

**I. Agenda:****Conference Committee: I. Agenda — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 1966 General Service Conference was first to have a theme and has had one every year since.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Area 42's choice from 53 suggestions submitted for The conference Theme. As with the suggested Presentation/ Discussion Topics, you will have the opportunity at the Area Assembly (through your DCM) to give Byron your top picks.

**Conference Committee: I. Agenda — Item B**

Agenda Topic	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.																						
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Excerpt from the trustees' Committee on the G.S.C. January 28, 2012 Meeting: As outlined in the Inventory Plan, the 2012 Conference Agenda Committee will determine the questions listed in the Inventory Plan that will be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences.																						
What does the Delegate need to know?	<p>Review INVENTORY PLAN approved by 2011 G.S.C. for 2013, 2014, 2015: The following outline is based on 44 inventory questions and is an example of how questions could be divided; any of the three inventory years could be the one year when there are fourteen questions rather than fifteen questions.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"></th><th colspan="2">Inventory Groups</th></tr> <tr> <th>Inventory Year</th><th>Inventory Questions</th><th colspan="2">Each year there will be 15 inventory groups (A-0). Each inventory group will have 9 members.</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2013</td><td>15 Questions (#1-15)</td><td>Group A-0</td><td>Groups A-E discuss questions #1-5 Groups F-J discuss questions #6-10 Groups K-0 discuss questions #11-15</td></tr> <tr> <td>2014</td><td>15 Questions (#16-30)</td><td>Group A-0</td><td>Groups A-E discuss questions #16-20 Groups F-J discuss questions #21-25 Groups K-0 discuss questions #26-30</td></tr> <tr> <td>2015</td><td>14 Questions (#31-44)</td><td>Group A-0</td><td>Groups A-E discuss questions #31-35 Groups F-J discuss questions #36-40 Groups K-0 discuss questions #41-44</td></tr> </tbody> </table>					Inventory Groups		Inventory Year	Inventory Questions	Each year there will be 15 inventory groups (A-0). Each inventory group will have 9 members.		2013	15 Questions (#1-15)	Group A-0	Groups A-E discuss questions #1-5 Groups F-J discuss questions #6-10 Groups K-0 discuss questions #11-15	2014	15 Questions (#16-30)	Group A-0	Groups A-E discuss questions #16-20 Groups F-J discuss questions #21-25 Groups K-0 discuss questions #26-30	2015	14 Questions (#31-44)	Group A-0	Groups A-E discuss questions #31-35 Groups F-J discuss questions #36-40 Groups K-0 discuss questions #41-44
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**Conference Committee: I. Agenda Item C**

Agenda Topic	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.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Conference Committee on Agenda has sent a request to consider reducing the number of presentations! Discussion topics planned for the 2012 General Service Conference. The Chairperson of the Conference Inventory Planning Committee (CIPC) has requested the proposed Inventory plan to take place; using the time allotted for Workshops (Presentation/Discussion) for the group meetings.

What does the Delegate need to know?	Excerpt from the trustees' Committee on the G.S.C. January 28, 2012 Meeting: The committee reviewed the three-year Conference Inventory Plan approved by the 2011 General Service Conference that will take place at the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences. The committee suggested that the Conference Agenda Committee consider reducing the number of presentation topics for the 2012 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.
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**Conference Committee: I. Agenda — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topics ideas for the 2013 G S C.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The General Service Conference recommends workshop topics. All workshop topics since 1985 are listed as well as 69 suggestions for workshops at the 2013 G S C.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The Delegate has requested Area Assembly feedback on this item, you will be given the opportunity (through your DCM) to give Byron your suggested topics for presentation/discussion.

**Conference Committee: I. Agenda — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review the General Service Conference evaluation form.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It is standard procedure to review this document every year. The committees responsible for future Conference agendas give careful consideration to the comments turned in.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The Delegate has not requested any feedback on this item.

