

2026 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE RESULTS OVERVIEW

MATERIAL FOR A.A. MEMBERS

Area 31 Western Massachusetts General Service Panel 76 Delegate: RAY MEUNIER 76th General
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Conference Theme: "Humility in Action"

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HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Source: [The A.A. Service Manual](#) (2024 - 2026 Edition) Chapter 6 "The Annual General Service Conference" and Appendix W "How the Conference Operates"

Agenda Items that come before the Conference are handled via the "Committee System." This assures that a large number of questions can be dealt with during Conference week. Each Committee carefully considers the items before it and presents its recommendations to the Conference as a whole for acceptance or rejection. (See Chapter 7 in [The A.A. Service Manual](#) for more on the committee system.)

The following are the possible results for Agenda Items considered by Conference Committees:

Committee Recommendation: After discussion on an agenda item, the committee recommended that the Conference consider a motion for discussion, vote and approval by the full Conference body. Recommendations are automatically seconded.

Committee took no action: After thorough discussion, the Conference committee decided not to move forward with this Agenda Item. No further action is taken, unless another Conference member chooses to make a Floor Action.

Committee Consideration: After discussing an Agenda Item, the committee makes some suggestions for implementation to the corresponding trustees' committee, but these are suggestions only, and not taken to the floor for a vote by the Conference. If the Conference committee ran out of time to discuss the Agenda Item, it is tabled for the following Conference committee to discuss next year.

Advisory Action: The committee recommendation or floor action passes by substantial unanimity ($\frac{2}{3}$ majority). At the conclusion of the Conference, the Advisory Actions are referred to the trustees who vote to affirm them and are then sent to either the appropriate trustees' committee, GSO, or the corporate boards for implementation.

Recommendation Not Approved/Not Resulting in Conference Action: The committee recommendation did not receive a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority (substantial unanimity) of Conference approval.

Motion to Amend: The motion to amend changes the wording of a Conference committee's recommendation.

Motion to Commit: The motion to commit sends a motion or proposal to the respective trustees' committee or appropriate corporate board for further development.

Motion to Recommit: The motion to recommit returns a motion or proposal to the respective Conference committee for further discussion at next year's General Service Conference.

Floor Action: A Conference member introduced a motion from the floor. This can include Agenda Items upon which the Conference committee took no action, or they can be completely new proposals. When a floor action is heard, and requires a second. If seconded, it is added to the last day of the Conference agenda, and its maker is given two (2) minutes to state the rationale behind the motion. Discussion and voting occur unless a member makes a motion to decline to consider.

Decline to Consider a Floor Action: A floor action is made and presented on the final day. Upon hearing the maker’s rationale, another Conference member can make a motion for the Conference to decline to hear the floor action. The motion to decline to consider must be seconded and the Conference must pass the motion to decline by substantial unanimity (2/3 majority). If the decline to consider passes, the motion dies. If the motion to decline fails, the floor action is then discussed and voted on by the Conference floor.

Floor Action Failed: After discussion, the floor action is voted on and does not receive 2/3 of Conference approval.

RESOURCES

- [Area Website/Delegates Corner @ area31aa.org](#)
- [The A.A. Service Manual](#) (2024-2026 Edition)
- [Glossary of General Service Terms](#)
- [How the Conference Operates](#)
- [76th Conference Advisory Actions](#) (Official List)
- [76th Conference Committee Considerations](#) (Official List)

2026 Conference Advisory Actions, Committee Considerations and Floor Actions
Organized by Conference Committee and Agenda Item

Conference Committee: Agenda

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| Agenda — Item A Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended the following theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: “Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.” |

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| Agenda — Item B Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended the following presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership.” • “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass.” • “Innovation Meets Tradition.” |

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| Agenda — Item C Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The following workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: “Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.” |

Agenda — Item D Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.

Committee Actions Consideration: The committee appreciated the alignment between feedback received from the 75th General Service Conference and the changes implemented within the planning of the 76th General Service Conference. The committee recognized several items that may benefit from consideration during the planning of the 77th General

Service Conference. These items include:

- Remote Communities Pre-Conference Meeting
 - Exploring earlier scheduling for the Remote Communities meeting, potentially as a two-hour virtual meeting
 - Assigning moderator roles in advance
- Virtual All-Conference Member Sharing Sessions:
 - Continue to add definition to these sessions through topic development and early communications on the session topics.
- Communications:

- Ongoing improvements to the structuring of resource files within the Conference members’ communication platform, including more frequent updates to the site map.

Consideration: The committee appreciated the streamlined presentation of evaluation topics without reiteration for every event occurrence.

Agenda — Item E
Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.

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| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee recognized that improvements to the schedule of the 76th General Service Conference were applied without affecting the integrity of the Conference. The committee found that the layout of the Conference week schedule provided an effective flow between a variety of Conference functions and offered the following suggestions for consideration as future improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-Conference Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarify what food and beverage selections will be available during Saturday’s “Meet and Greet” event. ○ The scheduling of a Pre-Conference “Tips and Tricks” meeting should be reinstated in future Conference cycles. ● <u>Communications</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide clear information on how to sign up for the GSO tour, Stepping Stones tour and other ancillary events. ○ Access to the preceding year’s Conference resources within the Conference members’ communication platform is helpful to the preparation of Conference members and equalizes the informational base for first-year Conference members. ○ Conference materials be available in English, Spanish, and French regardless of the interpretation needs of the current Conference membership. Materials designed for the preparation and participation of Conference members are often used as reporting tools within an area. |
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Agenda — Item F**Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)**

Committee Actions

Took no action: The committee discussed including time within the Conference week schedule for an annual presentation by La Vigne and took no action. The committee recognized the wide value that La Vigne contributes to French-speaking members within the United States and Canada and welcomes inclusion within Area Highlights and “What’s On Your Mind” Sharing Sessions. However, as an independent publication without a reporting responsibility to the Conference, and absent an opportunity for the Conference to provide guidance, a formal presentation time was not supported.

