

January 2007

2007 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2008 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2008 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2008 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Review “Progress Report on Video Segments Directed to Professionals” from the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities.
- B. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service.

III. Corrections

- A. Consider the draft Informational Media Presentation Introducing A.A. to Training Academies and In-service Training for Corrections Personnel.
- B. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in Corrections Twelfth Step work.

IV. Finance

- A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one time bequest) that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
- B. Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for G.S.R. (general service representative) travel expenses from group funds to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
- C. Discuss a request to “Develop a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference structure.”
- D. Discuss a request “to eliminate volume discounts on literature orders.”
- E. Discuss a request “to incorporate shipping costs into literature pricing.”

V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Consider suggestions for new A.A. Grapevine, Inc. items for production in the year 2008 or later.
- B. Consider requests to reinstate a section on the subject of alcoholism in the A.A. Grapevine.
- C. Review contents of Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Review trustees' Literature Committee progress report on the "A.A. for the Native North American" pamphlet.
- B. Consider a suggestion to add the following text from *The A.A. Service Manual*, "Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions" to "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and the "G.S.R." pamphlet.
- C. Discuss requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet.
- D. Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet "Can A.A. Help Me Too?" subtitled "Black/African Americans Share Their Stories" to "A.A. and the Black/African American Alcoholic."
- E. Discuss a suggestion to revise the pamphlet, "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs."
- F. Review trustees' Literature Committee report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- G. Consider a request to produce a pamphlet to replace the discontinued "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic."

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- B. Review final report of the General Service Board Regional Composition and Structure Inventory Committee.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider the 2006 annual report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider that the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. "A Force of Nature" developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
 - 2. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the television P.S.A. "Testimonials."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. "A Force of Nature" at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - 4. Discuss the 2002 - 2006 Conference Advisory Actions regarding replacement and production of P.S.A.s.
- D. Consider a suggestion from the trustee's Committee on Public Information for the development of a video for young people.
- E. Consider a suggested list of early symptoms of alcoholism forwarded by the trustee's Committee on Public Information, and derived from A.A. literature, to replace the list of early symptoms in item 19 on page 17 in the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."
- F. Consider a request to include "more information regarding the topic of anonymity of deceased members (posthumous anonymity)" in A.A. literature.
- G. Consider a request to change language in the flyer "A Message to Teenagers."
- H. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2006 - 2007 Edition:
 - 1. Review a suggested list of duties of a district committee member chairperson (D.C.M.C.).
 - 2. Review a description of metropolitan districts that more accurately reflects the number of groups in such a district.

3. Consider a recommendation from the General Service Board that the following text be added to Chapter Nine in *The A.A. Service Manual*, where appropriate:

“The intent of forming regions was to create a vehicle by which regional trustees could be added to the General Service Board and a way to provide a cross section of people who would serve A.A. as a whole – not in a representative capacity. To allow for a balanced rotation, elections of regional trustees are staggered in order that there may be a relatively even flow of new trustees coming onto the board. It was not until 1962 that the formal naming of regions occurred and a redistribution; and, soon afterwards the formation of new regions.”

4. Consider a recommendation from the General Service Board that the sentence, “Regional trustees bring to the board’s discussions a regional point of view and experience that is invaluable,” in Chapter Nine: The General Service Board, page S62 in *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2006-2007 Edition, be replaced so that the section reads:

“While no trustee can be said to “represent” a geographical section – all trustees represent only the Fellowship as a whole – regional trustees bring to the board’s discussions a diversity of A.A. experience that is invaluable.”

5. Consider a suggestion to include the committee scope from each Conference Committee Composition Scope and Procedure document in the Standing Committee section in the Chapter on Conference Committees.
6. Consider a suggestion that the last paragraph reading, “Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules, or other A.A. material.” be moved from S38 to S72 and inserted as a separate paragraph under “Trademarks, Logos, and Copyrights.”
7. Consider a request to add a paragraph titled “District Information,” which includes references to the District Information Change Form (F-43) to Chapter Three.
8. Consider a request to add an illustration of the “District Information Change Form” (F-43) to Chapter Three.
9. Consider a list of suggested additional changes.

B. A.A. Directories:

1. Consider a request to have A.A.W.S. discontinue publishing regional directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
2. Consider a suggestion to add to the A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.) a separate subsection within the section “INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE MEETINGS” for listing “Online Intergroups” that request to be listed, and that online Intergroups thus listed provide an e-mail and/or Web site address to be included in the directories.

C. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X Treatment Facilities

- A. Review a summary of local sharing regarding use of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in treatment facility Twelfth Step work.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review report from trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the option of a Class B (alcoholic) trustee serving as chairperson of the General Service Board.
- F. Discuss recommendation from the General Service Board to amend the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., amended in April 2006.
- G. Approve the General Service Board's recommendation that the existing sentence pertaining to regional trustees in the Bylaws of the General Service Board, Inc. (*The A.A. Service Manual, 2006-2007 Edition*, p. S110) which reads:

“Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the years, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, **to advise the Board with respect to regional views and opinions regarding policy matters.**”

be amended so that the sentence reads:

“Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the year, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, **to provide the Board their views and opinions regarding policy matters based on Fellowship-wide experience.**”

XII. Archives

- A. Review Workbook.
- B. Review the Final Report of the Subcommittee on Archives Recordings, and the “Sound and Video Access Policies.”

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss and review 2020 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.
- B. Discuss concept and details of Local Forums as approved by the General Service Board.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums.