



# 2026 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

## *MID SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09*

Conference Theme:  
“Humility in Action”

### AGENDA TOPIC SUMMARIES

PRE - CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

APRIL 11 - 12, 2026

April 11 (Online) GSR Group Conscience Workshop:  
10 am to 12 pm  
Meeting ID: 859-8955-7002 PC: Panel76

April 12 (Hybrid) General Service Mock Conference Assembly:  
9 am to 3 pm  
Crown Valley Community Center  
29751 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
Meeting ID:896 6166 6203 PC: Panel76

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2026 Feedback Survey



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The **purpose** of these summaries is so that they may be used as a tool by General Service Representatives (GSRs) to provide their group with pertinent information to facilitate an informed group conscience and then to convey that group conscience to the MSCA 09 Delegate. In many cases, the summaries serve as an appetizer and those GSRs and groups with an interest in more information can obtain the complete background by way of a password-protected link on our Area website. Your District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) or DCM can provide you with the password. You can access the website at [GSC2026 - 76th GSC Materials - Mid-Southern California Area 09](#). Please remember to **treat the background as confidential**, and do not share it in any public forum or with non-AA members. This is because the background contains first and last names of AA members, their emails, their addresses, and other personal information.

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You can share your group consciences with me at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 11 (virtually) and April 12 (in person or virtually) or through the QR code on page 2 of this document.

*As your Delegate this year, I serve on the **Report and Charter Committee**. Please bear in mind that I will have the opportunity to discuss the agenda topics in that section in depth during my committee meetings at the Conference, and your input on those items would be especially helpful.*

Thank you for participating in the Conference process!

In love and service,  
Debra L, Panel 76 Delegate

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## AGENDA

### Conference Committee: AGENDA

ITEM A - Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      The theme of the conference and the presentation topics revolve around the basic principles of AA; these suggestions can provoke a stimulating discussion at Area and District meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts often incorporate the theme of the Conference in discussions, giving members of AA an opportunity to participate and be more informed about AA. The background includes a list of eight suggestions for the theme of next year’s Conference. The background also has a list with the themes of every Conference between 1951 - 2025.</p> <p>In the early years of the Conference (1951–1961), the theme of the Conference was defined following the Conference meeting itself, from taking a “sense of the meeting.”</p> <p>The Conference theme and presentation topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at area and district meetings, as well. Regions, areas and districts often incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives all A.A. members the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.</p>	<p>From the list of suggestions, which theme or themes for the 2025 General Service Conference would your group like to see as the theme next year? Why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation</li> <li>2. United in Love and Service: Building Fellowship in Challenging Times</li> <li>3. Embracing Our Past, Empowering Our Future</li> <li>4. One Purpose, Many Voices: Listening, Loving, and Learning Together</li> <li>5. Rebuilding A.A. Unity</li> <li>6. Service With a Smile: Practicing Humility Without Losing Our Humor</li> <li>7. The Spiritual Principle of Not Taking Ourselves Too Seriously</li> <li>8. Trusted Servants, Not Glorified Bosses: A Humble Guide to Service</li> </ol>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card">https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card</a></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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ITEM B - Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The nine presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference are listed in the background material. In the background, one can also find a list with the presentations and discussion topics of every Conference between 1985 – 2025.</p>	<p>From the list of suggestions, which discussion topic(s) for the 2027 General Service Conference would your group like to see as the discussion topics next year? Why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tradition 12 — Humility: What do I even know?</li> <li>2. Tradition 11 — Never a need to praise ourselves</li> <li>3. Anonymity — What does that really mean?</li> <li>4. Spirit of Rotation: Letting Go to Grow</li> <li>5. Innovation Meets Tradition: How We Adapt Without Losing Our Way</li> <li>6. The Warranties: What Bill Wrote</li> <li>7. Ego at the Podium: Laughing at Ourselves While Leading Others — Exploring how humor can deflate ego and foster authentic leadership in service roles</li> <li>8. How humor and lightness can coexist with reverence for A.A.’s Traditions</li> <li>9. A playful but honest look at the difference between leadership and control</li> </ol>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> <a href="https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card">https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card</a>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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ITEM C - Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The five workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference are listed in the background material. In the background, one can also find a list with the workshop topics of every Conference between 1985 – 2025.</p>	<p>From this list of suggestions, which workshop topics for the 2025 General Service Conference would your group like to see as workshop topics next year? Why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why remain anonymous?                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How does social media work into the 11th Tradition?</li> <li>b. Does live streaming of a social event hurt anyone?</li> <li>c. How do our action and our friends speak for us?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Cultivating future delegates</li> <li>3. Sharing stories of missteps and lessons learned with humility and grace</li> <li>4. Using laughter as a tool for connection, not distraction</li> <li>5. A lighthearted dive into the unexpected spiritual lessons of everyday service</li> </ol>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> <a href="https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobotPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card">https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobotPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card</a>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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ITEM D - Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> <i>Excerpts from the February 1, 2026, meeting of the trustees' General Service Conference Committee:</i> The trustees' General Service Conference Committee reviewed the progress report of the 2025-2026 Subcommittee on Conference Improvements (SCI) and agreed to forward the report to the 2026 Conference Committee on Agenda.</p> <p>Excerpts from the 2025 Conference Committee on Agenda: The committee reviewed the 2024 Conference Evaluation Summary and noted several improvements were being made at the 75th General Service Conference. The committee requested to include visual quantitative graphics to recap the feedback and looks forward to reviewing the 2025 evaluation summary at the 2026 General Service Conference.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the 2025 Evaluation Form noting the request for feedback from Conference members on the Opening Sunday Banquet. The committee requested that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee consider alternatives such as attendees bringing a guest to future Conferences at their own expense. The committee noted the costs for coordinating a visit for Conference members and guests to Stepping Stones, following the 2024 General Service Conference, were offset by their voluntary contributions.</p> <p><i>Secretary's Note:</i> Elements of the 2025 Conference Evaluation feedback were presented to relevant GSO departments to assist in developing and refining preparation and plans for the 2026 General Service Conference. All evaluation feedback was additionally reviewed by the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements, which approached the evaluation topic by topic rather than day by day.</p> <p>The subcommittee focused its review on actionable items, broadly grouped into Conference-week sessions, meals and scheduling within the Conference week, and pre- and post-Conference events.</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobotPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card">https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobotPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card</a></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/I.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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ITEM E - Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> 2025 Conference Evaluation Summaries: The committee reviewed the new format of the 2025 Conference evaluation summary and agreed to include a summary of cost savings.</p> <p>2025 Conference Evaluation Forms: The committee agreed to include specific questions about the new changes to the 2024 Conference Week Schedule in the evaluation form.</p> <p>2025 Conference Week Schedule: In addition to cost savings, the committee suggested several ways to improve the workday flow and the placement of committee report discussion in the draft 2024 Conference Week Schedule. The improvements are intended to have reasonable ending times of general sessions later in the week. The schedule also reflects reasonable time for Conference members to discuss important topics from Board reports such as the General Service Board Inventory, Location Plus, Discussion on Co-founders’ Writings, General Sharing Sessions, A.A. International, and the 2025 International Convention.</p> <p>Review 73rd GSC Evaluations, Post Conference Sharing Session notes, a summary evaluation from the Conference Coordinator to GSO’s Conference Management Team (see items D3 and D4).</p> <p>Review Draft 2027 Conference Week Schedule.</p> <p>2025 Evaluations: The committee reviewed and discussed the 2025 evaluations, and the Conference week schedule, and noted the following actionable items that could improve the experience or expenses at the 76th General Service Conference (GSC).</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card">https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1HrLtT_zvJEEExHwPU_dnrpbCB-IH-kFr2&amp;authuser=0&amp;acrobatPromotionSource=gmail_chrome-card</a>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/1.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/1.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Agenda.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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ITEM F- Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Background notes: Excerpts from the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee meeting report:</p> <p>The committee considered a proposal that “the Board of Editions La Vigne obtain a maximum of 10 minutes at each Conference to present the magazine” and agreed to forward to the 2026 Conference Committee on Agenda. The committee recognized the appreciation of La Vigne expressed at the 61st General Service Conference. The committee suggested that additional time could be appended to the presentation of Eastern Canada’s Area Highlights, ideally on Sunday or Monday, to allow for a presentation prior to the conclusion of committee work.</p> <p><i>Secretary’s note:</i> An Advisory Action in 2011 stated that “The 61st General Service Conference expressed its appreciation and gratitude for the French-language magazine La Vigne, the value it has for French-speaking members of Alcoholics Anonymous and the respect La Vigne has shown for the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.</p>	
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## ARCHIVES

### Conference Committee: ARCHIVES

ITEM A - Review content and format of Archives Workbook.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The revised Archives Workbook contains information and sections to guide AA District and Area Archivists and Archives Committees on topics such as Anonymity; Role of the Archives Committee; What to Collect; Setting up a Repository; Shared experiences on Archives Committee Activities from different Districts and Areas (including Area 09) in the US and Canada; Copyrights; Preservation Techniques and Taking Oral Histories and Information on the GSO Archives Collections and Policies. The Oral History section has been greatly reduced, and the sample questions and forms have been left out.</p> <p>Archives Agenda Item Background: The Trustees Archives Committee has been tasked with reviewing the Archives Workbook. The committee was directed by the Conference Consideration to review the Workbook keeping in mind the increase in printing production costs of goods.</p> <p>The Trustees Archives Committee in 2024 was tasked with reviewing the Workbook for the following: (1) Add appropriate images to enhance content as determined by the GSO Archives Department: and (2) Add a reference to digital materials in the section of the Workbook on “What to Collect”</p> <p>In November of 2025 the Trustees Committee approved the changes to the Archives Workbook which included editorial updates, updating policies and procedures. The committee has suggested to divide the workbook into 2 sections: The first part would have the information and guidance for local archives, and the second part would contain the GSO Archives Policies &amp; Procedures. This may help updating the Workbook. Some supplemental service materials were not reprinted.</p>	<p>In reviewing the Workbook does your group have any suggestions for additional material and topics for the Workbook?</p> <p>What does your Group think of the latest changes to the Archives Workbook?</p> <p>Does your Group have any suggestions for other materials that would help the local Archives?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XII-Joint-Meeting-of-Conference-Committee-on-Archives-and-Trustees-Archives-Committee-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XII-Joint-Meeting-of-Conference-Committee-on-Archives-and-Trustees-Archives-Committee-1.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/etroc5kruz/pdf/M-44i_Archives_WorkBOOK_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/etroc5kruz/pdf/M-44i_Archives_WorkBOOK_ONLINE.pdf</a> (Archives Workbook English)</p>	

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**Conference Committee: ARCHIVES**

<p><b>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)</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      This agenda Item was proposed by an AA member from Area 13 with the intention that a policy of who can serve and represent an Area by clarified. The intention is to clarify if a person who lives outside a district or area but attends a home group in the Area or District can stand for a trusted servant position. It also raises the issue of whether a Hispanic trustee position should be created to help represent the Hispanic groups. The background discusses problems of a past delegate who has relocated to a different area should be able to stand as trustee in the new area he/she has moved to.</p> <p>This agenda item asks that a discussion commence regarding the eligibility of members for Area-level service. It would include discussion of on-line groups and how they are represented by their members from different geographically different areas.</p>	<p>What does your Group think about the issue of having a trustee position for Hispanic groups?</p> <p>What does your Group think about how on-line groups trusted servants should be elected and represent their groups, e.g. doing away with geographical boundaries or identifying a particular Area District that the group belongs to?</p> <p>What ideas about eligibility to serve a group when the person lives in a different area does your Group have? What ideas would your Group like our Delegate to carry with her to the conference?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XII-Joint-Meeting-of-Conference-Committee-on-Archives-and-Trustees-Archives-Committee-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XII-Joint-Meeting-of-Conference-Committee-on-Archives-and-Trustees-Archives-Committee-1.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## CPC

