



Panel 74 “ Connecting with Love Unity and Service” Panel 75 “Working together Increasing Trust”



HIGHLIGHTS From this Report

- Updates per committee following July Board Weekend.
- Reports from July, and August
- Suggestions to share at meetings.
- Proposed Agenda Item Updates
- Important updates for 2024-2025
- Opportunities to be of service:
- Announcements to bring to your homegroup or shared within the fellowship
- There will be an APP for the international convention !!

July, 2024

MSCA – Mid- Southern California Area Service Committee Meeting

Area 09 Delegate Report

Personal:

Greetings, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I continue to attend my homegroup, speaking engagements throughout the area and do inventory with my sponsor. I have been doing my best to find balance within my personal life.

Area

So far I have conducted shareback since June for D25.D18, D9, D21, D7 D17 HMBS mens stag and D14. In August I will conclude my sharebacks with D8, D2 and the south bay round up. I attended ICYPAA with 2800 amazing members of A.A. Additionally, I am serving on the AD-Hoc committee for the area in helping find solutions so we can have a seamless process moving forward, creating a folder and assisting where I could with additional information. I have begun to send emails to the DCMCs to ensure the meetings that come to me across fellowship connections are confirmed through the district chairs.

Pacific Region -

We will be putting on a PAI workshop on August 1st. The flier information is online and has been on the e-blast. We will have ASL interpretation and Spanish interpretation. This is zoom only and will have a 1000 person Max. Additionally, we will be hosting a hospitality suite as a region. In August I will send out a monkey survey to see who is attending, gathering speakers and volunteers. I will be putting together some fun things to give away some subscriptions. The Pacific Regional Forum will be held the second week of July. Don't worry you won't have to miss the FORO. I will be presenting on "What shape is your triangle? (after the 1989 Grapevine article)".

GSO Updates.

*Conference Committee chairs will meet in July, I will have more information on the status of advisory actions coming after the July board weekend.

*Q1 Financial Report was distributed and available online.

At its January 2024 meeting, the General Service Board Authorized the withdrawal of \$1,064,652 from the Reserve Fund, to be allocated as follows: \$500,000 to the General Service Board to ensure sufficient cash on hand to meet liquidity requirements in the second quarter of 2024, which includes \$1.1 million of Conference expenses. This draw plus expected positive cash flow in the first quarter of 2024 will fully fund the expenses expected to be paid in the second quarter of 2024. \$564,652 to Grapevine to fund year three of the Grapevine 5-year plan covering the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026. These withdrawal transactions were completed during late January/early February 2024.

As of March 31, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total \$12.2 million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. The Reserve Fund Balance is \$11.6 million. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña (total \$22.212 million) the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.29 months of operating expenses versus

*there is an opening for a non trustee director for AAWS, resumes are due July 1st, 2024

*Pamphlets have gone up

*Plain language BB is expected to be available in the fall.

* We are still looking for stories for the grapevine, la vina, do you think your different? The native north american pamphlet.

There has been a letter for a motion to appeal the plain language big book by various conference members

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PAIs are due Sept 15, next year the deadline will be Sept 30th.

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In love and Service

Alex Wheatley

Panel 74 MSCA09 Delegate CPC Committee Chair

August Delegate Report

Please note a detailed update is available in the Bitly and on the delegate page titled April - August report

Personal

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service to you. My name is Alex W I serve as your Panel 74 Delegate *Please note a detailed update is available in the Bitly and on the delegate page titled April - August report.*

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Pacific Regional

The Pacific Region put on a PAI workshop on August 1st with over 300 people in attendance. We had ASL interpretation and Spanish interpretation. We will be hosting a hospitality suite as a region. In September I will send out a monkey survey to see who is attending, gathering speakers and volunteers. In July alongside my fellow pacific regional delegates I attend the Pacific regional forum. If you would like a copy of my report please in which I spoke on ““What shape is your triangle? (after the 1989 Grapevine article)””.

find it available on the delegate page. The July board weekend occurred this past week and we are awaiting the minutes to better understand what occurred. We are hopeful for a report from our regional trustee by Sept. Any updates that I have been given were reflected in the August slides.

