

# 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>
1. Moving into the Future with Singleness of Purpose (1-GS) District 24 – Unidad en un Mundo Divido	
2.#4. Unity in a Divided World – 4 votes; #5. Our Literature – Preserving the Integrity of the A.A. Message – 4 votes; #2. 2020: A Clear Vision for You – 1 vote; #3. Moving into the Future with Singleness of Purpose – 5 votes; #1. Giving Up Personal Desires for the Common Good – 3 votes.	
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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>
6. Keeping A.A. relevant (1-gs) 9. Embracing tech while protecting anonymity. District 24 - Mantener AA Relevante	
2. #2. A.A. Traditions and the Sacrificial Spirit – 3 votes; #9. Embracing Tech While Protecting Anonymity – 10 votes; #6. Keeping A.A. Relevant – 2 votes; #7. Singleness of Purpose – 5 votes; #4. Attracting Generation Z – 5 votes.	
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C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference

Standing Committee Results:	
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Of the 79 suggestions given in the Background Information, choose the top 10 workshop topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference that your group recommends.</b>
	7. Unity in Districts (1-gs)
	8. Connecting groups to the A.A. Service Structure.
	9. District 24 – Hacer AA un lugar Seguro para lla proxima generacion
	2. Let us give credit where credit is due. Who got sober and keeps us sober? Based on the twelfth Tradition humility of service (1-gs)
	3. #10. Pamphlet study meetings – 6 votes; #8. Connecting groups to the A.A. Service Structure – 10 votes; #6. Making A.A. a safe place for the next generation – 8 votes; #5. GSR Training – 8 votes.
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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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 78 (i) – 1(gs)</b>	<b>Against # 16 (i) - 2 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <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>			
<p>LinkedIn is for business and A.A. is not a business          Concerns re ads (making it look like we are affiliated); does this associate A.A. w/LinkedIn? Seems like a great platform to reach professional; must include five questions suggested by committee. * LinkedIn used as only a link to AA.org          Vital platform for providing accurate information.          Peer-to-peer communication          Use the vast amount of information from professional page on AA.org          Still have concerns about privacy. *          Good page to provide resources – consulting forms.          Be sure page includes: What AA is; How it works; Why anonymous; Who AA works with?; Where can you find A.A.?          Concerns re: pop up ads → preventing affiliation with other organizations          Does this associate A.A. with LinkedIn?          Use it as a platform to Reach Out.          Minority thoughts: “A.A.org should be enough.”</p>				

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 73 (i) - 5 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 4 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Do you agree with this deletion?</b>			
<p>Meeting responsible for money? Creates legal liability? Is “they” meeting? AA members? Average AA members or meeting should not be responsible for arranging (or \$ for treatment);          Pamphlets at meeting could get to anyone. If treatment goes wrong, is the liability to members, meeting?          If sponsor recommends a specific treatment center and it goes wrong?          Non affiliation with treatment centers;          Meeting/members/sponsors 2<sup>nd</sup> to ER. Let ER be responsible from recommendations.          Hospitalization not necessarily a likely part of AA program.          Big Book in Dr.’s opinion states hospitalization for “befogged or jittery”; maybe modify ‘ they’ to “.. members” by clarify A.A. doesn’t recommend/have an opinion on treatment, hospitalization, etc.          Big Book in Dr.’s Opinion states possible hospitalization for “befogged or jittery” alcoholic          May present unreasonable expectations          Minority opinion to reward phrase rather than remove it.          Prevents misunderstanding if removed.          Simply clarifying the phrase – instead of removing it.          Minority opinion: Rewrite phrase: “Alcoholics Anonymous members” instead of “they”</p>				
<p>Group: Yes; Yes          This was advised to clarify that A.A. is not going to sweep you up and put you in the hospital or pay for hospitalization.</p>				

C. Review contents of C.P.C. 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 Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook?</b>			
<p>Include tool for districts/areas statewide to communicate with each other regarding conference or events that go unaltered by GSO, as we have shared doing in California.                      More detail for medical professionals for how they will help the alcoholic.                      Help others start.                      Develop tool for statewide communication between districts or areas on conferences that happen at the statewide level.</p>				

### III. Corrections

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 8 (i) - 1(gs)</b>	<b>Against # 6 (i) - 2 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should corrections-related literature be modified in order to make the language more modern and inclusive?</b>			
Passed - Conduct an all-inclusive survey of members, alternatives to people in jail who prefer the term "inmate".				
Use more inclusive language, the term "inmate" is dehumanizing.				

