

**Hosted by Diamond Head District #1
Saturday, April 7, 2018**

9:00 am Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer

- Host DCM Announcements
- Sobriety Birthdays – see attached
- Introductions of Past Delegates Scott C (49), Linda Mc D (61), Ken K. (63), Cheryl N. (65)
- Reading – Why do We Have a Conference S20 AA Service Manual - John M.

General Service Conference – Process and Preparation – Scott C.

- Please see handout
- Presentations (25 minutes)
- Transition (5 minutes)

GSC Committee Break-out Sessions

- Choose a chair – simple election
- Choose a recorder to take notes
- Discuss agenda items
 - What will be “Other Considerations”
 - What will be brought forth as “Recommendations”

Conference Committee on **Archives** John M.

XII. Archives (p. 609)

- B. Consider request from the AA Grapevine Board to post the 2017 General Service Conference presentation, “A.A. Grapevine and La Vina on AA Grapevine’s YouTube channel. (pp. 613 –620) **No action**
- C. Consider developing a policy on distribution of audio recordings of General Service Conference presentations. (p. 621) **No Action**

VI. Literature (p.214)

- O. Consider request to update the video “You’re A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure.” (pp. 280 – 281) **Recommendation approved to update video.**

Conference Committee on **CEC** Karen N.

VI. Literature (p. 214)

- D. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet based upon A.A.’s Three Legacies. (pp. 235 –236)
Recommendation approved to consider the development of a pamphlet based upon AA’s Three Legacies.
- E. Review report and suggestions on the inclusion of language related to safety in A.A. literature. (pp. 237 –240)
No Advisory action
- M. Consider request for revision to Living Sober. (pp. 263 –274)
**Recommendation approved to consider request for revision of Living Sober
Advisory Action to clarify “prescribed medication”**
- N. Consider request for the development of a new book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service. (pp. 275 – 279)
Recommendation approved to consider request for the development of a new book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts of World Service. [after a vote to reconsider failed]
- P. Consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job I A.A.” (pp. 282 – 284)
Recommendation approved to consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job In A.A.”

Conference Committee on **Convention** Keny

I. Agenda (p. 2)

A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2019 General Service Conference (pp. 4 – 7)

1) Based on experience of standing committee, it would be good to choose one these two: Principles before Personalities: Our Spiritual Foundation. (Discussion) To help resolve conflicts example: singleness of purpose.

2) Carrying the AA Message in Today's World. (Discussion) How to best carry the message to those walking through the doors, and encourage those who don't stay up to date and involved in current technologies and popular ways of communications.

B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference. (pp. 8 – 17)

Recommended 3 topics: (1) Clarity of Purpose (2) Bringing Safety to our home group and (3) Attraction rather than promotion – still on public relations policy.

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference. (pp. 18 – 22)

Recommended workshop topic is "How to have the most productive meeting". [Discussion] discussion centered on this referring to "regular" AA meetings such as AA Group. But this also could include Area meetings, business meetings, etc...

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums (p. 623)

A. Discuss selection of cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2030. (p. 626)

Recommendation approved St. Louis, Missouri over Houston Texas to be considered as a site for the International Convention.

B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2020 International Convention at A.A.'s expense. (pp. 627 – 628)

Recommendation approved to have 21 non-AA speakers to participate in the 2020 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

Conference Committee on **Corrections** Brian

III. Corrections (p. 108)

A. Consider request to create a pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarceration. (pp. 110 – 124)

(After long discussion) a recommendation was approved to consider the request to create a pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarnation.

B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook. (pp. 125 – 127) **Reviewed**

VI. Literature (p. 124)

R. Consider request to add a section on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship." (pp. 287 – 294)

Recommendation approved to consider the request to add a section on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."

Conference Committee on **CPC Colin**

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Review the trustees' committee report regarding LinkedIn as a platform for reaching professionals. (pp. 73 – 98)

The consensus of group conscience was 50/50 on the committee's recommendation NOT to use LinkedIn as a platform for reaching professionals.

- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional." (pp. 99 – 100)
Recommendation approved Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional."

- C. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "Members of the Clergy Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous." (pp. 101 – 102)

Recommendation approved to consider revisions to the pamphlet "Members of the Clergy Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous."

- D. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..." (pp. 103 – 104)

Recommendation approved to Consider revisions to the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..." And to remove the word "deployed".

Conference Committee on **Report and Charter** (DCM 2,4,6,8,10, 12, Intergroup) **Alex**

IX. Report and Charter

5. Consider adding text regarding standing committees from "The A.A. Group" pamphlet. (pp. 445 – 447)

Recommendation to consider adding text regarding standing committees from "The A.A. Group" pamphlet FAILED

6. Consider removing the following statement from the section *Area Newsletters or Bulletins*: "Any group of district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other A.A. material." (pp. 448 – 449)

Recommendation approved to consider removing the following statement from the section *Area Newsletters or Bulletins*: "Any group of district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other A.A. material."

7. Consider developing a plan for a revised editorial review process. (pp. 450 – 452)

Recommendation approved to consider developing a plan for a revised editorial review process.

- C. General Service Conference *Final Report*. (pp. 454- 470)

1. Consider request that Conference committee additional considerations be published in their entirety both in the printed *Conference Final Report* and the anonymity-protected digital version.

