

Area 35 Hot Topics for 68th GSC

Cooperation With The Professional Community

- A. Review the trustees' committee report regarding LinkedIn as a platform for reaching professionals.

Corrections

- A. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarceration.

Finance

- A. Consider developing a method to standardize increases to the limits on individual contributions and bequests to the General Service Board.

Grapevine

- A. Review social media report regarding Instagram, Facebook and Google for Nonprofits.
- C. Review report on 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales.
- D. Reconsider the 2014 Conference Advisory Action on La Vina.

Literature

- A. Consider proposed revisions to *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
 1. Request to add an appendix reflecting recognition received from the Library of Congress.
 2. Request to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement
 3. Request to add an endnote to Bill.W.'s story acknowledging co-founder, Bob S.
- B. Consider request that A.A (US/Canada) publish "The Good Word" (a pamphlet currently published by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain)
- C. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members.
- D. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet based upon A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- E. Review report and suggestions on the inclusion of language related to safety in A.A. literature.
- M. Consider request for revisions to Living Sober.

- N. Consider request for the development of a new book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- P. Consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.”
- Q. Consider request for the development of a new pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women alcoholics.

Policy/Admissions

- C. Review report on the process, implementation and status on the site selection of the General Service Conference.
- E. Review progress report on options for equitable distribution of the workload of Conference committees.
- G. Discuss the following question from the trustees International Committee: “Does the US/Canada have a role/responsibility in assisting in the development of A.A. structures around the world through sponsoring other countries via direct invitations to observe our General Service Conference.”

Public Information

- C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 2. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed video PSA “Changes,” at a cost not to exceed \$42,000, in addition to the work of local public information committees.
- D. Consider approving a Young People’s Video submission.
- F. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous” which update language, contact information and information on the prevalence and severity of alcoholism and add information related to safety in A.A.
- G. Review a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Google for Nonprofit YouTube channel.
- H. Review the 2018 trustees Public Information Committee Report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry A.A. message.

Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2018-2020 Edition:*
 - 6. Consider removing the following statement from the section *Area Newsletters or Bulletins*: “Any group or district of the fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other material.”

7. Consider developing a plan for a revised editorial review process.

C. General Service Conference Final *Report*:

1. Consider request that Conference committee additional considerations be published in their entirety both in the printed Conference *Final Report* and the anonymity-protected digital version.

Treatment and Accessibilities

D. Review summary of the Fellowship sharing on the need for additional material to support carry the A.A. message to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing A.A. members.

Trustees

E. Review proposal to censure the General Service Board.

F. Review proposal to reorganize the A.A. World Service and General Service Boards.

G. Review report on the regional geographic service structure.

Archives

B. Consider request from the A.A. Grapevine Board to post the 2017 General Service Conference presentation, "A.A. Grapevine and La Vina" on AA Grapevine's YouTube channel.

C. Consider developing a policy on distribution of audio recordings of General Service Conference presentations.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2020 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.