

AGENDA

- 69th GSC Theme will be *“Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages”*
- **Presentation Topics:** Yesterday’s World – Our Legacies Begin, Today’s World – Integrity, Anonymity and Service, Tomorrow’s World – Courage to be Vigilant.
- **Workshop Topic:** Clarity of Purpose – Addressing the needs of our meetings

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

- Changes to *“A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional”* to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide: PASSED
- Changes to *“Members of the Clergy Ask Alcoholics Anonymous”* to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide: PASSED
- Changes to *“If you are a Professional”* to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide: PASSED
- **APPROVED:** That A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LinkedIn with the following goals in mind:
 - To offer another digital resource, in addition to aa.org, where professionals can find accurate information about A.A.
 - To broaden the reach of the About A.A. newsletter for professionals
 - To offer a platform where our professional friends may recommend us
 - To raise awareness of exhibits staffed by local C.P.C. committees at national and local professional conferences
 - To expand the network of our professional friends and deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates

- By our presence on LinkedIn, to reinforce the continuing relevance and efficacy of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals

CORRECTIONS

- Create a Pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarceration: **TOOK NO ACTION**
- See Additional Considerations for substantial work in progress

FINANCE

- Develop a method to standardize increases to the limits on individual contributions and bequests to the General Service Board: **TOOK NO ACTION**
- The Conference-approved maximum annual contribution from an individual A.A. member to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 – **PASSED**

GRAPEVINE

- Consider allowing outside sales of Grapevine books and single issue magazines thus making these life-saving publications available wherever they may be useful in helping the still suffering alcoholic: **PASSED**
- Reconsider the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Viña: La Viña will now be published in full color - **PASSED**
- Approve revised pamphlet *“A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meeting in Print”* and change title to *“A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meeting in Print and Other Media”*: **PASSED**

LITERATURE

- Approve changes to *“A.A. for the Woman”* and retitled *“Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A.”*: **PASSED**
- Approve revised pamphlet *“A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic”* retitled *Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.”* **PASSED**
- Approve changes to *“Inside AA.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services”*: **PASSED**

LITERATURE Continued

- Approve draft pamphlet “A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and Those Who Sponsor Them”: retitled to “Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health issues – and Their Sponsors”: PASSED
- Add new section on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship”: PASSED
- Change subtitle of pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May be the Most Important Job in AA” to G.S.R. General Service Representative: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole”: PASSED
- Add removed text regarding medication to Living Sober: PASSED
- Update the video “Your General Service Office, The Grapevine and the General Service Structure”: DVD: PASSED
- Publish with minor edits, the UK Pamphlet “The ‘God’ Word: Atheists and Agnostics in A.A.”: PASSED
- Develop a new pamphlet based upon A.A.’s Three Legacies: PASSED
- Develop a pamphlet for Spanish speaking women alcoholics: PASSED

POLICY / ADMISSIONS

- The 71st GSC be held April 25-May 1, 2021
- Process for polling the General Service Conference between Conference meetings: PASSED
- Develop a policy for the use of the Conference dashboard: PASSED

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Consider the proposed video PSA “Changes”: PASSED, as amended
- Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of PSA “Changes” not to exceed \$42,000: PASSED
- Consider a Young People’s Video: PASSED

- Consider revisions to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” which expand content on Tradition Eleven and Twelve and adds information on safety: PASSED
- Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous” which update language, contact information and information on the prevalence and severity of alcoholism and add information related to safety in A.A.: PASSED

REPORT AND CHARTER

- Add “Panel” to the Glossary of General Service Terms: PASSED
- Add graphics on page S75, above the section A.A World Services, Inc. that visually display positions on each of the 3 corporate boards: PASSED
- Add text regarding standing committees from “The A.A. Group pamphlet”: TOOK NO ACTION
- Remove statement from the section Area Newspapers or Bulletins re: use of circle and triangle by groups and districts: TOOK NO ACTION
- Publish Committee Additional Considerations entirely in the printed Conference Final Report and the anonymity-protected version: PASSED

TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITIES

- Title of pamphlet Accessibility for all Alcoholics be changed to “Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers & approved with add’l revisions.
- Scope of Committee expanded to include remote communities.

TRUSTEES

- Review proposal to censure the General Service Board: TOOK NO ACTION
- Review proposal to reorganize A.A. World Services and General Service Boards: TOOK NO ACTION

ARCHIVES

- The proposed new publication, Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970 be approved with minor editorial changes.

AAWS / GSO Reports

- **2017 Contributions** record of **8.4 Million**, up 6% from 2016 **Cost of Services**—10.2 Million, up 3%, *shortfall: 1.8 Million*. **Literature sales** up 6%, covering shortfall. **Reserve Fund** is at 9.5 months.
- **Cost of services/member: \$7.40, group: \$152.90.**
- **Grapevine subscriptions** continue to decline but **GV** ended the year positive at \$126,000 with cost of **La Viña** \$126,000, vs \$152,000 in 2016.
- **In 2017 GSO: 71 Big Books** translated –more to come. **90 employees** daily respond to more than **90,000** emails. **Corrections** answers over **65,000** letters annually. **Archives** receives over 1,300 requests.
- **A.A. Publishing Department: 8 Million** books, pamphlets & audio materials shipped annually & receive over **73,000** contributions (received 8,000 in Dec. alone)
- **Big Books sold: 905,000, eBooks - 54,790 units sold.**
- **Website:** received over 12 million visits, **1000** visits a day for “Need Help with a Drinking Problem?”

FLOOR ACTIONS

- **#1, #3, #5, #7 – Declined**
 - **#8 Withdrawn.**
PASSED:
 - **2. Update contact text p. 18 pamphlet “Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous”**
 - **4. Area Highlights be published in their entirety.**
- NOT NECESSARY:**
- **6. That Conference “reaffirm” authority of GSB**

SAVE THE DATE!
DELEGATE’S CONFERENCE REPORT
Area Assembly
John Adams Middle School
2425 16th St. Santa Monica, CA 90405
Hosted by the Westside Combined Districts
Sunday, May 20, 2018
8:00-4:00 PM