General Service

We had a conference committee chairs meeting and an Ad Hoc meeting on La Vina. I met with Marita in regards to the trustee at a large nomination procedure. I met with Jake, and David in relation to submitting a bid to host the regional forum.

This week we were given the financials for the end of the second quarter. Please review it at your discretion. We also received correspondence on the plain language book release date, new videos from public information, updates from corrections desk, and cpc desk.

As of June 30, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total \$12.26 million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Members and groups contributions so far have totaled 4,935,000 up 113%. The General Service Board met in July. I will have more information on the status of advisory actions coming after the July board weekend.

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PAIs are due Sept 30th, [The Preliminary agenda list will be available Nov. 6, 2024](#) , [Conference Committee Background and final list on Feb. 17, 2025](#) and the [List of PAIs not forwarded Feb. 24, 2025](#)

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In love and Service

Alex Wheatley

Panel 74 MSCA09 Delegate

CPC Committee Chair

Member of Shut up and Cross talk

Coming up:

Delegate Sharebacks - [HERE](#)

Southy Bay Round up

PAI selection with Joint trustees committee

Preliminary list of Agenda items.

Conferences speaking and attending 2024 as of Jan 8th, 2024

**Arizona State Conference

**South Bay Roundup - Labor day weekend

** Mexico Retreat October 19th, 2024

** SoCal Convention Nov 9-11, 2024

Area 09

For the most recent and accurate information visit the Area 09 Delegates Web Page.

<https://msca09aa.org/delegate/> Members Only Section Password is Panel74.

PRASSA:

PRASSA 2025 Alaska Feb 28 - March 2

Pacific Regional Forum 2028

We are putting a bid to be considered at the 2025 GSC. If you have time and availability to assist please do reach out.

Fellowship Connection:

As of July 22nd, 2024 we have 3917 groups Active groups, 1925 groups that are active and 1181 groups that are displaying inactive. We have 45 virtual groups and 1 inactive virtual group. I have sent an email to the district chairs with Pending Active and unknown status, as well as incomplete.

General Service Board 2024 Financial Report - Jan - June 30th 2024

As of June 30, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total \$12.26 million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Members and groups contributions so far have totaled 4,935,000 up 113%.

June 30, 2024 (End of Second Quarter) Unaudited Financial Statements

1. Grapevine net loss for the first six months of 2024 was \$487k versus a budgeted loss of \$357k. Grapevine is forecasting a loss of \$672k versus a budgeted loss of \$583k, a variance of \$89k.
2. La Viña revenues and expenses for the first six months of 2024 both approximate budget.
3. For the six months ended June 30, 2024, total operating revenue is \$9,708,502 which is 5% more than the year to date (YTD) budget of \$9,254,313. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$9,179,004, which is 5% less than the YTD budget of \$9,642,506. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$529,497 compared to a budgeted YTD deficit of \$388,192.
4. Literature accounts receivable is \$443,902, of which 44.9% is current, 20.4% is less than 60 days

- past due, and 34.7% is more than 60 days past due.
5. The reserve fund is at 6.33 months of 2024 operating expenses versus a target range of 9 to 12 months.
 6. As of June 30, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total \$12.26 million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of \$540k, the Reserve Fund Balance is \$11.72 million.
- Members and groups 4,935,000 up 113%

2025 75th GSC (General Service Conference)

General Service Board Weekend - JANUARY 31, 2025 - FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Westin at Times Square Hotel, New York, NY United States

2025 General Service Conference - APRIL 27, 2025 - MAY 3, 2025

New York Hilton - Midtown New York, United States

General Service Board (GSB) - Highlights Available under what's new June 2024

Open Positions (enter roles/Definitions) Submissions may be made to specified personal on the letter.

ACM -Appointed Committee Member – An A.A. member who serves on a specific trustees’ committee (*for example, Public Information or Correctional facilities*) because of his or her knowledge and experience in the field.

Director (*non trustee*) – An A.A. member who serves on the corporate board of either A.A.W.S. or the Grapevine; Directors are selected for business or professional experience that relates to the activities of the corporation. (*The directorate of both corporate boards also includes trustees and A.A. staff.*)

Trustee – A member of A.A.’s General Service Board. Fourteen trustees are A.A. members (*Class B*); seven are non-alcoholic (*Class A*).

