

Inform the Delegate Assembly (ITD)

Agenda Items Reports (Not the Minutes)

April 18 – 19, 2026

District 5, Maui No Ka Oi

Present – 91

Quorum - 47

Panel 1

Archives XII.

ITEM A: Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

- The committee made no recommendations.
- The committee reviewed the updated version of the Archives workbook, reviewed the Conference Committee on Archives 2024 and 2025 Committee Considerations. The committee had discussions based on feedback from our groups, compared the new version of the Archives Workbook with the 2024 version, and agreed that the changes improved the usefulness of the Archives Workbook. Moving the section on Area and District Archives sharing to later in the book improved the flow of information. The addition of a few pictures makes the Archives Workbook more engaging. The committee was glad to see more information on digital storage as we suggested at last year's ITD Assembly.
- Committee Considerations:
 - o The committee suggested additional considerations for future printings:
 - Was the first page of the APPLICATION FOR LIMITED USE AND REPRODUCTION OF SOUND OR MOVING IMAGE RECORDINGS (page 43 of the 2024 version) intentionally omitted, or was page 44 AGREEMENT supposed to have been deleted also? Page 44 says cont'd with no first page. Pages 50-51 of the 2026 version has the APPLICATION FOR LIMITED USE AND REPRODUCTION OF SOUND OR MOVING IMAGE RECORDINGS.
- Copyright and anonymity warnings seemed repetitive. The highlighted box WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS is effective; We would like to see a similar box warning concerning Anonymity.

Panel 2

Convention Steering

(XIII. International Conventions / Regional Forums)

ITEM A: Review a progress report on the flags of sovereign states being a part of the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention.

- **Committee recommends that the conference committee continue its research regarding the flag ceremony at the international conference.** This research should include associated costs, cultural inclusion, and the potential effects related to the length of the ceremony.

ITEM B: Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.

- The Committee **recommends** continuing current outreach efforts, along with the following additional suggestions:
 - o **Make Regional Forums more engaging, welcoming and accessible** to encourage broader participation
 - o **Provide financial assistance** to support younger AA members in attending
 - o **Encourage members to share their experiences** at the group level to build awareness and interest
 - o **Increase visibility** by announcing Regional Forums regularly at meetings.

Panel 3

Cooperation with the Elder Community

(I. Conference Committee on Agenda)

ITEM A: Review the suggested themes of the 2027 General Service Conference.

- We reviewed the suggested themes of the 2027 General Service Conference - Out of 8 suggested themes our group reviewed and proposed the following attending meetings:
 - o 1) #5 Rebuilding A.A. Unity - disjointed for those Elders not coming and
 - o 2) #1 Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation.

ITEM B: Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.

- We reviewed presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 1027 General Service Conference - Out of 9 Suggested Presentation Topics our group reviewed and proposed
 - o 1) # 4 Spirit of Rotation: Letting Go to Grow,
 - o 2) #5 Innovation Meets Tradition: How We Adapt Without Losing Our Way,
 - o 3) #6 The Warranties: What Bill Wrote (all three in keeping with Item A.1. above), and
 - o 4) #3 Anonymity – What does that really mean? in keeping with Item A.2. above).

ITEM C: Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.

- We discussed workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference - Out of 5 suggested Workshop Topics our group discussed and suggested the following –
 - o 1) #2 Cultivating Future Delegates - spirit of rotation, easier to let go when lifting someone up, essential we pass it on to those with the heart for service, i.e. engage person in first service position with the intent of passing on its spiritual principle,
 - o 2) #4 Using laughter as a tool for connection, not distraction - less fear is an important part of mental health

Panel 4

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

ITEM D: Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.

- The committee reviewed ongoing efforts to improve the effectiveness of CPC videos used on aa.org and the committee took no action, however we wish to see more analytics on current CPC videos.

