



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



### HIGHLIGHTS From this Report

- Updates per committee following Nov Board Weekend.
- Preliminary List of Agenda items
- Important updates for 2025
- Opportunities to be of service
- Traditions and Concepts recap
- Announcements to bring to your homegroup or shared within the fellowship
- International Convention updates
- Social - Convention chair and co-chair

## December Delegate Report

MSCA – Mid- Southern California Area Service Committee Meeting  
Area 09 Delegate Report

### Personal:

Greetings to all. I want to commence with supreme gratitude to this area for allowing me to be their panel 74 delegate. As November reflects gratitude, it's a beautiful opportunity for me to pause and reflect on the gifts God has given me through my sobriety. In exchange for the bottle I have been given this amazing unpredictable life. I encourage you all to reflect on just how much there is to be thankful for. During the last two months areas across the U.S and Canada have been conducting elections. This past Thursday our region welcomed the Panel 75 delegates and said goodbye to our Panel 73 delegates. As a panel 74 my fellow servants are now up to bat. I will be attending board weekend in Jan with my fellow committee chairs. This week I am grateful to share my story every night, online and in San Francisco. While I wish I can be there in person I am grateful like the big book states, modem to modem or face to face the only difference is one of format. We had a general service conference meeting where we discussed many items. Two items were repeated as items of concern for the conference. One the PAIS full list will not be available as of today until Feb and the error the GSB made in regards to the Plain language Big book not adhering to the advisory action to not include Addiction. A memo was sent out advising of this error. Please note that the minutes following the GSB weekend were sent to me about a week ago and were 126 pages. So after reading I am able to create a presentation and report. Then it goes to translation. At our Dec ASC will be part one and in Jan Part 2. I will do my best to answer all questions, comments and concerns.

### Area

When there are updates, I send them to all the DCMCs, giving them the autonomy to share that information with their GSRS. My hope is since they are in direct contact with them monthly and all districts are so vastly different they will know how to disseminate information to them best. I encourage all DCMCs during this upcoming year to host Pre-conference workshops, educate their GSRS on how to get feedback and also understand the process. Please ensure to book your shareback for 2025 ahead of time and work together if its possible. I have invited Carlone W - to host our 2025 elections and will work with the board to finalize the details as we get closer. For many members who are active and paying attention to the agenda items, please pay attention as the final list and background will not be released until Feb 2025. As ALWAYS, once I have it so will you. This upcoming year we have conference inventory so feedback from your area will be imperative. Last year after a hideous day we did our own summaries. Since it was so engaging and successful I would like to invite those who volunteered back and those who are able to join us again. We will have a planning meeting in late January, please stay tuned. Sign up sheet is with Manya, or you can reach out to me directly. Please note anyone regardless or what position they hold can be of service ! There have been 5 meetings sent in since Nov, and I have fwded them to the appropriate districts.

### Pacific Region

Our hospitality suite will be located in the Fairmont hotel. I am submitting 10 names to speak at the international Convention. This will be the last opportunity for you to recommend anyone. Our region is also hosting a special forum following the international convention to be hosted in Jan or 2026. As a region we will put on another workshop and ask you all to submit topics for us to review. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, and this is often when we get updates from our trustee Reily on what is

going on within the GSB and GB. PRAASA is the first weekend of March in Alaska, and the hotel room is open. If you are planning on going please book your room.

### GSO Updates.

\*Conference Committee chairs met in November and will have an orientation on Dec.18 ahead of the board weekend. Following this meeting I will share any updates

\*\* I am on the La Vina Ad Hoc committee. We are working on the 5 year plan that was passed as an advisory action. As a committee we are awaiting the finances from David to better understand the impact, however at this time we reviewed and approved, possibly creating carry the message options for books to be sent to inmates. Customer service new rep being hired to help in spanish, better delivery services for Puerto Rico, all subscriptions sent to the old warehouse will be fwded to the new warehouse or the grapevine staff to be fulfilled, books are a major profit for the grapevine board so they are planning on creating two new books a year and raising subscription prices .25 cents a year. Since I serve on this committee, if there are any recommendations for La vina, issues problems or ways we can improve please do share this with me so I can properly serve you all.