Conference Committee:**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)****CPC — Item A****Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.**

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the report on the AAWS LinkedIn page. The committee recognized the thoughtful long-term plan that the

office has put in place and appreciated the alignment of the project to the initial goals and standards for the development of content and awareness; as well as expanding outreach and reinforcing the continuing relevance and efficacy of A.A. to professionals. The committee provided the following suggestions: > Consider including trends in quarterly and yearly reporting.
> Consider developing an article for Box 4-5-9 highlighting the work of the office on the LinkedIn project.

CPC — Item B**Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.**

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed the outline of the pamphlet along with the accompanying project plan. The committee expressed their enthusiasm for the overall project vision and felt that it aligns with the intended goals. The committee provided suggestions to the secretary (including a suggestion that a link to the Cochrane Study be included as an additional reference for professionals) and asked that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on CPC.

CPC — Item C**Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.**

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee provided the following suggestions: > Consider including recent updates to the Grapevine podcast.
> Clarify the item titles on the online store to better differentiate whether the service kit is in English, French or Spanish.

CPC – Item D
Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed the draft video series “Meet A.A.’s Nonalcoholic Trustees” and appreciated the willingness and dedication of our Class As to further the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee considers this work to align with the role of communication intended for professionals, similar to the About A.A. newsletter. The committee acknowledged the necessity of the office continuing to work closely with our Class A trustees in the development of a communications strategy to create outward-facing videos and diversify our library of resources. The committee provided the following additional suggestions:

- That future topics and subjects be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- That if the Class A is fluent in Spanish or French, to have the relevant language be used in the voice of the person rather than dubbed or captioned.

CPC — Item E
Consider a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Committee Actions

Took no action: The committee recognized the need for short-form content and noted that the office is already working in this direction. The committee encourages the ongoing development of outreach material with short-form content.

Conference Committee:
Corrections

Corrections — Item A

Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee provided the following suggested updates:

- Editorial updates
 - Include language stating that the 2024 Corrections Survey of Shared Experience is available upon request in the Corrections Kit List.
 - Provide guidelines on how to chair a Corrections Committee meeting.
 - Include the *Tablet Literature List* (Item F-239).
 - Include shared experience on digital literature accessibility within Canadian correctional facilities.
 - Update the service pieces “A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Information — Outside” (Item F-162) and “A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Information — Inside” (Item F-163) to include form fields to list accessibility needs for insiders and improve the ability to provide accessibility resources for outsiders.
 - Include a sample letter to be used as a template for a first connection correspondence in CCS.

Corrections — Item B
Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee recognized the writing workshops made available, and the efforts made to increase awareness of the call for stories to ensure adequate intersectionality and representation of gender diverse members in the final product. The committee requested that a progress report or a draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Corrections.

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| Corrections — Item C Consider a request to update the pamphlet <i>The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs</i>. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration</u> : The committee suggested the pamphlet <i>The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs</i> (Item P-11) include updates to better reflect the current landscape of medications and other drugs and provide a more inclusive and representative cross-section of A.A. recovery stories, keeping in mind the intended audience is both alcoholics and the professionals with whom we cooperate. |
| Conference Results | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The pamphlet "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11) be revised and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. |

Conference Committee:
Finance

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| Finance — Item A Review Self-Support Packet. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration</u> : The committee provided the following suggestions: > All material within the Self-Support packet be updated to replace reference of " aa.org " with " aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support ," and QR codes where possible. > All material within the Self-Support packet be updated to reflect language consistent with the <i>A.A. Guidelines on Finance</i> (Item MG-15) for consistency purposes. > Update <i>The A.A. Group Treasurer</i> (Item F-96) with accurate URLs for AAGV. |

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| Finance — Item B Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, <i>Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix</i>. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Motion to Amend</u> recommendation <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" (Item F-3) be updated with the following change: The question and answer on a group making financial contributions to AA Grapevine on page 12, which reads: "Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine? A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work." Be replaced with: "Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña? A: AA Grapevine, Inc., does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org ." |

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| Finance — Item C Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Took no action:</u> The committee noted these efforts currently exist locally. The committee expressed support of the efforts already taking place on the Corrections desk at the General Service Office to provide shared experience, literature and template language that specifically addresses how other members have utilized the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> for Step work. |

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| Finance — Item D Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22). | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration:</u> The committee requested that the general manager, trustees' General Service Conference Committee, and Meeting, Events and Travel Services (METS) team continue their work together to explore various cost-saving scenarios for the General Service Conference, including the incorporation of a hybrid online and in-person (NYC) format. The committee requested a progress report outlining various options and the estimated cost savings for each be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Finance. |

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| Finance – Additional Committee Recommendations | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |

