

**70th General Service Conference  
Results of  
Area 29 Modified Agenda Items**

		Guide to Agenda Item Action
AA: Advisory Action: 29 items or more of the conference members voted in favor of a resolution recommendation of their action, which makes it binding on the General Service Board CC: Committee Consideration: Item was discussed by a Conference committee, but no action taken or made by the Conference as a whole. CC-and no action: Considered by the committee and committee recommended no action Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time. Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. prior to conference via agenda modification		
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1	V. Grapevine	H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to continue with their plans. The committee suggested that the CV Board provide additional information on implementation, anonymity, security, affiliation, outside contributions, prices and promotion and bring a progress report back to the 71st GSC.
1	XI. Trustees	E. Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."
1	V. Grapevine	D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experiences, strength and hope with each other..."
1	VIII. Public Information (Cont)	K. Review "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey" report.
1	XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums	A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
1	VI. Literature (Cont)	M 2. Develop a fifth edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> with updated notes and revisions to appendices II and V.
1	VI. Literature (Cont)	T 1. Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsoring": Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
1	VI. Literature (Cont)	J 1. Review "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials" approved in January 2020.
1	VI. Literature (Cont)	U. Consider requests to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."
1	X. Treatment and Accessibilities	A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to bridging the gap activities
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2	VI. Literature (Cont)	O. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
2	XII. Archives	A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.
2	V. Grapevine	F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the AA message.
2	VI. Literature (Cont)	R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
2	II. Cooperation with the Professional Community	B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
2	VI. Literature (Cont)	M 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> at the time it is published.

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CC: The committee reviewed AA Grapevine, Inc. to continue with their plans. The committee suggested that the CV Board provide additional information on implementation, anonymity, security, affiliation, outside contributions, prices and promotion and bring a progress report back to the 71st GSC.  
Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time. The committee noted for the 71st General Service Conference the following information regarding their discussion to include a memo for the 71st General Service Conference: The committee requested that the Grapevine Board consider developing examples of generated language options and that a progress report to draft version be brought back to the 71st GSC. The committee also discussed making suggested changes to the A.A. Preamble for gender neutral pronouns. The committee noted it was encouraged by some of the findings by the survey professional and asked that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue to explore this topic. At their meeting, the committee also suggested the exploration of a possible digital questionnaire feedback form be part of their discussion. The committee agreed that further discussion on the use of the Lord's Prayer as a closing at the Big Meetings of the International Convention would be beneficial and suggested that the 2021 Conference Meetings of the International Convention/Regional Forums continue discussion at the 71st General Service Conference.  
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CC: The committee discussed the "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials," approved by A.A.W.S. in January 2020 and noted that concerns expressed by the 20th General Service Conference were addressed in full by the revised policy.  
Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time.  
AA: The pamphlet "bridging the gap" be updated for currency and inclusion to reach a broader scope of treatment settings about temporary contact services, and that a progress report or draft be brought to the 2021 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