As of July 2024 7 openings

Two new Class B (alcoholic) regional trustees,

Two Class A Trustee

One Trustee at large

Trustees Committees Reports Following July Board Weekend

Archives:

1. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting on considering producing one to two souvenir items to commemorate this momentous anniversary.
2. Suggestions to "add appropriate images to enhance the contents, where applicable, as determined by the GSO Archives Department" to the Archives Workbook. In the section "What to Collect?" add "reference to digital materials in the suggested list of materials local archives might consider collecting."
3. GSO Archives Audiovisual Preservation Project: Create Weeding Guidelines for the collection that will outline what to weed, what to maintain and other applicable conditions. It was suggested that the Archivist assess the collection and create a list of materials for future digitization and materials that might be discarded, based on the Weeding Guidelines. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024

4. GSO Archives Digitizing Archival Material Guidelines: The committee reviewed a draft of proposed changes to the Archives "Digitizing Archival Materials Guidelines." The committee expressed satisfaction with the proposed changes as presented and approved the guidelines with one noted amendment in the section "File Storage."
5. GSO Archives Classification System: The committee had a robust discussion on the proposed changes to the Archives Classification System and will continue their discussion at the committee's next meeting in November 2024.
6. The GSO Archivist requested a review of the Archives Deaccession Form and will bring relevant background for discussion at the November 2024 meeting.

Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

1. Staff report: Staff reported on inquiries received from professionals, including many requests from the faith community, offering space for local A.A groups to meet and the ongoing need to explore ways to connect the Fellowship with these opportunities. The committee requested the Staff secretary begin to compile information on a list of professionals who can speak on behalf of A.A to include class A trustees.
2. 2024 General Service Conference Committee Considerations: The committee noted that the suggestions on the topic of the "unhoused" or "homeless" alcoholics and the neurodivergent community need to be further explored and asked the Staff secretary to collect shared experience from the Fellowship on this subject to better inform this discussion. The committee looks forward to an update at the November 2024 meeting.
3. Progress report on Linked In: The committee noted that trustees' PI has given the CSD and other departments the direction that digital assets from other media can be linked across platforms. The Staff secretary will explore with CSD ways that this can impact the LinkedIn page. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.
4. Pamphlet for Mental Health Professionals: The committee received a written report from Publishing on the progress of the pamphlet for mental health professionals and discussed the general direction including length of the pamphlet (approximately 40 pages) and the Question and Answer (Q&A) format based on the interviews conducted with mental health professionals. This will be followed by an FAQ page and the pamphlet will contain relevant information from other Conference Approved pamphlets that address how we inform professionals about our recovery program.
5. Committee members with related professional experience discussed ways in which the pamphlet can be most effective from their perspective. The committee looks forward to a progress report or draft pamphlet at the November 2024 meeting.
6. CPC videos on aa.org: The committee noted that the project is on hold while the recently hired Multimedia Production Coordinator is onboarded. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.
7. Effectiveness of CPC exhibits: Staff provided a brief update on the plans to exhibit and present at the American Correctional Association Congress on Corrections, with two class A trustees. The committee looks forward to an update at the November 2024 meeting.

Treatment

1. 74th GSC Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations: The committee reviewed a report reflecting Advisory Actions and committee considerations of the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.
2. Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook: The committee reviewed the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities suggestions to the Treatment kit and workbook and made no further changes.

3. Review flyer "Where Do I Go From Here?" (F-4): The committee reviewed a draft of the revised flyer "Where Do I Go From Here?" (F-4) and provided the Staff secretary with a list of suggestions. The committee looks forward to a draft flyer or progress report at the November 2024 meeting.

