

2018 AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Topic/Background Distribution

Aloha and thank you for your participation in our Inform the Delegate Assembly and the General Service Conference process. Below you will find a variety of topics selected from the 650 pages of background material and topics proposed for the 68th General Service Conference.

We will once again be modeling our Inform the Delegate Assembly on the General Service Conference. We ask that you take the topics you have been assigned (by Standing Committee assignment or service position) and:

- Discuss the topics you've been assigned with your home group, service groups, districts, and fellow alcoholics.
- At the ITD assembly we'll break into round tables by Standing Committee and topic to discuss what we've learned. Then we'll present our findings to the full assembly.

Keep in mind that the background is confidential material. It has not been scrubbed of last names. Some of the material isn't ready to be distributed throughout the Fellowship and might be misunderstood if it were to be circulated without the explanations found in the background. Please do not post any of this material on social media or other internet sites. Do not distribute with explanation. Do not distribute outside of the Fellowship.

There are several sorts of topics. Those starting with the word "Consider" are generally something that may be voted on at the GSC. In essence we are asking, "should we do this?" Those topics starting with "Review" generally are not voting issues. Rather we ask that you consider carefully the material and be prepared to give an opinion. This would really be an "Additional Consideration" item. Those items beginning with "Discuss" are likewise non-voting items, be prepared to give an opinion. This will be explained further both at our February Committee Meeting and at Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please be sure the GSRS in your committee understand what they are being asked to do.

If you have any questions at all don't hesitate to contact me by email (delegate@area17aa.org), by phone, or in person.

Thank you for your service, Bob H. – Panel 67 Delegate

Area Officers

VII. Policy/Admissions [pp. 300]

- D. Review draft process for polling the General Service Conference between annual Conference meetings. [pp. 312-317]
- F. Consider request to develop a policy for the use of the Conference dashboard. [pp. 321-322]
- G. Discuss the following question from the trustees' International Committee: "Does the U.S./Canada have a role/responsibility 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]

XI. Trustees [p. 542]

- E. Review proposal to censure the General Service Board. [pp. 557-567]
- F. Review proposal to reorganize the A.A. World Services and General Service Boards. [pp. 568-572]

DCM 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,17

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]

IX. Report and Charter [pp. 431]

- A. A.A. Service Manual 2018-2020 Edition
 - 2. Consider request for changes to chapters 2, 3, and 5. [pp. 435-439]
 - 3. Consider adding "Panel" to the *Glossary of General Service Terms*. [pp. 440-441]
 - 4. 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]

DCM 2,4,6,8,10,12, Intergroup

IX. Report and Charter [pp. 431]

- 5. Consider adding text regarding standing committees from "The A.A. Group" pamphlet. [pp. 445-447]
- 6. Consider removing the following statement from the section *Area Newsletters or Bulletins*: "Any group or 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]

7. Consider developing a plan for a revised editorial review process. [pp. 450-452]
- 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.

Archives

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 Viña" on AA Grapevine's YouTube channel. [pp. 613-620]
- C. Consider developing a policy on distribution of audio recordings of General Service Conference presentations. [p. 621]

VI. Literature [p. 214]

- O. Consider request to update the video "Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure." [pp. 280-281]

Convention

I. Agenda [p. 2]

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2019 General Service Conference. [pp. 4-7]
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference. [pp. 8-17]
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference. [pp. 18-22]

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]
- 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]

CEC

VI. Literature [p. 214]

- D. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet based upon A.A.'s Three Legacies. [pp. 235-236]
- E. Review report and suggestions on the inclusion of language related to safety in A.A. literature. [pp. 237-240]
- M. Consider request for revision to *Living Sober*. [pp. 263-274]
- 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]

- P. Consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.” [pp. 282-284]

CPC

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]
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional.” [pp. 99-100]
- C. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous.” [pp. 101-102]
- D. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “If You Are a Professional...” [pp. 103-104]

Corrections

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]
- B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook. [pp. 125-127]

VI. Literature [p. 214]

- R. Consider request to add a section on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.” [pp. 287-294]

Grapevine

V. Grapevine [pp. 136]

- B. Review Audio Strategy status update. [pp. 171-181]
- C. Review report on 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales. [pp. 182-200]
- D. Reconsider the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Viña. [pp. 201-206]
- F. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2019 and later. [pp. 208-212]

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VI. Literature [p. 214]

- A. Consider proposed revisions to *Alcoholics Anonymous*: [pp. 217-223]
 - 1. Request to add an appendix reflecting recognition received from the Library of Congress. [pp. 218-219]
 - 2. Request to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement. [pp. 220-221]

3. Request to add an endnote to Bill W.'s story acknowledging co-founder, Bob S. [pp. 222-223]
- C. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members. [pp. 227-234]

PI

- VIII. Public Information [p. 335]
 - B. Review 2018 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan [pp. 347-349]
 - 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]
 - 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 in A.A. [pp. 366-368]

Treatment

- X. [Treatment and Accessibilities](#) [p. 471]
 - A. Review the trustees' committee report on Cooperation with Armed Services Exploration Strategies. [pp. 474-491]
 - B. Review proposed revisions to the pamphlet "Accessibility for All Alcoholics." [pp.492-497]
 - C. Discuss ways that remote communities concerns might be addressed by the Conference. [pp. 498-517]
 - 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]

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](#) [pp. 335]
 - A. Review 2017 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org. [pp. 338-346]
- 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]