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Conference the following information regarding their discussion: 1. Input from a comprehensive set of people including professional peers and P.E. committee members.  
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					<p>IX. Report and Charter</p> <p>D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.</p>	<p>IX. The sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter which currently reads: "It will be further understood, regardless of the legal prerogatives of the General Service Board, as a matter of tradition, that a three-quarter vote of all Conference members may bring about a reorganization of the General Service Board and the directors and staff members of its corporate reorganization is deemed essential." is amended to read: "Reorganization is deemed essential."</p>
2						<p>Item B forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time.</p>
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2						<p>CC. The committee suggested that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue to discuss this matter with the public. The committee also suggested that the trustees' Public Information Committee gather shared experience from the following on how A.A. members adhere to monthly Traditions on various social media platforms - Suggested safety and etiquette, while using social media. Anonymity on video meeting platforms. While the committee recognizes that A.A. literature on anonymity is available based on being anonymous, it is not clear on internet, email, or social media. The committee would like to have a panel of speakers to address these issues. The trustees' Public Information Committee is requested to update material as needed and the consideration that a video service piece to communicate this sharing might be explored. The committee requested that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue these discussions and that a progress report or draft proposal be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information.</p>
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3	IV. Finance				A.1	<p>Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Consider a request to revise the percentages on page 12.</p>
3	V. Engage				G.	<p>Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Vieja Committee on Grapevine and La Vieja</p>
3	VII. Policy/Admissions				E.	<p>Consider a proposed process for how a conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference Committee.</p>
	IV. Finance				A.3	<p>Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Consider draft language related to the "Virtual basket."</p>
3						<p>AA. The draft language related to the "virtual basket" be included in the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." The language reads: Q. Some members of our group wanted to pass a "Virtual basket" -- to collect Seventh Tradition contributions digitally. How could we do this? A. A number of groups have utilized digital payment platforms as an adjunct to passing the basket in the past. Some groups have found that a smart phone app-based payment platform is the most efficient, seamless, and minimally disruptive solution for providing a digital contribution. Experience suggests that the treasurer is responsible for providing the digital payment platform. The committee is requested to explore options to share the responsibilities or create a new service position to inform the group about digital payment options and assist other group members who are interested in contributing this way.</p>
3	VI. Literature (Cont)				F.1	<p>Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions; To remove the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve."</p>
3	I. Agenda				F.	<p>Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.</p>
3	VI. Literature (Cont)				F.2	<p>Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions; To reconsider use of the phrase "Justified enough" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six."</p>
3	VIII. Public Information				E.	<p>Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).</p>
	II. Cooperation with the Professional Community				A.	<p>Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."</p>
3					B.	<p>Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.</p>
3	X. Treatment and Accessibilities					<p>CC. The committee discussed the request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community" and introduce A.A. to professionals and that the title defines A.A. as a community resource. The committee work to introduce A.A. to professionals and that the title defines A.A. as a community resource. The committee work to introduce A.A. to professionals and that the title defines A.A. as a community resource. The committee suggested that the shared experience included in the workbook include a list of 81G temporary contacts available from G.S.O.</p>

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CARE	Area 29 Item	Request	Response
4	IV. Finance	Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Meet." Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.	Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time.
	A.2		CC: The committee considered proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
	K.	Consider proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.	CC: The committee considered proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution. The committee requested the proposed items for the following, as soon as possible, in Spanish, English and French, the presentation "The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools, and Access (70th General Service Conference 2020)" that was presented to the committee during their May 2, 2020 agenda reduction meeting. The committee requested the proposed items for the following to be informed about the nature of the proposed items. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
4	IX. Report and Charter	Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.	CC: The committee discussed restoring the two paragraphs with the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference. The committee agreed that the footnote noting that the two paragraphs are available upon request from the G.S.O. Archives department is appropriate.
4	VI. Literature (Cont)	Develop a Fifth Edition.	Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. due to lack of time.
4	VI. Literature (Cont)	Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet	Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. prior to conference via agenda modification
4	V. Grapevine	Consider request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."	CC: The committee discussed the request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..." and look no action.
4	VI. Literature (Cont)	Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship". Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and revise the pamphlet to "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." include service sponsorships.	Item forwarded to the 71st G.S.C. prior to conference via agenda modification
4	VII. Public Information (Cont)	Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.	CC: The committee discussed a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast. The committee agreed to create a G.S.O. podcast to be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information.
4	VI. Literature	Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."	CC: The committee reviewed the progress report regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship." The committee requested a review of the draft language be done with accessibility in mind as it relates to reading level. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
4	II. Agenda	Review workshop topic sheet for the 2021 General Service Conference.	AA: The workshop topic for the 2021 General Service Conference be "Inform, Communicate/Awake - Ar/Inspire - Attract [The theme for the 2021 G.S.C. 'A.A. in a Time of Change']"