

2025 General Service Conference (GSC)

Agenda Item Summaries

Complete Package – All Items

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Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review suggestions for the theme of the 2026 General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>1951 through 1961 the conference theme became defined by taking a "sense of the meeting ". Starting 1962 definite themes came into being. Conference themes revolve around basic principles of AA, they can spark thought-provoking discussion and be incorporated into meetings, workshops, pre-conference assemblies etc.</p> <p>Suggested Theme Topics for the 2026 Conference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing our Manner of Communication without Changing our A.A. Message 2. Alcohol is not prejudice; emphasis on the categories that separate people from their alcoholism in our rooms, for example: age, gender, mental health, culture, race. 3. A.A. Principle in Action 4. Alcoholics Anonymous (Post Pandemic): Love and Tolerance of Others is our Code! 5. A.A. through the ages – always evolving but never changing 6. Finding a higher purpose. 7. Unity in Action <p>What does the Delegate need to Know:</p> <p>Which theme topic for the 2026 Conference is of most interest to the groups of Area 42?</p>

Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2026 General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Suggested Presentation Topics for the 2026 Conference</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spiritual responsibility, accountability 2. Into action, step up to the plate 3. Embrace change and increase participation 4. Apply traditions, primary purpose, singleness of purpose

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Doctor’s opinion about allergy, it's effects without prejudices 6. The ecosystem of online groups within A.A. 7. Restoration & discovering grace, unity, and Fellowship. 8. Transformative power of A.A. building community, reshaping and reclaiming lives 9. Trusting your trusted servants 10. Principles over personalities 11. What’s your source? Checking for facts 12. Gossip vs. facts <p>What does the Delegate need to Know:</p> <p>Which 3 presentation topics are of the most interest to the groups in Area 42?</p>
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Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2026 General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The General Service Conference workshop topics will be considered at the same time as the theme and presentation topics. This advanced selection allows time for the fellowship as a whole to participate. The list of workshop topics from 1985 to 2024 is available upon request.</p> <p>Workshop Topics for the 2026 Conference</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group autonomy and unity 2. The place of social committees in our A.A. Service Structure 3. Fear of commitment — don’t be intimidated by General Service 4. The spirit of rotation 5. Has our singleness of purpose become lost? 6. Purpose; by too many categories, for example: too much focus on individual demographics, culture 7. The use of technology in Alcoholics Anonymous 8. Viability of Grapevine and La Viña 9. Obstacles and barriers to carrying the message into our hospitals and treatment facilities

	<p>10.Reconciled through grace, unity, and Fellowship</p> <p>11.Freely given to living fruitful contented lives</p> <p>12.Choosing your trusted servants carefully</p> <p>13.Principles over politics</p> <p>14.Downfall of social media</p> <p>What does the Delegate need to Know:</p> <p>Which 3 workshop topics for the 2026 conference are of most interest to the groups in Area 42?</p>
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Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2024 Evaluation Summary.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The General Service Conference Evaluation Form and Evaluation Summary are available for review.</p> <p>The General Service Conference Evaluation Form includes the following main topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Videoconference Meetings held before Conference Week II. Pre-Conference (Events and Activities) on or before Saturday, April 26, 2025. III. During the Conference Week IV. End-of-Week Conference Review V. Post Conference VI. Future Conferences <p>The Evaluation Summary includes several topics, including but not limited to: the OnBoard platform, Conference week schedule, Conference manual, coffee, board reports, area highlights, Conference committee reports, interpreters, and overall Conference experience.</p> <p>The General Service Conference Evaluation Form for the 75th General Service Conference will be distributed to General Service Conference Members and Observers through an electronic survey during the Conference week.</p> <p>What does the Delegate need to Know:</p> <p>What is in the General Service Conference Evaluation form.</p>

	<p>Considerations for the 2024 Evaluation Summary: should a mid-week check in be done to make sure the Conference is on track? Is there something the Conference could be doing that they are not? Are the presentations and workshops still effective? Should space on the agenda be held empty for topics of a critical nature for the fellowship's future be added?</p> <p>Is distributing the evaluation forms through an electronic survey for the 75th General Service Conference during the Conference week a good process?</p>
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Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>11/2024 The committee was appointed with the following scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review feedback from the 2024 General Service Conference evaluations. • Review the draft of the 2025 Conference week schedule. • Explore ways to address the additional committee considerations focused on improving the Conference experience. • Explore ways to address additional committee considerations from the 2025 Agenda Conference Committee. • Address the forwarded Floor action #12 from the 2024 General Service Conference.

Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Review feedback from 2024 Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Review and discuss survey results from the 2024 Conference Committee Chairperson on a quarterly basis with the corresponding Trustee Committee Chairpersons. It was agreed to forward the Quarterly Communications survey results to the 2025 Conference Committee. It was also agreed to forward the survey results to the General Service Board. Two types of communication currently occur. Type 1 being regular communication between the Delegate and Committee Chairperson. Type 2 communication is a Feedback Call.</p> <p>Delegate Needs to know: How can the process be improved for better communication.</p>

Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Discuss plan to print and distribute the comprehensive summary of the 2025 General Service Conference Inventory.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The comprehensive summary of the 2025 General Service Conference Inventory be developed and distributed electronically only. The Agenda Committee requested to bring back a quote to reflect current printing and shipping cost. Should there be a printed version? The estimated cost for all 3 languages this year: English \$27, 580, French version \$1, 932 and Spanish version \$ 4,290. Subtotal of \$33,403.00 and rough shipping is \$16,883.00. According to the 2025 GSC the digital editorial costs for comprehensive study is \$1500 and the digital lay out for the comprehensive report is \$1,000.</p>

	What does the delegate need to know? The delegate needs to know the estimated costs of printing and shipping compared to digital
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Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item H**

Agenda Topic	Discuss 2024 progress report in Conference Inventory.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This outlines the procedures for taking the conference inventory and distribution of the results. The inventory questions will be distributed among the 135 Conference members split into 15 working groups with 9 members each. Groups will get 4 questions each. Some groups will have the same set of questions. This outlines the schedule for the inventory, allowing 2 hours for the groups to answer the questions, and 5 90-minute sessions to report back, split up over 4 days from April 27 – April 30.</p> <p>The subcommittee seeks to change the way the responses are gathered, using checkboxes, likability ranges, and limiting the number of words in responses. This will reduce the workload of the estimated 2,565 responses. It was decided that all responses will be kept in the original language it was submitted to eliminate an estimated \$35,000 translation cost. A summary of no more than 8 pages will be printed and distributed in the Final Conference Report, with a comprehensive summary being distributed in an electronic version.</p> <p>What does the Delegate need to know: Does the delegate feel the conference inventory process needs to be adjusted.</p>

Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item I**

Agenda Topic	Consider the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue printing highlights in the final report. (PAIs 20 and 32)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Two areas sent the same idea to suspend the presentation citing the running out of time to discuss business that was on the agenda during the conference week. The difference between the two suggestions was that one suggested printing the Area Service Highlights in the Conference manual allowing the conference members to study them before arriving. In contrast, the second idea proposed was to continue to include them in the final conference report. Both stressed the short amount of time to do the work of the conference. The status quo allows each first-term delegate two minutes to share information about their respective area and may be the only time a delegate may go to a microphone.</p> <p>What does the Delegate need to Know: Does the delegate feel they need to hear from each delegate about their service area?</p>

Conference Committee: I. **Agenda — Item J**

Agenda Topic	Consider a proposal pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session to discuss
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	Grievances about General Service Board Actions. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What does the Delegate need to know: Does the delegate feel that we need time dedicated to addressing grievances at the GSC?</p>

Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>2018 Advisory Action: That A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LinkedIn with the following goals in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To offer another digital resource, in addition to aa .org, where professionals can find accurate information about A.A. • To broaden the reach of the About A.A. newsletter for professionals • To offer a platform where our professional friends may recommend us • To raise awareness of exhibits staffed by local CPC committees at national and local professional conferences • To expand the network of our professional friends and perhaps deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates • By our presence on LinkedIn, to reinforce the continuing relevance and efficacy of A.A. to professionals <p>KEY TAKEAWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an upward trend in content interactions and people reaching out on LinkedIn. <p>See background for detailed analytics</p>

Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>At their February 2025 meeting, the trustees' committee on CPC/T-A reviewed a draft pamphlet from the Publishing Department "Alcoholics Anonymous: Information for Mental Health Professionals" (working title). The committee provided suggested edits to the content and design for clarity and style, to</p>

	improve messaging, and to aid professionals and students in finding local A.A. resources and agreed to forward the revised draft pamphlet “Alcoholics Anonymous: Information for Mental Health Professionals” to the 2025 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. Pamphlet will be provided to CPC conference committee for review
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Conference Committee: II. **CPC — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review contents and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks for CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations. The Kits and Workbooks are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Conference Committee: II. **CPC — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At the February 2nd, 2025, meeting, the TCPC/T-A committee received a report from the Communication Services Department (CSD) that the CPC video project is in the discovery phase. The CSD requested input from the committee on two possible paths forward: creating new content or repurposing existing content. The committee noted that outdated content may not be useful in effectively informing professionals. The committee requested additional input from the 2025 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community to help shape the project, including the review of these different paths and to discuss the use of Artificial Intelligence in the creation of the videos. Projected expenses will be included in the 2026 CPC budget reforecast and sent to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary committee for approval.

Conference Committee: II. **CPC — 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.
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Conference Committee: III. **Corrections — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks for CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations. The Kits and Workbooks are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Conference Committee: III. **Corrections — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on development of a pamphlet in the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2024 there was an advisory action to create a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. An ACM search announcement was distributed to the Fellowship in February 2025, with an April 15, 2025, deadline date. It is anticipated that a working group or subcommittee will be formed after an ACM is identified and in place, and that an update report will be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference.

Conference Committee: III. **Corrections — Item C**

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.

Conference Committee: III. **Corrections — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review Corrections Survey. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Survey was conducted to AA members to get more information how the AA message is being carried into Corrections facilities. Out of the 15 questions asked, some highlights: that they discovered that most service work is done from the district level, most meetings are brought in-person although some are online, most requested literature was AA Big Book, Twelve and Twelve, Grapevine, and Daily Reflections, 55% members inside have no access to tablets.

Conference Committee: III. **Corrections — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951. (PAI 65)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Update Appendix IV in the “Alcoholics Anonymous” to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951. For instance, add the Library of Congress adding this book to one of the ten most influential books of the 20th Century and any other awards and commendations I do not know about. It will help make the book more current and help PI/CPC Committees better able to explain the advantages of using the AA program of recovery from alcoholism.

Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution to a dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [Floor Action from the 74 th General Service Conference.]
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A 1975 Advisory Action called for the delegates to emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly to support the General Service Board. A floor action at the 74th General Service Conference requested that the Trustees’s Finance Committee review a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action. The committee reviewed and agreed to forward the request that delegates in the reports to their areas should emphasize to the groups the effects that inflation has had on the contribution dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly to support services provided by the General Service Board.

Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The General Service Board currently suggests that each area contribute a Delegate Fee of \$2,200 toward the General Service Conference. This amount was established in 2023. Prior to that it was \$1,800 from 2017 to 2022. From 2012 to 2017 it was \$1,600. In 2024 it cost \$9,265 for each conference member to attend the annual General Service Conference. In 2023 the cost was \$10,467. In 2024, 63 areas contributed more than the suggested amount. Two areas made the maximum contribution of \$9,265. Area 42 contributed \$4,400 in 2025. Below please find the history of Delegate Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1969 - \$150 ● 1974 - \$200

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1978 - \$300 ● 1984 - \$400 ● 1989 - \$600 ● 1997 - \$800 ● 2005 - \$1,200 ● 2012 - \$1,600 ● 2017 - \$1,800 ● 2023 - \$2,200
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Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individuals bequests to the General Service Board from AA members.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Bequests in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members, with a maximum of \$10,000 from any one person, and only on a one-time basis — not in perpetuity. In keeping with A.A.'s tradition of self-support, we do not accept bequests from non-A.A. members. For information on bequests to local Central offices/intergroups, please contact them directly. As of 2025 A.A. members may leave up to \$10,000 (Advisory Actions #9, 69th Conference) in their will for the benefit of the General Service Office. This has been the limit since 2019. The Bequest Contribution Limits for AA were documented starting in 1967. In 1967 the limit was \$100, 1972-\$200, 1979-\$300, 1986-\$500, 1999-\$1000, 2007-\$2000, 2012- \$3,000.</p> <p>The number of bequests per year have been documented since 2014 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 - 9 ● 2023- 6 ● 2022 - 14 ● 2021 - 10 ● 2020 - 7 ● 2019 Year we went live on NetSuite - Data N/A ● 2018 - 7 ● 2017 - 6 ● 2016 - 10 ● 2015 - 4 ● 2014 - 1

Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual AA member.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2024, the General Service Conference approved that an individual A.A. member could contribute up to \$7,500 to the General Service Board. It received seven maximum contributions in 2024. From 2018 to 2023, the maximum amount was \$5,000. GSB received seven \$5,000 contributions in 2018, no data was available in 2019. In 2020 it received 72 max contributions and 53 max

	<p>contributions in 2021. In 2022, there were 60 maximum contributions and 66 in 2023. From 2007 to 2018, the maximum contribution limit was \$3,000. In 2007 the limit went from \$2,000 to \$3,000. From 1999 to 2006, the limit was \$1,000. Contribution limits started at \$100 in 1967 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1967 - \$100 ● 1972 - \$200 ● 1979 - \$300 ● 1986 - \$500 ● 1999 - \$1,000 ● 2007 - \$2,000 ● 2018 - \$3,000 ● 2024 - \$5,000 ● 2025 - \$7,500
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Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review initial draft of the supplemental financial reporting of the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB. Withdrawn. The trustees' committee agreed to take no action on this consideration.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This item was withdrawn.

Conference Committee: IV. **Finance — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Review Self-Support Packet.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Self Support Packet is reviewed by the Conference Committee during each General Service Conference. The Self Support Packet currently contains the following contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Support Card 2. Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix 3. The A.A. Group Treasurer 4. A.A Guidelines on Finance 5. Your Seventh Tradition Contributions Flyer 6. AAGV/La Vina Self-Support Flyer 7. Birthday Contribution Envelope

Conference Committee: IV. **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 AA Service Manual. (PAI 72)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Report and Charter agenda as part of the EDW.
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.”
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Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee reviewed the AA Grapevine Workbook and provided some editorial suggestions. The AA Grapevine Workbook can be found at the top of the “Get Involved” page on aagrapevine.org under “Rep Resources.” The workbook was streamlined to make it easier to use and more helpful for Grapevine reps. The content includes shared experience on how to use Grapevine and La Viña as recovery tools. Colorful illustrations have been added as well as clickable links which take members directly to relevant sections of the Grapevine website for more detailed information. It has also been designed to make it easier for staff to update from time to time. The workbook was also translated into Spanish for La Viña reps and Spanish-speaking members and can be found on the La Viña website.

Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2026 or after.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	1. Best of If Walls Could Talk (working title) (GV book):. 2. Women’s Book II (working title) (GV book): 3. Amor, Unidad y Servicio (working title) (La Viña book): (Love, Unity and Service)

Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review the 5-Year financial plan for La Viña.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It was recommended that: The AA Grapevine Board develop a five-year financial plan for La Viña with the goal to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue to be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Grapevine

Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and a customer service experience.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Past conference, advisory, actions and Committee considerations for the Grapevine and LaViña develop a five-year plan with a goal to reduce short falls and increases revenue. The 2025 report for Grapevine LaViña provides a comprehensive overview of

	<p>historic background information to enhance clarity in various areas. By consolidating these administrative services, the report enables better monitoring and transparency in fostering trust and accountability within the community, ensuring that financial decisions are made in the best interest of the organization and its members additionally, a well structured financial reporting system helps identify areas of needed improvement. Our primary purpose is to help the still suffering alcoholic.</p>
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Conference Committee: **V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review the financial reporting system for the Grapevine and La Viña..
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The committee requested that the Grapevine Board develop a Grapevine and LaViña financial reporting system that is clearer and easier to understand for the Fellowship.</p> <p>Throughout 2024, the Publisher and Controller have been making ongoing revisions to the Grapevine and La Viña financial reports with the goal of improving clarity to the Fellowship through reorganizing presentation of circulation numbers, revenue per copy and subscription income; clarifying cost of goods sold; consolidation and clarification of expenses; modernizing language; fixing formatting; and by combining Grapevine and La Vina costs with General and Administrative costs, so that the totals of these costs will be clear in the Statement of Activities and monitoring them against the budget will be easier.</p>

Conference Committee: **V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Grapevine and La Viña: Our meetings in print.” (PAI 79)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The last time that the Grapevine/La Vina pamphlet was updated was 2011. Since then, AA has come into a digital age with apps, podcasts, social media and other tech, along with the necessary staff to manage the new tech. The pamphlet would be updated to acknowledge GV/LV in the digital age. It does not appear controversial.</p>

Conference Committee: **V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item G**

Agenda Topic	<p>Review report on AAGV/La Viña media platforms.”</p> <p>Note: This item was forwarded from the Public Information agenda as part of the 2025 EDW.</p>
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The committee suggested that the discussion of these revised reports, as well as the Comprehensive Media Plan might be useful for the ongoing General Service Board work on communications. It was also noted that at the November 2024 TPC meeting, the committee had agreed to place a greater focus on matters related to their Comp, Scope and Procedure and that more discussion on the topic of reporting is needed so that feedback on reporting priorities could be shared with the Staff Secretary, the GSO Communication Services Department and AAWS. The committee suggested that this matter be added to the agenda</p>

