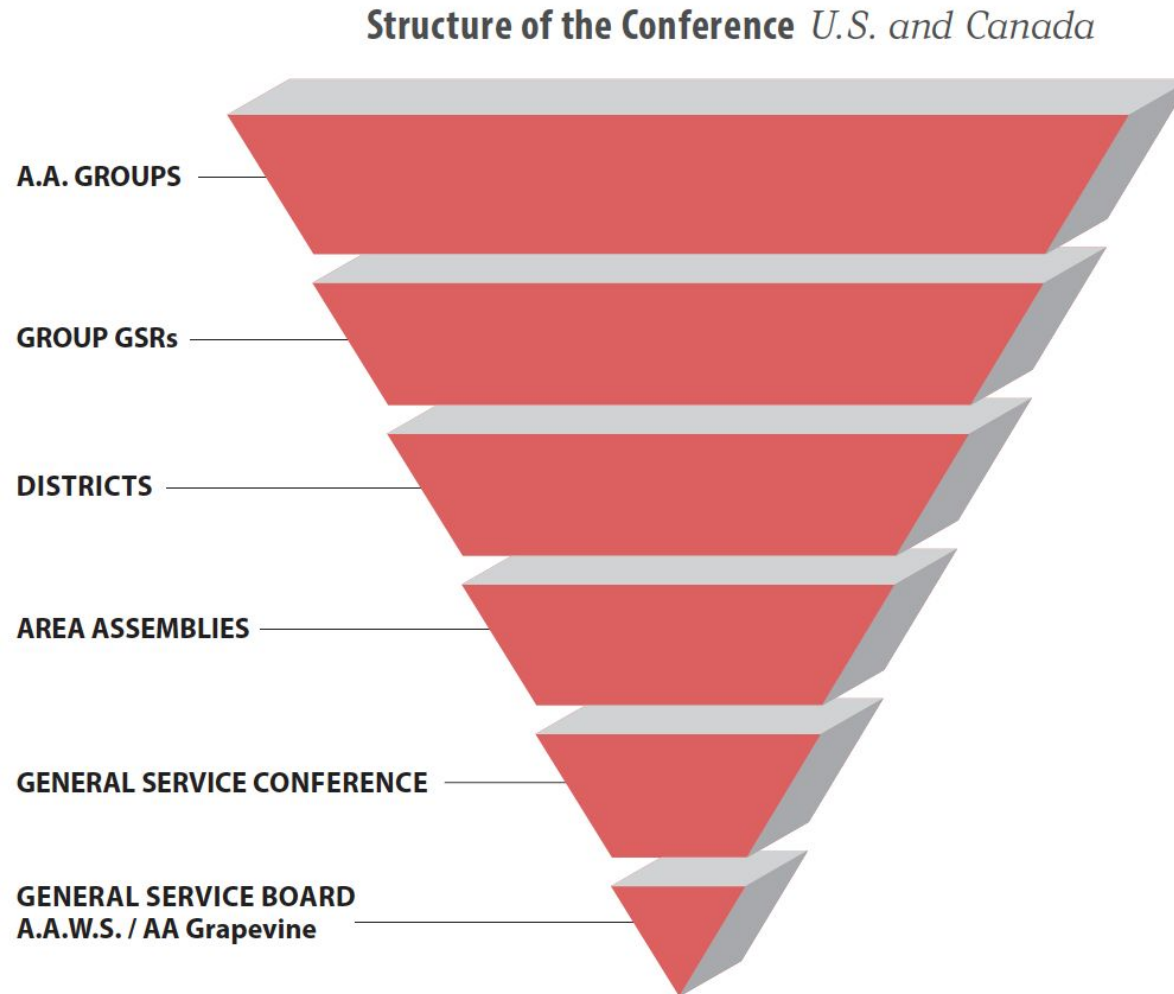




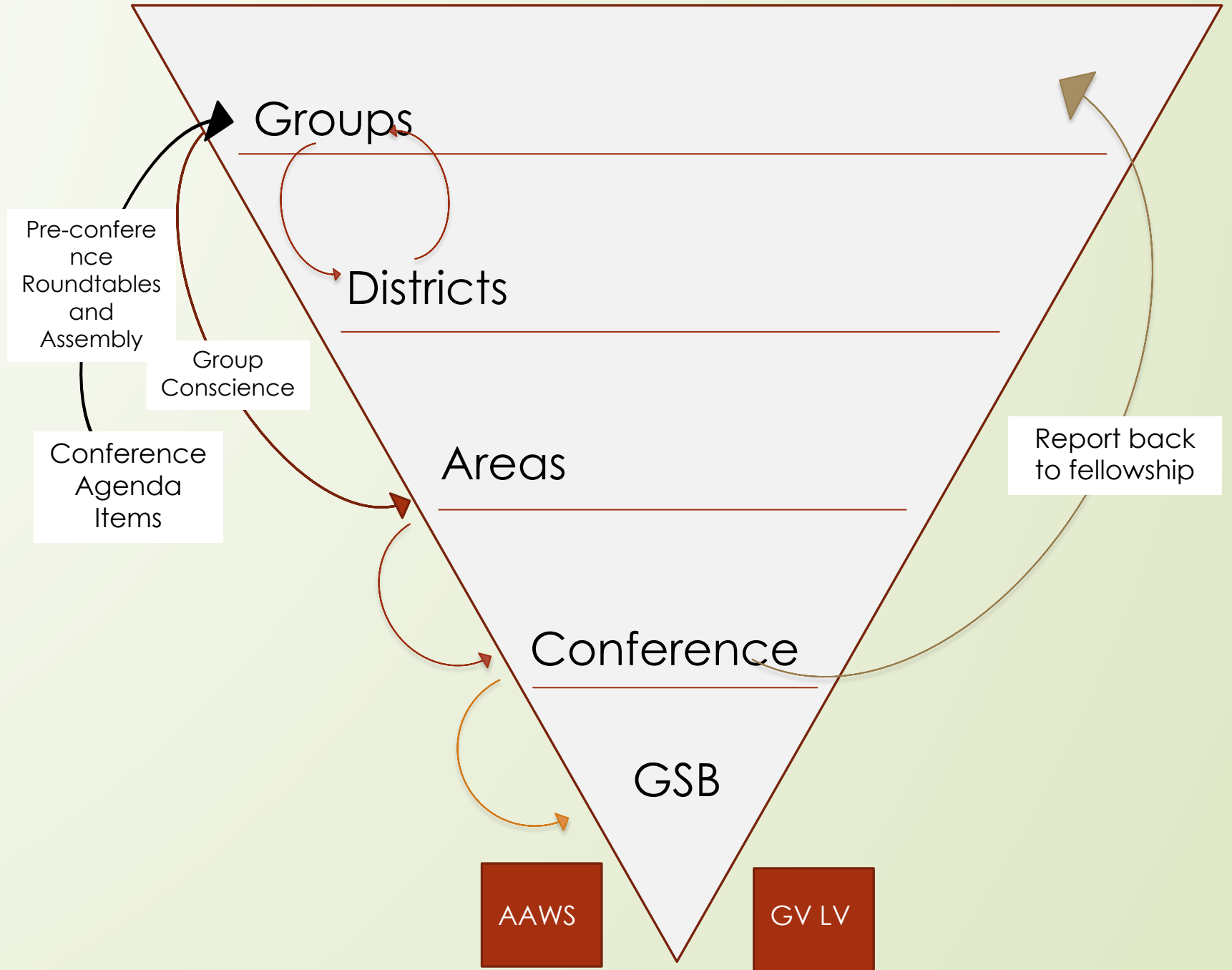
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Panel 71 Delegate (2021 – 2022)