**II. Cooperation with the Professional Community:****Conference Committee: II.CPC Item – A.1**

Agenda Topic	"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.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee agreed to forward, as requested by the 2011 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community, the report on "the replacement of current CPC DVD with new compilation DVD that includes existing material" and a draft product on the 2012 Conference Committee on CPC. Under discussion since 2010 and questions as to if it is the proper format to be used to communicate with the professional community.
What does the Delegate need to know?	See Report

**Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item A.2**

Agenda Topic	"A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD: 2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee agreed to forward, as requested by the 2011 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community, a draft product and report replacing the current CPC DVD with new compilation DVD that includes existing material.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Sample Draft Product

**Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Consider adding the phrase "nonalcoholics may attend as observers" to the "Singleness of Purpose" statement in C.P.C. literature.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In January 2012 the Committee agreed to forward to the 2012 Conference Committee on CPC a proposal to add the phrase "nonalcoholics may attend as observers" to the "Singleness of Purpose" statement in C.P.C literature. This was recommended by the Conference CPC

	Committee in 1997.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Memo to 2012 Conference Committee on CPC dated Feb. 2, 2012 Email from Area 67 Delegate dated Jan. 11, 2012 Information on Alcoholics Anonymous (F-2) Excerpt from <i>The A.A. Group</i> pamphlet. Email dated Dec. 13, 2011

### Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review Contents of Cooperation With the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Committee kits and workbooks are reviewed at each General Service Conference.
What does the Delegate need to know?	February 2012 memo from staff on changes to workbook and kit. List of CPC kit contents

## **III. Corrections:**

### Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review the draft revision of the pamphlet "Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell".
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 2009 Conference recommended that the trustees' Committee on Corrections revise the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell", taking into consideration the inclusion of more stories and photographs or graphics.  Progress reports on the revisions were provided to the Committee in 2010 and 2011. At their January 2012 meeting, the trustees' Committee on Corrections discussed and approved the final draft revision and redesign of the pamphlet "Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" as submitted by the Publications Department, and agreed to forward the draft to the 2012 Conference Committee on Corrections.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing. Due to copyright issues, the confidential draft pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" was mailed to Conference Committee on Corrections members only and is not available to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, so there are no specifics to discuss.

### Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee reviewed four proposed changes to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals."  1) Request to specifically mention lifers participating in A.A.: Request that the pamphlet 'A Message to Corrections Professionals' be revised to include information on the benefits of the A.A. program of recovery to alcoholics both during and after incarceration. Some facilities do not allow lifers to participate in AA meetings. This request is to add information addressing the benefits of participating in AA for the lifer, in hopes of clarifying that the AA program has more value than just preparing inmates for re-entry.  2) Request to change the title for the section currently called "Release and paroles" to Re-entry and parole".  3) Request updating the Singleness of Purpose section regarding non-alcoholics attending open AA meetings. Note that this statement of Singleness of Purpose is included in literature affecting other committees, as well. The request is to add "as observers" to the statement. (The change is

	<p><i>italicized and <u>underlined</u> below).</i></p> <p>Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to and encouraged to attend open A.A. meetings <u>as observers</u>. Anyone may attend open meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings.</p> <p>4) Request to update and/or delete numbers and statistics in pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals”, because they are outdated.</p>
What does the Delegate need to know?	Do you want the Conference to change the pamphlet? If yes, which proposals does your group want changed?

### Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item C

Agenda Topic	Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The request is that the video be re-made and brought up to date, in order to accurately reflect current-day life in correctional facilities. There has not been an update since its release in 1987. The estimated cost is between \$60,000 and \$75,000. Over the last ten years the average distribution annually has been 219 copies. There are two other videos available to carry the message to those incarcerated:</p> <p>~ “A.A. In Correctional Facilities” - 2010</p> <p>~ “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” -1998</p>
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group want the Conference to remake the video?

### Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks for Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Public Information, Treatment Committee, and Special Needs/Accessibility get reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing

## **IV. Finance:**

### Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item A

Agenda Topic	Consider suggestion to increase the conference delegate fee.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A request that the Trustees Finance Committee consider raising the dollar amount requested from each Area to help defray the actual costs of the General Service Conference, to better reflect the effects of inflation, thus allowing each Area to be more self-supporting
What does the Delegate need to know?	<p><b>Past Advisory Actions Requested that areas send \$100 from Conference</b></p> <p>In 1969 it went to \$150 &gt; In 1974 it went to \$200 &gt; In 1978 it went from (\$200-\$300) &gt; In 1984 it went from (\$300-\$400)</p> <p>In 1989 it went from (\$400-\$600) &gt; In 1997 it went from (\$600-\$800) &gt; In 2005 it went from (\$800-\$1200)</p>

**Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Background material consisted of 1 document: Proposal letter from an Area 5 GSR, proclaiming to seek the “Total and lasting success of AA and GSO”.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The proposed increase is:  Individual:               \$15,000.00  One-time bequest:     \$75,000.00

**Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review proposed Self-Support Kit
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At the October 2011 meeting, the Trustees Finance Committee reviewed the draft Self-Support Kit developed by the Finance Department in response to the request by the 2011 Conference Finance Committee for the kit. At that time, the chair asked for further comment or suggestions.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The subcommittee recommends that the Trustees Finance Committee forward the kit to the Conference Finance Committee for approval as a service piece

**Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Seeking agreement on talking points for ‘Self Support’ Kit. The talking points offer substance, background, and reasoning to the informational ‘Self Support’ Kit to be made available to AA Members and AA Groups. Some of the financial talking points consist of: Spiritual value/greater whole. Reference to services provided by GSO. Contributions have been down. Literature now accounts for 56% of our income. Only 44% of groups contribute. Birthday envelope. Budgeting group contributions rather than waiting to see what is leftover to send out. Discuss descriptive presentation about specific International efforts to carry the message (Trustees’ at large/GSO staff).
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does the AA Membership agree that the talking points as outlined clearly summarize and present the information necessary to show Groups and Members the important concepts and reasoning regarding the issue of Self Support?

**Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review information concerning General Service Office / A.A. Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The purpose of this projection was to advise the Committee of the thought process the A.A.W.S. Board goes through when evaluating possible future financial results absent any other actions. Such actions could include cost (Service) reductions, or price increases. Additionally a significant increase in contributions from the Fellowship would aid in this effort.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Review (no vote)

**Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item F**

Agenda Topic	Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Vina per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that “La Vina continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Services Board as a service to the Fellowship”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>2010 Advisory Actions (Grapevine) It was recommended that:</p> <p>La Vina achieve spiritual parity with the A.A. Grapevine, beginning in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publishing La Vina as a bimonthly, perfect-bound, black-and-white, 68-page issue at an additional estimated cost of \$21,400 per year for one year, beginning in 2011, followed by a year of review and assessment in 2012. The results of this review and assessment will be brought to the 2013 Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine.</li> <li>2. Content and substance be of primary importance.</li> <li>3. An announcement will be published in La Vina magazine beginning immediately and throughout the trial year, encouraging increased submissions and subscriptions, moving toward the goal of being self-supporting.</li> </ol> <p>2012: There currently exists a G.S.B. Ad Hoc Committee re-evaluation of the Boards' commitment to continue production / support of La Vina.</p> <p>From the A.A. Grapevine Inc. Report to the General Service Board January 30, 2012. Agreed to forward the following message to the chair of the General Service Board regarding La Vina funding:</p> <p>The Grapevine Board recognizes that, based on General Service Conference actions, La Vina is a service funded by the General Service Board, and that parity is sought between La Vina and Grapevine. The Grapevine Board also recognizes that La Vina's budget reflects a deficit equal to about 50% of the costs to prepare and produce La Vina, As the Grapevine Board is charged with oversight of the management and finances of La Vina, we ask the General Service Board to reassess the cost incurred in continuing to provide this service.</p>
What does the Delegate need to know?	<p>Consider a review:</p> <p>The results of this review and assessment will be brought to the 2013 Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine.</p>

**V. Grapevine:****Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine's Audio Strategy.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A.A. Grapevine be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies, such as but not limited to, smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products. Grapevine now offers most its products in digital formats such as e-books or online subscription offerings, yet the audio products have not benefitted from similar updates. Using low cost recording options Grapevine may continue its traditions of accepting stories for transcription and/or audio-book publication while simultaneously removing barriers to member participation.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Office report 2012: Audio Strategy Proposal Audio Strategy: Additional Information

**Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It was unanimously recommended that the Conference Committee on the Grapevine annually review a list of proposed related items at least one year in advance of possible production, so that

	the Conference might provide guidance, recognizing that the committee may request more than one year to review some proposed items.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Staff report 2012 AA Grapevine Catalog AAWS Catalog

**Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Consider “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee discussed a suggestion to cease production of all special items that do not contain articles taken directly from the magazine, and took no action. This plan provides for phasing out some books, most CDs, all cassette tapes and selected “other” products. “Sun-setted” products would remain available to the fellowship in at least one format. Depending on popularity they would be archived or become downloadable as an audio or e-book
What does the Delegate need to know?	Office report 2012: Sunset proposal Categories for discontinuing related materials from the AAGV Director’s Handbook AAGV Product Plan

**Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position “Grapevine Representative” into the Service responsibilities and duties of the “General Service Representative.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	To exclaim that A.A.G.V. is undergoing challenging times is an understatement. Subscriptions are declining despite monumental efforts on the part of our areas and other A.A. entities. Despite great love & passion within the GVR structure, it has not proven optimal, many groups and members lack even basic information about the Grapevine. On the other hand our entire service structure communication process has our GSRs at the pivotal role. Incorporating the GVR role into the GSR role seems to be a practical and spiritually based approach that may help the Grapevine find its way.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Agenda request letter History of Grapevine Reps (pg 28 guide to the GV Workbook on line at <a href="http://www.aagrapevine.org">www.aagrapevine.org</a> ) What does a GVR/RLV do (pg S89 of 2011-2012 Service Manual) The GSR (pgs S26-S28 of 2011-2012 Service Manual) Memo from Archives on History of GSR’s

**Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Review Grapevine Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2011 austerity measures necessitated postponement of this project. The 2012 Grapevine budget has made provisions for the project. The new updated version will also exist on AAGrapevine.org as a PDF. From 2007 additional considerations. The committee reviewed the workbook and suggested the sample presentation to appendix IV be updated. The committee encouraged the Grapevine to explore less expensive formats for the production of the workbook. From 2008, produce a portable handbook for ease of use by the GVR, and for cost containment. Continue to offer the current workbook as a free download at the Grapevine website.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The committee reviewed the contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook and suggested that electronic updates be made to outdated material, still preserving a digital version of this historic document. Office report GVR Handbook RLV Handbook GVR Workbook

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

Agenda Topic	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 <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It was recommended that the trustees' Committee on Literature develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> and bring a draft pamphlet or progress report to the 2012 Conference Committee on Literature for consideration. The chairperson then appointed a sub-committee to review the stories for consideration.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The trustees' Committee on Literature accepted a report from the sub-committee and agreed to forward the summary progress report to the Conference Committee on Literature along with a draft introduction to the pamphlet which had been viewed by the 2011 Conference Committee on Literature as well as the 23 un-edited stories which were a result of the sub committees' efforts.

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

Agenda Topic	Consider the draft of the revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It was discussed and a recommendation was made at the 2010 Conference that the trustees' Literature Committee update the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" to include recent experiences from member on Active Duty and a section which focuses on Veterans of the Armed Services, and that the range of experiences be reflected in the title of the pamphlet.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The draft pamphlet totaling 18 stories from three sources: new stories, Grapevine stories, and stories from the existing pamphlet, along with an additional option for a sub-title for possible inclusion in the pamphlet revision. The sub-title suggestion is that the range of included experiences such as Active Duty Military Members and Veterans Tell Their Stories be added.

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

Agenda Topic	Consider the final draft of the revised <i>Living Sober</i> booklet.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At the 2010 Conference a recommendation that the trustees' Committee on Literature review the booklet <i>Living Sober</i> and present a draft or report to the 2011 Conference Committee of Literature and ask the Publications Department undertake a review of the booklet focusing on outdated language or practices and present a draft or report.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The committee agreed to forward the 2012 Conference Committee of Literature for their consideration the final draft of the revisions to the <i>Living Sober</i> booklet for consideration.