	for the next meeting. The committee agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Public Information the following reports:
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Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>As per the Advisory Action of the 2017 General Service Conference, implementation of annual review of recovery literature.</p> <p>The review includes an excerpt from the February 1, 2025, meeting, where the committee re-evaluated the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature's request for footnotes and formatting priorities. The committee agreed to forward the updated matrix to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature. The 2024 Conference Committee on Literature highlighted the need for procedural guidance and referencing the "AAWS Policy on Publication Keeping A.A. Literature Current" in the matrix. Also mentioned was the 2017 Conference Advisory Action, which implemented the revised plan for the annual review of recovery literature, with the first report delivered to the 2018 Conference Committee on Literature.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review draft of the revised pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>In 2024 the Trustees Literature Committee reviewed a draft and a progress report on this pamphlet and requested a new draft, partial draft or progress report be brought back to the 2025 conference committee on Literature, keeping in mind: color, diverse expressions of spirituality, and accessible interpretation of meaning in the illustrations. This is a floor action topic.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review draft of revised pamphlet “AA for the North American.”.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The pamphlet was updated in 2021 to include language which is both respectful and inclusive of all Indigenous peoples. Fresh stories were added, inaccuracies updated, and the title was changed to better reflect all Native Members in both the U.S. and Canada.</p> <p>In 2024, a “Story Rating Tool” was developed and modified for cultural suitability by members of the working group. The stories selected represent a broad cross-section of indigenous communities and narrative content which carry A.A.’s message of hope and identification. Thirty stories were submitted from various tribes and indigenous communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. There are sixteen stories in the current pamphlet. The rating tool was implemented in the selection of fifteen stories, comprised of six stories from the current pamphlet, and nine of those newly submitted.</p> <p>New cover art, developed by an indigenous artist, has also been selected by the working group for the newly revised pamphlet,</p>

	<p>“Indigenous Peoples in A.A.” The working group met monthly from inception and was comprised of indigenous members of the A.A. fellowship, chaired by Gerry R, ACM on the trustees’ Literature Committee.</p> <p>Print Distribution Rates P-21: “A.A. for the Native North American” ,813 (2021) 7,021 (2022) 9,353 (2023) 8,529 (2024)</p> <p>https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-21_aafortheNNA.pdf</p>
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Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report of the development if the Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>*The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of a Fourth Edition of <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i> and agreed to forward the report to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>*The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish</i>. The committee noted that the story submissions reflect a broad and diverse cross-section of the A.A. fellowship, reflecting each of A.A.’s Three Legacies. The committee requested that a draft manuscript or progress report be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>*Since the schedule was developed, there has been an unexpected delay associated with the translation of the World Service Meeting Report and 2024 holiday schedules. It is not expected that the short-term delay will affect the overall timeline for the development of the Fourth Edition of <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i>. A revised timeline from Language Services includes the completion of Chapter 10 on April 7, 2025, before returning to the previous schedule with the completion of Chapter 11 on June 2, 2025.</p> <p>*Revision and review of the chapter “Working With Others” has been completed. We are currently reviewing Chapter “To Wives.”</p> <p>*The following chapters are revised and ready: Foreword, The Doctor’s Opinion, Bill’s Story, There Is a Solution, More About Alcoholism, We Agnostics, How It Works, and Into Action.</p> <p>*The stories submitted by the Spanish-speaking AA community have all been read and rated by the committee. We have rated the story submissions on a scale of 1-5 and noted a broad range of content and demographic characteristics. Our next commitment is to members, since it may contain members’ full names and addresses. reread the stories rated 3 and higher to refine story selections to reflect the best submitted stories.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report of the Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
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<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>2021-Conference Advisory Action to develop 5th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Prefaces, the Forwards “The Doctors Opinion”, Dr. Bob’s Nightmare”, and the Appendices to remain as is.</p> <p>2024-The committee reviewed a report on the development of the 5th Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous looking forward to the next progress report.</p> <p>2025-Conference Committee review shows this progress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identified Likely Keepers from 4th Edition. 2. Read & rated the previously selected 5th edition keepers. 3. Consulted with current and past Class A trustees on Appendices III & V 4. Reached out to Publishing regarding new Forward & updated Preface.
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Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item F**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Review draft of the developed video animation of the pamphlet ”The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The 72nd General Service Conference passed an Advisory Action requesting an adaptation of the British A.A. Video “12 Concepts” be produced by the Publishing Department, and that a progress report or rough draft be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>The 74th General Service Conference, after prior progress reviews primarily concerned with budgetary/cost estimates, made the Additional Committee Consideration: the project proceeds with Phase II Option I (include the translation of narration voiceover into French and Spanish).</p> <p>Note: work on the English adaptation was completed on October 15, 2024. French and Spanish translations are underway (per item background information).</p> <p>On February 1, 2024, the trustees Literature Committee agreed to forward the draft video and script to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item G**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Review draft of revisions to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The conference committee for corrections and accessibilities agreed that additional language be added for working with alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communications challenges and neurological abilities and presented the draft pamphlet to the full committee for review.</p> <p>The subcommittee noted inconsistencies within the pamphlet sections and recommended consolidation and to fulfill the purpose of presenting clear and concise information and did ask for input from a larger review of the pamphlet for content that would be beneficial.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item H**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	November 2, 2024 creating pamphlet for Asian- Asian American alcoholic (A-AAA) was brought up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of pamphlet was requested. Literature committee as members of the Asian American community to participate. • a pamphlet developed brought to the 2025 GSC (floor action) • ACM search announcement was distributed to the fellowship in February 2025 sub-committee will be formed and an update provided at 2026 GSC.

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item I**

Agenda Topic	Consider request that the terms “Indian and Eskimo” be removed from the February 19th entry in <i>Daily Reflections</i>. PAI 11 Item was withdrawn since change requested in the PAI was applied in March 2022.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Item was withdrawn

Conference Committee: 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, <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> .
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 alkie’s 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.”

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item K**

Agenda Topic	Consider request to update the book <i>Living Sober</i> . PAI 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.

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item L**

Agenda Topic	Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —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. <p>The letter also provides a proposed flowchart for the amendment process. A second letter offers definitions and examples of Editorial changes and Substantive revisions.</p>

Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review G.S.O. general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>In 2024, the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions reviewed the GSO General Manager’s Memo regarding site selection for the General Service Conference. The committee asked that the General Manager provide a progress report regarding site selection for the 77th (2027) and 78th (2028) General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized.</p> <p>In 2023, the committee requested that the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee conduct a survey of current General Service Conference members regarding the holding of the Conference outside the New York area, suggesting a possible rotation between New York City and the Akron/ Cleveland Area be explored.</p> <p>Current Conference Chapter reads, “The General Service Conference Meetings: The Conference will meet yearly in the City of New York, unless otherwise agreed upon.”</p>

Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review dates for the 2029 General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>In 2024, the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions reviewed the dates for the 78th (2028) General Service Conference. The agreed upon choices were (In order of preference) April 23-29, 2028; May 7-13, 2028; April 2-8, 2028.</p>

	<p>The committee requested that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 77th and 78th General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized by GSO management.</p> <p>For consideration in selecting dates for the 79th (2029) General Service Conference:</p> <p>2029 Holidays and Observances Mar 17 St. Patrick’s Day Mar 25 Palm Sunday Mar 30 Good Friday Mar 30 Pesach First Night Sedar Mar 31 Pesach Second Night Sedar Apr 1 Easter Sunday Apr 7 Last Day Pesach Apr 11-12 Yom HaShoah Apr 23-24 Eid al-Adha May 13 Mother’s Day May 19-21 Shavuot May 28 Memorial Day</p>
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Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item C**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Discuss Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) progress report and draft plan.</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Each year some Delegate Conference Committees have more agenda items and larger workloads than others. The Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) is a plan to enhance efficiency, avoid overburdening certain committees, and ensure that agenda items are directed to the most appropriate committees for their ongoing development.</p> <p>In the 2024 Conference Advisory Action, the Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference (GSC) was asked to adopt and implement the EDW process with an additional consideration to consider simpler methods of balancing the Conference Workload. The conference committee on Policy/Admissions asked for a progress update at the 75 th (2025) GSC. The progress report includes a description of the short-term EDW plan to be implemented for the 75 th GSC and a discussion of long-term changes to explore. Both plans consider each conference committee’s standing, ongoing and new agenda items and how to be flexible in reassigning agenda items across committees.</p>

Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item D**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Discuss the process of Simple Majority Items.</p>
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<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>2024 Report and Charter committee recommended that items that only got a simple majority be included in the final conference report. Rarely does an agenda item shows up in more than one committee; they want to avoid the same item being shared simultaneously. Suggested that a simple majority of items be distinguished from other failed recommendations that did not reach substantial unanimity.</p> <p>1986 Report and Charter action: “if a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and will be duly noted in the Conference Report.”</p> <p>The current committee thinks sentiment has changed since the 80’s and believes that further discussion is needed about specifically communicating and reporting these items that do not receive a substantial majority. There's no distinction between a simple majority and a strong suggestion. There is limited information on how the Board handled strong suggestions prior to 1986.</p> <p>Clarification needed between “passed” items and not passed; both of which received a simple majority to avoid confusion. Distinctions needed to properly reflect the group conscience.</p> <p>Two suggestions, one, clearer language in the Conference report, and two; more discussion on a policy level.</p> <p>From 2023, a plea to consider a different description for reporting the Committee Considerations that failed to pass by substantial unanimity, but did gain a simple majority of the votes. (Kerry Meyer, Class A Trustee) There's no mention of a simple majority in the Conference Charter. At this time, a 2/3 vote of a quorum is considered binding. A simple majority is considered a suggestion. (AA Comes of Age, page 295)</p>
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Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item E**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36,93,96)</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
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Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item F**

Agenda Topic	<p>Consider a request to development guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates. (New Item)</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Consider request to prioritize a list of selection criteria to inform the committee selection process. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Committee noted recent challenges to reach the widest possible geographical distribution and participation on conference committees and felt that a list of prioritizations criteria could help reach the best committee selection process. 1970 Advisory Action no area or standing committee be for more than two years.</p> <p>1989 the Conference reaffirmed the 1970 Conference action 2023/2024 In 2023 the Conference selection committee used software to help determine the broadest distribution. The committee noted that there might be a bias towards one area being assigned to certain committees. Hence there was talk about working with a software developer to come up with a program that would aid in the selection process.</p> <p>2024 The committee adopted a plan that balances the assignment of new delegates to a conference committee to allow for a more even rotation of panels on each committee and will commence with panel 75 delegates Recent changes to software application A priority list of criteria could help in the selection process of committee members. To ensure balance (4 delegates from each panel) Panels 74, 75, 76, 77 and 78 all had a few committees with either unbalanced selections or not enough members.</p>

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review the 2025 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Summary This plan is a strategic blueprint showing how the General Service Board (through G.S.O. and AA Grapevine) uses media—websites, social media, podcasts, and more—to carry the A.A. message. It highlights how different departments (Communications, Publishing, Public Information, etc.) coordinate to produce consistent, Tradition-based content. Key themes include balancing “attraction, not promotion,” ensuring anonymity, and using technology effectively to meet alcoholics wherever they are searching for help.</p> <p>By outlining goals, budgets, analytics, and brand guidelines, the Comprehensive Media Plan helps ensure that every new or updated communication resource remains aligned with the Fellowship’s overarching purpose. The plan also builds synergy among multiple service arms (e.g., Grapevine, Corrections, Public Information) so that local trusted servants can better reach the still-suffering alcoholic.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The trustees’ Public Information Committee recommended ongoing annual revisions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They highlighted the need to keep refining analytics, guardrails around social media, and brand standards for uniformity (including the possibility of adding a new analytics dashboard). • Because this plan functions as a living document, final suggestions focus on broadening collaboration between committees and clarifying how local service entities can use it in their outreach.
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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item B (1)**

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 1. Review PSAs for Relevance and Usefulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review the 2025 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video PSAs” b. Review plan for evaluating Spanish and French PSAs
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The trustees’ Public Information Committee continually reviews all TV and radio PSAs, asking if they still convey A.A.’s message accurately, attract viewers, and avoid outdated references. Recent discussions center on whether older radio PSAs reflect the diversity of A.A.’s membership and whether the tone in certain spots connects with modern audiences. Additionally, any new or revised PSAs aim to maintain anonymity and remain consistent with A.A.’s primary purpose.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees recommended gathering more data about individual PSA performance (e.g., using YouTube analytics). • An evaluation pilot was proposed for Spanish and French PSAs, to be done via short surveys distributed in Areas serving those linguistic communities.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item B (2)**

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 2. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Mesmerize Point provides “point of care” video screens in medical or pharmacy settings, offering free airtime for nonprofit PSAs. Although no formal written reports from Mesmerize have recently been received, earlier usage suggested it could be a valuable zero-cost channel to reach people seeking help. The trustees’ committee is exploring ways to secure ongoing or expanded coverage, as well as searching for similar Canadian partners.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trustees emphasized continuing relationships with Mesmerize Point, provided no affiliation is implied and no cost is incurred. • They also plan to research other “point-of-care” vendors (especially in Canada) for possible distribution of A.A. PSAs, while obtaining clearer data on viewership.
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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item B (3)**

