

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71
Inform the Delegate Assembly
March 27-28, 2021
Co-Hosted with District 10, Waikiki
What to Take Back

Registration

133 Registered
Conference Quorum used.

The Area participated in a mock general service conference on March 27th and 28th. And did inform the delegate, providing fellowship feedback on the general service conference agenda topics.

Reading: Chapter Six of AA Service Manual S50
“The Delegate”

The delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate’s responsibility to serve the U.S./Canada Conference as a whole.

As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interests of A.A. as a whole.

Panel I

A. The pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

1. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities. **Recommend**

C. Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action stating “G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group.” **Recommend**

Panel II

A. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation. **Discussed and recommend was the sense of the body**

B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals. **Recommend**

Panel III

E. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:

1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve.” **Recommend**

2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.” **Recommend**

F. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober. **Recommend**

Z. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the native North American.” **Recommend**

Panel IV

A. Consider request for a review of all correction related literature to replace terms such as “inmate” and “offender” with less stigmatizing language. **Recommend**

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B. Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs. **Discussed and Recommend was the sense of the body**

Panel V

C. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. **Recommend**

E. Review suggested gender-neutral language options for changes to the A.A. Preamble. **Reviewed**

Panel VI

V. Consider adding the Long Form of each Tradition at the beginning of each essay for that Tradition in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. **Recommend**

X. Consider revising the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group," to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long form of Tradition Five. **Recommend**

Panel VII

E. Consider draft plan to develop podcasts. **Recommend**

G. Discuss Public Information pamphlets.

1. Consider revising the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings." **Discussed and Recommend was the sense of the body**

J. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R., Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole." **Recommend**

Panel VIII

H. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." **Recommend**

I. Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship". **Recommend**

1. Change the suggestion that sponsor, and newcomer be of the same sex. **Recommend**

2. Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retile the pamphlet to include service sponsorship. **Recommend**

Panel IX

C. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous:

1. Develop a Fifth Edition **Recommend**

2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V. **Recommend**

3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published. **Recommend**

Y. Consider revising the text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group." **Recommend**

Panel X

A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention. **Discussed & Recommend was the sense of the body.**

L. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic." **Recommend**

Panel XI

B. Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous:

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a. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing.

Recommend

b. Revise the first 164 pages. **Recommend**

G. Consider the requests to revise the test related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”

Recommend

Panel XII

U. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations, and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution. **Recommend**

Panel XIII

B. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss, and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee. **Recommend**

G. Consider a request that a procedure be drafted for appealing a ruling by a General Service Conference chair. **Recommend**

H. Discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload. **Discussed & Recommend was the sense of the body.**

Panel XIV

Area Committee **VACANCY**. Cooperation with the Elder Community Chair Position is **VACANT**. It is the Chairs hope to appoint a new chair as soon as possible.

2021 Area **Meeting Dates for 2021** beyond the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

1. Committee Meeting May 15th | Host District #3
2. Budget Assembly August 28 & 29th | Host District #4
3. Committee Meeting October 9th | Host District #8

Minutes will be posted within 10-days from the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please submit your reports to secretary@area17aa.org