Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 77th General Service Conference

As of August 25, 2026
50 Items

Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting.

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item*	Forwarded to	Status
1	1/30/26	"Plain language big book please correct removal of *refer to appendix 2 appendix 2 removal of We have tapped an unsuspected inner resource appendix 3 removal of So that which inside will flower the substitution of Him with the word God throughout the book"	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
2	3/14/26	Proposed: Enforcement of AA rules/ suggestion of length of sobriety before being allowed to hold District and Intergroup offices. GSR positions should be considered as well.	**Removed with submitter approval**	
3	3/21/26	Propose that anytime a revision of an existing approved AA piece of literature is revised, OR a new piece of AA literature is published, it should automatically be published or revised in English, AND Spanish, and French.	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
4	3/27/26	"We submit the idea of creating "original versions" of the books "Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," and allow no changes to these going forward. This would then allow for consideration of creation of new "revised" versions of both books which could reflect changes in language, social customs, medicine, culture and society as reflected in the conscience of AA, if desired in the future. Please see section 7 for a more detailed explanation."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
5	3/30/26	CORRECT the "CRAVING" translation in the GLOSSARY and on the LAST PAGE of the DOCTORS OPINION in the Plain Language Big Book that reads: An irresistible urge to drink. Obsessive thoughts about alcohol that compel the drinker to start drinking and keep drinking.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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6	3/23/26	Amend the title page of the pamphlet - The God Word - to AA for the Agnostic / Atheist Member	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
7	4/11/26	"Revise the current edition of the safety pamphlet to adopt the following Diversity and Inclusion statement: In the spirit of Tradition Three, instances of discrimination within A.A. are safety issues and must be addressed. Discrimination experienced by marginalized communities are violations of Traditions One, Three, and Five"	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
8	4/18/26	"I move that, in alignment with the previously passed motion regarding translation accessibility, the Area establish a process to research and develop a plan to: • Upgrade Zoom equipment (cameras, displays etc.) • Upgrade translation equipment, including integration with Zoom, • Provide consistent hybrid (in-person and Zoom) access to Area events, and • Ensure Area-owned technology equipment in keeping with our 7th Tradition;"	**Removed with submitter approval**	
9	6/17/26	Page 17 of the A.A. Service Manual, for the answer to question 1 regarding a district with no DCM or ADCM at area assemblies, we recommend removing the word "ONLY" and adding "a member duly appointed by two other members through a written and signed proxy"."	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
10	6/28/26	Amend Appendix L of the General Service Conference Charter to require that substantive changes to the original recovery text of Alcoholics Anonymous (commonly known as the first 164 pages) be subject to the same approval requirements currently applicable to changes to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
11	6/26/26	The AA Grapevine and LaVina cease all print (hard copy) versions of both magazines. The AA Grapevine and LaVina continue to offer a digital and online version of both magazines. The AA Grapevine and LaVina offer a downloadable and printable (at home) version of both magazines.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
12	7/5/26	Replace the existing "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" video with an updated and shorter version.	Trustees' PI Committee	Under Consideration

