

Advisory Actions

*Confidential Report — may contain PII. Vote tallies shown as **In Favor – Opposed** (2/3 substantial unanimity required for an Advisory Action). Items are summarized; refer to the Final Conference Report for exact recommendation language.*

AGENDA

- It was recommended that the theme for the 2027 General Service Conference be: **“Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”** (129–2)
- It was recommended the following presentation/discussion topics for the 2027 GSC be: **“The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership,” “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass,” “Innovation Meets Tradition.”** (129–2)
- It was recommended the 2027 GSC workshop topic be: **“Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.”** (124–6)

CORRECTIONS

- It was recommended the pamphlet **“The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs”** (P-11), be revised and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 GSC. (129–5; PAI 50 & 56)

FINANCE

- It was recommended that **F-3 “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix,”** page 12, in the Q&A on AA Grapevine support, be updated with the following change. (121–10; PAI 99) The existing Q&A:

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.

LITERATURE

- It was recommended that the following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section: (116:10)
“To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees’ Literature Committee throughout the year.”
- It was recommended that the **Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*** be approved with minor editorial changes. (125–9). The Fifth Edition includes a new foreword, updated preface, revised Appendix III (Medical View), Appendix V (Religious View), Appendix IV (Lasker Award footnote → aa.org), and Appendix VI (How to Get in Touch with A.A.).

Advisory Actions (continued)

- It was recommended that the word **“Eskimo”** be removed from **“Chapter 7: Working with Others”** of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. (112–22) (An amendment to extend the change to the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50–82) but was later passed via **Floor Action #6**.)

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- It was recommended that following the **78th GSC**, the **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)** process be discontinued. (93–39)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- It was recommended that a **pilot 2026 Membership Survey**, with budget not to exceed **\$10,000**, be conducted to explore how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office (GSO). A progress report was requested to be brought back to the 2027 GSC. (107–25)
- It was recommended the revised pamphlet **“Understanding Anonymity”** (P-47), with the new title **“Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation”** be approved. (91–41)

REPORT & CHARTER

- It was recommended 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. (123–5)

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.

- It was recommended that a draft of a new **“Amendments” section be approved** for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service section of *The A.A. Service Manual*. (130–1)

Advisory Actions (continued)

TRUSTEES

- It was recommended that the General Service Board form an ad hoc committee with a composition similar to the makeup of the General Service Conference 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. (120-10)
- It was recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **produce an animated video** based on the pamphlet "**The Twelve Steps Illustrated**" (P-55), with a progress report to 2027. (104-27)
- It was recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **explore producing an animated video** based on the pamphlet "**The Twelve Traditions Illustrated**" (P-43), with a progress report to 2027. (Original "produce" 110-21; amended to "explore producing" by simple majority)

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

One-time committee, follow-up to the 75th GSC inventory.

- The committee recommended that the **Inventory Implementation Report** be committed to the General Service Board for review and follow-through. (112-17) Recommendations included:
 - Conference committees made aware of all PAIs through the **quarterly PAI Status Grid**.
- Year-round PAI submissions encouraged (cut-off only for the immediately upcoming GSC).
- Conference inventory recurring on a **five-year cadence beginning 2031**, with an implementation committee following each.
- GSB **sharing session** on the roles and responsibilities of trustees, directors, delegates, and Staff.

Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions

Floor Action #2: The suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000 (amended down from a proposed \$4,800). (Amend 95-33; final 104-27)

— Lisa E, Panel 76, Area 70, Vermont · April 29, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Amendment (\$4,800 → \$3,000)	128	95	33	86	Motion Passed
Final (Amended) Recommendation	131	104	27	88	Motion Passed

Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions (continued)

Floor Action #4: AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report to be available for purchase. If production costs are not covered by sales, the FCR print version ends after the 2027 GSC. (Original 70-59 failed; reconsidered; final 89-44)

— Jodi B, Panel 75, Area 21, Southern Illinois · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
1st Vote on Original Recommendation	129	70	59	85	Simple Majority
Vote on Motion to Reconsider	—	—	—	—	Motion Passed
Final Vote on Recommendation	133	89	44	89	Motion Passed

Floor Action #6: The word "Eskimo" be removed from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Tradition Eight-chapter essay, and be replace with a neutral, non-racial term. (103-31)

— Patrick C, GSO Staff, International Assignment · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Original Recommendation	134	103	31	90	Motion Passed

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Advisory Actions

Failed (Simple Majority)

Floor Action #1: No communication to the Fellowship regarding the A.A. Reserve Fund balance be distributed without including currently approved draws. (72-56; failed 2/3)

— Jon S, Panel 75, Area 32, Central Michigan · April 29, 2026

Conference Declined to Consider

Floor Action #3: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. (declined 98-37)

— Adrian O, Panel 76, Area 8, San Diego/Imperial California · April 29, 2026

Floor Action #5: Suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* until the Conference develops further consensus around procedures and practices respecting changes to "Founders' Writings." (106-26)

— Michael R, Panel 75, Area 11, Connecticut · May 1, 2026