

**Conference Committee on Report and Charter**  
New York Hilton Midtown

Monday, April 27, 2026, 8 a.m. – Noon  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 8 a.m. – Noon

The Conference Committee on Report and Charter met twice following the Joint Meeting with the General Service Board Ad Hoc Committee for Report and Charter on April 26, 2026, and considered the following agenda items:

A. Discuss *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2026-2028* Edition:

The committee recommended that the question “What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?” be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* and that the question and answer be included as follows:

“What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report?”

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.”

The committee recommended that a draft of a new “Amendment” section be approved for inclusion at the end of the *Twelve Concepts for World Service Section* of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed proposed editorial updates for the 2026–2028 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual*, suggested revisions, and forwarded the updated list to the Publishing Department.

- The committee discussed a request to remove a quote from co-founder Dr. Bob in *The A.A. Service Manual* and took no action. The committee noted that the quote was well placed in this section and effectively conveys a general appreciation for the love of service.
- The committee reviewed 2026-2028 edition of *The A.A. Service Manual* editorial list and noted that the vertical margin change bars are no longer necessary. The committee also suggested that the Publishing Department reinstate the practice of including a list of changes and place it at the beginning of the book.
- The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of the proposed *The A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition*, and the *2026 Final Conference Report*.
- The committee reviewed the current workflow and anonymization practices for the *Final Conference Report* and requested that the Publishing Department return to its prior practice of anonymizing the *Final Conference Report* by using first name and last initial only for A.A. members, and full names for nonalcoholic friends, Class A trustees and GSO employees.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on classifying literature published by A.A. World Services (AAWS) and AA Grapevine, Inc., submitted by the General Service Board Report and Charter Ad Hoc Committee. The committee noted the feedback received from the trustees' Archives Committee, particularly the shared understanding between the General Service Conference and the boards regarding the complexity and scope of this work.

The committee acknowledged the following concerns regarding the classification of literature:

Ø Classifying A.A. literature as *Recovery*, *Service* or *Historical* could lead to confusion due to content that might overlap into multiple categories.

Ø There is no formal definition of "founders." The phrase "co-founders of A.A." is commonly used to refer to Bill W. and Dr. Bob, with acknowledgement that many individuals played founding roles in various geographic areas.

The committee requested that this topic be forwarded to the trustees' Literature Committee for further input and guidance.

The committee elected Murray Alexander, Area 37, Mississippi, chairperson; and Debra Lund, Area 09, Mid-Southern California, alternate chairperson.