ITEM A - Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b>                      2017–2019 Background: In 2017, the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) began discussing the potential development of a LinkedIn presence.                      In 2018, the committee recommended the creation of an A.A.W.S. page on LinkedIn. The stated purpose was to: Help professionals access accurate information about A.A., Broaden the reach of the About A.A. newsletter for professionals, Potentially deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates                      In 2019, the C.P.C. Committee reinforced the 2018 recommendation and requested: A disclaimer clarifying that any “promoted” content on the LinkedIn page is not affiliated with A.A, Additional links and content highlighting how A.A. cooperates with professional, An annual report tracking how the LinkedIn page is being used</p> <p>In 2025, the Conference Committee on C.P.C. made the following <b>advisory action:</b> On a one-year trial basis, AAWS subscribe to a LinkedIn Premium Business account at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per year. A report on the effectiveness of the upgraded account is to be presented to the 2026 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. - <i>Premium Subscription Status - AAWS learned that LinkedIn is currently testing the impact of its Premium subscription offerings. As a result, the Premium Business option is not presently available. A LinkedIn representative indicated that Premium subscriptions may not be available or recommended for company pages, but rather for individual profiles. The team will continue to follow up with LinkedIn for clarification and updates.</i></p> <p>Noted that formatting and content would aim to inform professionals in three languages, within platform limitations and social media best practices.</p> <p>Asked AAWS to explore increasing the cadence (frequency) of LinkedIn posts and identify the resources required to support expanded activity.</p> <p>Analytics (As of September 30, 2025):                      4,910 total followers , Increase of 890 from the previous year (4,020) Channel Statistics - Total page views: 9,303                      13% decrease from last year (10,743) Unique visitors: 3,708 14% decrease from last year (4,288) Engagement 1,840 reactions 138 reposts</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to LinkedIn and look up AAWS Page <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc">https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc</a></li> <li>2. Review post from this last year.</li> <li>3. Do You Have Any Recommendations? Suggestions on how we can increase engagement.</li> <li>4. Review advisory action and advise your thoughts following information from LinkedIn.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> pages 2 -3  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

ITEM B - Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> 2021 Conference Committee Recommendation- the development of a pamphlet directed to mental health professionals. Research and Initial Development (2021–2024). The first phase of the project included interviews with selected mental health professionals who are members of Twelve Step Fellowships. A second round of interviews was conducted with mental health professionals who are not members of Twelve Step Fellowships. The goal was to identify key topics and themes that would inform the content of the pamphlet and any related materials. These interviews were completed in October 2023. By October 2023, an initial draft of the pamphlet was developed. In January 2024, the AAWS Publishing Department presented an update report to the trustees’ CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee (CPC/T-A). The report included: A working title, A projected timeline, A plan to provide a progress report or draft pamphlet at the July 2024 TCPC/T-A meeting.</p> <p>Secretary’s Note (January 2024) Following the January 2024 meeting, the staff secretary and AAWS Publishing Department met to outline the drafting process. This included: Summarizing key questions and responses from the interview sessions Highlighting input from mental health professionals who incorporate A.A. into their clinical practice. Key content areas identified for the pamphlet included: Addressing concerns and clarifying misunderstandings about how A.A. supports individuals with co-occurring mental health issues Referencing Conference-approved literature and A.A. resources related to topics such as trauma, singleness of purpose, and sponsorship Offering approaches relevant to the various settings in which mental health professionals work Clarifying A.A.’s limitations when cooperating with the mental health professional community.</p> <p>2025 Committee Review Draft Pamphlet working title: “Alcoholics Anonymous: Information for Mental Health Professionals.” The revised draft was approved for forwarding. <b>The AAWS Managing Editor and CPC staff secretary were tasked with exploring: An outline and project plan , A status update to be presented at the Q1 2026 meeting</b></p> <p>Advisory Action — 75th General Service Conference (2025) The Conference directed that: The outward-facing pamphlet project be redirected , Existing content from the current draft be utilized , The pamphlet be reformatted into a quad-fold layout , A draft pamphlet or progress report is to be brought to the 2026 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC).</p> <p>2025 CPC Conference Committee — Additional Considerations - Regarding the redirection of the pamphlet, the committee requested that the staff secretary forward a memo to the Publishing Department with the following suggestions: Include hyperlinks to previously shared interview stories and experiences, Update subject titles, including: Brief FAQ , How A.A. May Be Helpful to Mental Health Treatment , How Do I Suggest A.A.? , How to Find Us. The committee further requested that the trustees’ CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee review these recommendations and provide a report to the 2026 CPC Conference Committee. The report should include: Options considered , Progress completed , If recommendations were not implemented, the reasons why , A hard-copy service piece for local CPC committees to use in face-to-face contact and professional events , Newly designed infographics drawn from existing draft pamphlet content , A method to link to additional material for mental health professionals, including interview content and draft pamphlet material , A modern design and format appealing to professionals.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf</a> (English)</p>	<p>What does your group or committee hope is included in a pamphlet directed to mental health professionals?</p> <p>What information do you think can help mental health professionals effectively address suffering alcoholics?</p> <p>Any suggestions on formatting? or information that must be excluded?</p> <p>The 2022 membership survey was used as inspiration for the layout of this pamphlet. Review and see if any additional updates should be made in reference to format.</p>

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## Conference Committee: COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

ITEM C - Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      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.</p> <p>Between Conferences, ideas for changes to a workbook may be received. These changes 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.</p> <p>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 CPC Workbook (Item M-41i) is available on GSO's A.A. website (www.aa.org). .</p>	<p>Would technology improve or diminish Effectiveness Of CPC Kit and Workbook?</p> <p>Please go to the CPC page, review the workbook/kit and provide any and all suggestions for improvements.</p> <p>Do we need to add any other pamphlets? or items to the kit?</p> <p>Please ensure to review the Spanish portion and advise!</p>
<p>Background Information:  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-66_1124.pdf">https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-66_1124.pdf</a> (CPC Kit English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

ITEM D - Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      In 2025, the Conference Committee made the following recommendation: “That the trustees’ Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee replace the three existing videos — <i>A.A. Video for Healthcare Professionals</i>, <i>A.A. Video for Legal and Corrections Professionals</i>, and <i>A.A. Video for Employment/Human Resources Professionals</i> — with a new video in English, Spanish, and French. The video should reflect the diversity of the Fellowship and of the professionals we serve, and be developed with a format and message capable of reaching all professionals, with multipurpose applications that can be delivered across multiple platforms. The committee further requests that a progress report or draft video be brought to the 2026 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.” <b>This recommendation passed by simple majority.</b></p> <p><b>In 2025 on the agenda - we plan</b> To revise all 3 CPC videos using both stock music/footage from Adobe as of 2024 , this project was put on hold due to employee turnover. Budget Total production cost \$6,100</p> <p>As of 2026 Production of new videos including including the review of these different paths and to discuss the use of Artificial Intelligence in the creation of the videos.estimate is TBD . An initial assessment includes further development of a disclaimer before and after the videos, as well as a watermark. Creation of cost-effective videos: The CPC coordinator met with the multimedia production coordinator to discuss a plan for developing short CPC videos in-house that would align with current PI initiatives. As an initial project, the working group agreed to begin a series focused on introducing the current Class A trustees in short reels of 30 seconds to one minute in length. Time was scheduled during Q1 2026 board weekend for recording. As it would not be possible to produce five new videos by the Conference background deadline, the proposed series would be suggested as service materials, and any available progress on the series will be presented to the Conference committee for review, prior to any posting. This will include the aforementioned copyright disclaimers.</p>	<p><b>Please review the current videos under “Cooperation with the Professional Community”:</b>  <a href="https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community">https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AA Video for Employment/Human Resources Professionals</li> <li>● AA Video for Legal and Corrections Professionals</li> <li>● AA Video for Healthcare Professionals</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What types of videos do you believe would be most effective in reaching professionals who work with individuals struggling with alcoholism?</li> <li>2. Are there other service structures that have developed videos for professionals that we could review or utilize as models?</li> <li>3. If you know a professional who works with individuals affected by alcoholism, please ask them:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What type of content would be most helpful?</li> <li>○ What length of video is ideal?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>What format (interview, testimonial, panel discussion, short explainer, etc.) would be most effective?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

ITEM E - . Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>It was noted that the current videos are outdated and in need of revision. At the same time, there was discussion that the professionals we are trying to reach should be addressed in a more specific and targeted manner. The PAI submission emphasizes that any newly developed video for professionals should also include short, professional-specific, standalone audio/visual soundbites featuring professionals recommending A.A. These shorter pieces would complement the full-length video. This suggestion was agreed upon and will be forwarded to the 2026 Conference Committee on CPC.</p> <p>From a broader media perspective, short-form vertical videos are currently considered highly effective for growth, brand awareness, and engagement. The leading global platforms — TikTok (approximately 1.8–1.9 billion monthly active users), Instagram (approximately 3 billion monthly active users, with Reels fully integrated), and YouTube Shorts (approximately 2 billion monthly active users) — demonstrate the scale and impact of this format.</p> <p>Short-form videos are effective because they: Receive strong algorithmic distribution, Align with mobile-first consumption habits, Deliver fast-paced, engaging content</p> <p>They perform best when: They capture attention within the first 1–3 seconds, They are 15–45 seconds in length They provide a clear takeaway (a key message, insight, or recommendation)</p> <p>It is also worth noting that long-form content remains powerful when the message and audience alignment are strong. The current #1 podcast in the world features video and often includes conversations lasting up to three hours, demonstrating that both short-form and long-form formats can be effective when strategically developed.</p>	<p>If you know a professional who works with individuals affected by alcoholism, please ask them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What type of content would be most helpful?</li> <li>- What length of video is ideal?</li> <li>- What format (interview, testimonial, panel discussion, short explainer, etc.) would be most effective?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/II.-CPC.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## CORRECTIONS

### Conference Committee: CORRECTIONS

ITEM A - Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Committee Report from Panel 75: • The committee reviewed the Corrections Kit and Workbook. Committee noted that the suggestions made by the 2023 Conference Committee on Corrections had been included in the Workbook and provided an additional editorial update for the Contents of Corrections Committee Kit List. Background notes: Kits and workbooks for Corrections, CPC, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, and Accessibilities are reviewed by the corresponding Conference Committee during each General Service Conference.</p> <p>Between Conferences, ideas for changes to a workbook or to the contents of a kit may be received. These may be reviewed by the appropriate trustees’ Committee and implemented. 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 or Kit during the next General Service Conference.</p> <p>The Corrections Workbook (M-45i) is contained in the kit. The content list of the Corrections Kit is available on GSO’s A.A. website (<a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>) with hyperlinks to most items listed.</p> <p>Secretary’s Note: Workbooks and kits are service pieces, and suggested changes to their content do not become recommendations; rather, they are put forth as Additional Committee Considerations.</p> <p>Secretary’s Note: A new flyer has been added to the corrections kit that highlights literature available on tablets.</p> <p>The last conference requested that <i>“Facilitating Online Meetings in Correctional Facilities”</i> be added to the Corrections workbook and kit to be presented at the 76<sup>th</sup> GSC. PAI #19: The committee discussed the proposed agenda item, <i>“we want to propose that zoom meetings are allowed in all correctional facilities and that for those that don’t have an iPad or phone A.A. will donate to the facility for this cause. The committee noted that the request falls under the purview of local committees and correctional facilities. While the committee appreciated the intention behind the proposal, they also noted that providing this technology falls outside the scope of AAWS. No action was taken.</i></p> <p><i>The committee reviewed the Corrections workbook and kit, and requested an open letter to Corrections Professionals from a Class A trustee-Now present on page 24 of workbook. For review.</i></p> <p><i>Corrections Survey: At the July 2025 meeting the Staff secretary reported that a survey is being developed to gather shared experience on how local corrections committees encourage and engage members in corrections service. Not present in the current workbook. Recommendations are encouraged.</i></p> <p><u>Background Information</u>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-68-corrections-digital-2025-eng.pdf">https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-68-corrections-digital-2025-eng.pdf</a> (Kit English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: CORRECTIONS