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13	7/9/26	"Edit the definition of the word "craving" in the PLBB to align with the description and use of the word in the Doctor's Opinion and the first 164 pages of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous. From: "CRAVING: An irresistible urge to drink. Obsessive thoughts about alcohol that can tell the drinker to start drinking and keep drinking" To: "CRAVING: An irresistible physical urge to keep drinking once an alcoholic takes the first drink""	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
14	7/11/26	"In reference to: Article 3, second paragraph of Current Conference Charter Add this sentence: No change to the Doctors Opinion or the first 164 pages in the book Alcoholics Anonymous may be made without written consent of three quarters of registered groups worldwide."	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
15	6/28/26	Courage to Change makes a motion to conduct a pamphlet audit in order to address repetition and identify tradition violations.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
16	7/17/26	Agenda Item 2026-01-10 009: Area 41 submit a PAI for the 77th GSC to consider changing the policy for how the Conference agenda is set to give Conference Committees the ability to have a formal role in setting their agenda. Instead of the GSB having exclusive authority to set the GSC agenda.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
17	7/13/26	Agenda Item 2026-01-10 010: Area 41 submit a PAI for the 77th GSC to consider requiring candidates for new Non-Trustee Director and General Service Trustee positions to have been rotated out for at least one year from previous Conference or Board-level service.	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
18	7/15/26	Remove the word "people" from the AA Preamble and restore the words "men and women".	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
19	7/18/26	It is proposed that, beginning with the 77th General Service Conference, any recommendation from a Conference Committee that was not on the Conference Agenda, may not be voted on but automatically put on the next Conference Agenda.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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20	7/11/26	That the General Service Conference direct the appropriate committee or committees to seek the collective conscience of the Fellowship - groups, districts, and areas - on keeping the A.A. Preamble as written, returning to the original pre-2021 Advisory Action language, or eliminating any definition of the Fellowship; and that the committee report back to the 2027 General Service Conference with a summary of Fellowship input and any resulting suggestions.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
21	7/15/26	Move that the word "hundreds" that appears on page 51 in the sixth line from the bottom be changed to "thousands" to correct an oversight when this paragraph was changed in the 2nd Edition.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
22	6/21/26	"The General Service Conference recommends that the General Service Board take the necessary structural steps to create a new Area designation within the U.S./Canada general service structure for A.A. groups that meet exclusively online and are not geographically anchored to an existing area."	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
23	7/22/26	Enlarge the charter to protect the founders writings with a 3/4 of groups needed to change. To include the preface, forwards, doctors opinion, the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics anonymous, and the 12 and 12 book.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
24	7/22/26	Concept VI in the concepts illistrated, second paragraph states "overseeing the financial operations and investing". Remove "investing" as AA does not invest, replace with something like "managing"	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
25	7/25/26	Change the Plain Language Big Book explanation of the long form of Tradition 10. Currently it reads "The Tenth Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous does not have opinions on issues unrelated to alcoholism. . ." To change the wording to read "...issues unrelated to Alcoholics Anonymous."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
26	7/27/26	"Then in the 5th edition of the Big Book, the following is placed at the front: To the reader, our book was written in 1939. We at Alcoholics Anonymous have elected not to change the wording due to its importance as felt by Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Therefore, please read for the meaning in this book, not look at the words that are used that might be offensive. We are after recovery after all."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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27	7/28/26	"Change Article 3 of the General Service Conference charter as stated on page 123 of the A.A. Service Manual from: “But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of AA may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention.” To: “But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of AA or in The Doctor’s Opinion, Preface and Forewords of the First Five Editions, Dr. Bob’s Story or the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention.”"	Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
28	7/30/26	The item that needs further discussion is the recently passed decision to remove the word Eskimo from the AA literature. The Oldies but Goodies Group based in Brooksville Florida proposes that this decision be reversed and that the word Eskimo remain as it presently is in the Big Book	Trustees’ Literature Committee	Under Consideration
29	8/2/26	"The formation of a committee to lead and develop a process for formulating the production of an approved literary work, a guide or work book, concerned with regard to an actual and recognized actionable process of sponsor-guided step work. Please see attached a formal letter of proposal including a proposed plan for a phased development of this work."	Trustees’ Literature Committee	Under Consideration
30	8/5/26	"Oldies But Goodies - The first 164 pages should not be changed in any way."	Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
31	8/5/26	Courage to Change makes a motion to conduct a pamphlet audit in order to address repetition and identify tradition violations.	Trustees’ Literature Committee	Under Consideration
32	8/6/26	Any proposals from the floor that includes changes of anything in the first 164 pages in the Big Book should be tabled until the next GSC.	Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
33	8/6/26	Rescind the change of the word "Eskimo" in the 5th Edition of the Big Book of AA.	Trustees’	Under

