

**2021 General Service Conference (GSC)  
Agenda Item Summaries for  
Roundtables in Northern NV – NAGSC**

Area 42 Northern Nevada Roundtables

March 13, 2021

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 March.

*Disclosures: The materials in this document are only summaries of the background. Information presented in the summaries are 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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## 2021 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 - 2021 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 password protected section of the [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) webpage. The password is available to any member of Nevada Area 42 of Alcoholic Anonymous.

### NAGSC Roundtables

**III. Corrections – B.** Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs.

**IV. Finance – D.** Discuss Concept XII, Warranty Two and the practice of “selling of our books at cost or less.”

**VI. Lit – M.** “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet:

1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

**VIII. PI – B.** Review the 2020 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on Google Ads performance.

**VIII. PI – E.** Consider draft plan to develop podcasts.

### SAGSC Roundtables

**III. Corrections – A.** Consider request for a review of all correction related literature to replace terms such as "inmate" and "offender" with less stigmatizing language.

**IV. Finance – C.** Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action stating “G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group.”

**IV. Finance – H.** Review the “Google Grants and the Seventh Tradition Report.”

**VI. Lit – V.** Consider adding the Long Form of each Tradition at the beginning of each essay for that Tradition in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

**VIII. PI – G.** Discuss Public Information pamphlets.

1. Consider revising the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings.”

### Assembly – Preconference

**II. CPC – A.** +Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.

**II. CPC – B.** +Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.

**II. CPC – D.** Review draft update of the pamphlet “Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous.”

**IV. Finance – A.** The pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

2. Discuss mechanization of group contributions.

**VI. Lit – U.** Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.

**VII. Policy/Admissions – H.** Discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload.

**VII. Policy/Admissions – J.** Consider requests regarding participation of online groups in the General Service structure.

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

Agenda Topic	Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This topic recognizes that each correctional facility and program is unique, and present their own, unique challenges. Suggestions for innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs include, but are not limited to: teleconference calls, videos, literature, tablets for inmates, zoom meetings, and inside visiting sponsorship service. This item also suggests that updated information about possible solutions and resources with which the Groups are finding success be collected and compiled.  Possible solutions for carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs will likely have to be individualized and specific to each facility. Tablets for inmates, as electronic devices are considered contraband.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Discussions from your group on new ways of reaching the still suffering alcoholic in correctional facilities.

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

Agenda Topic	Discuss Concept XII, Warranty Two and the practice of “selling of our books at cost or less.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There is a concern that the “pink can” and the Grapevine’s “Carry the Message” program are in conflict with Concept XII, Warranty Two, about money charities. The agenda item is meant to initiate discussion in regards to the above warranty and to find a resolution.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Discussions from your group on Concept XII, Warranty Two, specifically as to whether we are adhering to the principles.

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Conference Committee: VI. **Literature** — **Item M (1)**

Agenda Topic	<p>“The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet:</p> <p>1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”</p>
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Since 2016 the Conference Literature Committee has had a Conference Advisory to update “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet with a “modernized presentation of both text and illustrations to reflect contemporary AA experience”. From 2016-2020 the committee discussed each progress report regarding the new text and illustrations. During that time, the GSO’s Publishing Department also secured an appropriate graphics designer. Progress reports were reviewed at each meeting held in those years. In June 2020, the Conference Literature Committee offered to the Trustee’s Literature Committee numerous suggestions for changes to the pamphlet. The committee noted that in updating the pamphlet with those changes, the final draft should have a new title and be considered a new item. It is distinctly different from the original version since it addresses a different audience and serves a different purpose. Those suggestions were presented to the Publishing Department for feasibility. In October, 2020 the committee discussed the Publishing Department’s progress report regarding the draft update of the pamphlet. The suggestions that had been presented were implemented whenever possible. In January, 2021 the committee agreed to forward the draft update to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature with the title “Experience Has Taught Us: Our Twelve Traditions Illustrated”. All the suggestions from the 2020 conference Committee have been addressed.</p>
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	<p>Discussions from your group regarding the modernization ideas for the new version of the pamphlet. The draft of the updated pamphlet to be sent only to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.</p>

Conference Committee: VI. **Literature** — **Item M (2)**

Agenda Topic	<p>“The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet:</p> <p>2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”</p>
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Traditionally when a new piece of literature is approved, the old is retired. The committee recommends that the existing version of the pamphlet remain in distribution because the revised updated draft is essentially a new item and should have a new title. There is a wealth of information contained in the current pamphlet. Also, in the distribution period (2014-2018) of the existing pamphlet there are currently 242,000 in English, 18,000 in Spanish and 7,000 in French. These can still be used by the fellowship as needed to educate members.</p>
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	<p>Discussions from your group regarding keeping the existing version of the pamphlet, assuming the new version is approved.</p>

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

Agenda Topic	Review the 2020 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on Google Ads performance.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>2016 through 2018 the Trustees’ Public Information Committee (TPIC) was charged with developing a report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to help carry the message online. In 2020 the Finance Committee has approved the use of Google Grants and it is to be written into World Service tax forms as an “In kind media donation” on par with PSAs done through TV and Radio, which AA has been doing for decades.</p> <p>An ad-hoc committee was formed charged with testing the Google Ads Performance and establish “Baselines.” The test was conducted between 12/16/2020 – 1/14/2021. The AdGroups dealt with 2 subjects: 1) “<i>Find a Meeting</i>” 2) “<i>Get Help</i>.” The “<i>Find a Meeting</i>” AdGroup received 4x more clicks than “<i>Get Help</i>” The highest number of clicks came from Men 24-33 yrs old.</p>
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Discussions from your group surrounding the use of Google Ads and its effectiveness in helping provide the public with information about A.A.

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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item E**

Agenda Topic	Consider draft plan to develop podcasts.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>On February 1, 2020 the Trustee’s committee on Public Information discussed and agreed to forward to the 2020 Conference committee of Public Information a request that a podcast be created to better carry the A.A. message.</p> <p>This comes from the 2015 advisory action: in light of the potential for continuing to improve the relevance and usefulness of the aa.org website on a timely basis, the A.A.W.S. Board to be authorized to produce and post audio/video service material on the aa.org website provided the following conditions are met.</p> <p>January 30, 2021 Public Information committee states the committee discussed the request to create a G.S.O. Podcast the committee reviewed the communication service department draft plan to create a podcast and agreed to forward the plan to the 2021 Conference Committee on P. I.</p> <p>Research on podcasting was conducted and summarized in a report submitted to P.I. Committee. The digital product manager of communications services department will be leading a working group to continue this analysis; this group will include members from all pertinent entities, including: grapevine &amp; publishing staff, and communications services department. The podcast working group will support the development of a sustainable structure for GSO involvement in podcast media projects and a pilot podcast.</p>
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Discussions from your group on A.A. Podcasts. Do you think they would be effective at reaching out to the public?

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