The Conference Goes on ALL year?

That never made sense to me. “What do you mean the Conference goes on all year? We discussed the agenda items in our groups. We informed our delegate, heard her report and carried it back to the home group. That’s it until next year.”

Well, yes….and no. Our practice in Area 42 has been to focus on the agenda items and call that “The Conference.” For the General Service Conference to do its best during that one week, there must be communication year-round among all elements of the Conference Structure – the “up-side down triangle”. For the 130+/- members of the conference to make fully-informed decisions the Fellowship must speak and offer guidance. It could be that the more attention the Fellowship gives to considering and discussing current issues the more informed its guidance will be. If the Spring Tonopah Assembly marks the end of our pre-conference process then May starts the new conference year. In May, the gifts aren’t final conference agenda items; they are the new conference theme and presentation/discussion topics! We have the opportunity to explore and discuss them through the next pre-conference period. One (sober) alcoholic talking with another.

In addition to agenda items, the 65th GSC will hear and discuss topics under the theme of “Our Common Welfare through Gratitude in Action.”

The presentation/discussion topics include:
- Diversity in A.A. – Our Heritage of Inclusion
- Safety and Respect –
- Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
- Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology
- Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

We can jump into these topics with the same enthusiasm that we have for the annual agenda items. Any one of them would be a great theme for an assembly, an event or even a topic for a meeting. Group members certainly would have their own experience, strength and hope to share. We can plan activities around them - skits, games, presentations, and panels.

Through sharing our individual points of view and listening with open minds we may discover new and/or better ways to carry our message and to be of service. Proposals might emerge and could evolve into future Conference agenda items. Communication is everything.

Diversity in A.A., safety and respect in the group, Traditions and technology, and the gifts of inventories will be discussed at the 65th GSC. We can prepare ourselves and our delegate by discussing them, too. These are our topics. When we embrace them the Conference goes on all year!

In Fellowship,
Sophie K. Panel 63 Delegate Area 42
Bill meets Dr. Bob

Six months into his own sobriety, Bill and a couple of friends found a small company in Akron, Ohio that was ripe for takeover and would pull Bill and Lois out of their severe financial situation. It was not to be. The deal collapsed, probably on stories of Bill’s drinking, and Bill, dejected and distressed, returned to the city’s Mayflower Hotel where he nearly drank again.

Tempted by the lure of the bar, Bill headed to the public phone booth instead and desperately sought another alcoholic, someone like himself to talk to. After a series of calls Bill eventually contacted one Dr. Robert H. Smith, an Akron surgeon and sometime attendee at Oxford Group meetings. Agreeing to the meeting only to appease Anne, his wife, Dr. Bob was determined to spend no more than 15 minutes with this man who claimed to have a “cure” for alcoholism. The two men went into a room for what Bob thought would be a quick talk, but he was mistaken. They finally stopped talking about five hours later.

Bill stayed in Ohio three months working with Bob to help get other men sober. Bob drank once again a couple of weeks later after coming home from a medical conference in New Jersey. The date of Dr. Bob’s last drink is June 10, 1935 - the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous, the day there were two sober people in fellowship, and the day Dr. Bob drank for the last time.

Through the tireless efforts of the two men, others joined them and the small group of sober alcoholics grew person by person, group by group. (The story of AA can be read in publications such as AA Comes of Age, available through Alcohics Anonymous World Services, Inc. It provides a rich account of a fascinating history.)
Guidelines Change

Proposal

To integrate the Finance Guidelines, approved at Assembly 09/08/12 with the Area Guidelines approved at Assembly 03/29/14, creating one document. This will be done by placing the entire document called the Finance Guidelines into the back of the Area 42 Guidelines as an addendum. The process to amend any part of the integrated document will remain as currently stated in the Area 42 Guidelines, page 12: Section 7.0 (1st reading at Assembly, 2nd reading with discussion at the next Assembly, vote to follow).

Proposal will become effective immediately upon passage.

History

Up until the recent revision of the Area Guidelines our financial policies were scattered throughout the document. To create the finance Guidelines, all mention of finances were pulled out of the Area Guidelines, organized, updated and re-formatted. The body approved the updated and re-formatted policies on 9/8/12.

When the financial policies were scattered throughout the document they were subject to the amendment process stated on page 12 of the Area Guidelines. I propose returning the re-formatted policies, now called “the Finance Guidelines” to the original Area Guidelines document where they will again be subject to the same agreed-upon process for amendments.

Definition - Addendum - an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

Area 42 Chairman

Hello Friends – we’re gathering for our fall assembly in Tonopah, NV on September 5-7. Registration starts at 4:PM and we Open the Assembly at 6:PM Friday. I hope when we start, because Friday is going to be completely different from any other opening Assembly. If you’re able, please register for the Assembly online. It really helps us plan for how many members are coming – plus you get a fancy badge! Tonopah is at an altitude of 6,000 feet – those of you from warm climates may find it cool at night. If this is your first Assembly, I promise to make fun and informative.

Thank you, Mike

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(Make checks to: GSR Fund of So Nevada)

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Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)
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(plus tax — senior rates available)
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All rates subject to change

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1st  Wednesday monthly
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District 19
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2 pm Email for location & information:
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The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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