VII. Policy & Admissions Committee - EN

General Service Conference - Conférence des Services généraux - Conferencia de Servicios Generales

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM A: Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.

Background notes:

From the November 2, 2025, trustees' General Service Conference Committee report:

The committee discussed the general manager's report on Conference Site Selection and recommended to the General Service Board that the general manager proceed with contracting with the hotel for the General Service Conference in 2029.

2025 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

In keeping with a request from the 74th General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions, the committee noted the February 11, 2025, memo update from the general manager to all Conference members on site selection and dates. The 77th and 78th General Service Conferences will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis hotel in New York City. The 77th General Service Conference will take place April 11-17, 2027. The 78th General Service Conference will take place April 23-29, 2028.

2024 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

The committee reviewed the GSO general manager's memo regarding General Service Conference site selection. The committee asked that the general manager provide a progress report regarding site selection for the 77th and 78th General Service Conferences as soon as they are finalized.

2023 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

The committee reviewed the GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection. The committee appreciated the detailed analysis of the costs and logistics of holding the Conference at sample facilities in four of the eight regions. The committee is not requesting a site selection report from the general manager in 2024, recognizing that contracts have been executed with hotels in the New York area for 2024, 2025 and 2026, and that site selection for the 2027 General Service Conference could be impacted by the results of the Location Plus Committee and possible relocation of the

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General Service Office. The committee is requesting that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee conduct a survey of current General Service Conference members regarding the spiritual implications of holding the Conference outside the New York area. An additional option to explore in the survey could be alternating between holding the Conference in the New York area and the Akron/Cleveland area. The committee looks forward to reviewing the survey results or a progress report at the 74th General Service Conference.

Current Conference Charter excerpt:

> 9. The General Service Conference Meetings: The Conference will meet yearly in the City of New York, unless otherwise agreed upon. Special meetings may be called should there be a grave emergency. The Conference may also render advisory opinions at any time by a mail or telephone poll in aid of the General Service Board or its related services.

Background:

1. General manager's report on General Service Conference site selection

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MEMORANDUM

To: Conference Committee on Policy/Admission, All members of the 75th General Service Conference

From: Bob W., General Manager

Date: December 17, 2025

Re: Site Selection and Dates for the 79th General Service Conference

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As requested by the 75th General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admission, I am notifying the committee and all Conference members that the site selection and dates for the 79th General Service Conference are finalized.

It is with great enthusiasm that I'd like to inform you that the 79th General Service Conference will take place April 15-21, 2029, at the New York Marriot Marquis hotel located in the heart of Times Square in New York City.

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM B: Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.

Background notes:

2025 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

The committee reviewed the dates for the 2029 General Service Conference. In order to provide additional flexibility to the General Service Office management in contracting the most cost-effective and appropriate venues for the General Service Conference, the committee agreed to select these proposed dates for the 79th General Service Conference, as follows (in order of preference): April 29 – May 5, 2029; April 15–21, 2029 and May 6–12, 2029. The committee noted that these proposed Conference dates are the best choices available for avoiding conflicts with significant holidays. The committee asked that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 79th General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized by GSO management.

2024 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

The committee reviewed the dates for the 2028 General Service Conference. In order to provide additional flexibility to the General Service Office management in contracting the most cost-effective and appropriate venues for the General Service Conference, the committee agreed to select these proposed dates for the 78th General Service Conference, as follows (in order of preference): April 23–29, 2028; May 7–13, 2028 and April 2–8, 2028. The committee noted that these proposed Conference dates are the best choices available for avoiding conflicts with significant holidays. The committee asked that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 77th and 78th General Service Conferences as soon as they are finalized by GSO management.

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2020 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

The review of Conference dates be changed to consider dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.

2018 Committee Consideration of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

Starting at the 2018 General Service Conference, the proposed dates of future General Service Conferences be considered as an Additional Committee Consideration rather than requiring an Advisory Action.