ITEM E: Consider a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

- The committee reviewed a request to create **short, standalone audio/visual** alongside any new or revised CPC videos for professionals and **recommends it be considered** by the Conference.
 - o For 81 Opposed 3 Motion passed (reconsider 15)

Panel 5

Corrections (XI. Trustees)

ITEM G: Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet The Twelve Steps Illustrated

- o For 60 Opposed 26 Motion passed (reconsider: For 38 Opposed 41)
- The committee recommends that an animated video based on the pamphlet of the 12 steps illustrated be developed.
 - o It will be better to reach young people 30 years and under/ visual learners
 - o It will be a relevant additional tool
 - o It will offer more accessibility of pamphlet information to remote communities.
 - o Wait until GSO prudent reserve has reached its desired 9 months before initiating
 - o Wait until feedback is available from newly released 12 concepts video
 - Minority opinion bullet points
 - Cost concerns were brought up in respect to GSOs prudent reserve compared to production cost.
 - Animated video takes away from personal benefit of 1 drunk talking to another
 - Does not foster unity
 - Robs newcomer of sponsors experience
 - Robs sponsor of sharing their experience, strength and hope.

ITEM H: Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet The Twelve Traditions Illustrated

- o For 62 Opposed 21 Motion Passed (Reconsider: For 25
Opposed 52)
- The committee recommended that an animated video based on the pamphlet of the 12 traditions illustrated be developed.

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Panel 6

Finance Committee

ITEM A: Review Self-Support Packet.

- Background:

The Self-Support Packet contains Conference-approved materials used to guide groups in practicing the Seventh Tradition and financial responsibility.

The packet includes:

- Self-Support Card (F-42)
- Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (F-3)
- The A.A. Group Treasurer (F-96)
- A.A. Guidelines on Finance (MG-15)
- Your Seventh Tradition Contributions Flyer (F-203)
- AAGV/La Viña Self-Support Flyer (F-230)
- Birthday Contribution Envelope (FR-5)

- Additional consideration:

On page 3 of “The A.A. Group Treasurer” (F-96), in the section “Online and Recurring Contributions,” the panel suggests removing the specific reference to “PayPal” and replacing it with non-affiliated, non-endorsed language (e.g., “online payment services”), in keeping with AA’s principle of avoiding endorsement of outside enterprises.

ITEM B: Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

- Background:

This item proposes adding the following language to the pamphlet:

“A.A. Grapevine and La Viña do not accept contributions. They are supported by sales of subscriptions, books and other specialty items. When your group is discussing how to distribute contributions to A.A. service entities, please consider how you may support Grapevine/La Viña. Purchasing subscriptions for your group, gift subscriptions, books or specialty items is a great way to support Grapevine/La Viña.”

The intent is to increase awareness and support for Grapevine and La Viña.

Additional consideration:

The panel suggests including clear instructions on how to purchase subscriptions, books, and specialty items, so groups can more easily act on the guidance.

ITEM C: Consider a request to create a Twelve Steps study guide or workbook.

o For 61 Opposed 15 Motion Passed (Reconsideration: For 25 Opposed 43)

- Committee Recommends that a study guide or workbook be created.

- Background:

This item considers creating a Conference-approved 12-step study guide or workbook to provide structured support, particularly for members without access to sponsorship. Previous Conferences have determined existing literature is sufficient, though requests for this resource continue.

Panel decision:

The panel unanimously agrees with this agenda item.

ITEM D: Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC)

- Take no Action

- Background:

The General Service Conference is currently held annually in New York City, as outlined in the Conference Charter, unless otherwise agreed upon. This item proposes studying alternative locations to address rising costs, while considering financial, logistical, and spiritual implications.

Panel decision:

The panel unanimously disagrees with this agenda item.

Panel 7

Grapevine Committee

ITEM B: Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2027 or after.

- For 75 Opposed 1 Motion Passed
- We recommend the list of approved publications of said books moving forward.
- Beyond our recommendations, we would like to see Members Dealing with Mental Illness changed to Members “Living” with Mental Illness.

ITEM D: Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).

- We support the continued research and development of Grapevine’s; self-evaluation of their effectiveness and service platforms in the Alcoholic community.

ITEM F: Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions.

