

## **2023 General Service Conference (GSC)**

### **Agenda Item Summaries for**

### **Roundtables in Southern NV – SAGSC**

#### **Area 42 Southern Nevada Roundtables**

**March 19, 2023**

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 March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*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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#### **2023 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 - 2023 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.

SAGSC Roundtables

**II. Cooperation with the Professional Community – D.** Consider retiring the pamphlet “A Member’s-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

**V. Grapevine & La Viña – B.** Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.

**VI. Literature – F.** Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”

**VIII. Public Information – M (3).** Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:  
3. Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers”

**VIII. Public Information – N.** Review progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.

NAGSC Roundtables

**III. Corrections – C.** Discuss service piece, “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” (SMF-209) and its revisions.

**VI. Literature – O.** Discuss cost effective media options that welcome young people to A.A. as an alternative to revising the ‘Too Young?’ pamphlet.

**VIII. Public Information – L.** Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.

**IX. Report and Charter – A (2).** The A.A. Service Manual, 2023-2025 Edition:  
2. Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “Groups”.

**X Treatment & Accessibilities – F.** Discuss carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.

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**III. Corrections – A.** Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.

**IV. Finance – F.** Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI’s) regarding the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

**VII. Policy & Admissions – E.** Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

**VIII. Public Information – A.** Review the 2023 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

**XIII. International Conventions & Regional Forums – D.** Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Conference Committee: II. **Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item D**

Agenda Topic	Consider retiring the pamphlet “A Member’s-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee discussed the pamphlet “A Member’s-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous” and noted some concerns on the relevancy and usefulness of this pamphlet as a C.P.C. tool to communicate to professionals about AA. The committee noted that some of the text could be offensive to those of varying abilities and may lead to an appearance of AA aligning with a specific religious doctrine, such as <i>“this coming Sunday in the churches of many of us, there will be read the portion of the Gospel of Matthew which recounts the time when John the Baptist was languishing in the prison of Herod”</i> . The CPC Committee has retired 5 pamphlets since 1963. It is part of the process of AA to review AA literature from time to time to determine usefulness and relevancy.

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Conference Committee: **V. Grapevine & La Viña — Item B**

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>In 2022 the committee recommended that the AA Grapevine Board implement an Instagram account and requested that a report on the Instagram account be brought back to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. That report included the following items and analytics; History, goals, types of posts, new magazine releases, GV and LV book information, new books, GV and LV websites, podcasts, short member story videos, AAWS website relaunch, newsletters, AA events, followers by country, followers by city, follower age ranges, follower gender.</p> <p>In 2023 the committee reviewed the progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts. The committee appreciated the diligence of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board in considering anonymity protection when developing content for both Instagram accounts. The committee also appreciated the dedication and enthusiasm the staff applied to the Instagram accounts. The committee also forwarded suggestions to the Grapevine office to encourage members to submit anonymity-protected content to Instagram pages.</p> <p>Both Grapevine and La Viña’s Instagram accounts have seen consistent positive growth throughout this year, with Instagram, Grapevine and La Viña at over 10,000 followers.</p>

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

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
<b>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</b>	This item originated as a Floor Action from Area 79 in October 2020 for a revision/update of this pamphlet (P-21 in the General Service catalog). Since that time, work has continued through the various committees, culminating in a working group composed of Native A.A.’s from Canada and the U.S.A. (including Hawaii). The latest step in this process is a forward from the trustee’s Literature Committee to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature for a progress report on the update (January 28, 2023).

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Conference Committee: VIII. **Public Information — Item M (3)**

Agenda Topic	Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: 3. Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The committee discussed the 2021 advisory action, “That the trustees’ Public Information Committee revise the flyer ‘A Message to Teenagers’ to better reflect carrying the A.A. message to young people.” The chair led a discussion to reach a consensus from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on suggestions on how this flyer messaging can be more effectively delivered. There is a much-continued discussion concerning what format be it digital or paper to present this in, the content of messaging, and a discussion about illustrative direction that will probably need more time to be worked on. The Staff secretary has been unable to focus attention on this pamphlet update due to the other significant Public Information projects that are in progress. This pamphlet update will be worked on and a draft pamphlet or progress report can be provided to the July 2023 meeting of the trustees’ PI Committee.

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

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.
Historical Context: Why is it on the	In February 2020 the trustee’s Public Information committee report discussed a request to create a new form of communication specifically addressing the use of

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<p>Agenda?</p>	<p>social media and anonymity. The committee agreed to forward this request to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.</p> <p>Preliminary information the PI Committee gathered included: Shared experience from the Fellowship on how AA members adhere to anonymity traditions on various social media platforms; suggested safety and etiquette while using social media; and anonymity on video meeting platforms. They noted that AA literature such as “Understanding Anonymity” includes guidelines on the Internet but is dated and does not accurately reflect the current technology of the fellowship's experience. Updated material is needed and a video service piece might be explored. The committee requested the trustee's PI Committee continue these discussions and that a progress report or draft proposal be brought back to the 2021 conference Committee on Public Information.</p> <p>The committee reviewed a progress report from the staff secretary on the development of an online survey of the Fellowship to explore their perspectives on anonymity-based Traditions and social media. They agreed to continue discussions and requested that the staff secretary provide a progress report on the survey to the January 2021 meeting. After reviewing potential questions, in November of 2021 “Anonymity on Social Media Survey- A request for Feedback from AA members” was created and given to the PI Chair and vice Chair. It was not ready and could not be completed by the January 2022 meeting. The Conference committee on PI requests the trustee’s PIC and staff secretary focus on distributing the survey to all age demographic, particularly the young population, and obtain the results. A progress report is planned to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on PI. The trustee's committee responded to this request by tabling and sending the survey in 2022. They believe the survey needs to be updated due to the informal tone. They also did not want this to go out at the same time as the Member survey. In January 2023 the staff secretary reported they had been unable to focus on the survey due to other significant PI projects in progress. Next progress report will be in July 2023.</p>
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