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| Conference Actions | <p><u>Motion to Recommit recommendation to the 77th Conference Committee:</u> The committee recommendation that “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” (Item F-3) be updated as follows:</p> <p>The question and answer regarding the cost per group for GSO to supply basic services on page 11 which reads:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Q: How much does it cost, per group, for GSO to supply basic services?”</p> <p>A: At the end of 2023, the annual cost of services per group was \$162.72, while the average contribution per group was \$140.09. The shortfall between these two figures is made up from income from A.A. publications.”</p> <p>Be replaced with:</p> <p>“Q. How much does it cost, per group, to operate GSO?</p> <p>A. In 2025, the estimated cost-per-group to operate GSO was \$356.37, the estimated average annual contribution per contributing group was \$344.25, and the estimated average annual contribution to meet GSO operating expenses — if only the contributing groups contributed — would be \$1,045.11. Any shortfall in group contributions is made up from individual contributions and income from A.A. publications.”</p> |
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Finance – Additional Committee Considerations

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| Committee Actions | <p><u>Took no action:</u> The committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 that an individual A.A. member can make to the General Service Board and took no action. The committee noted that the maximum annual contribution was increased in 2024.</p> <p><u>Took no action:</u> The committee discussed a request to add wording below the pie chart section of “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” (Item F-3) and took no action on the specific request. The committee discussed Tradition Four and the concept of a group expense versus a contribution to an A.A. entity. The committee noted that this update might conflict with messaging in the section titled “How can groups participate?” on page 7.</p> <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee discussed the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) being made available on aa.org and expressed concern that providing detailed financial reporting might cause confusion. The committee suggested that there would be more beneficial use in providing brief, digestible snapshots of A.A. finances and self-support activity. This could include informative images and grid charts on the contributions and self-support page of aa.org. Suggested topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total Contributions to GSB in the previous year, with the sources of those contributions broken down in detail to include, (1) groups; (2) individuals; and (3) other entities such as districts, areas, intergroups and central offices ➤ What the cost per group would need to be to fully support operating expenses in the previous year ➤ Bill’s writings, such as those in A.A. Comes of Age (e.g., pp. 201, 204 and 209), as well as other locations, emphasizing that it is the home group that is the foundation of our service structure. <p>Consideration: The committee requested that the Conference Committee on</p> |
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| | <p>Agenda consider a workshop or theme at the 2027 General Service Conference that addresses the current concerns and questions of the Fellowship about the Reserve Fund. The topic could also include the purpose of the Reserve Fund and how it is distinct from a group’s prudent reserve.</p> |
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**Conference Committee:
Grapevine/La Viña**

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| Grapevine/La Viña — Ítem A Review AA Grapevine Workbook. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee reviewed the AA Grapevine Workbook and provided editorial suggestions to the Grapevine staff.</p> |

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| Grapevine/La Viña — Ítem B Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Viña book topics for 2027 or after. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Board the suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. produce in the year 2027 or later:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Senior Members</i> (working title): Stories by A.A. members who got to A.A. late in life, including members who are dealing with issues related to older age in sobriety. 2. <i>Members Dealing with Mental Illness</i> (working title): Stories by A.A. members dealing with mental illness, sharing how they got sober, stay sober and work the program. 3. <i>Despertares Espirituales (Spiritual Awakenings)</i> (LV book) (working title): Stories by Spanish-speaking A.A. members about faith, prayer and finding a Higher Power. |

Grapevine/La Viña — Item C
Review the 5-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the Grapevine five-year plan, with appreciation to the AA Grapevine Board for its thorough development and presentation. The proposed approaches align with the primary purposes of Grapevine and La Viña and the committee looks forward to receiving annual updates on performance metrics.

Grapevine/La Viña — Item D
Review the progress on the AA Grapevine Survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee requested a revised approach more closely aligned with the original Advisory Action and accompanying memorandum produced in June 2025 by the 75th Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. The revised proposal should include at least two survey methodologies and reflect exploration of low-cost deployment methods, such as the Meeting Guide app.

The committee will resend the memorandum to the Grapevine Board, including suggestions regarding survey content. The committee also requested that the project timeline be extended, with a progress report presented to the 77th General Service Conference and a final report presented to the 78th General Service Conference.

Grapevine/La Viña — Item E
Review AA Grapevine / La Viña Media Platforms report.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and approved the media platform report.

Grapevine/La Viña — Item F
Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc, accept contributions.

Committee Actions

Took no action: In their determination, the committee considered and recognized the broader implications for our shared spiritual principles, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts for World Service and other A.A. entities.

Grapevine/La Viña – Additional Committee Considerations

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee suggests that the Grapevine Board, in cooperation with the General Service Board, explore additional strategies to support non-revenue-generating services provided by the AA Grapevine, and welcomes further suggestions be brought to the 77th Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.

Conference Committee: Literature

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| Literature — Item A Annual review of recovery literature matrix. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee recognized the updates to the matrix and suggested that future literature matrixes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A key defining abbreviations and color coding ➤ More information on the scope of revisions ➤ More information on the scope of revisions ➤ Digital downloads and page views ➤ Ensuring that the grid is readable (font size) ➤ Information on whether pieces are included in service kits ➤ Note which committee, Staff member or department has purview for review and revision of a piece of literature. ➤ Note whether pieces fall into categories of recovery, service or archival material ➤ Sortable columns (for Conference committee eyes only) ➤ The committee noted that copyright information for individual items continues to be useful. |

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| Literature — Item B Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee agreed to provide the Staff secretary with any suggested updates.</p> |

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| Literature — Item C Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i> - Spanish. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee recognized the work that has gone into developing the revised draft and requested that a manuscript or progress report be brought back</p> |