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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 12 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 4 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should this database be developed and maintained in U.S. and Canada?</b>			
Pro: Increase outreach to New York. This will help the Corrections Correspondence chairs have a place to work from.				
H&I data already exists.				

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</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 Corrections Kit and Workbook?</b>			
Include videos. Add pamphlets on A.A. members with mental health issues and sponsorship.				

## IV. Finance

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 18 (i) - 2 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 1(i)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <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>			
Too little; Group: As much as areas can afford, but not meant to make less affluent areas feel pressured to contribute more than they can afford. So, yes, \$1,8000 is just right, but resist verbiage to encourage wealthier areas to contribute more. \$3,200 was suggested, as was \$2,000.				
Group conscience as areas can afford. \$1,800 is not enough, but leave it or group conscience of area. Not having conference in New York because expensive. Group: Just right enough, just right. Group: Change \$3,200, change to \$2,000 Group: Not enough Group: Too little (6) / just right (1)				

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 25 (i) -1 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 7 (i)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is the individual bequest of \$5,000 too little, too much, or just right?</b>			
Just enough; Group: Too little. An individual ought to be able to bequest as much as they want. If 60 people make a bequest of \$100,000 the total would be \$6,000,000, which is only ¼ the total annual expenses. Suggestion to change the wording of the question – “change wording to explain better.”				
Raise to \$7,500; raise to \$10,000. Can we use another word instead of “bequest”? Group: To little, just right, just right. Group: Up to \$25,000 Individual: Raise it , not enough, too little. Group: Just right, too little, tool little. Individual: Too little, too little. Too little but leaving it up to the area to give more. Group: Too little, too little, too little. Individual: Five said too little. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note: Even if 60 people bequest \$100,00 it would be \$6,000,000 which is ¼ of total yearly expenses.</li> </ul>				

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 # 8 (i)	Against # 2 (i)	Pass <input checked="" 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>			
All groups keep it the same, but increasing it will not be significant enough to make a difference.				
Is enough but the donor shall remain anonymous. Suggest every five years to stay up with cost of living. Suggest 3% annually as cost of living goes up. Group: Keep the same, Keep the same, keep the same, keep same. Focus on group contributions rather than individual contributions. Group: Just enough after discussion agreed too little individual.				

D. Review Self-Support Packet.

Standing Committee Results:	For # 18 (i) - 6 (gs)	Against # 1 (gs)	Pass <input checked="" 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>			
Keep it the way it is. But how can groups get these packets? Can GSO get them out to the Areas? Districts? GSRs?				
Good the way it is. Items are good, but they have not been reviewed. Keep the same, complete. Group: Didn't see it, cannot decide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Never seen as a packet in a meeting.</li> </ul>				

## 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 # 1 (i) - 5 (gs)	Against # 6 (i) - 29 (gs)	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the “Alcoholism At Large” section be removed from the Grapevine?</b>			
For Removal:	Against Removal:			
Recent topics have been too controversial	Tool to share information (disease progression, treatment)			
Keep topics strictly alcohol	It’s been removed and put in so many times; let’s just keep it			
Topics are easily searchable	Disclaimer is satisfactory and addressed Tradition 6 & 10			
Not clear on how the articles get approved to be included	“Alcoholism at Large” I sin line with the Grapevine Charter			
Topics are searchable online	Perception that removing it will close relationship with medical community			
Considered “outside issue” but many in group were not regular members or readers of the Grapevine	If they object to it, they can just not read it			
Many topics are not appropriate for a meeting – “Meeting in Print”	Certain research may be easily searchable			
Topics are not in line with Traditions (MDMA used in treatment)	Keeps people educated on current issues in research			
Group: Yes.	Educates on how the disease is progressing (Treatment & uses)			
	If it is not broken, don’t fix it.			
	Perception in removing it is that A.A. is closing relationships with Medical Professionals			

Additional Feedback/Notes:

- More strict review/approval process for topics
- Disclaimer should be larger and more clear
- Create more defined “research” guidelines; peer-reviewed journals can be sourced.