Background:

1. List of past GSC dates
2. 2030 calendar with holidays and observances

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List of Conference Dates from 1993 to 2025

April 18 – 24, 1993

April 17 – 23, 1994

April 30 – May 6, 1995

April 21 – 27, 1996

April 13 – 19, 1997

April 19 – 25, 1998

April 18 – 24, 1999

April 30 – May 6, 2000

April 22 – 28, 2001

April 21 – 27, 2002

April 27 – May 3, 2003

April 18 – 24, 2004

April 17 – 23, 2005

April 23 – 29, 2006

April 22 – 28, 2007

April 27 – May 3, 2008

April 26 – May 2, 2009

April 18 – 24, 2010

May 1 – 7, 2011

April 22 – 28, 2012

April 21 – 27, 2013

April 27 – May 3, 2014

April 19 – 25, 2015

April 17 – 23, 2016

April 23 – 29, 2017

April 22 – 28, 2018

May 19 – 25, 2019

May 16 – 19, 2020

April 18 – 24, 2021

April 24 – 30, 2022

April 23 – 29, 2023

April 14 – 20, 2024

April 27 – May 3, 2025

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2030 Holidays and Observances — March through May

March 17	St. Patrick's Day
April 13–14	Eid al-Adha
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 17	Pesach First Night Sedar
April 19	Good Friday
April 19	Pesach Second Night Sedar
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 25	Last Day Pesach
April 29–30	Yom HaShoah
May 12	Mother's Day
May 27	Memorial Day

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM C: Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)

Background notes: Review Policy/Admissions considerations from the 2024 Conference *Final Report* and the 2025 Conference *Final Report*.

Background:

1. TGSCC EDW Report 2026
2. 2024 Conference *Final Report*
   https://www.aa.org/2024-general-service-conference-final-report
3. 2025 Conference *Final Report*
   https://www.aa.org/2025-general-service-conference-final-report

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Trustees' General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC)
Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Work (EDW)

Progress Report

January 16, 2026

Teresa J. (chair); Ken T., Matt K., and Rainer L. (secretary)

Scope: The EDW Subcommittee will develop an EDW plan for the 2026 General Service Conference (GSC). The committee will review several suggestions from the 2025 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

Annual report: The EDW Subcommittee met four times between September 2025 and January 2026 by videoconference.

The subcommittee recommended to the trustees' GSC Committee:

1. That the topic of discontinuing standing agenda items where Conference committees review their kits/workbooks during the annual General Service Conference week be forwarded to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions for discussion.

2. That the topic of nonspecific Conference committees be forwarded to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to begin an initial discussion.

3. That the topic of adding a Conference Committee on Digital Communications be forwarded to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to begin an initial discussion.

4. That delegate chairpersons be invited to attend the October board weekend instead of the January board weekend, no sooner than October 2026. The intention is to include delegate chairpersons when PAIs are discussed at the board weekend, as preceded the EDW trial.

5. That an EDW Process Summary be included with the list of final GSC agenda items to clarify frequent questions about EDW and why agenda items are sometimes moved from one Conference committee to another.

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Discussion highlights:

- Reviewed the history and purpose of the three-year pilot to better understand the evolution of the EDW process that is being used, and to help provide some clear proposals to improve committee workload.

- Discussed the review of service materials that are standing items on most Conference committee agendas. Three EDW subcommittee-defined categories of service materials to support a discussion: Kits/Workbooks, other service materials (guidelines, Seventh Tradition cards, etc.), and the AAWS Literature Policy. The Kits/Workbooks Advisory Action history revealed that reviewing them annually was a practice rather than a policy.

- Discussed other impacts to workload including the "year-round-Conference" process and what that means to Conference members. The year-round cycle creates variabilities for the roles and responsibilities which arise in different quarters; there is common confusion at multiple levels regarding service roles and responsibilities. Clear definition and communication of role, responsibility, and priority may simplify workload. This could be a potential discussion topic at a Conference.

- Began to discuss standout topics, including ways to have a comprehensive shift in CSPs and procedures on Conference committees, trustees' committees, and related Staff assignments. This led to a broad discussion about reimaging nonspecific committees that would receive an even distribution of agenda items. Some examples in other service structures exist but agreed that careful analysis of our service structure processes would be needed, including the impact on corresponding trustees' committees.