Accessibilities

74th GSC Committee Considerations:

1. Military Outreach Project: The committee reviewed and accepted the progress report on the military outreach project and the action plan drafted by the two appointed committee members. The committee provided the Staff secretary with suggestions to continue the Military Outreach project including expanding the project to interviews with veterans and looks forward to a progress report from the subcommittee at the November 2024 meeting.
2. Accessibilities inventory: The committee reviewed the Accessibilities inventory revised by the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities and requested that the Staff secretary (1) run an accessibility check on the inventory and (2) make the inventory available to the Fellowship and professionals.
3. Shared experience from neurodivergent alcoholics: The committee requested the staff secretary update the flyer "Serving All Alcoholics - Making the A.A. Message Accessible (F-107)" with highlights from the shared experience. The committee looks forward to an updated service piece or progress report at the November 2024 meeting.

Trustees' Corrections Committee

1. The Staff secretary reported that a survey is being developed to address the committee consideration from the Conference Committee on Corrections to gather shared experience on how local corrections committees encourage and engage members in corrections service. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.
2. Shared Experience on Virtual Meetings: The committee reviewed the draft service piece, "Facilitating Online Meetings in Correctional Facilities" and asked the Staff secretary to work with Publishing to add this service piece to the Corrections workbook and kit.

Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee

AAWS/GSB 2023 Preliminary Financial Report: GSO unaudited financial results for June 30, 2024. For the six months ended June 30, 2024, total operating revenue is \$9,708,502 which is 5% more than the year to date (YTD) budget of \$9,254,313. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$9,179,004, which is 5% less than the YTD budget of \$9,642,506. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$529,497 compared to a budgeted YTD deficit of \$388,192. Literature accounts receivable is \$443,902, of which 44.9% is current, 20.4% is less than 60 days past due, and 34.7% is more than 60 days past due. The reserve fund is at 6.33 months of 2024 operating expenses versus a target range of 9 to 12 months.

Comparative Balance Sheet Notes

Cash increased \$155K year-over-year due to increased contributions.

Income Statement Notes

Revenue -- Contributions were greater than the budget. Gross literature sales and gross margin were both less than budget. Cost of goods sold is less than the budget.

Expense -- Overall, operating expenses before depreciation were below budget. Except for employee benefits and payroll taxes, all expense categories were less than budget. In employee benefits, medical

and dental insurance, health reimbursement account expenses, and 403b plan employer match are over budget. In payroll taxes, our NYS unemployment insurance tax rate has increased.

2024 Budget Reforecast:

Total operating revenue is \$19,656,359. Operating expense before depreciation is \$18,973,513, and GSB support of La Vina remains \$569,512 for a bottom line after La Vina support (but before depreciation) of \$113,334. This is an improvement of \$64,901 from the original budget (6.1). The improvement is due to a savings of \$148,644 in personnel expenses resulting from position vacancies and a revenue increase of \$14,000 offset by an increase of \$97,744 in non-personnel expenses. The budget for contributions remains \$10.5 million. YTD contributions are \$4.819 million, which is 18% greater than the YTD original budget of \$4.095 million.

Grapevine 2024 Financial Report including LaVina:

Subscription Revenue: The average number of subscriptions remained similar to last month. Total circulation for Grapevine is about 2% below 2024 budget but 11% above last year at this same time. We continue to see gains in LaViria as well. June 2024 total circulation is almost 15% above last year at this same time and income is 18% above budget.

Expenses for Grapevine are reforecast to be lower by \$51,975

- Reduction in salaries due to a hire that has been postponed.
- Added \$4,000 for a new audit fee for the retirement plan.
- A portion of the App and Website costs are being capitalized as investments and will be depreciated over 3 years.
- Professional fees have been higher than budget but expected to reduce over the remainder of the year.
- The finance office will be working with a Canadian tax firm to assist with filing Canadian tax forms for refund of certain sales taxes paid.

The reforecast net loss for Grapevine is expected to increase from the original budget of (\$582,572) to (\$672,449). This is a \$184,867 improvement compared to the 2023 Grapevine results.

LaVina: Total circulation has also been reforecast down by 449, but this is also related to the App. However, LaVina subscription income is reforecast to be higher than original budget even with the Prior Year Revenue Adjustment of (\$6,177). Direct Cost are reforecast to be higher and the overall gross margin reduction of (\$3,135). This is offset by the Content Revenue which is having an outstanding year for LaVina and expected to add \$3,359 to Gross Margin. As stated above, the Cost of Goods Sold for books will be reviewed and could have a positive outcome to this expense. Total LaVina expenses are reforecast to be \$2,339 over original budget. The LaVira bottom line will have a loss increase of \$2,115. This is an improvement of \$184,23 from the 2023 audit final numbers.