\*Q3 Financial Report was distributed and available online. -

AAWS - For the 9 months that ended on Sept 30th, 2024 we had a total operating rev of \$14,591,894 which is 3% more than YTD budget. We have spent \$13,417,466 in operating funds, \$13,417,466 which is 3% less than the budget. Literature AR is \$673,202.00 The reserve fund is 6.41. Total 7th tradition contributions is \$8.1M , Gross literature is \$10.8M and net is \$5.9M. Reforecast budget is on page 5 of 25, there were increases in International by 14K ( World service meeting attendees increased), employee payment decreased due to vacant positions (149K) Travel and meeting increased by 69K due to A/V at regional forum and board inventory.

Grapevine/La Vina - Total income for Grapevine is \$1,485,000 and is 2% behind budget. Net loss is \$612,000) 10% behind budget and total circulation is 5% behind budget at 59,263

La vina - expenses and shortfall is at budget. Total circulation is 6,986. And income is \$230,000

\*\* grapevine app will be available internationally which will hopefully increase app subscriptions.

\*\* La Vina subscriptions are up 9.1% from last year. Year to date cost are also lower than last year. So far the board will be contributing \$133,000 less than last year.

\*\* The reserve fund totals are \$11.82M

- Updates per committee is featured below.

Coming up:

Delegate Sharebacks - [HERE](#)

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### 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 Sept 22nd, 2024 we have 3936 regular Active 1949open\_inactive -1181 Virtual 46 - inactive 1 open\_in\_new Pending Active 8 Unknown 503 Incomplete 20

I have sent an email to the district chairs with Pending Active and unknown status, as well as incomplete.

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#### 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

#### 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 ACMs

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#### General Service Board Report

1. Reports were made and details on these reports are located below.
2. The Board approved a recommendation from the trustees’ International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committee that a one-day online Special Forum for A.A. Members who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be held after the 2025 International Convention in December 2025 or the beginning of 2026.
3. The Board approved a recommendation from the trustees’ International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committee that Al-Anon be invited to participate in A.A. 's International Convention in 2030 in St. Louis, MO.
4. Upon registration, trustees and directors will receive complimentary assigned housing and invitations to participate and serve in workshops, panels, regional meetings, and booths during the International Convention. The International Convention Coordinator then added that expenses incurred for airfare, ground transportation, and other travel/meal expenses are eligible for reimbursement and that additional guests will not be automatically registered and must register for the Convention.
5. The chair provided highlights from the committee meeting which included their review of the committee composition, scope, and procedure; the mid-year budget reforecast; and all advisory actions and committee considerations and recommendations pertinent to the committee from the

74th General Service Conference. The chair then reported on the formation of six subcommittees and two working groups to manage the work of the committee and noted a recommendation to the trustees' Nominating committee for two new appointed committee members to complete the

6. The chair then reported on the committee's search for Class A trustees noting the deadline for submissions of August 31, 2024. The chair noted the formation of two subcommittees: one with a focus on Board censure and reorganization procedures chaired by general service trustee, David Steward; the other focused on trustee emeriti guidelines chaired by regional trustee, Joyce.
7. the formation of an analytics working group chair by appointed committee member, Kirk H.;
8. the formation of a Membership Survey working group chaired by regional trustee, Reilly K.
9. The chair also reported on the formation of a subcommittee on the 2024 Comprehensive Media Plan chaired by regional trustee Teresa J. with a scope to renew all suggested updates and develop a 2025 Comprehensive Media Plan for review by the full committee.
10. The chair, Scott H, reported that there was a thorough discussion regarding Correspondence received from the Fellowship related to the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous; and appeals to the decisions of the General Service Conference.

#### AAWS:

*The AAWS Board was assigned 20 PAIs for consideration for the 75th GSC. While the AAWS Board did not forward any of these to the GSC, some suggestions for things like existing items in additional formats were noted and will be forwarded to Publishing for consideration. The PAIs are listed below for your reference*

