

2022 General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Item Summaries for Roundtables in Southern NV – SAGSC

Area 42 Southern Nevada Roundtables

March 13, 2022

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 group conscience to bring back to the Area Assembly in April.

What is new this year? We are in the first year of the three-year trial of the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process. If you want to know more about the EDW, there is a detailed report on this under Policy/Admissions. The purpose is to more evenly distribute the workload among the committees. Without EDW, Literature would have had 34 items. By distributing 12 literature items among six other committees, we were able to begin the process of evening out the workload. All EDW items are noted.

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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2022 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 - 2022 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 password protected section of the nevadaarea42.org webpage. Please ask for the password.

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III. Corrections – B. Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature.*

IV. Finance – B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.*

VI. Literature – L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.

VII. Policy/Admissions – E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.

VIII. Public Info – J (1). Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:

1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “A.A. At a Glance.”

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IV. Finance – C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes.*

VI. Literature – S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope*.

VIII. Public Info – J (4). Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:

4. Consider request to retire and replace the “A.A. Fact File.”

IX. Report and Charter – E. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor's Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.*

XI. Trustees – E. Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.”

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II. Cooperation with the Professional Community – B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.”

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community – D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible.*

III. Corrections – D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.’s primary purpose in mind.*

V. Grapevine and La Viña – D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

VI. Literature – K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.

VI. Literature – R. Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.

* Agenda item from EDW

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

Agenda Topic	Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature.*
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The original motion to change the language was to be focused on how "INSIDE AA members" are described in our literature. The 2021 General Service Conference recommended changing our AA literature to "Person in Custody". The original motion was to focus on how "Inside Members” were to be described. "Person in custody" is not recognized in Canada and is seldom used in the US jails and prisons. District 45 Area 79 voted in favor of the motion after hearing from their groups and correctional facilities in their area. Other groups have recommended other suggestions such as staying with the same current language. Some others have suggested alternatives such as just "AA member" as to be more respectful and encourage inclusiveness.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	How does your group feel about the use of the term “person in custody”?

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Change Vote?	Why?			

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

Agenda Topic	Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> .*
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 71st GSC passed 2 changes to the <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> book. This caused significant controversy. The reasons against were: 1) groups felt the 1995 advisory action of no changes to the Big Book should apply to the 12 & 12; 2) changes could lead to endless future changes; 3) COVID didn't allow for fully informed group consciences; 4) the changes are the result of outside issues (Tradition 10). A disclaimer in the front of the book would alleviate those concerns leaving the wording unchanged.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	How does your group feel about adding a historical disclaimer?

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

Agenda Topic	Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This item began as a letter from the North Florida Area Committee 2018 to the General Service Office Conference Coordinator asking for an agenda item at the 69 th General Service Conference. The item requested is –“Consideration of an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book.” The most current review of this is from the Trustee’s Literature Committee Report on 1/29/22 suggesting options, 1. Take no action 2. Utilize the Grapevine and leverage its ample archive of articles on practicing the steps, part of this could include podcasts 3. Create a General Service Conference approved study guide workbook to aid in studying the 12 steps. These are considered as primarily print products with supplemental video or podcasts. There is substantial additional history provided on this item. There is information from Trustee’s Literature Subcommittee Researching Issues Possible Tools and Access to the Big Book (RIPTAB I, 2019-2020 and RIPTAB II, 2020-2021). They expanded this item to consider adapting the Big Book as well as the consideration of a workbook. There is information on the benefits of adapting the Big Book based on consideration of education and literacy levels, incarceration, reading disabilities, English as a second language, brain injury/other processing difficulties, gender neutrality, religious differences, and modernization of language. There is also mention of all the other available literature that provides information targeting atheists, agnostics, young people, women, cultural groups, LGBTQ and incarcerated populations.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	Does your group have any feedback regarding the progress report? How does your group feel about the creation of a workbook?

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

Agenda Topic	Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The issue of an equitable distribution of workload was presented and/or discussed at each year’s conference from 2018-2021. A subcommittee of the Trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference looked at the topic in 2019/20 and stated that the “.... goal is to ensure that the Conference committees receive an equitable distribution of agenda items that require a depth and substance of discussion.” In response to a 2021 advisory action, a new trustees’ subcommittee gave a progress report on developing a process for an equitable distribution of workload. Part of the process involved re-assigning agenda items from heavily impacted committees to those with fewer agenda items. A 2021 advisory action from the conference committee on Policy and Admissions recommended that the Trustees General Service Conference Committee implement their proposed process on a three-year trial basis and report back to the General Service Conference after each year of the trial. Following year one of this trial, the report from the Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee states, “Overall, the plan delivered the intended results, with twelve new [agenda] items being distributed across six Conference Committees that would not have received new agenda items therefore allowing for fifty more Delegates to participate more equitably in the Conference Committee process...” The Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) plan is complex. It affects the year-round Conference process with challenging timelines, workflows, and meeting schedules and creates a necessity to develop new tools and methodologies. Developing and implementing the process “... demanded a great amount of attention and has strained every aspect of the Conference assignment which supports the annual meeting.”
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	How does your group feel about the EDW process? Does your group have any feedback regarding the report?

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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Info — Item J (1)**

Agenda Topic	Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: 1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “A.A. At a Glance.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	From January 29, 2022, meeting the Review Grid is being provided for discussion. From the trustees’ Public Information Committee report: The committee discussed and agreed to forward to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information a suggestion to revise the Conference-approved flyer, “A.A. At a Glance.” The committee is asking the Conference Committee to consider if editorial updates and a more modern look would improve the ability to carry the message captured in this flyer.
What does the Delegate want to hear from you?	How does your group feel about the suggestions to revise the flyer?

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