Item B: Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> From the 2024 “Connecting with Love, Unity and Service” it was suggested 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”.</p> <p>Background notes: Excerpt from November 2, 2024, trustees’ Nominating Committee meeting report: The committee requested the committee secretary prepare two memos to the trustees’ Literature Committee to begin the search process for these two ACMs.</p> <p>Excerpt from July 27, 2024, trustees’ Literature Committee meeting report: Development of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic: The committee discussed the 2024 Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a pamphlet for transgender alcoholics. The committee considered elements of workload and finance, noting the benefits which ACMs have brought to recent literature projects through the involvement of members of the intended audience.</p> <p>The trustees’ Literature Committee agreed to forward a memo to the trustees’ Nominating committee requesting an ACM from the transgender community.</p> <p>2024 Advisory Action: A pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed and that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought to the 2025 Conference Committee on Corrections.</p> <p>Secretary’s note: An ACM search announcement was distributed to the Fellowship in February 2025, with an April 15, 2025, deadline date. It is anticipated that a working group or subcommittee will be formed after an ACM is identified and in place, and that an update report will be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference. There is NO pamphlet available for review as yet.</p> <p>A committee of 6 AA members are developing a pamphlet and may not meet the deadline for 2026 Conference submission. There is currently no material for the pamphlet to review. They are collecting stories to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Spiritual Journey:</i> Finding a “moment of grace” and developing a relationship with a Higher Power from various religious and secular backgrounds.</li> <li>2. <i>The Newcomer Experience:</i> Navigating the specific barriers to recovery faced by the transgender community while finding a sense of belonging and safety in the rooms.</li> <li>3. <i>Identity &amp; Sobriety:</i> The experiences of transitioning, gender presentation, and coming out in sobriety, as well as the vital role of sponsorship and special interest meetings.</li> <li>4. <i>Intersectionality:</i> Ensuring the pamphlet speaks to a broad membership, including diverse gender identities and varied ethnic, socio-economic and geographic backgrounds.</li> <li>5. <i>Appeal to Reader:</i> Evaluating if the narrative is emotionally resonant, carries a clear message of hope and remains timeless for future members.</li> </ol> <p>Background Information <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf</a> (English)</p>	<p>Does your Group think this change should be made to this pamphlet and the other AA literature listed in the background information?</p> <p>Are there additional changes to the Pamphlet your group would like to see made?</p>

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## Conference Committee: CORRECTIONS

ITEM C - Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.” (New Item)	Notes for the GSR
<p>Summary/ History: 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 have greatly expanded in the time since these updates.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The pamphlet does appear to be lacking in areas addressed above. Stories may be more concise. Recommendations for management of pain medicine should be elaborated on. This endeavor may be best served by a dedicated committee to include sober nurses and doctors as well as sober members with chronic pain and psych issues. The committee should not be limited only to the recommended members.</p>	<p>The task is to review the pamphlet and make recommendations for changes.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Page 4 <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/III.-Corrections.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## FINANCE

### Conference Committee: FINANCE

ITEM A - Review Self-Support Packet.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>In the early years, A.A. relied heavily on a few wealthy members and outside donors, which created imbalances of power and dependency. By the 1940s and 1950s, the Fellowship consciously shifted toward group-based self-support, leading to the development of materials like “Where Money and Spirituality Mix,” the Group Treasurer pamphlet, and finance guidelines now included in this packet. These documents were created to help groups practice responsible stewardship through transparency, rotation of service, and informed decision-making.</p> <p>For groups, this packet serves as both a teaching tool and a safeguard. It helps newer members understand where contributions go, supports treasurers in doing their service well, and reduces conflict or confusion around finances. The materials also highlight the importance of maintaining reasonable reserves and consistent contributions to ensure long-term sustainability. Ultimately, the packet asks groups to view financial stewardship as part of carrying the message, not just administrative work.</p>	<p>Does your group desire to know exactly how their 7th Tradition contributions are being used with respect to digital media? Is this something that the members of the group would actually look at?</p> <p>Only if the digital expenses constitute a significant sum.</p> <p>Encourage GSR’s to address inflation in their reports and to encourage digital payments to the meetings, Birthday Donations, Gratitude Months, Contributions Challenge</p> <p>Questions to bring to the group:</p> <p>Do we understand why A.A. moved away from outside funding?</p> <p>Are we honoring the spiritual purpose of the Seventh Tradition?</p> <p>Are we passing on this history to newer members?</p> <p>How does our group practice financial transparency?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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<p><b>ITEM B - Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Historically, both AA Grapevine and La Viña have been sustained by strong subscription bases and member engagement. However, in recent decades, with the rise of digital media and declining print readership, subscriptions have steadily decreased.</p> <p>The proposed motion seeks to add wording to the pamphlet explaining that A.A. Grapevine and La Viña do not accept direct contributions and are supported through subscriptions and sales. It encourages groups to consider purchasing subscriptions, books, or specialty items to support these publications when distributing funds. This clarification addresses widespread confusion and fills a gap in how groups understand self-support. Many groups currently support service entities without realizing how Grapevine and La Viña depend on member participation.</p> <p>The background for this motion shows that Grapevine has been operating at a loss for several years, La Viña has never been fully self-supporting, and reserve funds have been used to cover deficits. The proposal frames support for these publications as a spiritual responsibility connected to the Seventh Tradition, not as an obligation. It has strong fellowship backing, having passed unanimously at multiple levels of group conscience, and aims to increase awareness, subscriptions, and financial stability. The goal is to strengthen A.A.’s communication tools while preserving voluntary giving.</p>	<p>Invite your group to discuss these items, and if they don’t have them, consider ordering them.</p> <p>GSR’s could hold a business meeting and discuss passing the basket to facilitate additional money contributed to the Area for the Delegate expense of the conference. Contribution to be distributed directly to the area only.</p> <p>Questions to bring to your group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do we understand Grapevine’s historical role in A.A.’s unity?</li> <li>● How has changing media affected our support of A.A. publications?</li> <li>● Are we relying too much on reserves instead of participation?</li> <li>● How can our group help preserve these resources for future members?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: FINANCE

ITEM C - Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      Yes, there are official workbooks published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.), though they are generally designed for service work rather than for personal, daily step-work. Here are the official AA-approved workbooks:</p> <p>Literature Workbook (M-52i): A tool for Literature Committees to review and update literature.</p> <p>Public Information Workbook (M-27i): A guide for members serving on PI committees.</p> <p>Treatment Committee Workbook (M-40i): A guide for carrying the message into treatment facilities.</p> <p>Archives Workbook (M-44i): A guide for setting up and managing A.A. archives.</p> <p>Accessibilities Workbook (M-48i): A guide for making A.A. accessible to everyone.</p> <p>Twelve Steps Illustrated (P-55): An illustrated, simplified version of the steps.</p> <p>Important Distinctions regarding "Workbooks" in AA:</p> <p>The "Big Book" is the Core Text: Alcoholics Anonymous, the "Big Book," is the primary text for working the 12 Steps, not a workbook.</p> <p>12 &amp; 12: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is the foundational book for interpreting the principles.</p> <p>Non-Official Workbooks: Many popular "12 Step Workbooks" found on Amazon or in bookstores (such as "The Big Workbook" or "Keep It Simple") are not affiliated with, endorsed, or approved by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.</p> <p>Plain Language Big Book: Recently approved, this is an official, simplified version of the Big Book, not a fill-in-the-blank workbook.</p>	<p>There is an AA approved Workbook which is a guide for carrying the message into treatment facilities.</p> <p>For personal step work, most members use the Core Text: Alcoholics Anonymous the "Big Book" is the primary text for working the 12 Steps, not a workbook The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book, and a notebook for journaling. Utilizing one alcoholic talking with another alcoholic.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-EN-Conference-Committee-on-Finance.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://www.aa.org/resources/literature?terms=&amp;items_per_page=24&amp;sort_bef_combine=title_ASC">https://www.aa.org/resources/literature?terms=&amp;items_per_page=24&amp;sort_bef_combine=title_ASC</a> (A.A. Literature Link English for (M-52i), (M-27i), (M-40i), (M-44i), (M-48i), (P-55)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-SP-Comite-de-Finanzas-de-la-conferencia.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/IV.-SP-Comite-de-Finanzas-de-la-conferencia.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p> <p><a href="https://www.aa.org/es/resources/literature?items_per_page=24&amp;sort_bef_combine=title_ASC&amp;terms=">https://www.aa.org/es/resources/literature?items_per_page=24&amp;sort_bef_combine=title_ASC&amp;terms=</a> (A.A. Literature Link Espanol for (M-52i), (M-27i), (M-40i), (M-44i), (M-48i), (P-55)</p>

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**Conference Committee: FINANCE**

<p><b>ITEM D - Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Alcoholics Anonymous has studied the possibility of moving the General Service Office (GSO) out of its current New York City location, but the most recent review concluded that it should remain at 475 Riverside Drive and not relocate at this time.  <a href="https://www.marylandaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/74th-GSC-Report-Back-for-website-EN.pdf">https://www.marylandaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/74th-GSC-Report-Back-for-website-EN.pdf</a></p> <p><b>What the relocation studies said</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “Location Plus / Relocation Studies of the General Service Office” project was carried out under the leadership of a General Service trustee and a professional relocation firm.</li> <li>• The study evaluated staying at 475 Riverside Drive versus moving to other sites, including downtown New York, Jersey City (NJ), and other cities such as Indianapolis and Philadelphia.</li> <li>• The consultants’ final recommendation was to stay in New York City and renegotiate/renew the lease at 475 Riverside Drive rather than move.</li> </ul> <p><b>Final decision from that study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report states that, considering both financial and historical/spiritual factors, “the business case to move does not appear supportable at this time.”</li> <li>• The final decision was to keep GSO at 475 Riverside Drive, give up the 8th floor, and renovate the 11th floor to fit the staff previously housed on the 8th floor, with an estimated renovation cost of about 1.4 million dollars.</li> </ul> <p><b>Where to find official minutes and reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Service Board meeting minutes and Conference reports that discuss Location Plus / GSO relocation appear in delegate reports and Conference summaries (for example, 74th General Service Conference delegate reports and advisory actions). These are typically distributed by areas and posted on area websites or shared through your Area delegate.</li> <li>• For the most authoritative documentation, you can ask your Area delegate for the latest General Service Conference Final Report and any General Service Board minutes that mention the Location Plus study and relocation discussions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.perplexity.ai/search/aa-general-service-meeting-min-_XKyheDhQieoF3RC36AnPw">https://www.perplexity.ai/search/aa-general-service-meeting-min-_XKyheDhQieoF3RC36AnPw</a></p>	<p>Considerations in Past Debates:</p> <p><b>Case to stay:</b> Members noted that remaining at 475 Riverside Drive avoids the large, one-time costs and operational risks of a full relocation, relying instead on a manageable renovation of existing space while preserving predictable lease expenses and protecting the Fellowship’s modest operating surplus and prudent reserves. Staying in the current New York location helps retain experienced staff and maintain a mature, well-functioning service environment that groups already depend on. Beyond finance, the Assembly emphasized the historical and spiritual significance of New York as the long-standing home of world services, the symbolic value of Box 459 and the GSO Archives, and the accessibility of GSO as a “pilgrimage” site and international hub where A.A. World Services, GSO, and the Grapevine work together in a unified service culture.</p> <p><b>Case to move:</b> Members also heard that relocating GSO to a lower-cost city or nearby market could, over time, reduce rent and operating expenses enough to outweigh the one-time move costs and eventually strengthen the Fellowship’s surplus and reserves. A move could allow GSO to design office space that better fits current staffing, technology, and hybrid-work needs, potentially improving long-term efficiency. Non-financial considerations raised in favor of relocation included the desire to demonstrate practical adaptability in service to A.A.’s primary purpose and to situate the office in a community where housing and cost-of-living might ease staff recruitment and participation, while remaining mindful of preserving as much of A.A.’s historical and spiritual legacy as possible in any new location</p>