- The subcommittee discussed the value and challenges involved in redistributing standing and ongoing items. Redistribution of standing and ongoing items would benefit Conference workload while presenting complications to secretarial support and the continuity of care and reporting from board committees.
    - Example 1: The review of GV analytics reports moved from Conference Committee on PI to Conference Committee on Grapevine/La Viña. CCGV/LV asked for this to be a permanent move. This rebalances a portion of Conference committee workload without addressing the oversight, attention, and continuity provided by the trustees' PI Committee.
    - Example 2: Redistributing ongoing literature projects would benefit the rebalancing of Conference committee agendas, but complicate efforts to provide adequate report through annual Joint Committee Meetings, trustee' Committee reports, and quarterly calls between committee chairs.

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- Discussion on inviting delegate chairpersons to attend the October GSB weekend instead of January. The committee noted that this topic has been discussed by the GSB in the past without reaching a group conscience decision.

Redistribution of new agenda items: The subcommittee discussed its charge to balance new workload elements, noting a benefit in avoiding double-headed review by maintaining topic consistency in routing directions.

The subcommittee discussed the high number of standing items addressed by the Conference Committee on Public Information. The subcommittee recognized possible solutions, including the redistribution of reporting to other Conference committees or routing of reporting to the Conference Manual. The subcommittee felt that further guidance was needed relative to its scope and through the guidance of the trustees' General Service Conference Committee or the General Service Conference itself.

- Two new items were moved from the Conference Committee on Literature to the Conference Committee on Corrections.
- One item was moved from the Conference Committee on Literature to the Conference Committee on Finance.
- One item was moved from the Conference Committee on Literature to the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.
- Two new items were moved from the Conference Committee on Literature to the Conference Committee on Trustees.
- One new item was moved from the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to the Conference Committee on Finance.
- One new item was moved from the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to the Conference Committee on Archives.

A visual presentation of the reassigned workload has been included below.

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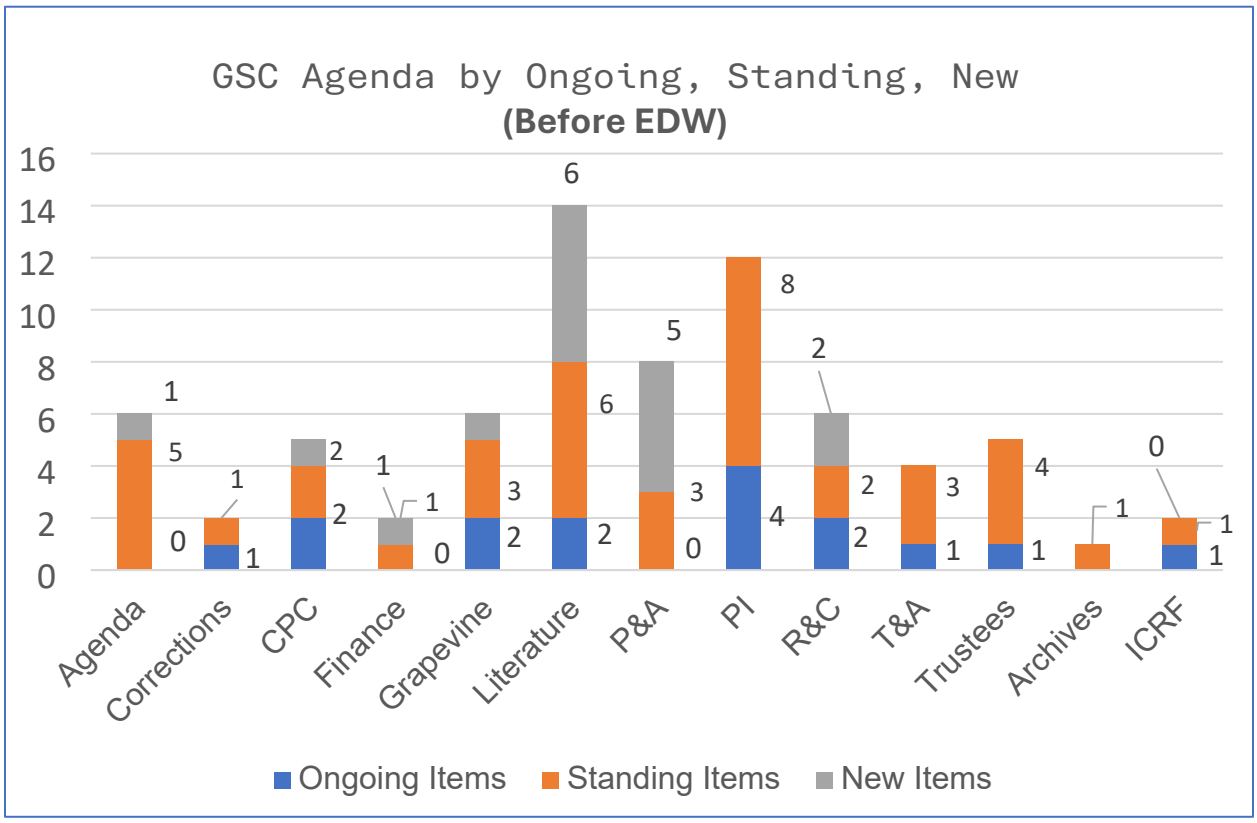