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 # 123 (i) - 22 (gs)	Against # 4 (i) - 2 (gs)	Pass <b>X</b>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> be developed?</b>			
Group: Yes; Yes				
To include young people's stories? To do it/update or not → no specifics → they will come back Develop or not? Spanish is still using 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition Recommend a plan/schedule to reuse editions in the future Group more considered. Create content → Steps → More up to date → Yes. Diversity in Race and Gender.				
Young People's Stories Process of revision Not enough detail on the whys? Grapevine plug to guide people where to and the most recent stories 6-8 yes to develop Group conscience in favor Yes → also, first 164 pages. Minority new; revise to be more gender-neutral, inclusive				
Consider a revision to update the personal stories to better reflect our current membership to aid new members who got sober as young people (under 25) with more relevant stories. The first 164 pages, the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion," "Dr. Bob's Nightmare," and the Appendices remain as is.				
Si – Nuevas historias – de genete joven No – Desconocimiento del idioma / finanzas Costo de Nueva impresion				

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 # 99 (i)	Against # 1 (i) - 2 (gs)	Pass <b>X</b>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Assuming a Literature Committee Workbook will be developed, what are the suggested components?</b>			
Paper copies → outlines position and what information is available → there has never been one available All info listed, very relevant Spanish and English? → don't know – everything has been done in English, Spanish, and French. Guidelines for amount material groups should have available.				

Porque sese necesita Box 459 Book studies (pamphlets), recommendations for meetings, Areas (Service, Literature) Photographs of literature displays. How would the tools be used and how it would be updated. Be available online.
Catalog

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.”

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 132 (i) – 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 5 (i) – 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the pamphlet, “The A.A. Group,” be revised by adding the two recommended clauses?</b>			
For the safe clause.				
Good → answers questions about safety at meetings → path to follow if there is an issues, be able to address the issue				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups/meetings should use a group inventory</li> </ul> Inventory, greatly appreciated → discuss the pamphlet, use → group inventory				

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*.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 126 (i) - 3 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 15 (i) - 10 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the Foreword to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> be revised?</b>			
Not necessary except to mention in forward... no one knows them. Not necessary to the newcomer or meetings ever. Only in GSR did I hear about them. Concepts are in the BB. Why put in 12/12/ Confusing to newcomers. Don't add unless the Concepts themselves are added . Make in 12(3) – 12x12x12. Twelve Concepts are written by Bill W. and should at least be referenced. There is a 12 Concepts manual and a 12 concepts illustrated pamphlets already. Twelve Concepts about service. 12 Steps are for each alcoholic individual. 12 Traditions are for group. Twelve Concepts are for service; too important for only forward. Concept too just too much.				
Where are they located now? More information about the concepts in the 12 And 12 → recommendation				

Twelve concepts wording  
 Bill W. wrote → done change → add a asterisk →\* or that states when developed  
 New book know what → 12 Traditions, 12 Steps & 12 Concepts  
 Members don't know what the 12 Concepts are → should possibly link to the 12 Steps  
 Promotes GSR participation  
 Add to knowledge base → new book → 12 concepts

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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 92 (i) - 3 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 32 (i) – 8 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should this clause be added to the Primary Purpose (blue) card?</b>			
What’s an open meeting mean?				
Individual – alienates a newcomer who is not identified as an alcoholic. Cost of reprint → No → Just add to the Preamble No → not very welcoming to be called an “observer” Using “observe” gives a person an “out” not to share “Observes” should be able to shape to help them decide if they are an alcoholic				

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 # 7 (i)</b>	<b>Against # 18-8 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <b>X</b>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.</b>			
Two-thirds				
Group: Stay with 2/3 majority.				

## 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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 41 (i) - 8 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 33 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Having viewed the "My World" video, do you think the PSA should be discontinued?</b>			
No group conscience brought to table. Simple to the point; carries the message "There is Hope" Needs to be updated and current with today				
Thursday Women's Sunset Beach – in favor of discounting; seems outdated , seemed to focus more on problems instead of solution One person likes video & thinks it's relevant				
Wednesday Topic Discussion Yorba Linda – No, because you may gut opinion that I didn't look like them, so I'm not an alcoholic Keep because it could reach more people Outdated, could be better Old, overviewed, served its purpose could spend money elsewhere Keep because its free to post online and could reach more people Groups could still use at local level – Keep If doesn't cost anything to keep. What's benefit of discontinuing? More content is better than no content. Not offensive to A.A. - Keep. Need replacement – Keep.				