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## GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

### Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

<p><b><u>ITEM A - . Review AA Grapevine Workbook.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Notes for the GSR</u></b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The Conference Grapevine Committee was asked to review the AA Grapevine Workbook and make edits that would streamline it and make it easier to use and more helpful for Grapevine reps. The updated Workbook can be found at the top of the “Get Involved” page on aagrapevine.org under “Rep Resources.”</p>	<p>Share this with your GVR or anyone who might be interested. For your convenience, the updated Workbook can be found at this link:  <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/GV_Workbook_Dec_2023.pdf">https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/GV_Workbook_Dec_2023.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Item A, Page 3-4 <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English) <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

### Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

<p><b>ITEM B - Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Every year the Grapevine Conference Committee reviews the list of proposed items that the Grapevine wants to publish. Each of these items are published for several reasons: (1) to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through stories from members and friends of the Fellowship, (2) to help GV maintain its self-supporting status. There are three categories of items to be considered:</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> Item B, Page 4-7 <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English)</p>	<p>Review the entire list, share it with your group, and invite your group’s input. Make your group aware that the Grapevine books are comprised of articles that AA members have submitted over the years on specific topics, such as senior members, AA members dealing with mental health illness, and spiritual awakening for our Spanish speaking members. In addition share the approved list of both Grapevine and La Vina books.</p> <p>A. There is a list of 3 suggested titles being considered for 2026 or later</p> <p>B. There are 20 approved Grapevine book ideas, e.g., Accessibilities, Mid-Sobriety Challenges, Steps 4 and 5</p> <p>C. There are 11 items proposed for La Viña, e.g., Hispanic members Doing Service in AA, Hispanic members Doing Service in AA, La derrota</p>

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**Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA**

ITEM C - Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña	Notes for the GSR
<p>Summary/ History:                      It was recommended that the AA Grapevine Board develop a five-year financial plan for La Viña with the goal to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue to be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. The magazine has been published by the Grapevine and supported by the General Service Board as a service to the Fellowship for many years. Being mindful of the demonstrated effectiveness of La Viña, the need expressed by the Hispanic community, and the spiritual benefit the magazine offers as a Twelfth Step tool, the question is, how do we continue to subsidize the magazine in light of the cost of maintaining it?</p>	<p>Discuss with your group whether we should continue publishing the magazine in its current form, and if so, ideas for managing the cost of publication. The goal of the Grapevine is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics. While the Grapevine message reaches many alcoholics, those avenues, for the most part, do not generate revenue. Currently, paid magazine subscriptions are at 59,000. On the other hand, the Grapevine’s free content reaches many more alcoholics (e.g., Instagram, YouTube, podcast listeners, Daily Quote). However, for the Grapevine to survive, it must reduce its shortfall and increase its revenue. The goal is to be self-supporting.</p> <p>Strategic Plan by 2030 is to expand subscriptions (digital and print), increase digital gifting, increase Carry the Message subscriptions, partner with Intergroups/Central Offices and Areas, increase bulk book sales, direct engagement with AA members, an online Grapevine meeting that reaches an international audience, and so much more.</p>
<p>Background Information:  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

<p><b>ITEM D -Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> In response to the Conference committee Advisory Action directing the AA Grapevine Board to obtain feedback from the Fellowship, a Survey Subcommittee was convened to develop a survey of AA members. The Advisory Action called for a survey designed to identify the relevance, usefulness, and financial viability of Grapevine and La Viña products and services, including the magazines, books in print, digital, and audio formats, the podcast, and social media platforms such as Instagram and YouTube. The action further requested a progress report to the 2026 Conference Committee on AA Grapevine and La Viña, a final report to the 2027 committee, and a memo to the board within 60 days containing suggestions for the content of the survey.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> Item D, Page 11-13  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	<p>The purpose of this survey is to gather AA member feedback on Grapevine and La Viña products and services to better understand AA members’ awareness, usage, perceived value, and opportunities for improvement. The survey is due to roll-out around July 2026. The subcommittee consists of Grapevine board members with collaborative input from Chris C., Publisher of the AA Grapevine. In discussing the need for such a survey, many factors were taken into consideration, including lessons learned from past surveys.</p> <p>There will be a variety of question formats, including open-ended questions, which allow a member to share in more detail their thoughts. The survey will be sent to a sampling of diverse AA members. Encourage your members to respond to the survey if they receive one. Each response is important and will aid in how the Grapevine moves forward in years to come.</p> <p>The proposed timetable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize research objectives, key audiences, and subject areas to be analyzed by end of May.</li> <li>2. Develop and finalize the survey questionnaire by June 20</li> <li>3. Determine membership names to be emailed, letter developed, and incentive determined by July 10</li> <li>4. Email and mail questionnaire to membership and collect responses July 20 – 30</li> <li>5. Analyze data and provide topline results August 7 (email responses only, traditional mail responses will take longer to receive and might be included in a report addendum)</li> <li>6. Final Research Report with presentation August 25</li> </ol> <p>The cost of the research is \$18,500 with payments in two installments.</p>

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## Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

ITEM E - Review the AA Grapevine/LaViña Media Platforms report.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      Review the 4th Quarter Executive Summary regarding the Grapevine’s media platform report. The board reviewed the report on AA Grapevine/La Viña media platforms and approved the report. The committee suggested that this item be relocated from the Conference Committee on Public Information to the Conference Committee on Grapevine/La Viña in the future. The Grapevine Corporate Board reviewed this consideration at their quarterly meeting on July 31, 2025, with great interest. The board determined that Grapevine would continue to provide its reporting to the Trustees Public Information Committee. In addition, the media platform report will be a standing agenda item for the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña and removed from the Conference Committee on Public Information agenda.</p>	<p>Share with your group the ways the Grapevine engages online to build traffic e.g., online profiles utilizing SEO, Google Ad campaigns, eCommerce &amp; Apps, and more</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Item E, Page 14-15  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: GRAPEVINE/LA VINA

ITEM F - Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>The AA Grapevine, Inc. is publisher of the <i>International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous</i>. Its primary purpose is to carry the AA message to everyone interested in alcoholism through its magazines, websites, and related items, which reflect the experience, strength, and hope of its members and friends on topics related to recovery, unity, and service. It strives, in all its activities, to operate in accordance with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of AA, without soliciting monetary contributions from AA members or groups to fund operating expenses.</p> <p>The AA Grapevine Board discussed various funding models for AA Grapevine, Inc. and agreed to send to the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña a proposed agenda item that the AA Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions, which was seconded and passed.</p> <p>In the January 29, 2026 Memo, inserted in the Background Material, it presents relevant operational data and outlines considerations associated with whether AA Grapevine, Inc. might accept contributions from AA members and groups. It is intended to support informed discussion and evaluation by the Conference committee</p>	
<p>Background Information: Item F, Page 17-19  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-EN-Grapevine.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/V.-SP-Grapevine.pdf</a> (Español)</p>	



**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/REGIONAL FORUMS**

**Conference Committee: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL FORUMS**

ITEM A - Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> The Sovereign Flag Subcommittee requested that the trustees' IC/RF Committee begin exploration regarding the inclusion of sovereign states to the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention, including reaching out to gather sharing from Indigenous populations. The consensus of the committee members is that it is important to explore this option to understand any impact such inclusion may create (e.g., cultural, timing).</p> <p>At the first meeting, the subcommittee reviewed its initial scope including sovereign state flags in the Flag Ceremony at the 2030 IC. After discussion, subcommittee decided to expand its scope to discuss the format of the Flag Ceremony to determine whether there is interest in change.</p> <p>The rationale to expand the scope is that there have been repeated concerns across past IC's that the Flag Ceremony is more about nationalism instead of A.A. unity throughout the world. One problem is that there is a production cut-off time on that has led to countries being left out of the ceremony which has led to hurt feelings. Another issue is that the criteria for being considered to carry a country's flag is based on the member's physical address. This has often led to a member carrying a flag of a country they do not consider to be their home country.</p> <p>A survey was sent to 53 recipients: GSB trustees, nontrustee directors, current ACMs, GSO Staff to ask if there was a desire to discuss changing the Flag Ceremony's format. Here are the results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 individuals completed the survey (64% of recipients who opened the email)</li> <li>• 25 of 28 respondents indicated they would like to see changes to the Flag Ceremony (89%)</li> </ul> <p>The subcommittee noted that the feedback provided strongly suggests a desire to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearer vision of unity,</li> <li>• Focusing on showcasing the A.A. presence throughout the world and getting away from nationalism,</li> <li>• A more uniform approach to attire and/or the possibility of incorporating traditional attire reflective of each participating country</li> </ul> <p>The committee also determined a clear understanding of the intention and historical purpose of the Flag Ceremony is essential before developing recommendations.</p>	<p>Next Steps To move forward responsibly, the group identified several areas of necessary inquiry, including:</p> <p>To review the historical background on the creation, evolution, and intended purpose of the Flag Ceremony. This context will help determine what elements may be preserved, revised, or reimaged.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-International-Conventions-Regional-Forums.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-International-Conventions-Regional-Forums.pdf</a>(English)   <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-Convenciones-Internacionales-y-Foros-Regionales.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-Convenciones-Internacionales-y-Foros-Regionales.pdf</a>(Espanol)</p>

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## Conference Committee: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL FORUMS

ITEM B Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> The IC-RF Committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue announcement of RFs at all events within the Region</li> <li>• Earlier communication between the RF staff coordinator and the Area contact and Volunteer Committee</li> <li>• Early and frequent dissemination of Forum information through email, aa.org, Box 459, GV/LaViña, and the Meeting Guide</li> <li>• Creation and production of short, anonymity-protected videos on our communication channels</li> <li>• Streaming virtual and/or hybrid components at RFs, and possibly the use of local AA resources</li> <li>• Adding an additional full virtual Forum</li> </ul>	<p>Do you think these ideas would encourage you to attend a Regional Forum? If not, what do you think would?</p> <p>Would it be helpful to have flyers available for GSR's?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 4-5  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-International-Conventions-Regional-Forums.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-International-Conventions-Regional-Forums.pdf</a> (English)   <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-Convenciones-Internacionales-y-Foros-Regionales.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XIII.-Convenciones-Internacionales-y-Foros-Regionales.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## LITERATURE

### Conference Committee: LITERATURE

ITEM A -Annual review of recovery literature matrix.	Notes for the GSR:
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>A list of the Trustee’s Literature Committee actions dates back to 2017; the latest note is an <i>Excerpt from the February 1, 2026, Trustees’ Literature Committee meeting report</i>: The committee reviewed the annual Recovery Literature Matrix and agreed to forward the updated matrix to the 2026 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>Aside from the 2025 matrices (tables) that include cover page views, downloads, audio content and other points of digital access, the background includes a 1/6/2020 (rev. July 28, 2022) “AAWS Policy on Publication: Keeping Literature Current.” This policy defines literature terms, describes the process of “Submission of Literature to the General Service Conference,” and the “Scope and Process for Editorial Updates of Conference-Approved Literature.”</p> <p>Staff note: The Communication Services Department is finalizing work on a new analytics dashboard project. Once this work is completed, the department will update the Literature Matrix with the additional data points that have been requested.</p>	<p>Note: The recovery literature matrix is a standard item for all recent A.A. Conferences. It shows language availability, distribution, and download/view rates for all literature between 2017 and 2025 for all of A.A.’s literature.</p> <p>Steps for the GSR to take:  <i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 3-9</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: LITERATURE