The Trustees Finance & Budgetary committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2024 Grapevine/LaVina budget reforecast.

AAWS report on self-support subcommittee: The subcommittee sent two recommendations to the

AAWS board.

1. To consider a pilot project to develop infographics to be placed in the designated section for Self-Support in Box 459. The infographics would focus on the impact of contributions and can include specific hyperlinks to items that provide members with information about services provided through Self-support. The Communication Services Department develop a strategy to update the Self Support page quarterly, incorporating requested content from the Self-Support Subcommittee.

2. The AAWS board approved and forwarded them to the General Service Board for final approval. Approved Formation of TFC Subcommittee on Financial Strategy.

Ad hoc Financial Request Discussion, Release of Audited Financial Statements: Kevin reported that he was receiving requests for the latest audited financials. After a robust discussion the final consensus was that everyone should receive financial information at the same time and with the appropriate context. Therefore, audited financials should be provided only as part of the Final Conference Report.

Request for Emeriti Financial Costs: The committee briefly discussed the reasoning for requesting financial information for Emeriti travel to GSB meetings and stated that only the delegated committee that discusses Emeriti participation should receive this information.

Trustees' Public Information Committee

Public Information media platforms: The committee accepted all Media Platform reports.

Development of a GSO podcast: The Communication Services Director reported that a new multimedia production coordinator had been hired and that work on the podcast and other current and future media projects can now be implemented more efficiently.

The committee accepted a report on the GSO podcast and asked for clarification about whether employees hosting the podcast are required to be members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Staff secretary will bring this discussion back to GSO and report back to the committee at the November board meeting.

AAWS YouTube Channel report: The committee reviewed and discussed the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to AAWS YouTube channel. The committee noted that the Communication Services Department has been doing excellent work to reorganize the AAWS YouTube channel as well as work to improve Search Engine Optimization. The committee acknowledged that some ongoing challenges with Search Engine Optimization are to be expected given A.A.W.S. policies and GSO practices (for instance, not allowing commenting) that impact search rankings.

Google Ads report: The committee reviewed and discussed 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to Google Ads.

The committee also discussed the current status of our participation in the Google Ads for nonprofits program and noted that while there are challenges, we continue to experience significant benefits from participation in the program.

AAWS Meeting Guide App report: The committee reviewed the 1^o quarter Meeting Guide app report. The committee also reviewed and discussed the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to the Meeting Guide app. The committee observed that requests for functionality improvements from the Fellowship (i.e., to add a new feature to the Meeting Guide app or aa.org) can be best handled when they are submitted as user requests to the Communication Services Department.

Requests received through these channels are tracked, evaluated and prioritized based on expressed need from the Fellowship.

The digital strategist in the Communication Services Department reported on ongoing work on the Meeting Guide app that will lead to additional options for finding online meetings.

The committee also reviewed and discussed the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to GSO's A.A. Website. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 board meeting.

Quarterly report on AAWS Online Business Profiles: The committee reviewed and accepted the GSO 2024 first quarter AAWS Online Business Profiles report. The committee also reviewed and discussed the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to Online Business Profiles.

The committee confirmed that the Communication Services Department is authorized to crosslink any AAWS platform with any other AAWS platform or other sites or pages managed by AAWS.

AAGV/La Vina Website, Marketing, Podcast and App report: The committee discussed the AA Grapevine/ La Vina Website, Marketing, Podcast and App reports, noting with appreciation the recent growth of subscriptions, downloads, web traffic and listeners which indicate the real impact of AA Grapevine/ La Vina efforts to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed by our members.

Working group on Analytics Reporting: The committee reviewed the Working Group on Analytics report. The chair appointed an analytics working group to work with the Communication Services Department on the analytics reporting dashboard and other analytics projects as they evolve. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.

Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

Annual review of video/audio PSAs for relevance and usefulness: The annual review of video/audio PSAs for relevance and usefulness was postponed to an interim meeting of the committee.