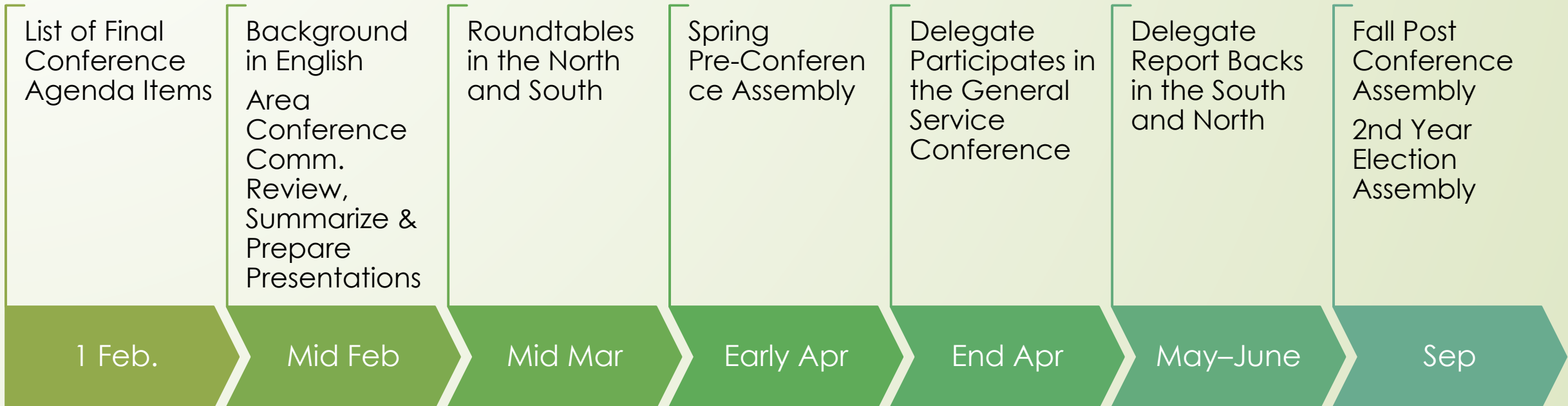
Recap of the 72nd General Service Conference



Importance and Direction of Communication



Nevada Area 42 - Timeline



What is the General Service Conference?

While the General Service Conference operates all year round, the annual meeting, usually held in April, is the culmination of the year's activities, the time when the collective group conscience of U.S./Canada A.A. comes together to take actions that will guide the groups in the years that follow.

Conference? Who makes up the conference

This year there are 133 voting members of the General Service Conference acting together as guardians of A.A.'s World Services and of the Steps and Traditions. They are composed as follows:

70%

93 Delegates

FUNCTION: Represent A.A. groups in fulfilling the ultimate responsibility for A.A.'s World Services.

Traditionally, Delegates constitute at least two-thirds of the voting membership.

20%

26 Trustees, A.A.W.S. Directors, GV Directors.

FUNCTION:
Responsible for
policy and
implementation.

10%

14 General Service Office and Grapevine Staff

FUNCTION: Carry out policies of and report to the General Service Board and Conference.



HISTORICAL TRIP WITH PACIFIC REGION AND WESTERN CANADA REGION

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Where do Agenda Items Come From?

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:

Individual A.A.
members

Groups

Delegates

Trustees

Area assemblies

Area committee
members

Directors and
staff members of
A.A.W.S. and
the Grapevine

What Happens to the Agenda Items at the General Service Conference?

There are 11 primary committees and 2 secondary committees.