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.).

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 21 (i)</b>	<b>Against # 80 (i) - 3 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input checked="" 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>			
Brothers: Sisters in Sobriety Costa Mesa – 10 in favor; 10 against Doesn't set a good precedent, has been used before in other countries like Australia. Group: Four for it; Two against; Two abstentions. Group: Against three for anonymity Group: Against. Confusing and may be seem like it breaks anonymity Group: Younger numbers like fill force				
Utilize the media around you to stick to our primary purpose of helping others Actors may not reflect the true member of A.A. able to see someone's face allows people to connect				
Group: In favor as long as its clear that they are actors because its more relatable				

Group: In favor it is could help ore people  
 Group: Against because against 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition, confusing to understand anonymity.  
 Group: Not good idea because advancements animations and actors not good idea  
 Group: No. Misleading  
 Group: No. Worried actor may because big & would become “face” of A.A.  
 Group: No. Should be anonymous in any video format.  
 Group: OK with full face if disclaimer  
 Group: No, anything that threatens anonymity is out – cover to cover BB. Don’t know what actors are going to do, may act in way to offend, discredit A.A. , no way to cut ties with actors – No.  
 No – Anonymous Program – Anything that could discredit A.A. should be it.  
 No – If actor drinks outside & someone see’s – could lose validity  
 No – Lose concept of message  
 Not necessary to hire actors to carry message  
 Name A.A. presents anonymity, actor may discourage newcomers to get help/share with their group. Not have ‘face’ of A.A.  
 People won’t pay attention to disclaimer.  
 Message could be carried with animation and not actors  
 Group: Newcomers may think they can opt on TV  
 Group: Fail

Facial expressions make huge difference – in favor.  
 Can relate more when see full face.  
 Taking a lot of risk for anonymity.  
 Overall though of voters: AA may be reflected as not being helpful in achieving sobriety should others (e.g. young people, etc.) remember that particular actor’s face, and that “actor” be in the news later on for having any type of alcohol related issues (e.g., DUI).

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

Standing Committee Results:	For # 92 (i) - 1(gs)	Against # 6 (i) - 1 (gs)	Pass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
Question:	<b>Do you agree that this wording (see companion table) should be added to the pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity?”</b>			
Safety supersedes all even anonymity: fighting, need for police or ambulance. Anonymity not something for criminals to hide behind. You break the laws → cops. How decide “criminal”? Just came out with safety card at meetings.				
Inappropriate in not clearly defined Women’s Harmony Group – All About Safety				
Group: In favor. Anything about safety is important Group: Anything that can increase safety Group: Increasing safety in important Group: Like language Group: In favor because safety is important. Group: Wording isn’t specific enough – No Group: In favor because in group they’ve been having issues with behavior – Good to let people know it is okay to call authorities. Group: Against. Anything about safety is good. Group: In favor – unanimous Word ‘inappropriate & authorities’ are too vague Language needs to be more specific				
Women can be shown how to advocate for themselves.				

Calling Cops should be last resort after break in law  
 More we can get this out there in whatever form, the better  
 If police are called a lot, could risk location of club - opposed

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 61 (i)</b>	<b>Against # 5 (i) - 1(gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should AA update language in the flyer, “AA at a Glance?”</b>			
No discussion				
Sands more professional with revision				
Group: Too costly (didn’t know procedure)				

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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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 1 (gs)</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 Public Information Kit and Workbook?</b>			
Add Safety Card, if not included.				
No suggestions				
Included other ways to contact radio, TV, etc. other than letters.				
More clarification and suggestions				
Include Grapevine & La Viña as tools that could be used.				

## 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 # 11 (i)</b>	<b>Against # 6 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" 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>			
<p>Request to print a new approach in the Service Manual for GSR, to bind in spiral, add color, make the material for approachable. It would be good for young people. Add tables for sections.          Maybe don't change so make a new pamphlet.          Pictures could help          Make for "entertaining."          If a workbook, then make a study book for study and testing.          Add a page to the book – "Get a service sponsor."          Add a comment: "Read the pamphlets first before reading the Service Manual."</p>				

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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 55 (i) - 6 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 12 (i) - 2 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <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>			
No – Pamphlets would be more inclusive if the front page would state: A.A. Temporary contact/Bridging the gap for Prisons Treatment Center and other Confined Institutions				
Group conscience disagreed. Serval members expressed concern taking someone from a corrections facility to meetings. We agreed to leave corrections with H&I. These H&I contacts have special training according to our H&I representative. Safety – Worried about members coming from prisons. Safety issues. Combining connection. Reaching out for help. Better together! Fear about picking up someone from Jail/Prison. There is the contact on release program.				

