III. Corrections

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2026 Conference Committee on Corrections

ITEM A: Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Background Notes:

Workbooks for Archives, CPC, Corrections, Public Information, and Treatment and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference committees during each General Service Conference.

Between Conferences, ideas for changes to a workbook may be received. These may be reviewed by the appropriate trustees' committee and/or respective Staff assignment and implemented as directed.

Alternatively, the trustees' committee may choose to forward an idea to the Conference committee for review. Members of the Conference committee then have an opportunity to review proposed changes to a workbook during the next General Service Conference.

Note: Workbooks are service material, and suggested changes to content do not require recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Committee Considerations. The Corrections Workbook (Item M-45i) is available on GSO's A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Background:

1. The Corrections Workbook and Kit Content Lists available to view at the links below:

   Workbook:

   - ENG
   - FR
   - SP

   Kit Content Lists:

   - ENG
   - FR
   - SP

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ITEM B: Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic.

Background notes:

Excerpt from the February 1, 2026, trustees' Nominating Committee meeting report:

> The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic and **agreed to forward** the report to the 2026 Conference Committee on Corrections.

Advisory Action of the 74th General Service Conference:

> That a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed. The committee requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Corrections.

Background:

1. Progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic.

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Trustees' Committee on Corrections
Working Group for the Pamphlet on the Transgender Alcoholic in A.A.
Progress Report, February 2026

This effort is in response to the 2024 General Service Conference Advisory Action that "a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed."

The working group, chaired by Manisha G., was formed in October 2025. The group currently consists of six A.A. members representing a broad spectrum of geographic, linguistic and age perspectives within the Fellowship. We are currently exploring the addition of two members, including a Black transgender member, to ensure our representation is as diverse as possible.

Since the October 2025 trustees' Literature Committee meeting, the working group has met via Zoom on three occasions: November 13, 2025; December 11, 2025; and January 8, 2026. These initial meetings have been dedicated to establishing a foundation of unity and transparency. To ground our work in established A.A. service experience, we heard presentations from a former member and the former chair of the "Black in A.A." pamphlet working group. Learning from their process has been invaluable in helping us navigate group conscience and the sacred task of soliciting personal stories of recovery from our community.

Story submission status and evaluation

As of January 8, 2026, we have received 11 story submissions, including one in French. The group is using a collaborative digital whiteboard to define selection criteria for the stories we hope to include. While we seek a diverse range of voices, including non-binary, Two-Spirit and gender non-conforming members, our primary focus remains on the spiritual core of recovery. We have identified several key themes — which we expect to refine further in the next two meetings — that we hope to see reflected in the submissions:

1. *The Spiritual Journey*: Finding a "moment of grace" and developing a relationship with a Higher Power from various religious and secular backgrounds.
2. *The Newcomer Experience*: Navigating the specific barriers to recovery faced by the transgender community while finding a sense of belonging and safety in the rooms.
3. *Identity & Sobriety*: The experiences of transitioning, gender presentation, and coming out in sobriety, as well as the vital role of sponsorship and special interest meetings.
4. *Intersectionality*: Ensuring the pamphlet speaks to a broad membership, including diverse gender identities and varied ethnic, socio-economic and geographic backgrounds.

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5. *Appeal to Reader*: Evaluating if the narrative is emotionally resonant, carries a clear message of hope and remains timeless for future members.

Outreach and writing workshops

The working group recognizes that we must go beyond the general service structure to reach the still-suffering transgender alcoholic. We have implemented a centralized tracker to coordinate an outreach strategy across the U.S. and Canada. Since our formation, we have successfully distributed flyers and shared information at various roundups and area events.

Our working group has helped create a unified presentation to facilitate personal story writing workshops for our pamphlet as well as the pamphlet for the Asian and Asian-American alcoholic. To date, workshops have been facilitated at:

1. *Regional Forums*: Southwest and Northeast.
2. *Area & Local Events*: Northern Florida Area Assembly, three local district/fellowship events in Northern California, and a virtual workshop.

Areas 5 and 6 have kindly developed a calendar to track these sessions, and we are collaborating closely with our sister pamphlet working group on facilitation and outreach.