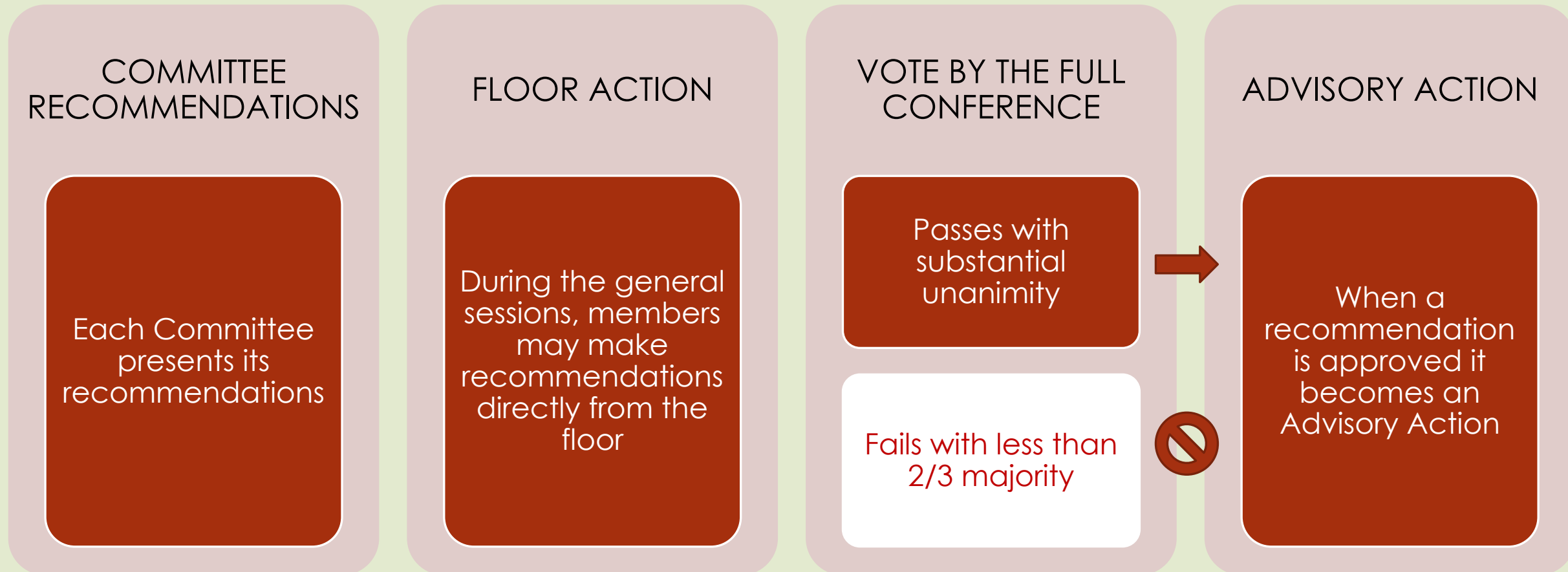
Delegates are randomly assigned to a primary committee and some delegates are also assigned to a secondary committee.

Each Conference committees discusses their agenda items.

The Conference committees either decide to recommend an agenda item, issue an additional committee consideration or take no action.

If committee decides to take no action, it is the end of the road for the agenda item.

How Agenda Items Become Advisory Actions



APPROVED UPDATED LITERATURE

- The following updated pamphlets were approved
 - “Young People and A.A.”
 - “Is A.A. for You?”
 - “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”
 - “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
 - “This Is A.A.”
- The pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” revision to add text regarding safety and A.A. was approved.
- The revised booklet *Living Sober* was approved - adding a paragraph regarding safety and A.A.

More Pamphlets & Other Literature

Literature

- The pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations.
- Continue to make edits to the draft pamphlet The “Twelve Steps Illustrated”.
(passed through Floor Action)

Public Information

- The revised pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” was approved.
- Retire the outdated “A.A. Fact File”.

Treatment & Accessibilities

- Add the Long Form of Tradition Five to the pamphlet, “The A.A. Group” in the section “What is an A.A. Group?” at its next printing.

Trustees

- Revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” to update the stories to represent greater diversity.

AA's 12 Concepts for World Service explained

The video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing Department.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

2022 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

- Format changes, two new questions and six changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire.
- A 2022 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- The 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire receive final editorial review by the trustees' Public Information Committee after consulting with our professional survey methodologist, to address concerns raised by the 72nd General Service Conference related to the survey questions about Racial and Ethnic Background, and Employment Status. *(passed through Floor Action)*

OTHER NOTABLE ADVISORY ACTIONS

Policy & Admissions

- All background be made available simultaneously in English, French and Spanish.

Report & Charter

- Correct inaccuracies and provide clarity and consistency in the *A.A. Service Manual* – Chapters 8 -12

Trustees

- Approved the “Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the boards of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.”.

2023 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

□ The Theme:

“A.A.’s Three Legacies — Our Common Solution.”

□ The Presentation Theme and Topics:

Presentation Theme:

“General Service — Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm”

Presentation Topics:

- 1. “Our Common Perils and Common Solution”**
- 2. “Using A.A.’s Literature in Carrying the Message”**
- 3. “Fostering a Thriving Three Legacy Culture”**

□ The Workshop Topic:

“Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings.”