ITEM B -Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.	Notes for the GSR:
<p><b>Summary/History:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Information also included are links to the following from aa.org:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2025 Literature Workbook (<a href="#">English</a>, <a href="#">Spanish</a>, and <a href="#">French</a>)</li> <li>● 2025 Literature Catalog (<a href="#">English</a>, <a href="#">Spanish</a>, and <a href="#">French</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>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 Literature Workbook (Item M-52i) is available on GSO's A.A. website (<a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>).</p> <p>Steps for the GSR to take:</p> <p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding materials that should be added or deleted, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p>Background Information:</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<b>ITEM C - Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish.</b>	<b>Notes for the GSR:</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>A list of the Trustee’s Literature Committee actions dates back to 2021; the latest note is an <i>Excerpt from the February 1, 2026 Trustees’ General Service Conference committee meeting</i>:</p> <p>The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of a Fourth Edition of Alcohólicos Anónimos and agreed to forward the report to the 2026 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>Notably, Area 09 past delegate, Cesar F., is an Appointed Committee Member (ACM) on the trustees’ Literature committee and Chair of the 2025-2026 Work Group for the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish</p>	<p>Note: There is a one-page progress report on this revised Big Book, dated February 2025, on pages 18-20. The most recent information reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work group has met 15 times since the 2025 General Service Conference. During this period, the work group continued to review stories submitted for the Fourth Edition of Alcohólicos Anónimos. Of the original 180 stories, the work group selected nine stories, identified an additional two stories that need editing, and selected 10 stories that might be included. The work group also began consideration of which stories to retain from the Third edition.</li> <li>• The work group meets bi-weekly (online) to review new translations and discuss story selection. The group anticipates a draft manuscript to the trustees’ literature committee later in 2026 and hopes to forward the draft to the 77th General Service Conference.</li> </ul> <p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding this agenda item, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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### Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<b>ITEM D: Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.</b>	<b>Notes for the GSR</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b></p> <p>The 71st GSC approved an Advisory Action “That a Fifth Edition of the Big Book...be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership...” . For the 76th GSC a manuscript of the new edition has been created which includes 26 new stories, with 30 stories removed from the older edition, and updates to expand on Appendices III “The Medical View on A.A., V “The Religious View of A.A.” and VI “How to Get in Touch with A.A.” An updated Foreword and Preface were written by the Publishing Department after the stories had been selected and these were then shared with the Trustees Literature Committee.</p>	<p><i>No action or input required at this time.</i></p> <p>Note: Should the Conference wish for the 30 stories that were removed to be published in a volume or otherwise made available, an Advisory Action from the GSC would be in order.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

### Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<b>ITEM E -Review progress report on the update to the book Living Sober.</b>	<b>Notes for the GSR</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> An Advisory Action of the 75th GSC recommended that the trustees’ Literature Committee update the language and content of the book Living Sober. The subcommittee appointed to begin the work identified three chapters on which to begin the revision process: Chapter 10: “Telephone Therapy”, Chapter 14: “Fending off Loneliness”, and Chapter 16 “Being Good to Yourself”. The subcommittee hopes to receive feedback about whether these updates meet the intended goal of the Advisory Action before continuing the work.</p>	<p>Note: The booklet “Living Sober” was first published in 1975.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 22-25  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<p><b>ITEM F - Review progress report on the development of a Plain Language Big Book amendment process</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The trustees' Literature Committee <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> Review Process Subcommittee has created a graphic representation of the process for receiving, considering and routing suggestions related to the PLBB. This workflow is focused on a process to serve a field composed of submitted Proposed Agenda Items. Future work of the subcommittee may focus on a process for receiving and considering other kinds of feedback related to the PLBB from the fellowship. An Advisory Action of the 75th GSC recommended that proposals to rescind or revise the PLBB be collected and deferred until the 77th GSC.</p>	<p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding this agenda item, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 26-29  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol).</p>	

## Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<p><b>ITEM G: Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b>                  Supply the survey to the hispanic members and fellowship to help begin gathering their feedback.</p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                  75th Conference advisory action to explore the need of spanish members to access the bigbook, met twice and created a survey to be distributed among Spanish members to gauge interest and needs.</p> <p>The draft survey has been provided in the background material.</p>	<p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding this agenda item, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 30-32  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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### Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<p><b>ITEM H - Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b> Inform the GSRs to attend the upcoming writing workshops or hold one of their own to create story submissions for this pamphlet.</p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> A floor action to produce a pamphlet at the 74th Conference resulting in creation of a working group to create the Asian and Asian American pamphlet. Since the 75th Conference the working group met twice and has been conducting pamphlet writing workshops at various events and conferences and are in the process of creating a way for the fellowship to review story submissions.</p>	<p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding this agenda item, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 35-36  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

### Conference Committee: LITERATURE

<p><b>ITEM I - Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> This item initially failed to receive enough votes at the 75th conference, It was resubmitted for consideration for this years conference. To publish the 30 stories that have been removed from the upcoming 5th edition Big Book, and have those stories be published in an updated edition of the book Experience, Strength and Hope which is the book that currently holds the stories that were removed from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd editions.</p>	<p><i>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly; if your group has suggestions regarding this agenda item, please share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</i></p> <p>Are the members interested in having the stories that are removed from the 5th edition to be printed and added to the book Experience, Strength and Hope?          Have members read the stories in the back?          Have they read the book Experience, Strength &amp; Hope?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Page 37  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literature.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VI.-Literatura.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

### Conference Committee: POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

<p><b>ITEM A - Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                  An excerpt from the Conference Charter states, “9. The General Service Conference Meetings: The Conference will meet yearly in the City of New York, unless otherwise agreed upon...” In 2023, the Conference Policy &amp; Admissions Committee requested that the trustees’ survey current Conference members on the spiritual implications of holding the Conference outside New York or alternating between New York and Akron/Cleveland. In 2024, the Conference Policy &amp; Admissions Committee asked the General Manager for a progress report on site selection for the 77th and 78th General Service Conferences.</p>	<p>Read the conference charter in the service manual.</p> <p>What are the spiritual implications to you on moving the conference outside of New York?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf</a> (English)</p>	
<p><b>ITEM B - Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                  This item proposes dates for the 2029 General Service Conference to allow GSO management to begin planning the location and logistics. The Conference is typically held between the second and fourth week of April, with some exceptions. Last year, the Conference Policy &amp; Admissions Committee reviewed dates for the 2028 Conference and prioritized flexibility in securing cost-effective and suitable venues. The committee selected, in order of preference: April 23-29, 2028; May 7-13, 2028; and April 2-8, 2028. These dates were chosen to minimize conflicts with major holidays.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf</a> (English)</p>	<p>Review the calendar for 2029 minus the holidays indicated.</p> <p>Panel 74 conference dates – April 14 – 20, 2024 dates.                  How effective was your group in being able to read, discuss and provide feedback for agenda items?</p> <p>Panel 75 is being held April 27 – May 3<sup>rd</sup> How has the dates being moved to the end of the month changed how your group was able to be effective.</p> <p>Panel 76 is being held April 26 – May 2.</p>

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<p><b>ITEM C - Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)</b>  <i>i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review</i></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                  After a three-year pilot, the 2024 Conference Policy &amp; Admissions Committee recommended adopting and implementing the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process. The committee requested that trustees and staff finalize an operational procedure and implementation plan, with a progress report presented this year. Short-term recommendations focus on improving workflow by refining how agenda items are assigned, utilizing trustee reports instead of CAR forms, and ensuring effective tracking and communication of EDW updates. Long-term recommendations include evaluating how EDW items are reassigned, considering the future composition of the EDW committee, and establishing a process for transferring work between trustees’ committees. For a full list of recommendations, refer to the Policy &amp; Admissions background.</p>	<p>Given the history of how Agenda items were distributed previously vs the last couple years of piloting the EDW plan. What are some improvements that can be made when considering standing items, ongoing items. Should they be moved to another committee?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 13-58  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Politica-y-Admisiones-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Politica-y-Admisiones-1.pdf</a>(Espanol)</p>	
<p><b>ITEM C - Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)</b>  <i>ii. Discuss that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.</i></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                  Item C.2 proposes that the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions discuss whether Conference agenda items should be distributed more evenly across committees so that each has a similar number of items, creating a more balanced workload. Originating from the November 2, 2025 trustees’ General Service Conference Committee report, the idea suggests moving away from strictly topic-based assignment toward a structure that ensures fairness and efficiency in committee responsibilities, without being bound solely to subject matter categories.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf</a> (English)</p>	<p>Questions:                  Should workload balance outweigh topic alignment, or is subject expertise more important than numerical fairness?                   If agenda items are redistributed for balance, how do we prevent dilution of committee subject-matter depth and continuity?                   Is the current imbalance a structural flaw, or simply the natural result of evolving issues year to year?                   Would a trial year of balanced agenda assignments improve deliberation quality or create confusion in accountability and follow-through?</p>

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## Conference Committee: POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

ITEM C - Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) <i>iii. Discuss creating a “Conference Committee on Digital Communications.”</i>	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> Item C.3 asks the 2026 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to begin an initial discussion about creating a new Conference Committee on Digital Communications—a topic forwarded from the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee after its November 2, 2025 report, where the trustees intentionally changed the wording from “Technology” to “Digital Communications” to better match the real-world responsibilities and oversight that occur within GSO and the AAWS Board. The background materials included here are meant to ground that discussion by showing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) how Conference committees are structured and operate (composition, scope, and procedures—e.g., small geographically selected delegate panels with defined reporting and recommendation processes), and</li> <li>(2) that AAWS already has a Services and Technology Committee staffed by AAWS directors along with a non-voting Staff secretary (not delegates) with a clear mandate to oversee AAWS technology infrastructure, digital communications/services, emerging platforms, cybersecurity, accessibility, and system improvements—raising the core question of whether the growing scope and importance of digital work now warrants dedicated Conference-level focus and coordination through a stand-alone committee, rather than being handled within existing structures.</li> </ul>	<p>Consider reviewing Policy and Admissions pages 50-51, 55-63 for history pertaining to removal, changes or the development of companion literature relating to Co-Founders writings.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>What specific gap at the Conference level would a Digital Communications Committee fill that is not already addressed by AAWS or existing Conference committees?</p> <p>Should digital oversight at the Conference level focus on policy and principles, leaving operations and infrastructure to AAWS?</p> <p>How does increased digital presence impact anonymity, message integrity, and Tradition Eleven — and does that warrant dedicated Conference governance?</p> <p>Is digital communications now central enough to A.A.’s primary purpose to justify a standing committee, or could this be handled through existing structures with clearer coordination?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Item E, Pages 45-55  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Policy-Admissions-1.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Politica-y-Admisiones-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VII.-Politica-y-Admisiones-1.pdf</a>(Espanol)</p>	

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM A - Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> In 2025 the trustees’ PI Committee recommended that audio and video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) be reviewed every five years from their release date.</p> <p>They also recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three videos produced by AA in Australia be adapted by AAWS for use in the U.S. and Canada.</li> <li>- The pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47) be revised to address the subjects of anonymity and social media.</li> <li>- The trustees’ Public Information Committee develop a plan for a 2026 A.A. Membership Survey.</li> <li>- The following videos be discontinued: “A Group of People Just Like Me,” “On the Beach,” the young person’s video “Alcoholics Anonymous,” “25 and Under;” and “Young and Sober in AA from Drinking to Recovery.”</li> </ul> <p><i>(Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference, page 143)</i></p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

### Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM B Review report on the GSO Podcast, “Our Primary Purpose.”	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> In the first three weeks since the podcast “Our Primary Purpose” was launched in January 2025, some 4,841 unique listeners and 6,826 downloads were reported. The GSO staff, the General Manager and Director of Staff Services, and the Director of the Communication Services Department have agreed that the host of the GSO podcast be an AA member. It was also agreed that although the current podcast host is a full-time employee of GSO, future hosts need not be full-time GSO employees. <i>(2025 Final Report, page 113.)</i></p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 44-100</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM C - Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b> The committee has accepted the first, second, and third quarter 2024 AAWS YouTube Channel reports while noting challenges with Search Engine Optimization, since AAWS policies and GSO practices do not allow comments that influence search rankings. The committee has also recommended tracking the impact of YouTube outreach, but noted that tracking has not been given the highest priority. In addition, the committee has questioned whether both YouTube and Vimeo are needed. Finally, the committee expressed their appreciation that time-stamped ASL (American Sign Language) videos of the first ten chapters of the Big Book have been uploaded to the AAWS YouTube channel. <i>(2025 Final Report, page 20)</i></p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 106-111  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM D - Review report on “Google Ads.”	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The primary goal of GSO’s participation in the Google Ad program is to expand the reach of AA.org by using Google Ads to better connect with intended audiences. The Google Ads Annual Summary Report (October 2023 – September 2024) is included in the <a href="#">PI background</a>. While ad clicks have increased, challenges with Google’s policies and flagged ads have limited engagement potential. Despite these issues, nearly all of the grant is utilized through the remaining active ads. Given the importance of making A.A. information accessible to those struggling to find it in search results, ongoing efforts are being made to address these challenges. The <i>Find a Meeting</i> ad group continues to receive the highest engagement. The report details ad performance trends, improvements from responsive ads, and the top 50 search terms. The account will continue to be monitored, with findings reported as they develop.</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM E - Review report on Meeting Guide app.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> In 2024, the <a href="#">Meeting Guide App</a> had over 1.6 million active users who initiated more than 35.7 million sessions. The app currently connects 545 A.A. entities and lists 152,508 meetings. The detailed report is available in the <a href="#">PI background</a> material.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> Pages 106-111 in PI Background  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	<p>How does your group feel about the Meeting Guide app? I am grateful for the Meeting Guide app - it has helped me tremendously since it launched. I love the accessibility and ease of the app - I have not yet experienced anything which I consider to be negative. I had one meeting which I attempted to visit, and it was not there, so I submitted the change right then and there - this is remarkable in comparison to how laborious and long this information was to get into the printed directories back in the day before the app.</p> <p>Is it effectively serving A.A. members and those seeking help? Yes yes and yes</p> <p>What improvements could enhance its ability to support our primary purpose?</p>

## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM F - Review report on GSO's A.A. website.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The goal of <a href="#">aa.org</a> is to present A.A. as a credible, relevant resource for newcomers while providing value to existing members. The site features online contributions, an online store, and resources for A.A. members, groups, trusted servants, potential members, the media, and professionals. Last year, the website had over 14.2 million views, an increase of about 2 million from the previous year, with an engagement rate of 41.03%, up from 38%. Summary of website traffic is included in <a href="#">PI background</a>.</p>	<p>What suggestions do you have to make this a website that can be accessible for all? Gregory J: ASL links on the main page would be better than to require members to use the search.</p> <p>What do you use the website for? Gregory J: A lot - but mostly access to literature</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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**Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION**

<b>ITEM G - Review report for AAWS “Online Business Profiles.”</b>	<b>Notes for the GSR</b>												
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Since 2019, AAWS has had online business profiles (OBPs) with Google, Bing and Yelp which provide basic information about office location and operating hours, and focus on providing factual information.</p> <p>The primary goal for managing OBPs is to provide accurate information about Alcoholics Anonymous, GSO, the General Service Board and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and to communicate about how members of Alcoholic Anonymous stay sober and help other problem drinkers one day at a time.</p> <p>Users are able to rate, comment, and ask questions on the OBPs. GSO is able to track incoming calls and website clicks resulting from people looking at OBPs.</p> <p>GSO has begun to cross-link AAWS OBPs and pages for YouTube/LinkedIn</p> <p>The 2024 Conference Committee suggested that GSO provide OBP reporting as quarterly rather than current annual reporting</p> <p>Trustees’ PI Committee provided the following report for this year’s conference summarizing Q4 2024-Q3 2025:</p> <p>The analytics below show that our profile views have increased, but our overall interactions have decreased. The information is being presented to more people, but a smaller percentage of those that see our listing interact with it.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Analytics: Google/Bing:</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total 2024</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total 2025</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Percentage change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total views (majority from mobile search)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">152,069</td> <td style="text-align: right;">215,581</td> <td style="text-align: left;">41% increase</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total interactions (combined from Calls from profile, Direction requests, Website clicks)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13,343</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12,174</td> <td style="text-align: left;">9% decrease</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Yelp profile received less than 200 visits between October 2024 and September 2025 and less than 25 interactions. This is in line with average traffic for the profile on Yelp.</p>	Analytics: Google/Bing:	Total 2024	Total 2025	Percentage change	Total views (majority from mobile search)	152,069	215,581	41% increase	Total interactions (combined from Calls from profile, Direction requests, Website clicks)	13,343	12,174	9% decrease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- View Google OBP at <a href="https://g.co/kgs/zbC31uz">https://g.co/kgs/zbC31uz</a> (section to the right of search result links)</li> <li>- AAWS staff are making an effort to respond to all questions posted on the OBP.</li> <li>- Do they seem like tailored responses that draw from our AA traditions? (Avoid reading comments/questions if you are easily upset or triggered by criticism.)</li> <li>- OBPs are a way to provide accurate and valuable information “at a glance” to search engine users.</li> <li>- Content of hours and address are managed by the business, in this case GSO/AAWS</li> <li>- Comments and questions can be submitted by anyone. It is generally considered good practice for a business to respond to reviews/questions.</li> <li>- Are the responses addressing user questions/feedback effectively?</li> <li>- This year’s report shows an increase in page views, but a decrease in overall interactions.</li> <li>- While more people are viewing the OBP, there is less activity from the people who do visit.</li> <li>- Does your group believe GSO/AAWS is meeting its goal to provide accurate information and communicate about how members of AA stay sober and help others?</li> </ul>
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## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM H -Review AAWS Social Media Policy.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Excerpt from the November 2025 trustees’ Public Information Committee meeting: The committee discussed the AAWS Social Media Policy and noted that, though informative, this document is under the purview of the A.A. World Services Board.</p> <p>Secretary’s note: Although the 2025 Conference Committee on Public Information recommended that the A.A. World Services Social Media Policy currently under review be brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on Public Information for approval prior to implementation, this recommendation did not receive the two-thirds vote necessary to become a Conference Advisory Action.</p> <p>The AAWS Social Media Policy is included in the background information for reference and for information purposes only. Its purpose is to establish clear and comprehensive guidelines for the AAWS Board to maintain effective oversight of the organization’s social media presence. This will ensure that social media activities align with the mission, goals, and the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), while fostering increased visibility, engagement, and outreach to members, suffering alcoholics, and other key audiences, including professional, media, and anyone looking for more information on A.A. The policy is designed to ensure accountability and strategic alignment in the management of AAWS social media channels.</p>	<p>How important to you, your meeting, and AA as a whole is it that AAWS maintain a Social Media presence?</p> <p>Are you familiar with social media policies in general?</p> <p>Do you see any important component this social media policy is missing?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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ITEM I. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> A.A. USES THIS SURVEY TO: • Tell A.A. members about their Fellowship. • To gain a better understanding of the current A.A. membership. • Provide information about A.A. to the professional community. • Inform the public about what A.A. does.</p> <p>Advisory Action of the 75th GSC, “that the trustees’ Public Information Committee develop a plan for a 2026 A.A. Membership Survey utilizing random sampling methodology.” The committee agreed that given the large volume of work required to fulfill this Advisory Action, that two subcommittees would be required.</p> <p>The scope of the Membership Survey Content Subcommittee is to evaluate the questions and survey layout used in the 2022 Membership Survey and make suggestions for changes to the questionnaire for a 2026 Membership Survey. See DRAFT 2026 A.A. MEMBERSHIP SURVEY — in background info pages 67–72.</p> <p>The scope of the Membership Survey Methodology Subcommittee is to focus on sampling methodology, the selection of groups/meetings and consideration of gender differences in meeting attendance or group preferences. In the 2022 Membership Survey, probability sampling resulted in an estimate that 35% of AA members are women. However, a 2023 pilot survey that relied on a convenience sample recruited through the Meeting Guide App resulted in an estimate that 52% of AA members are women. The report discusses ways in which nonresponse errors might lead to underrepresentation of women in the probability sample, and/or that women may have been disproportionately willing to respond to the Meeting App request and therefore overrepresented in the convenience sample. Several strategies to reduce non-response bias in upcoming surveys are discussed in the background info.</p> <p>Another concern is that meetings listed in the Meeting Guide App and other listings may or may not currently be included in the population from which the random sample is selected. All surveys until now have used GSO listed meetings as the population of interest. For that reason, Dr Cooper has recommended the following:</p> <p>Pilot and Survey Timeline: Two possible tracks for moving forward with the 2026 Membership Survey:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue with producing the survey per usual and run a pilot in 2027 to potentially inform the next Membership Survey.</li> <li>2. Pause production of the Membership Survey to conduct a pilot which would be informed with guidance by methodologist Dr. Cooper. Two possible methods (see pp. 8–9) to pilot inclusion of non-registered meetings in the survey: a) Surveying all the entities on Meeting Guide app about their data and willingness to share. b) A pilot survey of a selection of unlisted groups from 3–5 areas to see if there are significant differences compared to past Membership Surveys. While the subcommittee is leaning toward options 2 and b), broader input is desired from the Conference.</li> </ol>	<p>In the plan for the next Membership Survey, the trustees’ Public Information Committee is encouraged to consider how to address additional concerns including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Should consideration be given to surveying meetings as well as groups?</li> <li>o Is counting the number of A.A. members is an appropriate goal?</li> <li>o Have the Membership Survey infographics created in 2022 been useful for local committees?</li> <li>o How do we make sense of ongoing gendered differences in meeting attendance?</li> <li>o Why has A.A. failed to make meaningful progress on attracting and retaining a more racially/ethnically diverse Fellowship?</li> <li>o The most recent survey indicated that the Fellowship is aging and not attracting as many young members. How should we understand and respond to this shift?</li> </ul> <p>Asking the questions, “How will we use these data?” or “What of value will these data tell us?” is a very useful step in evaluating a survey instrument – in conducting survey research it is regrettably easy to add or keep items without considering those issues, and neglecting them creates unproductive work for survey researchers and survey respondents alike.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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### Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM -J - Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47).	Notes for the GSR
<p>Summary/ History:                      The Subcommittee on Anonymity and Social Media, formed following the 2025 General Service Conference Advisory Action, is currently revising the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (Item P-47) to address challenges presented by social media.</p> <p>The subcommittee has completed a literature review and developed revisions focusing on anonymity and social media.</p> <p>The revisions aim to clarify the distinction between anonymity and personal privacy concerns in the digital age, and the plan includes incorporating a QR code, preferably on the front cover, linking to digital resources.</p> <p>A full draft of the revised pamphlet is expected for review by the trustees' Literature Committee and the Committee on Public Information in advance of the 2026 General Service Conference.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Since the revisions are committee eyes only, read the current pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (Item P-47) at <a href="https://www.aa.org/understanding-anonymity">https://www.aa.org/understanding-anonymity</a> to consider any changes your group would like to see made. Discuss how this pamphlet can be useful to AA members and any questions you have about the current text.</p>
<p>Background Information:  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a>                      (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a>                      (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM - K - Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Workbooks and kits for Archives, CPC, Corrections, Public Information, and Treatment and Accessibilities are reviewed annually by Conference committees. Between Conferences, change ideas may be reviewed and implemented by the appropriate trustees’ committee or staff, or forwarded to the Conference committee for review. Since workbooks and kits are service pieces, any suggested changes from the Conference committee are presented as Committee Considerations, not recommendations. The Public Information Workbook (Item M-27i) is available on GSO's A.A. website (<a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>).</p>	<p>Review <a href="#">PI Workbook</a> and <a href="#">PI Kit Content List</a>. See links under “Background Information”</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Public-Information.pdf</a>                      (English)  <a href="https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-65-pi-kit-digital-2025-en.pdf">https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-65-pi-kit-digital-2025-en.pdf</a> (PI Kit English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/5r7bskkrpv/pdf/m-27i_public_information_workbook_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/5r7bskkrpv/pdf/m-27i_public_information_workbook_online.pdf</a> (PI Workbook English)   <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informacion-Publica.pdf</a>                      (Espanol)  <a href="https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/sf-65-pi-kit-digital-2025-sp.pdf">https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/sf-65-pi-kit-digital-2025-sp.pdf</a> (PI Kit Espanol)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/wfibsdfvwp/pdf/SM-27i_Public_Information_WORKBOOK_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/wfibsdfvwp/pdf/SM-27i_Public_Information_WORKBOOK_ONLINE.pdf</a> (PI Workbook Espanol)</p>	