The committee also agreed to postpone discussion of the three 2024 GSC Advisory Actions that were related to the relevance and usefulness of Public Service Announcements, noting that implementation of these advisory actions was already underway.

Progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution project: The committee tabled discussion on Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel and the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to Mesmerize Point to an interim meeting of the committee.

Membership Survey Working Group: the scope of the subcommittee is to review research related to the Membership Survey Pilot and develop a plan for the next Membership Survey. The committee asked the Staff secretary to forward reporting on the Membership Survey Convenience Sample Pilot to the Membership Survey Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on 2024 Comprehensive Media Plan (CMP): The committee chair appointed a subcommittee to review all suggested updates and develop a 2025 CMP for review by the full committee.

The committee requested that the 2024 Public Information committee considerations related to the

Comprehensive Media Plan be forwarded to the Comprehensive Media Plan subcommittee.

PI Pamphlets and other publications:

Communication about Anonymity and Social Media: The committee tabled discussion on the results of the survey on Anonymity and Social Media to the November board meeting.

Membership Survey Display: The Staff secretary reported that the 2011 Membership Display (M13) has been removed from the online store.

Young People's Video Project: The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 board meeting.

Draft survey of Area Delegates regarding communications with Young People: The committee discussed the 2024 Public Information committee consideration requesting that the Staff secretary ask that delegates gather feedback on how young people would like to be communicated with and requested that the Staff secretary proceed with the survey. The committee looks forward to a follow-up report at the November board meeting.

PI Kit and Workbook: The staff secretary reported that work to update the PI Workbook is ongoing. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.

After a short discussion, the committee agreed to forward two memorandums to the trustees' Nominating Committee to request two Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustees Nominating Committee

Staff report: The report was discussed at length. The Staff secretary reported that announcements to the Fellowship about two vacancies for a Class A trustee were made in June by email, Meeting Guide app, and aa.org. The committee requested that a new item be added to the Class A search, to notify candidates in early September of the next steps in the process.

Review Status of ACMs: The committee compared Procedure No. 2-- "Selecting ACMs for General Service Board Committees" with the full CSP for consistency. There was discussion on whether new ACMs need to be submitted to the General Service Board for approval. The Staff secretary will provide any pertinent historical documentation from GSO Archives to bring to the November meeting.

Class A Trustee Search: The committee discussed the current search for candidates to fill the two 2025 Class A trustee vacancies. **Currently five resumes have been submitted.** The chair reviewed the ranking grid application and the committee made modifications to the tool.

Procedure No. 5-- AAWS and AAGV Board Procedure for Nominating General Service Trustee (GST): The committee agreed the current fillable form for resumes and the current transmittal form for use by corporate boards should suffice when communicating GST recommendations to the trustees' Nominating Committee. Subcommittees: The chair named two subcommittees and assigned members.

Recommendations

1. The committee recommended to the General Service Board that the Proposed Agenda Item submission date deadline for the 2025 General Service Conference be September 30, 2024.

Trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee

Special Forum Request: The committee reviewed the Special Forum Request submitted by Area 58 Oregon. The committee made the following recommendation:

The committee recommended to the General Service Board that a one-day on-line Special Forum for A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing be held after the 2025 International Convention in December 2025 or the beginning of 2026.

The Staff secretary will provide budget information at the November 2024 meeting. Forum Schedule 2024-2026.

2025 Preliminary Regional Forum Board Schedule:

The chair appointed a subcommittee to continue the work identified in the following scope.

- 1) To refine and improve the agenda for forum weekends for greatest effectiveness.
- 2) To identify all opportunities for cost savings in terms of scheduling, participation, accessibility, and translation needs.
- 3) To explore opportunities to more effectively communicate with the Fellowship who are outside the Regional Forum room through hybrid or virtual options.

Encouraging Participation at Regional Forums: The committee reviewed a 2024 Conference Committee on IC/RF Committee Consideration encouraging participation at Regional Forums that included six suggestions. Of the six, the Staff secretary shared two new suggestions encouraging interest and participation in Regional Forums.

