

January 2012

2012 General Service Conference Committees
Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 General Service Conference.
- B. Determine the inventory questions listed in the “INVENTORY PLAN,” which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C., that will be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences.
- C. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.
- D. Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2013 G.S.C.
- E. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. “A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community” DVD:
 - 1. Discuss report on replacing the current “A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community” DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material.
 - 2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.
- B. Consider adding the phrase “nonalcoholics may attend as observers” to the “Singleness of Purpose” statement in C.P.C. literature.
- C. Review contents of Cooperation With the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review the draft revision of the pamphlet “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals.”
- C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”
- D. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Consider suggestion to increase the Conference delegate fee.
- B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests.
- C. Review proposed Self-Support Kit.
- D. Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.
- E. Review information concerning General Service Office/A.A.Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014.
- F. Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Viña per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that “La Viña continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Services Board as a service to the Fellowship.”

V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine’s Audio Strategy.
- B. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
- C. Consider “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items.
- D. Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position “Grapevine Representative” into the Service responsibilities and duties of the “General Service Representative.”
- E. Review Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Discuss progress report from the trustees’ Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Consider the draft of the revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” pamphlet.
- C. Consider the final draft of the revised *Living Sober* booklet.
- D. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service.”
- E. Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
- F. Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- G. Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to *As Bill Sees It*.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62nd General Service Conference as observers.
- B. Review dates for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.
- D. Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2011 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Review the final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza."
 - 2. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A., "My World."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza," at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, as an addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - 4. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 5. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
- D. Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.
- E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.
- F. Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card.
- G. Review contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2012-2013 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
 - 2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
 - 4. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 5. Consider suggestion for revising text on “Conference Panels,” on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term “panels.”
 - 6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the “spirit of rotation.”
 - 7. Consider suggestion to replace the “STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE” illustration on page S16 with a previous version.
- B. Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Discuss trustees’ progress report on the review of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. West Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review report from the trustees’ Nominating Committee on the “Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate.”

XII. Archives

- A. Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums.
- B. Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.