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| | <p>to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature. The committee offered the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional communication to the Fellowship on the status of the project would be helpful to clarify misunderstanding. ➤ Consideration be given to inviting a Spanish-speaking member of the ➤ Conference Committee on Literature to participate in the final review of the manuscript prior to Conference. ➤ Consideration be given to inviting Cesar F., ACM and chair of the Working Group for developing a Fourth Edition of <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i> (Spanish-language Big Book) to attend the 2027 General Service Conference to be available as a resource for Conference deliberations on the manuscript. |
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Literature — Item D
Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

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| <p>Committee Actions</p> | <p><u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions)</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee requested that the Preface to the Fifth Edition <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> be updated to direct readers to Appendix IV for more information on the Lasker Award.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee agreed to provide minor editorial suggestions for the Publishing Department if the Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> is approved for publication by Conference, including the removal of a pejorative phrase from one of the new personal stories.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: Noting the recommendation to remove the word “Eskimo” from “Chapter 7: Working With Others,” if approved by the Conference, the committee suggested that consideration be given to making similar changes to translations of the Big Book, including those in Spanish.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee suggested that the final sentence of the final paragraph of the draft introduction to “Part II, Experience Strength and Hope,” in the Fifth Edition <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> which reads:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>No matter their background or life experience, no matter how smooth or rocky their path, these alcoholics share how they have been able to find, gain and maintain sobriety by using the fundamental principles of A.A. as a firm foundation for recovery.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Be changed to the following: <i>These alcoholics share how they have been able to find, gain and maintain sobriety by using the fundamental principles of A.A. as a firm foundation for recovery, no matter their background, life experience, and no matter how smooth or rocky their path.</i></p> |
| <p>Conference Actions</p> | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>, be approved with minor editorial changes.</p> <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The word “Eskimo” be removed from “Chapter 7: Working With Others” and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.</p> |

Literature — Item E
Review progress report on the update of the book *Living Sober*.

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| <p>Committee Actions</p> | <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee suggested that the revisions continue in the current fashion. The committee requested that a revised draft or progress report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> |
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| Literature — Item F Review progress report on the development of a <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> amendment process. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee offered the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That the trustees' Literature Committee consider providing more detail on the specific changes to the <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> that have been suggested both within, and outside of, the PAI process, including the total number of substantive changes and editorial changes. The committee emphasized the PAI process as the avenue for suggestions from the Fellowship for changes to Conference-approved literature ➤ That consideration be given to providing reference points throughout the <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> to the corresponding pages in the book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> ➤ That consideration be given to resizing the <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> to match the size of the large print format Big Book <p>The committee asked that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> |

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| Literature — Item G Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> |

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| Literature — Item H Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> |

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| Literature — Item I Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> not included in the draft Fifth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee suggested that the trustees' Literature Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide more information on expected costs, potential sales and break-even point. ➤ Provide more information about whether the proposed book would be more successful as a revised version of <i>Experience, Strength and Hope</i> or as a new standalone volume. ➤ Consider renaming the book to avoid confusion with the newly approved Part II section of the Fifth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>. <p>The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2028 Conference Committee on Literature.</p> |

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| Literature — Additional Committee Recommendation | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions)</p> |

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| Conference Actions | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees’ Literature Committee throughout the year.”</p> |
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**Conference Committee:
Policy/Admissions**

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| <p>Policy/Admissions — Item A Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> In keeping with a request from the 75th General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions, the committee noted the December 17, 2025, memo update from the general manager to all Conference members on Conference site selection and dates. The 79th General Service Conference will be held April 15–21, 2029, at the New York Marriott Marquis hotel in the heart of Times Square in New York City.</p> |

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| <p>Policy/Admissions — Item B Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee reviewed the dates for the 2030 General Service Conference. In order to provide additional flexibility to the General Service Office management in contracting the most cost-effective and appropriate venues for the General Service Conference, the committee agreed to select these proposed dates for the 80th General Service Conference, as follows (in order of preference): April 28–May 4, 2030; May 5–11, 2030. The committee noted that these proposed Conference dates may be the best choices available for avoiding conflicts with significant holidays. The committee asked that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 80th General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized by GSO management.</p> |

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| <p>Policy/Admissions — Item C.i Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Took no action:</u> The committee noted that while a “standing item,” the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees is a practice rather than a Conference policy and committees are not required to include this item on their agendas.</p> <p>The committee requested that the Staff secretary send a memo to Conference secretaries highlighting this information. It was noted that while changes to services pieces such as workbooks and kits fall under the Staff member on the corresponding assignment, suggestions are collected regularly by the Staff assignment throughout the year, particularly collecting broad experiences from area, district, and intergroup service committees.</p> |

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| <p>Policy/Admissions — Item C.ii Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference committee.</p> | |
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| Committee Actions | <p><u>Took no action</u>: The committee discussed the suggestion from the EDW report that a similar number of items be assigned to each Conference Committee agenda rather than assigned by topic and took no action. The approach of directing a similar number of agenda items to each committee lacks qualitative consideration.</p> <p>The committee also noted that there lacked significant evidence to support that non-specific committees would improve workflow and efficiency or decrease workload. The committee also noted the benefits of having a committee secretary who also serves as the GSO coordinator on a particular topic serving as an integral point of information.</p> |
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**Policy/Admissions — Item C.iii
Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss creating a “Conference Committee on Digital Communications”.**

