

# 2019 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

## I. Agenda

A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.

<b>Standing Committee Results: See the 10 <i>themes</i> chosen by the group listed below.</b>	
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Of the 88 suggestions given in the Background Information, choose the top 10 <i>theme</i> ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference that your group recommends.</b>
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B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference

<b>Standing Committee Results: See the 10 <i>presentation/discussion topics</i> chosen by the group below.</b>	
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Of the 84 suggestions given in the Background Information, choose the top 10 <i>presentation/discussion topic</i> ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference that your group recommends.</b>
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C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Of the 79 suggestions given in the Background Information, choose the top 10 <i>workshop topic</i> ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference that your group recommends.</b>
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The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

D. Conference Evaluation: Review summary of the 2018 General Service Conference evaluations.

E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

## II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Do you agree AA should use LinkedIn? Assuming LinkedIn will be implemented, what suggestions do you have for effectively representing AA?</b>			

B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Do you agree with this deletion?</b>			

C. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook?</b>			

### III. Corrections

A. Consider request for a review of all corrections-related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should corrections-related literature be modified in order to make the language more modern and inclusive?</b>			

B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should this database be developed and maintained in U.S. and Canada?</b>			

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Corrections Kit and Workbook?</b>			

## IV. Finance

A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is the current contribution of \$1,800 for our Delegate to attend the Conference too little, too much, or just right?</b>			

B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is the individual bequest of \$5,000 too little, too much, or just right?</b>			

C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is the maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 too little, too much, or just right?</b>			

D. Review Self-Support Packet.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Self-Support Packet?</b>			

## V. Grapevine

The following Agenda Item does not require a group conscience from Area 09.

A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.

B. Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the “Alcoholism At Large” section be removed from the Grapevine?</b>			

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

C. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.

D. Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.

## **VI. Literature**

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

A. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.

B. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.

C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> be developed?</b>			

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

D. Review progress report regarding updating the video “Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure.”

E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”

F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Assuming a Literature Committee Workbook will be developed, what are the suggested components?</b>			

The following three Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

G. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Too Young?”

H. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”

I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”

J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the pamphlet, “The A.A. Group,” be revised by adding the two recommended clauses?</b>			

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

K. Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

L. Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in *Living Sober* and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”

M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the Foreword to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> be revised?</b>			

N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should this clause be added to the Primary Purpose (blue) card?</b>			

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

O. Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

P. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.



## **VII. Policy and Admissions**

The following six Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

- A. Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- B. Review report from G.S.O.’s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.
- C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.
- E. Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.”
- F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference between Annual Meetings.”
- G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.</b>			

## **VIII. Public Information**

The following four Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

A. Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.

B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

C1. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."

C2. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.

C3. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Consider request that the video PSA "My World" be discontinued.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Having viewed the "My World" video, do you think the PSA should be discontinued?</b>			

C4. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should AA approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.)?</b>			

D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Do you agree that this wording (see companion table) should be added to the pamphlet, "Understanding Anonymity?"</b>			

E. Consider request to update language in the flyer "A.A. at a Glance."

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should AA update language in the flyer, "AA at a Glance?"</b>			

The following two Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

F. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.

G. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.

H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Public Information Kit and Workbook?</b>			

## **IX. Report and Charter**

The following Agenda Item does not require a group conscience from Area 09.

A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

B. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2018 - 2020 • Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of *The A.A. Service Manual*.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Given the Background Information on pages 461-472, do we have any additional suggestions for modifying the Service Manual?</b>			

The following Agenda Item does not require a group conscience from Area 09.

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.).

## **X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

A. Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Given the Background Information on pages 477-483, do we agree or disagree with these changes, or have additional suggestions?</b>			

B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the story from an A.A. member who is deaf be added to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers?”</b>			

C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late?” be updated?</b>			

D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should AA post anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A?</b>			

E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Remote Communities Kit?</b>			

F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Treatment Communities Kit?</b>			

G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass	Fail
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook?</b>			

## **XI. Trustees**

The following six Agenda Items do not require a group conscience from Area 09.

A1. Review resumes of candidates for: Northeast Regional Trustee.

A2. Review resumes of candidates for: Southwest Regional Trustee.

A3. Review resumes of candidates for: Trustee-at-Large/Canada.

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.

Standing Committee Results:	For #	Against #	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Based on the background information, do you think the General Service Board needs to be reorganized?</b>			

## **XII. Archives**

A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives be added to the video “Markings on the Journey?”</b>			

B. Review Archives Workbook.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Does your group have suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted from the Archives Workbook?</b>			



### **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Do you support or protest taking an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony at the 2020 International Convention?</b>			

B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, be broadcast?</b>			

C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>How can we encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees?</b>			