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 3. Consider suggestion to development new video PSA. (New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Recommendation: That item B.3. Suggestion to Develop a New Video PSA (Transferred by Trustees PI Committee) be considered to present to the body for their input.</p> <p>This plan is a strategic blueprint showing how the General Service Board (through G.S.O. and AA Grapevine) uses media—websites, social media, podcasts, and more—to carry the A.A. message. It highlights how different departments (Communications, Publishing, Public Information, etc.) coordinate to produce consistent, Tradition-based content. Key themes include balancing “attraction, not promotion,” ensuring anonymity, and using technology effectively to meet alcoholics wherever they are searching for help.</p> <p>By outlining goals, budgets, analytics, and brand guidelines, the Comprehensive Media Plan helps ensure that every new or updated communication resource remains aligned with the Fellowship’s overarching purpose. The plan also builds synergy among multiple service arms (e.g., Grapevine, Corrections, Public Information) so that local trusted servants can better reach the still-suffering alcoholic.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trustees’ Public Information Committee recommended ongoing annual revisions. • They highlighted the need to keep refining analytics, guardrails around social media, and brand standards for uniformity (including the possibility of adding a new analytics dashboard). <p>Because this plan functions as a living document, final suggestions focus on broadening collaboration between committees and clarifying how local service entities can use it in their outreach.</p>

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item B (4)**

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 4. Review report and tracking of distribution of PSAs.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A.A. hires external vendors (e.g., Connect360) to distribute and track airtime value for PSAs. The data ensures transparency about how often PSAs play, in

	<p>which markets, and at what times. This feedback loop helps the General Service Office and the Fellowship decide whether to retire or refresh older PSAs.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 74th General Service Conference approved a budget for distributing and tracking two PSAs, highlighting the necessity of measuring donated media value (an audit requirement). ● To reduce costs, trustees recommend researching alternate tracking methods. They also continue to encourage local committees to distribute PSAs on their own, as local relationships can increase airtime.
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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review report on the G.S.O. Podcast, “Our Primary Purpose.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The new GSO podcast aims to reach members and nonmembers curious about how A.A. works. Episodes are hosted by staff and trustees, sharing personal reflections, clarifying aspects of service, and describing A.A.’s structure. It underscores the main goal of carrying the message—guests are encouraged to direct listeners to the website and the Meeting Guide app.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emphasis on launching more episodes in English, Spanish, and French (as feasible). ● The approach is in line with <i>Concept XII</i>, reminding us that we must continually adapt to new ways of communicating to best serve the still-suffering alcoholic.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Created in 2017, A.A.’s YouTube channel houses official video PSAs and short informational videos. It has over 10,000 subscribers and helps local P.I. committees by providing a place to embed or share videos. Anonymity concerns are addressed by disabling comments.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ongoing improvements involve adding new content, refreshing older videos, and expanding analytics to gauge how viewers find the channel. ● Trustees note that YouTube is a prime space for user-generated content, but the Eleventh Tradition and anonymity must remain safeguarded.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review report on “Google Ads”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Since a 2017 Advisory Action, A.A. participates in Google’s Ad Grants for Nonprofits, allowing up to \$10,000/month in free keyword advertising. Ads are carefully structured—leading to aa.org, not collecting personal data—and are aimed at people actively searching for help or information about alcoholism.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees emphasize continuing to monitor cost-effectiveness and alignment with “attraction, not promotion.” • The Communication Services Department adapts keywords and landing pages to stay within Google’s guidelines, ensuring that no personal medical targeting occurs.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Review report on “Meeting Guide App.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Meeting Guide app is a mobile tool that aggregates data from hundreds of intergroup and central office websites, letting users quickly see local or online meetings. It also offers daily announcements from GSO and provides links to episodes of the podcast "Our Primary Purpose." The app helps newcomers and traveling members alike.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain ongoing collaboration with local offices to keep information up to date. • The trustee committees recommend ongoing collaboration with local offices to keep meeting data accurate and up to date. • Consider adding an option for 7th Tradition contributions. • Consider adding information about AA Literature. • Consider listing online meetings without tying them to specific locations. • Consider clarifying that meeting locations don't imply affiliation.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Review Report on G.S.O.’s A.A. website.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	AA.org is the Fellowship’s official digital gateway, serving newcomers, members, professionals, and the public. Over time, the site has been migrated to more flexible content-management systems, enabling staff to update content

	<p>more frequently. Different landing pages cater to key audiences (newcomers, professionals, media, etc.).</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations include continued emphasis on multilingual content, faster mobile responsiveness, and linking to local intergroups for detailed meeting information. • In line with <i>Concept III</i> and <i>Concept XI</i>, greater collaboration among board committees is encouraged to keep the site relevant and effective as a “front door” to A.A.
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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item H**

Agenda Topic	Review report on “AAGV/La Viña Media Platforms” . Note: This Item was forwarded to the AA Grapevine/La Viña agenda as part of the EDW
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Forwarded to the Grapevine/La Viña agenda, these items discuss expansions into Instagram, YouTube, podcasting, and the new Grapevine/La Viña mobile apps. The magazines publish personal stories from A.A. members and are often referred to as a “meeting in print.”</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grapevine’s expansions into digital media are widely welcomed by the Fellowship, as they offer a dynamic way to share personal stories. • A suggestion is to keep all digital offerings visually attractive and easy to navigate so that new and younger audiences can relate.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item I**

Agenda Topic	Review report for “AAWS Online Business Profiles”.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Platforms like Google Business, Yelp, and Bing auto-generate “business” pages for nonprofits, and G.S.O. tries to correct inaccurate info (addresses, phone numbers, etc.). This helps direct the public to aa.org rather than third-party aggregator sites.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trustees encourage consistent monitoring of these listings, as major inaccuracies can frustrate a newcomer searching for help. • No direct affiliation is implied—this is strictly about clarifying contact details so the suffering alcoholic can find us more easily.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item J**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Rapid changes in digital culture demand guidelines on anonymity. The staff, with trustees' input, explores how to educate A.A. members about personal anonymity on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social media policy or set of best practices is recommended to keep members from inadvertently breaking their own anonymity. • The committee continues to gather Fellowship feedback, including through the <i>Service Manual</i> sections on Tradition Eleven, for finalizing guidelines.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item K**

