2025 General Service Conference (GSC)

Agenda Items Summaries for

Discussion at Pre-Conference Assembly and Northern

and Southern Roundtables in Southern NV – SAGSC

Attached are the five (5) GSC Agenda Items to be presented at the Area 42 Southern Nevada Roundtables. GSC Background information is available upon request.

Your Delegate wants to hear all comments and feedback from you and your groups on these GSC Agenda Items. Please utilize the feedback time during the Roundtables. After the Roundtables, please bring back a report to your group for discussion and possible group conscience to bring back to the Area Assembly in March

Disclosures: The materials in this document are only summaries of the background. Information presented in the summaries are carefully distilled or extracted to be concise and provide enough information so that all districts and members in Area 42 can fully participate. The summaries do not reflect the opinions of the Area 42 officers.

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2025 Agenda Topic Presentations

The following is a list of the agenda topic presentations for Nevada Area 42. The summaries for the topics presented in the South and North are included in this document. Please see the "Area 42 - 2025 Summarized Agenda Items" for the summaries of the topics presented in the North and to prepare for the Assembly. The entire background which is the basis for the summaries, is available on the password protected section of the nevadaarea42.org webpage. The password is available to any member of Nevada Area of Alcoholic Anonymous.

<u>Assembly – Preconference</u>

I. Agenda - J. Consider a. proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session. (New Item)

XI. Trustees - F. Review Censure Process Proposal.(New Item)

XI. Trustees - G. Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous.(PAI 24 and 63)*

Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW)

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - C. Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)

VI. Literature - K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober. PAI PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90, 92, 121,122)

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II. Cooperation with the Professional Community - E. Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

V. Finance - G. Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)

VI. Literature - L. Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.

VII. Policy/Admissions - F. Consider a request to develop guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates. (New Item)

IX. Report and Charter - 3. Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay. (PAI 75,124)

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III. Corrections - C. Review Data from Tablet Vendor Edovo. (New Item)

VI. Literature - J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (PAI 23)

VII. Policy/Admissions - E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96)

X. Report and Charter - B. Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings. (PAIs 81,15, 26 and 109)

X. Treatment and Accessibilities - D. Review progress report on the update of service material with shared experience from neurodivergent alcoholics

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - B. Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.

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Conference Committee: I. Agenda - Item J

Agenda Topic	Consider a. proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	During the GSB inventory (Jan 2024) and in subsequent Board Discussions, it was noted that a time was needed for Conference Members to discuss matters of importance, communications needs, and any areas of concern. A subcommittee of the Trustees Nominating Committee (TNC) proposed creating dedicated time to address any areas of concern and hear any grievances or censure motions. Historically, this was handled by letters written to the GSB or proposals for censure. There have been ongoing comments that there is insufficient time at the GSC to discuss grievances or emerging matters. It is proposed that this will be scheduled at the GSC for at least 1 hour after the Board reports and Committee meetings have occurred. Discussion will regard grievances, ideas, opportunities, and act as a venue to propose censure. It will be chaired by either the GM of GSO or GSB Chair. The trial period will be for 3 years, at the 76th, 77th, and 78th GSC.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does you group agree that we need time dedicated to addressing grievances at the GSC? Why or why not?

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Conference Committee: XI. Trustees - Item F Agenda Topic Review Censure Process Proposal.(New Item) Historical Context: To outline multiple paths for members of the General Service Conference (GSC) Why is it on the to pursue censure if it is the group conscious of the GSC to do so. Definition of Agenda? Censure: A formal condemnation or reprimand for misconduct – generally actions that violate the group's standards of behavior. The proposed process has four options for when a motion for censure may be made. Option one is a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) this would be subject to the PAI deadline and treated like any other PIA and if forwarded to the GSC, background material would be prepared which may include additional information. Option two is a censure submission after the PAI deadline and may be submitted to the Conference Coordinator at any time. Option three is a motion made at the GSC during the Harmony and Effectiveness session. The Harmony and Effectiveness

	session is to be proposed separately as something on a trial basis.* If adopted it would be added to the Conference week schedule. The session would be an opportunity for questions and discussion on Board reports, conference process or other areas of interest or concern. Option four is a Floor Action made at the GSC to be heard at the end of the Conference. This ensures that all conference members can propose a motion to censure even if it was not on the on the conference agenda or considered during the Harmony and Effectiveness session. *If a pilot Harmony and Effectiveness Session is approved by the 75th GSC - see I. Agenda J
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group have input on what the Censure Process should be?

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Conference Committee: XI. Trustees - Item G.