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.”

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 88 (i) - 34 (gs)</b>	<b>Against #</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <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>			
Inclusive and accessibility are important. Deaf American Sign Language – remote communities “D” Deaf; hard of hearing; born deaf Importance “see your community” find your tribe Underserved community in the Fellowship. We’d be proud to be apart of having this included.				
Yes!				
Seria atmetivo para estas personas Y de atraccion e Inclusivo				

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 103 (i) - 6 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 6 (i)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Should the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late?” be updated?</b>			
Group: Yes				
Is there a way to keep the Depression and WWII for reference of history while still adding more recent stories? Porque se necesitan historiales mas piecientes				
It’s aged out issues of PTSD. Keep the old story about Armed Services				

Looking to just add re. the new experiences of military story. Online meeting.

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 97 (i) - 9 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 5 (i)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <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>			
Underserved community. Great idea! Audio.				
Concern from member who voted against: Would hate to lose the 'old' stories as that is part of A.A's history and a reminder of what their struggles were back then. Especially if a 5 <sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book has removed any of the 'old' stories in order to add 'new' stories.				

E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For # 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input checked="" 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>			
Concern from member who voted against: That the military would have only given the interview, and allowed it to be posted, because of being ordered to do so by his/her commanding officer.				

F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input checked="" 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.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b> <input checked="" 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 # 16 (i) – 3 (gs)	Against # 7 (i)	Pass <input checked="" 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>			
Policies and procedures are currently under revision.				

## **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 # 62 (i) - 11 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 5 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" 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>			
Adding video Group support for the program/video Will they protect anonymity? Or use Bill/Bob’s full name? Tradition 11!				

B. Review Archives Workbook.

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</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>			
Preserving audio files. Encourage audio histories Suggestions at local level for selection and storage Add content for digital storage and distribution (GSO → Area → District → Groups) procedures for making Archival material in digital form Archive group histories.				

### **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 # 80 (i) - 1 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 14 (gs)</b>	<b>Pass</b> <input checked="" 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>			
<p>This is a special occasion and since anonymity is protected the photo should be allowed.                  We agreed that is a special occasion and there was a no dispute regarding allowing the photographing of this flag ceremony.                  Since 1950 an anonymity protected photograph has been taken. Since 1994 GSC has asked for permission. Since anonymity has been protected it has always been approved.                  What is argument against photo? Consensus – basically with official vs. private photos.</p>				
<p>Group: Mixed opinions – Con: 1. Fear anonymity risk; 2. Also, is it promotion rather than attraction? Most felt more informed on A.A. for Professional the better.</p>				

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 # 76 (i) – 10 (gs)</b>	<b>Against # 1 (i) - 4 (gs)</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>			
<p>Once again there was no opposing view and all say it would be wonderful to watch it! One question asked was how can we find out when it would be aired?                  Since 2005, approved.                  2009 – Approved – unlimited access – one week, GSO website (need a password)                  2010 – accessed 13,790 times.                  2015 – available in English, French, ad Spanish – two weeks duration – no password required. Viewed 448,165 times.                  Due to increase in views (in multiple languages and without need for a password). Support! Any negatives? None known.</p>				
<p>Group: Yes.</p>				

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

<b>Standing Committee Results:</b>	<b>For #</b>	<b>Against # 7 (gs)</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>			
<p>Service sponsorship, even if it is not called that.                  Several responses were variations on a “buddy” scheme. Take someone with you who hasn’t been before. A sponsor or fellow district member for example.                  Communication: District members share info with their groups.                  Take info on the forms to Intergroup Offices.                  Have information in a card format similar to what YPAA Groups do.                  Create a pamphlet to information the A.A. community about Regional Forums.                  Share your experience at the Forum in your group and District.                  One District had a workshop before the Forum, stressing the District contact with GSC at the Forum.</p>				

Carpool to keep expenses down.

We need the district members to share this info with their A.A. groups and the forums and conventions need to be more publicized and easily available to the specific A.A. groups.

