

## 2015 Inform the Delegate Topics

### GSRs

#### III. Corrections – Corrections/Erik T.

- A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). **Pages 95 - 101**
- There is currently a shortage of male AAs signed up to correspond with male inmates. How would you increase participation among the men in the program?
  - How else could you improve the service?
- B. Discuss ways to engage members in Corrections service. **Pages 102-106**
- What tools have you used in prior service positions that might help here?

#### IV. Finance- Mynah Bird Jim D.

- A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board can receive from an AA member from \$3,000 to \$5,000. **Pages 113 – 117**
- E. Review Self-Support Packet. **Pages 157 – 158, Advisory Actions p.28 – 37.**
- Services Provided by GSO can be accessed through a link on the first page of the AA website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).
  - What would you change?
  - What additions might be helpful?

#### V. Grapevine – Grapevine Patti Lynn

- D. Discuss ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Vina, such as: **Pages 197 - 202**
1. How to recognize and support the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Vina, as fully integrated parts of AA and its service structure.
  2. How to provide concrete support for Grapevine and La Vina throughout the Fellowship and service structure, including the use and purchase of Grapevine and La Vina 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.
- Consider what might work with you or your home group.
    - Do you subscribe to GV/La Vina? If yes, why? If not, why not?
    - What would make a subscription more appealing?
    - Does your home group have a subscription or Grapevine meeting?
- E. Discuss ways to encourage AA members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Vina Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service Committees for distribution to help carry the message of AA. **Pages 203-205**

#### **VI. Literature Group 1 – Archives - Lauren**

- C. Consider updating the pamphlet “AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic.” **Pages 249 - 263**
- Besides being available from you Intergroup/Central Office, individual copies of pamphlets can be accessed from the AA website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).
  - Talking to a gay/lesbian member about their opinion might be helpful.
  - Going to a gay/lesbian AA meeting might be helpful.

#### **VI. Literature Group 2 – CEC, Jack**

- D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. **Pages 264 - 285**
- 65<sup>th</sup> GSC Background information contains a wealth of literature on this topic.

#### **VI. Literature Group 3 – Website - Sue**

- E. Consider producing a book combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **Pages 286-296**
- What advantages, if any, do you see for you and your group? Your District? Area?
  - Asking AA members not in general service about whether they are familiar with the 12 Concepts might be helpful.

#### **VI. Literature Group 4 – CPC – Tommy G.**

- F. Consider updating the pamphlet “AA for the Woman.” **Pages 297 - 299**
- Besides being available from you Intergroup/Central Office, individual copies of pamphlets can be accessed from the AA website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).
  - What would you change? Be specific.
  - What additions might be helpful? Be specific.

#### **VIII. Public Information – PI - Cynthia**

- B. Review Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan **Pages 348 - 377**
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.
    - What do you see as advantages? Disadvantages?
    - Do you have concerns re anonymity? If so, how might that be addressed?
  2. Discuss how to increase AA member participation in local public information work.
    - What ideas have you seen work in past to increase participation in service work?
  3. Consider exploring a project for anonymity videos produced by AA members for AA members.
    - Do you think there is a need for anonymity videos? If so, why? If not, why not?
    - What would you specifically include if you are in favor of videos?

## **IX. Report and Charter Group 1 – Treatment - Alan**

### **A1. *The AA Service Manual, 2015 – 2016***

5. Consider request to update *The AA Service Manual* to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information. **Pages 417 - 422**
  - 65<sup>th</sup> GSC Background material has a wealth of information.
  - Reviewing the Service Manual will be helpful.

## **XIII. International Conventions – Annual Hawaii Convention - Judy**

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

- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. **Pages 512 - 517**
  - Are you familiar with Regional Forums? Have you ever attended?
  - If not, why not and what would have made you more likely to attend?
  - Have you ever attended an International Convention?

## **DCMs, Area Officers**

### **DCMs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**

#### **IX. Report and Charter Group 2**

##### **A. *The AA Service Manual, 2015-2016 Edition***

- 8. Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on pages S41 – S42. **Pages 430 - 432**

### **DCMs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and Area Officers**

#### **2015 GSC Inventory Questions**

- C. Yearlong Process Effectiveness
  1. How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?
  2. How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness? (In this case consider how DCMs and area officers support the process.)