Final Floor Action – Friday Night

Floor Action #9:

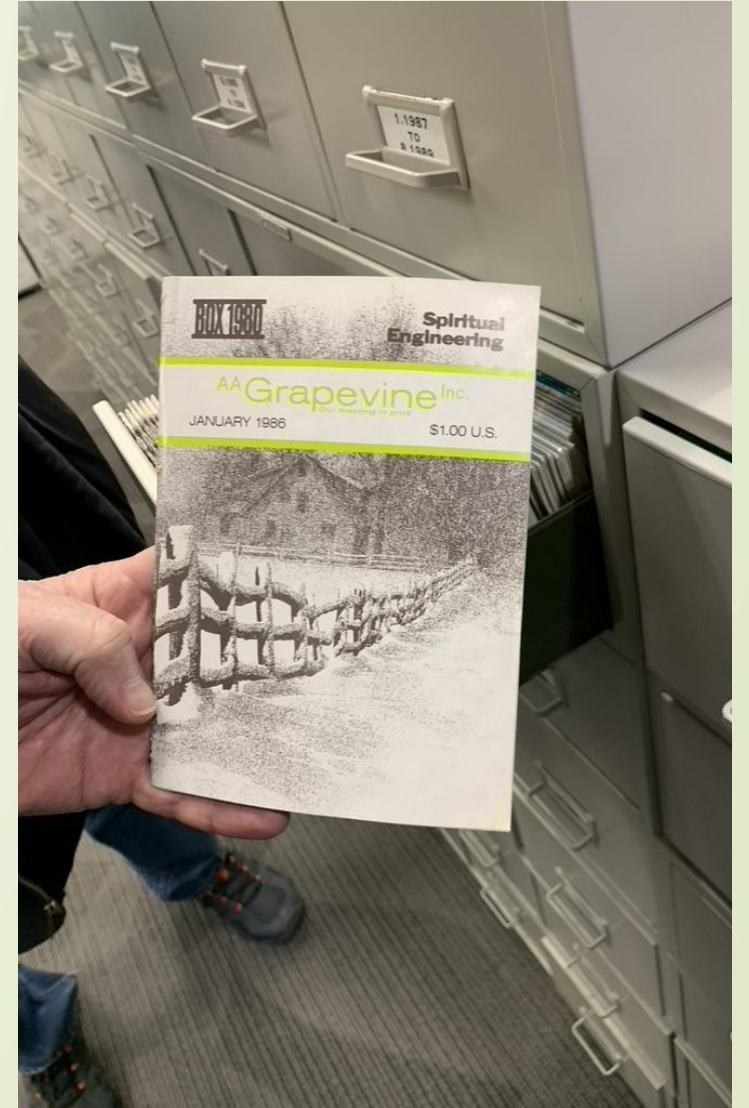
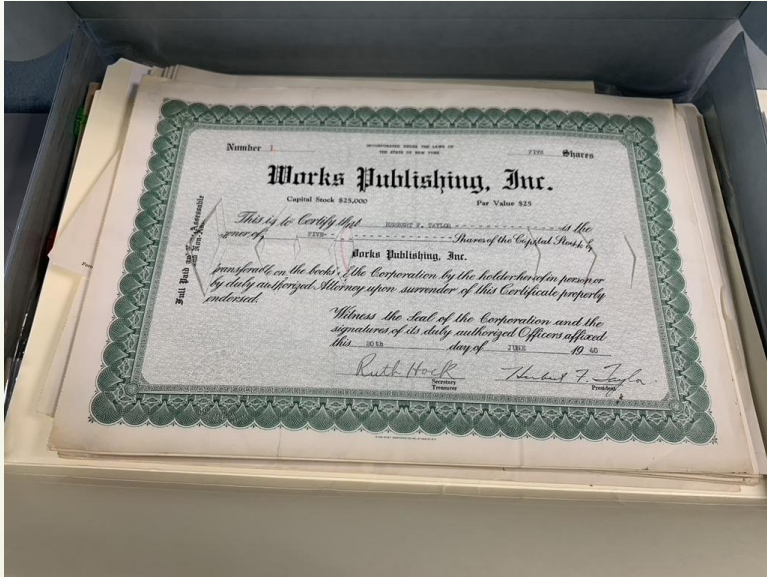
It was recommended that:

The 1995 Conference Advisory Action be reaffirmed that the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Forewords, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Doctor Bob’s Nightmare” and the Appendices remain as is.

