

## **2024 General Service Conference (GSC)**

### **Agenda Item Summaries for**

### **Roundtables in Northern NV – NAGSC**

#### **Area 42 Northern Nevada Roundtables**

**March 16, 2024**

Attached are the five (5) 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 5<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Disclosures: The materials in this document are only summaries of the background. Information presented in the summaries is carefully distilled or extracted to be concise and provide enough information so that all districts and members in Area 42 can fully participate. The summaries do not reflect the opinions of the Area 42 officers.*

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### **2024 Agenda Topic Presentations**

The following is a list of the agenda topic presentations for Nevada Area 42. The summaries for the topics presented in the North are included in this document. Please see the “Area 42 - 2024 Summarized Agenda Items” for the summaries of the topics presented in the South and to prepare for the Assembly. The entire background which is the basis for the summaries is available on the “Member Login” section of the [nevadaarea42.org](https://nevadaarea42.org) webpage. Please ask for the password.

NAGSC Roundtables

**V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item D.** Explore the services provided by AA Grapevine and how they should be funded.

**II. CPC — Item E.** Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.\*

**VIII. Public Information — Item N.** Review results of A.A. Membership Survey convenience sample pilot.

**V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item E.** Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholics in A.A.\*

**XIII. Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item C.** Discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 International Convention.

SAGSC Roundtables

**V. Grapevine and La Viña — Item C.** Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Viña.

**VI. Literature — Item K.** Consider a request that the words "Donation" and "Contribution" be swapped under Warranty One in "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet.

**VII. Policy/Admissions — Item D.** Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

**VIII. Public Information – K.** Consider revised proposal to develop an AAWS Instagram account.

**XIII. Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item E.** Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.

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**IV. Finance — Item A.** Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB.

**III. Corrections — Item D.** Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.\*

**IV. Finance — Item C.** Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders.+

\* 2024 EDW distribution

+Carryover from a previous EDW plan

Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Explore the services provided by AA Grapevine and how they should be funded.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The committee discussed the Grapevine budget report and referenced the request for funding of services provided by the Grapevine. They felt the decision to fund services for Grapevine should be sent to Conference for further discussion.</p> <p>The financial statements for the first nine months of 2023 contain a new line item under circulation for the apps. These publishing services to the Fellowship are currently at no charge. The Conference Committee on Grapevine will be discussing how these services shall be funded going forward.</p> <p>The 2023 costs include vendor, talent, editing, freelance and platform fees. Total \$91,390.00 (Ref. Background, 4th Q, Quarterly Report from GSO)</p>

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

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.*
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2023, the trustees' Literature Committee considered a request to develop a pamphlet on A.A and the Unhoused Person. This agenda item originally was proposed by the A.A fellowship of Area 40, Montana by a group within District 41 that recognized a need in their community after the group was asked to provide literature for the local homeless shelter. To the group's surprise, A.A did not have any pamphlets addressing the homeless, unhoused alcoholic. This pamphlet would be reaching out the hand of A.A to an underserved remote community and allow an unhoused/homeless person to see themselves as a member of A.A and to know they are welcome. The proposed pamphlet would be used in both inward (for the alcoholic) and outward (for non-alcoholics) capacities and could be a useful tool for professionals to use this pamphlet as a resource specifically for the unhoused and homeless. This is the first time this topic has been put on the agenda.

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

Agenda Topic	Review results of A.A. Membership Survey convenience sample pilot.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Design a pilot study to complete two surveys using convenience sampling, which focuses on gaining information from participants (the sample) who are “convenient” to access. These samples could be collected using the A.A. website, and the A.A. Meeting Guide App, and the same questions as the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey. The goal is to examine any potential differences in data patterns across the three different collection methodologies, the traditional A.A. survey process and the two channels listed above. Ideally, collection of this type of data would follow the collection of the traditional A.A. membership survey data within 1-2 years from 2022, so that no portion becomes dated.

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Conference Committee: V. **Grapevine and La Viña — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholics in A.A.*
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>A request to develop a pamphlet for Asian and Asian American alcoholics with stories of experience, strength, and hope from Asians and Asian Americans.</p> <p>This request comes from Area 49: <b>(Facts from Area 49):</b></p> <p>A discussion has been proposed during the Area Assembly on September 10, 2023, with substantial Unanimity to create an Asian pamphlet. It was stated by an Asian from Area 49 that there are no Asians in meetings.</p> <p>The Chinese-translated Big Book only contains the first 164 pages of the Big Book. There are only 3.7% of Asians living in Area 49.</p> <p>The Asian member from Area 49 states <b>(Opinion):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asian drinking culture is from Western drinking</li> <li>2. Asian culture is honor and shame in admitting they are alcoholic</li> <li>3. During Covid Asian members have dropped out of AA</li> </ol> <p>They claim no one in AA meetings comes up to an Asian male but everyone comes up to an Asian female.</p>

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## Conference Committee: XIII. Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item C

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 International Convention.
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<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p><b>1. Adding a participatory virtual program session like “A.A. Around the World” as part of the purchase of a three Big Meetings product.</b>  1) Full hybrid and do the two A.A. Around the World sessions only.  2) Set up one-way virtual, no hybrid (no sharing from those online)  <b>Committee discussed:</b>  1. Is the committee on board with the concept of having a two-day 8 session virtual track for people who are unable to attend the 2025 International Convention in person? Yes  The discussion estimated the virtual sessions to cost an estimated \$85,000 to complete  Zoom Webinar Pricing:  • 10k attendees \$6490  • 20k attendees \$7650  • 30k attendees \$9754  • 50k attendees \$14631  <b>Rationale:</b> This is an international convention and international travel always has difficulties. The international A.A. community has especially embraced virtual meeting technology  <b>Opportunities:</b> Focus on the international element, basing the plan around the A.A. Around the World sessions, either only or as an anchor point – allowing us to meet the needs of A.A. members around the world who cannot attend.  <b>Considerations:</b> Full faces- Our members have come to expect this, it is normal now. Notification in the room that this is a hybrid meeting with both video and audio.  <b>Interpretation:</b> In considering interpretation, What we can propose is that with a virtual session we would ensure that we offered interpretation into our primary languages, French and Spanish for participants as well as other languages of registrants via an interpretation product, such as Wordly, for example.</p>
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