

**2019 General Service Conference (GSC)  
Agenda Item Summaries for  
Roundtables in Northern NV – NAGSC**

Area 42 Northern Nevada Roundtables

March 9, 2019

First Congregational Church

627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno, NV 89503

Attached are the six (6) GSC Agenda Items to be presented at the Area 42 Northern Nevada Roundtables. GSC Background information is available upon request.

Your Delegate wants to hear all comments and feedback from you and your groups on these GSC Agenda Items. Please utilize the feedback time during the Roundtables. After the Roundtables, please bring back a report to your group for discussion and possible group conscience to bring back to the Area Assembly in April.

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Conference Committee: VI. **Literature — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The Trustees’ Literature Committee reviewed and <b>agreed to forward</b> to the 2019 Conference Committee on Literature requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>.</p> <p>Four areas sent proposals to GSO to develop a Fifth Edition of the book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>: Area 20 Northern Illinois, Area 46 New Mexico, Area 03 Arizona, and Area 49 South Eastern New York. The goal for a new edition is to update the stories to better reflect our current membership. Historically, editions of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> have been published in somewhat regular intervals, between 16 to 25 years. It has taken 3 to 4 years from the proposal of a new edition to its first printing. If a 5th Edition were started by the 2019 General Service Conference, it would most likely be completed in 2022 to 2023, 21 or 22 years since the previous edition was published. If the agenda item moves forward, Area 49 would also like the committee to <b>consider</b> a concentrated, or additional section of stories comprised of individuals who got sober as young people, meaning under the age of 25, maybe called “Young People in AA”. It is believed this would make the stories of young people more visibly accessible in the book and would help more young people identify that it is possible to be young and alcoholic and to live a sober life.</p>
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does Area 42 wish for this to be considered?

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Conference Committee: IV. **Literature** — **Item N**

Agenda Topic	Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2013, the Conference Literature Committee Meeting recommended that this statement be added to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose card, but that item failed. This addition would closely match the language in the A.A. group pamphlet and there has been some confusion in the past because language on the pamphlet and the card do not match. The addition of this statement would make the language in the A.A. literature uniform.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group want to include the statement on the Primary Purpose card?

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Conference Committee: VII. **Policy/Admissions — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Page 57 of the service manual tells us that any binding advisory action requires 2/3 majority vote, but a simple majority vote of the conference shall be considered a suggestion to the GSB, GSO, and or the Grapevine. These suggestions are sometimes reported in the final conference report and sometimes are not. The 1986 advisory action asks if a committee recommendation does not receive the two thirds vote required to become a conference advisory action, but does receive the majority, it automatically becomes a suggestion and be duly noted in the final conference report.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Should any committee vote that receives a majority but not substantial unanimity be automatically considered a suggestion and reported in the final conference report?

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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This January, the Trustees’ Committee on Public Information agreed to forward the proposed revision to the Conference Committee on PI to add the following text to the “Understanding Anonymity” pamphlet. This is regarding Safety in AA. The proposed addition: Q. Is it okay to call the proper authorities if I witness inappropriate or even criminal behavior at a meeting? A. Groups strive to provide as safe an environment as possible in which members can focus on sobriety, and, while anonymity is central to that purpose, it is not intended to be a cloak protecting inappropriate or criminal behavior. Calling the proper authorities in such cases is a serious step meant to preserve the safety of members and does not go against any A.A. Traditions.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group agree with the new Q&A to be added to the pamphlet?

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Conference Committee: X. **Treatment & Accessibilities — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At the July 2018 meeting of the trustees’ committee on C.P.C./T.A., the chair appointed a subcommittee to identify projects to pursue to improve the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and improve cooperation with the Armed Services. The subcommittee considered all branches of the military, as well as veterans and veteran services. 1. One focus of the subcommittee for improving the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and cooperation with the Armed Services was reviewing A.A. literature which contained stories from members of the military or veterans. 2. Suggestions for updating were to get more recent stories, replacing ones that reference the Depression and WWII; to include information about online meetings; and to add information about A.A. Grapevine and its website. 3. Pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic - Never too Late”, available on G.S.O’s A.A. website
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think this pamphlet needs to be updated?

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Conference Committee: XI. **Trustees — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Committee on Nominating :agreed to forward the draft procedures for a partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board to the 2019 Conference Committee on Trustees. The committee reviewed a proposal to reorganize the A.A.W.S. and General Service Boards and took no action. The committee noted that although a reorganization was not considered necessary at this time, the committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on Nominating develop procedures for a partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. Board or AA Grapevine Board and that a report be brought back to the 2019 Conference Committee on Trustees, including all possible options.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing from your group.

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