- Consider creating short current anonymity protected videos about Regional Forums that can be shared on our communication channels.
- Consider adding the use of current technology including streaming, virtual and/or hybrid components to the Regional Forum; and the possibility of using local A.A. resources.

2025 International Convention Mobile App: The GSO mobile project team asked the committee to revisit the answers to questions about the mobile app functionality to provide confirmation of a prior trustees' IC/RF Committee's answers. As a key learning from 2015, attendees were able to update a profile with their name and headshot,

which were visible to other attendees. Is it a specific requirement that we do not allow participants to do this in the 2025 IC app? The committee confirmed that no profile functionality should be included in the 2025 IC Mobile app.

The 2025IC app will allow location tracking that can be enabled/disabled by the user in a manner typical of apps such as Meeting Guide.

Screenshots will be allowed from within the app. How these screenshots are shared is not controlled by the app as screenshots become photos in a phone.

The method of sharing from within the app will use the share feature native to the user's phone, with the understanding that the feature on a phone will typically give the user the option to share via any installed share-capable programs, such as: Instagram, WhatsApp, Gmail, etc.

Volunteer Welcome Committee (VWC) Update: The committee received a verbal report from the 2025 Volunteer Welcome Committee chair that included information about the interviews that have occurred to fill all Core Committee and Subcommittee positions. The committee is involved with generating local and

regional excitement regarding volunteer activities. The VWC is anticipating the Volunteer Hub system to manage and assign the 4000+ volunteers needed to successfully support an International Convention. In addition, a TMG staff member will be assigned as the VWC's liaison, and a regular cadence of meetings will begin in Fall 2024. The committee looks forward to a virtual verbal update at the November 2024 meeting.

Recommendations -- Trustees' IC/RF Committee

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The committee recommended to the General Service Board that AI-Anon be invited to participate in A.A.'s International Convention in 2030 in St. Louis, MO. AI-Anon's participation would be based on the very successful model used in Toronto (2005), San Antonio (2010), Atlanta (2015), Detroit (2020) -- unfortunately canceled due to the impact of COVID-19, and the planned 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Trustees' Literature Committee

Review Composition, Scope and Procedure:

The committee requested that new language be drafted to replace the word "teleconference" with an updated term within the Procedure section that better reflects current technology practices.

The committee also noted that a trustees' Literature subcommittee is currently reviewing the Scope section addressing "the annual updates and/or revisions to The A.A. Service Manual- Twelve Concepts for World Service. The committee looks forward to a revised Composition, Scope and Procedure document or a progress report at their November meeting.

Review 74 th GSC Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations pertinent to this committee: The committee noted that follow-through on all actionable items is taking place.

Subcommittee on the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous: The committee received verbal updates from the subcommittee considering the content elements of the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature's memo. The subcommittee discussed moving forward only with the stated content of the Conference Advisory Action. It was also noted that a separate review of the memo content will follow collective discussion by the General Service Board.

The committee discussed the 2024 Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a pamphlet for Asian and Asian American alcoholics. The committee considered elements of workload and finance, noting the benefits which ACMs have brought to recent literature projects through the involvement of members of the intended audience. **The trustees' Literature Committee agreed to forward a memo to the trustees' Nominating committee requesting an ACM from the Asian American community.**

Development of a pamphlet for the Transgender Alcoholic: The committee discussed the 2024 Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a pamphlet for the Transgender Alcoholic. The committee considered elements of workload and finance, noting the benefits which ACMs have brought to recent literature projects through the involvement of members of the

intended audience. The trustees' Literature Committee agreed to forward a memo to the trustees' **Nominating committee requesting an ACM from the transgender community.**

Review progress report regarding revision to the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American": The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American." The subcommittee is in the final story selection phase and will be asking several authors to make minor editorial changes.

Review progress report regarding the development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos*- Spanish: The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the development of a

Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos* which detailed the story review process and evaluation of new translations through Chapter 7.