#### Trustees Committees Reports Following Nov Board Weekend - excerpts from the minutes

#### Archives:

1. GSO Archives Audiovisual Preservation Project: The committee reviewed the draft "Weeding Guidelines for Audiovisual materials" and accepted the guidelines as presented.
2. The guidelines were established to provide the Archives Department with guidance by which to measure decisions when deselecting audiovisual materials held within the collection.
3. The committee also reviewed a sample inventory of the unprocessed audiovisual material and expressed satisfaction with the work undertaken to date.
4. GSO Archives Classification System: The committee discussed a draft of the "GSO Archives Policy on Categorization of Archival Materials For Access and Use" and approved the policy as presented. This new policy replaces the current "Classification of Archival Materials" approved by the committee in 1990. GSO Archives Deaccession Form: The committee reviewed the draft revised "GSO Archives Deaccession Policy" and, following discussion, approved the draft revised policy with minor editorial changes. Permission requests:
5. The committee discussed a request from Altimeter Films to access audio and visual materials listed in the Archives Sound and Moving Image application form. Following a full discussion, the committee declined the request noting the proposed use of the materials in a documentary film is not in accordance with the GSO Archives "Sound and Moving Image Access Policies and Procedures." The committee is requesting further information and clarification from Approval of committee meeting report pending 72 of 126 Altimeter Films on how the film company intends to use the requested audiovisual materials in their documentary.
6. The following permission requests were discussed and approved by the committee:

- a. Request from Eric B. to access archival materials relating to the history of A.A. in Youngstown, Ohio, including materials about early Ohio A.A. members,
- b. Eddy R., Neil K., and Ann C. Request from Kevin R. to obtain a single copy of an audio recording, for limited use, of Bill W.'s 1954 Interview with Dorothy S.
- c. Request from Debbie H. to obtain a single copy of an audio recording, for limited use, of the following recordings from the 1955 A.A. International Convention: o A.A. and the Medical Profession o A.A. in Institutions o Spiritual Meeting "God as we Understood Him" o How We Learned to Serve Request from Phil S. to obtain a single copy of an audio recording, for limited use, of Bill W.'s talk in Des Moines, Iowa in 1948.

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

#### Part I – Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

1. CPC Exhibits: The committee reviewed the CPC Exhibit report and discussed the effectiveness of CPC Exhibits at national professional conferences. The committee requested that the staff secretary explore exhibiting at national professional events focused on first responders and other emergency management services.
2. The committee reviewed a progress report on the AAWS, Inc. LinkedIn page. The committee noted the current GSO strategy does not pursue active growth, but rather that the LinkedIn page grows passively, in line with our tradition of "attraction rather than promotion."
3. Pamphlet to the mental health professionals: The committee received an update from the Publishing Department on the development of the pamphlet to mental health professionals, "How A.A. Can Help Mental Health Professionals" (working title), noting that progress is being made on drafting an introduction and summarizing the interviews. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the February 2025 meeting.
4. Discuss neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics and how we inform professionals: The committee reviewed the September 2024 interim meeting report which included a request for the staff secretary to gather shared experience on how local committees inform professionals who treat neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics. The staff secretary updated the committee that they have received limited shared experience to date and will expand the request in an upcoming CPC Activity Report. The committee discussed expanding CPC outreach and requested that the staff secretary provide information on the feasibility of developing workshops for professionals that offer Continuing Education Units.
5. Review effectiveness of CPC videos on aa.org: The committee accepted the update that no action has been taken on this project due to competing priorities. The committee looks forward to a progress report at the February 2025 meeting.
6. Review CPC Committee Kit and Workbook: The committee received an update on the work completed to update the contents of the CPC Kit and Workbook, noting the new CPC Kit list will include a QR code which will allow trusted servants to scan and access any materials in the kit that are not provided physically.

7. Discuss PAIs: The committee noted that no Proposed Agenda Items were received and discussed concerns that the lack of any PAIs might reflect on the work being done by CPC Committees and suggested ways to inspire the Fellowship to engage the professional community.

#### Part II – Treatment Staff Report

1. Review the updates to flyer “Where Do I Go From Here?” (F-4): The committee approved the design with darker font and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.
2. Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook: The committee noted the recent use of QR codes in service kits and wanted to have further discussion on analytics reporting. The committee requested an update on how we track engagement with the service kit QR codes at the February 2025 meeting.

#### Part III – Accessibilities

1. Accessibilities Resources Flyer: The committee accepted the updated flyer of Accessibilities Resources published on aa.org.

#### Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee

1. AWS/GSB 2024 Preliminary Financial Report: Paul K presented the GSO unaudited financial results for September 30, 2024. For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, total operating revenue is \$14,591,894 which is 3% more than the year to date (YTD) budget of \$14,140,375. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$13,417,466, which is 3% less than the YTD budget of \$13,826,110. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$1,174,429 compared to a budgeted YTD surplus of \$314,265. Literature accounts receivable is \$673,202, of which 41.7% is current, 34.4% is less than 60 days past due, and 23.9% is more than 60 days past due. The reserve fund is at 6.41 months of 2024 reforecast operating expenses versus a target range of nine to 12 months
2. Accounts Receivable – Accounts receivable, including the receivable from Grapevine, decreased \$339K year-over-year due to more effective collection of literature receivables. Literature receivables more than 60 days past due decreased \$255K year-over-year.
- Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses –
3. Accounts payable and accrued expenses decreased \$1.380M year-over-year as increased contributions and the January 2024 Reserve Fund draw have enabled more timely payments to vendors.
4. Review 2024 Reserve Fund: As of September 30, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets totaled \$12.357M consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of \$540K, the Reserve Fund Balance was \$11.817M.
5. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and LaViña (total \$22.111M) the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.41 months of operating expenses The goal range is coverage of 9 to 12 months. Note that the calculation is influenced equally by the size of the Reserve Fund balance and the level of GSO, Grapevine and La Viña expenses.

Grapevine 2024 Financial Report including LaViña:

1. Grapevine: Grapevine subscriptions numbers continue to increase and are 10% above last year. However, GV is below the 2024 reforecast by 4.7% as of September 30, 2024. Total gross margin has increased \$455,498 (35%) year-over-year; however, it is below the reforecast by \$39,173. Year-to-date expenses are running very close to the reforecast, but are also higher than last year, as planned. Total expenses are over \$8,009 and the net loss is \$47,182 higher than the reforecast.
2. La Viña: La Viña's subscription numbers are also up 9.1% from last year but 8.3% below the reforecast. This flows through to revenue, which is also lower than the reforecast. Year-to date direct costs are lower than the previous year, as well. Content revenue for La Viña continues to perform well and contributes more to gross margin than subscription revenue. Gross margin for subscriptions is \$22,931; and \$60,703 for content related revenue. La Viña expenses are just \$363 over the reforecast and \$135K less than last year. Overall, La Viña's bottom line is less than 1% over the reforecast. The total contribution from the General Service Board is \$133,000 less than last year.
3. Grapevine and LaViña 2025 Preliminary Budget: David S. reported that work is underway on the budget, with a five-year plan for La Viña. *Additionally, a new five-year plan for Grapevine is in development, as current projections indicate the goals of the existing plan may not be met.*
4. The Self-Support Subcommittee received an unaddressed floor action from the 74th General Service Conference and recommended that it be forwarded to the 75th Conference Committee on Finance. The committee reviewed and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Finance the request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegate, in reports to their areas, place more emphasis on group support. Delegates should emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly to support services provided by the General Service Board.

#### **Trustees' General Service Conference Committee**

1. Subcommittee on Inventory: The committee discussed the estimated costs (up to \$35,000) to translate the estimated online survey responses (up to 7695 responses) to questions included in the Conference Inventory Plan. The committee agreed to communicate the decision to distribute survey responses in the language received, noting voting members have access to open-source translation software if needed. It was noted that a link to the survey with instructions will be distributed to voting members of the 2025 General Service Conference via OnBoard.

The committee noted the following next steps regarding implementation of the Conference Inventory Plan:

#### November - December 2024

The Conference Coordinator works with the Publishing department to develop a printing and shipping plan for comprehensive Inventory reports for consideration by the 2025 Conference Committee on Agenda.

- One or two members of the trustees' GSC committee and the Conference Coordinator



select Inventory Groups.

- One or two members of the trustees' GSC committee and the Conference Coordinator will assign four inventory questions to each workshop group, using a selection process that ensures all questions are assigned.

