

2026 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE – AGENDA TOPIC SUMMARIES
Southern Illinois Area 21
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Important Disclosure: These summaries provide a distilled overview of the background for this year's General Service Conference Agenda Items. They aim to be concise while offering enough information for full participation by all SIA21 districts and members. For complete details, please refer to the background documents available under the GSC tab at <https://area21aa.org>

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HOW TO USE THESE SUMMARIES

These summaries provide an overview of the Agenda Topics for the 76th General Service Conference. Some topics may lead to Conference-wide decisions, while others are for committee discussion only.


★ **TOPIC SELECTION** ★ These summaries can be used in the selection process to identify which agenda topics your group will discuss.

★ **GROUP CONSCIENCES** ★ Use these summaries to help your group develop an informed group conscience and share it with the Delegate (see [Ways to Deliver Your Group Conscience](#)).


PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO:

"WHAT DOES THE DELEGATE NEED TO KNOW?"

- This section will help **focus your group discussions** with tailored questions. Don't feel restrained by the questions in this section if your group does not find them helpful. You can bring up your own questions during the group or Area discussions.
- Some topics are **committee-specific** and don't require a group conscience because I'm not on that committee or the material isn't available outside it. These agenda topics are still included but **their background is highlighted in red**.

 **REPORT & CHARTER TOPICS** — I serve on the R&C Conference Committee so your input on those topics is especially helpful.

Want to read more? Though not required, some people enjoy reading the full background documents, which are available at the Area 21 webpage <https://area21aa.org>.

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CONFERENCE THEME, PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP TOPICS

Each year, the General Service Conference selects a theme, with presentations and workshops exploring key topics related to A.A.’s future and principles. While these do not necessitate group consciences, they can be great topics for A.A. events.

Conference Theme: “Humility in Action”

Conference Workshops:

- Restoration and Discovering Grace, Unity and Fellowship
- Gossip vs Facts: Examining the Health of Our Own Communications
- Finding Common Ground

WAYS TO DELIVER YOUR GROUP CONSCIENCE TO THE DELEGATE

1. Attend one of the 4 online discussions before the Pre-GSC Workshop.

Pre-GSC Online Schedule			
Day	Date	Time	Committees
Tuesday	3/17/2026	7:00PM	Literature and Finance
Thursday	3/19/2026	7:00PM	Trustees and Report & Charter
Monday	3/23/2026	7:00PM	Agenda, Archives, CPC, Corrections, IC/RF, Tx/Acc
Wednesday	3/25/2026	7:00PM	GV/LV and Policy & Admissions

2. Attend the Pre-GSC Workshop (hybrid) on April 11, 2026, 9:00AM-3:00PM at:

Hickory Point Township Hall
2335 West Mound Road.
Decatur, IL 62526
Zoom ID: 828 6792 2120 | Password: 2026GSC

Each voting Agenda Item will be discussed, and everyone will have an opportunity to share at the microphone. In-person attendees can also submit written group consciences.

3. Send an email directly to me at jodibsia21@gmail.com

Thank you for participating in the Conference process!

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Conference Committee: Agenda

Agenda — Item A Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Each year, the Conference Agenda Committee selects a theme based on A.A.'s core principles. Regions, areas, and districts often use the theme to encourage discussion and member participation. The Agenda background includes eight suggested themes for next year's Conference, focusing on unity, anonymity, and A.A.'s evolving communication while preserving its core message. A full list of Conference themes from 1951 to 2026 is also included.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Agenda — Item B Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Each year, the Conference Agenda Committee selects presentation topics based on A.A.'s principles, which regions, areas, and districts can use to encourage discussion and participation. The Agenda background includes 9 presentation topic ideas for next year's Conference. The background also includes a list of the presentation and discussion topics of every Conference between 1985 and 2026.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Agenda — Item C Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Each year, the Conference Agenda Committee selects a theme based on A.A.'s principles for use by regions, areas, and districts. The background includes five workshop ideas for next year's Conference. It also contains a list of workshop topics from past Conferences.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Agenda — Item D Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Each year, all Conference members and observers receive an evaluation form. The background includes this year's evaluation form and a series of slides summarizing feedback from the 2025 evaluations. The 2025 evaluations, available in the background, are particularly notable as they include feedback on both successes and opportunities for growth.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Agenda — Item E Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.	
Historical Context:	This item reviews the 2025 Conference evaluation feedback and proposed improvements for the 76th Conference, which are available in

<p>Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>the background. The Improvements Subcommittee recommended changes across three phases: before the Conference, including 30-minute in-person Joint Committee meetings on Sunday, remote communities staying virtual, and the housekeeping meeting added to the calendar; during the Conference, continuing the Saturday meet-and-greet, pausing changes to the opening dinner, establishing reporting times for inventory implementation, and a 9 pm hard stop on Friday night; and after the Conference, continuing the Stepping Stones trip, planned bus departure times, and clear communication that the Conference covers Friday night hotel.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>Agenda — Item F Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p><u>La Vigne AA</u> is a French-language A.A. magazine founded in Quebec in 1965, serving French-speaking members across North America by carrying the message of recovery in their language. Recognizing the widespread appreciation of <i>La Vigne</i> expressed at the 61st General Service Conference, the proposal <u>requests a maximum 10-minute presentation at each Conference to present the magazine</u>. It is suggested that the additional time could be appended to the presentation of Eastern Canada’s Area Highlights.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group think that time should be allotted at the GSC for a presentation on <u>La Vigne AA</u>?</p>

