

2016 Inform the Delegate Topics

GSRs

Cooperation with the Professional Community - Tommy G

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community Consider discontinuing the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.” **Page 408**

- A. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet “If You are a Professional...” **Page 409**
- B. Consider adding text to the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” **Page 410**
 - In addition to being on the thumb drive, individual copies of these pamphlets can be accessed on the A.A. website under literature, http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature, and at most Intergroup/Central Office locations.
 - Do you and your group think the “Three Talks to Medical Societies...” is a valuable tool today? If so, why? If not, why not?

Grapevine - Pattilynne

IV. Finance

- B. Review the Conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to The General Service Board from A.A. members. **Pages 447 - 448**
- C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. Member of \$3,000. **Pages 449 - 450**
 - Do you and your group think the limits placed on individual bequests and maximum annual contribution are appropriate for 2016?
 - Should they be raised? Should they be lowered? Why or why not?

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) - Jack

VI. Literature - Group 1

- A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **Pages 511 - 523**
 - Have you experienced situations where you or members of your group have a hard time understanding the Big Book?
 - Would a plain language Big Book be more welcoming to alcoholics who might not fully understand the current Big Book?

Mynah Bird - Jim D.

VI. Literature - Group 2

- H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” **Pages 550 - 597**
- I. Consider request to update the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.” **Pages 598 - 615**
 - These two pamphlets are included with the background material but are also available from Intergroup/Central Offices and individual copies can be accessed from the AA website under literature, http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature.
 - What would you add or change to improve the message and make it more pertinent today?

- Do you think the language and illustrations are clear? Why or why not?

Website- Sue

VII. Public Information – Group 1

- B. Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 1. Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 2. Review 2016 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan **Pages 680 – 694**
 - If you are not already familiar with Google for Non Profits and Twitter, learning more about these forums will be helpful.
 - Do you think the media plan will be beneficial for A.A. as a whole? Why or why not?
 - Do you or your group have any anonymity concerns with using the media plan?

Public Information- Cynthia B.

VII. Public Information – Group 2

- E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the “Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates.” **Pages 705 – 713**
 - Are you concerned using full face views might cause confusion re anonymity? Why? Why not? If you have concerns, how might that be addressed?
 - Advantages? Disadvantages?

Corrections- Erik T.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2016-2017 Edition:
 2. Consider adding definition of “Service Manual” to Glossary of Service Terms.
 3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.
 4. Consider draft text for a section on “Local Forums” to be added to Chapter Nine.
 5. Consider removing endnote #4 in *Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
 6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding “male/female” distinctions in the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **Pages 721 - 742**
- B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **Pages 743 – 746**
 - *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* is included on the thumb drive, and is also available from Intergroup/Central Offices and individual copies can be accessed from the AA website under literature, http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature, on the drop down menu under “Miscellaneous.” It is an essential tool for all involved in General Service.
 - Would the changes to the Service Manual improve understanding? Make it more pertinent in 2016? Why? Or why not?
 - What do you see as advantages of changing the publishing schedule for the Service Manual? Disadvantages?

Treatment- Alan

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Consider removing “Special Needs” from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs – Accessibilities’ name and throughout committees’ Composition, Scope and Procedure. **Pages 757 – 766**
- What do you see as advantages in removing the term ‘Special Needs’ from the committee name and throughout its composition, scope and procedure? Disadvantages?

Archives - Lauren

XII. Archives

- A. Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories. **Pages 805 – 809**
- Has your home group written its history? If yes, how did you accomplish it?
 - If not, what might motivate group members to get the group’s history down in writing or recording?
 - Is your home group aware of desire by GSO and Area 17 to have their histories recorded?

Annual Hawaii Convention – Judy C.

XIII. International Convention/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. **Pages 811 – 815**
- Hawaii Area 17 is hosting the 2016 Pacific Regional Forum September 30 – October 2, 2016 at Waikoloa on the Big Island.
 - Do you know what a regional forum is? Have you ever been to one? Are you planning to attend the 2016 forum on the Big Island?
 - How can you spread the enthusiasm among your home group members?
 - Any other ideas?

DCMs, Intergroup Chairs, Area Officers

DCMs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

III. Corrections

- B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) **Pages 429 – 438**
- 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?
 - Are AA members in your district familiar with this service and know where to go to access information?
 - How would you engage members in Corrections service?

DCMs 11, 12, 13, 17, Intergroup Chairs and Area Officers

VII. Policy/Admissions -

- C. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships. **Pages 627 – 640**
- Would inviting members of other fellowships to observe the General Service Conference break our traditions or concepts?
 - What would be the advantages? Disadvantages?