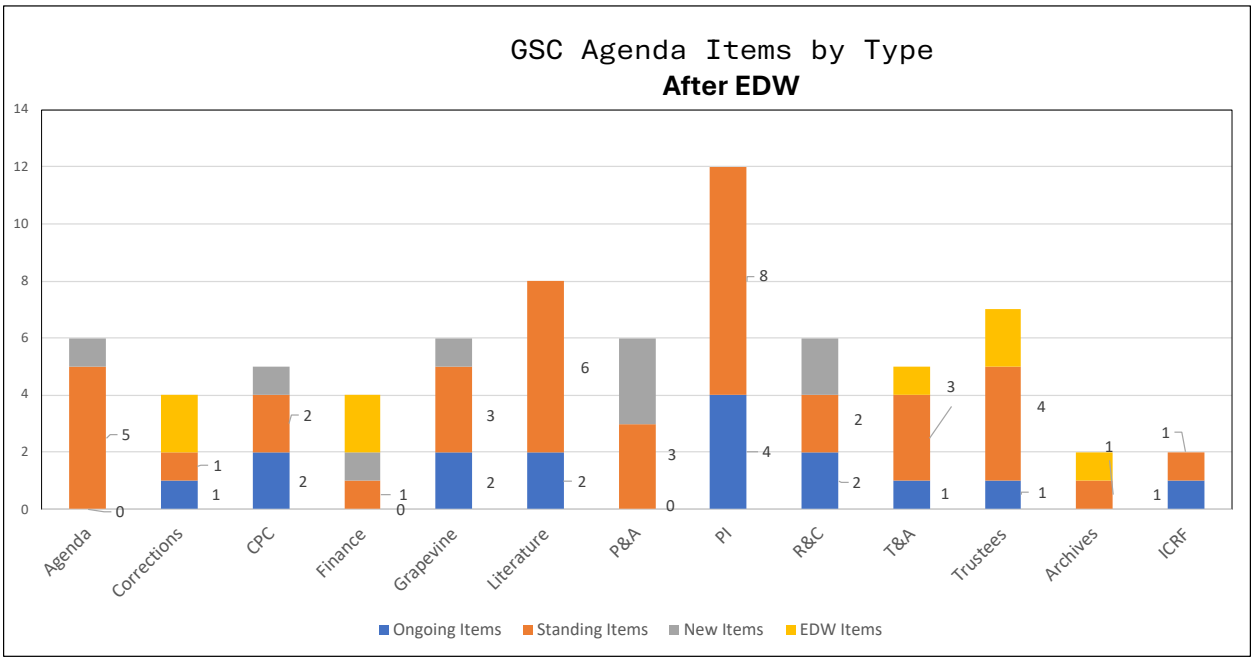

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM C.1: Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.

