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ARCHIVES

Panel 1 Archives Committee

VIII. Public Information

- **B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):**
 - a. Review the 2025 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video

PSAs."

- 1. Our committee met online 3 times, March 1, 8, 29 and in person on April 5, 2025
- 2. Reviewed the Public Information report on PSAs. Had a discussion based on feedback from groups. We agreed with most of the suggestions in the report. We would like to see that future PSAs are produced.
 - a. At a lower cost
 - b. To be more inclusive
 - c. We strongly encourage local areas, districts and groups to create their own PSAs based on the AA.org templates in their own dialects.

Advisory Action: The committee recommended that the trustees' PI Committee review of video Public Service

Announcements (PSAs) be changed to a review cadence of five years from the release date of each video. The review of audio

PSAs should follow a similar cadence.

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XII. Archives

A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook

We reviewed the relevance of the Archives workbook. We had discussions based on feedback from our groups. We agreed the format and content is useful.

- d. The inclusion of the experiences of the many different areas and districts is extremely helpful.
- e. The template on how to submit a donation and how to check out national archive materials is very helpful.
- f. We would like to see more information on digital storage.

No recommendations.

CONVENTION

Panel 2 Convention Steering Committee

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- B. Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.
- B. we agree with the review of progress re: adding "service" statement with no time frame when it's created and shared is agreeable to our committee.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed a report on the development of the new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention. The committee is in full support of the trustees' IC/RF Committee's concept of creating a

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declaration related to our third legacy of service and the Fellowship's participation in the group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous, recognizing that individual voices and actions help shape our collective wisdom.

C. Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)

C. no consensus made with our group. More information needed. The committee considered the item and feels more work by trustees is necessary because we need a better estimate of time allotment regarding other nations participating.

Conference Consideration: The committee considered the request that all sovereign states' flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. The consensus of the committee members is that it is important to explore this option to understand any impacts such inclusion may create (e.g., cultural, timing). The committee requested that the trustees' IC/RF committee begin exploration regarding the inclusion of sovereign states to the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention, including reaching out to gather sharing from Indigenous populations. The committee also suggested including a question in any post-convention surveying of attendees that would help obtain information on how many members in attendance at the 2025 International Convention were from First Nations sovereign states, helping to gain an understanding of total numbers we might be considering adding to a Flag Ceremony. The committee looks forward to a plan or progress report being brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on IC/RF.

D. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums

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D. We discussed ways to encourage participation in the Pacific Region Forum. We discussed informing groups and members; educating groups and members; adding to Area Agenda for more info and outreach.

Conference Consideration: The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest in Regional and Local Forums and attracting first-time attendees and expressed appreciation for the incorporation of previous committee considerations. The committee requested that the General Service Office record a GSO Podcast episode showcasing Regional Forums.

COOPERATION WITH THE ELDER COMMUNITY

Panel 3: Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee

- X. Treatment and Accessibilities
 - G. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

The Cooperation with the Elder Community reviewed and discussed the content of the kit, and our group conscience agreed that the format of the treatment and accessibilities kit and workbook is useful for local treatment and accessibilities committees. Face-to-face communication on how to use the kit and workbook is necessary for effectiveness.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the contents of the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and provided suggestions to the staff secretary for the next revisions.

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H. Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community.

The Cooperation with the Elder Community reviewed the resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community, the list with the hyperlinks, and the committee agreed that the content of the resource list is useful for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community. The list was easy to read and in order. However, the list did not include the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals" and suggested that the pamphlet be added.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community resource lists and provided suggestions for the next revisions.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Panel 4 Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

- II. Cooperation with the Professional Community
 - D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
 - 1. We reviewed the progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org
 - a. The committee suggests to move forward with repurposing the videos to be a more effective resource for informing professionals about AA and consider consolidating the three videos into one video.