**Conference Committee:
 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)**

<p>CPC — Item A Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>In 2018, the Conference passed an Advisory Action that AAWS develop a LinkedIn company page. The AAWS LinkedIn Company Page is linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc. The background material to this Agenda Item includes a Summary Report for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September), which includes an update on implementation of the 2025 Advisory Action that AAWS subscribe to a LinkedIn Premium Business account. Currently, as a result of LinkedIn testing the impact of the Premium subscriptions, this account is not available to us yet. Outreach continues to trend upward, with most inquiries focused on job postings, and the strongest engagement this year came from an <i>About A.A.</i> issue on myths and misconceptions. Although overall engagement is down from last year, the audience grew by 900 subscribers.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>CPC — Item B Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.</p>	
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<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>In 2021, the Conference CPC Committee recommended developing a pamphlet for mental health professionals. Interviews were completed by October 2023. The 75th Conference advised redirecting the project to utilize existing draft content, reformatted in a quad-fold layout, adding hyperlinks to stories and update subject titles, with a draft or progress report due to the 2026 Conference CPC Committee. This progress report is “Committee-eyes only.”</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>CPC — Item C Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>CPC – Item D Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>In 2024, the Conference CPC Committee reviewed the three existing CPC videos for professionals (Healthcare, Legal/Corrections, and Employment/HR) available on aa.org and requested that the trustees' CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee explore repurposing the videos with updated scripts, new voiceovers, and replacement of outdated clips and images. In 2025, the Conference CPC Committee requested that the most cost-effective means of production be used, utilizing in-house resources when available, and that the videos reflect the Fellowship's diversity. As an initial project, a working group agreed to produce a series of short reels (30 - 60 seconds), introducing the current Class A trustees (nonalcoholics). These clips will be considered “service material” and presented to the 2026 Conference CPC Committee for review prior to any posting.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>CPC — Item E Consider a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Area 79 submitted PAI-82 <u>to consider a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.</u> The three existing professional videos are each over six minutes long and do not reflect the short-form video content that engages today's viewers. New videos would allow for "bite-size" segments to attract professionals to additional content. Note: The "If You Are a Professional" page referenced in the submission no longer exists on aa.org. However, a page titled A.A. for Professionals is accessible from the home page when a visitor selects "I am a ... professional working with alcoholics."</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group think providing these stand-alone short videos will be effective and engaging for professionals and encourage them to further explore aa.org and/or the AAWS LinkedIn page? Why or why not?</p>

Conference Committee: Corrections

Corrections — Item A Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Corrections — Item B Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	This effort is in response to the 2024 GSC Advisory Action that “a pamphlet on the Transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed.” A working group of six A.A. members was formed in October 2025 with the possibility of adding two more members to diversify the group further. The working group has coordinated outreach to help spread the word about the call for stories and to host writing workshops. As of January 8, 2026, 11 stories have been received, including one in French.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Corrections — Item C Consider a request to update the pamphlet <i>The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs</i>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	District 32 Area 10 submitted PAI-50 <u>to update the pamphlet <i>The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs</i> (P-11)</u> due to a need for new, relatable stories that reflect current language and terminology, align with today’s modalities, and still honor A.A.’s primary purpose. Area 21 submitted the similar PAI-56 that the pamphlet be rewritten to be more useful for A.A. members in dealing with topics related to other drugs of abuse, the correct use of prescription drugs, dangers of some OTC drugs, taking pain medications while in sobriety, cross addiction, etc. The last time new stories were added to the pamphlet was in 2011 because of a 2007 Advisory Action.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group feel that there is a need to update this pamphlet? Why or why not? Does your group have any suggestions for updates?

Conference Committee: Finance

Finance — Item A Review Self-Support Packet.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The Self Support Packet (F-19) includes: Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet (F-203), <i>Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix</i> (F-3), Self Support Card (F-42), <i>The A.A. Group Treasurer</i> (F-96), <i>A.A. Guidelines on Finance</i> (MG-15), AAGV/La Viña Self Support Flyer, and a Birthday Contribution Envelope. "Service Pieces" are printed or audio-visual material produced by AAWS to inform the Fellowship. They are

	reviewed and updated by GSO Staff periodically to ensure that the most current shared experience from the Fellowship is included.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Finance — Item B Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, <i>Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix</i>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Area 34 submitted PAI-99 <u>suggesting that the following be added to the <i>Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix</i> (F-3) pamphlet:</u> “A.A. Grapevine and La Viña do not accept contributions. Sales of subscriptions, books, and other specialty items support them. When your group is discussing how to distribute contributions to A.A. service entities, please consider how you may support Grapevine/La Viña. Purchasing subscriptions for your group, gift subscriptions, books, or specialty items is a great way to support Grapevine/La Vina.”
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think adding this language to the pamphlet is a good idea? Why or why not? Does your group have any ideas for helping Grapevine and La Viña become financially sustainable and self-supporting?

Finance — Item C Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Area 58 submitted PAI-70 asks <u>GSO to consider a request to create a Twelve Steps study guide or workbook</u> , with the goal of helping those in restricted living environments, such as incarceration, where sponsorship may be difficult to access. This proposal was considered during the same timeline as the development of the PLBB and no action was taken until the completion of the PLBB. The proposal acknowledges that while the PLBB is meeting an important need, proponents note that there is no dedicated Conference-approved guide focused solely on step work. The background references several prior Conference actions and recent requests on this issue.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think there is a need for a Conference-approved Twelve Step study guide or workbook? Why or why not?

Finance — Item D Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Area 67 submitted PAI-22 <u>requesting that a study be initiated to consider relocating the General Service Conference (GSC) to a less costly location</u> . It calls for a comprehensive analysis by an outside firm to evaluate alternatives. The proposal cites the rising cost of the Conference as unsustainable. The background notes high hotel and transportation costs in NYC and suggests that meeting near a major airport hub could reduce airfare, lodging, and ground transportation expenses. Background materials include the 2023 GSC Site Selection Report which details the expense of locating the conference in a different city than the Staff/GSO.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think that a study should be done to research the possibility of moving the GSC to another city? Would the benefit of a potential cost savings in another city be outweighed by the logistical and spiritual consequences of not having the GSC near the GSO?

