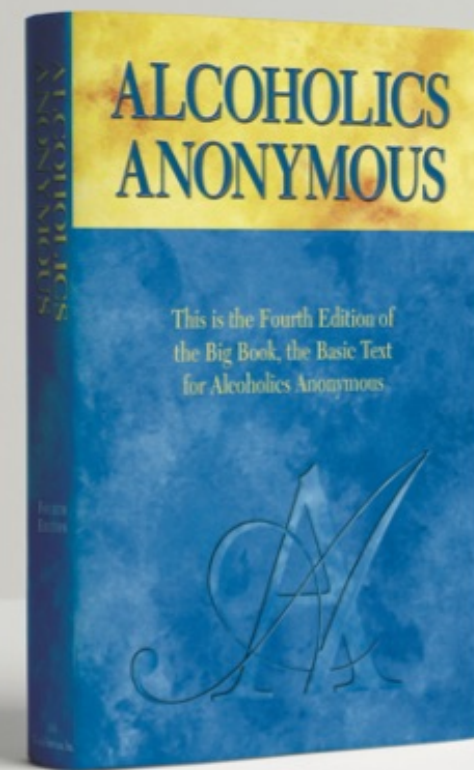




Our
Big Book –
80 Years,
71 Languages



69th General Service Conference

May 19-25, 2019

New York City

Don B., Panel 68, Area 29 Delegate

Report Back to MGS State Convention on 6/29/19



A.A. PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A. A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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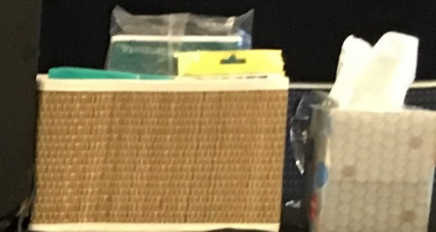
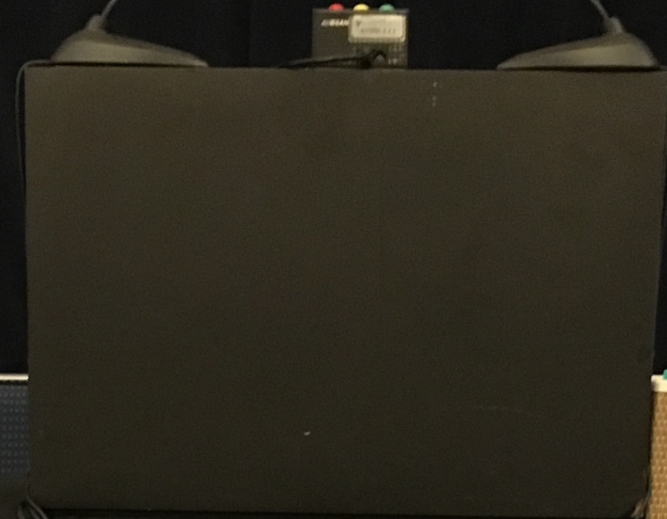


anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions. Please respect this and treat in confidence who you see and what you hear.

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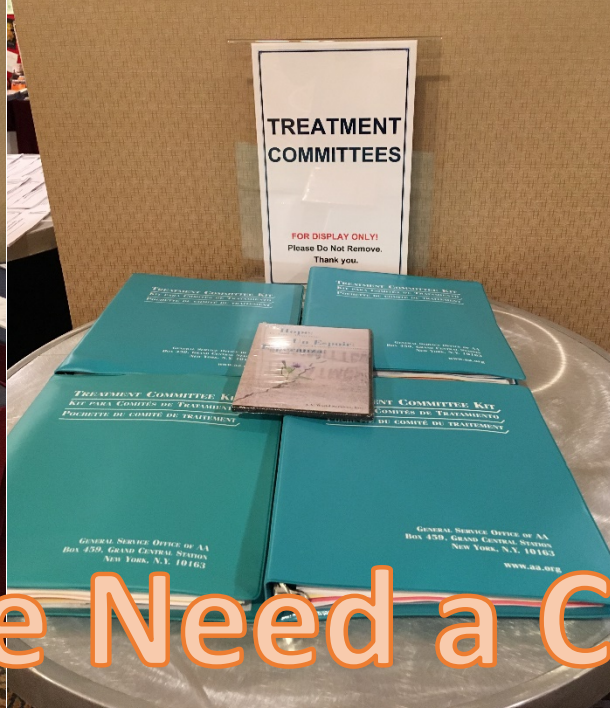


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The New York Times

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Why Do We Need a Conference?





MAY 1938



By November 1938 the "Daily Star" and "Times" had published articles about AA. These are needed to inform the new law and AA's work in Maryland. The chapters are not in a steady state, but they have a lot of work to do in the coming year.

SUMMER 1938



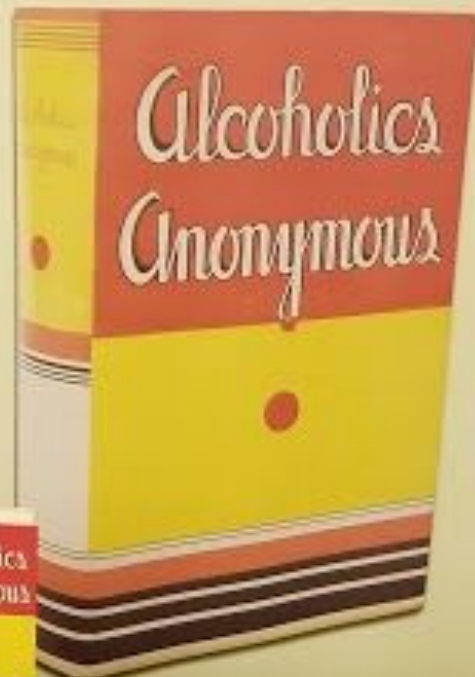
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JULY 1938

Recovery Literature

THE GREAT GUY
FROM CALIFORNIA

"Books of recovery could carry our message to distant places we could never visit. However, a book could travel the other way, too. It would not only guide our work in recovery, but also become the basis for telling our story to the world. Just before a guide to our AA-UK relations at work."

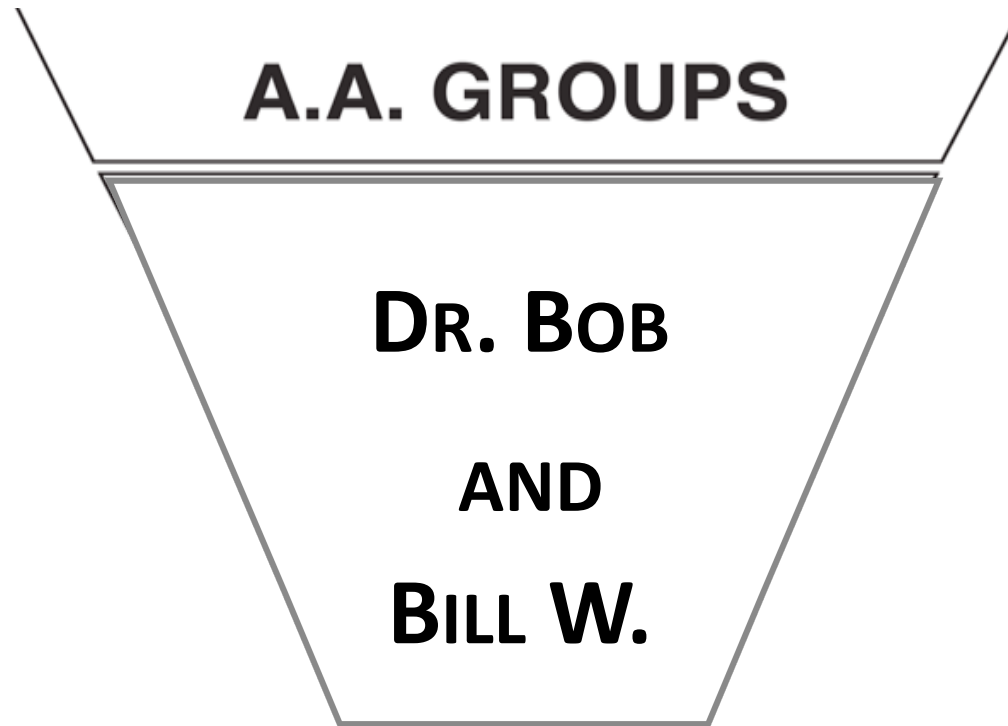





A.A.'s GENERAL SERVICE STRUCTURE

(U.S. and Canada)

Before 1950



The Alcoholic Foundation

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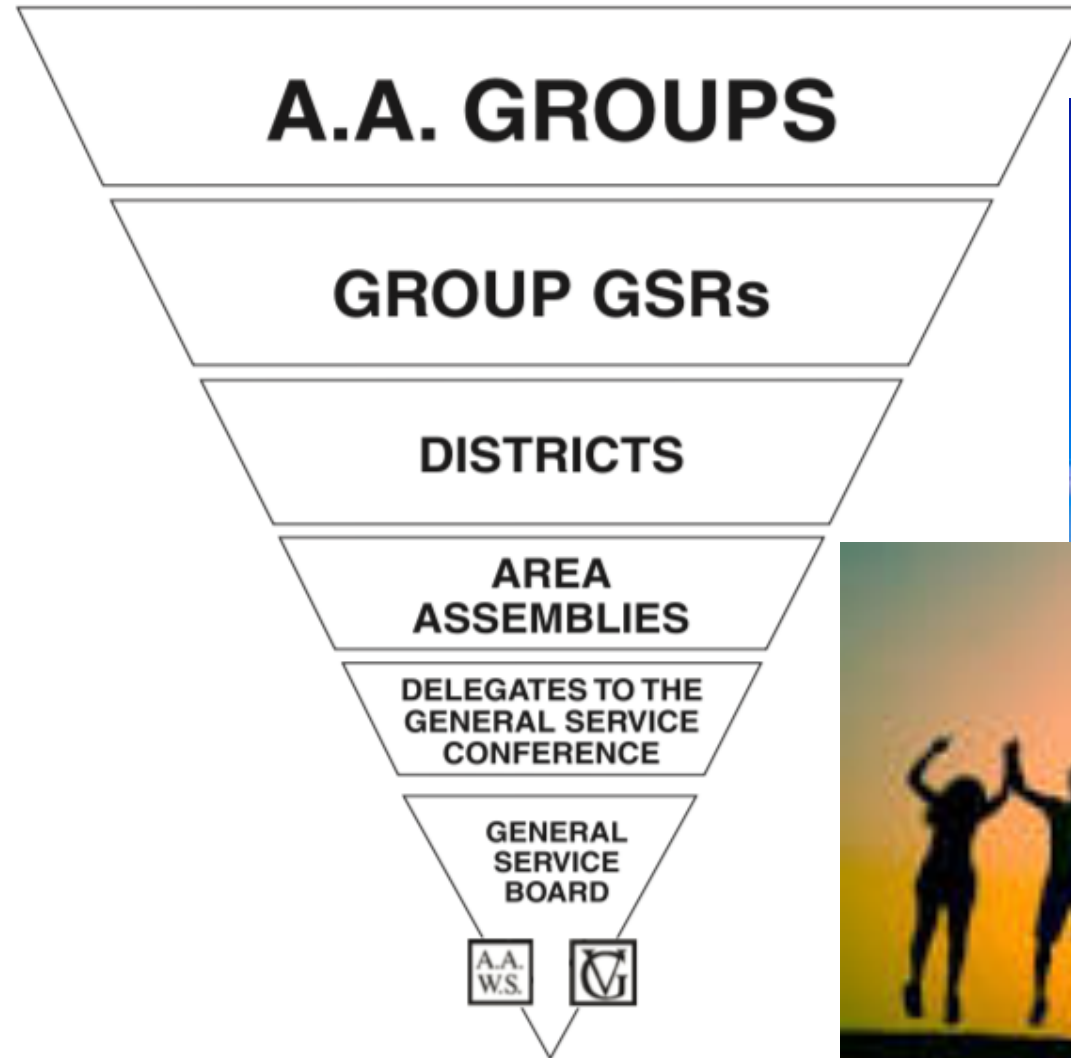
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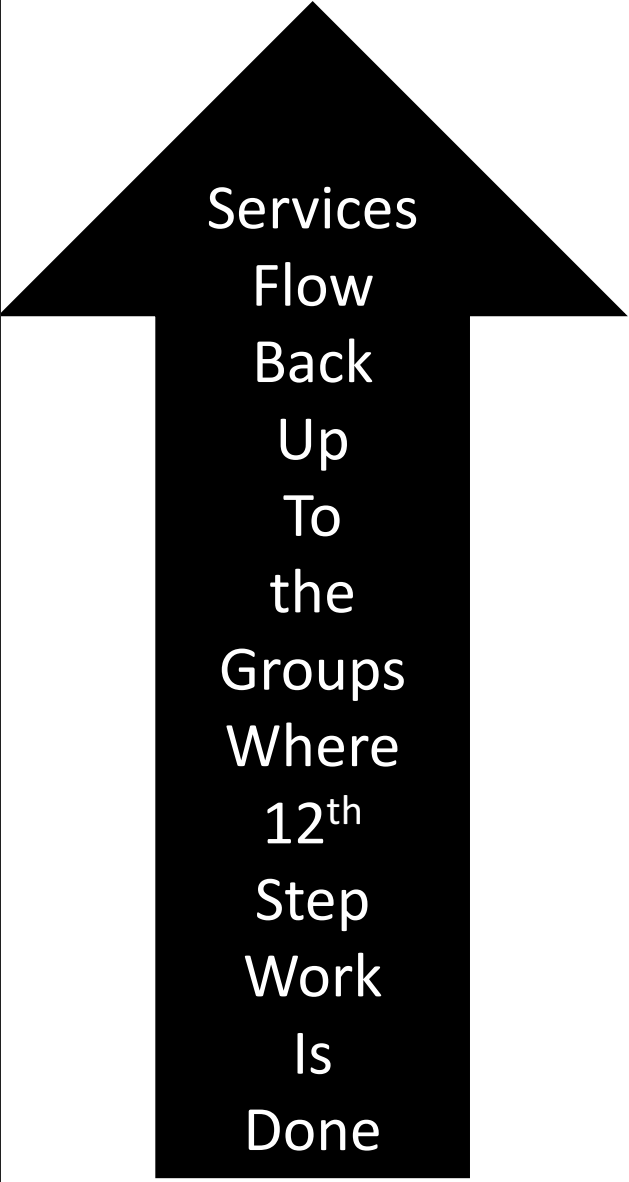
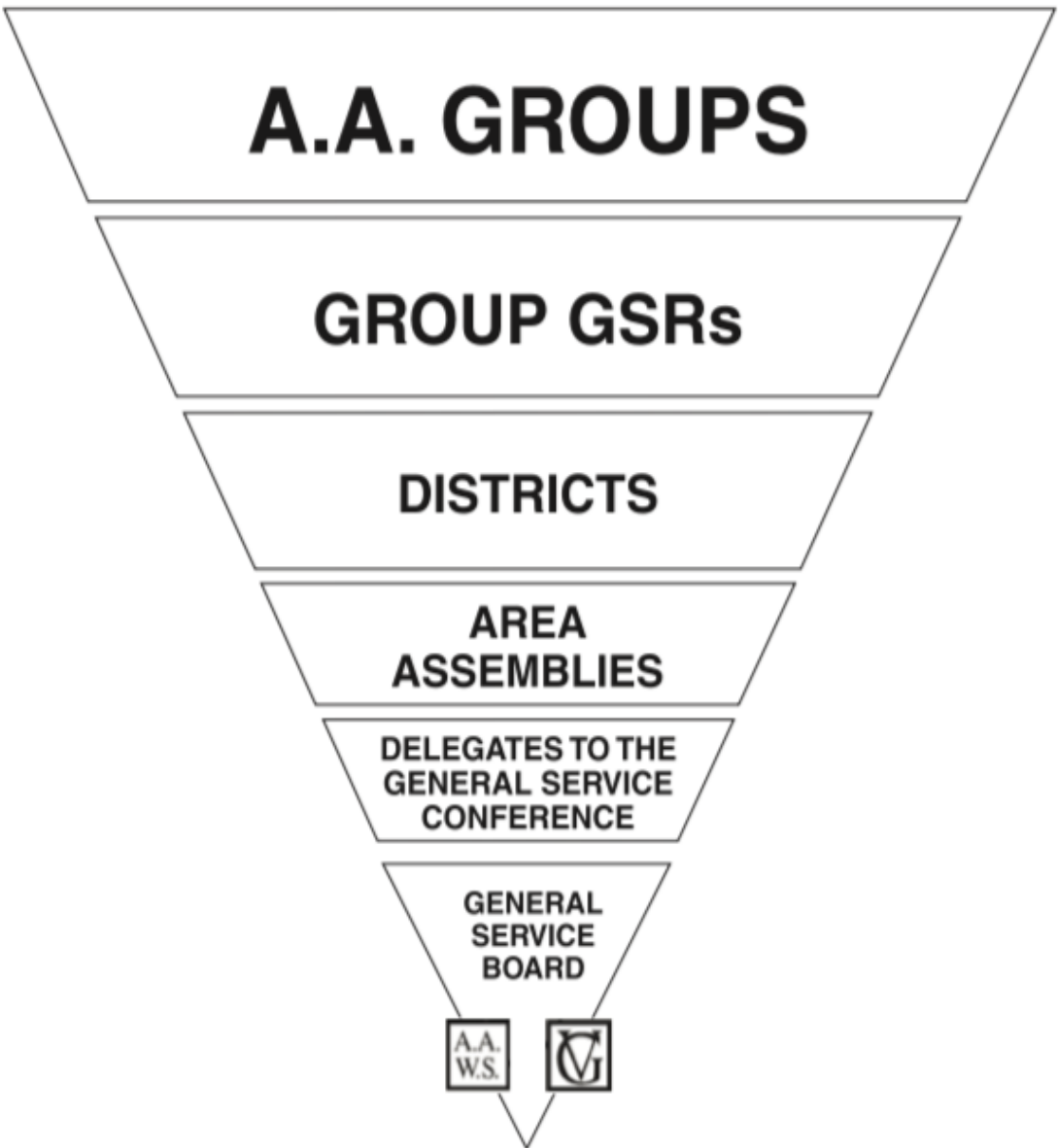
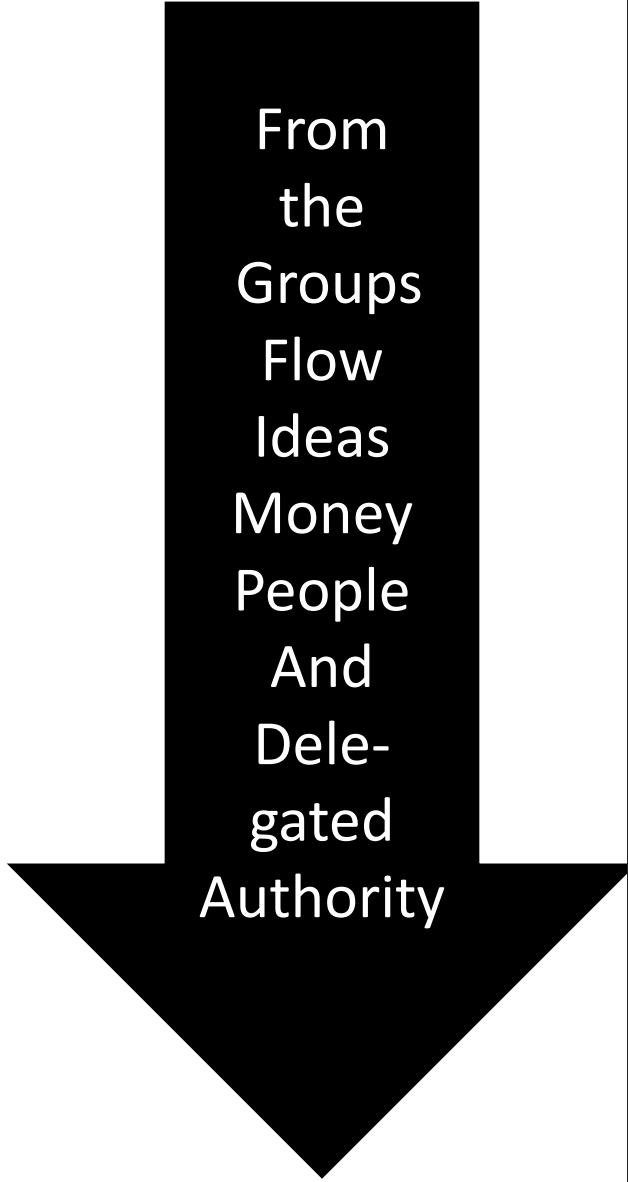