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| Committee Actions | <p><u>Took no action</u>: The committee discussed the suggestion from the EDW report that a Conference digital committee be created and took no action. The committee expressed concern that creating a new committee, even as a secondary committee, might create more work and would require an additional GSO Staff member to support that committee.</p> |
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Policy/Admissions — Additional Committee Recommendations and Considerations

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| Committee Actions | <p><u>Recommendations</u> (3) (See Conference Actions)</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: Following a wide-ranging discussion, the committee shared concerns that while the equity of work may be one aspect of the EDW topic, this approach is not addressing the core of the workload concerns. The committee agreed that a comprehensive approach was needed to address concerns at the Conference level, GSO’s ability to keep up with ongoing and developing projects, an annual list of new projects, and other items that the Conference directs actions to be taken.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: In further discussion regarding the EDW topic, the committee noted the General Service Board decision that the 77th General Service Conference committee chairs will be attending the October 2026 (Q4) Board Weekend as opposed to the January (Q1) 2027 weekend. The date shift will allow for a longer window of time for chairs to provide input on PAIs being reviewed by trustees’ committees.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee discussed the EDW topic regarding Conference committees with fewer items and PAIs forwarded to them. The committee suggested that committees be reminded and encouraged to take more advantage of the opportunities to have deeper discussion on the topics affecting that corresponding committee. The committee also noted that these opportunities would also allow for more time to review corresponding literature that may infrequently or never get reviewed and updated.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee discussed the procedure document “How the Conference Operates.”The committee noted that because some areas model their local procedures from the document, it would be important to gain more consultation from Conference area delegates and provide a timelier update on any changes.</p> |
| Conference Actions | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: Following the 78th General Service Conference that the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued.</p> <p>Recommendation that did not pass: The committee recommended that the General</p> |

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| | <p>Service Board develop a draft plan for the creation of a working group comprised of nine Conference members, with a composition reflective of the ratio of Conference members (i.e., six area delegates, two board members and one GSO Staff member) to improve the selection process of proposed agenda items (PAIs) forwarded to Conference committees, with attention to the topic of workload both at a Conference level and the impact on GSO and GV offices, and that a plan be brought back to the 77th Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that did not pass:</u> The committee recommended that any changes beyond editorial to the “How the Conference Operates” document be brought for discussion to the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions one year prior to implementation, to then be utilized at the following year’s General Service Conference.</p> |
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**Conference Committee:
Public Information (PI)**

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| <p>PI — Item A Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee reviewed and accepted the PSA Development and Review plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee requested the trustees’ Public Information Committee explore the feasibility of utilizing the Communication Services Department (CSD) at GSO to create a short public service announcement (PSA) intended for Spanish-speaking A.A. members, and subsequently adapting it into French and English. ➤ The committee noted the work being done to create panels of past Hispanophone and Francophone delegates to review PSAs in their respective languages. The committee requested a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information. |

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| <p>PI — Item B Review report on the GSO Podcast, <i>Our Primary Purpose</i>.</p> |
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Committee Actions Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 progress report on the GSO podcast, *Our Primary Purpose*. The committee noted the work that has

been done on the podcast and offered some suggestions for season three,
including:

- Bearing in mind the long-term goal of offering the podcast in French and Spanish once resources are available, explore creative ways to incorporate content in French and Spanish in the current podcast — perhaps an episode interviewing a Spanish or French-speaking A.A. member or professional.
- Further use of archival content in episodes
- Further conversations with Class A trustees
 - An episode on starting a new meeting, sponsorship and focusing on the newcomer
 - Additional episodes exploring all levels of the service structure

The committee requested that a progress report on GSO podcast *Our Primary Purpose* be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

PI — Item C
Review report on the AAWS YouTube channel.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on the AAWS YouTube account. The committee offered the following suggestions and requested a report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- Continued utilization of YouTube shorts for content, including more of the available user-generated Young People videos
- Continued exploration of the use of user-generated content
- Additional content for YouTube, including more A.A. member stories, archival content, discussions on the many paths to spirituality, and the topic of non affiliation
- The committee noted that casual content is more effective than highly produced media in a culture that prioritizes quick, social media content.

PI — Item D
Review report on Google Ads.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on Google Ads and requested that a report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

PI — Item E
Review report on Meeting Guide app.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on the AAWS Meeting Guide app. The committee noted the usefulness of the app and offered the following suggestions:

- Further publicizing the app to professionals who encounter alcoholics, including those in senior communities
- A page for the Financial Quarterly Report including a button for contributions
- Sharing videos on how to use Meeting Guide app on our various media platforms

The committee noted the value of the “news” section on the app in keeping the Fellowship informed. The committee noted the trustees’ PI Committee’s efforts to explore the possibility of push notifications for the app and requested that a progress report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

PI — Item F
Review report on GSO’s A.A. website.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on GSO’s A.A. website. The committee received a verbal update from the Communication Services Department on search upgrades and is looking forward to the planned improvements of the search function on aa.org. The committee encouraged moving forward with the Young People landing page on aa.org. The committee requested that a report on GSO’s A.A. website be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

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| PI — Item G Review report for AAWS “Online Business Profiles.” | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on Online Business Profiles. The committee suggested, as a courtesy, contacting the local service members when they are mentioned in staff responses. The committee |