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

Agenda Topic	Discuss a suggestion for the revision of the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service".
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At the January 28, 2012 meeting, the trustees' Committee on Literature discussed a suggestion for a change in the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service". The trustees' Committee on Literature agreed to request that the Conference consider revising the entire pamphlet.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The pamphlet had been developed in 1978 and received General Conference approval in 1980. No significant changes have been made to this pamphlet in the years since 1978. General census of the Assembly.



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

Agenda Topic	Discuss request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> , to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There has been requests made to consider adding language specifically identifying “The AA Message” on the inside front dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> as it appeared on the inside front dust jacket of the Third Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
What does the Delegate need to know?	General Service is forwarding Area 26’s request to reinstate language specifically identifying “The AA Message” on the inside front dust jacket of the Fourth Edition as it appeared on the inside front dust jacket of the Third Edition to Valerie O’Neal, Publications Director.

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

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Several Areas have requested the addition of the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> which will give the Big Book as a complete manual to recovery, since it gives the definition of A.A and because the Big Book already has included the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.
What does the Delegate need to know?	General census of the Assembly.

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

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to <i>As Bill Sees It</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<i>As Bill Sees It</i> makes reference to the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts. However, the 12 Concepts are not included in the book, yet both the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions are.
What does the Delegate need to know?	General census of the Assembly.

**VII. Policy and Admissions:****Conference Committee: VII. Policy and Admissions – Items A**

Agenda Topic	Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62 <sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference as observers.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	14 guests from other countries have visited the GSC since 1988.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Two members from India-GSB on February 2012 have ask GSO if they can attend the US and Canada conference in 2012.

**Conference Committee: VII. Policy and Admissions — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review Dates for the 2015 General Service Conference
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Discussed since 1993.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Each year the committee considers dates for the GSC 3 years in advance to make sure it doesn’t conflict with any major holidays.

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

Agenda Topic	Consider Modifying the procedure for the submission of concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Topic has been discussed since 2008. Discussion in the right of appeal.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The requested change modifies the procedure by which the minority notifies of its intent to appeal and clarifies the timing and methodology for presenting the appeal.

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

Agenda Topic	Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	It's been discussed since 2002
What does the Delegate need to know?	Is it a helpful or distracting tool? Is there enough work space to accommodate personal electronic devices? Are there enough electrical outlet's.?

**VIII. Public Information:****Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information: — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Consider 2011 annual report from the Trustees' Public Information committee on G.S.O's AA website.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Per an advisory action in 2004 the A.A.W.S. Board manages the G.S.O.'s AA website and is responsible for preparing an annual report summarizing all quarterly report information. to be submitted to the trustees' PI committee for review and consideration.
What does the Delegate need to know?	This report includes all changes made to the website, updates on website activity, and a summary of requests or correspondence from the fellowship regarding the website and a summary of actions taken by the A.A.W.S. Board in response to those requests or correspondence. The full report is included as background information with this agenda item.

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information: — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review the final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Since 1966 the P.I. committee has prepared and conducted an annual broad survey of its membership. By 1990 "The A.A. Membership Survey" pamphlet was developed to publish the results of the survey. The survey results and pamphlet are reviewed by the trustees' PI committee and in January, the committee discussed and agreed to forward to the 2012 Conference Committee on Public Information the draft pamphlet "2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey" with minor edits.
What does the Delegate need to know?	At this point the draft is for <i>committee eyes only</i> . The committee will review the pamphlet to insure it has reached its intended goals and that the information in the pamphlet is in accord with A.A. principles. Once the pamphlet comes out of the committee process to the Conference floor it will be available for viewing.

