

January 2006

2006 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2007 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2007 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2007 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Discuss the need for three short video segments that could be streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site and directed to professionals in the employment/human relations, legal/criminal justice, and medical fields, with a total cost not to exceed \$60,000.
- B. Discuss ways C.P.C. committees present A.A. to professionals, such as slide presentations, demonstrations of G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site or local A.A. Web sites, and the use of A.A. booths at professional events.
- C. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review the trustees' Committee on Corrections Progress Report on the Development of an Informational Media Presentation Introducing A.A. to Training Academies and In-service Training Programs for Corrections Personnel.
- B. Consider the revised manuscript of *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.
- C. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Discuss the draft "Finance Card" created by trustees' Finance Committee.
- B. Discuss a proposal to replace the word "donation" with the word "contribution" in A.A.W.S. literature.
- C. The pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix":

1. Discuss a request to add references about other A.A. information for group treasurers.
 2. Discuss a request to remove the pie charts from the pamphlet.
 3. Discuss a request to add an additional pie chart reflecting a 25/25/25/25% distribution.
- D. Discuss requests to rescind the small-order freight charge policy instituted by A.A.W.S. effective 7/1/05.
- E. Discuss requests to eliminate the discounts on volume purchases of A.A.W.S. literature.

V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Review contents of Workbook.
- B. Consider a suggestion that A.A. Grapevine produce an anthology of La Viña stories in the year 2007 or later.

VI. Literature

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "Too Young?"
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet "It Happened to Alice!"
- C. Consider suggestion to revise the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- D. Discuss request for a review of language in A.A. literature that refers to the first 164 pages of the Big Book.
- E. "Young People and A.A." draft manuscript:
1. Consider revised front matter.
 2. Review stories.
- F. Discuss requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet.
- G. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- H. Consider request to develop an A.A. history book covering the years 1955-2000.
- I. Consider proposal that the pamphlet "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic" be discontinued.
- J. Consider developing a pamphlet concerning Alcoholics Anonymous, religion and spirituality.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve invitation for two observers to attend the 56th General Service Conference, one from G.S.O. Japan and one from G.S.O. Australia.
- B. Review dates for the 2009 General Service Conference.
- C. Review report from the General Service Board on feasibility of more balanced composition/structure of regions.
- D. Review request that the Conference be mindful of balancing the number of odd and even panel delegates when decisions are made that affect delegate rotation.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2005 annual report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. "Testimonials" developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
 - 2. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the television P.S.A. "Living in Chaos."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. "Testimonials" at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
- C. 2007 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey:
 - 1. Discuss how to get more area delegates involved in the distribution and collection of the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaires.
 - 2. Consider request to add the following categories to the "Length of Sobriety" section in the "2007 A.A. Membership Survey" pamphlet:
 - Sober between 11 - 20 years
 - Sober more than 20 years
 - 3. Consider request to add "Domestic Partner" to the "Marital Status of Members" section of the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaire.
 - 4. Consider request to add a "Sexual Orientation" category to the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaire.
 - 5. Consider and approve the 2007 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.

- D. Consider request that the list of early symptoms derived from outside literature on page 17, item #19 in the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings," be replaced with a list derived from A.A. literature.
- E. Review report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information on Videos for Young People.
- F. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2005-2006 edition:
 - 1. Review editorial updates to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
 - 2. Discuss the discrepancy between the Conference Charter and *The A.A. Service Manual* regarding panel rotation of district committee members (D.C.M.s).
 - 3. Consider a request to include a description of the duties of a district committee member chairperson (D.C.M.C.) on page S30.
 - 4. Consider a request to restore the graphic "Service Structure Inside the A.A. Group" to Chapter 2.
 - 5. Consider a request to insert an inverted triangle graphic similar to the one found in "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated" pamphlet.
 - 6. Consider a request to revise page S28 to more accurately reflect the number of groups in a metropolitan district.
 - 7. Consider a request to add a descriptive sentence on the role of a trustee-at-large to the second paragraph on page S63 in the section "Trustees-at-Large."
- B. Consider a suggestion to restore *The Twelve Concepts for World Service* by Bill W. to its original form as published in 1962.
- C. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- D. Discuss A.A. Directories:
 - 1. Consider a request to add/attach an explanatory letter regarding the appropriate use of the A.A. Directories.
 - 2. Consider a request to revise the statement on page ii, located below the box "An A.A. Group."

X. Treatment Facilities

- A. Consider both the scope and name of the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities.
- B. Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook:
 - 1. Review a summary of the results of the 2004 Treatment Facilities Committee Survey prepared for inclusion in the Treatment Facilities Workbook.
 - 2. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review résumés for regional trustees:
 - 1. Pacific Regional Trustee
 - 2. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slate 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 on the efficacy of the “Diversity Statement” currently being used in vacancy letters.
- F. Review background material and experience pertaining to request that the selection process for Chairperson of the General Service Board be expanded to include past Class B trustees as candidates.
- G. Discuss recommendation from the General Service Board to approve the revised Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- H. Discuss recommendation from the General Service Board to approve the revised Certificates of Incorporation of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

XII. Archives

- A. Review Workbook.
- B. Consider that the Conference Archives Committee annually review a list to be compiled by G.S.O.’s Archivist of proposed archival recordings (format to be determined by A.A.W.S.) to be produced for sale by A.A.W.S. so that the Conference might provide guidance prior to production.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss addition of informational flyers to the Regional Forums section of G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Discuss the Report on Restructuring and/or Increasing Regional/Special Forums from the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.
- C. Review report on the 2005 International Convention in Toronto.