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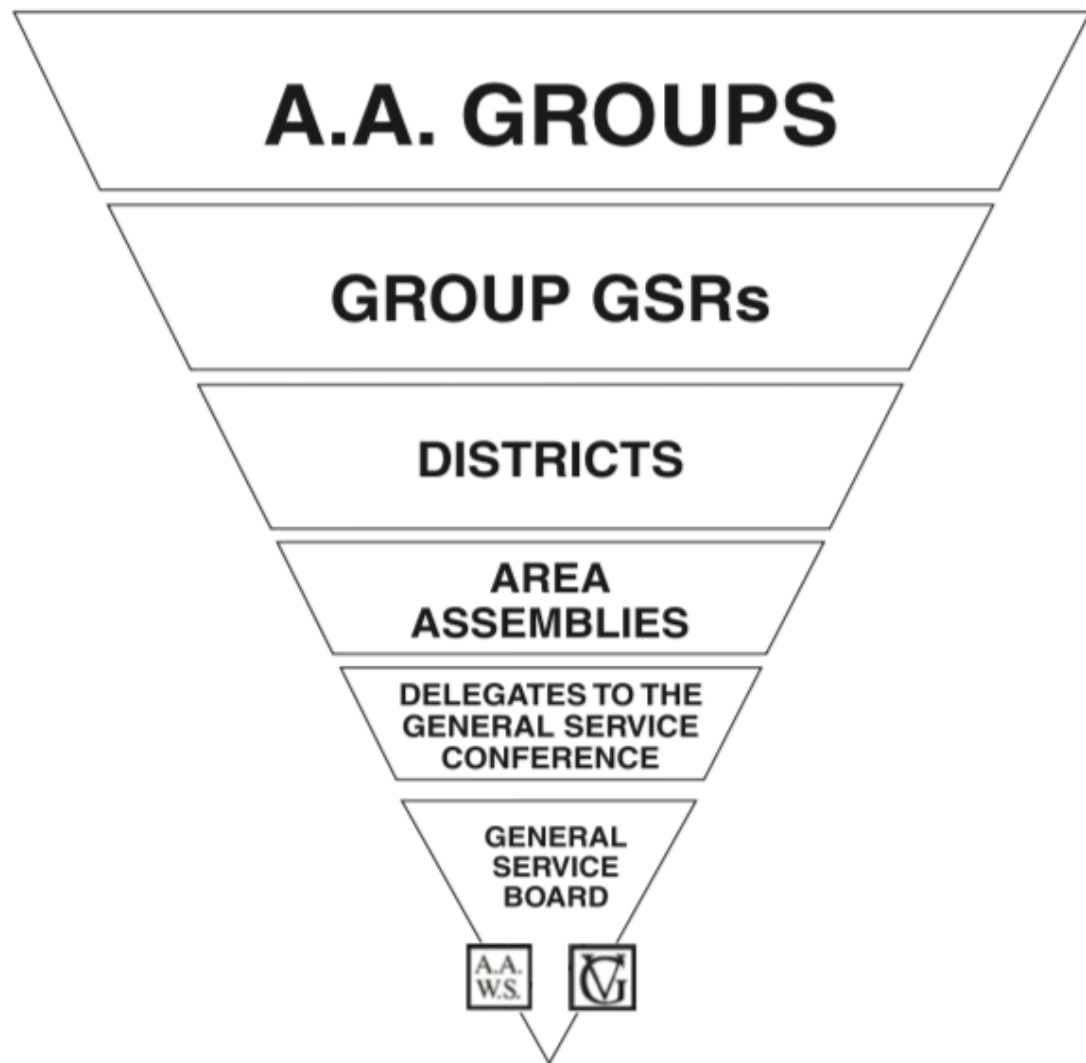
**REGIONAL MAP
OF US AND CANADA**
This map represents a general
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Who Makes the Conference?



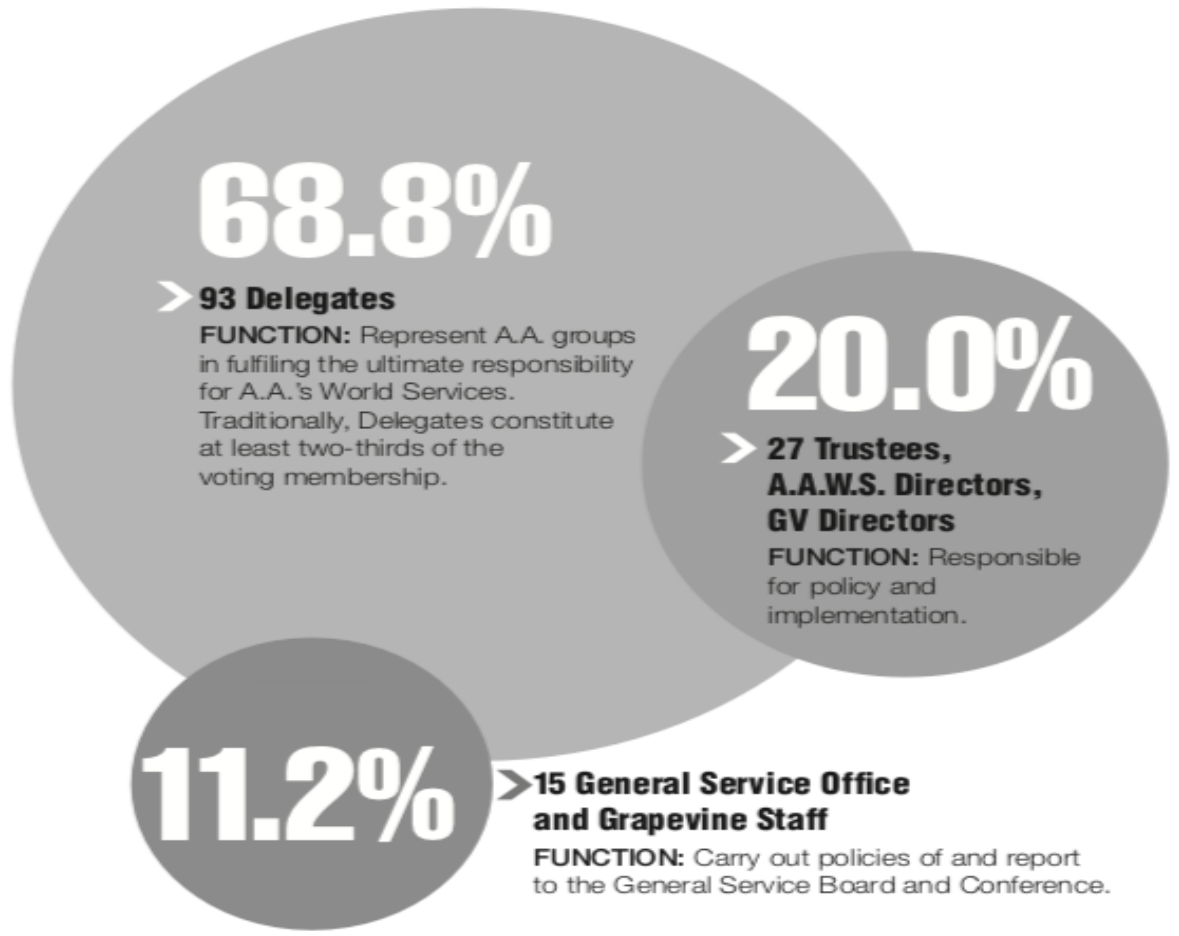


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Who makes up the Conference?

This year there are 135 voting members of the General Service Conference acting together as guardians of A.A.'s World Services and of the Steps and Traditions. They are composed as follows:



Every Conference member has not only a vote but a voice; not only a right but a responsibility to express his or her views.

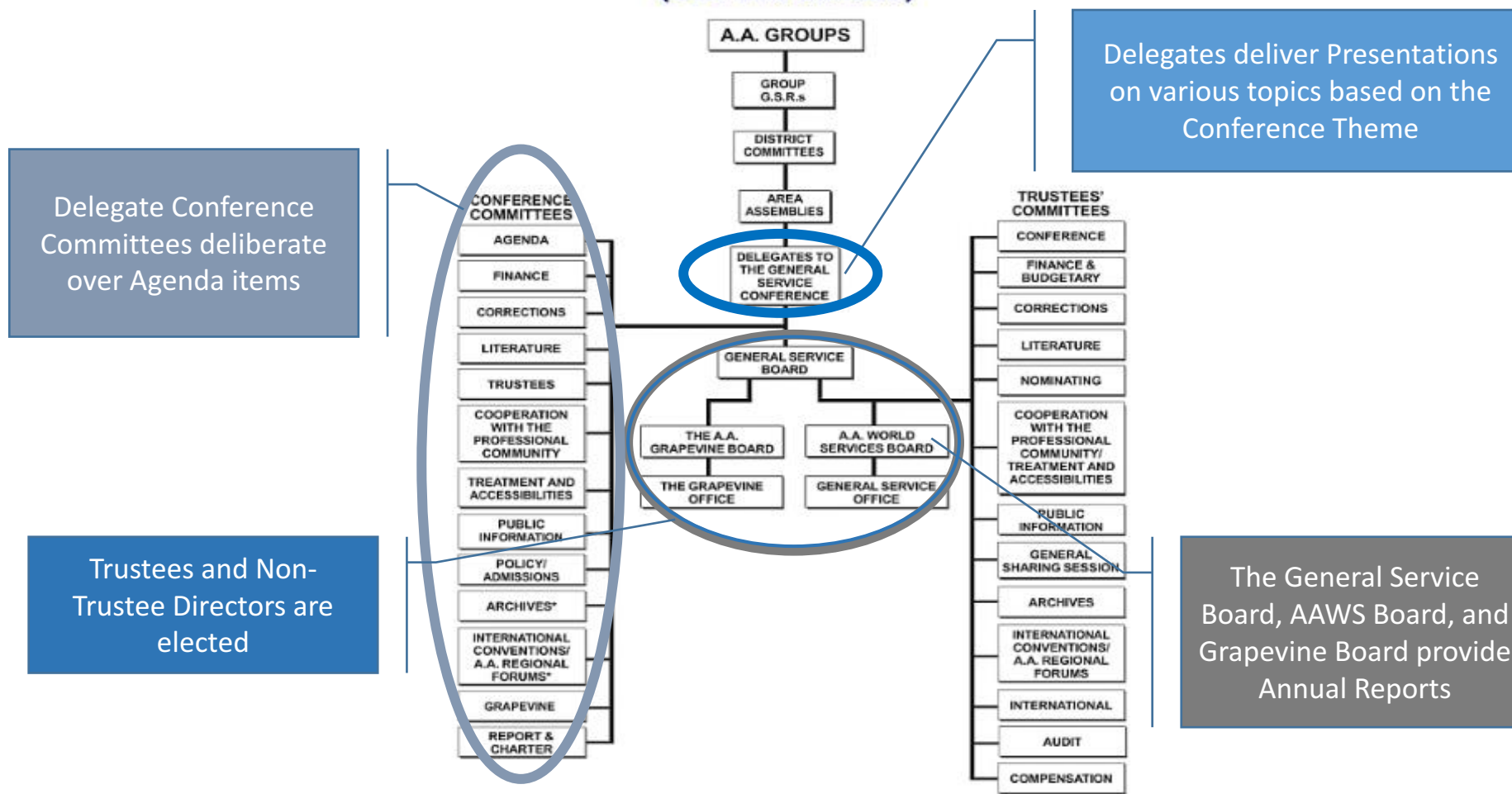


What Happens at the General Service Conference?



The 7-day General Service Conference consists of 12+ hour days of meetings, rigorous and loving discussions, and a good deal of laughter.

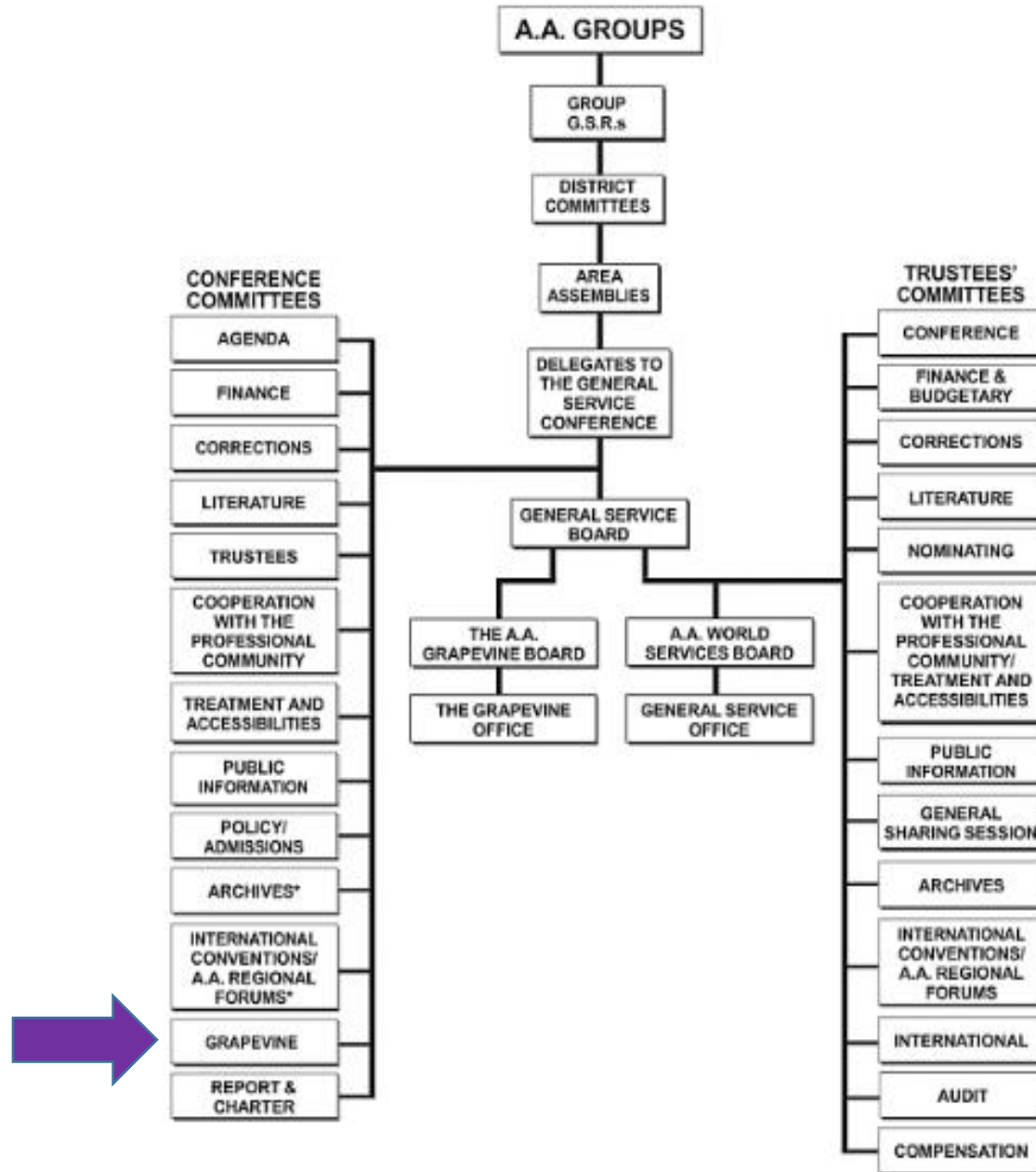
The General Service Conference Structure (U.S. and Canada)



CONCEPT VI: On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance.