**Public Service Announcements C 1-5****Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information Item C-1**

Agenda Topic	Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video Public Service Announcement, “Tengo Esperanza”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010 Conference PI Committee recommended using a more professional approach to developing Spanish PSAs, utilizing the services of Hispanic Subject Matter Experts to ensure the English content will resonate with Spanish-speaking audiences</li> <li>• 2011 General Service Conference Advisory Action: A culturally sensitive Spanish PSA be developed by the Trustees’ PI Committee at a cost not to exceed \$40,000</li> <li>• The La Vina Editorial Board and two GSO Spanish Editors have reviewed the script and preliminary video and provided input</li> <li>• The Trustees’ PI Committee viewed the preliminary Hispanic TV PSA and agreed to forward it to the 2012 Conference PI Committee</li> </ul>
What does the Delegate need to know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Conference PI Committee will be able to view the preliminary “Tengo Esperanza” PSA at their meeting</li> <li>• When possible, the staff secretary will mail DVDs of the proposed PSA to Conference PI Committee members only (mid to late March 2012)</li> <li>• The rest of the Conference members will not receive or view a copy unless and until it comes out of the committee process</li> <li>• The Conference PI Committee will review the proposed PSA primarily to determine whether or not it is in accord with AA principles</li> </ul>

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information — Item C-2**

Agenda Topic	Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A., My World
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Excerpt from the 2010 conference P.I. Committees report: The committee recommended that the 2010 television public service announcement, My World, be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing

**Conference Committee: VII. Public Information VII. — Item C-3**

Agenda Topic	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.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<b>From Jan. 28 2012 report of the trustees Committee on Public Information:</b> The committee considered and agreed to forward to the 2012 Conference Committee on Public Information, a proposal to centrally distribute and track the proposed Hispanic television public service announcement (P.S.A.), Tengo Esperanza, with a cost not to exceed \$40,000, should the P.S.A. be approved by the 62nd General Service Conference.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Financial information is available in background information

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information — Item C-4**

Agenda Topic	Review current television P.S.A.'s for relevance and usefulness.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Committee is charged with an annual review as in 4. and 5.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The committee concluded the current television P.S.A.'s are still relevant and useful, and that there is no need in 2012 for a new television P.S.A.

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information: — Item C-5**

Agenda Topic	Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Committee is charged with an annual review as in 4. and 5.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The committee concluded the current television P.S.A.'s are still relevant and useful, and that there is no need in 2012 for a new television P.S.A.

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

Agenda Topic	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
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The final report in 2012 of the trustees' Comprehensive Media Plan Subcommittee recommended that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for informational purposes only with no interpersonal communication capabilities. Additional information is available in the background information. There has been no cost projection at this time.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Solicit your group's foresight of AA on a major social network. Do they feel the changes are an appropriate means of informational communication?

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information – Item E**

Agenda Topic	Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Historically, our Eleventh Tradition reads, in part: "...at the level of press, radio, and films". The proposed change would read: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and all other public media." Additional information is contained in the background information. No cost projection was provided.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group feel "television and all other public media" is an accurate adaptation for the closing of Tradition Eleven?

**Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information – Item F**

Agenda Topic	Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee discussed a request to update wallet card, and asked secretary to bring updated text regarding current media to the committee for consideration at Jan.2012 meeting. 1/28/12 Committee agreed to forward to the conference committee on public information the updated "Anonymity Wallet Card" for their consideration. This was started 9/26/11 in a note from Class A trustee Michele Grinberg
What does the Delegate need to know?	Current and proposed reading of card available in background info

**Conference Committee: VII. Public Information VII. — Item G**

Agenda Topic	Review the Contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Kits and Workbooks are reviewed every year by the appropriate Conference Committee
What does the Delegate need to know?	The main change being set forth is the Packaging of the Kit, 3 different Packages will be discussed The Delegate really doesn't need to know about this at this time

**IX. Report and Charter:**

The A.A. Service Manual, 2012-2013 Edition: **Item A (1-7)**

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter Item A.1**

Agenda Topic	Review revision from the A.A. Grapevine Board
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The General; Service Board, the A.A.W.S., and the AA Grapevine Board annual review "The Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service" and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report & Charter
What does the Delegate need to know?	1/26/12 memo from AA Grapevine Board to secretary of Conference Report & Charter Committee with various revision to AA Grapevine sections in the AA Service manual Tear Sheets prepared by Publication Department based on submitted revisions showing changes to existing copy (11 pages) Printout of electronic edits of digital files, as submitted by Grapevine Board (13 pages)