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			Literature Committee	Consideration
34	8/6/26	Secure the first 164 pages of the Big Book of AA Editions 1-4 Founder's writings now and in the future as they appear with no option for changes.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
35	8/5/26	Provide us with the amount of money spent purchasing the Everything AA app.	AAWS Board	Under Consideration
36	8/6/26	Review the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous to identify and consider replacing unnecessarily gender-specific or misogynistic language with language that is inclusive while preserving the original meaning and spiritual message of the text.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
37	8/6/26	Provide more guidance in regards to maintaining traditions for social media pages that use the AA name at the level of AA groups, districts and areas.	Trustees' Public Information Committee	Under Consideration
38	8/9/26	We should remove the term "fallen women" from the 3rd tradition. It's insulting and uses old ideas about women and drinking. It refers to old ideas that women who drink are worse than men who drink. It's misogynistic and insulting.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
39	8/9/26	"That the General Service Conference adopt a process whereby committee recommendations and floor actions that propose new policy, structural, financial, governance, or literature matters not previously considered through the established Conference committee process be referred as Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) for consideration by the following year's Conference, rather than requiring final action during the current Conference. Exceptions may be granted only upon a three-fourths (supermajority) vote of the Conference after determining that the matter is 1) urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred until the next Conference and 2) directly affects the ability of A.A.'s General Service Structure to fulfill its responsibilities to the Fellowship. Suggested exceptions should be limited to matters such as: • Legal or regulatory requirements that require immediate action. • Unforeseen financial circumstances posing material risk to A.A. services or	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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		operations. • Circumstances affecting the protection, continuity, or integrity of A.A. assets, services, or Conference functions. • Time-sensitive matters for which postponement would result in significant harm to A.A.'s ability to carry the message. Suggested exceptions should not apply to: • New literature proposals / new changes proposed to existing literature. • Changes to service structure or governance. • Policy revisions. • Matters of significant Fellowship-wide interest where broad participation and consultation would enhance informed group conscience."		
40	8/10/26	"We motion to increase the price of the Grapevine to be self-supporting. Total expenses to consider would be the magazine, digital and online subscriptions as well as costs related to creating the Pod Cast and any other costs to support the Grapevine as a whole."	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
41	8/10/26	Publish the 2022 72nd Conference action from the Trustees Committee" Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards" into the AA Service Manual appendixes with a footnote in Concept III directing to this appendix addition.	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
42	8/9/26	"Pending further discussion and a final decision by the Fellowship regarding the Founder's writings, no changes will be made to any of the writings listed below, substantial or otherwise (including grammatical or spelling changes): Forewards to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Editions, Dr's Opinion, the first 164 pages as published in the 4th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, Dr Bob's Nightmare, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, The Language of the Heart, As Bill Sees It, A.A. Comes of Age, Dr. Bob and the Good OldTimers, Pass It On, Our Great Responsiblity and any/all letters written by Bill W,"	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
43	8/9/26	"We propose that the Drs Opinion and the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (as published in the 4th Edition), be added to Article 3 of Current Conference Charter. That Article 3 of the Current Conference Charter would be amended to read:	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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		“But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of A.A, or the Dr’s Opinion and the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (4th Edition, 1st publishing) may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention."		
44	8/10/26	We request that the General Service Conference consider creating an additional Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) side-by-side study guide, reproducing the Big Book (BB) on the left page and the PLBB on the right page.	Trustees’ Literature Committee	Under Consideration
45	8/12/26	In the Spirit of Transparency, Trust, and the Inclusiveness of Overall Spiritual Group Conscience, Our Group Proposes that All Conference Committee Recommendations that May Change the Founders Writings (First 164 pages of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous) Be Written as a Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) and Approved by Conference to be submitted to the Groups for the Next year's Conference. To Maintain the AA structure of the Upside-down Triangle	Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
46	8/13/26	"Proposed Agenda Item: Change Article 3 of the General Service Conference charter as stated on page 123 of the A.A. Service Manual from: “But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of AA may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention.” To: But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditionas of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of AA or in The Doctor’s Opinion, Preface and Forewords of the First Five Editions, Dr Bob’s Story or the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous may be made with less than written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention."	Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
47	8/14/26	That the appropriate A.A. World Services board or trustees’ committee review and evaluate APA (All Programs Anonymous), a technology platform designed to help A.A. members locate meeting rooms, not just the buildings already offered and recovery resources, and determine whether APA warrants further study, development, testing, or referral to an appropriate A.A. service entity.	AAWS Board	Under Consideration

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48	8/14/26	That the appropriate A.A. Conference committee review and consider the proposed APA All Programs Annoymous Twelve Steps for Different Age Groups as a possible Conference-approved resource for young people and adults, including age-appropriate language designed to help individuals recognize harm, seek help, accept responsibility, make amends, and practice principles in their daily lives.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
49	8/15/26	Consider a review and adjustment of General Service Office staffing levels to ensure that staffing and personnel expenditures are consistent with the current and projected financial realities of the General Service Structure.	AAWS Board	Under Consideration
50	8/16/26	That a comprehensive review be undertaken, to update the accuracy of the use of our literature being crossed referenced in the book DAILY REFLECTIONS.	AAWS Board	Under Consideration

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Below are several Proposed Agenda Items which were submitted during previous Conference cycles. These items list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. There was no action taken on these items at the time of their submission due to a 2025 Advisory Action requesting that proposals to rescind or revise the Plain Language Big Book be collected and deferred until the 77th General Service Conference to allow for a wider Fellowship experience.

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item*	Forwarded to	Status
7	4/25/25	To reconsider the "Conference Approved" status of the Plain Language Big Book	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
86	9/25/25	That the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB), an interpretation and re-wording of the basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book), be discontinued as an Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature with no further circulation, publications or revisions within Alcoholics Anonymous.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
108	9/30/25	Proposed: That the General Service Conference retire the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) and replace it with a Big Book that includes columns of simple explanation alongside the original text; and that it be titled, The Big Book Explained: A Useful Guide. Such a publication ought to be closely edited by a suitably credentialled sober alcoholic who has a deep understanding of the original text.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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