Agenda Topic	1. Review progress report on analytics reporting.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This item focuses on how the office measures effectiveness (number of visitors, impressions, PSA airtime). It ensures that the General Service Office uses resources efficiently and meets audit requirements for donated media value.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trustees support an expanded “analytics dashboard” for real-time data, integrated across websites, apps, and campaigns. • They caution that while data informs decisions, personal anonymity and privacy remain paramount.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item L**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on communicating with young people.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This item addresses outreach methods to better connect with under-30 alcoholics, who often feel alienated from the Fellowship's older demographic. Surveys and anecdotal feedback guide how to adapt A.A. communications and meeting formats.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages local committees to share success stories with the trustee-level committee. • Emphasizes the A.A. principle that no one is “too young to find help,” building on pamphlets and web content specifically for young people

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item M**

Agenda Topic	Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>These pamphlets—like <i>A Newcomer Asks</i>—have introduced millions to A.A. They get periodic updates to remain relevant, especially around technology references or inclusive language. The background items might propose new or revised pamphlets.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing suggestions include ensuring pamphlets reflect the Fellowship’s diversity (racial, ethnic, age, gender identity). • Trustees often propose incremental changes, then submit them through the Conference process for full Fellowship input.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item N**

Agenda Topic	Review report from the AA Membership Survey working group.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>A volunteer working group compiles data from membership surveys to see how people come into A.A. and identify demographics or trends. These insights often help committees craft more informed public outreach or new literature.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some recent pilot surveys test new questions or methods (e.g., digital vs. paper). <p>In line with <i>Concept IX</i>, rotation and fresh input keep the survey relevant, but they also maintain anonymity and data confidentiality.</p>

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item O**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on Young People’s video project.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This focuses on collecting short, anonymized video testimonies from younger members, then making them widely accessible (often via YouTube). Encouraging younger voices to share experience, strength, and hope can help newcomers see themselves in A.A.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of user-generated content is supported, provided legal and anonymity guidelines are followed. • The committee sees a powerful opportunity for bridging generational gaps through fresh mediums that younger audiences prefer.

Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item P**

Agenda Topic	Review contents and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Kits and Workbooks for CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations. The Kits and Workbooks are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).</p> <p>The P.I. Kit and Workbook offer practical guides for local Public Information committees—how to approach media, coordinate local events, set up A.A. booths, etc. These are updated periodically to reflect new technology (Zoom, social media) and fresh approaches.</p> <p>Conclusions or Recommendations Mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any new pamphlets or guidelines emerge, staff may integrate them into these kits. • Since the P.I. Workbook is a resource for G.S.R.s and local committees, the emphasis is on clarity, availability, and how it can best equip trusted servants.

Conference Committee: IX. **Report & Charter — Item A(1)**

Agenda Topic	Discuss AA Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition. 1. Review List of editorial updates
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 2024 Additional Committee requests that the General Service Board assign a dedicated trustee liaison to the Report and Charter conference committee to ensure the accurate implementation of those revisions to the 2024-2026 The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service for printing in 2024.

Conference Committee: IX. **Report & Charter — Item A(2)**

Agenda Topic	Discuss AA Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition. 2. Review Progress report on the development of a new section “Amendments to be added to the Twelve Concepts of World Service.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Literature Committee meeting reviewed a report of work on the design and format of the “Amendments” section and agreed to forward to the 2025 Report & Charter Conference Committee. The committee requested that relevant materials and past samples be included.</p> <p>The committee also requests that the General Service Board review the draft along with the committee’s feedback and provide an updated draft or progress report to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.</p>

Conference Committee: IX. Report & Charter — Item A(3)

Agenda Topic	Discuss AA Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition. 3. Consider a request to remove the word “woman” from the concept IV essay. (PAI 75, 124) Note: Item 3A on the preliminary agenda, “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)” was forwarded to the Finance agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).
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.

Conference Committee: IX. Report & 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.

Conference Committee: IX. Report & Charter — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on exploring the creation of a corresponding Trustees’ committee for Report and Charter.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A trustee’s Literature Subcommittee was formed to improve the current process for reviewing substantial updates to the A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and has made the following suggestions: 1. The chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. form an ad hoc committee of the corporation to support the Conference Committee on Report and Charter between conferences. 2. A suggested Composition, Scope, and Procedure for this activity. This is up for review.

Conference Committee: IX. Report & Charter — Item D

Agenda Topic	Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Reviewing the 2024 General Service Conference Final Report to propose any change considered desirable for altering and improving the format, method of reporting, style or content of the Conference Final Report.

Conference Committee: X. Treatment & Accessibilities — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on Military Outreach Project.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Outreach to Veteran Affairs and active military in the U.S. and Canada to be utilized in service material.

	The committee requested that a progress report on the Military Outreach Project be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities. To date, posting military members in AA to the landing page on aa.org/military members-in-aa. Adding Military Audio Interviews to YouTube playlist. Outreach to trustee at-large/Canada for French-speaking military members for recording. Expanding the project to include military veterans and recording interviews in the summer of 2025.
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Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on shared experience from Fellowship on outreach efforts to A.A. members in the military and veterans.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This addressed the lack of shared experience on outreach efforts to veterans and active military and provides an overview of outreach efforts to veterans and active military members by AA in the U.S. and Canada. Information was gathered from various sources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● checking for meetings on military bases, contacting addiction treatment centers on military institutions, and understanding their aftercare requirements; ● past AA Guidelines which emphasized the importance of off-base groups, eliminating rank considerations during meetings, and placing notices in base newsletters; ● effective communication with medical officers or chaplains was also found to be crucial; <p>a local Veterans Outreach Committee focused on reaching veterans at VA facilities, providing literature, and facilitating introductions to A.A. meetings.</p>

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the Accessibilities Resources flyer made available on aa.org.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The progress of the Accessibilities Resources flyer on aa.org. included background notes from various meetings of the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee in 2023 and 2024. The trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee accepted the updated Accessibilities Resources flyer and forwarded it to the 2025 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities. The committee reviewed the Accessibilities inventory, requested an accessibility check, and made it available to the Fellowship and professionals. The flyer was added to aa.org in multiple languages and announced on LinkedIn.