Simple Majority:

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The committee recommended that the trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee replace the three existing videos —

"A.A. Video for Healthcare Professionals," "A.A. Video for Legal and Corrections Professionals," and "A.A. Video for Employment/Human Resources Professionals" — with a new video, in English, Spanish, and French. The video should be developed with a format and message that can reach all professionals with multipurpose applications which can be delivered across multiple platforms. The committee requests that a progress report or draft video be brought to the 2026 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

77-53 Substantial Unanimity 87

E. Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

- 1. The committee discussed their shared experience in informing professionals how AA can serve a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.
 - a. Suggests individual encounters with business and organizations that work with these populations, bringing pamphlets, meeting schedules and QR codes into their facilities where staff and
 - clientele can utilize them.
 - b. Suggests AA lunches at business and organizations that work with this population.
 - c. Suggests implementing AA presentations during training seminars and classes for professionals and students that work with this population.

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Conference Consideration: The committee discussed the shared experience on informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics and took no action. The committee noted that there is a duplication of efforts within conference committees regarding neurodivergent alcoholics. The committee agreed that there was no new information compelling to reverse the 74th General Service Conference decision to take no action.

CORRECTIONS

Panel 5 Corrections Committee

III. Corrections

- C. Review Data from Tablet Vendor Edovo.
 - 1. We reviewed agenda item C which is Review data from tablet vendor Edovo
 - 2. Through a substantial unanimity vote we agreed with the trustee committee of the value of the analytics assessing the use at Correctional Facilities of the Edovo tablet.
 - a. We have 3 considerations.
 - i. Consider adding a map key for clarification of words and terms.
 - ii. Consider adding more audiobooks in all 3 languages to add more variety. An emphasis on plain Lang BB being made available was noted.
 - iii. Consider adding to the data the type of facility being surveyed men's, women's or juvenile, so AA can be most useful in getting the message out.

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Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2024 Data Report from the tablet vendor Edovo. The committee recognized the interest in A.A. audiobooks on Edovo tablets and <u>suggested</u> that the production of an audiobook of the Plain Language Big Book be explored while taking into consideration costs and project prioritization.

D. Review Corrections Survey.

- 3. Through a substantial unanimity vote, we agreed with the corrections committee to the surveys useful of gathering current information and shared experience on service within correctional facilities. We take no action.
 - a. We didn't feel there was enough information to consider changes.

Conference Consideration: The committee acknowledged the work of the Corrections Survey completed by the staff on the corrections assignment and <u>expressed support</u> for the shared experience to be made available upon request and that sharing from the survey be included in the Corrections Workbook.

FINANCE

Finance Committee – Adriana G. (Area Treasurer), Sean C. (Alt. Chair), Zalyn (DCM 7), Bob (DCM 6), Johnna (DCM 2) Michelle (DCM 8)

Panel 6 Finance Committee

IV. Finance

C. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service from A.A. members.

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C. Committee reviewed the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from an A.A. member and wishes to see the Finance Committee propose an increase in individual bequests to the General Service Board on behalf of A.A. members at the next GSC.

Advisory Action: The Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members be raised to \$12,500.

107-25 Substantial Unanimity: 88

D. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.

D. Committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member and agrees the amount is currently sufficient.

Took No Action: The committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member and took no action. The committee noted that the maximum annual contribution was increased in 2024 and agreed that the current level remains appropriate.

E. Review Self-Support Packet

E. Committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and agreed there is no reason to further discuss this item. The committee would like to request more information on the income and costs of online birthday contributions verses postage envelope birthday contributions.

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2026: The committee tabled the review of the self-support packet with the understanding that review of the packet will be undertaken by the 2026 Conference Committee on Finance.

GRAPEVINE

Panel 7 Grapevine Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print."

The committee recommend revising the pamphlet, as it contains outdated, missing, and incorrect information. Updates are necessary to better inform both members and non-members about AA Grapevine and La Vina. The committee also urges the board to consider including DeafAA.org and the

American Sign Language Video for Deaf Alcoholics on the Grapevine C La Vina YouTube channel. This would improve accessibility for Deaf and Hard of hearing individuals as this important resource is currently not mentioned in the pamphlet.

Vote to revise pamphlet

For: 69 Opposed: 16

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Advisory Action: The pamphlet "Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" (P-52) be revised to clarify the text and accurately reflect changes in Grapevine operations.