Feedback from early workshop participants has highlighted additional themes for our criteria, such as cross-addiction and safety. Some participants were somewhat perplexed by our copyright transfer legalese, and we hope to clarify that in future workshops and flyers. However, workshop attendance by the trans community remains sparse and we have a lot of work ahead of us for outreach.

Looking ahead

Our schedule of planned workshops includes PRAASA, NERAASA, WACYPAA, ACYPAA, Area 30, Area 6, and local fellowships in Wisconsin, along with three virtual workshops. Members continue to explore opportunities in local areas, districts and LGBTQ forums. A Spanish virtual workshop is in development and we are seeking facilitators for a session in French. Additionally, we are discussing linguistic accessibility with GSO, including translated presentation decks and pre-recorded sessions translated by AI. We have agreed to utilize Zoom's AI functionality for captions in Spanish and French for our upcoming virtual workshops.

Conclusion

As we head toward our March 31, 2026, submission deadline, our focus will shift to intensive workshop facilitation and the finalization of our story vetting process. We are moved by the depth of sharing we have encountered thus far and are committed to

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bringing a pamphlet to the Fellowship that carries a powerful message of hope and inclusion.

The working group expresses its gratitude to the trustees' Literature Committee for this opportunity to serve.

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2026 Conference Committee on Corrections

ITEM C: Consider a request to update the pamphlet "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs."

Background note:

Excerpts from the trustees' Literature Committee November 2, 2025, meeting report:

> The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item (PAI-50), "General review supporting modifications to the story section of the P-11 'The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs' pamphlet" and **agreed to forward** to the 76th General Service Conference.
>
> The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item (PAI-56), "It is recommended that the pamphlet 'The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs' (P-11) be revised and expanded" and **agreed to forward** to the 76th General Service Conference.

Background:

1. PAI-50
2. PAI-56
3. "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11)

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General Service Conference (GSC) Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form

Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is September 15.

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference "action" or "decision"?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warranty Six reminds us "that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government…" T*he A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* (page VI).

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service states on page 42 that:

The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way possible. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:
- Individual A.A. members
- Groups
- Delegates
- Trustees
- Area assemblies
- Area committee members
- Directors and staff members of AAWS and the Grapevine

GSRs may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members. Experience suggests that they may want to discuss them first with their groups, then at district or area meetings. A district or an area can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document "FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items."

Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the conference coordinator's desk?

A. The conference coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an

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explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:

1. Forwarding to a trustees' committee via a GSO Staff member or Department Head. 2. Forwarding to GSO's Publishing Director or Group Services Staff person.
3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Forwarding to chair of the General Service Board.
5. Forwarding to the AA Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.

Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?

A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees'

Committee on the Conference for direction.

If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action, the topic could be programmed during the Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, GSO and Grapevine review process. There is no "one size fits all" procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

(1) **Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**
General review supporting modifications to the story section of the P-11 "The A.A. Member- Medications & Other Drugs" pamphlet. The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs
(2) **What problem does this proposed item address?**
This agenda item proposal addresses the problem of outdated and unrelatable stories consistent with the majority of medication literature that is updated frequently. In 2011, three new stories were added as a result of an ongoing Advisory Action from the 57th General Service Conference in 2007. This pamphlet received a new cover in 2018.

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(3) **What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).**

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

This proposal is respectfully submitted, after careful consideration, by District 32, Area 10. This proposal has been revised since the Area 10 Summer Assembly discussion with attention to Tradition Three and Ten.

(4) **Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**

Tradition Three

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Tradition Ten

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

"No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues–particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever."

AA Comes of Age: *additional pages included

III, Four O'clock Sunday Afternoon (Page 232, 1st paragraph)

IV, Medicine Looks At Alcoholics Anonymous (Page 236 2 paragraph- 1st paragraph page 237)

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(5) **What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

The targeted outcome, if approved, is to address the need for relatable stories that demonstrate current language and terminology that are consistent with today's modalities while still honoring our primary purpose.

(6) **Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

Gidget H.
District 32, Area 10

(7) **Final comments:**

"It has to do with our relations to the men of medicine. A.A. can be likened to a temple supported by three pillars: one is religion, another is medicine, and the third is our own experience as people who have suffered from alcoholism. Medicine in its broad aspects includes the science of the mind and its effect upon the body, as well as the effect of a physical malady upon the mind."-Bill W

"So let us modestly fill our role; let us make our link, the once-missing one, strong."- Bill W

Cooperation with the professional community has been an objective of Alcoholics Anonymous since its beginnings.

