

NAGSC 2024 Roundtable Feedback

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

Question: What is the trend of Grapevine subscriptions.

Answer: Going down like all print media

Question: If there is budget shortfall, how is it made up.

Answer: Anytime there is a shortfall of the Grapevine or La Viña is made up by the General fund. There was a drawdown of the \$500,000 for the development of the app.

Question: If not charging for digital copies to correctional facilities what the plans are to cover that:

Answer: The answer question is part of why this agenda item is being discussed.

Question: Do we want to think of the Grapevine as a service tool or as a for profit entity?

Answer: Grapevine and La Viña are important 12 step tools serving as a beacon of hope carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Comment: Are the trustees protecting integrity of the primary purpose of the grapevine? And Why? One group views the Grapevine falling short representing the singleness of purpose.

Comment: Increase group involvement

Comment: There are only 67,000 subscriptions to the grapevine. At PRAASA that the Grapevine is not conference approved but conference endorsed because it isn't practical the board to approve every issue.

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

Comment: The pamphlet not necessary since we are all alcoholics and too expensive.

Comment: The pamphlet and other pamphlets are not just good for the different communities, but it educates the membership how to approach the communities.

Comment: Are we creating so pamphlets are in danger breaking AA unity?

Comment: There are different situations of unhoused alcoholics.

Comment: We need of an inventory of all the pamphlets and determine which ones aren't cost affective.

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

Question: was the 10,300 that were excluded from the survey of the 32,000 that took the survey?

Answer: Yes, they were of the 32,000 many were excluded because they didn't fill out all of the questions.

Comment: some Spanish do not fill out all of the questions because they may feel there could be consequences.

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

Comment: our membership ought to include "All" that suffer from alcoholism, do we already have literature that is available? When someone comes in the rooms it is our duty to treat them all equally.

Question: It was stated that the Asian Big Book that the stories were not included, when the 5th edition of the Big Book comes out will those stories be included in the Asian Big Book?

Answer: There are many General Service Offices (GSO) around the world and our GSO helps them translate the Big Book with their own translators. The stories are not translated from our English version; they have the ability to add stories for members of their particular language. Just like the Spanish edition does not have stories from the English edition but their own stories.

Comment: We say the first 164 pages but if you look carefully you would be excluding the preface, forwards, the doctor's opinion, and the appendices.

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

Comment: I think this is a great idea, wouldn't it be wonderful for those around the world to participate.

Question: How would we pay for this, would there be an online registration fee?

Answer: Yes, the fee would depend on how many signed up to be online to cover the cost.

Comment: This would open it up for those that have legal outside issues that might prevent them from crossing the border into Canada.

Question: How would the cost for ASL be covered?

Answer: It would depend on how many members signed up for ASL to determine the cost.

Comment: If you have any legal outside issues (past DUI, Canada sees this as a felony) you can go to aa.org and see what you have to do to cross the border.

Comment: I have attended previous International Conventions and it was a wonderful experience and I believe this would be a great idea for that have to travel long distances.