#### January - April 2025

- Distribute Inventory Group Assignments
  - Distribute survey question access to the 75th General Service Conference Members
  - Distribute survey question results to 75th General Service Conference Members
2. Improvements Subcommittee Progress Report: The committee discussed the following items highlighted by the subcommittee chairperson: Saturday Pre-Conference Activities. The committee discussed the suggestions for the ancillary schedule and associated costs to restore onsite Pre-Conference activities. The committee agreed to continue the 1728 meeting and the remote communities meeting (held by videoconference before the Conference Week). While the committee supports the prudent review of the Conference budget, the committee agreed that an informal meeting-and-greet opportunity could provide Conference members with unifying, welcoming, and cohesive experiences that help usher in the Conference Week.
  3. The committee reviewed the revised draft from the Improvements Subcommittee of the "How the Conference Operates" document, in response to the following 2024 Committee Consideration from the 2024 Conference Committee on Agenda: "The committee discussed opportunities to give more time to complete Conference business and felt that reinforcing the mechanics of the Conference agreed to by Conference Members would be useful." The committee noted that the General Manager and General Service Board Chair participated in the discussion in their role as co-chairs at the General Service Conference. The committee agreed with the idea of a policy to rely on decorum to address floor actions brought to the Conference floor and offered changes to the draft document. The committee requested that a reflection of the markup document and the clean copy version be reviewed to ensure consistency and requested that an updated draft be brought back to the February 2025 meeting.
  4. Adding Area Service Highlights to Conference Manual: The committee agreed to take no action on the Committee Consideration from the 2024 Conference Committee on Agenda to add the Area Service Highlights to the Conference Manual.

. PAIS recommended -

PAI 81: The committee reviewed a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the Co-Founders' writings and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter and include PAIs 15, 26, and 109 as additional background.

PAI 75 and 124: The committee reviewed a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV, Right of Participation, essay and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter and include

PAI 124 which proposes a similar request, as additional background information.

PAI 72: The committee reviewed a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

PAI 36: The committee reviewed a request to make changes to substantial unanimity when there are changes to the Founders' Writing and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions and include PAIs 93, and 96 as additional background.

PAI 20 and PAI 32: The committee reviewed the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue print highlights in the final report to allow for additional time on the agenda and agreed to forward PAIs 20 and 32 to the 2025 Conference Committee on Agenda.

#### 5. Communication of PAI Status and Conference Agenda:

Preliminary GSC Agenda: November 11-16 (Includes PAIs forwarded to GSC)

Final GSC Agenda: February 17-25 (Includes PAIs forwarded to GSC)

Conference Committee Background Distributed February 17-25

PAIs Not Forwarded to GSC: February 24-28

#### Trustees' International Committee

1. AAWS Licensing and Translation Report: The committee reviewed and accepted the AAWS Licensing and Translation Report and noted that A.A. Iran has initiated the process to translate the book Alcoholics Anonymous in Kurdish language to help carry the message of recovery to alcoholics of the Kurdish community living at the border with Iraq.
2. The committee looks forward to a report on the status of the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous into Kinyarwanda, a language spoken in Rwanda, which has been pending for some time.

#### Trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee

1. Subcommittee on Regional Forum Improvements: The committee will continue to look at creating ways to share information about Regional Forums on social media. In addition, the committee will continue to discuss the feasibility of having online components as a part of the Regional Forum program and will provide a progress report at the February 2025 meeting.
2. Evaluation Questionnaire Summary - 2024 Pacific and Eastern Canada Regional Forum: Suggestions to consider, especially regarding interpretation needs. We had a great turnout of Spanish and Francophone members attending the two Regional Forums. Based on attendee feedback we have fallen short of providing adequate interpretation services.
3. Appoint Subcommittee to Review Regional Forums Request for Information (RFI) forms:  
Reviewed two PAIS and took no action
4. 2025 IC Mobile App Project Update: • GSO project team is • Six vendors reviewed • Two vendors left to review • Our requirements show that the project cost is in the range of \$30K to \$40K. • Our current budget for this project is \$14K.
5. La Vigne booth will be provided at the 2025 International Convention.
6. PAI 10: The committee reviewed and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums, a request to consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention.

7. Audio Recordings at the 2025 International Convention: A firm was located to produce audio tapes of all International Convention sessions, including the A.A. portion of the Big Meetings.
8. Non-A.A. Panel Speaker Suggestions: twenty-one individuals will be invited to participate in the 2025 International Convention. Special Guests From Other Twelve Step Fellowships: The committee agreed that invitations will be extended to one Board representative from the following Fellowships: Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families (A.C.A) and Marijuana Anonymous (M.A.).
9. Special Guests 43rd Millionth Big Book Presentation: The committee recommended to the General Service Board that the 43rd millionth Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be presented to Dorchester Penitentiary federal prison in Dorchester, New Brunswick at the 2025 International Convention.
10. Review the Big Meetings formats for the 2025 International Convention: The committee reviewed and approved the formats for the Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning Big Meetings that will be held at BC Place.
11. Consider a Coffee Mug for 2025 International Convention:
12. Volunteer Welcome Committee (VWC) Update: The committee received a verbal report from the 2025 Volunteer Welcome Committee chair that included information about the sixmember Core Team attending more than 20 service and fellowship events with International Convention displays. The volunteer mailing list is currently 1,678. Over 50 people were interviewed to fill Subcommittee Chairs and Co-Chairs positions.