Agenda Topic	Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous.(PAI 24 and 63)*
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The primary issue discussed is a request to replace the abbreviated version of the Lasker Award text found in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous (page 571) with the more detailed version from <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age</i> (Appendix D, page 301). The request was reviewed by the trustees' Literature Committee and forwarded to the Conference Committee on Literature for consideration. This item was forwarded to the Trustees' Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution plan. Supporters say that the expanded text more effectively communicates the impact of
	Alcoholics Anonymous and highlights its historical significance. The proposal originated from District 6, in our Area 42, and was unanimously approved in a group conscience vote. The background outlines the reasoning behind the motion, emphasizing that the expanded Lasker Award text provides a richer historical context without altering the core recovery message or adding significant printing costs. With the upcoming 5th edition of the Big Book, proponents see this as an opportune time to make the change. The intended outcome is to enhance the understanding of A.A.'s contributions and legacy by including the full award text.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Would your group like this added to the back of the book? Why or Why not?

Conference Committee: XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - Item C.

Agenda Topic	Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A Native American AA member from Area 8 was asked by an Elder why only one Tribe gets to bear its flag at the AA International Convention when each Reservation is a Sovereign State with its own Government. The same issue was also raised by a WSM Delegate from Australia. There are 574 federally recognized Native American tribes and Alaska Native entities in the United States. Canada has 50 First Nations. At the last International Convention (2015), it took 20 minutes for 95 countries to display their flags. Three local (Vancouver area) First Nations will participate in the 2025 International Convention.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think the Flag Ceremony should include any Sovereign State flags that would like to participate included?

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Conference Committee: VI. Literature - Item K

Agenda Topic	Consider request to update the book Living Sober. PAI PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90, 92, 121,122)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Book is 50 years old, and has never been updated to reflect the changes in Society like the Internet, the Pandemic, LGBTQ groups, etc. They are not included in the discussions about Sobriety in this book. This idea has been put forth by multiple groups around North America.
What does the Delegate	Would your group like to see the book Living Sober updated? If so, what would
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Conference Committee: II. Cooperation with the Professional Community - Item E

Agenda Topic	Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The trustees committee discussed ways local trusted servants perform outreach to these populations. The committee suggested that one-on-one communication might be more effective at reducing any barriers to access for members of these populations — specifically, certain neurodivergent individuals who might find a large gathering such as a traditional A.A. meeting to be an obstacle. CPC committees may consider partnering with professionals whose clients are from these populations to effectively communicate the A.A. message in a one-on-one setting. The committee noted that these topics rest at the intersection of Accessibility and CPC service work, home groups, districts and area activities, and that wider shared experience is needed.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group have experience sharing AA with unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics?

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Conference Committee: V. Finance - Item G

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Delete or erase the last sentence on page 10 of our Service Manual in English and Spanish regarding RSG Reports. "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all." "We believe that this suggestion is not necessary because it gives the group the opportunity to deny the GSR the right to participate (Concept 3) for which it was elected, and it may also discourage the GSR's interest in General Service."
What does the Delegate need to know?	Would your group like to remove this phrase? Why or Why not?

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Conference Committee: VI. Literature - L.

Agenda Topic	Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A letter from the Trustees Literature Committee Chair dated January 23, 2025 (referencing a special GSB meeting on January 15, 2025), addresses potential areas of concern and possible solutions regarding future Proposed Agenda Items requesting changes to the PLBB. This is in response to the large amount of feedback already received since publication of the PLBB. Concerns raised include: —differentiating editorial vs. substantive changes, —condensing/streamlining the proposed changes, —the possible need for qualified professional consultants, —delaying the consideration of changes until the 77th GSC to get a better feel for the membership's feedback. The letter also provides a proposed flowchart for the amendment process. A second letter offers definitions and examples of Editorial changes and Substantive revisions.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Have you and your group read the PLBB and if so do they have feedback?

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Conference Committee: VII. Policy/Admissions - Item F.

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to develop guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Background notes: Excerpts from the trustees' General Service Conference February 2025 Meeting: Roles and Responsibilities of Temporary replacement Delegates and Sitting Area Delegates: The committee discussed the videoconference GSC Sharing sessions for Conference Members and other pre-conference meetings held by videoconference. The committee noted they have introduced some ambiguity to the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement Delegates and sitting Area Delegates who cannot attend the Conference Week. The committee felt that guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates and sitting delegates would be useful. The committee agreed to forward a request to develop guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates to the 2025 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions. Guidelines for Temporary Replacement Delegate and Sitting Delegate" The Sitting Area Delegate will support the temporary replacement delegate's learning of Conference Committee items including not limited to Conference Background. The Conference Coordinator will support the temporary replacement

	delegate's learning of Conference support tools: Communication platform, Conference week orientation. The Temporary Replacement Delegate will attend the General Service Conference and participate in Conference Committee meetings, and Conference Floor discussions, and update the sitting delegate following the Conference. Before Conference GSC Sharing Sessions Meetings - Both the sitting
	delegate and the temporary replacement delegate attend the videoconference meetings. Interim GSC Meeting – Voting Occurring – Both attend but only the sitting delegate can vote. Conference Committee involvement of Housekeeping Meeting, and Joint Committee Meeting –
	Temporary replacement delegate and the sitting delegate attends or 1728 and Remote Communities meetings - Temporary replacement delegate
	and the sitting delegate attends. Purpose: to collect relevant experiences for their area.
	During Conference - Temporary replacement delegate only. The sitting Delegate loses access to OnBoard during the week to support conducting
	confidential Conference business. After Conference - On or before 60 days at the end of Conference, Conference Coordinator removes temporary
	replacement delegate's OnBoard access. The Sitting Delegate will advise on
	the date following their follow-up meeting with the Temporary replacement delegate.
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IX. Report and Charter - Item A(3)

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay. (PAI 75,124)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The trustees' General Service Conference Committee reviewed a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV, Right of Participation, essay and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter and include PAI 124, which proposes a similar request, as additional background information.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group want this word removed? Why or why not?