131-3 Substantial Unanimity 90

G. Review report on "AAGV/La Viña media platforms."

The committee reviewed and discussed the report with our home groups in our areas on the current use of AAGV and La Vina's digital platforms. The report highlighted ongoing efforts to expand engagement through podcasts, social media, and other online content.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the report on AA Grapevine/La Viña media platform and approved the reports. The committee suggested that this item be relocated from the Public Information Committee to the Grapevine/La Viña Committee in the future.

MYNA BIRD

Panel 8 Mynah Bird Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.

The Committee reviewed the workbook thought it was great. We had 2 suggested edits:

1. Condense display table sections.

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2. Check all hyperlinks to ensure they work; some links led to error pages or dead pages.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the AA Grapevine Workbook and provided editorial suggestions to the Grapevine staff.

- **B.** Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2026 or after AA Grapevine List of Suggested Titles (for production in 2026 or later) The titles were:
 - **1. Women's Book II which is about** Women AA members sharing stories of experience, strength and hope.
 - **2. Best of If Walls Could Talk** A collection of photos of AA meeting rooms from around the U.S., Canada and the world.
 - **3.** Amor, Unidad y Servicio (love, unity and service) (which is a La Viña book) about Hispanic members sharing their gifts of sobriety through service in AA.

After consideration, the MB Committee recommends adopting the proposed list of books. However, we did have an AA member who was concerned about anonymity being broken with the suggested Book topic on photos of meeting rooms and the committee thought it was worth bringing to the delegate's attention.

Vote to consider printing the list of books:

For: 74 Opposed: 2

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Conference Consideration: The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Board the suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. produce in the year 2026 or later the following:

- 1. Women's Book II (working title) (GV book): Women A.A. members share stories of experience, strength and hope.
- 2. Best of If Walls Could Talk (working title) (GV book): A collection of A.A. meeting room photos (taken by members) from around the U.S., Canada and the world showing the interesting places we get together to stay sober and help alcoholics.
- 3. Amor, Unidad y Servicio (Love, Unity and Service) (working title) (La Viña book): Hispanic members share their gifts of sobriety through service in A.A.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Panel G Public Information Committee

VIII. Public Information

A. Review the 2025 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

We found it well-detailed and did not find anything that needed improvements or changes at this moment.

Failed: The committee recommended that the A.A. World Services social media policy currently under review be brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on Public Information for approval prior to implementation.

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The committee recommended that the trustees' Public Information Committee develop a plan to accept user-generated content from members under the age of 18, with the understanding that questions of legal responsibility or liability may need to be explored. The committee requested that an update report or draft plan be brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on Public Information.

22-110 Substantial Unanimity 88

B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 3. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA.

We reached a consensus of unanimous support, and we do recommend that we develop a new video PSA. We discussed many other avenues to educate the public such as increased social media presence, QR codes in hotels, flyers on bathroom stalls, and more short-form videos. We believe that a PSA on TV will help at least one still-suffering alcoholic out there.

Vote to consider request to develop new PSA video.

For:87 Opposed: 0

Advisory Action: It was recommended that Three videos produced by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia ("Are you risking your job?" "Are you a danger to your family?" "Cham-pain") be adapted by AAWS for use on media platforms in the U.S. and Canada.

114-18 Substantial Unanimity 88

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TREATMENT S ACCESSIBILITIES

Panel 10 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

A. Review progress report on Military Outreach Project.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the progress report on the Military Outreach Project. The committee looks forward to all the veteran and active-duty interviews being made available on aa.org and A.A.'s YouTube page.

B. Review progress report on shared experience from Fellowship on outreach efforts to A.A. members in the military and veterans.

The project is widely regarded as a great idea, aligning with A.A.'s principle of helping the next suffering alcoholic. A significant concern was raised regarding the difficulty in locating and reading the Military Outreach resources on the AA.org website. Some feedback from the home groups was to improve visibility, fonts and links are small. Also, providing a Military tab to the website drop down menu for direct access to military outreach landing page.