### **Trustees' Literature Committee**

1. "A.A. for the Native North American": The working group has completed story selections, written a new introduction, and will be reviewing a draft of the selected stories in November 2024
2. Fourth Edition, Alcohólicos Anónimos: The working group noted its progress in story selection and the review of updated translations. The working group is currently reviewing Chapter 8: "A las Esposas."
3. Fifth Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous: Interviews have taken place with several Class A trustees with comments and materials for updating and expanding upon the ideas of Appendices III and V. The subcommittee will meet in the next few weeks to determine whether delivering a draft manuscript to the 75th General Service Conference is a viable option.
4. "Do You Think You're Different?": The subcommittee reported on the pamphlet history and the current direction provided by the General Service Conference. The subcommittee recognized that sufficient content was received to proceed with a revision, although story submissions may not diversify the populations currently reflected within the pamphlet.
5. "Twelve Steps Illustrated": The committee reviewed a draft of the pamphlet with new illustrations. The committee agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature the draft of the pamphlet, "Twelve Steps Illustrated."
6. "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" The subcommittee is providing comments on content and organization.
7. Conference Committee on Report & Charter subcommittee: The committee reviewed a progress report on developing a plan to provide support for the Conference Committee on Report & Charter. The subcommittee proposed creating a new trustees' committee to support the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, on a three-year trial basis. The new trustees'

committee would be comprised of at least one member each from the General Service, AAWS and AA Grapevine Boards, plus one employee from GSO (preferably from Publishing), and a GSO staff member to serve as a non-voting secretary. The committee also reviewed a draft “Composition, Scope and Procedure” (CSP) for the proposed trustees’ committee, which could be used when/if the committee is ready to recommend the plan for the trustees’ committee to the General Service Board.

8. Service Manual Review subcommittee: The committee reviewed the progress report from the Service Manual Review subcommittee and looks forward to a recommendation for the design and format of the “Amendments” section at the February 2025 meeting. The committee also reviewed a draft memo for the Conference Committee on Report & Charter with future revision items.
9. Twelve Concepts Animated Video: The committee reviewed the completed draft of the Americanized English video submitted by the Publishing Department. There were several questions about the wording of the Americanized text and the trustees’ Literature Committee will schedule an interim meeting to review updated text when revisions are available.
10. ACM Status: The committee discussed the status of the current ACMs. After a short discussion, the committee agreed to forward a memorandum to Trustees’ Nominating Committee requesting the reappointment of Gerry R. for a fourth year and a memorandum to trustees’ Nominating Committee requesting the reappointment of Cesar F. for a third year.
11. The committee considered the following Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs): The following are agreed to be fwded
12. PAI#11: The committee considered the request “that the terms ‘Indian and Eskimo’ be removed from February 19th entry in AA Daily Reflections” and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.
13. PAI#23: The committee considered the request “that the General Service Conference include the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, thereby changing it to ‘Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts’” and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.
14. PAI#24: The committee considered the request “that the text of Appendix D, page 301, of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age ‘Text of The Lasker Award’ replace the existing abbreviated version of the same Lasker award located in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on page 571” and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.
15. PAI#63: The committee considered the request “That the text of Appendix D page 301 of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age ‘Text of The Lasker Award’ replace the existing abbreviated version of the same Lasker award located in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on page 571” and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.
16. PAI#65: The committee considered the request to “Update Appendix IV in the book Alcoholics Anonymous to include other awards and commendations received by A.A. since 1951” and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature.
17. All PAIs related to Living sober was grouped into one.