Background notes:

From the November 2, 2025, trustees' General Service Conference Committee report:

The committee discussed the subcommittee recommendation that the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions discuss discontinuing standing agenda items where Conference committees review their kits/workbooks during the General Service Conference and agreed to forward to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions. The committee acknowledged the value in communicating that suggestions for updates to the kits and workbooks can be presented to GSO Staff at any point during the year.

Note: Workbooks (and applicable service kits) for Archives, CPC, Corrections, Literature, 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 GSO Staff assignment and implemented as directed.

The trustees' committee may also 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 and kits are service pieces. Any suggested changes to their content from the Conference committee are put forth as Committee Considerations rather than recommendations.

Background:

1. Conference Committees' scopes with corresponding kit and workbooks.
2. Service Committee Kits and Workbooks on GSO website. https://www.aa.org/service-committees

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Conference committees' scopes with corresponding kits and workbooks

ARCHIVES

The function of this committee is to:

1. Discuss the report of the trustees' Archives Committee.
2. Make recommendations on archival policies.

COOPERTATION WITH THE PROFESIONAL COMMUNITY

The committee has the responsibility of suggesting to the Conference policies and activities that may help:

1. Further A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic through sharing information about the A.A. program with those professional groups and individuals who have contact with alcoholics.

2. Further mutual understanding and cooperation between the Fellowship and those concerned about the problem of alcoholism and seeking help for alcoholics.

3. Increase the awareness amongst members and outside groups and organizations on ways of cooperating with everyone while affiliating with no one, in adherence to A.A. Traditions.

CORRECTIONS

The purpose of the committee is to encourage A.A. members to assume the responsibility of carrying the message to alcoholics who cannot, of their own free will, seek A.A. help.

The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups in correctional facilities and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements.

LITERATURE

- Review new recovery literature and audiovisual needs.
- Review existing recovery pamphlets.
- Review new recovery pamphlet drafts as they are prepared.
- Recommend specific action to the board's Literature Committee.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

The function of this committee was enlarged by the 1966 Conference to include all "Public Information" activities rather than just A.A.'s relations with other alcoholism agencies, as it had been the case since its formation in April 1959. Since 1971, these responsibilities are covered by the Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. The responsibilities of the PI Committee are to:

1. Create greater understanding of the Fellowship of A.A. by carrying the message through:
    a. public media
    b. electronic media
    c. public information meetings
    d. speaking to community groups

2. Prevent misunderstanding of the A.A. program.

3. Serve as an advisory board to help the trustees' Public Information Committee implement approved policies.

TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

The purpose of a Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in a wide variety of treatment settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the treatment setting to the A.A. Fellowship. In addition, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups serving those who experience barriers to accessing the A.A. message and participating in A.A.'s Three Legacies — Recovery, Unity, and Service. Finally, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups striving to ensure that A.A. members who live in underserved or remote communities — communities difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture — have access to the A.A. message.

The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups/meetings in non-correctional in-patient and out-patient treatment settings, as well as to A.A.s who experience access barriers, and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements.

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM C.2: Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference committee.

Background notes:

From the November 2, 2025, trustees' General Service Conference Committee report:

The committee discussed the subcommittee recommendation to forward the topic of nonspecific Conference Committees to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to begin an initial discussion and agreed to forward to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions. The committee considered this recommendation to consist of Conference committee agendas consisting of a similar number of items for review arranged for balanced workload and not specifically arranged by topic.

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2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

ITEM C.3: Discuss creating a Conference Committee on Digital Communications.

Background notes:

From the November 2, 2025, trustees' General Service Conference Committee report:

The committee discussed the subcommittee recommendation to forward the topic of adding a Conference Committee on Technology to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions to begin an initial discussion. The committee amended the wording of the recommendation to read "a Conference Committee on Digital Communications" to better reflect the responsibilities and oversight roles performed within the General Service Office and AAWS Board. The committee agreed to forward the topic to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

Background:

1. Conference Committee Comp, Scope and Procedures.
2. AAWS Services and Technology Committee Comp, Scope and Procedures.