Development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The subcommittee has met twice since the General Service Conference towards the goal of presenting a draft edition to the trustees' Literature Committee prior to the 75th General Service Conference. The subcommittee has developed a timeline for the tasks needed to conclude this project. Story submissions have been narrowed from approximately 2,500 to 159. Selected stories are receiving additional review to identify approximately 50 stories for presentation to the trustees' Literature Committee. The subcommittee reported that work on expanding the existing ideas in Appendices III and V continues. Current and past Class A trustees are being contacted for professional references and content development. The committee looks forward to reviewing a progress report at the November 2024 meeting.

Revision to the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?": A subcommittee revising the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different" has been convened to continue the revision process. There are 13 stories within the current version of the pamphlet. 39 submissions were received by the April 30, 2024, story submission deadline, but only 29 of those stories have completed Assignment of Copyright forms.

Revision to the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated": The committee reviewed the 2024 Additional Committee Consideration on the revision to the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated," noting the emphasis placed upon a new or partial draft.

Sample illustrations were provided by the Publishing Department. The illustrations were received with excitement and a few suggestions for improvement. The committee looks forward to a progress report or draft at the November meeting 2024.

Development of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" in video animation format: The committee reviewed the progress on developing the video animation of "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated." Wording is being completed with new narration in American English. Narration voiceover and visual text will be presented in French and Spanish.

"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" - Discuss request for inclusion of language related to sponsorship of persons in custody: The committee discussed the 2023 Additional Committee Consideration from the Conference Committee on Corrections to add language with the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" related to the sponsorship of members in custody. The subcommittee engaged with revising this pamphlet will consider whether the committee

consideration fits within the established purview and scope. If the change is adopted during revision, it was noted that including a page reference for the Corrections Workbook would be Beneficial. Revision to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship": The committee discussed the 2024 Additional Committee Consideration requesting that revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" reflect the request to add language related to neurodivergent alcoholics and alcoholics with intellectual and information processing challenges. A subcommittee has been convened to continue the revision process with an initial meeting forthcoming.

The A.A. Service Manual: The committee heard verbal updates regarding the implementation of updates for the 2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual. There are two subcommittees of trustees' Literature which are addressing elements related to The A.A. Service Manual.

A subcommittee is working on implementation and final edits with a recognition of the support provided by the Group Services assignment. Four people have reviewed different aspects of the revisions, which have been sent to the Group Services assignment for compilation.

A subcommittee is working on addressing a beneficial solution for providing sufficient trustee committee support to the Conference Committee on Report & Charter. This subcommittee has met twice with wide-ranging discussions on the elements of the trustees' Literature Committee's Composition, Scope, and Procedure document related to The A.A. Service Manual. The subcommittee has also discussed the best means of support for the Conference Committee on Report & Charter. Written ideas will be submitted for discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

Upcoming Events Throughout the U.S and Canada

1. Sept - 13-25: National Technology Workshop St. Louis, Missouri Info: NAATW.org
2. Sept 20-22: Woman to Woman San Diego San Diego, California Info: womantowomansandiego.com
3. Sept 27-29: Sobriety by the Sea Crescent City, California Info: sobrietybytheseareally.com Box 871, Crescent City CA 95531
4. Socal Convention Nov 8 - 10th, 2024 <https://www.aasocal.com/>

Announcements to make at your home group.

- Registration opens Sept 10th 12:00pm EST for the international convention
- Submit your name to be considered to speak
- Download Meeting guide App to find meetings !
- Update information in fellowship connection for your meetings
- Utilize new videos from GSO to help you carry the message
- Make an online contribution !!
- New Service Manual this fall, new book " Plain Language a tool for accessing Alcoholics anonymous \$11.00 this fall
- Stay tuned for new pamphlets, videos and updates !!

Opportunities to be of service:

1. Please look at the AAWS LinkedIn page and advise of any suggestions to better improve the presence we have

2. If you are on the CPC committee within your district past or present, please advise me of any content and format of C.P.C. KIT necessary to change this and or the Workbook.

Looking for more:

Check out Box 4-5-9 : https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/subscribe-to-box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso
Quarterly Report from G.S.O Available Now

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A.A. World Services Comprehensive Media Plan - Digital press kit

<https://www.aa.org/digital-press-kit>

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It is an honor to be the voice of Area 09 Mid Southern California Area 09 A.A. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In, Love and Service

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