The General Service Conference Structure (U.S. and Canada)





Questions & Answers on Sponsorship



This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

EVOLUTION OF A CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTION

1	An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from A.A. members, G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, Area Committee members, Delegates, Trustees, or G.S.O./GV Staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, district and Area Assembly and sent to the	Conference Coordinator G.S.O.
2	The idea is reviewed by the G.S.O./GV Staff and forwarded to	Appropriate Trustees' Committee
3	which then may refer the matter to the	Appropriate Conference Committee
4	which meets during the General Service Conference week and makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the . . .	General Service Conference
5	if a Conference Committee recommendation is approved, after full floor discussion, it becomes a Conference Advisory Action , which becomes binding when approved by the	General Service Board

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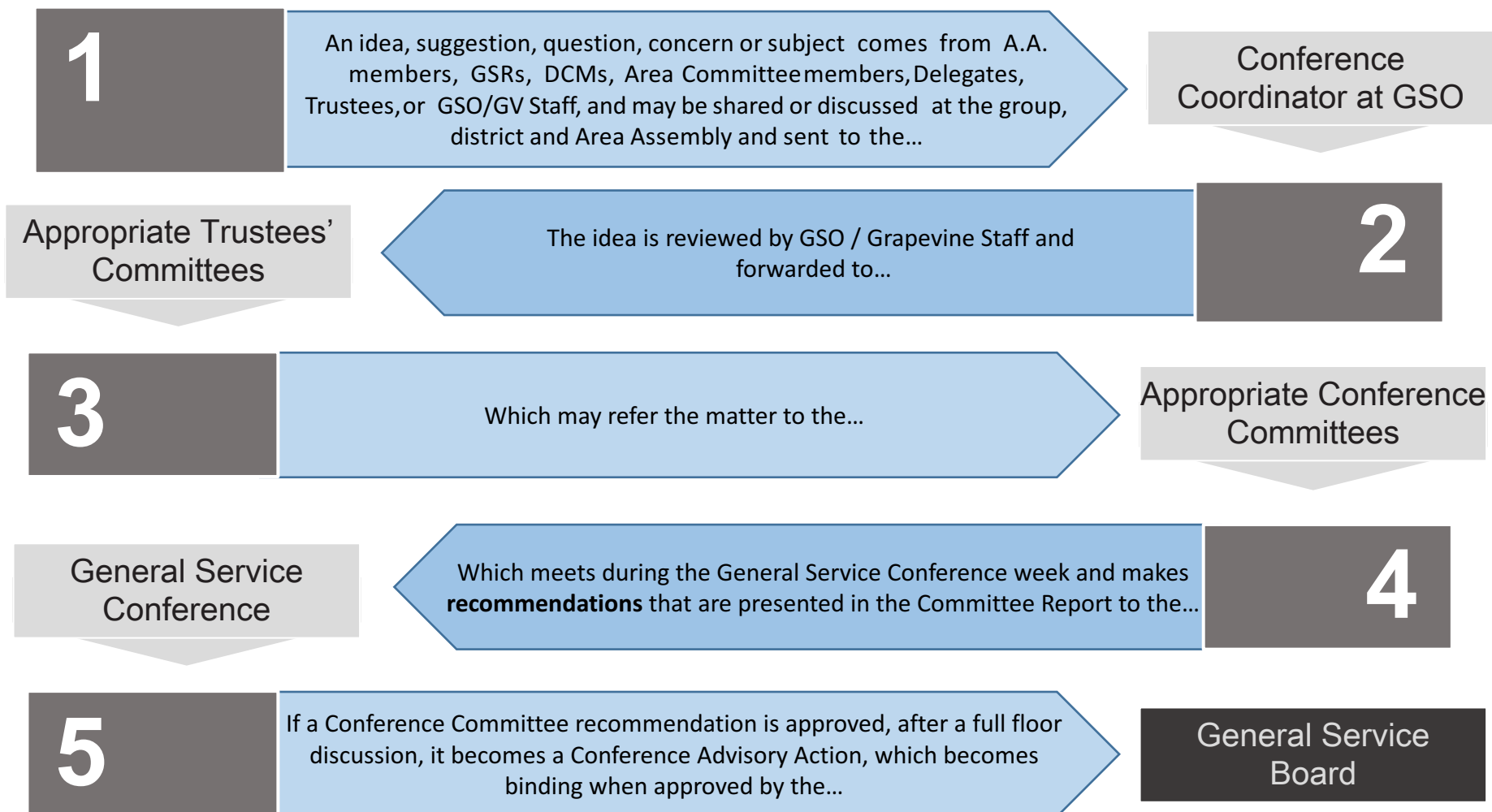
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Evolution of a Conference Advisory Action



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



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Area 29 2019 Conference Agenda Review Committees (CARCs) and Mini-Conference

A.A.R.C. 3 Meeting of April 14, 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church, Parkville, MD



Item #3: Literature Agenda VI. Item N: Consider Suggestion to add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card

Change is requested to make sure they closely match the language in the AA group pamphlet. Particularly adding the language on the Open Meeting Blue Card that makes clear non alcoholics may attend as observers only.

Discussion:

The change does not have clarification on non-alcoholic's sharing at the meeting

Not opposed to changing the card. People not having problems with alcohol card then they might understand that we're here to help alcoholics

It's just a service piece and should not be on the Agenda.

It is just a guide and not read at all meetings.

Leary about putting anything in literature that might scare people away alcoholics when they are new.

Item #4: Policy/Admissions Agenda VII. Item G. Reconsider the 1987 the full Conference.

When there's a vote by the full conference body based on a rec committees and the body passes the recommendation by a 2/3 action and it's binding on the trustees to carry that out in the substantial unanimity they are considered to be strong recr in the final report and if they're not advisory actions they're considerations can be carried out by the trustees in the r

Discussion

Sometimes too much information can be overwhelming

If delegate includes the information in his report b/c Keep as is. It shows that a substantial number of p information more accessible than having to find i

Item #5: Public Information Agenda VIII. Item F

Change the wording in the pamphlet AA at a and hope at group meetings and through th maintained through sharing experience, st' Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggest Works' in chapter 5 of the big book

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Afternoon Agenda

1:30 Discussion of Shared Ager

Cynthia T

1:45 GS Conference Committees
M Literature/Doug W

2:00 Third CARC Presenta

Five to Seven minute presentatio-
Followed by Five minute Discussions

	37, 38, 46	31, 35, 36, 42	15, 18, 19, 28, 30, 33, 34, 39	40, 41
Meeting Location	St. Marks Methodist Church, 100 Peach Blossom Road, Easton, Md 21601	St. James Episcopal Church, 5757 Solomons Island Rd, MD 20711	St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234	Gale Recovery, 427 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701
Meeting Dates	April 4th 6 - 9 PM	March 30th 10 AM - 12 PM April 13th 10 AM - 12 PM	April 14th 2 - 5 PM	April 7th 1 - 5 PM
CARC Leader	Joann B.	Jeanine W.	Jessica W.	Grace H.
Recording Secretary	Julia R.	Andy	Jean B.	Heather D
Mentors	Linda J.	Morgan J.	Lori M.	Nancy B. & Bob C.

2. Finance Agenda IV. Item C: Review the Conference- approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member. Jim S. reported on this issue. Needed services supported by sales of literature. Maintenance of prudent reserve. Amount that it is now is minimal. Jim referred to "Do Money and Spirituality Mix?" Read from the 7th Tradition. Importance of being self-reliant through our own contributions. Terry - How much raised moved from \$3,000-\$5,000 in 2015. Cynthia - what's the total operating budget? not like the person. Still a miniscule amount relative to the overall operating budget. In 2017 the A.A. operating budget is quite a bit higher in other individual contributions, such as they want. Correct.

Consider request to... Carl T. - Sounds like... feel adding a... safe... with...

9:15 Community... implementation of... if town and unable to...

9:30 Home - Cynthia T- Alternate T- Conference Process - Morgan J
GS Conference Committees - Af
B - Policy & Admissions/ Linda

10:30 GS Conference Com.
CPC/Kurt W - Correction.
Finance/Brigitte F

Break
Second CARC Presentations (up to 6)
Five to Seven minute presentations
Followed by Five minute Discussions

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Leaders: line W H

FEEDBACK:

PROS
• Remove it; great info, not disputing doesn't make any sense for us to be "journal."
• Subscriber for over 30 years; remember magazine; experience of this section is is theory based and not totally factual; ju large measure; may someday find its wa Recovery Movement; this doesn't serve o well;

CONS
• Not an outside issue; ton of information about alcoholism; welcome opinion of medical commu better knowledge helps us to help the still-suffering alcoholic; read studies, and they all have to do with alcoholism;
• Bill W. saw the Grapevine as providing news to general alcoholic community; no position on alcoholism;
• Just information; started back when this was one of the only ways to get information;
• Against anything that would limit information about this disease; who vets this information? accurate studies? process to get into Grapevine?
• Maybe they need to redefine Grapevine?
• Discrepancy about the purpose of the purpose on Grapevine; a whole lot more is in there;
• Jokes/cartoons/Information about alcoholism; Person out of treatment offered different treatment models that don't emphasize disease; AaL helps people to understand more;
• Disclaimer on Alcoholism at Large page - "The purpose of this page is to offer information that may further readers' understanding of the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism; the severity and international scope of the illness; and the worldwide efforts being made to combat it. Publication here does not imply endorsement or affiliation. AA does not conduct or participate in research, nor does it hold any opinion on research conducted by others."

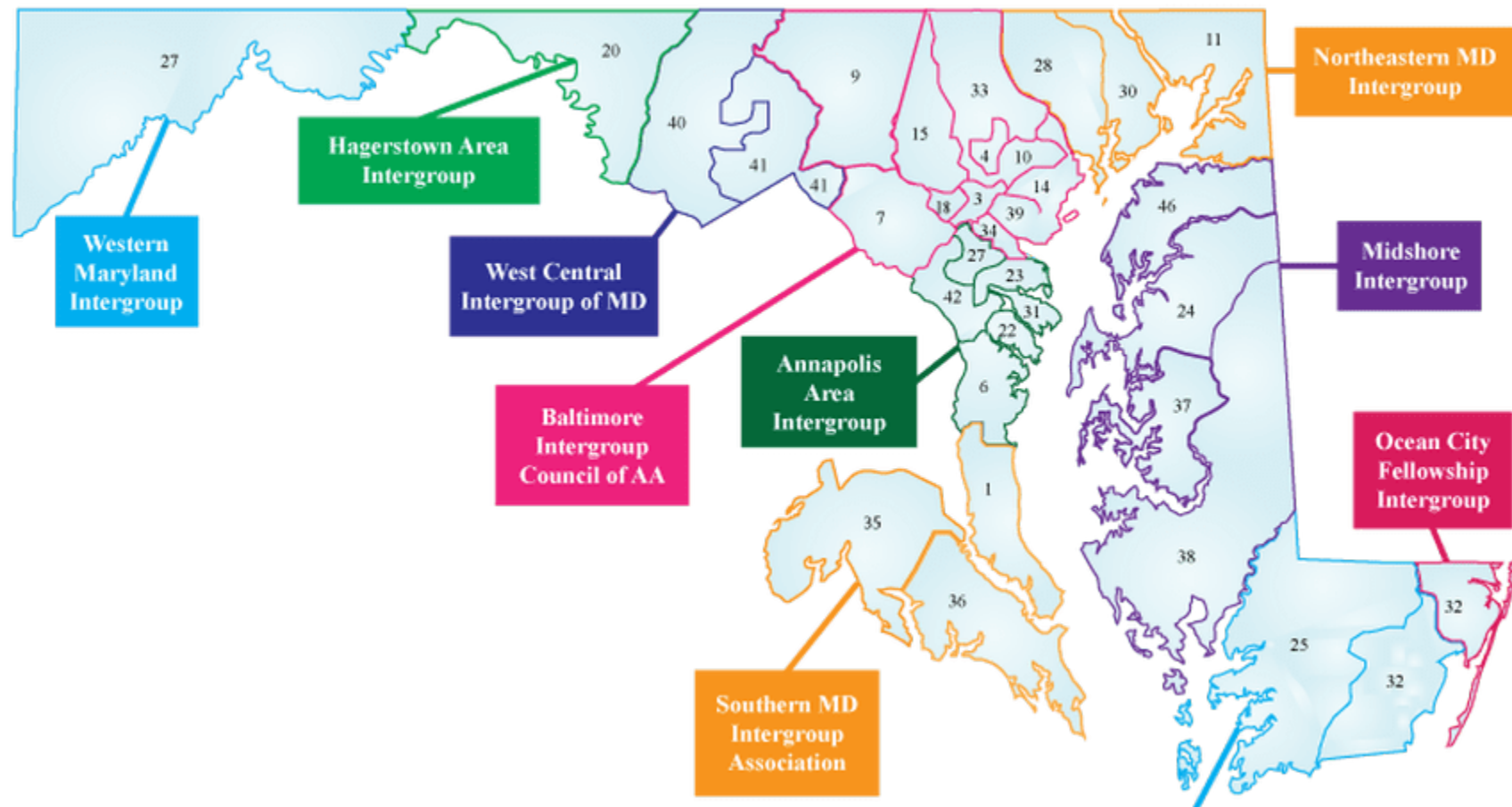
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II. Literature Agenda VI. Item C: Consider request to develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholism (Presented by John H. (D9))



Area 29 Past Delegates

Panel 66

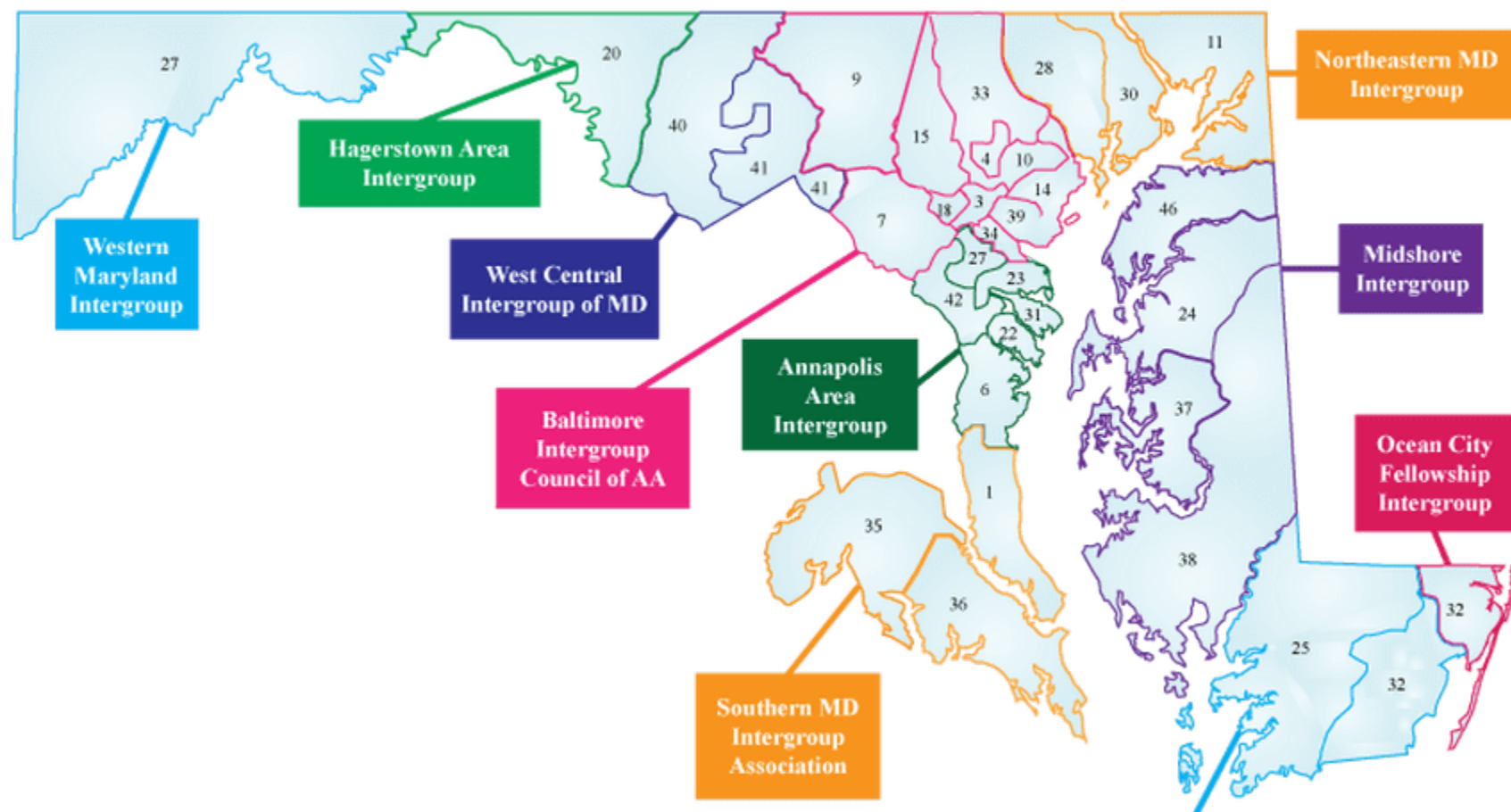
Linda J.