**Conference Committee:
Grapevine/La Viña**

Grapevine/La Viña — Item A Review AA Grapevine Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations. Unlike other workbooks, this service piece is not published by AAWS but by the Grapevine, and only in digital form. <i>The Grapevine Workbook</i> is available on aagrapevine.org under Grapevine Representative (GVR) resources. It was updated in January 2026 to reflect editorial suggestions made by the 2025 Conference Committee to make it easier to use and more helpful for GVRs. <i>The Grapevine and La Viña Workbook</i> in Spanish for La Viña Representatives (RLVs) and Spanish-speaking members is available on aalavina.org.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Grapevine/La Viña — Item B Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Viña book topics for 2027 or after.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Each year, the Conference Grapevine/La Viña Committee reviews <u>a list of proposed book topics</u> from Grapevine staff to offer any guidance or register any disapproval they might have. These books feature stories from A.A. members and friends of the Fellowship and help maintain Grapevine’s self-supporting status. The background includes the list of suggested topics for future Grapevine and La Viña books.
What does the Delegate need to know?	What is your group opinion of these suggested titles? Do you have any other suggestions for Grapevine books or other materials?

Grapevine/La Viña — Item C Review the 5-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In 2024, the AA Grapevine Board of Directors was asked to develop a five-year financial plan to reduce deficits and increase revenue for La Viña. In 2025, an advisory action was passed stating that the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña be reviewed annually by the Conference Grapevine/La Viña Committee. The background materials for both plans include at least five years of financial history and any relevant historical and/or strategic narrative that supports their projections.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

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).	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In response to the 2025 Conference Advisory Action directing the A.A. Grapevine Board to obtain feedback from the Fellowship, a Survey Subcommittee was convened to develop a survey of A.A. members. The Advisory Action called for a survey designed to identify the

	relevance, usefulness, and financial viability of Grapevine and La Viña products and services. The progress report is included in the background with the recommended survey questions, distribution plans and means of analyzing results. The total cost of the proposed research is \$18,500. A Final Research Report with presentation may be available in August. The Survey Proposal is in the background material.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Grapevine/La Viña — Item E Review AA Grapevine / La Viña Media Platforms report.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In 2025, the Grapevine Board reviewed and approved the report on AA Grapevine/La Viña media platforms, “Online Business Profiles - 2025 Executive Summary”. The full report can be found in the background materials and includes: digital products revenue, online magazine subscriptions, App downloads and subscriptions, Instagram followers and interactions, YouTube subscribers and views, Podcast downloads and views, and website traffic and engagement.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Grapevine/La Viña — Item F Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc, accept contributions.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	This Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) originated from the AA Grapevine Board. The Board discussed the 2025 Conference Committee on Grapevine/La Viña’s expressed interest in exploring various funding models. The Board agreed to send to the 2025 Conference a PAI that AA Grapevine, Inc. accepts contributions, which departs from the longstanding practice that AA Grapevine strives to be self-supporting only through the sale of subscriptions and books. Grapevine now provides a growing range of services that directly support A.A.’s primary purpose but do not generate revenue, such as the YouTube Channel, Podcast, Instagram accounts, free to download Apps, and Daily Quote. They all require ongoing financial investment to produce and maintain. While Grapevine’s five-year plan includes measured price increases for subscriptions and books, those increases are intended to sustain core publishing operations while retaining customers. They may not cover the full cost of these expanding, Fellowship-wide services. The background includes a Board report and a Memo from the Grapevine Publisher, Chris C.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think AA Grapevine, Inc. should accept contributions? Why or why not?

**Conference Committee:
Literature**

Literature — Item A Annual review of recovery literature matrix.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The matrix is a tool for the trustees’ and Conference Literature Committees to conduct annual reviews of Conference-approved literature. It has important information about annual print distribution rates, as well as digital views and downloads of books and pamphlets

	published by AAWS. The background also includes “A.A. World Services, Inc., Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current.”
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Literature — Item B Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations. Note: The 2025 Catalog does not reflect the price increase that took effect on February 1, 2026.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Literature — Item C Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i> - Spanish.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In 2021, the Advisory Action was passed for <u>development of a Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcohólicos Anónimos</i></u> . Since the 2025 Conference, the working group has met 15 times to continue reviewing story submissions, reviewing which stories from the Third Edition should be retained and examining draft revisions of multiple chapters. The group expects to submit a draft manuscript to the trustees’ Literature Committee later in 2026, with the goal of forwarding it to the 77th GSC in 2027. The full progress report is available in the background material.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Literature — Item D Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In February 2026, the trustees’ Literature Committee reviewed and agreed to forward the final report of the Fifth Edition Big Book subcommittee and the draft manuscript of the Fifth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> to the 2026 Conference Committee on Literature to review. The final report of the Fifth Edition Big Book subcommittee is available in the background. From the submitted 2,393 stories, 26 new stories were chosen for inclusion in the new book. Of the 42 Fourth Edition personal stories, 12 were retained. (For a complete list of which stories are being proposed for retirement, refer to the final report in the background.) Appendices III, V, and VI were updated in consultation with relevant committees, and a new Foreword and revised Preface were completed. The subcommittee also considered PAIs regarding cover format and anonymity. Note: Drafts of new or newly revised literature are reviewed by Conference Committee members only and are not included in the background materials.
What does the Delegate need to know?	What kinds of stories would your group like to see included in the back of the Fifth Edition of the Big Book? Why? Did members of your group submit stories?