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## REPORT AND CHARTER

### Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

ITEM A - Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: <i>i. Review list of editorial updates.</i>	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History</b> From the 2024 Conference Committee on Report and Charter additional Committee Consideration: The committee underwent a multiyear process of assessing the accuracy and effectiveness of the redesigned 2021-2023 edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service. While further functional clarity is needed, in order to prevent a further delay in printing, a significant number of revisions were identified and corrected. The committee requests that the General Service Board assign a dedicated trustee liaison to the Report and Charter Conference Committee to ensure the accurate implementation of those revisions to the 2024-2026 The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service for printing in 2024.</p> <p>Secretary’s note: Following the additional Committee Consideration suggesting that a corresponding committee be assigned to ensure the accurate implementation of Report and Charter Conference Committee revisions to The A.A. Service Manual, an ad hoc committee of the General Service Board was formed to review the changes and the draft of the “Amendments” section, for which a progress report has been provided, under separate cover.</p>	<p>Editorial updates will be for Committee eyes only. No input from membership required required</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf</a> (2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf</a>(Espanol)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/zy5cybqdua/pdf/SBM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/zy5cybqdua/pdf/SBM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_ONLINE.pdf</a> (2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

<b>ITEM A - Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition:</b> <i>ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in The AA Service Manual.</i>	<b>Notes for the GSR</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History</b> The committee reviewed a request to remove the quote by Dr. Bob in “The Service Sponsor” section of the GSR chapter on page 10 of The A.A. Service Manual and agreed to forward to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter for consideration during the General Service Conference.</p> <p>This item was submitted by an individual and not discussed by their district or Area</p>	<p>1. Do you have homegroup members who read the Service Manual?</p> <p>2. Have they ever expressed a concern about the quote from Dr. Bob on page 10 that reads:</p> <p>Co-founder Dr. Bob said, “I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:                      1. Sense of duty. 2. It is a pleasure. 3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.”</p> <p>3. Do you think someone reading the service manual would think this statement was an inaccurate statement about General Service today as General Service and its Conference did not exist when Dr. Bob was speaking about service or does your group believe it is helpful to have founders words to guide service no matter the kind?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf</a> (2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf</a>(Espanol)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/zy5cybqdua/pdf/SBM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/zy5cybqdua/pdf/SBM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_ONLINE.pdf</a> (2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

<p><b>ITEM A - Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition:</b>  <i>iii. Review progress report on the development of a new “Amendments” section to be added to The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.</i></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History</b>                      2021 A new section be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled “Amendments,” and that it contains an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current General Service Board committees, and that a draft or progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. 2023 That a full rewrite be conducted of chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to correct inaccuracies and to better clarify the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the General Service Office, AA Grapevine and A.A. World Services, Inc. in The A.A. Service Manual and that the trustees’ Literature Committee forward these draft sections or a progress report to the 2024 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.</p> <p>2024 The committee reviewed the draft of the new section “Amendments” to be added to the Twelve Concepts for World Service. The committee agreed that a full reexamination is needed to achieve the intent of this section and be of benefit to the Fellowship as a clear source of reference. The committee requests that the General Service Board review the draft along with the committee’s feedback and provide an updated draft or progress report to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. Secretary’s Note: Following the additional Committee Consideration suggesting that a corresponding committee be assigned to ensure the accurate implementation of Report and Charter Conference Committee revisions to The A.A. Service Manual, an ad hoc committee of the General Service Board was formed to review the changes and the draft of the “Amendments” section, for which a progress report has been provided.</p> <p>2025 The committee reviewed the progress report for the development of the new section “Amendments” to be added to the Twelve Concepts for World Service. The committee carefully reviewed the thoughtful discussions following the 2021 Advisory Action and provided suggestions on the organization and format of the section. The committee requested that the Staff secretary send a memo to AAWS Publishing clarifying the intention and rationale, and that it be considered in the development of an introduction to the “Amendments” section. The committee looks forward to a draft of this suggested version being included in the Report and Charter background for the Fellowship to review in preparation for the 76th General Service Conference</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/wbktxdemg/pdf/bm-31_2024-2026_aa_service_manual_online.pdf</a> (2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual English)</p>	<p>Would members of your Homegroup who read or have read the A.A. Service Manual/ Twelve Concepts for World Services find it helpful to have an Amendments section be added?</p>

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## Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

ITEM B -Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History</b> This is a routine agenda item for the Report &amp; Charter Committee, providing an opportunity to discuss the 2024 General Service Conference Final Report.</p>	<p>Have you read the final conference report from last year? Do you know where to find it?</p>
<p>Background Information:  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/nfyfnyf28t9/pdf/2024_FINAL_CONFERENCE_REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf(2024 GSC Report English)">https://aaws.widen.net/content/nfyfnyf28t9/pdf/2024_FINAL_CONFERENCE_REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf(2024 GSC Report English)</a>  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/yf0tmo53j9/pdf/2025_FINAL_CONFERENCE-REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf(2025 GSC Report English)">https://aaws.widen.net/content/yf0tmo53j9/pdf/2025_FINAL_CONFERENCE-REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf(2025 GSC Report English)</a></p>	<p>Do you or your Homegroup use the FCR to discuss current Agenda items for help deciding as a whole your groups conscious about Agenda Items?</p>

## Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

ITEM C - Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Excerpts from November 2025 trustees' General Service Conference Committee interim meeting: The committee was asked to consider forwarding the topic of Final Conference Report workflow to the Conference Committee on Report &amp; Charter. The language within a 2017 Advisory Action regarding "the current print version" would require Conference review and approval to distribute only an anonymized Final Conference Report, both in the digital and print versions. The committee considered the topic worthwhile for potential labor savings and consistency of practices and agreed to forward the topic to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. From the 2017 Conference Advisory Action (Policy and Admissions): Starting with the 67th General Service Conference, an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report will be published in addition to the current print version. Secretary's note: Because the print edition of the Final Conference Report includes full names, the draft must be anonymized for digital distribution and posting on aa.org, then subsequently revised to restore names. This process necessitates archiving six documents for each Conference year (print and digital versions for English, French and Spanish.)</p>	<p>Because the Final Conference report will only be available electronically.</p> <p>1 Does your group think that having an anonymized version is all that is necessary or perhaps should an electronic version be available to Delegates for transparency sake?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/yf0tmo53j9/pdf/2025_FINAL_CONFERENCE-REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/yf0tmo53j9/pdf/2025_FINAL_CONFERENCE-REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf</a> (2025 GSC Report English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: REPORT AND CHARTER

ITEM D -.Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History</b>                      From the 2025 General Service Conference Advisory Actions:                      The General Service Board classifies all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical; review existing policies and consider proposing additional policies as appropriate for updating each classification, and that a progress report be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference. Excerpt from the November 2, 2024, trustees’ General Service Conference Committee meeting report:                      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.</p> <p>Existing policy not available in background at this time, and a progress report was not in background. I did make a request to the Report &amp; Charter Chair as of March 4th 2026 Chair had not heard back from her request</p>	<p>What are the wishes of your homegroup regarding classifying and retaining founders writing prior to 1971?</p>
<p>Background Information:  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Report-Charter.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VIII.-Informes-y-Carta-Constitutiva-1.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

### Conference Committee: TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

ITEM A - Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b>                      In 2017, the trustee's CPC/ Treatment and Accessibilities Committee formed a subcommittee to develop service material and additional resources for the professional military community, veterans and active duty A.A. members. In 2018, an appointed committee member with a firm understanding of communication channels within the Armed Forces (US and Canda) was added to strategize about how to more effectively carry the AA message to members and to the professionals familiar with the Veterans Administration.</p> <p>From 2019-2023: The trustees' committee developed anonymity-protected audio interviews with military professionals about their experience with AA as a resource for posting online; committee discussed a distribution plan for how the recordings would be used to reach alcoholics effectively; committee forwarded a "Military Audio Interview" report to 2023 Conference Committee; Committee recommended 22 interviews recorded to date as part of the Military Audio project be approved and to give GSO the latitude to distribute the videos in various formats and on various platforms and that the updated report be provided to the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities; the conference reviewed the progress report on the Military Audio Interviews and requested the project be expanded to include veterans and that the project continue to seek interviews with francophone members; Two interviews conducted in Fall 2022 were posted to AA.org; Three of the previously completed interviews recorded ; Three of the previously completed interviews were edited; Consultants have drafted a preliminary plan for communicating about the audio project with military leadership in US and Canada.</p> <p>Since the 2024 Conference a landing page was added on aa.org; Military Audio Interviews were added to the You Tube playlist; Parameters were set for candidates of veterans audio interviews. Audio interviews planned for summer 2025 and at the international convention.</p>	<p>Review background information found on pages 3-5 of Treatment and Accessibility Background Information document.</p> <p>Listen to a few sample interview recordings. Interview links can be found on Page 5 of the Treatment and Accessibilities Background Information.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> pages 3-5  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accessibilidades.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accessibilidades.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

ITEM F - Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History</b> Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. Any ideas, edits or changes to their content submitted throughout the year may be reviewed and implemented or the trustees' Committee may choose to forward an idea to the Conference Committee for review.</p> <p>In 2024 the committee reviewed the Treatment Kit and Workbook and forwarded to the trustees' CPC/TA Committee a list of minor edits to the workbook to be implemented at the next printing.</p>	<p>Look through and read the Treatment Committee Workbook looking for any changes that would increase its effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> pages 6-11 <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf</a> (English)</p>	
ITEM C -Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. Any ideas, edits or changes to their content submitted throughout the year may be reviewed and implemented or the trustees' Committee may choose to forward an idea to the Conference Committee for review. In 2024 the following changes are being made for the next printing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A change in Font</li> <li>· Mention of the “All Accessibilities Committee” monthly meeting under “Working with Other Accessibilities Committees”</li> <li>· Addition of sections on online meetings, where to find A.A. literature in other languages under “Remote Communities” section</li> </ul>	<p>Look through and read the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook looking for any changes that would increase its effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> pages 12-14 <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf</a> (English) <a href="https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-182-accessibility-kit-digital-en-0625.pdf">https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-182-accessibility-kit-digital-en-0625.pdf</a> (Accessibilities Kit English) <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/kjwtdmpqv/pdf/m-48i_accessibilities_workbook_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/kjwtdmpqv/pdf/m-48i_accessibilities_workbook_online.pdf</a> (Accessibilities Workbook English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