Area 29 Past Delegates

Panel 66	Linda J.
Panel 64	Ron M.
Panel 62	Bob C.
Panel 60	Nancy B.
Panel 58	Tom R.
Panel 56	Barbara B.
Panel 54	Nancy K.
Panel 50	Morgan J.
Panel 48	Peggy R.
Panel 46	Arnold R.
Panel 44	Valerie W.
Panel 42	John C.
Panel 36	Gene R.





Fri, May 17, 7:56 PM

Cynthia >

Awesome

I want you to know I am praying for you this week. I am praying the God of your understanding provides you wisdom and discernment as you vote for Area 29.
In His grace,
Alex

Have a safe trip. And thank you for your service. Enjoy



Grace >
Are you still smiling?!??
Hang in there! Doing this work is saving lives yet to be born!

Sat, May 25, 3:28 PM

Verizon LTE 12:38 PM 100% Julie >

Also my sponsor gave me a huge bumper sticker NO WHINING

Verizon LTE 12:48 PM 100% Jim >

to see it again! Picture is Jeremy Pope (nominated for two Tonys) and

iMessage
Shrinidh Subram
Robert T

How fun!! Wish we were there too :)



Verizon LTE 1:01 PM 100% Linda >
Sat, May 25, 10:30 AM

Thank You for your service to our life saving and life giving program.

Verizon LTE 1:05 PM 100% Georgia >

Excellent
I'll pray for you.



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Maryland General Service, Inc.



Area 29, Panel 68
MARYLAND
www.marylandaa.org

Area 29, Panel 68
(2018-2019)

"We are an organization whose aim is to maintain services for those who seek through Alcoholics Anonymous, the means of arresting the disease of alcoholism through the application to their own lives, in whole or in part, of the 12 Steps which constitute the recovery program upon which the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is founded."

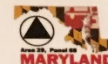
(Preamble to the Bylaws of Maryland General Service, Inc.)

Spiritual Principles of the 12 Steps

1. Honesty
2. Hope
3. Faith
4. Courage
5. Integrity
6. Willingness
7. Humility
8. Forgiveness
9. Justice
10. Perseverance
11. Awareness
12. Love

"A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a set of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole."

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Spiritual Principles of the 12 Traditions

1. Unity
2. Conscience
3. Identity
4. Autonomy
5. Purpose
6. Focus
7. Responsibility
8. Service
9. Simplicity
10. Harmony
11. Attraction
12. Anonymity

"A.A.'s Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline the means by which A.A. maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows."

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Spiritual Principles of the 12 Concepts

1. Authority
2. Reliance
3. Trust
4. Participation
5. Democracy
6. Accountability
7. Balance
8. Consistency
9. Vision
10. Clarity
11. Respect
12. Spirituality

Warranties

1. Selflessness
2. Prudence
3. Partnership
4. Unanimity
5. Restraint
6. Freedom

"These service principles are also the outcome of long reflection and extensive consultation."

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STATISTICS

POPULATION: 322,827,432
 LAND AREA: 9,833,519 square miles (25,371,994 km²)
 TOP 10 CITIES BY POPULATION: Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, San Antonio, Dallas

LARGEST URBAN AREA: Miami City, Miami-Flex, FL (2011) 6,300,000
 HIGHEST PEAK: Denali Mt., Alaska, 20,310 feet (6,191 m)
 LOWEST POINT: Death Valley, CA, 282 feet below sea level (-86 m)

North America

- National Capital: Washington, D.C.
- National Language: English
- Phone Number: +1
- Internet Domain: .us

The Caribbean

ST. KITT'S AND NEVIS
 ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
 DOMINICA
 ST. LUCIA
 ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
 GRENADA
 TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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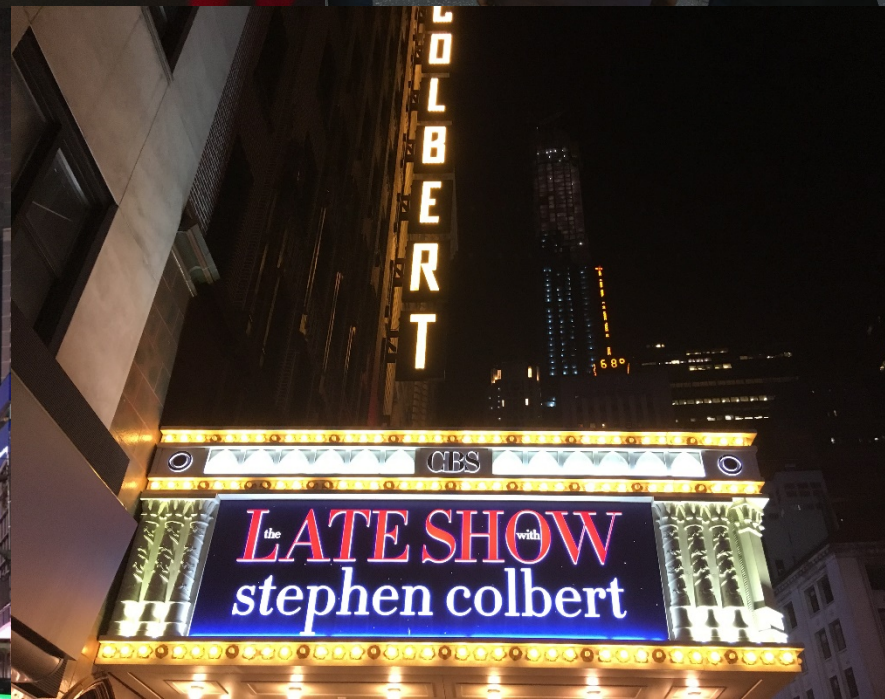


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Friday
May 17







Saturday
May 18





2019 GSC
(Book 1)



2019 GSC
(Book 2) (+NERF)

Why category "other" was removed... Can we get dates on Equitable Distribution... Action Nothing about LV on this year's conf...

Rule Memorandum - tip to GSB... Letter of apology to Bob to Clarence... Why we "other" on de conf agenda...

THURSDAY 5/23/14... A. The committee recommended that the people's Committee develop a plan to produce video shorts...

5/23/14... Why do this? Gives a little more direction to invited or about to do... David Wolf (GST) - Policy says don't show full face on GSB or GSC sites...

Vote on Amended Motion of For. 22. Approved Substantiated Members... Produce two PSA for more than 350 km...

5/21/14 Fri... Committee Conscience... Kevin Hawkins, AP1, AL/MFL - 'Editorial freedom'... Committee Conscience: Kevin Hawkins, AP1, AL/MFL - 'Editorial freedom'...

18 5/24/14 Fri... Jan Rosen - Impact on translations? No discussion... Policy Development - In support. We are inaccurate cross-section...

5/24/14 Fri... Cynthia Davis - stories are important. New way to connect our message... Betsy Barber, PGB ATC (AB) - 'not a potential AA member'...

24 5/24/14 Fri... David Wolf - 'It's this suggestion to the GSB to approve the Publication Policy while maintaining GSC authority over lit'...

5/24/14 Fri... Who determines what is a "major reason"? Shannon Coleman - Everything is done on a trial basis... David Wolf - 'It's not up to the conference to debate AAWS policy'...



Sunday
May 19

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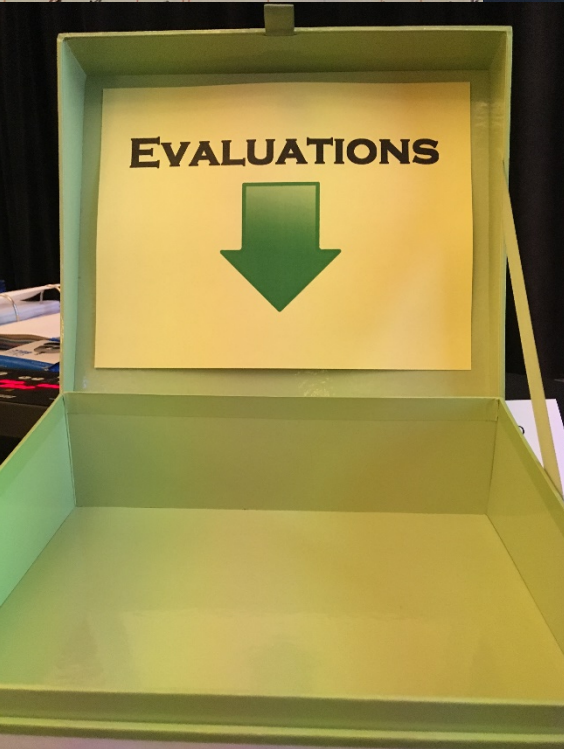
5/19/19 Sun roll-call

Colleen Aschmann
 Leslie Beckley
 Tim Baer
 Andy Bailey
 Christina Datt
 Rddy Basham-W
 Katherin Beck
 Chuck B
 Jeff Berkman
 Cheryl Blair
 Carole Bremer
 Ann B.
 Beau Bush
 Troy Buchholz
 Clements Conn
 Christine Carper
 Bond Chambers
 Patrick Chang
 Jenny Cunn
 Sherrin Corman
 Louis Corman
 Henry Corman
 David Craig
 Earl Cronin
 Keetha Cullen

Mary Connor
 Annette Doherty
 Eileen Dore
 Alan Dorkel
 Ken Dornan
 Irene Donato
 Jenny Dorian
 Barb Dove
 John Drazick
 Matt Dyer
 Josh Egleston
 Jane Enoch
 Julia Esposito
 Mark Evers
 Pam Farnsworth
 Vern Farrell
 Joe Fernandez

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 Alan Galton
 Francis Gandy
 Erica Hanson
 Keri Hampton
 Alida Hughes
 Scott Hanzelbaum
 Teresa Hicks
 Lucien Jean
 Ray Joseph
 Mary Kenney
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 Mike Koon
 Brian Kottman
 Chris Kowicz
 Paul Lamm
 Paul Lempe

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 David Noll
 Jesus Olivas
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 Shirley Parrado
 Carl Patterson
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 Missi Patterson
 Louann Price
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Our Twelve Traditions: A.A.'s Future in the Modern World



25a Reunión de Servicio Mundial Alcohólicos Anónimos
Nuestras Doce Tradiciones: El futuro de A.A. en el mundo moderno

25th
World Service Meeting

Welcome
Bienvenidos
Bienvenue



AA Grapevine, Inc. Board Members

General Service Trustees	2
Regional Trustees	2
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Class A Trustee	1
Board President (Executive Editor/Publisher)	1
TOTAL	9

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
Opening Dinner Invitation





Monday, May 20

SERENITY MEETING

Times Square C



2019 Conference Committee on A.A. Grapevine



ITEM B: Consider request to remove the "Alcoholism at Large" section AA Grapevine.

Background Notes:

- **2014:** Additional Committee Consideration
The committee discussed the request to reconsider publishing the "Alcoholism at Large" section of the Grapevine and took no action
- **2009:** Additional Committee Considerations
The committee considered a request that "the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that 'the AA Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer' be rescinded" and after lengthy and thoughtful discussion took no action.

The committee requested that the disclaimer in the section on medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism in the AA Grapevine (Alcoholism at Large) be placed more prominently and distinctively and that the language of the disclaimer in the AA Grapevine and La Viña be reviewed for both clarity and consistency.

The General Service Conference Serenity Group warmly welcomes all Conference members and friends of A.A. to participate in this open discussion meeting.

Chairperson: Don Bridges
Area 29, Panel 68

Secretary/Treasurer: Kathi Cullen
Area 76, Panel 68

A ticket will be given each day to everyone attending, and on Friday a drawing will be held for two A.A. books signed by the members of the group.

Monday, May 20th

"Quite as important was the discovery that spiritual principles would solve all my problems. I have since been brought into a way of living infinitely more satisfying and, I hope, more useful than the life I lived before. . ."

Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 42-43

Tuesday, May 21st

"True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 124-125

Wednesday, May 22nd

"Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often

discard its own cherished plans for others that are better and will give credit to the source."

*Language of the Heart, p. 288**

*also published in *AA Grapevine*, April 1959; and *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 37

Thursday, May 23rd

"We give thanks to our Heavenly Father who, through so many friends and through so many means and channels, has allowed us to construct this wonderful edifice of the Spirit in which we are now dwelling. It seems as though He had directed us to construct this cathedral whose foundations already rest upon the corners of the earth. On its great floor we have inscribed our Twelve Steps of recovery. On the side walls, the buttresses of the A.A. Traditions have been set in place to contain us in unity for as long as God may will it so. Eager hearts and hands have lifted the spire of our cathedral into its place. That spire bears the name of Service. May it ever point straight upward toward God."

*Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, p. 234**

*also published in *As Bill Sees It*, p. 155

Friday, May 24th

"The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit, well symbolized by anonymity, is the foundation of all these Traditions. It is A.A.'s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people high confidence in our future."

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, p. 132

AROUND THE PICNIC TABLE



David M. Morris, C.P.A.
Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee
General Service Board Treasurer



Michele Grinberg,
General Service Board Chair



Tuesday
May 21



GRAPEVINE
Special Section
Relapse

A large red display board filled with various brochures, photos, and informational cards. The board is organized into several columns and rows, with some items highlighted by green circular markers. The text on the board is small and difficult to read, but it appears to be related to the 'GRAPEVINE' theme.

LA VINA
CELEBRANDO
LOS 75 AÑOS DEL
LIBRO GRANISSE
"Trago a beber de
mi libro"
LA SEGUNDA FILADICION

BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH GRAPEVINE'S 75th ANNIVERSARY TOOLKIT

A complete and easy-to-use package of resources for:

- 14 Spanish-language community education kits
- 12 issues of our magazine
- 4 high-quality grape 50¢ coins
- 100 grape seeds
- 100 grape seedlings
- 100 grape seedlings

Share with another grower!

75 años

GRAPPE 75 años

COMPARTIR CON TUS CERRAJOS

TAKE ME TO YOUR SPONSOR

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Purpose Addressing
Needs of our Meetings

Workshop Topic

FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

MEMBERSHIP IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE GROUP

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Sponsorship

TOOLS/LITERATURE
TELL THEM THE TRUTH
VITAL
CREATE A SERVICE PIECE
STEPPING UP TO BE A SPONSOR

SEEK OUT
STOP COMPLAINTS
PERSISTENCE
WILLINGNESS
NOT "KINDNESS" WILLINGNESS
TO GO FIND OUT
TIME MANAGEMENT

SERVICE SPONSORSHIP

MAKE IT A MEETING TOPIC
MAKE IT GO
EMPHASIS BY EXAMPLE
REMAIN OUR RESPONSIBILITY
CREATE SMALL GROUPS/WORKSHOPS
SHARE INFO NOT OPINIONS
ACTIVE SPONSORSHIP

ATTENTION (ALOR PROMO)

Group by Group/
Desire to Desire

Walk the Talk
Work w/ the Family
Play w/

7th MONTHLY
GIVING BACK
INVITE to SERVE
SPONSOR @ ANY TIME
(MEMBERSHIP MEMBER)

DATE TO SPONSOR A
SPONSOR MEMBER

Services

Facility (Meeting place)
Sponsorship
Meeting Times
Personal Anonymity Choice
Treatment Committee - planning
"Meeting on the Go" (Your members...)

Aging Baby Boomers (Gen X)

Soften chairs in meetings
Give service positions to new Seniors
P/L/CPC outreach to let people who
Work with Seniors know what AA offers
C. Use Caplan Meetings
Physical access to meetings (wheelchairs, etc)
Vision Impairment
Plan for growing Senior population
Aging Veterans - outreach to VA
Utilize Senior AA members for CPC/PS
Start regular meetings in Senior facilities
Overcoming facility resistance
Providing Rides

Put on Invitation Meeting Schedule
Start small but start sooner
Offer retreat
Get a larger frequency of welcome facilities
Sponsorship to Seniors
Elder members who no longer have spouses
- Online, phone, & video meetings
- AA needs to prepare now for inevitable issues that will arise as our members age
- Early "bummer" can work with "Late" "bummer's" vice versa
- Subcommittee of Accessibility Committee
- "Bummer" family meetings
- Provide Service Activity assistance

EDUCATION & SUPPORT

Education is a priority
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Include in Corporate Plan to ensure piece of activities
Liberate meeting that reads AA/V books
Play a bit of the fun for meeting to read

At announcements - the group
GV Rep reads a joke from the new GV book
Include Corporate in self-support endeavors
Donate LV to inmates in jails etc
If your area is not diverse
QR code to get to website
Monthly/Other summary of info to assist info to connect clearly

Innovate for change because...
Armed by us - GRABBER NOT SELF SUFFICIENT - FUND BY 600
Have BSR/stress importance of obtaining a GV or RIV for the group
GV should announce periods like 10% subscription challenge and help check sell of books in year olds and around new books
Conduct "how to write & submit a story" Workshops
GV as Accessibility Audio for blind members / Start a Creative meeting

Add GV website to Bottom of Preamble
Link to new issue on website

1st

State primary purpose at beginning of meeting
Share w/ the groups
Group Responsibility that get
Read traditions
Read BLUE CARD
Assign someone to problems relating to Alcohol
Put people aside who don't know our primary purpose
Read the preamble
SPONSORSHIP
Study Tradition "Do we have it all?"
Mention that other 12 step programs aren't primarily for people and readers

2nd

State primary purpose at beginning of meeting
Group Corporate plan to help. New covers pocket, membership, Sponsorship, etc
Group Code of Conduct
CLARIFY primary purpose
Allow newcomers an opportunity to understand how it all fits together they are being or break them for not understanding
However, don't use it as a weapon

Safety in AA

Workshop
Workshop
Workshop

pg. 2 Safety in AA

Truth Talk
SPONSORSHIP
Silence could mean death
WHAT DEFINES "UNDERSTANDING ANOTHER PERSON"

Rigidity - Our Greatest Danger

AA is rigid
Newcomers pressured to identify as
Sponsor lineage
Authoritative documentation to support
Don't Trust the group conscience
Turn off your cell phone
People being shut down
Intolerance
Rule 62

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3rd

Solutions to Rigidity
Play for willingness to change
Tradition 3
Meeting process when they are
New ideas and actions
Create a workshop
All 12 steps work on open-mindedness and flexibility
Remembering we each were new too
Sponsor who helps sponsor come to his/her own action
Compassion and empathy
Being different
Being dominant in thought and action
Being a change agent

INCLUSION

3rd Tradition - includes all who
Compassion and tolerance - includes
Group conscience
Open mind language
Inclusion is a must
Participating in meetings - have a strategy
EXCLUSION = DANGER
LGBTQIA
respect for newcomers - sexual predators
stop calling it 12th step
breakdown rigid group practices
reaching out to female community
look for who is missing

Inclusion p. 2

Racial Sensitivity
DON'T ALIENATE NEWCOMER
IS OUR 3RD TRADITION
DON'T BELIEVE CONSIDERATIONS

do not treat those with little or fragile faith as if they just need to change their mind
Call members you haven't seen - no message
Get these members or newcomers on their feet
reaches "emotional" breaking on "opportunities" speaking behavior so they are not characterized by duty or the "correct" behavioral response
Group members to identify anything that EXCLUDES

Service Opportunities

Show GRATITUDE
ARRANGE to Recognize do things outside mtgs.
Be an example
Enthusiastic Participation
Orange Skirting
Comm. Mtgs w/ announcements & approvals

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

for members to be of service
Sponsors
Sponsorship
Leadership
Support + Sponsorship
MAKE IT AN ATTRACTIVE JOBS

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR MEETINGS!