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter Item A.2**

Agenda Topic	Review revisions from the A.A.W.S Board
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The General; Service Board, the A.A.W.S., and the AA Grapevine Board annual review "The Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service" and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report & Charter
What does the Delegate need to know?	The Committee suggested that the A.A.W.S Board consider adding examples to clarify what "other entities" refers to on page S74 in the last paragraph under FINICIAL SUPPORT  1/30/12 memo from chair of A.A.W.S Board to secretary of conference Report & Charter Committee with revisions to A.A.W.S sections in The A.A. Service Manual

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter Item A.3**

Agenda Topic	Review revisions from General Service Board
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The General; Service Board, the A.A.W.S., and the AA Grapevine Board annual review "The Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service" and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report & Charter
What does the Delegate need to know?	1/29/12 Report of the General Service Board subcommittees  1/30/12 Excerpts from General Service Board minutes.

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter Item A.4**

Agenda Topic	Review list of editorial updates
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a list of editorial updates/changes for 2012-2013 for the AA Service Manual
What does the Delegate need to know?	2/3/12 list of editorial updates from Publications

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter — Item A.5**

Agenda Topic	<i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> , 2012-2013 Edition: 5. Consider suggestion for revising text on "Conference Panels," pg S107, to clarify what is meant by the term "panels".
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Add Verbiage to clarify the word "Panel" better in the World Service Manual 2012-2013 making it easier for understanding the use of the word and the process in which a panel functions. To make it easier to understand and to clarify how the panel was created and why it functions in the odd and even numbered years, and how it began when the founders turned operating over to the membership
What does the Delegate need to know?	2 attachments with suggested verbiage and Excerpt from Appendix D pgs. S107-S109

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter — Item A.6**

Agenda Topic	<i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> , 2012-2013 Edition: 6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the "spirit of rotation".
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	When looking for verbiage in manual to explain "spirit of rotation" area 6 found nothing directly related to the Rotation in General Service. The group went through the discussion process and voted on the topic up to the Area Assembly level. Adding a paragraph similar to the pamphlet "the A.A. group" Service Manual which clarifies the "spirit of rotation"
What does the Delegate need to know?	This idea was passed 222 yes, 12 no, 18 abstentions at the Area Assembly level to add a passage similar to the pamphlet The A.A. group on page 26

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter — Item A.7**

Agenda Topic	<i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> , 2012-2013 Edition: 7. Consider suggestion to replace the "STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE" illustration on page S16 with a previous version.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Request a change in the Service Structure triangle in the Service Manual to reflect a more accurate representation of how the General Service is related to the Grapevine and the A.A. World Services. Requesting the triangle be changed back to the prior illustration Although it may seem like a small thing, it does not accurately reflect the Service Structure as it functions. Both illustrations are attached.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Page 2 and 3 show the illustrations as they are now and the prior illustration. The change being requested is the Grapevine and World Services not be shown as part of the service structure as they are their own entities.

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in Conference Charter that includes the principals of participation, petition and appeal.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Trustee's sharing committee met on 1/29/12 and is recommending the additional text which is added to current Article in bold. Add verbiage to Article 3 in the current Conference Charter which includes principles of participation, petition and appeal
What does the Delegate need to know?	There is an excerpt from the report suggesting the new additional text in bold, pertaining to appeal within the twelve Concepts.

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter – Item C**

Agenda Topic	Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	No background material provided
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing

**Conference Committee: IX. Report and Charter – Item D**

Agenda Topic	Discuss General Service Conference <i>Final Report</i>
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	No background material provided
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing

**X. Treatment: Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities****Conference Committee: X Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Discuss trustees' progress report on the review of the video <i>Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There was discussion about removing a certain line of dialog in the video: "Uncle Sam is not gonna come in a bail us out" the next time video reprinted at a cost of \$8,235.00. After review again by the committee and sub-committee in October 2011 it was agreed that the concerns expressed did not warrant the cost of remake. In January 2012 the committee agreed forward a progress report. (Originally brought to conference in 2007)
What does the Delegate need to know?	Memorandum dated January 29, 2012 - Progress report on review of video <i>Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .

**Conference Committee: X Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities Item B**

Agenda Topic	Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At a pre-Conference assembly in April 2007 an area Agenda item was submitted, regarding the creation of a pamphlet for the alcoholic who suffers from grave emotional and mental disorders; with the request it be considered as a possible Agenda item for the 2008 GSC. In January 2012, the committee discussed and agreed to forward the suggestion for the pamphlet to the 2012 Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.
What does the Delegate need to know?	2011 letter from BC Yukon Area 79 to GSO Appendix in AA Conference-approved book <i>Living Sober</i> Pamphlet: The AA Member-Medications & Other Drugs Robert's story "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs"

**Conference Committee: X Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities — Item C**

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Committee kits and workbooks are reviewed at each General Service Conference.
What does the Delegate need to know?	January 2012 memo from staff on changes to workbook and kit. Lists of Treatment Committee contents. Revised section pg. 13-14 of Treatment Committee workbook.

**Conference Committee: X Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Committee kits and workbooks are reviewed at each General Service Conference.

**XI. Trustees:****Conference Committee: XI. Trustees – Item A (1-2)**

Agenda Topic	A. Review resumes of candidates for: 1. West Central Regional Trustee 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Resumes mailed to committee members only. The delegates from these two regions along with randomly selected Trustees from the Trustees' Nominating Committee and Conference Committee on Trustees shall determine by Third Legacy Procedure (2/3 winning votes); which of these past area delegate candidates shall serve the 4 year term in their respective regions.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing from Area 42.

**Conference Committee: XI. Trustees – Item B, C,& D**

Agenda Topic	Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	At their January 28, 2012 meeting; the Trustees Committee on Nominating reviewed and recommended these current slates for election following presentation at the 2012 GSC in April. Should there be disapproval, this would be the time to bring them forward.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Nothing from Area 42.

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

Agenda Topic	Review report from the trustees' Nominating Committee on the "Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Subcommittee on Procedures in the Event of Disapproval of a Slate of Trustees or Directors compiled a report, which reviled: Trustees in fact; serve 1 year terms and must be re-elected each year. Rotation is 4 years for Class B trustees and 6 (9) years for the Class A trustees. "Conference Delegates" refers to all voting members of the General Service Conference not just to the Area delegates. An absolute majority of the voters is required to disapprove a candidate. The practice of presenting the slate of director nominees for AAWS Inc. and Grapevine Inc. began in 1982, it is not clear why this practice was started, however it is firmly established as part of the Compensation, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Trustees. There has never been a slate disapproved, although there have been instances where concerns over the suitability of individual nominees were expressed by delegates prior to the vote.
What does the Delegate need to know?	The original placement of the operating board slates on the Conference agenda appears to have been a courtesy to the Conference. It now appears that this practice has the potential for causing misunderstanding and controversy, suggesting that consideration be given to discontinuing it.



**XII. Archives:****Conference Committee: XII Archives Agenda — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	From trustees' Archives Committee January 29, 2012 minutes: "The committee agreed to forward to the 2012 Conference Archives Committee a proposal suggesting changes to the Conference Archives Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure. The Committee requested the G.S.O. Archivist include a summary of the Trustees' Archives Committee's discussion on the proposed changes as background."
What does the Delegate need to know?	Background documents: 1. 09-26-2011 Area Proposal 2. 7-20-11 Trustees' Archives Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure 3. 2-3-2012 Report from Trustees' Archives Committee

**Conference Committee: XII Archives Agenda — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review Archives Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The newly revised Archives Workbook includes all changes and the new material reflected in the 2010 and 2011 Conference Archives Committee's considerations as well as the revised Photocopying Policy approved by the Trustees' Archives Committee
What does the Delegate need to know?	Archives Workbook

**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums:****Conference Committee: XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums — Item A**

Agenda Topic	Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Finding ways to interest people to come to Regional Forums.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Historical Data is in background info, articles from past are in background info

**Conference Committee: XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	To go over Guidelines for site –selection of 2025 International Convention
What does the Delegate need to know?	Delegate has Background info if needed