Literature — Item E Review progress report on the update of the book <i>Living Sober</i>.	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Following the 2025 General Service Conference’s Advisory Action that <u>“The trustees’ Literature Committee update the language and content of the book <i>Living Sober</i>,”</u> a subcommittee identified three sample chapters in which to begin the revision process: Chapter 10: “Telephone Therapy”, Chapter 14: “Fending off Loneliness”, and Chapter 16: “Being Good to Yourself”. The subcommittee is sending the most recent drafts of these chapters to the Conference Literature Committee for feedback before proceeding with further revisions and content development. Note: Drafts of new or newly revised literature are reviewed by Conference Committee members only and are not included in the background materials.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

Literature — Item F Review progress report on the development of a <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> amendment process.	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>At the 75th General Service Conference, it <u>was recommended that all proposals to rescind or revise the <i>Plain Language Big Book</i> (PLBB) be deferred until the 77th Conference in 2027</u> to allow time for wider Fellowship experience with the book and for the development of a clear process for receiving, assessing, and forwarding proposed changes. The background material includes the January 2026 progress report of the PLBB Review Process Subcommittee. The subcommittee created a step-by-step visual chart to clarify each group's role and avoid confusion about decision-making authority.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group feel that the review process for proposals to rescind or revise the PLBB will work well so that all voices from the Fellowship are heard on this issue?</p>

Literature — Item G Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>An Advisory Action of the 2025 General Service Conference <u>recommended “a study to explore the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.”</u> This study will include identifying specific needs within the Spanish-speaking community to determine whether a plain language translation of the Big Book is an appropriate tool or if other accessible materials would be more effective to support Spanish-speaking members who face barriers related to literacy or comprehension.” The background contains the progress report of the subcommittee, as well as a draft survey of Spanish-speaking members.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

Literature — Item H Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic.	
<p>Historical Context:</p>	<p>An Advisory Action of the 2024 General Service Conference <u>recommended that “a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian American</u></p>

Why is this on the Agenda?	<u>alcoholic in A.A. be developed.</u> ” In response, a working group was formed and began developing a system for reviewing story submissions. Writing workshops are underway and several stories representing a range of cultures have already been received. The background contains the full progress report.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

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>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The 2022 Conference Literature Committee recommended that a second volume of the book <i>Experience, Strength and Hope</i> be developed with the stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> . The trustees’ Literature Committee agreed to forward a suggestion to the 2026 Conference Literature Committee that consideration be given to the publication of the 30 stories not retained from the Fourth Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> in the final manuscript of the Fifth Edition going before the Conference this year. For a complete list of which stories are being proposed for retirement, refer to the final report for Literature Item D in the background materials.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group feel that there is a need to publish a second volume of the book <i>Experience, Strength, and Hope</i> that includes stories from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book that will not be included in the Fifth Edition? Why or why not?

**Conference Committee:
Policy/Admissions**

Policy/Admissions — Item A Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Every year, the Conference Policy/Admission Committee reviews the GSO General Manager’s report on future sites for the General Service Conference, which are typically contracted 3 years out in advance. The Conference will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City in 2027, 2028, and 2029, corresponding with the text of the current Conference Charter, which states: “The Conference will meet yearly in the City of New York, unless otherwise agreed upon.”
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Policy/Admissions — Item B Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions reviews future dates to ensure the General Service Office has enough lead time to secure cost-effective venues. Since 2018, this process has been handled as a Committee Consideration to streamline planning, allowing the General Manager to request date reviews as needed for hotel contracting cycles. This planning typically occurs four to five years in advance to avoid conflicts with significant religious or secular holidays.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

<p>Policy/Admissions — Item C1 Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) began as a pilot program to ensure all Conference committees receive a fair and manageable share of work, rather than some committees being overwhelmed while others finish early. At the 74th General Service Conference, the EDW process was recommended for adoption. A subcommittee of the trustees' Conference Committee was formed to develop a plan for 2026, and their January 2026 report is included in the background material. This Agenda Item proposes that Conference committees no longer automatically review their respective service kits and workbooks during Conference week. These reviews consume significant time and contribute to workload imbalance. Updates can be submitted to GSO Staff or trustees any time throughout the year, and trustees can forward major changes to a committee for focused review. The goal is to schedule these reviews only when there is a specific, substantive reason.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group think the GSO Staff and Trustees should handle routine updates to service kits and workbooks and only forward proposals for substantial changes to the Conference? Why or why not?</p>

<p>Policy/Admissions — Item C2 Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference committee.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Historically, agenda items are assigned to Conference committees by topic, which results in some committees (like Literature or Public Information) having more items than others. This imbalance has led to rushed discussions for some and idle time for others, which was the initial motivation for the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) pilot. This proposal suggests an initial discussion to explore a fundamental shift in this operating model in that items would be distributed so that every committee has a similar number of items to review. This proposed shift toward "nonspecific committees", where the primary goal is a balanced workload, would mean a committee might discuss a mix of topics to ensure there is time for a discussion of "depth and substance."</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Should Conference committees remain organized by topic, or should they review a mix of different topics? Why? What are the possible problems with this change?</p>

<p>Policy/Admissions — Item C3 Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) – Discuss creating a “Conference Committee on Digital Communications”.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>This proposal suggests establishing a new standing Conference committee to focus specifically on Digital Communications. While the AAWS Board currently has a "Services and Technology" committee, there is no corresponding delegate-led committee at the General Service Conference to provide formal feedback and oversight on digital matters. The goal of such a Conference committee would be to create a dedicated space for delegates to discuss A.A.'s digital footprint, including websites, apps, and electronic communication, ensuring they align with A.A. Traditions.</p>
<p>What does the</p>	<p>Should the General Service Conference create a new Conference</p>

<p>Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>committee for digital communications/technology, or should these matters continue to be handled by existing committees such as Public Information (PI) and Literature? Why?</p>
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**Conference Committee:
Public Information (PI)**

