

February 2010

## 2010 General Service Conference Committees

### Agenda Items

#### I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2011 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

#### II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

#### III. Corrections

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet  
"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents.
- C. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities" regarding prior review of regulations and paperwork related to Twelve Step corrections work.
- D. Consider request to add a phrase to the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" regarding the signing of volunteer agreements.
- E. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" regarding communication between A.A. members and prison administrators about the specific regulations of individual facilities.
- F. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

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#### IV. Finance

- A. Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:

1. If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit?
2. If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?

#### B. "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"

1. Consider request to replace the "pie charts" on page 12 with text such as:  
*Each group is autonomous and its informed conscience should determine the contribution amounts to the following entities: District; Area; G.S.O. and Intergroup/Central Office, if one services your district.*
2. Discuss request to include information about A.A. Grapevine.
3. Consider request to add Seventh Tradition stories.

- C. Discussion of additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support.

#### V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2011 or later.
- C. Review A.A. Grapevine Board report submitted at the request of the 59<sup>th</sup> GSC that the A.A. Grapevine Board review history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee, on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items).
- D. Consider the request that: *in order for La Viña to be published on an equal basis with A.A. Grapevine: 1. The La Viña be published in color; 2. The binding be changed to a perfect binding or a sewn binding so that it may be taken into correctional facilities; and 3. More stories be included in each edition of La Viña.*

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## **VI. Literature**

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs."
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- C. Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- D. Consider request to change a sentence regarding closed meetings in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."
- E. Consider request to update the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" with new stories reflecting more recent experience.
- F. Consider request to review the booklet *Living Sober*.
- G. Consider request to define the editorial responsibility of G.S.O.'s Publications Department.
- H. Consider request that the video, "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" be revised and updated.
- I. Consider request to develop a book on the history of "early pioneer women in A.A."

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Consider approving admission to the 2010 General Service Conference of Donna G., alternate delegate, Area 33, Southeast Michigan, in place of Derek D., the Panel 59 delegate for Area 33, who resigned.
- B. Approve invitations for two observers from the General Service Board of Venezuela.
- C. Review dates for the 2013 General Service Conference.

D. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the General Service

Conference undertaking a comprehensive inventory of itself.

E. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the development of

procedures for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.

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### **VIII. Public Information**

A. Consider 2009 Annual Web site Report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information.

B. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):

1. Consider approving the proposed 2010 television P.S.A. - "My World" - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.

2. Consider that the 2010 A.A. TV P.S.A. "My World" be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.

3. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.

4. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.

C. Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" to clarify the

importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.

D. A.A. Videos for Young People Project

1. Consider approving the video with the working title "Animation" as part of the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.

2. Consider the trustees' Public Information Committee Report on the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.

E. "A.A. at a Glance"

1. Consider replacing the term "drying out" with "detox" in the "What A.A. Does Not Do"

section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer so that the phrase "provide drying-out or nursing services or sanitariums" is changed to "provide detox or nursing services or sanitariums."

2. Consider placing the full text of the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the service piece "Information on A.A." into the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer.

F. Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are

portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media.

G. Consider submitting a request to the trustees' Committee on the Conference to hold a

future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age."

H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

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### **VIII. Report and Charter**

A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2010 - 2011 Edition:

1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
  2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board
  3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
  4. Review list of editorial updates.
  5. Consider request to (a) publish and distribute *The A.A. Service Manual* every other year and in years not produced, distribute a supplement of changes, and (b) publish the A.A. directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) in alternate years when the Service Manual is not published.
  6. Consider request that *The A.A. Service Manual* be reprinted only as necessary and consider publishing every three to five years with changes being sent as inserts to existing manuals.
  7. Consider request to gather sharing from the Fellowship concerning the general nature of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
  8. On page S23, consider adding "(see Chapter Eleven)" in the paragraph under the heading *Tools Available from G.S.O.* so that the last sentence reads: "They are designed to show groups the kind of help that is offered to groups everywhere by G.S.O., and thus get more people interested in service activity (see Chapter Eleven)."
- B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.):
1. Consider request that areas may choose to opt-out of the 30-day pending period to complete processing of new groups.
  2. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.)
- C. General Service Conference *Final Report*
1. Consider placing *Additional Committee Considerations, Recommendations That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* and *Floor Actions That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* following the Advisory Actions.
  2. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

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## **X Treatment Facilities**

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee regarding the proposed Special Needs recovery pamphlet.
- B. Consider a suggestion to change "Treatment Facilities" to "Treatment" in the Conference Committee name and in related A.A. literature where appropriate.
- C. Consider two locally created forms - one for treatment clients and one for A.A. members willing to serve as temporary contacts.
- D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook.

## **XI. Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  1. Pacific Regional Trustee
  2. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

E. Discuss a suggestion to clarify the language on page S65 in *The A.A. Service Manual* under the heading “Regional Trustee” regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.

## **XII. Archives**

A. Review Workbook.

B. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g. PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.’s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.

## **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

A. Discuss the upcoming 2010 International Convention.

B. Review report from trustees’ Committee on the site-selection process for International Conventions.

C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first-time attendees.