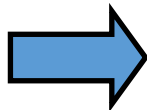


## How Ideas for Changes to A.A. are Proposed

Changes to Alcoholics Anonymous—including changes to existing literature, new service materials, and increased social media presence—start with proposals that are sent to the *General Service Board*.



The General Services Board meets and determines which proposals will be Included on the agenda for the coming year's *General Service Conference*



## Important Terms

**Area:** A geographical division within A.A.'s general service structure. Area 29 covers all of Maryland except Montgomery and Prince George's County.

**Area Assembly:** A meeting of G.S.R.'s and committee members to discuss area affairs; meets multiple times a year.

**Area Delegate:** The person elected every other year to represent the Area at the General Service Conference.

**Conference Agenda Review: Committee Meetings (CARCs):** Regional meetings to discuss General Service Conference agenda items.

**District Committee Member (D.C.M.):** The person elected by the G.S.R.'s in a District to represent the groups of their District at Area Committee Meetings.

**General Service Board:** The corporate board responsible for A.A.'s world services and the A.A. Grapevine.

**General Service Conference:** The annual meeting of Area Delegates, General Service Board and AA staff.

**General Service Representative (G.S.R.):** The group's contact with the General Service Office, and a voting member of the Area Assembly.

**Mini-Conference:** Annual meeting where the Area Delegate seeks detailed feedback about important agenda items.

## You Have a Voice in Alcoholics Anonymous!

Get Involved in the Conference Agenda Review Process!

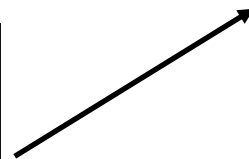
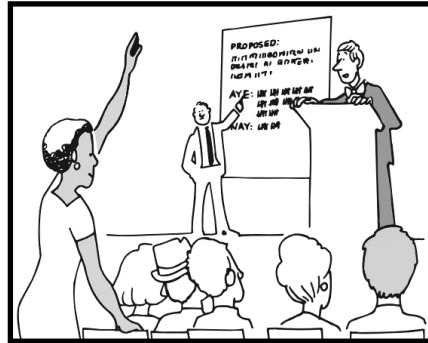


# General Service Conference Agenda Items Sent to Area Delegate



The General Service Board sends the final agenda items—including all of the proposals to change parts of A.A.—to the Area Delegate a few months before the General Service Conference meets.

# Conference Agenda Review Committees Meet to Inform Area Delegate (CARCs)



The Area Delegate seeks input from A.A. members across Maryland (Area 29) through a series of regional meetings called *Conference Agenda Review Committee* meetings or *CARCs*.

ANY member of A.A. may attend a CARC meeting and provide *direct* feedback to the Area Delegate on any of the proposed changes to A.A. that are on the agenda of the upcoming General Service Conference.

# Area Delegate goes to General Service Conference

After all four regional meetings (CARCs) as well as the Area Mini-Conference (where items of particular interest are discussed by the entire Area), the Area Delegate heads off to the General Service Conference in New York, carrying the conscience of the Area with them!

After the General Service Conference, the Delegate reports back at an Area Assembly...and the process begins again!