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| | requested that a report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information. |
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| PI — Item H Review report on AAWS Social Media Policy. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed the AAWS Social Media Policy and looks forward to further growth of AAWS’s social media presence in alignment with this policy. The committee requested that an analytics report of any new social media accounts be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information. |

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| PI — Item I Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed the proposed plan for the 2026 Membership Survey and requested the focus of the pilot be on surveying a selection of listed and unlisted A.A. groups along with locally listed meetings from 3–5 areas to determine if there are significant differences compared to past membership surveys. The committee requested the questionnaire from the 2022 Membership Survey be utilized for the pilot for the sake of comparison. |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: A pilot 2026 Membership Survey, with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$10,000, to explore how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office in a future full membership survey. The committee requested a progress report or pilot survey results be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information. |

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| PI — Item J Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47). | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed the draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47) and requested that the Staff secretary send a memo to the AAWS Publishing Department requesting that a QR code be added to the front cover of the pamphlet and a footnote referencing the social media survey conducted in 2024 be added to the “Questions and Answers” section of the pamphlet. |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The revised pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (Item P-47) with the new title “Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation” be approved. |

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| PI — Item K Review content and format of P.I. and Workbook. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed the contents of the PI Kit and Workbook and requested that the contents of the PI Kit and Workbook continue to be updated with current and relevant information for PI committees. |

**Conference Committee:
Report & Charter**

Report & Charter — Item A1

Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: Review list of editorial updates.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed proposed editorial updates for the 2026–2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual, suggested revisions, and forwarded the updated list to the Publishing Department.

Report & Charter — Item A2

Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: Consider a request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in *The AA Service Manual*.

Committee Actions

Took no action: The committee noted that the quote was well placed in this section and effectively conveys a general appreciation for the love of service.

Report & Charter — Item A3

Review progress report on the development of a new “Amendments” section added to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*

Committee Actions

Recommendation (See Conference Actions)

Consideration: The committee reviewed 2026-2028 edition of The A.A. Service Manual editorial list and noted that the vertical margin change bars are no longer necessary. The committee also suggested that the Publishing Department reinstate the practice of including a list of changes and place it at the beginning of the book.

Conference Actions

Advisory Action recommended that: That a draft of a new “Amendment” section be approved for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service Section of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

Report & Charter — Item B

Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of the proposed *The A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition*, and the 2026 Final Conference Report.

Report & Charter — Item C

Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.

Committee Actions

Consideration: The committee reviewed the current workflow and anonymization practices for the Final Conference Report and requested that the Publishing Department return to its prior practice of anonymizing the Final Conference Report by using first name and last initial only for A.A. members, and full names for nonalcoholic friends, Class A trustees and GSO employees.

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| Report & Charter — Item D Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature. | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee reviewed the progress report on classifying literature published by A.A. World Services (AAWS) and AA Grapevine, Inc., submitted by the General Service Board Report and Charter Ad Hoc Committee. The committee noted the feedback received from the trustees' Archives Committee, particularly the shared understanding between the General Service Conference and the boards regarding the complexity and scope of this work.</p> <p>The committee acknowledged the following concerns regarding the classification of literature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Classifying A.A. literature as Recovery, Service or Historical could lead to |

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| | <p>confusion due to content that might overlap into multiple categories. ➤ There is no formal definition of "founders." The phrase "co-founders of A.A." is commonly used to refer to Bill W. and Dr. Bob, with acknowledgement that many individuals played founding roles in various geographic areas.</p> <p>The committee requested that this topic be forwarded to the trustees' Literature Committee for further input and guidance.</p> |
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| Report & Charter — Additional Committee Recommendations | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The question "What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?" be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and that the question and answer be included as follows:</p> <p>"What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report? If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity; so that members' names are not publicly available.</p> <p>Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group."</p> |

**Conference Committee:
Treatment and Accessibilities**

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| <p>Treatment and Accessibilities — Item A Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee noted the completion of the project, expressing gratitude for the work that went into the project from the appointed committee members (ACMs) and the General Service Office (GSO). The committee discussed ways to continue to expand outreach to both active duty and veteran members of the armed services and made the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To create a service piece that links to the audio page and can be shared with the Fellowship across the service structure, and presented to professionals ➤ That any improvements made to the aa.org website include increased visibility of the Military/Veteran Interview Project, including but not limited to banners, a scroll and other ways to bring attention to the project ➤ Arranging the recordings on the web page in a manner that identifies and groups by branch of the military and the nation of service, and highlights the |

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| | <p>original language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to explore developing short-form content to post on the AAWS YouTube page as another tool for the Fellowship to highlight this content. ➤ Include postings about the Military/Veteran Interview Project on the AAWS LinkedIn page and highlight the project in articles in future editions of the <i>About A.A.</i> newsletter for professionals and other outward-facing materials. ➤ To review and refine the use of hashtags to increase visibility <p>The committee requested that the General Service Office move forward with communicating the completion of the Military/Veteran Interview Project to the Fellowship using the widest available distribution channels.</p> |
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| <p>Treatment and Accessibilities — Item B Review content and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee forwarded to the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee a list of minor edits to the workbook to be implemented at the next printing.</p> |

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| <p>Treatment and Accessibilities — Item C Review content and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee forwarded to the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee a list of minor edits to the workbook to be implemented at the next printing and provided the secretary with additional suggestions for contents of the kit to be forwarded to the Publishing Department to align the contents with best practices of AAWS.</p> |