TRIP TO THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE



GSO Tour



Highlights from the Pacific Region Trustee's Report 2022 3rd Quarter

Technology:

- Discussions on using QR codes on pamphlets

Publishing:

- Supply chain causing backorders
- Collector's Item: Printing error in 12X12

General Service Office:

- Jan – Jun 2022 staff responded to
 - 15,650 unique emails
 - 4,400 phone calls
 - performed 3,343 Area/District/Group updates
 - An additional 4,607 phone calls were routed through our member service desk

AA Grapevine and AA La Viña

AA Grapevine Upcoming Magazine Topics through 2022:

- October: Relapse (prevention)
- November: Gratitude and Fun in Sobriety

Upcoming Grapevine Books, Currently Available:

- Fun in Sobriety

AA La Viña Upcoming Magazine Topics (2022):

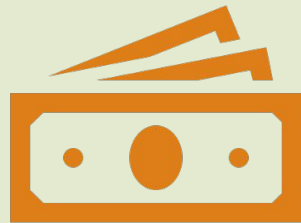
- Sept. – Oct.: No Matter What
- Nov. – Dec.: La Viña Short Stories

Grapevine Podcasts

- Mondays, at:
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

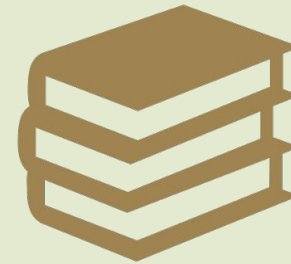
Finance and Budget

Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2022



Contributions

Contributions are \$5.0 million
50% of the 2022 budget
\$35,332 more than last year
22% of contributions were online
Online contribution costs \$2.67 less
to process



Literature

Gross literature sales \$5.8 million
52% of the 2022 budget

Finance and Budget

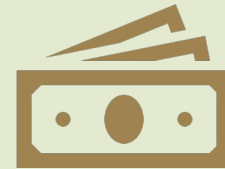
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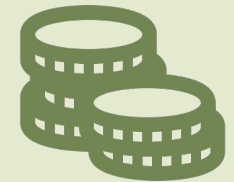
Expense

Payroll and benefits expense is \$4.7 million
Total operating expense is \$8.2 million
Both are 47% of budget



Overall Deficit or Surplus

Overall operating deficit is \$114,000
Budgeted deficit of \$797,000



Reserve Fund

Reserve Fund is 7.65 months
Reserve Fund Goal is 9-11 months

New Jacket-less Format for Hard Cover Books

Big Book (English 4th Edition)

- Implementation on the new jacket-less format for future printings of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- This jacket-less formatting will help reduce backorders as well as delivery times.
- The first printing of the new cover format English-language Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is scheduled to start printing in mid-October, to be completed November/December 2022.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

- The first printing of the new cover format is expected in November or December 2022.

2023 Conference



Reinstating the area highlights for first year delegates 😊



GSO will be covering Friday night expenses prior to the Conference 😊



2023 will have a trip to GSO scheduled on Tuesday



2024 will have a trip to Stepping Stones scheduled.

International Convention July 3 - 6, 2025 Vancouver, BC, Canada

- 2025 International Convention Member Engagement Survey:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UhCs6p>

- The survey link is accessible from www.aa.org and www.aagrapevine.org.
- The deadline for survey responses is October 31.



Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Las Vegas

2022

Las Vegas

2023

Reno

La Viña Anniversary in Las Vegas

Speakers

- Trustees, La Viña Editor, Members

Interpretation

- Grateful to be on the other side

Dinner & Dancing

- Wow!

2022 Membership Survey

WHO?

Nine groups
were selected

Two groups
declined

One virtual
group

HOW?

One Day – all in
attendance

Paper or Digital

Complete
entire Survey

STORY SOLICITATION

Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous* —Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