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Conference Committees' CSP

Conference Committee on Agenda

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting Staff secretary.

Each December, near the time of the A.A. World Services (AAWS) Board meeting, the chairperson of the trustees' Committee on the Conference, or another trustee, and Staff secretary select the new panel members by lot, geographically.

The members of the committee will include not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel who continue to serve on this committee for their second year, and, not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

During the final committee meeting at the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference, the new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot from among the first-year panel members, and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The agenda and admissions functions of the committee were separated by action of the 24th General Service Conference. The current functions of the Agenda Committee are to consider:

1. Various proposed themes for the next annual meeting of the General Service Conference, and to present one to the Conference for approval.

2. Ideas submitted for presentation/discussion topics during the next annual meeting of the General Service Conference, and to present several topics to the Conference for approval.

3. The Conference agenda and, where appropriate, to make suggestions for improvement to the trustees' Committee on the Conference.

4. The Conference Evaluation Questionnaire, and summary of responses on the previous year's Conference, and to make suggestions for improvement to the trustees' Committee on the Conference.

Procedure

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

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2. To meet jointly with the trustees' Conference Committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

3. To make recommendations reached in committee by majority vote to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the annual meeting of the General Service Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. To maintain correspondence with the committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and one non-voting secretary. Members of this committee will serve as a secondary committee assignment and not a primary committee assignment.

The members of this committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this panel for an additional year),
And
Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The function of this committee is to:

1. Discuss the report of the trustees' Archives Committee.

2. Make recommendations on archival policies.

Procedure

1. To meet jointly with the trustees' Archives Committee during the General Service Conference.

2. To make recommendations, if any, reached by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

3. To present recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

4. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

5. To review the available archives literature.

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Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new Panel members will be selected by lot geographically mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year), and

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference sessions from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The committee has the responsibility of suggesting to the Conference such policies and recommending such activities as may help:

1. Further A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the message to the sick alcoholic through sharing information about the A.A. program with those professional groups and individuals who have contact with alcoholics.

2. Further mutual understanding and cooperation between Fellowship and others concerned about the problem of alcoholism and help for the alcoholic.

3. Increase awareness of members and outside groups and organizations on ways of cooperating with everyone while affiliating with no one, within A.A. Traditions.

Procedure

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities during the annual Conference meeting.

3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a nonvoting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year),
And
Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The purpose of the committee will be to encourage A.A. members to assume responsibility to carry the message to alcoholics who cannot, of their own free will, seek A.A. help.

The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups in correctional facilities and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements.

Procedures

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Committee on Corrections during the annual Conference meeting.

3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. To maintain communication with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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Conference Finance Committee

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year), and not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The committee was formed at the first General Service Conference in 1951; it has the following responsibilities:

1. Reviews A.A. World Service/General Service Board budget and financial reports.

2. Reviews the AA Grapevine budget and financial reports.

3. Reviews any recommendations that have arisen during the Conference that involves finances.

4. Reviews any recommendations directed specifically to the committee.

5. Initiates new recommendations if the need arises during the Conference presentations.

Procedures

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Finance Committee during the annual Conference meeting.

3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a nonvoting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting), in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this Committee for their second year).

And

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

The Grapevine Committee was formed in 1954. It is responsible for reviewing the development and circulation of the Grapevine for the past year at the individual and group level. Its members are invited to make suggestions and recommendations in any area of the Grapevine, including material and format.

Procedure

1. Meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. Meet jointly at least once with the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board during the annual meeting.

3. When appropriate, make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. Present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval, or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. Maintain correspondence with the committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

Reviewed April 2022

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CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year),

and

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

To review new recovery literature and audiovisual needs.

To review existing recovery pamphlets.

To review new recovery pamphlet drafts as they are prepared.

To recommend specific action to the Board's Literature Committee.