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| <p>Treatment and Accessibilities — Item D Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee provided the following suggestions to be forwarded to the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use consistent language across related service materials, including the Accessibilities Checklist for groups and meetings. ➤ Include English as a language when applicable. ➤ Include resources that may be specific to Canada in addition to those that are used in the United States. ➤ Include guidance for making A.A. accessible to Deaf and hard-of-hearing alcoholics that aligns with current best practices. ➤ Additional minor edits were provided and are to be completed by the Staff secretary. |

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| <p>Treatment and Accessibilities — Item E Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Took no action</u>: In addition to intellectual property (IP) concerns, the committee discussed that for broad use throughout the US and Canada a video with a format and content more closely aligned with current service material would be more effective. The committee expressed gratitude to the local service district for its work in producing the original videos, as it inspired a vital Fellowship-wide discussion on this important topic. However, the committee determined that the videos needed more than minor editorial adjustments and would require more substantive changes.</p> |

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| | <p>Rather than spending resources to adapt these videos, it was the conscience of the committee to request that AAWS create a new video based on existing content found in our safety service materials, and, as budget permits. The committee requests that AAWS consider all available cost-saving technologies, including AI, for content production and language services</p> <p>The committee discussed additional ways to effectively produce this content and offered the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That the video be medium in length, up to four to seven minutes, while still effectively conveying the message, and animation is considered as a format ➤ That the video includes links to our safety materials ➤ That the project remains open for future videos to be created ➤ That the video format is mindful of visual content versus text, as well as easily translatable ➤ That the video is mindful of accessibility for all alcoholics ➤ That the video be completed and made available at the earliest opportunity, with consideration to available funds |
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Conference Committee:
Trustees

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| <p>Trustees — Items A1 Review resumes of candidates for: Pacific Regional Trustee and Eastern Canada Regional Trustee</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee reviewed the resumes and approved as eligible for election all Class B trustee candidates for the Pacific Regional Trustee elections.</p> |

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| <p>Trustees — Items A2 Review resumes of candidates for: Eastern Canada Regional Trustee</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Consideration</u>: The committee reviewed the resumes and approved as eligible for election all Class B trustee candidates for the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee elections.</p> |

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| <p>Trustees — Item B Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.</p> | |
| Committee Actions | <p><u>Recommendations</u> (2) (See Conference Actions)</p> |
| Conference Actions | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: That the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: [For names, see the Official List of 76th Conference Advisory Actions for names]</p> <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: That the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: [For names, see the Official List of 76th Conference Advisory Actions for names]</p> |

Trustees — Item C
Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

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| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: [For names, see the Official List of 76th Conference Advisory Actions for names] |

Trustees — Item D
Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

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| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: [For names, see the Official List of 76th Conference Advisory Actions] |

Trustees — Item E
Review progress report on process for receiving motions to censure.

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| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration:</u> The committee suggested that the report to the 2027 Conference Committee on Trustees regarding motions to censure include a grid or other visual depiction to illustrate the multiple pathways that a motion to censure or reorganize may be received, reviewed and processed, as well as any proposed changes, if any. |
| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: That the General Service Board form an ad hoc committee with a composition similar to the makeup of the General Service Conference (e.g., delegates, trustees, nontrustee directors and Staff members) to review and document the processes by which motions to censure or reorganize may be received, considered and forwarded, and to develop proposals for workflow processes that would support the unity of the Fellowship. The committee requested that a report, including these processes and proposals, be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Trustees. |

Trustees — Item F
Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet *Do You Think You're Different?*

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| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration:</u> The committee reviewed an update report regarding the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" (Item P-13) and requested that a progress report or a draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. |
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Trustees — Item G
Consider the request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet *The Twelve Steps Illustrated*.

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| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration:</u> The committee suggested that when developing the animated videos of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the content be developed in alignment with current communication practices, including appropriate length, format and style, and with consideration for use across multiple platforms and methods of distribution. |
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| Conference Actions | <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The trustees Literature Committee explore producing an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (Item P-43). The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. |
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| Trustees — Item H Consider the request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet <i>The Twelve Traditions Illustrated</i>. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendation</u> (See Conference Actions) <u>Consideration</u> : The committee suggested that when developing the animated videos of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the content be developed in alignment with current communication practices, including appropriate length, format and style, and with consideration for use across multiple platforms and methods of distribution. |
| Conference Actions | <u>Motion to Amend</u> recommendation <u>Advisory Action</u> recommended: The trustees Literature Committee explore producing an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (Item P-43). The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. |

Conference Committee:
Archives

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| Archives — Item A Review content and format of Archives Workbook. | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Consideration</u> : The committee reviewed the newly revised Archives Workbook and expressed its satisfaction with the updates made to the Workbook. The committee suggested that the following language be added to the “What to Collect?” section, under the list of suggested materials that local archives may wish to consider collecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Area/district business and financial records ➤ Area/district business meeting minutes and reports It was discussed that the suggested text can be implemented in a future printing of the Archives Workbook. |

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| Archives — Item B Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46) | |
| Committee Actions | <u>Took no action</u> : The committee discussed a request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve and took no action. The committee noted the autonomy of areas and districts in establishing local policies and procedures in accordance with their local group conscience. The committee also noted the following suggestions intended to further continue discussions on this topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage discussion around this topic at local A.A. events and Regional Forums. ➤ Continue area-wide discussions around the possibility of future linguistic and virtual areas in the United States/Canada structure. |

