Joint Meeting of Conference Committee on Archives and Trustees' Archives Committee

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*Election of chairperson
1. All Panel 76 members are eligible except for the 2027 delegate chairperson and 2027 Conference committee chairpersons.
2. All committee members vote by written ballot (no verbal nominations).
3. Election by plurality. Second place becomes alternate chairperson.
4. New chairperson serves one year beginning at the close of the Conference.

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ITEM A: Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

Background notes:

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 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. The Archives Workbook (Item M-44I) is available on GSO's A.A. website (www.aa.org).

Excerpt from the trustees' Archives Committee November 1, 2025, meeting report:

The committee discussed draft updates to the Archives Workbook and following a thorough discussion, approved all the changes as presented. In summary, the changes include:

- Recent revisions to policies and procedures such as the Deed of Gift Form, Categorization of "Archival Materials for Access and Use" and similar updates.
- Sections reordered to enhance the overall flow of content in the workbook and inclusion of appropriate images to enhance the content, where applicable.

Background:

1. Archives Workbook available to view at the links below:
    - ENG
    - FR
    - SP

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ITEM B: Consider a request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI-46)

Background notes:

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

The committee considered a proposal to "discuss who can serve as an area trusted servant if they live outside the area they are serving" and agreed to forward to the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

Background:

1. PAI-46
2. *The A.A. Service Manual* (See sharing on the area delegate role.): https://www.aa.org/aa-service-manualtwelve-concepts-world-services

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(1) **Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**
"That the Policy and Administration Committee of the GSC discuss issues of who can serve as an area trusted servant if they live outside the area they are serving. Does geography limit the ability to carry a group conscience? On the other side, please clarify where past delegates can stand for trustee if they have relocated."
(2) **What problem does this proposed item address?**
"The pandemic has shed light on this question, which has always bubbled below the surface - both when a past delegate has relocated and when someone in a Zoom group in one area is from another, sometimes very far away, and has then become an area or district trusted servant. A related problem is wider representation of Hispanic groups with a linguistic area in each region, possibly with a national Hispanic trustee. The perception would then arise whether this closes the pathway for Hispanic trusted servants to “earn a spot” as delegates or area officers."
(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 item was discussed by Area 13 policy and procedures committee including the Area Chair. It was withdrawn at the Area assembly to specify that the discussions occur in the Policy and Procedures Committee of the GSC."
(4) **Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**
In Area 13, a debate over linguistic areas invited comments from a Hispanic trusted servant about earning a spot rather than having one set aside (although in a Hispanic area, there will be as much of a need to do so to become delegate. In Area 13, we had a DCM representing northern Montgomery County who lived in Rhode Island - and whose internet skills were not up to par. That district is now part of a combined county district - where the county has over one million people. Concept XI implies that the fellowship seeks the best possible staff. Is this true for delegate selection, and does this stop the fellowship from considering important issues or having views represented from linguistic minorities that need to be heard. This debate also arises within an area, where some hold the belief that someone who lives within the suburbs or the city, but who is a member of a home group in another area or district, can represent their home group in area

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service. In Area 13, we have had a chair who was also chair of Area 71 and had been active in both. This engendered resentment among some other trusted servants.
(5) **What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**
"The purpose of this PAI is to engender a fellowship wide discussion of representation in AA, including its relationship to the concepts. At this time, no advisory action would be required."
(6) **Provide a primary contact for the submission.**
Michael B.
(7) **Final comments:**
"This agenda item is necessary to clarify future agenda items relating to possible regional linguistic and online areas and an online or linguistic trustee(s) to make sure that members of each community can contribute as needed to the conscience of the fellowship while not excluding participation of trusted servants from these communities in local area affairs and leadership."

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