○ For 42 Opposed 30 Reconsider: For 57 Opposed 17

▪ Reconsideration Vote:

• For 66 Opposed 14 Motion Passed

- We recommend that Grapevine accept contributions

FLOOR ACTION: I, Gina B., would like to recommend that the Grapevine, Inc., as a separately incorporated entity within the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Structure, be permitted to accept voluntary contributions in support of its operations, consistent with AA Traditions and Conference policy, and that it maintain complete operational **and editorial** autonomy in the management of its services and finances, while remaining accountable to the General Service conference through its established reporting relationship.

INTENT: To ensure that AA Grapevine, Inc. has the ability to sustain its publishing and communication services through voluntary support, while preserving its corporate autonomy and operational **and editorial** independence, in harmony with the AA traditions and the principles of trusted service.

AMMENDMENT: The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., will continue to have all **operational and editorial autonomy**.

Decline: 5 Accept: 61

Call to Question: For: 75 Oppose: 0 Passed

For the amendment: For: 68 Oppose: 5 Passed

For the Floor Action: For: 46 Oppose: 17 Passed

Panel 8

Mynah Bird Committee

(III. Corrections)

ITEM C: Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs.”

- Our committee considered the agenda item to update the Medications and Other Drugs pamphlet, and we agreed on the following:
 - 1) The pamphlet is out of date and should be revised and expanded:

We do think the pamphlet is useful

The current pamphlet doesn't include many classes of medications that it should

That the pamphlet should be revised and expanded beyond what was provided in the background information of the agenda item

- 2) The committee considered a request to update the pamphlet AND TOOK NO ACTION.
 - o ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION:
 - o The board relook/consider this agenda item when the prudent reserve is at 9 – 12 months.

FLOOR ACTION: I, John V., recommend that we move forward with updates to the pamphlet “The AA Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”

Reason is pamphlet is outdated and will not cost much to complete.

Decline: 21 Accept: 51

For: 81 Opposed: 0 ***Floor Action Passed Unanimously***

(IX. Report & Charter)

ITEM C: Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.

- Our committee discussed the Agenda Item regarding workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report and provides the following considerations:
 - The committee found the agenda item and accompanying background information to be unclear, particularly the Secretary’s note describing the anonymization and document management process.
As a result, the committee felt it did not have sufficient clarity to fully evaluate the current workflow.

Secretary's Note:

"Because the print edition of the Final Conference Report includes full names, the draft must be anonymized for digital distribution and posting on aa.org, then subsequently revised to restore names. This process necessitates archiving six documents for each Conference year (print and digital versions for English, French and Spanish.)"

- The committee also discussed the potential for emerging technologies, including automation and AI tools, to assist with anonymization and document handling, which may help reduce manual workload and improve efficiency
- A draft proposal outlining a potential workflow was developed and reviewed by the committee which includes the use of AI and automation. The committee agreed that the proposed approach is sound and worth exploring further.

Proposal Summary

- Use AI to extract all names from the report into a centralized “master mapping” sheet that lists all the names included in the report and identifies which should and shouldn't be anonymized as well as their locations in the document

- Have a human review the master list for correctness and that all names are included
- Use a modified find-and-replace script to automate the anonymization process across all versions of the reports.

Panel 9

Public Information Committee

ITEM A: Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan. **ITEM G:** Review report on AAWS Online Business Profiles.

- Members of our committee all agreed the direct translation may not always be effective because cultural sayings and traditions may not carry the same meaning.
- AAWS encourages native speakers creating or adapting PSAs rather than relying solely on literal translations
- AAWS focuses on only translating its PSAs into Spanish and French because those two languages affect the largest regions of members
- AAWS does not feel it has the capacity to make official translations into every dialect and entrusts its own members to carry the message
- We make no recommendations.

ITEM G: Review report on AAWS Online Business Profiles.

- AAWS has been monitoring search engine results for their websites on a weekly basis
- With the new AI technology, it sometimes creates summaries about AA's websites that don't align with our principles
- AAWS has been editing some wording on their websites to help the AI accurately portray who we are
- Data shows an exponentially increasing engagement from Hispanophones and Francophones (regions that speak Hispanic and French, respectively) but an overall decline of keyword traffic leading to AA
- We make no recommendations.

