

2009 General Service Conference Committees

Preliminary Agenda Items

Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 59th Conference committees. Please keep in mind that this is a preliminary list and that work is still in progress and will be subject to review and/or change by the trustees' committees at the January board weekend. During the January meetings of the trustees' committees, additional items received by the January 15th deadline may be assigned to appropriate Conference committees.

I. Agenda

- Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.
- Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- Review video segment directed to professionals in the employment/human relations field.

III. Corrections

- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.

IV. Finance

- Review information received from the Fellowship to date in response to the 2008 Conference action:

That the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups and that this information be forwarded to the 2009 Conference Committee on Finance.

V. Grapevine

- Review contents of Workbook.

VI. Literature

- Review draft of revised pamphlet "The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs."
- Consider request that the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.
- Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective A.A. members.
- Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet "A Newcomer Asks" that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- Approve invitations for one observer from the General Service Board of Brazil, S.A. and two observers (1) from the General Service Board and (1) from the General Service Office of Colombia, S.A.
- Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- Review "General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure".
- Consider a request to formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.'s commentary on Concept V.

VIII. Public Information

- Consider a request to add the text "Provide initial motivation" to the section "What A.A. does NOT do" in the pamphlet "A.A. at a Glance."
- Review a rough draft of the updated text and graphics of the pamphlet "A Message to Teenagers..." which utilizes selected text and graphics from the current "Too Young?" pamphlet.
- Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 1. Review current television public service announcements for relevance and usefulness.
 2. Assess the need for a new television public service announcement.
 3. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 television P.S.A., "I Thought."
- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A.A. Directories:
 1. Review A.A. Directories
- *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2009 – 2010 Edition:
 1. Add the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how they are selected (S75).
 2. Add “The G.S.R. Preamble” to the A.A. Service Manual.
 3. All changes, including editorial changes, made to *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service* are to be approved by the General Service Conference.
 4. Change the title “Conference Language” (S19) to “Glossary of Conference Terms” and have the corresponding index entry (S121) reflect this change.
 5. Consider a list of suggested additional changes (spelling and similar corrections).
 6. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

X. Treatment Facilities

- Review revised video, Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Discuss a proposal that TF literature (A.A. in Treatment Facilities, Bridging the Gap, and the Treatment Facilities Workbook) include information that would assist area/district Treatment Facilities Committees with their effort to carry the A.A. message to treatment professionals and patients in out-patient treatment programs.
- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- Review résumés of candidates for:
 1. East Central regional trustee
 2. Southeast regional trustee
 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

XII. Archives

- Review contents of Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2010 International Convention.