Provide Opportunities for Service
ALLOW ANYONE TO SERVE
Be willing to change things
Be Patient
Tolerant
No Condemn

Service: Mission/Concept

Strength	Weakness	Concept	Tools
Altruistic Service	Individualism	Knowledge	Facets
Relational	Isolation	Unity	Balance
Community	Competition	Workshop	Workshop
Group Responsibility	Self-interest	Service	Service
Service	Self-interest	Service	Service
Service	Self-interest	Service	Service

S W O T

Strength	Weakness	Opportunity	Threat
Audio/Video	Service to the small to support Service	How often Communication/Study/Books/Notes	Too Many Groups

SINGLES OF PURPOSE

(Individuals, new members)

- AA is an organization
- Individual members attending AA mtgs but not contributing actively, not doing much
- service killing - those that because it doesn't provide the ability to help to another group member (help to the people w/ your problem)
- AA is an strong in AA in your town?
- DA/HA, others
- How can we support other 12 step programs? (encourage getting the help they need at that other fellowship)
- give NA app info so it can be found
- practice humility and trying to help people succeed (know our limitations)
- to guide them to the right solution for them
- tolerance
- group evaluate how the group could do better (no blaming) others respecting them to be different talking to address serious not attribution

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encouraging openness to attend NA also
OK to share about any other solution (therapy, group) as part of your work it was like a solution story
identification to the key
can each help someone with a problem we don't have/learn to do from our knowledge of

How to keep the "Singles of Purpose" intact with the value of opportunities and self be attractive & inclusive:

- Don't rely too heavily on the people attending
- Don't look for knowledge retention since it's not a learning course
- Use the group as a way to share with newcomers
- avoid social meetings
- Involve members
- workshops only as much
- signage helps to create close to meeting
- 12th step people who are the meeting opportunity into meeting of service to help progress
- Question 3 - meeting only
- Do they have a problem with what?
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Good meeting concepts

What is good?

choices not growing their responsibilities

HOW to run meeting well

- Invited meeting format
- Regular home group mtgs to keep it clear
- Sponsorship sponsorship
- Workshop (group activity)
- Let them lead (other members can assist)
- Give them rides
- Give them a voice to being
- Support yppa outreach
- Allow yppa members not talk badly about them
- Group conscience process can be helpful

IF G
ENFOR
Group Inv
Involve
Newcomer
Share your
Experience, Strength + hope
Written instructions for meeting, treasurer, and written reports (responsibility of accountability) for these or service
Arrive early, stay late
Time limits on's having/w/ friendly one who's time is up
Group leaders/GSIs should understand their delegated authority and responsibility
Strong, regular BUSINESS meetings
find ways to encourage ALL to "not just for those "service people"

if there is a problem, it is a group problem. Take personal responsibility

Chairperson Coordinator
CPC chairperson Workshop, responsible to Chair meetings.

Chairperson guidelines
No format available

How to Include Young People

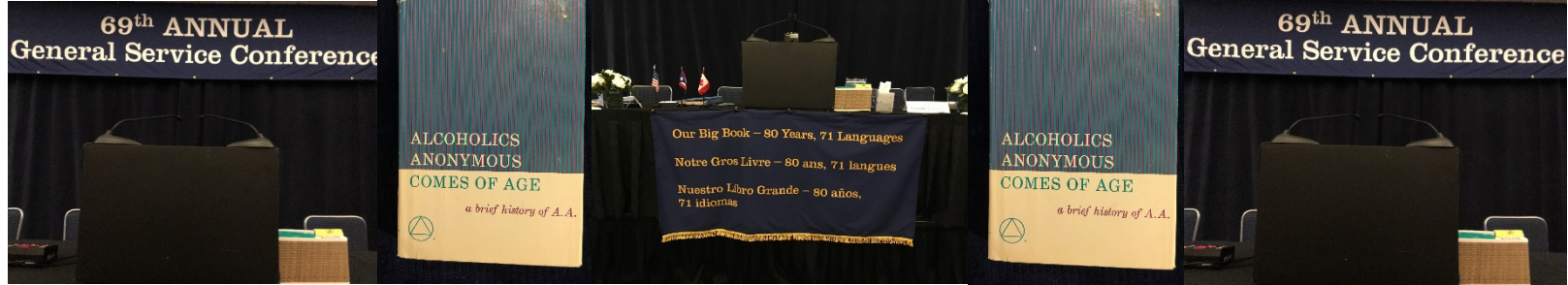
Include (any them) to Service Events (Any events)
Encourage (help) them to submit requests (organize) to encourage other young!
Attend their meetings! Attend their yppa meetings
Zoom Service meetings if someone wanted in service
Encourage them to attend a few times encourage other young people
Encourage them to attend their own mtgs on zoom
Young women mtgs
Young people committee at the same time (area) (and representative to other committees)
Practice Service that fits their schedules (college, etc)
(not)
AAI at Schools (conferences) (young men, too, too young)
Game night (adults/child, too, too young)
Light up of this disturbance (no rpm)
Let them be kids (young)
MORE (and) service events
Recruit young people who are strong + play at school (them)
skits/plays

How to include young people

Technology (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)
empower them
Including them (listen to them)
Give them an assignment/responsibility
collaboration
Feedback (ask for)
Workshop (group activity)
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Area 29, Panel 68 MARYLAND



Tuesday Closing

“Then the spread to foreign lands began. This development brought us a whole new set of problems to solve. Each new distant beachhead had to go through its flying-blind and pioneering period just as we had in the United States. Soon we were running into language barriers, and more and more of our pamphlet literature had to be translated into other tongues.

“In addition, our foreign friends raised new and special doubts. Maybe A.A. was just a Yankee gadget that would be no good for Ireland, England, Holland, Scandinavia, Australia, and the Pacific. Since their countries were so different, maybe their alcoholics were different too. ‘Will A.A. work in our cultures?’ they asked. We became heavily involved in correspondence, much helped by our American members in New York who could translate for us. We searched out and briefed A.A. travelers going abroad. Gradually headway was made. It was a long time, however, before we knew for sure that A.A. could cross the barriers of distance, race, creed, and language. But today, the A.A. map shows our society in more than seventy countries and U.S. possessions. We now feel sure that it is only a question of time until every alcoholic in the world may well have as good a chance to recover as we have had here in America. Serving the foreign groups has become a major headquarters activity, although we have scarcely scratched the total possibilities so far.

“Good translations of A.A. literature are ever more urgently needed. But able helpers have always turned up to meet that need.

“Many of our pamphlets have already been published in still other tongues—notably, German, Dutch, and Finnish. We strive constantly to cross more language barriers, thus throwing new lifelines to those who don’t yet know that there is a way out.”

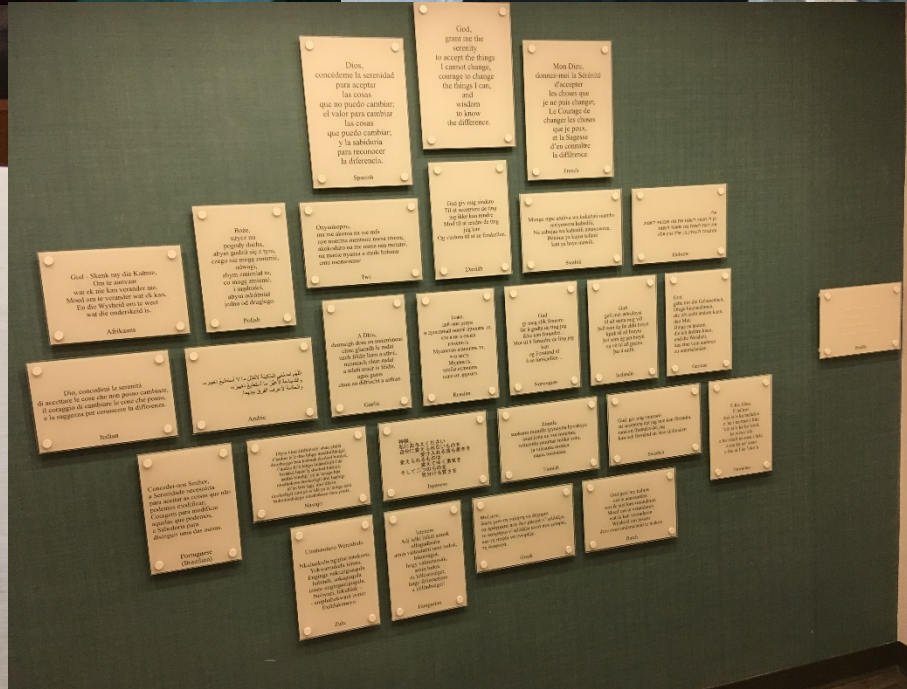






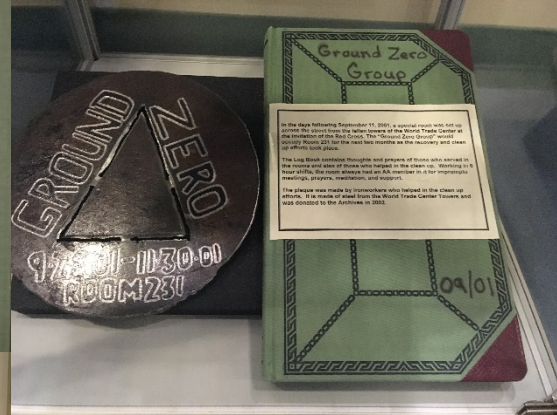


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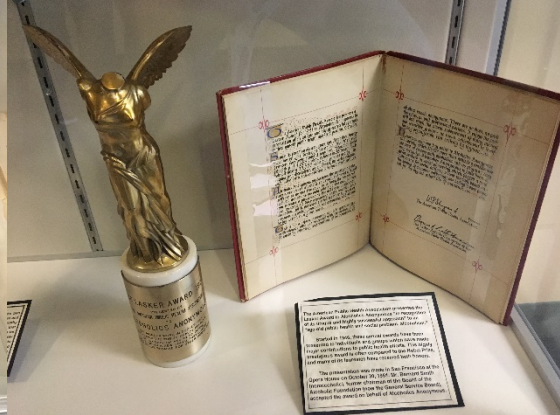
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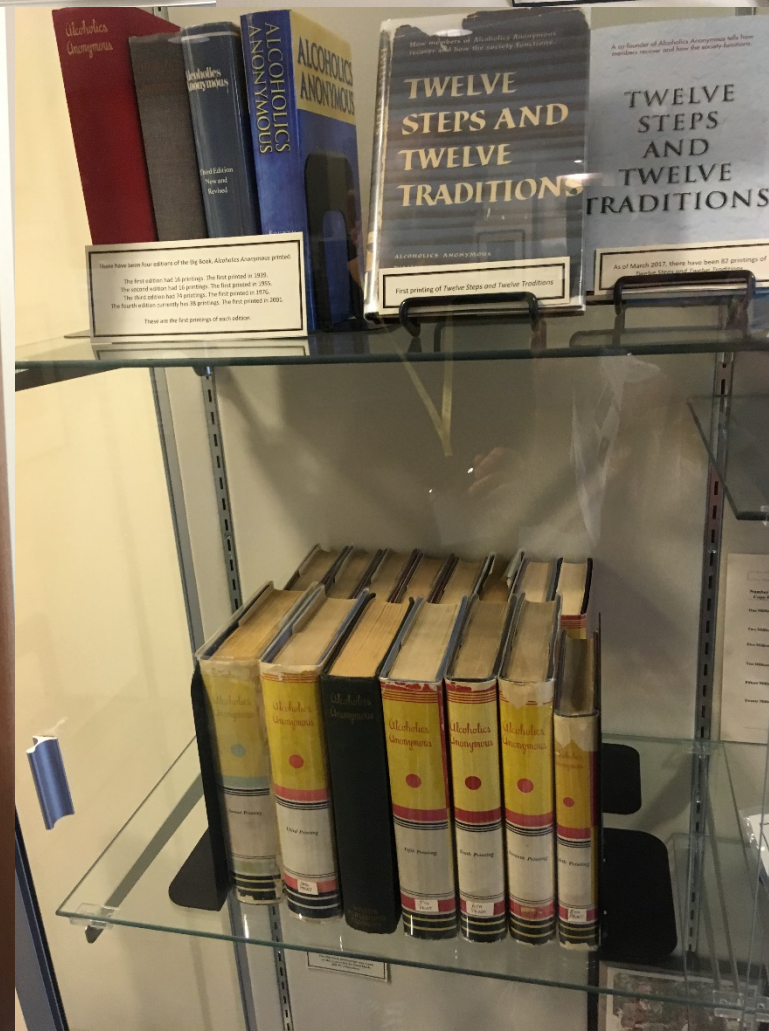
In the days following September 11, 2001, a special room with Art up provided the quiet focus for the members of the World Trade Center Center of the Ground Zero Group. The "Ground Zero Group" could not be formed until the area had become an active and safe place.

The Los Brax brothers thought and prepared all those who served in the rescue and relief of those who helped in the clean up, working 15 hour shifts, the ground workers and the AA members in their respective meetings, prayers, meditation, and support.

The plaque was made by a friend who helped in the clean up effort. It is made of steel from the World Trade Center Towers and was donated by the Americans in 2003.



The story of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is a story of hope and redemption. It is a story of a man who was once a drunkard and a woman who was once a prostitute, who found each other in a New York City bar and began a journey that would change the lives of millions of people. The Big Book is the result of their shared experiences and the wisdom they gained through their recovery. It is a book that has been translated into 71 languages and has helped countless people find their way back to a sober and meaningful life.



These have been four editions of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous printed.

The first edition had 26 printings. The first printed in 1939.
The second edition had 14 printings. The first printed in 1950.
The third edition had 14 printings. The first printed in 1976.
The fourth edition currently has 18 printings. The first printed in 2002.

These are the first printings of each edition.



Presentations of a gift of a copy of the Big Book at the 2011 International Convention in Atlanta. The three of the General Service Board, Larry Matthews gave the Big Book to the Women of Color of the Singapore, the following photo shows the gift as part of.





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Love and Tolerance Is Our Code • A



**NERAASA 2022 – Area 48, HMB
The Sagamore on Lake George
Bolton Landing, NY**





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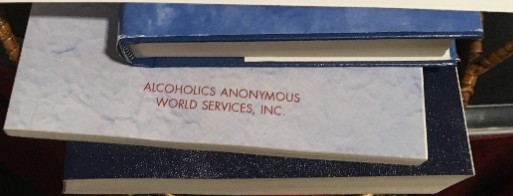




Thursday
May 23



**SERENITY
MEETING**
Times Square C





Thursday afternoon/evening:



1:30 Presentation/Discussion Topics

2:15 Public Information

4:40 AAWS Audio/Video Strategy

- ASL Videos
- Twelve Concepts Audio
- Changes PSA

Daily Reflections

- English
- French
- Spanish



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69th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous

AA Grapevine, Inc.
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2019
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Crowne Plaza Manhattan Hotel
Room 401/402

Chair: Cate Witting

AGENDA

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer after a moment of silence –
Cate Wittig

Roll call and introductions

Approval of minutes of quarterly meeting, January 24, 2019

Chair's remarks – Cate Witting

Board Communications – Nancy McCarthy

Treasurer's/Controller's report – Ginger Rhoades Bell/Daniel Pensante

Committee reports

- Nominating/Governance – Mark Everett
- Outreach Committee – Tommi Hanley
- Strategic Planning Committee – Josh Eggleston

Staff Reports

- Operations Update – Janet Bryan, Director of Operations
- GV Editorial – Jon Witherspoon, Senior Editor
- LV Editorial – Irene Donoso, La Viña Editor
- Customer Service – Daniel Pensante, Controller
- Management Report – Albin Zezula, Publisher



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- 7:15 Skit: "Dorothy Goes to Detroit"

A screenshot of a mobile browser displaying a newsletter page from www.aa.org. The page title is "2020 International Convention Presentation". The content includes a world map with yellow arrows pointing to various locations, and text describing the invitation for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, July 2-5, 2020. The text mentions that the invitation is available for viewing and downloading, and provides information about the time-lengths for ease of viewing (1 minute and 45 seconds, 30 seconds). It also mentions that the theme is "Love and Tolerance" and that everyone is invited to miss out on A.A.'s 85th birthday celebration in Detroit.