ITEM D -Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/History:</b></p> <p>A.A. Guidelines are published by the General Service Office (GSO) and reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the GSO (U.S. and Canada). The purpose of the A.A. Guidelines are to assist members in reaching an “informed group conscience.” This guide identifies some physically based access barriers that a person may encounter when attending meetings in your location. Group unity grows stronger when all members are included, respected and able to function as fully participating members of AA.</p> <p>In 2023 the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities was asked to update service material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges. In the updated service piece “<a href="#">Making the AA Message Accessible</a>” (F-107), you will find ‘Suggestions for Meetings’ (Open and review the AA Guidelines on Accessibility (see background information). Reference pages 9-10 in the “Making the AA Message Accessible”, referencing the ALCOHOLIC WHO IS NEURODIVERGENT-Suggestions for Meetings”)</p>	<p><b>Questions to Consider:</b></p> <p>After reviewing the AA Guidelines on Accessibility: is it sufficient or are there suggestions for changes that should be made</p> <p>Describe any type of accessibility need that has not been addressed by these AA guidelines.</p> <p>What challenges has your group encountered in meeting the needs of a member with diverse needs?</p> <p>What changes would you recommend to your meeting/meeting space to ensure AA members with accessibility challenges feel welcomed?</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf</a> (English) page 7</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accesibilidades.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accesibilidades.pdf</a> (Espanol) page 9</p> <p><a href="#">Making the AA Message Accessible</a> p. 9-10</p>	

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## Conference Committee: TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

ITEM E - Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> In early 2024, members of District 22 in Area 93 began receiving repeated concerns from several groups about an individual who was consistently disrupting meetings. The behavior included aggressive verbal tirades, racial slurs, threatening behavior and posture, and deliberate targeting of marginalized members. The presence of this individual created an atmosphere of fear and members were unsure how to proceed. Group secretaries and trusted servants reached out for support, not out of a desire to control or expel, but out of a genuine need to protect the primary purpose of the group: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Challenges with Safety: Tradition, Tension, and the Need for Discernment As the disturbances escalated, many members found themselves torn between adherence to Tradition Three (“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking”) and Tradition One (“Our common welfare should come first”). The dilemma was not theoretical—it was real, emotional, and happening in multiple meeting rooms in District 22. There was uncertainty about how far the group could go to protect itself while practicing the principles of the Steps and Traditions. As one group member reflected, “I kept thinking ‘we don’t throw people out,’ but I also knew that if this continues, we’re going to lose people who are trying to stay sober.”</p> <p>The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item (PAI-84), "Consider adapting video animations of the flyer (F-228) “Safety and A.A.” and “The Safety Card for A.A. Groups” developed by District 22 in Area 93, for approval, use, sale, and distribution by AAWS.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item (PAI-90), “Consider adapting three videos produced by Area 93, District 22 (‘Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter One: A.A.’s Safety Story,’ ‘Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter Two: The Safety Solution,’ and ‘Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter Three: More About Safety’) for use on A.A. media platforms in the U.S. and Canada.</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> pages 8-19; background story pages 13-15  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Treatment-and-Accessibilities-1.pdf</a> (English)  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accessibilidades.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/X.Tratamiento-y-Accessibilidades.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p> <p>Videos:  <a href="https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFohozwCPc6BjqHFoCGwtNc9SSs30D1Dp&amp;si=OpfJlB11uBseN2jm">https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFohozwCPc6BjqHFoCGwtNc9SSs30D1Dp&amp;si=OpfJlB11uBseN2jm</a>            (English) <a href="https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFohozwCPc6AfHV1OBebFNauk1epmUHgj&amp;si=v3JV9g1orTKAY-Pc">https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFohozwCPc6AfHV1OBebFNauk1epmUHgj&amp;si=v3JV9g1orTKAY-Pc</a>            (Espanol)</p>	<p>Open and review the background information on pages 8-19, specifically the background story (p.13-15) and the other safety material. Watch the 3 safety-related videos</p> <p><b>Questions to Consider:</b></p> <p>Provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adopted for use by GSO.</p> <p>Safety and A.A. Flyer (Item F-228)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/v20jcawhoh/pdf/F-228_Safety_and_AA_Flyer_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/v20jcawhoh/pdf/F-228_Safety_and_AA_Flyer_ONLINE.pdf</a></p> <p>Safety Card for A.A. Groups (Item F-211) (Item F-211)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/5gowq4gqos/pdf/F-211_Safety_Card_ONLINE.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/5gowq4gqos/pdf/F-211_Safety_Card_ONLINE.pdf</a></p> <p>A.A. Guidelines on Safety and A.A. Groups (Item M)  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/uqwwqmncqc/pdf/mg-25_safety_and_aa_groups_online.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/uqwwqmncqc/pdf/mg-25_safety_and_aa_groups_online.pdf</a></p> <p>Conference Approved Literature  <a href="https://aaws.widen.net/content/hfzsojoohs/pdf/SMF-29_Conference_Approved_Literature.pdf">https://aaws.widen.net/content/hfzsojoohs/pdf/SMF-29_Conference_Approved_Literature.pdf</a></p>

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## TRUSTEES

### Conference Committee: TRUSTEES

<p><b>ITEM A - Review resumes of candidates for:</b>  <i>i. Pacific Regional Trustee, ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee</i></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR:</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> Two Trustee positions will be voted on by delegates by region (Pacific Regional) and (Eastern Canada Regional). The Trustee Candidates (Four Successive Annual Terms) as follows:</p> <p>Area # - Area Name - Name of Candidate</p> <p>2 Alaska - Eden L</p> <p>3 Arizona Dee P.</p> <p>5 California (Southern) Lauren A.</p> <p>6 California (Northern Coastal) Eric L.</p> <p>7 California (Northern Interior) Tom A.</p> <p>8 California (San Diego/Imperial) Roxane R.</p> <p>9 California (Mid-Southern) Cesar F.</p> <p>17 Hawaii Bob H.</p> <p>18 Idaho Candice C.</p> <p>42 Nevada Rhonda F.</p> <p>58 Oregon Amber N.</p> <p>69 Utah Matt D.</p> <p>72 Western Washington Crystal J.</p> <p>92 Washington State East Allen Den A.</p> <p>93 California (Central) [No Candidate]</p>	
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ITEM B – Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.	Notes for the GSR:
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The trustees’ Nominating Committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board the following slate of trustees for election at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.</p> <p>Class A Trustees+</p> <p>Thomas “Tom” Ivester, MD, MPH                      Dawn Klug                      Tim Marx                      Hon. Kerry Meyer                      Molly Oliver                      Kelly Parsley                      Veronica Ramirez</p> <p>Class B Trustees (See “Note” below)</p> <p>Teddy B.W.                      Jennifer B.                      Charles “Charlie” H.                      Scott H.                      Teresa J.                      Robert L.                      Clinton M.                      Cheryl “Sherry” S.                      Gail P.                      David S.                      Ken T.                      Susan V.                      John W.</p> <p>Pacific regional trustee-elect                      Eastern Canada regional trustee-elect</p> <p>+nonalcoholic Note: Pacific and Eastern Canada regional trustees to be elected at April 2026 Conference</p>	<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Custodios-with-TOC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Custodios-with-TOC.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>

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## Conference Committee: TRUSTEES

ITEM C - Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board the following slate of Directors of A.A. World Services, Inc., for election in April 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any: (1) Julie C., (2) Charles “Charlie” H., (3) Grace F., (4) Matthew K.</p>	
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ITEM D - Review slate of Directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.	Notes for GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The Nominating Committee reviewed and recommended to GSB the slate of Directors of AA Grapevine, Inc. for election in April 2026, following presentation at the 2026 GSC for disapproval if any. These include nine nominees including a Grapevine Employee and nonalcoholic.</p> <p>Teddy B. W                      Chris C *                      Fredy M                      Daniel S                      Veronica Ramirez+                      Nikki O                      Gail P                      Cheryl “Sherry” S                      David S</p> <p>*Grapevine employee, +Nonalcoholic</p> <p>The board consists of trustees and non trustees directors (AA members with specialized business/publishing experience).</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b>  <a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf</a> (English)</p>	

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## Conference Committee: TRUSTEES

ITEM E - Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure	Notes for the GSR
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> The subcommittee reviewed the August 6, 2025, report and clarified its role and focus. It approved renaming itself the “<b>Ensuring Harmony and Effectiveness Subcommittee.</b>” It also supported routing motions to censure or reorganize the General Service Board directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees for confidential committee review, with the intent of vetting proposals before they reach the full Conference body. The Trustees Nominating Committee was asked to gather background information to help inform discussion at the 76th General Service Conference.</p> <p>The subcommittee will compile Fellowship feedback and request a complete set of inventory responses and floor discussion summaries to guide its work. It also supported including Harmony and Effectiveness topics in all-Conference member virtual sessions.</p> <p>At its December 22, 2025 meeting, the subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed the history of censure motions through 2025 and forwarded updates for archival review and sharing with trustees.</li> <li>- Discussed ways to introduce Harmony and Effectiveness topics in virtual sessions, encouraging proactive, solution-focused dialogue (e.g., “How can we support each other?”) and early feedback before formal complaints arise.</li> <li>- Continued discussion of the recommitted motion to route all censure motions directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees, noting concerns about confidentiality, alignment with the Conference Charter, and how such motions are submitted and processed. Relevant governing documents and archival background will support a fully informed discussion at the 76th Conference.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Trustees-with-TOC.pdf</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Custodios-with-TOC.pdf">https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/XI.-Custodios-with-TOC.pdf</a> (Espanol)</p>	

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### Conference Committee: TRUSTEES

<b>ITEM F - Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”</b>	<b>Notes for the GSC</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> As of February 1, 2026 trustees Literature committee meeting reviewed the progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet “Do you Think You’re Different?” and agreed to forward it to the 2026 Conference Committee on Trustees.</p> <p>The 2025 recommendation was to retire the pamphlet as the Fellowship has placed this emphasis on other pamphlets to answer this question. In addition to the lack of submissions that represented this topic.</p> <p>* This recommendation was presented on the Conference floor and did not receive a two-thirds majority to become a Conference Advisory Action.</p>	
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<b>ITEM G - Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”.</b>	<b>Notes for the GSR / Direction to take next !!</b>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> To adapt the existing illustrated pamphlet into an animated video format, likely to make the Twelve Steps easier to understand and more accessible, especially for visual learners or digital audiences. Groups could use the video in meetings, workshops, newcomer orientations, or treatment facility presentations. Creating high-quality animation can be expensive. Funds used for production might otherwise support other literature or service efforts.</p>	<p><b>Notes for GSR</b></p> <p>What does it cost?</p> <p>How many hits have previous videos had since the Implementation.</p> <p>Are there funds for this project?</p>
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<p><b>ITEM H - Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes for the GSR / Direction to take next !!</b></p>
<p><b>Summary/ History:</b> To adapt the existing illustrated pamphlet into an animated video format, likely to make the Twelve Traditions easier to understand and more accessible, especially for visual learners or digital audiences. Groups could use the video in meetings, workshops, newcomer orientations, or treatment facility presentations. Creating high-quality animation can be expensive. Funds used for production might otherwise support other literature or service efforts.</p>	<p>What does it cost ? How many hits have previous videos had since the Implementation? Are there funds for this project?</p>
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