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AA Comes of Age

III, Four O'clock Sunday Afternoon,

(Page 232, 1st paragraph)

"Then, too, it would be a product of false pride to believe that Alcoholics Anonymous is a cure-all, even for alcoholism. Here we must remember our debt to the men of medicine. Here we must be friendly and, above all, open-minded toward every new development in the medical or psychiatric art that promises to be helpful to sick people. We should always be friendly to those in the fields of alcoholic research, rehabilitation, and education. We should endorse none especially but hold ourselves in readiness to co-operate so far as we can with them all. Let us constantly remind ourselves that the experts in religion are the clergymen; that the practice of medicine is for physicians; and that we, the recovered alcoholics, are their Assistants." - Bill W

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IV, Medicine Looks At Alcoholics Anonymous,

(Page 236 2 paragraph- 1st paragraph page 237)

BILL: I know you all sense that this is a very significant meeting on a very significant occasion, because it has to do with our relations to the men of medicine. A.A. can be likened to a temple supported by three pillars: one is religion, another is medicine, and the third is our own experience as people who have suffered from alcoholism. Medicine in its broad aspects includes the science of the mind and its effect upon the body, as well as the effect of a physical malady upon the mind. In our two distinguished guests, Dr. Bauer and Dr. Tiebout, we have here people truly expert in each of these departments.

It would be a sorry day for A.A. if we ever came to think that we had a monopoly on fixing drunks. I think we ought to encourage every research in this area, whether it concerns the mind or the body. As individuals we often ought to associate ourselves with such enterprises.
As excuse-makers and rationalizers, we drunks are champions. It is the business of the psychiatrist to get behind our excuses and to find the deeper causes for our conduct. Though uninstructed in psychiatry, we can, after a little time in A.A., see that our motives have not been what we thought they were and that we have been motivated by forces unknown to us. Therefore we ought to look, with the deepest respect, interest, and profit upon the findings of psychiatry, remembering that up to now the psychiatrists have been far more tolerant of us than we have been of them. So we thank them for the steadfast friendship and support which they have given us in nearly every quarter of the profession. When it comes to the general practitioner or specialist in the chemistry of the body, his findings too ought to be made use of by us as

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individuals. Of course as a movement we should never presume to intrude on the province of medicine. The practice of medicine is for doctors; the teaching of formal religion is for clergymen. So let us modestly fill our role; let us make our link, the once-missing one, strong. And let's thank God for folks like Dr. Bauer and Dr. Tiebout

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(1) **Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**
It is recommended that the pamphlet "The A.A. Member - Medications & Other Drugs" (Item P-11) be revised and expanded.
(2) **What problem does this proposed item address?**
Parts of the material in the pamphlet are out-of-date and redundant. The pamphlet currently addresses primarily issues related to treatment of concurrent mental health problems, and cross-addiction. It does not address use/abuse of pain medications in acute or chronic pain situations, nor use of legal marijuana and other OTC addictive medications. The text and member stories could be expanded to include additional more current topics and more up-to-date information.
(3) **What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).**
Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.
The item was thoroughly discussed in Area 21, and it was given approval and endorsement by a unanimous vote in the September Assembly.
(4) **Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**
"The content of this pamphlet was last update in 1984 and member's stories added in 2007. The areas of prescription, illegal and OTC medications has greatly expanded in the time since these updates. See attached sheet with the background material."
(5) **What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

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That the pamphlet can be rewritten to be more useful for A.A. members in dealing with topics related to other drugs of abuse, correct use of prescription drugs, dangers of some OTC drugs, taking pain medications while in sobriety, cross addiction, etc.

(6) **Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

Jodi B., Area 21 Delegate, Panel 75. Tom H., Area 21 Chair

(7) **Final comments:**

The topic of how A.A. members handle interactions with other drugs and medications has been of importance to the fellowship since before the first GSC when the existing pamphlet on "Sedatives" was getting revised. This continues to be a complicated topic, which is related to possible relapse and confusion. Updating this pamphlet would be helpful in dealing with this ever-changing area of concern for members.

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