The Outreach efforts are rooted in A.A.'s tradition of attraction rather than promotion, maintaining the Fellowship's spiritual foundation while engaging with military populations.

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Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the progress report on the Fellowship's outreach efforts to A.A.members in the military. The committee noted that the report included limited sharing, while the military interviews themselves include vital insight on how members of the military find A.A. Information captured in the interviews can help local committees in their outreach efforts. The committee requested that the staff secretary extract this information from the interviews and provide it to the Fellowship as requested from the assignment.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Panel 11 Website Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

D. Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription Procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.

Conference Consideration: The committee reviewed the progress report on a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience, and recognized improvement. The committee encouraged the AA Grapevine Board and staff to continue to address ongoing subscription and fulfillment concerns from the membership, and to provide an updated progress report to be brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.

VIII. Public Information

J. Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media. Summary.

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We support the direction of the survey. However, we recommend that there needs to be more education on anonymity literacy within AA. And collect more data over a longer period. And for wider demographic and more diverse.

Advisory Action: The pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (P-47) be revised to address anonymity and social media and looks forward to a draft or an update report to be brought to the 2026 Conference Committee on Public Information.

118-8 Substantial Unanimity 84

INTERGROUP

Panel 12 Intergroup

VI. Literature

J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions.

Our ITD Panel 12 is in support of considering the above request.

For: 74

Oppose: 15

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Simple Majority: The committee recommended that the current publication Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be expanded to include the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

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"Vote to reconsider 85 - 42 Motion to recommit made. Motion to recommit failed."

K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober.

Celebration of 50 years (1975-2025) by reporting at 2026 GSC the initiation of the second edition creation process to revise/update/expand Living Sober

Our ITD panel 12 is in support of considering the above request.

For: c8 Oppose: 18

Vote to Reconsider

For: 52 Oppose: 30

Reconsidered vote:

For: 40 Oppose: 44

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Advisory Action: It was recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee update the language and content of the book Living Sober with a progress report or draft manuscript to be delivered to the 2026 Conference Committee on Literature.

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VII. Policy/Admissions

D. Discuss the process of Simple Majority Items.

We felt that the current process needs to be amended and suggested that re-wording be `looked at.

Such as Simple statement on an item passed or failed. % of votes that each item received regardless of whether an item passed or failed. That all votes be recorded and reported.

Advisory Action: It was recommended that rescinding the 1986 Advisory Action on simple majority items which reads as follows:

"If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and be duly noted in the Conference Report." (Report and Charter)

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And that it be replaced with the following clarifying language:

"Recommendations achieving simple majority, but not substantial unanimity, are not suggestions to the General Service Board to take action but should be memorialized in the Conference Final Report to be informational and to provide historical context."

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E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature

Panel. We take no action.

Took No Action: The committee considered a request that a super majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founder's Literature and took no action. The committee expressed the importance of this topic but also noted that developing a policy on possible voting requirements and procedures may be preemptive prior to defining what would be categorized as co-founders' writings.

F. Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in The A.A. Service Manual.

Panel. We recommend approving the request.

GSR has the right of participation along with being elected as a trusted servant. Keeping with the knowledge that a group can decide on its own. We are only talking about the request as written.

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Advisory Action: It was recommended that the phrase "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all." be removed from page 10 of The A.A. Service Manual.

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IX. Report and Charter

A. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition:

3: Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay.

Our committee discussed the background and believed:

The language of AA literature has been updated over time to reflect a broader, more inclusive understanding. This change follows that precedent without altering the underlying principle of the concept. AA's Concepts and Traditions emphasize that the Fellowship serves all alcoholics, regardless of gender. Updating the language removes any unintentional exclusion while preserving the meaning and intent of the essay. With that said, our committee unanimously recommends removing the word "woman" from the Concept IV, Right of Participation, essay.

Advisory Action: It was recommended that the word "woman" be removed from the Concept Four essay, so that:

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"New volunteer corporate directors will ask why any paid woman staff member should also be a corporate director and thereby have a vote as good as their own."

Be changed to:

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