<p>PI — Item A Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The trustees’ PI committee discussed the 2025 Conference PI Committees’ Considerations suggesting development of a plan for new video content, with careful consideration to language awareness. A Public Service Announcement (PSA) subcommittee was formed to develop short video content for AAWS platforms, social media, and PSAs, keeping in mind linguistic and cultural differences. The subcommittee is proposing to create Spanish and French PSAs, which would also be translated to English. The subcommittee also plans to create Hispanophone and Francophone working groups consisting of A.A. members to support the review of French and Spanish PSAs.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item B Review report on the GSO Podcast, <i>Our Primary Purpose</i>.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>In 2025, AAWS launched <i>Our Primary Purpose</i>, the official podcast of the General Service Office (GSO), which began with an Agenda Item of the 2020 Conference PI Committee, followed by an Advisory Action of the 71st General Service Conference. The Trustees PI Committee discussed the Committee Considerations of the 2025 Conference Committee, including developing French and Spanish podcasts, focusing on anonymity and social media in an episode and including individual experiences in an episode. A report on Q4 2024 to Q3 2025 with analytics data is included in the background.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item C Review report on the AAWS YouTube channel.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The trustees’ Public Information Committee addressed the Committee Consideration of the 2025 Conference Committee that consideration be given to posting short versions of video Public Service Announcements as YouTube Shorts. The committee requested that the GSO Communication Services Department and PI Staff secretary develop suggestions for this possibility. The annual report for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September) is in the background.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item D Review report on Google Ads.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the</p>	<p>The trustees’ PI Committee reviewed the fourth quarter Google Ads report and discussed AAWS’ participation in the Google Ads for Nonprofits program. A committee member noted that the challenges</p>

Agenda?	AAWS faces with the program are common among similar organizations, and recommended continuing to use Google Ads to the fullest extent the platform allows as the best available approach. The annual report for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September) is in the background and includes analytics, such as overall clicks, impressions, and average CPC, as well as specific search terms and click-through rates.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

PI — Item E Review report on Meeting Guide app.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The Meeting Guide app was acquired by AAWS and launched in August 2019 to provide accurate, easy-to-access A.A. meeting information to the Fellowship in the United States and Canada. The trustees' PI Committee met in August 2025 to discuss the 2025 Conference Committee's suggestion that calendar syncing functionality would be beneficial and that all updates to Conference-approved literature be reflected on the app. The background contains this discussion and the annual report summary for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September).
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

PI — Item F Review report on GSO's A.A. website.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The aa.org website was completely redesigned and relaunched in December 2021, with technical, visual, and structural improvements. The trustees' PI Committee met in August 2025 to discuss the 2025 Conference Committee's suggestion to add chat functionality to aa.org, to improve the search function on aa.org for searches in French and Spanish and to explore whether a texting platform could be used for regular communications to the Fellowship to reach members who don't prefer email. The background contains this discussion and the annual report summary for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September).
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

PI — Item G Review report for AAWS "Online Business Profiles."	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	AAWS maintains online business listings on Google, Bing, and Yelp to ensure accurate information about Alcoholics Anonymous, GSO, the General Service Board, and AAWS is available online. Actively managed since 2019 to correct inaccuracies and improve public relations, the listings also help address misinformation that visitors may encounter in search results. In 2024, crosslinks were added connecting the profiles to the AAWS YouTube channel and LinkedIn page. The background includes the annual report summary for Q4 2024 (October) - Q3 2025 (September), covering total views, interactions, calls from profile, direction requests, and website clicks.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

<p>PI — Item H Review report on AAWS Social Media Policy.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The AAWS Social Media Policy establishes guidelines for the Board to maintain effective oversight of AAWS social media, ensuring all activity aligns with A.A.'s mission, Traditions, and Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference, while supporting outreach to members, suffering alcoholics, professionals, media, and anyone seeking information about A.A. The policy applies to all official AAWS social media accounts, current and future, defining who has authority to create or manage them and establishing a process for significant strategic changes. The policy is under the purview of the AAWS Board, not the Conference committee. The Board approves new accounts, reviews major changes, and periodically assesses performance metrics.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item I Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Per the Advisory Action of the 75th General Service Conference, the trustees' PI Committee was asked <u>to develop a plan for a 2026 A.A. Membership Survey utilizing random sampling methodology and to bring this plan to the 2026 Conference PI Committee for review.</u> Noting the large volume of work required to fulfill this Advisory Action, the PI committee formed two subcommittees, the Membership Survey Methodology Subcommittee and the Membership Survey Content Subcommittee. The preliminary survey methodology plan and the draft membership survey questions are included in the background material.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item J Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47).</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Advisory Action of the 2025 GSC recommended <u>that “the pamphlet <i>Understanding Anonymity</i> (Item P-47) be revised to address anonymity and social media” and that a draft or an update report be brought to the 2026 Conference PI Committee.</u> The trustees' PI Committee formed a subcommittee to review the pamphlet and other AAWS publications related to anonymity and social media. Note: Drafts of new or newly revised literature are reviewed by Conference Committee members only and are not included in the background materials.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>PI — Item K Review content and format of P.I. and Workbook.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

Conference Committee: Report & Charter

<p>Report & Charter — Item A1 Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: Review list of editorial updates.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Each year, the General Service Board, the AAWS Board, and the AA Grapevine Board review <i>The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (BM-31) and forward updates to the Conference Committee on Report & Charter. Following committee consideration to ensure accurate implementation of revisions to The A.A. Service Manual, an ad hoc committee of the General Service Board was formed to review the changes and draft the "Amendments" section; a progress report has been provided under separate cover. The Editorial Grid is for committee eyes only and is not included in the background materials.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