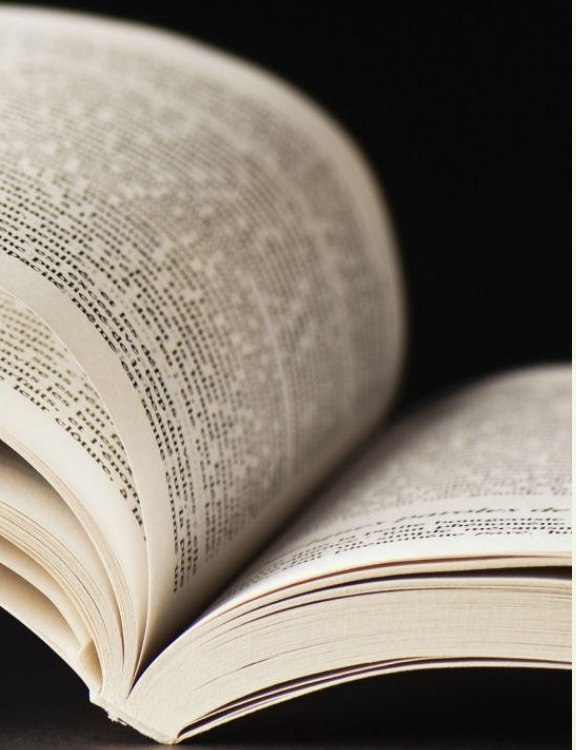
Online submission:

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/5th_EditionBB_EN.pdf

Fourth Edition of the Big Book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*

Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2022

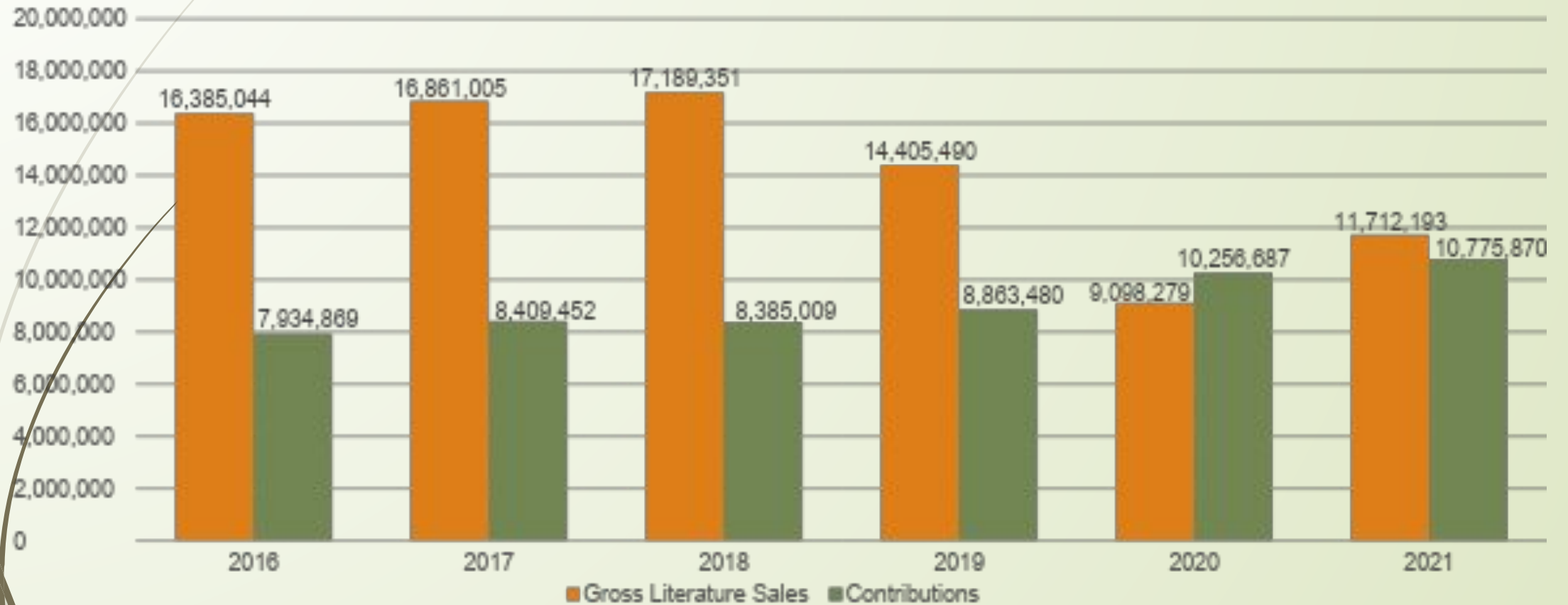
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IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON GSO REVENUE DISTRIBUTION



An Honor to Serve

Spirit of Rotation

Panel 71 → Panel 73

Selection of Leaders