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- 8:30 Policy/Admissions**
- 9:00 Agenda**
- 9:30 Finance**
- 9:50 C.P.C.**
- 10:15 Closing**



Friday
May 24





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Literature





Literature

Lunch

Literature





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Trustees





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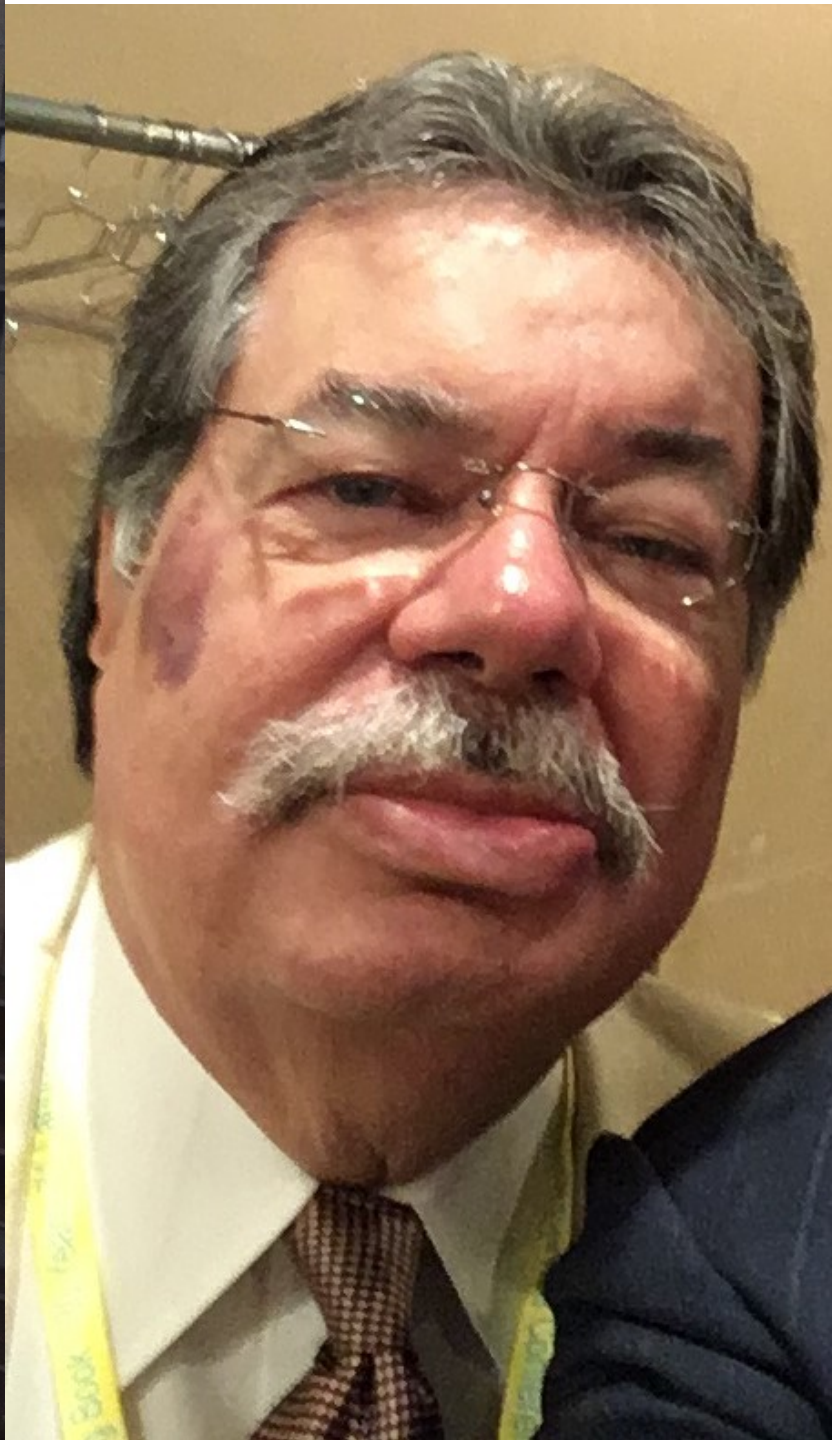


*We've been confused from the start by our names
Was it Alan or Allen - or Alain?
We've got Don - one and two
Susan and Sue
Could we last through the week and stay sane?
Then there's Jeff G and Jeff B and Bob
Robin, Roger, Robert, and Rob
And the Patterson threes
Drive us all to our knees
As do Gene, Jon, Jan, Jean, Lucien Jean
And was that Colleen or Coleen?
Or a Trustee Tom pledge of ice cream?
With two Marges, two Jennys
Just one Jesus, one Kenney
Is it Kevin or Ken? We could scream!
Now I know I've left quite a few out
Can't miss Noni, who packs a big clout
And although we must part
We'll live on in our hearts
Like a Wyoming GSC shout: Yee-haw!*

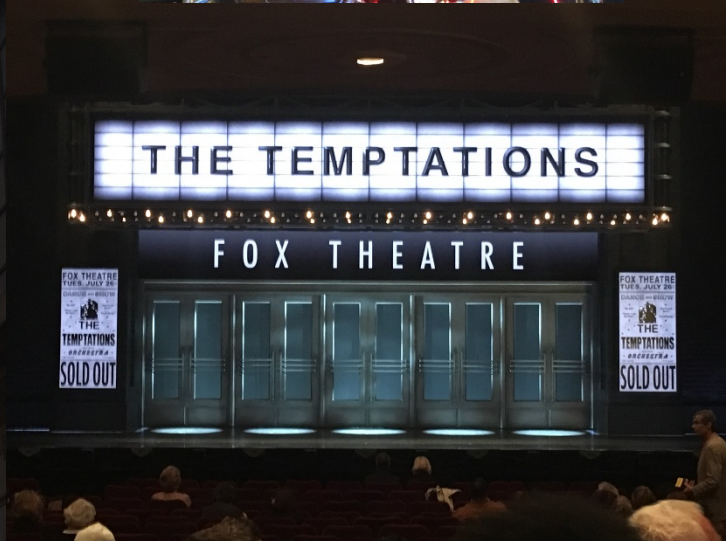




Saturday
May 25









Sunday
May 26



Departures		To	Status
Time	No. Train		Last Call
11:30a	54 Vermonter	St. Albans	On Time
12:00p	2251 Acela Express	Washington	On Time
12:05p	2250 Acela Express	Boston	On Time
12:07p	7241 No. Jersey Coast	Long Branch	On Time
12:11p	6923 Morristown	Dover	On Time
12:14p	7841 N.E. Corridor	Trenton	On Time
12:50p	147 N.E. Regional	Roanoke, Virginia	On Time
1:00p	164 N.E. Regional	Boston	On Time
1:05p	665 Keystone	Harrisburg	On Time
1:07p	7245 No. Jersey Coast	Bay Head	On Time
1:11p	6925 Morristown	Dover	On Time
1:14p	7845 N.E. Corridor	Trenton	On Time
1:17p	99 N.E. Regional	Newport News	On Time



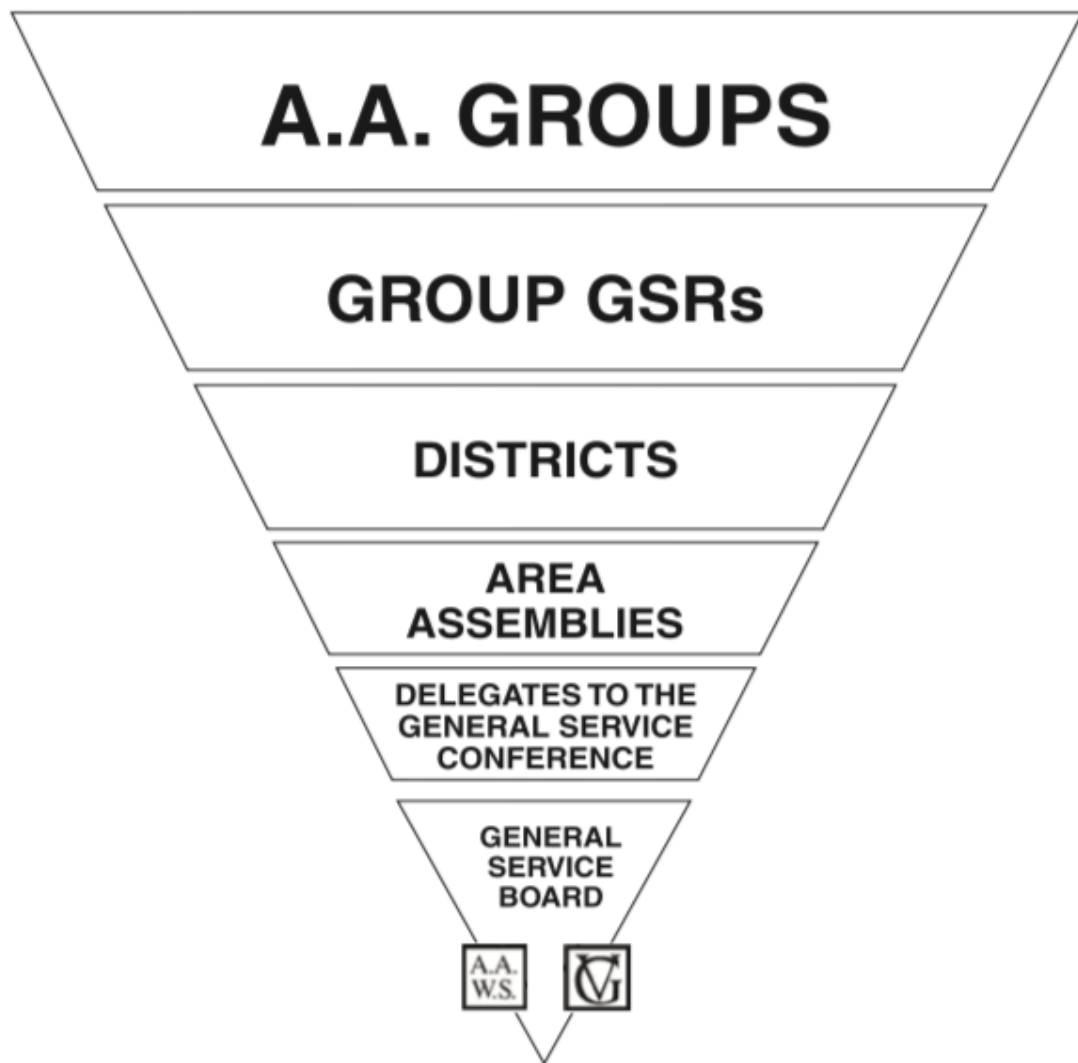


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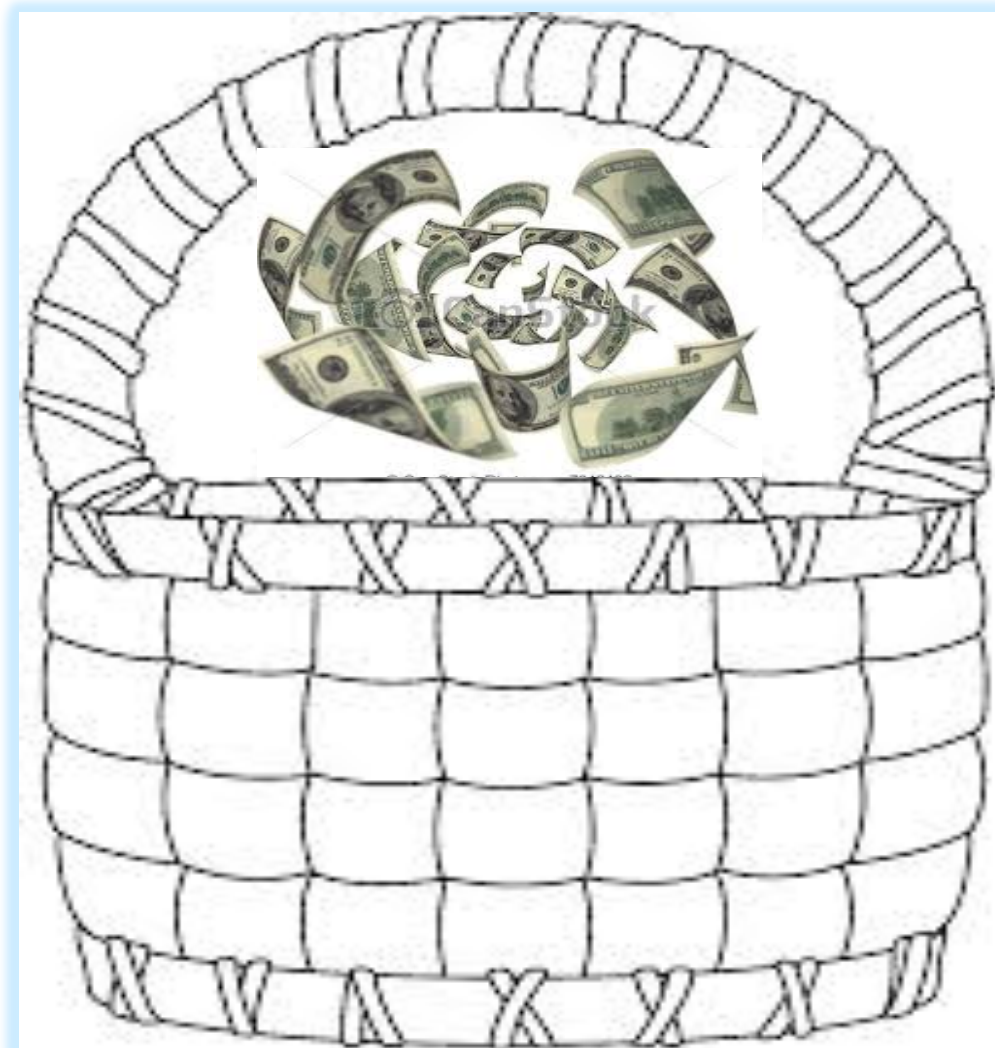
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GRATITUDE



Finance Matters



7TH TRADITION



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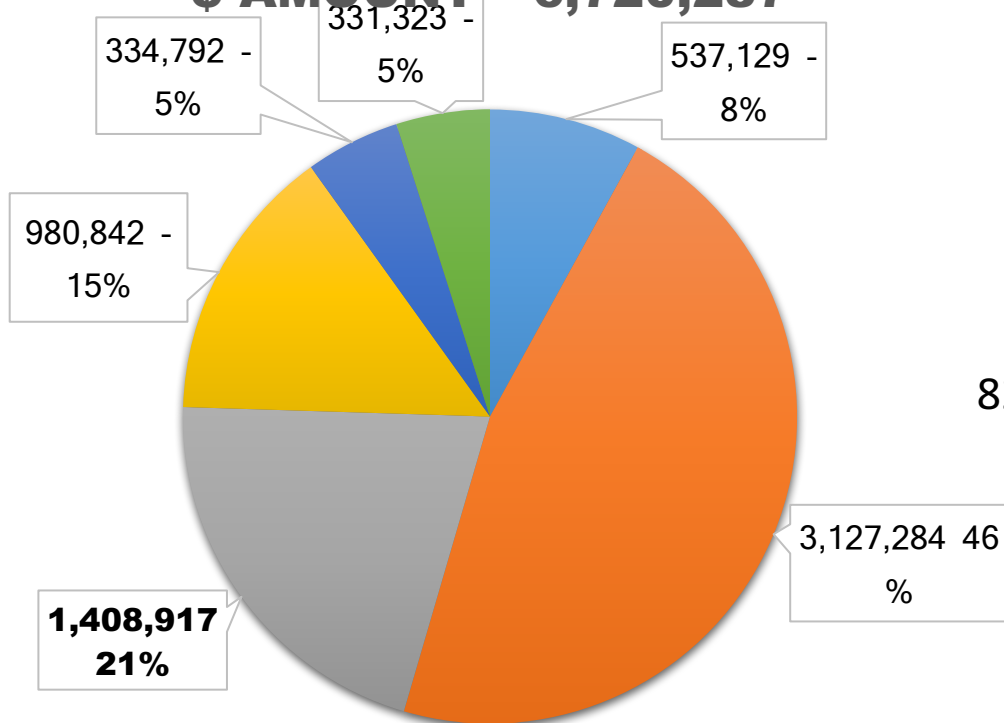


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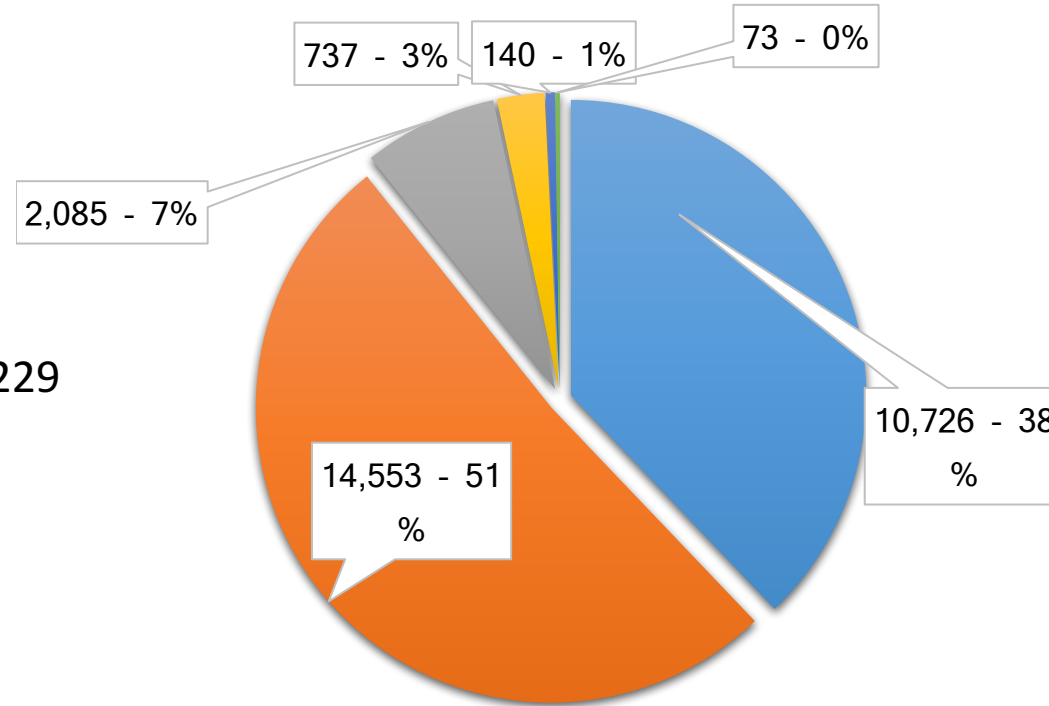


GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS – 2018

\$ AMOUNT – 6,720,287



OF GROUPS – 28,314



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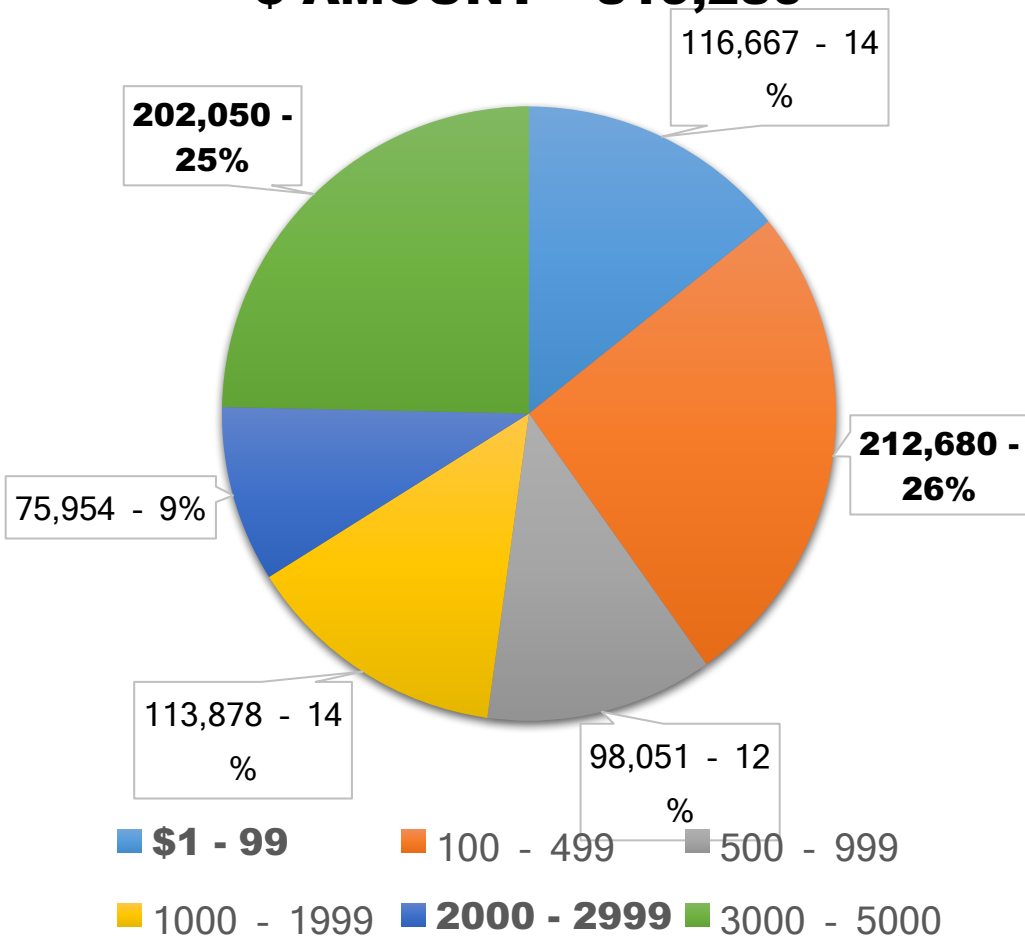
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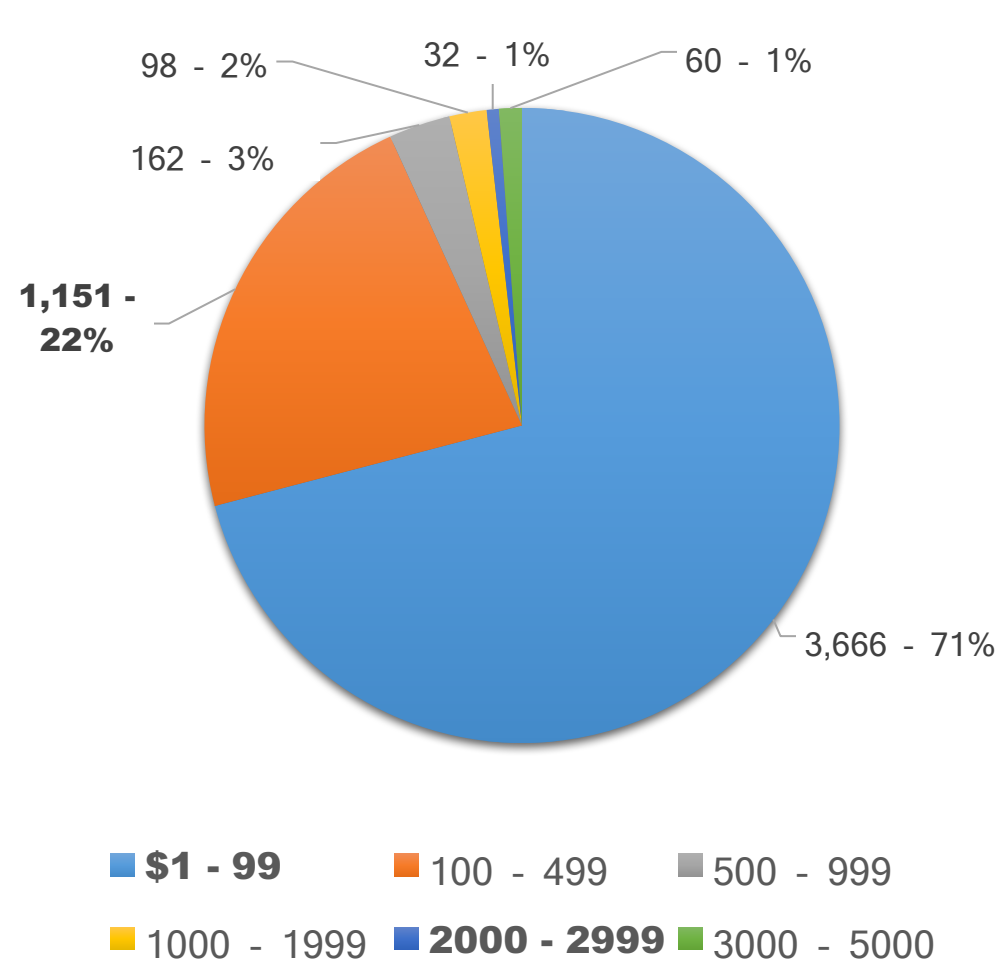


CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS – 2018

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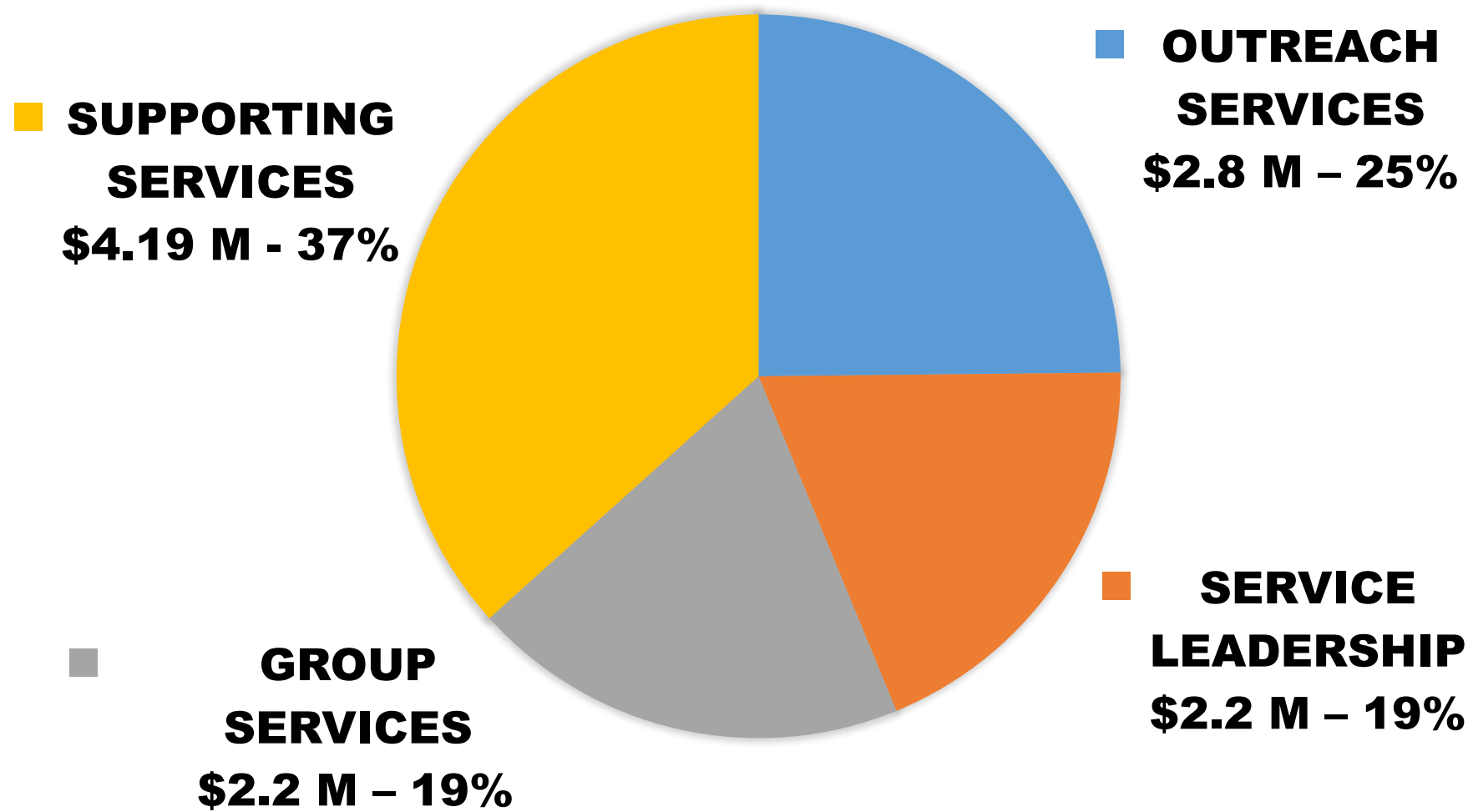
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2020 Budget Outlook and Trends

❖ GSO/AAWS

- Membership levels remain flat
- Contributions show small growth
- Literature sales show small growth – 1% per year
- Expenses continue to grow slowly – 2% - 3% per year

❖ GRAPEVINE

- Subscriptions decline – 2% - 3% per year
- Expenses continue to grow slowly – 2% - 3% per year

❖ 2020 & 2021 Budget Outlook

- GSO/AAWS, Grapevine, and La Viña combined budgeted results is \$262,000 profit in 2020, with following year having small loss, assuming no changes in contribution levels and operating expenses

Net Results (\$ in Thousands)	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET	2021 BUDGET
GSO/AAWS	395	501	449	54
Grapevine	(149)	(134)	(24)	9
La Viña	(148)	(166)	(163)	(160)
Total	98	201	262	(97)
Reserve Fund Ratio (months)	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4



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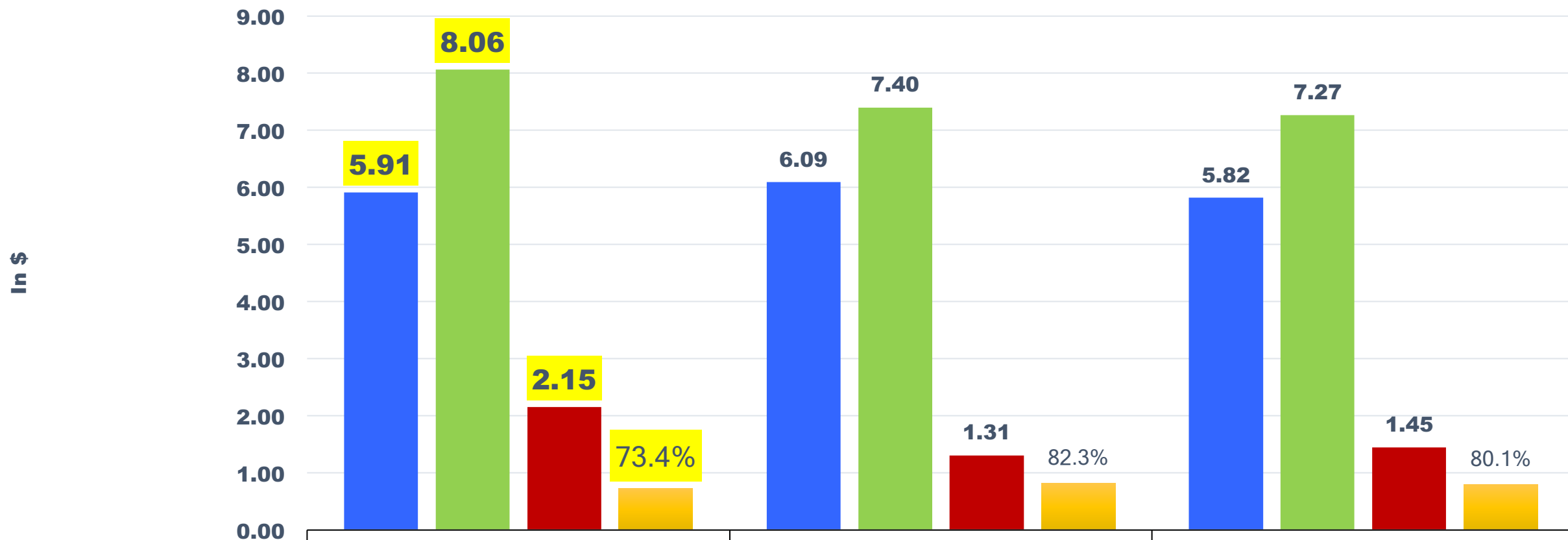
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SERVICES SUPPORTED BY 7TH TRADITION

- PER MEMBER -



	2018	2017	2016	
7th Tradition	5.91	6.09	5.82	
Cost of Services	8.06	7.40	7.27	
Shortfall	2.15	1.31	1.45	
PERCENTAGE	73.4%	82.3%	80.1%	39



\$8.06 on 8/06
AREA 29 CHALLENGE
August 6th 2019

In 2018 our General Service Office provided services to 1,418,177 A.A. members in the U.S. and Canada at a cost of \$11,426,835. That works out to \$8.06 per A.A. member over the course of the whole year. If each member of A.A. makes a one-time contribution of \$8.06, together we could support all of our general services to all groups, for an entire year!

Here's how the Challenge works:

Groups pass a special basket, can or envelope before, on or around 8/06 in addition to their regular 7th Tradition collection. Each member of A.A. contributes \$8.06. This one-time contribution is in addition to what you put in the basket to support your meeting expenses. Groups or members also can send money to G.S.O. or contribute online at any time.

\$8.06 on 8/06 — it's easy to remember!

On or after August 6th each group collects the contents of the basket, can or envelope and writes a check or money order to our General Service Office for the amount contributed. Cut on dotted line and be sure to enclose form with your payment to get credit for your members' contributions. Or you can contribute online at www.aa.org for maximum effectiveness!

Send your share.
Meet the Challenge!

General Service Office
 PO Box 459
 Grand Central Station
 New York NY 10163-0459

GROUP NAME/NUMBER _____
 or
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 ADDRESS _____

Amount \$ _____

2019 Contribution for Area 29's \$8.06 on 8/06 CHALLENGE



69th General Service Conference QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE - Major Actions



Don B., Panel 68, Area 29
delegate@marylandaa.org



AGENDA

- 70th General Service Conference April 19-25, 2020 in Rye Brook, NY. Theme: *2020: A Clear Vision for You*
- 2020 Presentation/Discussion Topics: *Recovery – Who Is Missing in Our Rooms?*; *Unity – Practicing Our Principles*; and *Service – Keeping A.A. Relevant*
- 2020 Workshop Topic: *Attraction Through Action*
- Encouraged more pre-Conference communication with Delegates by Conference Committee Chairs

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

- Remove text from pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community": PASSED
- Suggestions for AAWs LinkedIn page include non-affiliation disclaimer, better description of A.A., CPC events calendar, resource links & annual reporting

CORRECTIONS

- Make language of corrections literature more modern and inclusive: TOOK NO ACTION
- Create central database of Correctional facilities: TOOK NO ACTION
- Recommended revision of Conference committee Composition, Scope and Procedure: FAILED

FINANCE

- Raise Bequest Contribution Limit to \$10K: PASSED
- Reviewed \$5K individual limit: TOOK NO ACTION
- Reviewed area contributions for Delegate expenses: TOOK NO ACTION, and requested additional statistical background in the future
- Suggested changes to Self-Support packet include language on how to contribute, add contribution envelope, and revise back of Self-Support card

GRAPEVINE and LA VIÑA

- Remove "Alcoholism at Large": TOOK NO ACTION, but reaffirmed GV/LV editorial freedom and requested more prominent and visible disclaimer
- Forwarded 3 working titles for possible publication
- Reviewed workbook revision project & Fellowship Feedback Survey results & looks forward to reports of further actions taken by the Board & staff
- Discussed creation of Spanish audio version of *The Language of the Heart* and took no action, since the project already is on the list of future actions to be taken by GV/LV when it is financially prudent (Also see Floor Action #2 on page 3 for more info)

LITERATURE

- Develop a 5th edition of the Big Book: FAILED
- Add text regarding anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship": PASSED
- Update pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated": PASSED - Sent to trustees' Literature Committee for draft language or progress report in 2020
- Revise Foreword to *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* to add language about the Twelve Concepts for World Service: FAILED
- Add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the Open Meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) Card: FAILED
- After reviewing matrix of A.A. recovery literature, the committee recommended updating pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated": PASSED
- Reviewed progress reports on pamphlets including for Spanish-speaking women, on A.A.'s Three Legacies, *The Twelve Traditions Illustrated* (with suggested language on anonymity & social media), *Too Young?*, *Young People and A.A.*, Q&A on Sponsorship (clarification about safety at the group level – also in *Living Sober*), and a comprehensive update to the video "Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" & looks forward to more progress reports or draft language in 2020
- Develop a Literature Committee Workbook: Sent this suggestion to trustees' Literature Committee with a request for a progress report in 2020
- Add safety language to "The A.A. Group" pamphlet: TOOK NO ACTION
- Discussed draft of proposed revisions to AAWs "Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials," supported the proposed policy, expressed support for GSO's publishing professionals, and recognized the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Conference process to develop & update literature (See Floor Action #7 on page 3 for more info)
- Reviewed the matrix of A.A. recovery literature & suggested that the trustees' Literature committee consider updating the pamphlet "Is A.A. for Me?"