ITEM H: Review the AAWS Social Media Policy.

- AAWS reviews its social media outlets annually to ensure the message is consistent across all boards
- We make no recommendations.

Panel 10

Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

Item A: Review progress report on Military Outreach Project.

- Regarding the military outreach page on the website there was positive response to the veteran and active-duty videos, some members were even inspired to start a veterans group after viewing. Another member was inspired to share her own story. Personal testimonies were well

received. Other comments mentioned were that some videos seem too outdated and did not hold viewer's interest. It was noted that when viewing the phone the page isn't very user friendly. Links are hard to navigate, and the YouTube videos are disorganized.

- The committee did two outreach events at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. We talked about the new implementation of QR codes. We felt that they will be a quick and discrete tool for individuals that don't feel comfortable taking a pamphlet in public spaces. They can be printed and posted anywhere including more private spaces like on the back of a bathroom door.
- Scanning the QR code will direct them to our AA and The Armed Services Pamphlet as well as directly link to a military interview video.

Panel 12

Intergroup

(III. Corrections)

ITEM B: Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic.

(VI. Literature)

ITEM H: Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.

- FOR BOTH ITEMS:

Positive comments all around on the material provided, especially concerning the inclusion for all alcoholics.

Here are some of the suggestions we received.

Suggestion to reach out to additional professional organizations such as the HHHRC- Hawaiian Health Harm Reduction Center and the LBGTQ community as opportunities for additional source material.

A suggestion to be sure that pamphlets are the basic principles of attraction rather than promotion.

A suggestion to go back to the working committees; invite additional people who have an interest of participating and to provide their committee members contact information for additional experience, strength, and hope, and if those people who volunteer to be part of that process could see the pre-publication material as it comes available.

Panel 13

DCMs

(VIII. Public Information)

ITEM I: Review proposed plan for the 2026 Membership Survey.

1. What we did

- We met and reviewed the proposed plan for the 2026 Membership Survey

- We also reviewed the background material and subcommittee input

2. Overall response

- We had mixed opinions
- There was no clear consensus

3. What stood out in the background

- There is no single right answer on timing
- The survey has shown consistency over time
- There is interest in a pilot approach to improve the survey

4. Feedback from our discussion

- Cost
 - Concerns were raised about cost compared to value
 - Question whether current results justify the expense
- Survey questions
 - Feedback that the questions need strengthening

Concern about whether they produce clear, useful data over time

- Distribution
 - Concern about limited reach
 - Risk of bias if not widely distributed
- May not reach:
 - Smaller meetings
 - Unregistered groups
 - Members not active in service

5. Pilot discussion

- There was interest in the idea of a pilot
 - Seen as a way to:
 - Improve questions
 - Improve distribution
- Increase accuracy
 - Some members supported continuing as planned
 - Others favored more work through a pilot first

6. Specific ideas raised

- Distribution
 - More grassroots, meeting-level distribution
- Questions
 - Consider adding:
 - Do you have a service sponsor?
 - Are you a sponsor?
 - Review and improve demographics

7. Bottom line (REVIEW language)

- The group reviewed the plan and identified concerns and areas for improvement
- There was interest in strengthening both questions and distribution
- There were mixed views on timing and approach

Panel 14

Area Officers

(XIV Inventory Implementation)

- The Area Officers met separately following the Area Committee Meeting on April 4, 2026, twice by video conferencing and once here at (the) Inform the Delegate Assembly.

The committee met to discuss the outline of two agenda items for consideration and the communication process for gathering information from our home group members.

ITEM A: Review Inventory Implementation Report.

- The committee reviewed the Inventory Implementation Report, and we agreed that it's going in the direction the conference envisioned.

(XII. Archives)

ITEM B: Consider a request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve.

- The committee discussed the request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve and took no action.
 - Every Area is autonomous in defining eligibility for area-level service. (Tradition Four)