



April 26 – May 2, 2026 · New York Hilton Midtown, New York, NY

Confidential Report. Vote tallies shown as In Favor – Opposed (2/3 substantial unanimity required for an Advisory Action). Items are summarized.

Floor Actions
(Resulting in Advisory Actions)

Floor Action #2:

Suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from **\$2,200 to \$3,000** (amended down from a proposed \$4,800).

— Lisa E, Panel 76, Area 70, Vermont (Apr 29, 2026)

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Amendment (\$4,800 → \$3,000)	128	95	33	86	Motion Passed
Final (Amended) Recommendation	131	104	27	88	Motion Passed

Floor Action #4:

AAWS offer a **print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report** for purchase at around \$3.31/copy; if production costs are not covered by sales, the FCR print version ends after the 2027 GSC. FCR prepaid orders to be taken ASAP.

— Jodi B, Panel 75, Area 21, Southern Illinois (May 1, 2026)

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
1 st Vote on Original Recommendation	129	70	59	SM	Simple Majority only
Vote on Motion to Reconsider	—	—	—	—	Motion Passed
Final Vote on Recommendation	133	89	44	89	Motion Passed

Floor Action #6:

Remove the word "**Eskimo**" from the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, Tradition Eight chapter essay, and replace with a neutral, non-racial term.

— Patrick C, GSO Staff, International Assignment (May 1, 2026)

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Original Recommendation	134	103	31	90	Motion Passed

Floor Actions
(Not Resulting in Advisory Actions)

FAILED (SIMPLE MAJORITY ONLY)

Floor Action #1:

No communication to the Fellowship regarding the **A.A. Reserve Fund** balance be distributed without including currently approved draws. (72–56; failed 2/3)

— Jon S, Panel 75, Area 32, Central Michigan (Apr 29, 2026)

CONFERENCE DECLINED TO CONSIDER

Floor Action #3:

Consider a request to **create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook**. (declined 98–37)

— Adrian O, Panel 76, Area 8, San Diego/Imperial California (Apr 29, 2026) (Same request was also TNA at the Finance Committee.)

Floor Action #5:

Suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* until the Conference develops further consensus around procedures and practices respecting changes to "Founders' Writings." (106–26)

— Michael R, Panel 75, Area 11, Connecticut (May 1, 2026) (Note: 5th Ed. text was approved by Literature Committee Item B above; this floor action paused actual printing.)

Committee's With No Action
(Items Reviewed & Considered)

ARCHIVES | COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY | GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS / REGIONAL FORUMS* | TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

Advisory Actions

(Passed with 2/3 Substantial Unanimity)

CORRECTIONS

- An update to the pamphlet "**The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs**" (P-11), with progress report or draft to the 2027 GSC. (129–5; PAI 50 & 56)

FINANCE

- Update "**Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix**" (F-3), pg 12 in Q&A on AA Grapevine support be changed from:

Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?

A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work.

Be replaced with:

Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?

A: AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.

(121–10; PAI 99)

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- Following the **78th GSC**, the **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)** process be discontinued. (93–39)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Conduct a **pilot 2026 Membership Survey**, budget not to exceed **\$10,000**, exploring how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office (GSO). The pilot uses the 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire for comparison and samples listed and unlisted groups in 3–5 areas. Progress report to 2027 GSC.
- Approve revised pamphlet "**Understanding Anonymity**" (P-47), retitled "**Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation**." (91–41)

TRUSTEES

- The trustees' Literature Committee **produce an animated video** based on "**The Twelve Steps Illustrated**" (P-55), with progress report to 2027. (104–27; PAI 103)
- The trustees' Literature Committee **explore producing an animated video** based on "**The Twelve Traditions Illustrated**" (P-43), with progress report to 2027. (Original "produce" 110–21; amended to "explore producing" by simple majority; PAI 104)

AGENDA

- The following theme for the 2027 General Service Conference (GSC): "**Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future**." (129–2)
- The following presentation/discussion topics for the 2027 GSC: "**The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership**", "**Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass**", "**Innovation Meets Tradition**." (129–2)
- 2027 GSC workshop topic: "**Unexpected Spiritual Lessons**." (124–5)



Advisory Actions (Continued from page 1 — Passed with 2/3 Substantial Unanimity)

LITERATURE

- The **Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*** be approved with minor editorial changes. (125–9) Includes revised Appendix III (Medical View), Appendix V (Religious View), Appendix IV (Lasker Award footnote → aa.org), and Appendix VI (How to Get in Touch with A.A.).
- The word "**Eskimo**" be removed from "Chapter 7: Working With Others" of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. (112–22) Amendment to also include the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50–82) — but was later passed via Floor Action #6.
- The committee noted that in accordance with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action authorizing development of the Fifth Edition *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which reads in part:

"Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V"

"Appendix III — The Medical View on A.A." and "Appendix V — The Religious View on A.A." have been revised in keeping with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action.

