

2013 General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2014 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2014 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Discuss suggestion to revise text in the section *Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities* in the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..." to reflect current A.A. experience.
- B. Discuss how local CPC Committees are utilizing new technologies to provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in CPC service work.
- D. Review contents of CPC Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals":
 - 1. Review draft replacement for the section "A.A. in correctional facilities" and two additional revisions.
 - 2. Discuss a review of the entire pamphlet.
- B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss how we engage A.A. members in corrections service.
- D. Discuss how we use available resources in support of local corrections Twelfth Step work.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.
- C. Review report on self-support from the trustees' Finance Committee.

V. Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status report.
- B. La Vina magazine:
 - 1. Review the results of the 2012 assessment of La Vina as a bimonthly, perfect bound, black and white, 68-page magazine.
 - 2. Consider discontinuing the requirement for the current format of the La Vina print magazine (i.e. 68 pages, perfect bound).
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2014 and later.
- D. Review the Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service."
- B. Review final report on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality, along with the draft pamphlet.

- C. Consider a request to replace language in the second paragraph of the dust jacket of the 4th Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- D. Consider a suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the *open* meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- E. Consider a request to add an index to the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. -
- G. Consider a request to add the subtitle “None Left Behind” to the newly revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” pamphlet.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Consider suggestion that delegates who are elected to be alternate chairperson of a primary Conference committee would not be eligible to serve as chairperson of a secondary Conference committee.
- C. Review suggestion to revise the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the General Service Conference.”
- D. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the role of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions in granting admission to international observers at the General Service Conference.
- E. Consider changing the deadline for the submission of Conference Agenda Items from January 15th to December 15th.
- F. Consider request to revise the timetable for the election of one of the four delegates in Ontario to allow for two odd and two even panels in that province.
- G. Discuss the concept of combining the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy/Admissions Committees.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2012 annual report from the trustees’ PI Committee regarding GSO’s A.A. website.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review report from trustees’ PI Committee on A.A. Video PSAs.
 - 2. Review current video PSAs for relevance and usefulness.
 - 3. Consider production of new video PSAs.
 - 4. Review interim report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video PSA for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza.”
- C. Discuss Fellowship sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven.
- D. Review report from trustees’ PI Committee on establishing a Public Information Social Media Page.
- E. Consider a request from AAWS for permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital AA literature.
- F. Review contents of PI Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The AA Service Manual, 2013-2014 Edition*:
 - 1. Review revisions from the AAWS Board.

2. Review suggested text describing the duties of the chairperson of the General Service Board.
 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 4. Consider adding “Advisory Action” and “Additional Committee Consideration” to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
 5. Consider suggested text from Publishing Department on the “spirit of rotation.”
 6. Consider request that “the definition and Composition of an Area Assembly be modified for consistency and clarity in Chapter Four.”
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 8. Consider request to revise the description of “Director (nontrustee)” in the Glossary of General Service Terms on page S19.
 9. Consider request to update information about suggested qualifications for area registrars on page S45.
- B. Review revised draft text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss AA Directories (Canada, Western US, and Eastern US).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report* and consider request regarding editing Area Highlights.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Review report on Spanish and French translations of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Review report on the pamphlet “AA For the Alcoholic with Special Needs” formatted for alcoholics who are blind, deaf or learning challenged.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Discuss how Special Needs-Accessibilities Committees can communicate the various ways to make meeting places accessible to *all* alcoholics.
- F. Discuss ways that Special Needs committees might help groups prepare in advance for the arrival of deaf/hard of hearing alcoholics.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. East Central Regional Trustee
 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
 3. Trustee-at-Large/US
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of AA World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review the General Service Board’s proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the AAWS Board and the AA Grapevine Board.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider a proposal to revise the video *Markings on the Journey*.
- B. Consider a proposal to publish a commemorative “75th Anniversary Edition” of the First Edition, First Printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April 2014.
- C. Consider a request to post selected archival audio recordings on GSO’s AA website.
- D. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss selection of three cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2025.
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-AA speakers to participate in the 2015 International Convention at AA’s expense.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.