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & 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.

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review revision of the conference-approved flyer “Where do I go from here” (F-4).
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<i>Advisory Action from the 2024 General Service Conference:</i> The flyer “Where do I go from here?” (F-4) be updated with current inclusive language and information on how to find A.A. both in person and online. The committee requested that a progress report or draft flyer be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Where do I go from here?” (F-4) Draft Revision* 2. “Where do I go from here?” (F-4) Current Version (aa.org) 3. *For members of this Conference committee only and are not available for duplication or distribution beyond the committee.

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook..
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks for CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations. The Kits and Workbooks are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks for CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations. The Kits and Workbooks are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item H**

Agenda Topic	Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community.
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Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The conference committee on Treatment and Accessibilities reviewed the Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community resource lists and forwarded several suggestions to be added to the lists to the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee. The review was done as the resource lists do not have a regular schedule for review. Changes to the Remote Communities resource have been noted and the Elder Community resource list to possibly include the Area 17 CEC workbook.
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Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review resumes of candidates for: 1. Southeast Regional Trustee 2. East Central Regional Trustee 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	These items or ones very similar are on the Conference agenda every year, reflecting on the rotation of the elections of the class (B) alcoholic trustee service positions. The background material consists of listing those who have been nominated by each area as a candidate, and those who will be eligible to vote of these nominations at the Conference.

Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This agenda item is on the Conference agenda every year and is required by the Bylaws of The General Service Board, Inc. The Conference is required to have an opportunity to disapprove the election of our trustees. The background consists of a listing of those people who will be presented to the 2021 Conference.

Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board a list of Directors of AA World Services, Inc., for the election in April 2021, following presentation at the 2021 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.

Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board a list of Directors of the AA Grapevine, Inc. for election in April 2021 following presentation at the 2021 General Service Conference for disapproval if any.

Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report of the revised pamphlet "Do You Think You're
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	Different?"
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Update on the Progress Report “Do you think you’re different?”</p> <p>Per a 2022 Conference Advisory Action revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”. This was to update stories representing greater diversity. A call for stories was opened October 2024, and after an initial low response it was determined by the sub-committee to make members more aware through writing workshops, regional conferences, AA Grapevine and AA Grapevine Podcasts and numerous other AA communication mediums.</p> <p>The sub-committee met (3) three times in Q3 – Q4, 2024. The initial meeting, August 2024 revealed some membership groups were not mentioned in the current pamphlet. The second meeting, September 2024, the committee recognized its scope to “update the stories to represent greater diversity of our unique multi-cultural population in the Canada/US structure.” The third meeting in October 2024 the committee expressed a general re-write of the “introduction” addressing story references which no longer may be included in the pamphlet.</p> <p>January 2025, there were a total 45 stories reviewed and rated by the sub-committee, and it was concluded the timeline for delivering a draft for the 75th General Service Conference wasn’t viable but agreed to continue its work while developing a progress report for the conference.</p>

Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Review Censure Process Proposal.(New Item)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>To outline multiple paths for members of the General Service Conference (GSC) to pursue censure if it is the group conscious of the GSC to do so. Definition of 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</p>

	<p>the conference agenda or considered during the Harmony and Effectiveness session.</p> <p>*If a pilot Harmony and Effectiveness Session is approved by the 75th GSC - see I. Agenda J</p>
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Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item G**

Agenda Topic	<p>Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>.(PAI 24 and 63)*</p> <p>Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).</p>
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Conference Committee: XII. **Archives — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review Archives Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Archives Workbook is reviewed by the Conference Committees during each General Service Conference. Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations.</p> <p>The Archives Workbook (M-44i) is available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).</p>
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Is the workbook current and helpful? Are there new ideas that could be included?

Conference Committee: XIII. **Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Discuss the upcoming 2025 International Convention.
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<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Planning is on target for your 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Here are some highlights of the activities taking place between now and July 2025. Number of registrants to date as of February 2, 2025: This number will quickly be outdated; we have a total of 28,305, in-person registrants for the 2025 International Convention. This is on pace with where we were at this time for past conventions</p> <p>There will be online option to attend the convention</p> <p>The General Service Board approved the addition of a tiered pricing registration option for Groups and Informal Gathering Watch Parties. Watch party coordinators would register and pay a 2025 IC Virtual Program Session Track registration fee based on a tiered number of watch party attendees as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5-20 attendees = \$200.00 2. 21-30 attendees = \$300.00 3. 31-40 attendees = \$400.00 4. 41-50 attendees = \$500.00
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Conference Committee: XIII. **Int’l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The subcommittee agreed that a “service declaration” may be a good addition to our current responsibility declaration and unity declaration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>A Declaration on Service – would nicely round out the Triangle. Service and Group Conscience – participating in it and moving it forward.</p> <p>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</p>

Conference Committee: XIII. **Int’l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item C**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)</p>
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<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Conference Committee: XIII. **Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item D**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>This item is on the agenda each year to come up with new ways to encourage participation. The background contains multiple years and multiple suggestions on just that. We continue to try to be effective in gathering interest</p>

Conference Committee: XIII. **Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item E**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Review Final Report of the Subcommittee on Regional Forums Improvements.</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The committee agreed to reappoint a Subcommittee on Regional Forum Improvements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To refine and improve the agenda for forum weekends for greatest effectiveness. 2) To identify all opportunities for cost savings in terms of scheduling, participation, accessibility, and interpretation needs. 3) To explore opportunities to more effectively communicate with the fellowship who are outside the Regional Forum room through hybrid or virtual options.

Conference Committee: XIII. **Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item F**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Review Report from Subcommittee to Review Regional Forums Request for Information (RFI) Forms.</p>
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The purpose of the subcommittee was to collaborate between ICRF, METS and the Regional Forums Staff assignment to clarify roles, particularly related to site selection and contracting, between GSO Staff and the Area Committee. The subcommittee met once via videoconference on January 7, 2025.</p>

	<p>The subcommittee had a robust discussion regarding the Request for Information (RFI) and Bid Letter sent to Regional Trustees and Area Delegates during the Regional Forum venue selection process.</p> <p>The two substantive changes were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Language was added to both the RFI and the Bid Letter stating that the final decision for both date and venue will be made by the General Service Office.2) Reiterated the need to avoid using third party vendors when searching for venues
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