

**2015 General Service Conference Committees**  
**Agenda Items**

**I. Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- F. Discuss adding review of the Conference week schedule (Conference Agenda) to the standing items on the committee agenda.

**II. Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- A. Review contents of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

**III. Corrections**

- A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.).
- B. Discuss ways to engage members in Corrections service.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

**IV. Finance**

- A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- C. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.
- D. Discuss A.A.W.S. report on a plan regarding translation of Conference material.
- E. Review Self-Support Packet.

## V. Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- B. Review new business plan for La Viña.
- C. Review revised text of the pamphlet "A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print."
- D. Discuss ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña, such as:
  - 1. How to recognize and support the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Viña, as fully integrated parts of A.A. and its service structure.
  - 2. How to provide concrete support for Grapevine and La Viña throughout the Fellowship and service structure, including the use and purchase of Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions, books and other items.
  - 3. How to put the many recommendations from the General Service Conference that encourage organization-wide support of the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous into practice Fellowship wide.
- E. Discuss ways to encourage A.A. members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service committees for distribution to help carry the message of A.A.
- F. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2016 or later.
- G. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

## VI. Literature

- A. Consider the revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service Agencies" with the new title "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services."
- B. Consider the revised draft pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office."
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.
- E. Consider producing a book combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- F. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."
- G. Review the full text of "The A.A.W.S., Inc. Policy on Publication of Literature."

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Approve request for a representative from the General Service Board of the Czech Republic to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference as an observer.
- B. Review dates for the 2018 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider proposed revision to the policy regarding General Service Conference audio recordings.
- D. Consider request that a recording of the A.A. meeting at the opening dinner of the General Service Conference be provided to each member of the General Service Conference.

## **VIII. Public Information**

- A. Review 2014 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. website.
- B. Review Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan
  - 1. Consider suggestion that the trustees' Public Information Committee explore the use of specific social media platforms and social networking platforms as potential channels for sharing information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
  - 2. Discuss how to increase A.A. member participation in local public information work.
  - 3. Consider exploring a project for anonymity videos produced by A.A. members for A.A. members.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s)
  - 1. Consider approving the proposed video P.S.A., "Doors."
  - 2. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed video P.S.A., "Doors," at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local public information committees.
  - 3. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
  - 4. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
- D. Review the final draft of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey."
- E. Discuss a brief video on anonymity produced to accompany the annual Anonymity Letter to Media.
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2015-2016 Edition:*
1. Review list of editorial updates.
  2. Review revisions from A.A.W.S. Board.
  3. Review revisions from A.A. Grapevine Board.
  4. Review revisions from General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.
  5. Consider request to update *The A.A. Service Manual* to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information.
  6. Consider request to add text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section "Stimulating Interest in General Service" on page S23.
  7. Consider draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" to be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Board) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section.
  8. Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on pages S41-S42.
- B. Reconsider 1990 Conference Advisory Action regarding the table of contents for *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- C. Discuss the A.A. Directories:
- Review report from A.A.W.S. Board on alternatives to A.A. Regional Directories (Canadian, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.).
- D. Discuss the General Service Conference *Final Report*.

## **X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities**

- A. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- B. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

## **XI. Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee;
  - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee;
  - 3. Trustee-at-large/Canada.
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss the recommendation from the General Service Board to approve the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., as amended, to comply with the New York State nonprofit law.

## **XII. Archives**

- A. Review Archives Workbook.

## **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss the upcoming 2015 International Convention.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.