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XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - B. Review progress report on the

development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.

Agenda Topic	Review Data from Tablet Vendor Edovo. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	They are looking for ways to get AA into the hands of people in jails and prisons and this E-tablet software shows how many persons in custody are looking at AA literature, how many complete the reading, and what pieces of literature they are reading on the tablets. Data breaks it into State and Books/Literature Items.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group find this useful? Is this a useful way to get access to AA literature to more persons in custody?

Conference Committee:III. Corrections - Item C

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	nittee: VI. Literature - Item J
Agenda Topic	Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (PAI 23)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Lack of knowledge or even understanding throughout A.A. as a whole, general knowledge or even the existence of the twelve concepts, A.A. members privileges and responsibilities through the right of decision participation and appeal and how A.A. as a whole uses these guiding principles. Since 2021 the General Service manual is placed on a 3-year rotation for reproduction. Per the literature matrix between 2022 and 2023 the Twelve and Twelve sold 623,596 copies and the service manual sold 41,800. This would get the concepts in another 581,796 more people's hands. Helps make general service work more accessible. Bill made a quote at the 1953 GSC "We don't want to put the traditions separately for the steps because most alkies will want to buy the steps but not be so interested in the traditions. So why don't we clamp the two together they'll buy a book, maybe to read the steps and we'll just snare them into reading something about the traditions on which our future unity depends."
What does the Delegate need to know?	Would your group like to add the Twelve concepts to the <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> ?

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Conference Committee: VII. Policy/Admissions - Item E

Agenda Topic	Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Item E presents a request to require a supermajority vote—larger than the usual two-thirds—to approve any changes to A.A. "Founders Literature," which primarily refers to the writings of Bill W. and Dr. Bob. The background materials review past Advisory Actions and Conference decisions related to changes in foundational texts (for example, edits to the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> or other writings authored by the cofounders). They also discuss how A.A. Its current structure normally requires a two-thirds vote for major policy decisions, yet Bill W. himself wrote that even a simple majority can be significant—though not binding—to the General Service Board. Some members voice the concern that revising Bill W. or Dr. Bob's original words should demand especially careful group conscience, as these texts lie at the heart of A.A. 's program and history. Others suggest that A.A.'s existing two-thirds "substantial unanimity" already offers sufficient caution and prevents hasty editing. The materials also include a historical overview of how changes have been handled, showing that the Fellowship has updated wording in foundational literature a handful of times when it was broadly agreed upon. Ultimately, the background underscores that the Conference must weigh both the spirit of preserving the founders' original words and the need to address legitimate updates or clarifications in light of A.A. 's Twelfth Step mission of carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group support a super Majority needed for changes such as these? Why or Why not?

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Conference Committee: X. Report and Charter - Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings. (PAIs 81,15, 26 and 109)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Portions of our Fellowship would like to update the process to alter any of our co-Founder's writings, suggesting that a super-majority vote of seventy-five percent of the full General Service Conference would be needed in order to make any changes to these writings. This sentiment has been brought up by many different Areas and Districts over the course of years. This is an effort to ensure that changes, if any, are the actual conscious of AA as a whole.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group support this update?

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Conference Comm	ittee: X. Treatment and Accessibilities - Item D
Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the update of service material with shared experience from neurodivergent alcoholics
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee reviewed the progress report on updating A.A. service material to better carry the message to neurodivergent alcoholics. There was a progress report collected with shared experiences of neurodivergent alcoholics, along with a Grapevine that was published in November 2024 that helped make the material for the updated "Making the A.A. Message Accessible" flyer. Similarly, they are working on a pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" that has shared experience from neurodivergent members.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group have experience carrying the message to neurodivergent AAs?

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Conference Committee: XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - B

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at
	the 2030 International Convention.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	 The subcommittee agreed that a "service declaration" may be a good addition to our current responsibility declaration and unity declaration. Responsibility Unity Service – The group conscience concept fits right into the service idea. Respecting the outcome of group conscience that is informed and participating in it. A Declaration on Service – would nicely round out the Triangle. Service and Group Conscience – participating in it and moving it forward. The subcommittee felt that it is important to ask for input from the full trustees' IC-RF Committee at the February 2024 meeting and then see where we need to go from this point
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group have any input on developing a new declaration for Service like the Responsibility declaration is for recovery?

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