District members should try to take relatively “newcomers” with them to encourage an interest at a higher level to be of service.

The Areas could please inform the Districts who could then inform the A.A. groups. GSR's to provide more information.

Information “cards” similar to that “Young Peoples” does.

Have “Service Sponsor” – encourage your sponsees!

Provide a document or pamphlet to inform A.A. community about Regional Forums.

Bring info on Regional Forums to Intergroup Meetings.

No direct fees.

Member shared about using time in group (ground up) to share experience.

Tell truth – it is a service event. Opportunity to meet and listen to GSO personnel.

Be example to members by “taking” them.

Perception → sounds boring and is expensive. More honesty (realistic) .

Use District relationships to build support.

District level workshops helps stressing direct contact with New York. Set up presentations.

Stress grateful nature of service.

Show to groups fun too!

Use joint travel (carpool) as way to create comradery and keep \$ down.

Reporte del Cordinator del MCD District #20  
Distrito 20 Nombre Melquiades V.  
Dia y Hora: Lunes 7:30-to-9:30 p.m.

Lugar – 250 W. First Street, Tustin CA 92780

Numero des Registradeos: 19 grupos de un total de 27

Numero de presentes a la reunion: 33 preceontes “promedio” Todas las activades de rutina siguen igual activos en el service asuntos relevantes el lunes 8 de Abril del 2019 sellevo acabo el inventario de nuestro servicio basado eu las preguntas que biener en el paquete del MCD cordino Jesus O. Secre. Cesar F. con una asistencia de 33 presentes; como MCD del distrito 20 en la reunion de are pasada con fecha 4-14-2019 presente una inquietud en la reunion de los MCD’s del los 6 distritos de habla hispana que se tratora a considerer la petition de la cuarta edicion del libro texto basico inquietad que pue tomada y tratadupor los MCD’s llegando a la concluciou de tratarles ensus respectivas distritos continuando con este punto los RSG’s en el Quinto lunes 4-29-2019 de asuntos generals tradion este punto tomando er cuenta como base a los RSGs de los Grupos; Fuente de Vida, Volver a Vivir, Una Nueva Ilusion, Nueuer Luz, La Nueva Luz Tercera Tradicion, San Juan, Renovacion, donde coda carta explica la necesidad que existe de que se elavoreresta 4th edition sedisutio mucho hasta llegew a votacion y por unanimidad sustancial de votos a favor dando su apoyo y aproberoiu a este peurto asi como tambion dieron Luz verde a nuestro delegado precute el pauto arivel piso, por otro ludo nesotuos como distrito continuar con el procedomiento normal paradode sequdmiento a este punto para reunir los requerimientos necesarios puce este proposito; La asistencia de hoy 19 presentes, gracias a todos a Dios primero por peronitirnos server.

MCD Alt. Gildardo B.

MCD Melequiades V.

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Report of the Coordinator of the MCD District # 20  
District 20 Name Melquiades V.  
Day and Time: Monday 7: 30-to-9: 30 p.m.  
Place - 250 W. First Street, Tustin CA 92780

Number of Registrations: 19 groups out of 27

Number of attendees to the meeting: 33 "average" precedents All the routine activities continue to be active in the relevant service issues on Monday, April 8, 2019. I just finished the inventory of our service based on the questions that are in the MCD coordinator Delegate Jesus O. Secretary Cesar F. with an attendance of 33 present; as DCM of district 20 at the meeting of the past, dated 4-14-2019, present a question at the meeting of the DCMs of the 6 Spanish-speaking districts that are interested in considering the request of the fourth edition of the basic textbook, concerned that It can be taken and dealt with by the DCMs reaching the agreement to treat them in their respective districts, continuing with this point the GSRs on the 5th Monday 4-29-2019 of general matters, this point taking into account as a basis the GSRs of the Groups; Source of Life, Back to Live, A New Illusion, New Light, The New Light Third Tradition, Saint John, Renewal, where each letter explains the need that exists for the 4th edition to be dished out long until it comes to a vote and by substantial unanimity of votes in favor giving their support and approval to this session as well as they gave green light to our delegate, pretending the floor level, for another reason, as a district to continue with the normal procedure of standing at this point to gather the necessary requirements. purpose; Today's assistance 19 present, thank you all to God first for allowing us to serve.

MCD Alt. Gildardo B.

MCD Melequiades V.