THE A.A. General Service Conference Structure

(U.S. & Canada)

Conference Committees

- Agenda
- Finance & Budgetary
- Corrections
- Literature
- Trustees (nominating TC)
- CPC
- Treatment and Accessibilities
- Public Information
- Policy & Admissions+
- Archives*
- International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums*
- Grapevine La Viña
- Report & Charter+

* Secondary committee

\+ No corresponding Trustee committee.

What is a "Secondary" Committee?

Two committees have been formed to consider matters of importance that do not require the length of time devoted to the other standing committee agenda items. Some delegates serve on one of these secondary committees in addition to their primary assignment.

A.A. GROUPS

Group GSR's

District Committees

(SOME U.S. AREAS HAVE A COUNTY LAYER HERE)

Area Assemblies

General Service Conference

93 Delegates
22 Trustees,
4 Directors,
17 GSO &
Grapevine Staff

General Service Board

- THE AA GRAPEVINE BOARD 2 TRUSTEES
- A.A. WORLD SERVICES BOARD 2 TRUSTEES
- THE GRAPEVINE OFFICE STAFF
- GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE STAFF

7 CLASS A (Non-Alcoholic) TRUSTEES

14 CLASS B (Alcoholic) TRUSTEES

Trustees Committees

- Conference
- Finance & Budgetary
- Corrections
- Literature
- Nominating (trustee CC)
- CPC / Treatment and Accessibilities
- Public Information
- Archives
- International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums
- International**
- General Sharing Session, Audit, Compensation, Legal Affairs, Employees' Retirement, Retiree Medical Benefits Fund**

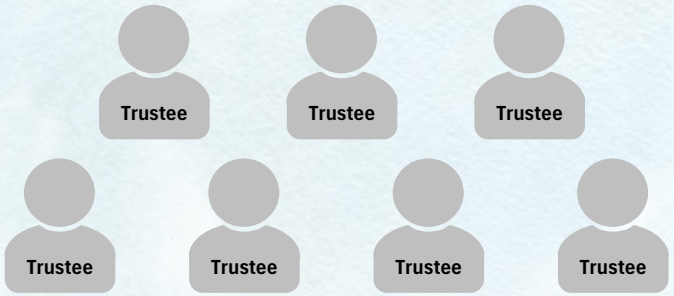
** No corresponding Conference committee.

A Note About the Trustees

The Trustees do much of their work through our two operating corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and through the Trustees Committees.

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Board of Trustees

Class A (Non-Alcoholic) (7)



They are elected by the General Service Board themselves. Candidates are identified from resumes submitted through the Trustees' Nominating Committee to the General Service Board for business/ professional experience that is useful to AA

TERM OF SERVICE: Two consecutive three-year terms. The Chairperson serves for four years and can be a nonalcoholic or an alcoholic past trustee.

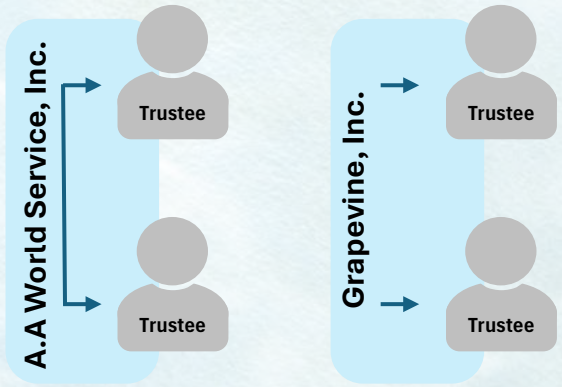
Class B (Alcoholic) (14)

REGIONAL TRUSTEES

Elected by the Areas in that Region

TERM OF SERVICE: Four (4) consecutive one-year terms..

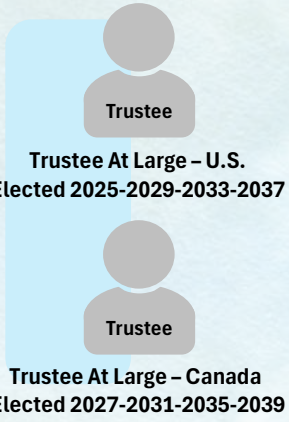
GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES



Candidates are identified from current or former non-Trustee directors of the AAWS or Grapevine board and then are elected by the General Service Conference.*

TERM OF SERVICE: Four (4) consecutive one-year terms.

TRUSTEE AT LARGE



Elected by the Areas in their Country

TERM OF SERVICE: Four-year term.

*** Note About General Service Trustees:**

They actually go through four (4) votes:

1.) Corporate board (AAWS or AAGV) nominating committee interviews those available and has a third legacy election and then makes a recommendation to the corporate board.

2.) The corporate board makes a recommendation using 2/3s to the Trustees' Nominating Committee.

3.) The Trustees Nominating committee recommends the candidate to the full GSB (requires 2/3s majority).

4.) The full GSB then votes again using 2/3s to put on the slate for the General Service Conference.

The slate of members and officers of the General Service Board are reviewed annually by the Conference Committee on Trustees and then by full Conference for approval.

Process of a Conference Agenda Item

The voice of the Groups has a clear path to making an impact on AA as whole through the Conference process.

1 An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from an A.A. member, GSR, DCM, area committee member, delegate, trustee, or GSO/GV staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, district and area assembly and sent to the... → **Conference Coordinator at GSO**

2 The Conference Coordinator sends the idea ("suggested Conference Agenda Item") to GSO / Grapevine Staff to be reviewed and they then forward it onto the... → **Appropriate Trustees' Committee**

3 That Trustee's Committee may then refer the matter to the... → **Appropriate Conference Committee**

4 The Conference Committee meets during the General Service Conference week and makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the General Service Conference. (On some items, the committee may choose to make no recommendation, or simply to report a suggestion or observation. The committee may also defer an item to the next year's Conference or seek further information from the Fellowship or the trustees before making a decision at a subsequent Conference.) → **General Service Conference**

5 If a Conference Committee recommendation is approved by the General Service Conference after a full floor discussion, it then becomes a Conference Advisory Action, and is then sent for implementation to the... → **General Service Board**

"Without Committees, it is doubtful that any Conference would be able to function effectively. Most questions suggested for the Conference agenda are assigned to a Committee, where items can be discussed in a small group before they are forwarded for discussion to the full Conference body." - AA Service Manual

*a suggested conference agenda item does not need to be discussed at the group, District or Area level, but experience suggests that it will carry more depth and weight if it does.