

**RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT
IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS**

Conference Committee on Finance

- The committee considered a request to replace the “pie chart” on page 12 with text in the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” and recommended the following changes:
 - “AND” be replaced with “OR” between the pie charts that start on page 12 and an additional “OR” added after the second pie chart.
 - Replace the Q & A on page 13 with the text “Each group is autonomous and its informed conscience should determine the contribution amounts to the following entities: District, Area, G.S.O. and Intergroup/Central Office, if one services your locality” and insert an additional blank pie chart afterwards.



District	_____	%
Area	_____	%
G.S.O.	_____	%
Intergroup/Central Office	_____	%
Other	_____	%
Other	_____	%

See Floor Action #3

Conference Committee on Literature

- The committee recommended that the revised pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs” be approved. [See Floor Action #2]

Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

- The committee recommended that the following procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference be established noting that staffs, committees, corporate boards or trustees, as referenced on page 22 of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service*, are entitled to submit a minority appeal to the Conference (the Committee on Policy/Admissions agreed that “committees” as stated in the first paragraph of Concept V refers to trustees committees):
 1. Historically, a minority appeal to the General Service Conference has been very rare. It is hoped that an individual entitled under Concept V to make an appeal would exhaust every avenue offered within the General Service Conference structure prior to making a minority appeal to the General Service Conference.

2. The minority should announce to the chair of the General Service Board, the General Service Conference Delegate Chair and to the General Service Office Conference Coordinator that it intends to present an appeal under Concept V to the General Service Conference.
3. Minority appeals are to be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the General Service Conference. However, appeals may be received up to the beginning of the General Service Conference Opening Session, but, the closer to the Conference a minority appeal submission is made the more difficult it is for the General Service Office to process the background and for Conference members to fairly appraise the material. Appeals submitted later than the 30 day deadline run the risk of the matter not being heard.
4. The individual entitled to make an appeal under Concept V should be mindful of the logistical and practical limitations involved with organizing and distributing the written appeal if it were to be submitted after the 30 day minimum deadline prior to the General Service Conference.
5. All Conference members will be given notice of the minority's decision to file an appeal.
6. The Concept V appeal and any background should be sent to the G.S.O. Conference Coordinator for distribution as soon as possible prior to the 30 day deadline. The G.S.O. Conference Coordinator will be responsible for seeing that the written minority appeal including the minority report and its documentation are physically made available to the Conference. G.S.O. will distribute the minority report and background to all Conference members within ten business days after their receipt if feasible.
7. If there is a defined majority, it would be appropriate to have the majority's side presented at the General Service Conference, along with the appeal, so that all sides would be fairly represented. Both minority and majority should have material available. If the minority does not provide all of its material prior to the 30 day deadline, it will be difficult for the majority to prepare its response.
8. In order to acquaint the Conference members with the substance of the appeal, the minority appeal will be presented immediately following the portion of the Opening Session referred to as the "Mechanics of the Conference."
9. The submitter will have ten minutes to present their appeal.
10. After the submitter has presented their appeal, the Conference will vote to determine whether the Conference debates the minority appeal or not. It would take a simple majority vote to debate the appeal.
11. Should the Conference vote to debate the appeal, the appeal will be debated after all Conference committee reports have been heard, at which time, if there is a defined majority, a designated representative of the majority will be allowed ten minutes to present the majority position.

12. Whether or not the appeal is debated, all Concept V minority appeals will be printed in full in the Final Conference Report omitting the background material. [See Floor Action #1]

Conference Committee on Report and Charter

- The committee recommended that the A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.) be published annually and that the General Service Office continue exploring other methods of providing the information in the directories.
- The committee recommended that areas may choose to opt-out of the 30-day pending period to complete processing of new groups.

FLOOR ACTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

- Propose that the A.A. GSB develop an A.A. Guideline relating to “YPAA,” to be presented to the 2011 General Service Conference. (**Conference voted not to consider**)
- Future Conference-approved videos will carry both an audio and visual disclaimer that state the following:

“Protection of the anonymity of A.A. members is a fundamental principle of Alcoholics Anonymous. In this production, no member of Alcoholics Anonymous appears in full face or otherwise identifiable.” (**Not Approved**)
- Recommend that a policy be created that does not allow full faces of members or actors portraying A.A. members as potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media. (**Conference voted not to consider**)
- The video “Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous” be withdrawn from distribution until the policy of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media is resolved. (**Conference voted not to consider**)
- Publishing La Viña as a bimonthly, perfect-bound, black & white, 68 page issue at an additional estimated cost of \$21,400 per year beginning in 2011 followed by a year of review and assessment in 2012. The results of this review and assessment will be brought to the 2013 Conference Committee on the Grapevine. (**Not Approved**)
- That the Board of Directors of the Grapevine and A.A.W.S. be directed to combine the catalogs from Grapevine and A.A.W.S. into one catalog. (**Conference voted not to consider**)
- A delegate area may opt out of the 30 day pending period to complete processing of new groups on either a group by group or annual basis by either the delegate or delegate’s appointee notifying the Records Department of the General Service Office. (**Conference voted not to consider**)