

67<sup>th</sup>. General Service Conference Agenda Items  
Discussed at the Pre-Conference Workshop.  
Area 93 CCAA.

**GRAPEVINE AGENDA ITEM** - Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Viña when they don't have a GVR or RL V.

The committee discussed ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Viña and suggested that all delegates consider it a part of their responsibility to inform the Fellowship about Grapevine and La Viña as tools of sobriety, either through their own efforts or by recruiting others through email and area websites.

**FINANCE AGENDA ITEM D:** Consider request to add text to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” indicating there is no dollar amount a group may contribute.

The committee requested that the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee develop a list of Conference-approved literature where the language to be added to “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” could also appear and report back to the Conference Finance Committee in 2018.

**LITERATURE AGENDA ITEM B:** Consider request to retire the pamphlet “Too Young.”

The committee considered a request to retire the pamphlet “Too Young?” and took no action. The committee noted that there was not a widely expressed desire within the Fellowship to retire the pamphlet.

**POLICY/ADMISSIONS AGENDA ITEM H:** Consider a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference.

The committee considered a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference and took no action.

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**Consider request for a revision to the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”**

The committee considered a request to add a section “Why A.A. groups and members should respect the rental requirements of their landlords” to the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” and took no action. The committee agreed that an A.A. group's relationship with their landlord falls within the autonomy of the group

**Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.**

The committee considered requests for the development of new literature regarding safety in A.A. and took no action. The committee agreed that shared experience regarding safety and A.A. would be best conveyed by revising existing literature, where appropriate. The committee also agreed that the new service piece, “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare,” has been found helpful in providing experience from groups and members on challenges, resources and possible solutions in situations that may involve the safety of groups or individual members.

### **Discuss the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

The committee discussed the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and agreed that the magazines are important Twelve Step tools, noting that they serve as a beacon of hope for alcoholics in treatment centers and prisons and alcoholics all over the world. The committee recognized that Grapevine and La Viña cannot accept contributions and are self-supporting only through subscriptions and sales of books and other items.

### **Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s. Continued exploration of a Facebook page.**

The committee discussed A.A. Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of a Facebook page and requested AA Grapevine, Inc. continue exploration and develop a plan to bring back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Grapevine for consideration.

### **Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on outside sales.**

The committee considered the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on outside sales and suggested that the Grapevine Board create a plan for outside sales of subscriptions, books and other items and report back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Grapevine.

### **Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of an Instagram account.**

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## **67<sup>th</sup>. General Service Conference Agenda Items. Round Tables.**

### **Consider request for revisions to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”**

The following two bullet points in the section “What procedures can a group set up to sponsor new members?” in the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be removed:

- *A file* of names, addresses, and phone numbers of newcomers (who wish to volunteer the information), with notations showing sponsor or sponsors for each one.
- *Review of newcomers* list by steering committee (or Twelfth Step or sponsorship committee) – with follow-up activity where it seems needed.

### **Should we include language about young people’s conferences in the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”?**

The committee recommended that the following text about young people’s conferences be added to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” in the section “Where do I find A.A.?”:

Young people’s conferences are held in the United States and Canada and around the world. For information, consult your local A.A. area, intergroup office, or search online for YPAA.

### **Consider development of a LinkedIn page for C.P.C. committees.**

The committee discussed development of a LinkedIn page for Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) committees and requested that the Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities continue to explore establishing a presence on LinkedIn as a tool for C.P.C. efforts.

### **Consider request that the title of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" be changed to "Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?"**

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### **Should A.A. create a Twitter account?**

The committee reviewed the report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Twitter account and took no action owing to the Tenth Tradition's direction to avoid public controversy and concerns regarding the viability and modernity of Twitter. The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on Public Information continue to pursue options for carrying the A.A. message to the public on social media.

### **Should A.A. create a Google for non-profits account?**

After reviewing the trustees' Committee on Public Information's report on a Google Implementation Plan the committee suggested that the trustees' Committee on Public Information continue to research the feasibility of A.A.W.S. using Google AdWords and Google Grants and bring a report to the 2018 Conference Committee on Public Information.

### **How useful and relevant are our Public Service Announcements?**

The committee discussed it and on their report explained that the most recent PSAs have been successful, and informed that even have received awards, the committee explained that it is not the objective of the PSAs but mention this to report of the great quality of the production, and also mentioned that we haven't produce anymore PSAs for a long time.

The committee recommended that a new video public service announcement be developed for a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

### **Consider request to add text regarding area websites to Chapter Four of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.**

Many A.A. entities now use websites as a way to communicate meeting and service information within the Fellowship. An A.A. website can serve as a public information tool, providing information about A.A. to the public as well. As with newsletters, it has been found prudent for a committee (rather than one or two individuals) to be responsible for the format, planning, and content of the website.

### **Review request to add a footnote to Concept VIII to accurately reflect the current ownership of the service corporations.**

The committee considered a request that a footnote be added to *The A.A. Service Manual/ Twelve Concepts for World Service* in Concept VIII to reflect accurately the current ownership of the service corporations as is reflected in Footnote 3, Concept XI. The committee suggested that this footnote be added to Concept VIII for consistency. The committee also suggested that the year A.A.W.S., Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. became membership corporations in the state of New York be added to both footnotes.

**Discuss the accessibility of the A.A. message for Armed Services veterans.**

The committee requested that the General Service Office continue to explore strategies to provide more effective services to alcoholics who are veterans and active members of the Armed Services and provide a progress report to the 2018 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

**Consider proposal for a new publication, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970* (working title).**

A draft or a progress report of *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970* (working title) be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review. Floor Action presented and voted as Advisory Action.

**Reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action regarding La Viña.**

The committee reconsidered the 2010 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Viña and took no action.

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**Consider a request to add a "YPAA Subcommittee" to the service structure.**

The committee discussed a request to add a "YPAA Subcommittee" to the service structure and took no action. The committee recognized that YPAAs are A.A. entities comprised of members of Alcoholics Anonymous and encourage young people to continue their participation at all levels of service.

**Consider a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference.**

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**Consider a request that the General Service Conference be held in New York City every other year.**

Took no action.