Procedure

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.
2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Literature Committee during the annual Conference meeting.
3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.
4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.
5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

Reviewed June 2025

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Committee on Conference Policy/Admissions
Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in December (as close as possible to the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of one trustee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year), and,

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope

Established by 1952 Conference: "That the Conference limit and define this committee's responsibilities to cover only matters of policy pertaining to the Conference itself"; enlarged in 1965 to include "and such other matters as may properly be placed before it." Further amended in 1974 as follows: "Accepted the recommendation of the Agenda/Admissions Committee that the 'admissions' function of that committee be transferred to the Committee on Conference Policy."

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the annual meeting of the General Service Conference; and for approving routine requests for admissions from A.A. service structures outside of the U.S./Canada service structure to observe the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

The Admissions Committee was formed in 1955 when the Conference Charter was accepted as permanent.

Procedure

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

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2. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

3. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

4. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

5. To approve routine requests from qualified representatives of other A.A. service structures to observe the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

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CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Composition, Scope and Procedure

COMPOSITION

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December at the time of the AAWS Board meeting, in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel, who continue to serve on this committee for their second year,
and
Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairpersons are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members, and take office immediately following the Conference.

SCOPE

The function of this committee was enlarged by the 1966 Conference to include all "Public Information" activities rather than just A.A.'s relations with other alcoholism agencies, as it had done since its formation in April 1959. Since 1971, these responsibilities are covered by the Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. The responsibilities of the PI Committee are to:

1. Create greater understanding of the Fellowship of A.A. by carrying the message through:
    a. public media
    b. electronic media
    c. public information meetings
    d. speaking to community groups

2. Prevent misunderstanding of the A.A. program.

3. Serve as an advisory board to help the trustees' Public Information Committee implement approved policies.

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PROCEDURE

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Public Information Committee during the annual Conference meeting.

3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairpersons.

5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS

Composition, Scope and Procedure

Composition:

There are eight voting members of this committee one from each region and two non-voting secretaries.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically, with each region represented, in mid-December at the time of the AAWS Board meeting, in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee. Members of this committee will serve on this as a secondary committee assignment and not a primary committee assignment.

The members of the committee will include:

Four delegates from the previous year's panel who continue to serve on this committee of their second year,

and

Not more than four delegates from the current year's panel.

The delegates of the International Convention host area will be invited to attend joint meetings for four years prior to their area's hosting the International Convention.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

Scope:

The function of this committee is to:

1. Discuss the report of the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.

2. Make recommendations on International Convention policies as requested by the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.

3. Serve jointly with the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums on the Convention Site Selection Committee which meets on an ad hoc basis to recommend three or four possible sites for future International Conventions.

4. Offer input about the implementation of Regional Forums as well as participation among service workers at these events.

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Procedure:

1. To meet jointly with the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums at a dinner meeting during the General Service Conference.

2. To make recommendations, if any, reached at the dinner meeting by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

3. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary, trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums and other committee members during the year.

Revised April 2025

CONFERENCE REPORT AND CHARTER COMMITTEE

Composition, Scope and Procedure

COMPOSITION

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the committee will include:

> Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel (they continue to serve on this committee for their second year),
>
> *and*
>
> Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

SCOPE

This committee has the responsibility for:

1. Considering any proposal or recommendation for change in *The A.A. Service Manual* (which includes the Conference Charter) and in the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* and offering these recommendations to the Conference as a whole.

2. Proposing any change considered desirable for changing and improving the format, method of reporting, style or content of the Conference *Final Report*.

3. Reviewing the rough drafts of the Conference *Final Report* and tear sheets of all changes to *The A.A. Service Manual* with careful attention to accuracy, completeness of reporting, together with any other suggestion that may occur.

4. Establishing a deadline for examining the rough drafts of the Conference *Final Repor*t and *The A.A. Service Manual* and returning to GSO with corrections or suggestions, usually within 14 days of receipt.

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PROCEDURE

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

3. To present the recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

4. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT and ACCESSIBILITIES

Composition, Scope and Procedure

COMPOSITION

There are not more than nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Conference Committee.

