

## 2016 Final Conference Report Review

66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference  
Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts

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First, I want to thank all of you for hosting me for the Delegate Report Backs for your Districts. I enjoyed sharing my experience at the General Service Conference and will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve as your delegate for Panel 65.

The report includes full names and addresses of participants and is therefore confidential. It is not meant for posting on any internet sites. It does include verbatim reports presented at the conference. I hope my brief review will familiarize you with where you can find things in the report and how you can get more detailed information.

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        - Leadership: “I am Responsible...”
        - Is Your Voice Heard?
      - Contributions:
        - Spirituality and Money
        - Fully Self-Supporting Our Obligations
        - Apathy and Power of the Purse
  - Cooperation with the Professional Community
    - A new section on A.A. and medications be added to the pamphlet “If You are a Professional...” that A.A. does not provide medical advice.
    - Text be added to “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace” that A.A. can help organizations regardless of size.
    - An introductory paragraph for professionals be added to “Problems Other Than Alcohol” addressing notion that while some of the language is dated, issues are relevant today.
  - Corrections
    - The video to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” titled “A New Freedom” was approved.
  - Literature
    - Revise pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” to include information about young people’s conferences.
    - Update the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” to better reflect experiences of young people in A. A. today.

- Undertake a comprehensive revision of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” with modernized text and graphics.
  - Policy/Admissions
    - Implementation of Phase I of Conference Translation Project translating pre-Conference and Conference material into Spanish and French per 2015 Advisory Actions.
  - Public Information
    - Proposal for implementing a Google-for-Non-Profit account for carrying A.A.s message to public be developed and brought back to 2017 conference.
    - Proposal for implementing a Twitter account for carrying A.A.s message to public be developed and brought back to 2017 conference.
    - The English and French language versions of the video PSA “Tengo Esperanza” be distributed and tracked.
  - Report and Charter
    - A new section on “Local Forums” be added to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
    - Text from Concept XI essay in *Twelve Concepts for World Service* with reference to men’s and women’s roles in A.A. be removed with reference that paragraphs have been removed and are available from Archives Dept. at G.S.O. on request.
  - Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities
    - The term “Special Needs” be removed from name of committee throughout literature with new name to be Treatment and Accessibilities
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