

May 2026

NOTE: These are Advisory Actions only. Details are contained in full Conference committee reports.

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 76th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The following recommendations were approved by the 76th General Service Conference:

FLOOR ACTIONS

It was recommended that:

- The suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000.
- AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- The word "Eskimo" be removed from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter essay on "Tradition Eight" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

AGENDA

It was recommended that:

- The following theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future."
- The following presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference:
 - "The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership."
 - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass."
 - "Innovation Meets Tradition."
- The following workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Unexpected Spiritual Lessons."

ARCHIVES*

No recommendations.

*Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

No recommendations.

CORRECTIONS

It was recommended that:

- The pamphlet "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11) be revised and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

FINANCE

It was recommended that:

- "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" (Item F-3) be updated with the following change:

The question and answer on a group making financial contributions to AA Grapevine on page 12, which reads:

"Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?"

A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work."

Be replaced with:

"Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?"

A: AA Grapevine, Inc., does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in

their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.”

GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

No recommendations.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS*

No recommendations.

*Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.

LITERATURE

It was recommended that:

- The following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section:

“To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees’ Literature Committee throughout the year.”
- The Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, be approved with minor editorial changes.
- The word “Eskimo” be removed from “Chapter 7: Working With Others” and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

It was recommended that:

- Following the 78th General Service Conference that the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

It was recommended that:

- A pilot 2026 Membership Survey, with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$10,000, to explore how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office in a future full membership survey. The committee requested a progress report or pilot survey results be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The revised pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (Item P-47) with the new title “Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation” be approved.

REPORT AND CHARTER

It was recommended that:

- The question “What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?” be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* and that the question and answer be included as follows:

"What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report?"

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity; so that members' names are not publicly available.

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group."

- That a draft of a new “Amendment” section be approved for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service Section of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

No recommendations.

TRUSTEES

It was recommended that:

- That the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Class A Trustees+

Thomas (Tom) Ivester, MD, MPH
Dawn (Dawn Marie) Klug
Timothy (Tim) Marx
Kerry Meyer
Molly Oliver
Kelly Marie Parsley
Veronica Ramirez
+Nonalcoholic
Class A Trustees+

Class B Trustees

Edward (Teddy) B-W.
Jennifer B.
Charles (Charlie) H.
Scott H.
Teresa J.
Robert L.
Clinton (Clint) M.
Cheryl (Sherry) S.
Gail P.
David S.
Kenneth (Ken) T.
Susan V.
John W.
Candice C.
Jeff S.

- That the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Chairperson:

First Vice-Chairperson: (**)

Second Vice-Chairperson: (**)

Treasurer:

Secretary (**)

Assistant Treasurer:

Assistant Secretary:

Scott H.

David S.

Kenneth (Ken) T.

Kerry Meyer+

Kelly Parsley+

Paul Konigstein+*

Racy J.*

*GSO employee

+Nonalcoholic

(**) Elected by Third Legacy procedure

- That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Julie C.	Clinton (Clint) M.
Grace F.	Susan V.
Charles (Charlie) H.	John W.
Racy J.*	Robert (Bob) W.*
Matthew (Matt) K.	

*GSO employee

- That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Edward (Teddy) B-W	Nikki O.
Christopher (Chris) C.*	Gail P.
Fredy M.	Cheryl (Sherry) S.
Veronica Ramirez+	David S.
Daniel S.	

*AA Grapevine employee

+Nonalcoholic

- That the General Service Board form an ad hoc committee with a composition similar to the makeup of the General Service Conference (e.g., delegates, trustees, nontrustee directors and Staff members) to review and document the processes by which motions to censure or reorganize may be received, considered and forwarded, and to develop proposals for workflow processes that would support the unity of the Fellowship. The committee requested that a report, including these processes and proposals, be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Trustees.
- That the trustees Literature Committee produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” (Item P-55). The committee requested that a progress report or draft video be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

- The trustees Literature Committee explore producing an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (Item P-43). The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

Recommendations that achieved Simple Majority

These items did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action.

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

- The committee recommended that a brief report from the trustees’ Nominating Committee to the Conference Committee on Trustees be delivered in addition to the proposed slate summarizing the selection process of Class A trustees, general service trustees, and nontrustee directors in regard to current board needs.

Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Action

These recommendations were presented but did not receive the two-thirds vote necessary to become a Conference Advisory Action.

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

- The committee recommended that the Conference inventory process be implemented at a regular five-year cadence, beginning in 2031; that the inventory process include an implementation committee to review and recommend actionable items following each Conference inventory.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- The committee recommended that the General Service Board develop a draft plan for the creation of a working group comprised of nine Conference members, with a composition reflective of the ratio of Conference members (i.e., six area delegates, two board members and one GSO Staff member) to improve the selection process of proposed agenda items (PAIs) forwarded to Conference committees, with attention to the topic of workload both at a Conference level and the impact on GSO and GV offices, and that a plan be brought back to the 77th Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.

- The committee recommended that any changes beyond editorial to the “How the Conference Operates” document be brought for discussion to the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions one year prior to implementation, to then be utilized at the following year’s General Service Conference.

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

- No communication to the Fellowship or its representatives regarding the available funds or balance of the A.A. Reserve Fund be distributed without including currently approved draws in the distributed figures and communication. (Not Approved/Simple Majority)
- Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. (Declined to Consider)
- I move to suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book) until the Conference develops further consensus around our procedures and practices respecting changes to “Founder’s Writings.” (Declined to Consider)

Recommendations recommit to conference committees

FINANCE

- The committee recommended that “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” (Item F-3) be updated as follows:

The question and answer regarding the cost per group for GSO to supply basic services on page 11 which reads:

“Q. How much does it cost, per group, for GSO to supply basic services?”

A. At the end of 2023, the annual cost of services per group was \$162.72 USD, while the average contribution per group was \$140.09 USD. The shortfall between these two figures is made up from income from A.A. publications.”

Be replaced with:

“Q. How much does it cost, per group, to operate GSO?”

A. In 2025, the estimated cost-per-group to operate GSO was \$356.37, the estimated average annual contribution per contributing group was \$344.25, and the estimated average annual contribution to meet GSO operating expenses — if only the contributing groups contributed — would be \$1,045.11. Any shortfall in group contributions is made up from individual contributions and income from A.A. publications.”

Recommendations committed to the General Service Board

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

The committee recommended:

- Conference committees be made aware of all Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) as they come in through a quarterly PAI Status Grid.
- The Conference members communicate more effectively to the Fellowship that the PAI submission cut-off deadline is only for the immediately upcoming General Service Conference and that year-round submissions are encouraged to promote ongoing discussion.
- The October feedback call be replaced with a Joint Committee meeting between trustees' and Conference committees, with all members to have a voice and vote on the disposition of Proposed Agenda Items for the next General Service Conference. Background to facilitate informed discussion should be shared with both committees.
- The PAI Status Grid be a living, curated list of items that will remain on the grid until dispositioned by policy or Joint Committee.
- Working committee agenda should be shared prior to Joint Committee meeting for awareness of ongoing projects and annual review items.
- The General Service Conference acknowledge the authority of Conference committees to bring items forward which have not been placed on their agenda or to defer consideration of an item to a future Conference.