<p>Report & Charter — Item A2 Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: Consider a request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in <i>The AA Service Manual</i>.</p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>PAI-9 originated from an individual A.A. member from Area 14, and requests to remove the following quote by Co-founder Dr. Bob from <u>page 10 of <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i></u>: <u>"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1. Sense of duty. 2. It is a pleasure. 3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."</u> The submitter asserts that this quote is taken out of context because this section of the service manual is about service sponsorship and Dr. Bob's quote was about recovery sponsorship. The requestor also argues that Dr. Bob passed away in 1950 and the General Service Conference began in 1951, and that these temporal inconsistencies create confusion.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Should this quote from Dr. Bob remain in <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i>? Why or why not?</p>

<p>Report & Charter — Item A3 Review progress report on the development of a new "Amendments" section added to <i>The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service</i></p>	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Per the Advisory Action from the 2021 GSC that <u>"a new section be added to the end of <i>The Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> titled "Amendments," and that it contains and updated version of Concept XI essay the incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current GSB committees.</u> Drafts of this section have been reviewed each year since then with the 2025 Conference Committee sent a new draft to the AAWS Publishing Department, along with a new introduction for the "Amendments" section. The new section will have the updates to Concept XI in the text of the Concept with the original text and descriptions of the changes in the Amendments section at the back of</p>

	the Concepts. The new section draft is for committee eyes only and is not included in the background materials.
What the Delegate needs to know.	What does your group think of including the changes to the Concepts directly in the text of the Concept and the original wording in the Amendments section?

Report & Charter — Item B	
Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The Conference Committee on Report & Charter is responsible for proposing improvements to the format, reporting method, style, and content of the <i>General Service Conference Final Report</i> . The report is reviewed and approved by the Committee each year before distribution.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Report & Charter — Item C	
Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Starting in 2017, an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report was produced in addition to the current print version (which is not anonymity-protected.) A decision was made in January 2026 by the Trustees’ Conference Committee is to switch to the digital-only distribution of the Conference Final Report, with an anticipated \$80,000 annual savings in printing and mailing costs. This change would allow us to produce a single anonymized version of the Final Report for online distribution only, saving significant staff time.
What does the Delegate need to know?	What does your group think about producing a single anonymized version of the <i>General Service Conference Final Report</i> for online distribution only? Would members of your group consider paying for a print version of the FCR? Should that version be anonymity protected or not?

Report & Charter — Item D	
Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The 2025 Conference Committee on Report & Charter considered several Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) intended to limit changes to writings by A.A.’s co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob by expanding Article III in the Conference Charter (See Appendix K in <i>The AA Service Manual</i>). An Advisory Action of the 2025 General Service Conference instead recommended that <u>“The General Service Board classify all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical; review existing policies and consider proposing additional policies as appropriate for updating each classification, and that a progress report be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference.”</u> The Conference Report & Charter Committee will have “committee-only” background on the progress report from the GSB.
What does the Delegate need to know?	How should A.A. treat the co-founders’ writings? Are they fixed historical works — to be preserved exactly as written — or living texts that may be updated for accessibility to new generations of alcoholics? What is lost, and what might be gained, by each approach?

Conference Committee:


Treatment and Accessibilities

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item A Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In 2017, the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee formed a subcommittee to develop resources for military professionals, veterans, and active-duty A.A. members, resulting in a series of anonymity-protected audio interviews. The 2023 Conference Treatment and Accessibilities (T-A) Committee reviewed a progress report and requested that the 22 interviews be expanded to include veterans and French-speaking members. Since the 2025 Conference, GSO has continued posting recordings to the Military Members/Veterans in A.A. page and to the Military Audios playlist on the AAWS YouTube channel. The Staff Secretary is currently working to add a "Friend of A.A." interview from a non-alcoholic general in the Canadian Armed Forces.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item B Review content and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item C Review content and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item D Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	A.A. Guidelines are service pieces that represent the shared experience of A.A. members and groups throughout the United States and Canada.. "Service Pieces" are printed or audio-visual material produced by AAWS to inform the Fellowship. They are reviewed and updated by GSO Staff periodically to ensure that the most current shared experience from the Fellowship is included. <i>The A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics</i> (MG-16) were reviewed and updated by the Staff Secretary in 2025 and the name was changed to align with other A.A. Guidelines.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

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>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>Area 93 submitted PAI-84 to <u>consider adapting video animations of the flyer (F-228) “Safety and A.A.” and “The Safety Card for A.A. Groups” developed by District 22 in Area 93, for approval and use by AAWS.</u> District 22 of Area 93 created this series of <u>Safety in A.A. videos</u> in English and Spanish, viewable on their YouTube Channel. The short-form video format is intended to provide examples, not directives, to support each group's conscience. Areas 09 and 49 submitted PAIs 90 & 107 in support of Area 93's proposal to the Conference.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group think these videos would be a valuable resource to the broader Fellowship if edited and developed as AAWS service material? Should GSO consider accepting Fellowship-submitted content for possible Conference approval? Why or why not?</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

Conference Committee: Trustees

Trustees — Item A1 Review resumes of candidates for: Pacific Regional Trustee	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The Pacific Regional Trustee will be elected by Area delegates from that region, members of the trustees' Nominating Committee, and the Conference Committee on Trustees. Candidate resumes are available only to members of the Conference Committee on Trustees, though the background information lists each candidate's name and nominating Area.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

Trustees — Item A2 Review resumes of candidates for: Eastern Canada Regional Trustee	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The Eastern Canada Regional Trustee will be elected by Area delegates from that region, members of the trustees' Nominating Committee, and the Conference Committee on Trustees. Candidate resumes are available only to members of the Conference Committee on Trustees, though the background information lists each candidate's name and nominating Area.</p>
<p>We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.</p>	