*There was about 20 or so more PAIs that were not fwded.*

### Trustees' Public Information Committee

1. Development of a GSO podcast: The committee reviewed the second and third quarter reports on the GSO Podcast. The committee received confirmation from the AA Grapevine/La Viña Publisher that announcements about GSO Podcast would be made on the AAGV. The committee accepted the reports on the GSO Podcast and looks forward to a progress report at the February 2025 meeting.
2. AAWS YouTube Channel report: Following a discussion of the YouTube channel, there was a verbal report noting that ASL (American Sign Language) videos of the first ten chapters of the Big Book have been uploaded to the AAWS YouTube.
3. Google Ads report: The committee reviewed the second and third quarter reports on Google Ads. The committee noted that little has changed with the Google Ads program since the July 2024 meeting.
4. AAWS Meeting Guide App report: Josh who was the original creator has been hired on to assist with changes to the app following the 74th GSC. Which requested many items to be updated.
5. The committee agreed to forward a suggestion to the 2025 Conference Committee on Public Information that a new video PSA be developed.
6. Progress Report on Distribution and Tracking of PSAs: The committee reviewed the report from external vendor Connect360 detailing the distribution of PSAs. It was reported that in October English-language PSAs aired on 42 stations in the U.S. for a value of \$999,404 in donated media. During that same time, Spanish-language PSAs aired on twelve unique stations in the U.S. for a value of \$73,636 in donated media. Canadian distribution of the same PSAs during this time was paused, pending the assignment of Canadian telecaster numbers and the inclusion of that data in the digital broadcast files.
7. Young People's Video Project: The staff secretary reported that work on five new young people videos is ongoing. The staff secretary also reported that fifteen new "user-generated" young people videos have been submitted by members of the Fellowship and that it might be useful to develop a new process for evaluating them. The committee asked the staff secretary to draft suggestions for such a process. The committee accepted the report on the Young People video project and looks forward to a progress report at the February 2025 meeting.
8. All items were tabled- Survey of Area Delegates regarding communications with Young People: The committee tabled discussion of updating service material with sharing from the Fellowship on the topic of "Anonymity and Social Media" to the February 2025 meeting. Review of Public Information Pamphlets and Service Material:  
\*\*\*New Business: The committee discussed the role of Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) and confirmed that the committee will be requesting two ACMS to be appointed in 2025. Memoranda requesting those ACMS have been drafted and will be submitted to the trustees' Nominating Committee this week.

### Trustees Nominating Committee

Subcommittees:

The "Addressing Grievances about Board Actions" subcommittee examined historical censure and

reorganization motions, explored paths for the Fellowship to express concerns about Board actions, and considered possible outcomes. The subcommittee's goal is to provide a full report at the January 2025 meeting.

The "Trustee Emeriti Guidelines" subcommittee reviewed the history of General Service Board emeriti and guidelines drafted by past subcommittees, with the goal to complete its work by the January 2025 meeting.

Discuss Proposed Agenda Items for 75th General Service Conference - 5 PAIs were discussed and no action was taken.

Items for Translation - 75th General Service Conference: The committee discussed possible unprecedented translation of resumes for election of Trustee-at-Large/U.S. and two regional trustees at the 75th General Service Conference.

The committee reviewed two memos from the trustees' Literature Committee requesting an ACM to develop the Asian and Asian-American alcoholic in A.A. pamphlet and an ACM to develop the Transgender alcoholic pamphlet, respectively.

**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.** Continuing with the Class A selection process, the committee will invite three candidates to the February General Service Board weekend for interviews

#### Recommendations

1. The committee recommended to the General Service Board that the Board elect the 2025 Officers of the General Service Board using the Third Legacy Procedure.
2. The committee recommended two names to serve as NTD,

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 prematurely approved this book and a memo was sent out following the error made by the board.

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#### Upcoming Events Throughout the U.S and Canada - 2025

1. Hispanic H&I Convention on Dec 14th
2. General service Board weekend
3. Lake Forest AA meeting
4. PRAASA March 6th, 7th, and 8th in Anchorage Alaska
5. Inland Empire Convention April 12th
6. Pre-Conference Area 9 April 13th
7. General Service Conference April 27th - May 3rd
8. Delegate Shareback to Area 9 May 18th

9. So-Cal Convention Sept 12-14th

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**Announcements to make at your home group.**

- Registration is open 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 is available online and for order.
- Plain Language big book a tool for accessing Alcoholics anonymous is now available for \$11.00
- 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.
3. Submit your name to speak at the international convention
4. Sign up to help with summaries for 2025
- 5.

**Looking for more:**

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Quarterly Report from G.S.O Available Now

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I am available to attend Meetings, Groups, Districts, and Committee meetings.

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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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