Recommendation approved to consider request that Conference committee additional considerations be published in their entirety both in the printed *Conference Final Report* and the anonymity-protected digital version.

Conference Committee on **Finance** (DCM 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17) **Bruce**

IV. Finance (pp. 128)

- A. Consider developing a method to standardize increases to the limits on individual contributions and bequests to the General Service Board. (pp. 130 – 133) **Recommendation approved to consider developing a method to standardize increases to the limits on individual contributions and bequests to the General Service Board.**

IX. Report and Charter

- A. A. A. Service Manual 2-018 – 2020 Edition
1. Consider request for changes to chapters 2, 3, and 5. (pp. 435 – 439) **No Action [the committee voted 4 to 3 failing to submit a recommendation for consideration] – FLOOR ACTION TO RECONSIDER REQUEST FOR CHANGES.**
 2. Consider adding “Panel” to the *Glossary of General Service Terms*. (pp. 440 – 441) Recommendation approved **Recommendation approved to consider adding “Panel” to the *Glossary of General Service Terms*.**
 3. Consider adding graphics on page S75, above the section *A.A. World Services, Inc.* that visually display the positions on each of the three corporate boards. (pp. 442 – 444) **Recommendation approved to consider adding graphics on page S75, above the section *A.A. World Services, Inc.* that visually display the positions on each of the three corporate boards.**

Conference Committee on **Grapevine (p. 136)** **Cyris**

V. Grapevine

- B. Review Audio Strategy status update. (pp. 171 – 181). **NO action needed for review only.**
- C. Review report on 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales. (pp. 182 – 200)
[after lengthy discussion] the committee’s recommendation was to not pursue the Grapevines recommendation.
- D. Reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Vina. (pp. 201 – 206)
Recommendation approved to Reconsider the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Vina.
- F. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2019 and later. (pp. 208 – 212)
Recommendation approved to consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2019 and later.

Delegate Report Back and Summary

5:10 pm Adjourned

**Hosted by Diamond Head District #11
Sunday, April 8, 2018**

Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer

- Host DCM Announcements
- Introductions of Past Delegates
- Reading
- Review Mock GSC Procedures

Conference Committee on the **Mynah Bird** (p. 214)

VI. Literature

- A. Consider proposed revision to *Alcoholics Anonymous*: (pp. 217 – 223)
1. Request to add an appendix reflecting recognition received from the Library of Congress. (pp. 218 – 219) **Passed**
 2. Request to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement. (pp. 220 – 221) **Failed**
 3. Request to add an endnote to Bill W.'s story acknowledging co-founder, Bob S. (pp. 222 – 223) **Failed**
- C. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members. (pp. 227 – 234) **No Action** – **FLOOR ACTION TO RECONSIDER A PAMPHLET - PASSED**

Conference Committee on **Public Information**

VIII. Public Information (p. 335)

- B. Review 2018 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan. (pp. 347 – 349) **Passed**
- E. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” which expand content on Traditions Eleven and Twelve and adds information related to safety in A.A. (pp. 364 – 365) **No Action**
- F. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous” which update language, contact information and information on the prevalence and severity of alcoholism and add information related to safety **FAILED** in A.A. (pp. 366 – 368) **Passed**

Conference Committee on **Treatment**

X. Treatment and Accessibilities (p. 471)

- A. Review the trustees' committee report on Cooperation with Armed Services Exploration Strategies. (pp. 474 – 491) **Passed**
- B. Review proposed revisions to the pamphlet “Accessibility for All Alcoholics.” (pp. 492 – 497) **No Action**
- C. Discuss ways that remote communities concerns might be addressed by the Conference. (pp. 498 – 517) **Recommend to continue reviewing and talk to folk in remote communities.**
- D. Review summary of the Fellowship sharing on the need for additional material to support carrying the A.A. message to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing A.A. members. (pp. 518 – 535). **Reviewed and found that literature is not sufficient.**

Conference Committee on **Website**

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community (p. 71)

- ~~A. Review the trustees' committee report regarding LinkedIn as a platform for reaching professionals. (pp. 73 – 98)~~

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2017 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and \[N] aagrapevine.org (pp. 338 – 346) **Committee agrees that both are doing a great job.**

VI. Literature (p. 214)

- B. Consider request that A.A. (U.S./Canada) publish “the God Word” (a pamphlet currently published by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain). (pp. 224 – 226) **Passed – FLOOR ACTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED**

Conference Committee on **Policy/Admissions** (Area Officers)

VII. Policy/Admissions (p. 300)

- D. Review draft process for polling the General Service Conference between annual conference meetings. (pp. 312 – 317) **Recommendation to stay in the committee.**
- F. Consider request to develop a policy for the use of the Conference dashboard. (pp. 321 – 322) **No Action**
- G. Discuss the following question from the trustees' International Committee: "Does the U.S./Canada have a role in assisting in the development of A.A. structures around the world through sponsoring other countries via direct invitations to observe our General Service Conference." (pp. 323 – 334) **Passed**

XI. Trustees (p. 542)

- E. Review proposal to censure the General Service Board. (pp.557 – 567) **Failed**
- F. Review proposal to reorganize the A.A. World Services and General Services Boards. (pp. 568 – 572) **No Action**