Trustees — Item B Review the slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.	
<p>Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?</p>	<p>The slates of Trustees and Officers of the General Service Board have been reviewed and recommended by the trustees' Nominating Committee. They will be reviewed by the Conference Committee on Trustees prior to the Conference meeting for disapproval, if any. The Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Trustees will then present the slates to the full Conference for disapproval, if any. The slates, listed in the background material, include seven Class A (one is a new candidate) trustees and 15 Class B trustees. One of the Class B</p>

	trustees will be a new GST and two will be new regional trustees, elected at this Conference (see Topics A1 and A2). Resumes for incoming trustees were provided only to members of the Conference Committee on Trustees.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Trustees — Item C Review the slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. has been reviewed and recommended by the trustees' Nominating Committee. It will be reviewed by the Conference Committee on Trustees prior to the Conference meeting for disapproval, if any. The Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Trustees will then present the slate to the full Conference for disapproval, if any. There is one new NTD candidate. The names of the directors are listed in the background material.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Trustees — Item D Review the slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc. has been reviewed and recommended by the trustees' Nominating Committee. Resumes for new non-trustee directors were provided only to members of the Conference Committee on Trustees. The slate will be reviewed by the Conference Committee on Trustees prior to the Conference meeting for disapproval, if any. The Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Trustees will then present the slate to the full Conference for disapproval, if any. There is a new candidate for AA Grapevine Director. The names of the Grapevine directors are listed in the background material..
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Trustees — Item E Review progress report on process for receiving motions to censure.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	In A.A., a censure is a formal expression of disapproval by the General Service Conference toward the General Service Board. As noted in the background, the Conference has never successfully passed a censure motion; all attempts (most recently in 2023 and 2025) have been dismissed, resulted in no action, or failed to reach a majority vote. Currently, censure motions are forwarded from the trustees' Nominating Committee (TNC) to the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) for vetting before reaching the Conference floor. A proposal from the 75th Conference would send these motions directly to the CCT for "committee eyes only" review, vetting sensitive proposals privately to prevent misinformation and heated public debate. Considerations include the potential impact on submitter confidentiality and the legal and Charter-defined responsibilities of the General Service Board. The background includes a January 2026 report from the TNC's Ensuring Harmony and Effectiveness Subcommittee, which has been reviewing this proposal and working to foster a more supportive service environment, including virtual sessions on "Harmony

	and Effectiveness" for all Conference members and reframing discussions toward early resolution (e.g., "How can we support each other?") before issues escalate to formal complaints. The background also contains a comprehensive history of censure motions through 2025 and a review of GSC inventory reports and floor discussion summaries.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Trustees — Item F Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet <i>Do You Think You're Different?</i>	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	The pamphlet <i>Do You Think You're Different?</i> (P-13) was originally designed to show that people from all backgrounds can find a home in A.A. In 2022, the Conference voted to update it to better reflect the diversity of the Fellowship. Despite outreach efforts through <i>Box 4-5-9</i> , the Meeting Guide app, and Regional Forum workshops, only 33 new stories were submitted. Given the low response and the fact that other pamphlets now address diversity more effectively, the 2025 Conference Literature Committee recommended the pamphlet be retired. That recommendation failed to reach a 2/3 majority on the Conference floor. The trustees' Literature Committee subcommittee is now moving forward with the 2022 revision mandate, combining existing stories with new excerpts and quotes to create a more contemporary version. The progress report is included in the background.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Trustees — Item G Consider the request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet <i>The Twelve Steps Illustrated</i>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Area 73 submitted PAI-103 <u>to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet <i>The Twelve Steps Illustrated</i></u> . The 72nd GSC approved adapting a short-form animated video of the Twelve Concepts created by U.K. General Service Structure. On February 9, 2026, AAWS released the Americanized English version for the US/Canada Service Structure. This PAI asks that the Twelve Steps receive the same treatment. The video would be intended as a "jumping-off point" for First Step meetings, a tool for sponsors working with new people, and a general introduction for people with no prior knowledge of A.A.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Is your group in favor of developing a short-form animated video based on <i>Twelve Steps Illustrated</i> ? Why or why not? What potential uses does your group see for it?

Trustees — Item H Consider the request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet <i>The Twelve Traditions Illustrated</i>.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Similar to Item G, Area 73 submitted PAI-104 <u>to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet <i>The Twelve Traditions Illustrated</i></u> . This PAI asks that the Twelve Traditions receive the same treatment as the Twelve Concepts video. Like the arguments in Trustees Item G, the proposed video would animate the Twelve Traditions to reach visual learners, those with reading difficulties, or those who prefer short-form video content. The requester believes it offers another way to reach

	more people with the Twelve Traditions who might otherwise not take the time to study them. Sponsors or groups could also use it to initiate discussion about the Traditions.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Is your group in favor of developing a short-form animated video based on <i>The Twelve Traditions Illustrated</i> ? Why or why not? What potential uses does your group see for it?

**Conference Committee:
Archives**

Archives — Item A Review content and format of Archives Workbook.	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Workbooks (and Kits, if applicable) are reviewed annually by the appropriate trustees and Conference Committees. At conference, the committee can review proposed changes made throughout the year and make appropriate recommendations.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

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)	
Historical Context: Why is this on the Agenda?	Area 13’s Policy and Procedure committee submitted PAI-46 asks the Conference Committee on Policy and Admission <u>to examine whether geography should limit who can serve as an Area trusted servant and where relocated past delegates may stand for trustee.</u> No advisory action is sought. The goal is to open a Fellowship-wide conversation about representation and leadership, laying groundwork for future discussions on 1) linguistic areas; 2) online areas; and 3) potential linguistic or online trustees. The submitter of this PAI believes these questions predate the pandemic but became more urgent as virtual business meetings allowed members from one geographic area to take on trusted servant roles in another. The PAI form includes an example of a DCM who, while holding their district position in Area 13, also served as Chair of a different Area, suggesting that virtual participation enabled this dual service. The submitter also expressed concern about designating positions for linguistic communities – whether it helps broaden participation or implies that members from these communities cannot earn leadership through the existing structure.
What does the Delegate need to know?	As the U.S./Canada service structure grows to include virtual and linguistic groups and districts, how important are geographic boundaries in group participation and leadership elections? With virtual and hybrid assemblies more commonplace, what are the short- and long-term benefits /drawbacks of expanding leadership positions to members residing outside district/area/national boundaries?