The members of the Committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel
(They continue to serve on this committee for their second year),

and

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

SCOPE

The purpose of a Treatment and Accessibilities committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in a wide variety of treatment settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the treatment setting to the A.A. Fellowship. In addition, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups serving those who experience barriers to accessing the A.A. message and participating in A.A.'s Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity, and Service. Finally, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups striving to ensure that A.A. members who live in underserved or remote communities — communities difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture — have access to the A.A. message.

The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups/meetings in non-correctional in-patient and out-patient treatment settings, as well as to A.A.s who experience access barriers, and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements.

PROCEDURE

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.
2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities during the annual Conference meeting.
3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.
4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.
5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Composition, Scope and Procedure

COMPOSITION

There are at least nine voting members of this committee and a non-voting secretary.

The new panel members will be selected by lot geographically in mid-December (at the time of the AAWS Board meeting) in the presence of two trustees or members of the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

The members of the committee will include:

Not more than five delegates from the previous year's panel
(they continue to serve on this committee for their second year),

and

Not more than five delegates from the current year's panel.

The new chairperson and alternate chairperson are elected by written ballot at the final committee meeting during the Conference session from the first-year panel members and take office immediately following the Conference.

SCOPE

1. Since the 1951 Conference, this committee has been mainly involved in the qualifications and procedures for election of Class B regional trustees and trustees-at-large. Members of this committee are part of the voting body and the chairperson of this committee co-chairs the election. The responsibility of this committee has evolved to include the qualifications and procedures for selection of Class A trustees, General Service trustees, corporate board directors, and appointed committee members.

2. The committee reviews the resumes of all newly nominated Class A and Class B trustees of the General Service Board and nontrustee directors of the corporate boards (AAWS and the AA Grapevine). The committee reviews the slates of members and officers of the General Service Board and the slates of corporate board directors, before the Conference meeting, and expresses disapproval, if any.

3. The chairperson of this committee presents the slate of members and officers of the General Service Board, and the slates of corporate board directors (AAWS and the AA Grapevine), to the entire Conference for disapproval, if any, before election at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board following the Conference.

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4. The committee reviews resumes of appointed committee members recommended to serve on trustees' committees, i.e., Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities, Corrections, Literature, and Public Information.

5. If any unexpired term of a Class A or General Service trustee must be filled between Conferences, the nominee's resume is sent to the committee members for review — prior to a mail poll of all Conference delegates for disapproval, if any.

6. The committee approves the geographical areas which constitute the present eight regions — six in the United States, two in Canada — and the procedures for electing trustee candidates submitted for an eligible region.

PROCEDURE

1. To meet as a committee during the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

2. To meet jointly at least once with the trustees' Nominating Committee during the annual Conference meeting.

3. To make recommendations, reached in committee by majority vote, to the entire Conference.

4. To present these recommendations to the Conference for approval, disapproval or amendment in a report given by the committee chairperson.

5. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.

6. To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees' Nominating Committee.

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AAWS Board Services and Technology Committee
Composition, Scope, and Procedure

COMPOSITION

The Services and Technology Committee is composed of three (3) to five (5) voting members.[1] The members of the committee are AAWS directors along with a non-voting Staff secretary. Additional non-voting support staff may be assigned.

The committee members and chair are selected by the AAWS Board chair from among the members of the AAWS Board and serve from April/May until the end of the following General Service Conference (April/May).

SCOPE

The Services and Technology Committee is responsible for:

1. Reviewing the technological infrastructure used to support AAWS operations, communications, and services.
2. Exploring innovative technologies to strategically carry the A.A. message.
3. Proposing substantive content changes to current AAWS digital assets and advising on potential emerging digital platforms.
4. Providing oversight for any indicated or requested service assignment needs.
5. Recommending strategies for system improvements, cybersecurity, and user accessibility.
6. Reporting on technology-related activities to trustees' committee(s) as needed.

PROCEDURE

1. To meet as a committee separately but in conjunction with each regularly scheduled meeting of the AAWS Board.
2. To make recommendations, reached in committee by substantial unanimity vote, to the AAWS Board.
3. To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members throughout the year.

Adopted June 13, 2025

[1] Board chair and AAWS president (general manager) serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of all committees.

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