

2024 General Service Conference (GSC)

Agenda Item Summaries for

Roundtables in Southern NV – SAGSC

Area 42 Southern Nevada Roundtables

March 17, 2024

Attached are the five (5) GSC Agenda Items to be presented at the Area 42 Southern 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 5th – April 7th.

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 South are included in this document. Please see the “Area 42 - 2024 Summarized Agenda Items” for the summaries of the topics presented in the North 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 webpage. Please ask for the password.

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.

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.

Area 42 Assembly – Preconference

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 C**

Agenda Topic	Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Viña.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>2010 The cost per year for La Viña (in Black and White) was \$21,400. The goal of being self-supporting was to be by 2013.</p> <p>2017 GV and La Viña cannot accept contributions and are self-supporting through their subscriptions and sales of books and other items The Committee considered the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña a beacon of hope for alcoholics and treatment centers, prisons, and alcoholics all over the world</p> <p>2018 it's recommended that La Viña be published six times a year (in color) as a fellow service to the fellowship</p> <p>From 2018 to 2023</p> <p>2018 loss of \$80,735</p> <p>2019 loss of \$84,807</p> <p>2020 loss of \$174,801</p> <p>2021 loss of \$42,164</p> <p>2022 loss of \$77,482</p> <p>2023 loss of \$110,693</p> <p>2024 budgeted for \$99,861</p> <p>The total loss from 2018 to 2023 is \$570,682</p>

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

Agenda Topic	Consider a request that the words "Donation" and "Contribution" be swapped under Warranty One in “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” pamphlet.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The New Horizons Group of Alcoholics Anonymous in Bend Oregon Area 58 District 5 Our Group would like to make a motion to suggest the word "Donation" and "Contribution" be swapped around in the 12 Concepts Illustrated under Warranty One. Advisory Action from the 56th General Service Conference (2006): Finance t was recommended that: The word “donation” be replaced with the word “contribution” in A.A.W.S. literature as it comes up for reprint.

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

Agenda Topic	Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>This item updates the GSB Ad-Hoc committee activity with the results of survey questions requested by the conference committee.</p> <p>Summary: With the explosion of online/virtual/zoom AA meetings during and in the wake of COVID, AA has sought to address questions about how best to include and incorporate the representation of these meetings. These new non-traditional AA meetings have created questions about who should represent them, how best to interact with them, and ultimately whether they belong in the AA GSB/GSC structure or not.</p> <p>In response to these issues, the Ad-Hoc Committee sent out questions about non-traditional AA meetings to the body, and the results of these survey questions are listed.</p> <p>In general, the questions found that the number of non-traditional AA meetings has grown substantially, the way they are counted and represented varies, and that there is support for the continued existence of non-traditional AA meetings.</p> <p>There does not seem to be a broad consensus about how to fit non-traditional AA meetings into existing service structures, but there is significant support for continuing to study the questions of representation and inclusion that these meetings’ existence has created. Further, there is considerable support for the sharing of “best practices” and lessons learned in this evolving frontier of AA meeting inclusion.</p>

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

Agenda Topic	Consider revised proposal to develop an AAWS Instagram account.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information discussed a request for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. to create an Instagram account, aligning with Twelve Traditions. In the July 29, 2023, Meeting of the trustees’ Public Information Committee, a draft proposal for the AAWS Instagram account was reviewed and revised based on the 2023 Conference Committee’s suggestions. The proposal emphasized reaching key audiences digitally, sharing updates, literature, and engaging with the community. It outlined strategies, target audiences, the use of Hootsuite, analytics, and security measures. The proposal highlighted Instagram’s potential for engagement and the responsibility to maintain anonymity and security. It proposed regular posting, featuring existing and new content, while discouraging solicitations for contributions on the platform.</p> <p>The revised proposal was forwarded to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information for further consideration. Communication Services was encouraged to proceed, but the committee sought more details on messaging, target audiences, analytics, and maintenance costs. Suggestions included clarifying content differentiation, defining key performance indicators, and considering a social media management platform like Hootsuite.</p>

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Conference Committee: XIII. Int’l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item E

Agenda Topic	Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Add virtual elements to Regional Forums, or even add a virtual fifth forum to the annual calendar. Disseminate advance information about events using flyers, posters, announcements in Grapevine and La Viña, podcasts, Instagram messages, invitations in ASL, QR codes, and Box 4-5-9 articles.

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