Conference Committee:

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item A Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony	
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums (IC/RF) Committee appointed a subcommittee to begin exploration regarding this issue. The subcommittee decided to expand its scope to include discussing the format of the Flag Ceremony in general after gathering feedback from the GSB. The subcommittee noted that feedback provided strongly suggests a desire to discuss a clearer vision of unity and focus on showcasing the A.A. presence throughout the world and getting away from nationalism. The subcommittee will continue to gather information including clarifying the ceremony's intention and building the necessary support for a potential redesign.
What does the Delegate need to know?	Does your group think the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention should be changed? In what way?

Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.	
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 2025 trustees' Committee reviewed attendee survey feedback from the four 2025 Regional Forums. To encourage attendance and attract first-timers, the committee suggested a GSO Podcast episode spotlighting Regional Forums, and reviewed budget considerations, the live broadcast pilot, and interpretation needs. Survey feedback highlighted registration difficulties, concerns about hidden costs, a preference for heartfelt sharing over scripted reading, and a need for consistent translation and quality audio. Most respondents indicated they would attend a future forum, and suggestions for program scheduling and workshop topics were also collected.
We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Workshop, but you can share them with the Delegate via email or in person.	

Conference Committee: Inventory Implementation

Inventory Implementation — Item A Review Inventory Implementation Report.	
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A Conference Inventory Implementation Committee, reflecting the same structure as the General Service Conference, was formed by the General Service Board to identify and carry out actionable items based on feedback from the inventory sessions conducted at the 2025 General Service Conference. A report from the Implementation Committee will be presented at the 2026 General Service Conference. The inventory summary, available in the 2025 Final Conference Report, addressed 19 questions covering A.A.'s leadership, service structure, and operational effectiveness, identifying key themes around trust, communication, and character defects. The background includes concrete proposals, action items, and long-term considerations around reserve fund management and inventory follow-up. The Implementation Committee's recommendations include guidance on PAI timing, transparency, and communication; conducting future inventories on a

	<p>five-year cadence; holding a sharing session on the roles and responsibilities of trustees, directors, delegates, and staff; and having the trustees' Nominating Committee provide a brief report explaining how its slate of nominees was selected. Additional considerations include acknowledging heavy workloads, improving communication, and incorporating small-group A.A. discussion meetings into future Conference scheduling.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>What does your group think of the recommendations of the Conference Inventory Implementation Committee? Does your group have any other suggestions?</p>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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A.A.W.S. — Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., one of the two operating corporations of the General Service Board; oversees the operations of the General Service Office and serves as the publishing company for Conference-approved and service literature.

Additional committee consideration — An item discussed by a Conference committee but with no action taken or recommendation made to the full Conference. It serves as a suggestion to the corresponding trustees' committee.

Ad hoc committee — A temporary committee formed to accomplish a specific task. Once its goal is achieved, the committee is disbanded.

Advisory Action — Represents the informed group conscience of the Fellowship, resulting from a Conference committee recommendation or a floor action approved by the full Conference.

Agenda item [Agenda Topic] — A topic suggested by A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, committee members, or A.A. staff for discussion at the Conference.

Appointed committee member (ACM) — An A.A. member selected to serve on a specific trustees' committee due to expertise in a relevant field.

Area — One of 93 geographic regions in the U.S. and Canada. Each area elects a delegate to the General Service Conference.

Class A trustee — A nonalcoholic trustee of the General Service Board.

Class B trustee — An alcoholic trustee of the General Service Board.

Conference — The General Service Conference, either as the structure involving A.A. service members or as the annual meeting of delegates in New York (see below).

Conference-approved literature, videos, and films — A.A. materials reviewed and approved by the General Service Conference [for publishing by A.A. World Services].

C.P.C. (Cooperation with the Professional Community) — Committees at various levels that help carry A.A.'s message to professionals who work with alcoholics.

Delegate — The A.A. member elected every two years to represent an area at the General Service Conference and report back on its proceedings.

Director — A member of the corporate board of A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine, either a trustee or a nontrustee with relevant business experience.

General Service Board (G.S.B.) — The governing board of A.A., consisting of 14 alcoholic trustees (Class B) and seven nonalcoholic trustees (Class A), responsible for overseeing G.S.O., A.A.W.S., and AA Grapevine.

General Service Conference — A gathering linking A.A. groups to G.S.O. and the General Service Board, serving as the collective group conscience for A.A. as a whole.

General Service Office (G.S.O.) — The office that provides services to A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada and publishes A.A. literature.

Grapevine (GV) — A.A.'s international journal, available in print and online, managed by AA Grapevine, Inc.

La Viña — A.A.'s bimonthly Spanish-language magazine, published by AA Grapevine.

Nontrustee director — An A.A. member serving as a director on A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine's corporate board but not as a trustee.

Panel — A two-year delegate term; delegates begin their service at the General Service Conference for the panel number assigned to their election year.

P.I. (Public Information) — Committees at different levels responsible for carrying A.A.'s message to the public and media.

Region — A grouping of several areas, each represented by a regional trustee on the General Service Board.

Regional Forum — A weekend sharing session held in each region every two years to improve communication among A.A. members.

Trustee — A member of the General Service Board, either an alcoholic (Class B) or a nonalcoholic (Class A).

Trustee-at-large — A Class B trustee (one from Canada, one from the U.S.) who represents North America at international A.A. service meetings.