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Chapter Two
 THERE IS A SOLUTION

Doctors are a falious lot & don't like this. ask WHAT MEDICAL INFORMATION? why not ask?

We, of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, know one hundred men who were once just as hopeless as Bill. All have recovered. They have solved the drink problem.

We are ^{Average} ordinary Americans. All sections of this country and many of its occupations are represented, as well as many political, economic, social, and religious backgrounds. We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful. We are like the passengers of a ship when camaraderie, joyousness and Captain's table. Unlike the feeble individual in escape from disaster does not bind us. But that in itself we have joined.

The tremendous fact for every alcoholic solution. We have a way out on which we can join in brotherly and harmonious friendship. This book carries to those who suffer also.

An illness of this sort -- which we have it all involves those about us in a way which makes them all are sorry for him and no one is angry or hurt. But not so with the alcoholic illness, for with it there goes annihilation of all the things worth while in life. It engulfs all whose lives touch the sufferer's. It brings misunderstanding, fierce resentment, financial insecurity, disgusted friends and employers, warped lives of blameless children, sad wives and parents -- anyone can increase the list.

^{We hope} This volume will inform, ~~instruct~~ and comfort those who are, or who may be affected. They are many.

Highly competent psychiatrists who have dealt with us ^{many times} ~~often fruitlessly~~ find it ~~almost~~ impossible to persuade an alcoholic to discuss his situation without reserve. Strangely enough, wives, parents and intimate friends usually find us even more unapproachable than do the psychiatrist and the doctor.

^{But} the ex-alcoholic who has found this solution, who is properly armed with ^{the} ~~own~~ medical information, can generally win the entire confidence of another alcoholic in a few hours. Until such an understanding is reached, little or nothing can be accomplished.

That the man who is making the approach has had the same difficulty, that he obviously knows what he is talking about, that his whole deportment shouts at the new prospect that he is a man with a real answer, that he has no attitude of holier than thou, nothing whatever except the sincere desire to be helpful; that there are no fees to pay, no axes to grind, no people to please, no lectures to be endured -- these are the conditions we have found ~~essential~~. After such an approach many take up their beds and walk again.

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Chapter Five
 HOW IT WORKS

Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our ~~instructions~~. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a ~~way~~ ^{style} of life which demands rigorous honesty. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and ~~mental~~ ^{psychic} problems. Many of these will never if they have the capacity to be honest with themselves.

One who ~~discusses~~ ^{discusses} in a ~~friendly~~ ^{friendly} way what he has done and to be like, what happened, and what he is like now. If you decide that what we have said and are willing to do to get it -- ~~then you must be honest~~ ^{then you must be honest} and take ~~the~~ ^{the} steps ~~we~~ ^{we} have outlined. ~~It is not~~ ^{It is not} as easy as you can find an easier, softer way. ~~But if you~~ ^{But if you} go through with all the ~~honesty~~ ^{honesty} and fearlessness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and true from the very start. Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas. The result was all until we let go absolutely.

Half measures will avail you nothing. You stand at the turning point. ~~Choose~~ ^{we} ~~yourself~~ ^{asked} under His protection and care with complete abandon. ~~Where~~ ^{where} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~now~~ ^{now}. ~~Now~~ ^{Now} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~think~~ ^{think} you can take it! Here are the steps we took, which are suggested as ~~our~~ ^{our} Program of Recovery:

1. Admitted we were powerless over alcohol -- that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a ~~decision~~ ^{decision} to turn our will and our lives over to the care and direction of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. ~~we would not~~ ^{we would not} ~~admit~~ ^{admit} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~greater~~ ^{greater} ~~weakness~~ ^{weakness} ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~inferiority~~ ^{inferiority}.
6. Were entirely ~~ready~~ ^{ready} for God to remove all these defects of character ~~from~~ ^{from} us.
7. Humbly, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~asked~~ ^{asked} Him to remove our ~~shortcomings~~ ^{shortcomings} and ~~helping~~ ^{helping} ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing}.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make ~~amends~~ ^{amends} to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

His Divine Consideration



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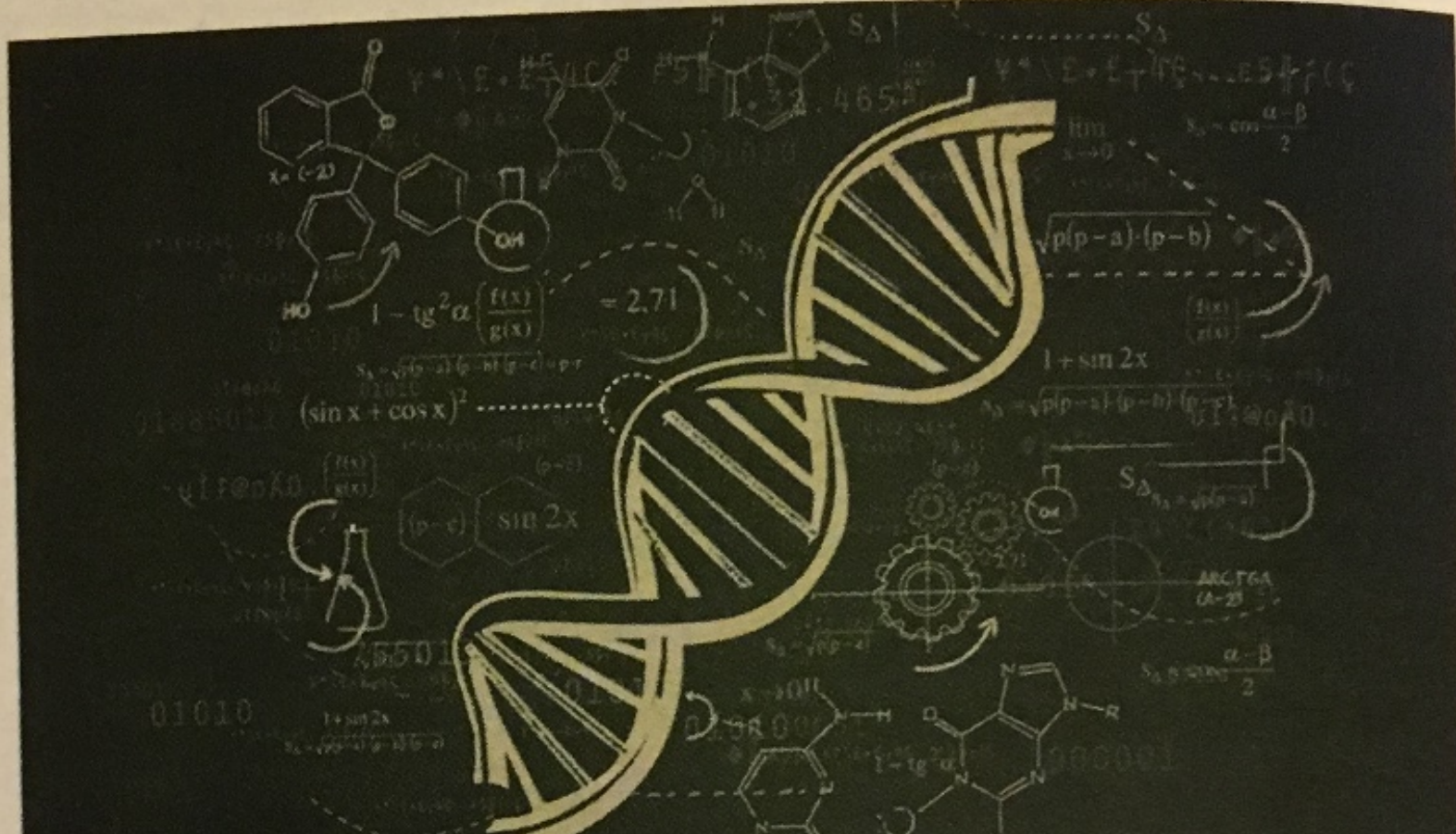


Alcoholism At Large

Role of genetics in alcoholism

A group of 11 genes can successfully predict whether an individual is at increased risk of alcoholism, a research team from the United States and Ger-

The purpose of these pages is to offer information that may increase readers' understanding of the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism; the severity and international scope of the illness; and the worldwide efforts being made to combat it. Publication here does not imply endorsement or affiliation. AA does not conduct or participate in research, nor does it hold any opinion on research conducted by others.





\$10,000 – one time death bequest contribution limit

\$5,000 – annual member contribution limit





THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here — especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking,” we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.

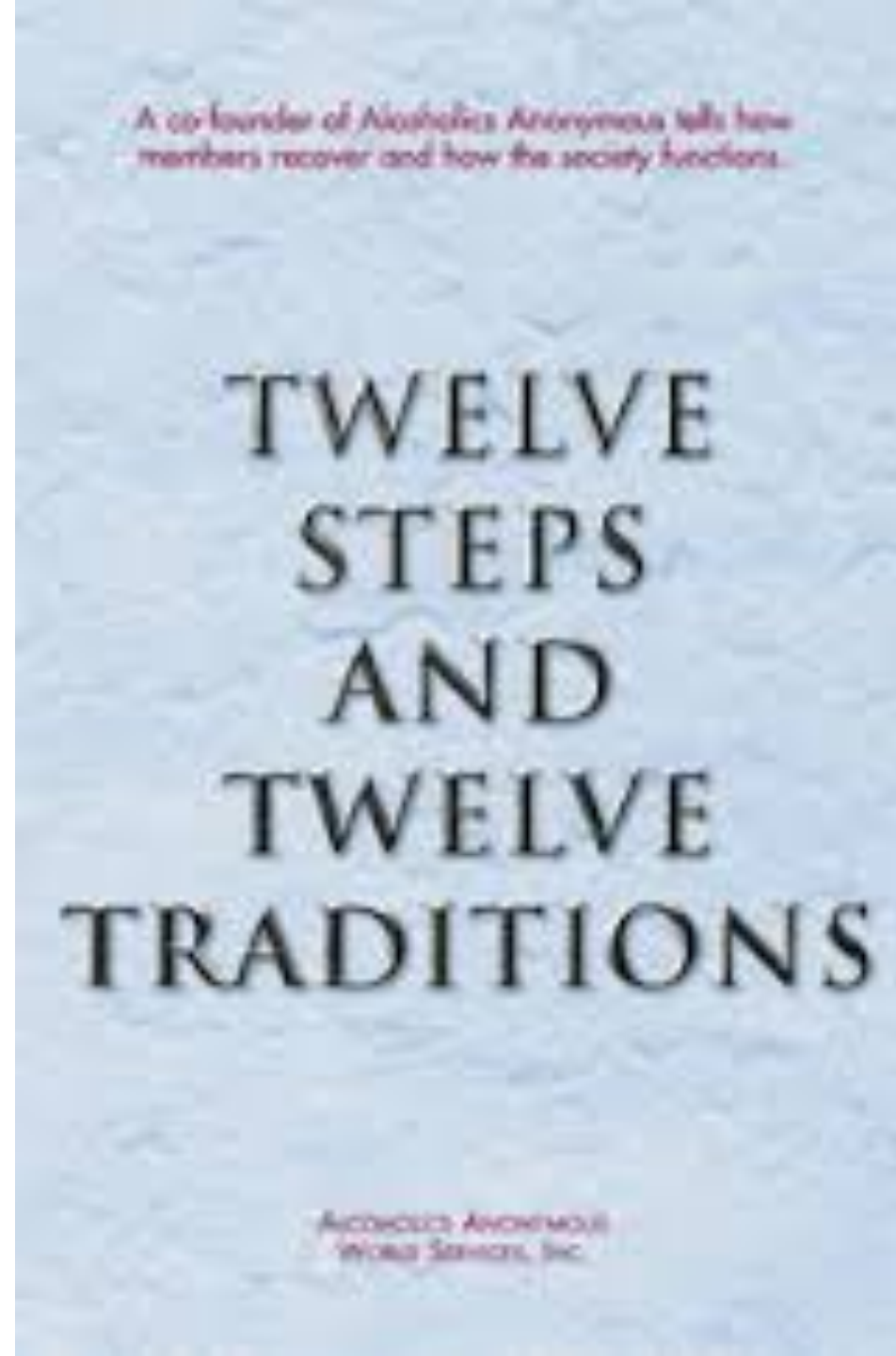
(The 1987 General Service Conference made this statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

NO CHANGES MADE TO BLUE CARD



NO CHANGE TO FOREWORD

(NO INFO ADDED
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Alcoólicos Anônimos

Referred to Trustees' Literature Committee



AAWS “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials”



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**Sent to Trustees Literature
Committee for updating**



Questions & Answers on Sponsorship



This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

13. The pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be revised to add the following text regarding anonymity:

1. Under the section, “What does a sponsor do and not do?” (p. 13), after the current bullet “Impresses upon the newcomer the importance of all our Traditions,” add a new bullet with the following language:

Emphasizes the relevance and spiritual value of anonymity, both on a person to person basis, as well as at the public level including social media. (For more information see the pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity”).

2. Under the section, “How can a sponsor explain the A.A. program?” (p. 15), add a 6th paragraph:

Many sponsors discuss the significance of anonymity at a personal level and public level early on. Anonymity at a personal level provides protection for all members from the identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers. At the public level of press, radio, films, and other media technologies, such as the internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the Fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain. The sponsor is quick to point out the benefit of anonymity at this public level. Sponsors may provide examples from their own experience of maintaining public anonymity.



Understanding Anonymity



"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

21. The text addressing anonymity and safety be included in the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" as follows:

Q. Is it okay to tell someone if I witness or experience inappropriate behavior that happens either during or outside meeting times? Can I alert the proper authorities if there is criminal behavior?

A. Groups strive to provide as safe an environment as possible in which members can focus on sobriety, and, while anonymity is central to that purpose, it is not intended to be a cloak protecting inappropriate or criminal behavior. Saying something about inappropriate behavior or calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is meant to preserve the safety of all members.



UPDATED DRAFT OR PROGRESS REPORT IN 2020

Twelve Steps Illustrated





A.A.
for the Black
and African-
American
Alcoholic

PROPOSED
UPDATE
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**The story of Ashley
– an A.A. member
who is deaf –
will be added to
the pamphlet and
the video.**

EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE



Access to A.A.
Members share
on overcoming
barriers





25. A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. apply for “LegitScript” certification to qualify for Google Ad Words/Grants.

26. A.A. World Services, Inc. apply for Google AdWords/Grants, for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public.

27. A.A. World Services, Inc. implement Google AdWords/Grants for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public and that a report be brought back to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.





Public Information



It was recommended that:

17. The trustees' Committee on Public Information develop a plan to produce video shorts based on current A.A. pamphlets that provide information about A.A. to the public and that a report be brought back to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.



18. The video PSA “My World” be discontinued.

My World PSA

No Longer Available

To view other A.A. PSAs visit <https://www.aa.org/psa>

Mi Mundo (Anuncio de servicio público)

Ya no está disponible.

Para ver otros Anuncios de Servicio Público de A.A. visitar www.aa.org/asps

Mon Monde (Message vidéo d'intérêt public)

N'est plus disponible.

Pour voir d'autres MIP des AA, rendez-vous sur www.aa.org/mip



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19. The “Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates” be reaffirmed.



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20. Two PSAs be developed at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 for each PSA, and that if full-face characters are shown, to include an “actor portrayal” disclaimer on screen.



24. All current video PSA titles be updated for search optimization purposes.





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23. A progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel be brought back to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.



The committee considered a request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein, and took no action. The committee noted the merits of the goal but considered that the diverse experiences and needs in different areas would be better served by a tool, or resource, that would help areas develop their own database tailored to their needs. The committee requested that the staff on the corrections desk ask for shared experience from A.A. members involved in corrections service for tools currently being used to create local databases with correctional facility meeting information, the status of the meetings, contacts, possible needs, and any other relevant information, and that the information be considered for a possible service piece or added to the Corrections Workbook, as appropriate.





Corrections

Committee Considerations:

- The committee considered a request for a review of all corrections-related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive and agreed to take no action. The committee noted that there was not a widely expressed need to warrant a change in the language currently used in A.A. literature for corrections. The committee also noted the absence of suitable language alternatives that could be used across all areas.



The committee discussed reconsidering the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference and took no action. The committee asked that implementation of this 1986 advisory action resume with the 69th General Service Conference Final Report:

If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and be duly noted in the Conference Report.



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