine magazine.

 Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.
 - D. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2012 or later.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

- E. Review and discuss the results of the surveys conducted per the 2010 Advisory Action.

 Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.
- F. Review revisions to "The A.A. Grapevine and La Vina: Our Meetings in Print" pamphlet.

 No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item. The pamphlet.
 - G. Review contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- VI. <u>Literature</u> Rachael F. (53 pages of background material)
 - A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs."

B. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

C. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

D. Review draft revisions to the *Living Sober* booklet.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

E. Consider suggestion to replace the text under "When you're a G.S.R." in the pamphlet "G.S.R. General Service Representative."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

F. Consider a request to develop an item similar to the Self-support or "green card" to help promote the use of our literature as a Twelfth Step tool.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

G. Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that "the trustees' Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous."

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

H. Consider a request to include the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

I. Consider a request to develop a publication about the General Service Office.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

VII. Policy/Admissions

A. Approve admission to the 2011 General Service Conference of Ron Foor, alternate delegate, Area 22, Northern Indiana, in place of Donald Sheets, the Panel 61 delegate for Area 22.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

B. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Peru to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.

C. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Great Britain to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

D. Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference agenda items.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

Consider the comprehensive plan and estimated cost from the Conference Inventory Planning Committee for the General Service Conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself.

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

F. Review dates for the 2014 General Service Conference.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

G. Discuss request that a formal relationship be developed between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the trustees' Conference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

H. Consider suggestion that the Conference Committee on Archives meet outside of the time allotted for their joint committee meeting with the trustees' Committee on Archives.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

Review report from the General Service Board regarding Concept V Appeal to the General Service Conference.

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

VIII. Public Information

A. Consider 2010 annual Web site report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O's A.A. Web Site.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

B. Consider that the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

C. Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."

Group conscious needed for this agenda item.

- D. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.

2. Consider production of new television P.S.A.s.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

E. Consider revisions to "Understanding Anonymity" which include text on the topic of anonymity in the digital age and answers the question "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the A.A. members they may meet?"

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

F. Consider revisions to "The A.A. Fact File."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

G. Consider a revision to "A.A. at a Glance."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- IX. Report and Charter
 - A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2011-2012 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

2. Review draft of description on trustees emeriti.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

3. Review list of editorial updates.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

4. Review revised text forwarded from the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees regarding the nominating procedure listed as #2 on page S67.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

 Consider request to change the text "new kid on the block" to a "a first year Delegate" on page S52 under Personal Experience in section "Preparing for the Conference."

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

6. Consider suggestion to revise the text on "inactive service workers" on S37 in Chapter Four to reflect that the appropriate local entity is responsible for

addressing inactive G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and add similar text to Chapter One and Three.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

7. Consider request to review and update the section "What Goes On at the Conference" on page S55.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- B. Conference Charter:
 - 1. Consider request to recommend adding "the right of Petition and Appeal" to the Conference Charter as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

 Consider request to "address and remedy the inconsistencies between the Current (Conference) Charter and the Original (Conference) Charter" as found in The A.A. Service Manual.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

D. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- X. <u>Treatment Facilities/Special Needs-Accessibilities</u>
 - A. Review draft recovery pamphlet for alcoholics with special needs.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

B. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee regarding changing "Treatment Facilities" Committee to "Treatment" Committee in committee titles and in A.A. literature.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

C. Consider removing line of dialog from video "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous."

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- XI. Trustees
 - A. Review resumes of candidates for:

- Northeast trustee
- 2. Southwest trustee
- 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

C. Review slate of directors of A.A. Work Services, Inc.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

XII. Archives

A. Review Workbook.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

- XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums
 - A. Discuss report on the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

No discussion or input needed from Fellowship for this agenda item.

B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.

Input from the Fellowship optional. Discuss as a secondary agenda item with groups.

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