

As of December 1, 2021

## **72nd General Service Conference Committees**

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference (G.S.C.) committees as of December 1, 2021.

This first year in the three-year trial period of the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process included the September 15 deadline for the submission of proposed agenda items. The trustees' committees, A.A.W.S. Board and Grapevine Board reviewed and discussed a total of 178 submissions and agreed to forward 15 to the 72nd G.S.C. The EDW plan will be finalized during the January 2022 General Service Board weekend. The plan will detail which Conference committees will receive these 15 items. Here, on this "Preliminary Agenda Items" list, the 15 items are grouped under the same category, "Proposed agenda items agreed to be forwarded to the 72nd G.S.C., details pending the EDW process."

Please keep in mind that this is a *preliminary* list and agenda items may be added or subject to change by the trustees' committees at the January board weekend.

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#### **I. Agenda**

- Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference.
- Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.
- Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.
- Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2021 Evaluation Summary.
- Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
- Discuss report on the Conference agenda process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.

#### **II. Cooperation with the Professional Community**

- Review progress report on LinkedIn account.
- Review progress report or draft on pamphlet for the mental health professionals.
- Review progress report on media distribution of A.A. information within professional facilities.

- Review update or revised draft pamphlet of “A.A. in Your Community.”
- Review contents and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

### **III. Corrections**

- Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

### **IV. Finance**

- Review Self-Support Packet.

### **V. Grapevine/La Viña**

- Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.
- Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later.
- Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

### **VI. Literature**

- Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- Review draft of a pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies.
- Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”
- Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Too Young?”
- Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”
- Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.

- Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* directed by the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference.
- Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy:
  1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is A.A. for You?”
  2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”
  3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
  4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “This Is A.A.”

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- Review G.S.O. General Manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- Discuss translation and interpretation of General Service Conference material.
- Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings.
- Review dates for the 2026 General Service Conference.

## **VIII. Public Information**

- Review progress report regarding 2021 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
  1. Review the 2021 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.”
- Review 2021 annual reports from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.

- Discuss feasibility study report on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
- Review progress report on the development and implementation of a G.S.O. podcast.
- Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials.
- Consider retiring the A.A. Fact File.
- Review “A.A. Triennial Membership Survey” report.
- Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

**IX. Report and Charter**

- Discuss the G.S.O. Publishing Department report.
- Review *The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition*.
- Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

**X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

- Review progress report on the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic.”
- Review draft pamphlet of “For Professionals: Bridging the Gap to Help Alcoholics” (working title).
- Discuss update on development of audio interviews with military professionals.
- Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

**XI. Trustees**

- Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.”
- Review resumes of candidates for:
  1. East Central Regional Trustee
  2. Pacific Regional Trustee
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

## **XII. Archives**

- Review contents and format of Archives Workbook.

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

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
- Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.

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- Discuss approval process for observers to the Conference from other General Service structures.
- Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees to reach as many doctors as possible.
- Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature.
- Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
- Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.
- Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” to reflect the importance of the group as a “spiritual entity” as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.
- Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor's Opinion” in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.
- Consider request to revise text in the chapter “Getting plenty of rest” in the booklet *Living Sober*.
- Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You Are Different?” to include stories reflecting greater diversity.
- Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

- Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes.
- Consider requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.’s primary purpose in mind.