Committee:
International Conventions/Regional Forums

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| <p>Int’l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item A Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony</p> | |
| <p>Committee Actions</p> | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee welcomed the possibility of areas, through their delegates, being invited to provide feedback from the Fellowship on the flag ceremony for consideration. It was suggested that the history and purpose of the flag ceremony be provided along with any request for feedback to help inform discussions. The committee looks forward to the progress report being brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.</p> |

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| <p>Int’l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.</p> | |
| <p>Committee Actions</p> | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee noted the incorporation of previously suggested improvements to Regional Forums, and a recent podcast episod showcasing Regional Forums.</p> <p><u>Consideration:</u> The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest and participation in Regional Forums and made the following suggestions: ➤ Raise the visibility of the Regional Forums page on aa.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider creating short, anonymity-protected videos about Regional Forums that can be shared on our communication platforms. ➤ Consider developing a media kit that includes recognizable images and Regional Forum materials that could be used by local committee websites, and volunteer committees. ➤ Continue to communicate early and often about Regional Forums on aa.org and Meeting Guide app, and in Box 4-5-9, Grapevine and La Viña. ➤ Continue to explore the feasibility of holding an abbreviated online forum to provide a Regional Forum experience for members not able to attend an in person forum. ➤ Consider additional shared experience from local service events about improving attendance at Regional Forums provided to the Staff secretary. |

Conference Committee:
Inventory Implementation

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| <p>Inventory Implementation — Item A Review Inventory Implementation Report.</p> | |
| <p>Committee Actions</p> | <p><u>Consideration:</u> The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation acknowledged the efforts already underway within the General Service Office, the General Service Board, and the corporate boards to address workload concerns. The committee noted that a workload working group, project trackers, ongoing inventory review and leadership retreats represent some of these efforts and suggested that workload-specific updates be provided through the ongoing GSB, AAWS, and AAGV reporting to the General Service Conference.</p> <p><u>Consideration:</u> The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation acknowledged concerns shared during the Conference inventory related to</p> |

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| | <p>communication and expressed appreciation for the efforts made thus far, noting the increased reporting through the updated Quarterly Financial Report, the quarterly PAI Status Grid, and the trial distribution of GSB Board and Committee Reports. The committee looks forward to further efforts to refine the reporting content and consistency for a better understanding of our financial, PAI, and board activities among the Fellowship.</p> <p><u>Consideration:</u> The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation suggested that small group A.A. discussion meetings be considered in future Conference scheduling. These might begin following Saturday night's meet-and-greet and could be reconvened with a similar session mid- to late- week. Within a Fellowship of love and tolerance, we should aspire to approach each other with the same grace and understanding that we gladly show new members first approaching A.A. Participation, characterized by mutual respect and personal responsibility, is the key to harmony; regardless of titles, we stand shoulder to shoulder as members in A.A.</p> |
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Inventory Implementation — Additional Recommendations

| Committee Actions | <u>Recommendations</u> (See Conference Actions) |
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| Conference Actions | <p><u>Recommendation Not Approved/Achieved Simple Majority:</u> The committee recommended that a brief report from the trustees' Nominating Committee to the Conference Committee on Trustees be delivered in addition to the proposed slate summarizing the selection process of Class A trustees, general service trustees, and nontrustee directors in regard to current board needs.</p> <p><u>Recommendation Not Approved:</u> The committee recommended that the Conference inventory process be implemented at a regular five-year cadence, beginning in 2031; that the inventory process include an implementation committee to review and recommend actionable items following each Conference inventory.</p> <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> Conference committees be made aware of all Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) as they come in through a quarterly PAI Status Grid.</p> <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> The Conference members communicate more effectively to the Fellowship that the PAI submission cut-off deadline is only for the immediately upcoming General Service Conference and that year-round submissions are encouraged to promote ongoing discussion.</p> <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> The October feedback call be replaced with a Joint Committee meeting between trustees' and Conference committees, with all members to have a voice and vote on the disposition of Proposed Agenda Items for the next General Service Conference. Background to facilitate informed discussion should be shared with both committees.</p> <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> The PAI Status Grid be a living, curated list of items that will remain on the grid until dispositioned by policy or Joint Committee.</p> |

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| | <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> Working committee agenda should be shared prior to Joint Committee meeting for awareness of ongoing projects and annual review items.</p> <p><u>Motion to Commit recommendation to the General Service Board:</u> The General Service Conference acknowledge the authority of Conference committees to bring items forward which have not been placed on their agenda or to defer consideration of an item to a future Conference.</p> |
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2026 FLOOR ACTIONS

Conference committees are not the only source of recommendations for the body to consider and vote on. During the general sessions, members may make recommendations directly from the floor that may not have passed through a particular Conference committee. These are known as floor actions.

| Floor Actions Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions | |
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| Conference Actions | <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The suggested area contribution of delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000.</p> <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference.</p> <p><u>Advisory Action</u> recommended that: The word "Eskimo" be removed from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter essay on "Tradition Eight" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.</p> |

| Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions | |
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| Conference Actions | <p><u>Not Approved/Achieved Simple Majority</u>: No communication to the Fellowship or its representatives regarding the available funds or balance of the A.A. Reserve Fund be distributed without including currently approved draws in the distributed figures and communication.</p> <p><u>Declined to Consider Floor Action</u>: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.</p> <p><u>Declined to Consider Floor Action</u>: I move to suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book) until the Conference develops further consensus around our procedures and practices respecting changes to "Founder's Writings."</p> |