"Appendix IV — The Lasker Award" was revised to include a footnote to direct readers to the awards page on aa.org.

"Appendix VI — How to Get in Touch with A.A." was revised to reflect more current best practices.
- In keeping with the "A.A. World Services, Inc. Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current," which was accepted by the General Service Conference Advisory Action in 2020, and subsequently revised by the AAWS Board in 2022, the committee noted that the Publishing Department of the General Service Office will maintain editorial responsibilities for the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, including:
 - Editorial "fine tuning" such as footnotes, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, page numbers, headings and subheadings
 - Finalizing the titles and order of personal stories
 - Editorial review of the title page, jacket copy and table of contents
 - Coordinating the flow of work between the book designer, typesetters, copyeditors, proofreaders and the printers
 - Designing the book cover and jacket
 - Listing other A.A. literature in the final pages of the book
 - Determining the potential inclusion of QR codes based upon current best practices as identified by AAWS, Inc.

Fourth Edition *Alcohólicos Anónimos* NO ADVISORY ACTION

- The Literature committee discussed the progress report on the development of the **Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish)**. The committee recognized the work that has gone into developing the revised draft and requested that a manuscript or progress report be brought back to the **2027 Conference Committee on Literature**. The committee offered the following suggestions:
 - Additional communication to the Fellowship on the status of the project would be helpful to clarify misunderstanding.
 - Consideration be given to inviting a **Spanish-speaking member of the Conference Committee on Literature** to participate in the final review of the manuscript prior to Conference.
 - Consideration be given to inviting **Cesar F., ACM** and chair of the Working Group for developing a Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish-language Big Book) to attend the 2027 General Service Conference to be available as a resource for Conference deliberations on the manuscript.
- The committee reviewed the progress report of the **subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book** and requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.

REPORT & CHARTER

- Add to the FAQ in Chapter 1 "**What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?**" of the **2026–2028 Edition** of *The A.A. Service Manual / Twelve Concepts for World Service*. The answer covers alternate sharing methods (with respect for Tradition Eleven) and the spiritual importance of two-way GSR communication. (123–5 — *recommit from 75th GSC*)

The answer reads:

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity, so that members' names are not publicly available.

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.

- Approve a draft of a new "**Amendments**" section for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service section of the Service Manual. (130–1)

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION (*one-time committee, follow-up to 75th GSC inventory*)

- The Inventory Implementation Report be **committed to the General Service Board** for review and follow-through. (112–17)

Recommendations included:

 - Conference committees made aware of all PAIs through the **quarterly PAI Status Grid**.
 - Year-round PAI submissions encouraged (cut-off only for the immediately upcoming GSC).
 - Conference inventory recurring on a **five-year cadence beginning 2031**, with an implementation committee following each.
 - GSB **sharing session** on the roles and responsibilities of trustees, directors, delegates, and Staff.

2025 AAWS/GSB (GSO) FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS INFO ONLY

- **Seventh Tradition of Self-Support** – \$10.579M down 6.0% from \$11.249M in 2024
- **Operating Expense before Depreciation** – \$18.528M up 0.5% from \$18.444M in 2024
 - Program Service Expense – \$8.778M down 3.2% from \$9.072M in 2024
 - Supporting Services Expense – \$9.750M up 1.4% from \$9.612M in 2024
- **Self-Support** covered 57% of operating expense
- **Cost of program services per individual** – \$5.16 (Program Service Expense ÷ 1.7M members)
- **AAWS publishing gross profits** – \$7.456M down 2.4% from \$7.640M in 2024
- **Operating surplus before depreciation** – \$325,068

AAWS/GSB (GSO) KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

GREEN	Favorable	YELLOW	Unfavorable / Informative	RED	Action / Discussion ongoing
Indicator	2025 Actual vs 2025 Budget		2025 Actual vs 2024 Actual		
Contributions	\$10.579M vs \$11.000M, 4% less than budget		\$10.579M vs \$11.249M, 6% less than prior year		
Gross Literature Sales	\$15.264M vs \$16.000M, 5% less than budget		\$15.264M vs \$14.452M, 6% more than prior year		
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin)	\$7.456M vs \$8.510M, 12% less than budget		\$7.456M vs \$7.640M, 2% less than prior year		
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$18.528M vs \$18.967M, 2% less than budget		\$18.528M vs \$18.444M, 1% more than prior year		
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$325K vs \$1.316M		\$325K vs \$1.276M		
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	5.92		6.47		