

January 2011

2011 General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2012 General Service Conference.
- B. Presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference
 - 1. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 G.S.C.
 - 2. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics planned for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Consider a request that the trustees' Conference Committee meet annually with the Conference Committee on Agenda and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to address matters concerning the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Discuss the concept of a compilation DVD of C.P.C. literature.
- B. Discuss a draft sample letter to professionals on how they might use the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne.
- C. Review a draft service piece regarding use of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors.
- D. C.P.C. Kit and Workbook
 - 1. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
 - 2. List of goals and project suggestions for C.P.C. committees.
 - 3. Sharing on formats for one-on-one contact with professionals.
 - 4. Sample guide letter for healthcare professional school administrators.

III. Corrections

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Consider adding references to the Big Book in the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities," including a proposed section describing Big Book studies as a possible meeting format.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review update from trustees' Finance Committee on gathering personal stories drawn from the Fellowship that humanize the impact of Seventh Tradition monies for the purpose of communicating with the Fellowship about self-support.
- B. Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" forwarded from the trustees' Finance Committee.
- C. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition."
- D. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee convert Self-Support packet F-19 to a comprehensive Finance Kit."
- E. Discuss the list forwarded from the 2010 Conference Finance Committee for additional ways to communicate about self-support:
 - 1. Birthday Plan
 - 2. Seventh Tradition Pamphlet
 - 3. *Box 4-5-9* or Grapevine Articles
 - 4. Finance Workbook/Tool Kit
 - 5. Report Costs of Services to Members
 - 6. Discuss Effects of Inflation
 - 7. Add Additional Financial Information to the Web site

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider that A.A. Grapevine, Inc., be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.
- B. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.
- C. Review request for a discussion on how to best support the Grapevine magazine.
- D. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2012 or later.

- E. Review and discuss the results of the surveys conducted per the 2010 Advisory Action.
- F. Review revisions to “The A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print” pamphlet.
- G. Review contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs.”
- B. Review progress report from the trustee’s Literature Committee on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- C. Review progress report from the trustee’s Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet “A.A. and the Armed Services.”
- D. Review draft revisions to the *Living Sober* booklet.
- E. Consider suggestion to replace the text under “When you’re a G.S.R.” in the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative.”
- F. Consider a request to develop an item similar to the Self-support or “green card” to help promote the use of our literature as a Twelfth Step tool.
- G. Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that “the trustees’ Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.”
- H. Consider a request to include the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book.
- I. Consider a request to develop a publication about the General Service Office.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve admission to the 2011 General Service Conference of Ron Foor, alternate delegate, Area 22, Northern Indiana, in place of Donald Sheets, the Panel 61 delegate for Area 22.
- B. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Peru to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.
- C. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Great Britain to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.
- D. Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference agenda items.
- E. Consider the comprehensive plan and estimated cost from the Conference Inventory Planning Committee for the General Service Conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself.

- F. Review dates for the 2014 General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss request that a formal relationship be developed between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the trustees' Conference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.
- H. Consider suggestion that the Conference Committee on Archives meet outside of the time allotted for their joint committee meeting with the trustees' Committee on Archives.
- I. Review report from the General Service Board regarding Concept V Appeal to the General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2010 annual Web site report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider that the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey.
- C. Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."
- D. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 2. Consider production of new television P.S.A.s.
- E. Consider revisions to "Understanding Anonymity" which include text on the topic of anonymity in the digital age and answers the question "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the A.A. members they may meet?"
- F. Consider revisions to "The A.A. Fact File."
- G. Consider a revision to "A.A. at a Glance."
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2011-2012 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 2. Review draft of description on trustees emeriti.
 - 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 4. Review revised text forwarded from the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees regarding the nominating procedure listed as #2 on page S67.

5. Consider request to change the phrase “new kid on the block” to “a first year delegate” on page S52 under Personal Experience in section “Preparing for the Conference.”
6. Consider suggestion to revise the text on “inactive service workers” on page S37 in Chapter Four to reflect that the appropriate local entity is responsible for addressing inactive G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and add similar text to Chapters One and Three.
7. Consider request to review and update the section “What Goes On at the Conference” on page S55.

B. Conference Charter:

1. Consider request to recommend adding “the right of Petition and Appeal” to the Conference Charter as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.
2. Consider request to “address and remedy the inconsistencies between the Current [Conference] Charter and the Original [Conference] Charter” as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).

D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities

- A. Review draft recovery pamphlet for alcoholics with special needs.
- B. Discuss report from the trustees’ Committee regarding changing “Treatment Facilities” Committee to “Treatment” Committee in committee titles and in A.A. literature.
- C. Consider removing line of dialog from video “Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous.”
- D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- 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.

XII. Archives

- A. Review Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss report on the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.

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