

February 2010

August 2009- February 2010
List of Proposed General Service Conference Agenda Items
Upon Which the Trustees' Committees Took No Action

I. Archives

1. The committee discussed a 2009 Conference Committee on Archives Committee Consideration regarding the addition of a daily historical reference to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site and agreed to keep the suggestion on file for the future, noting current limited resources. In addition, some felt that providing daily archival references is outside the scope of G.S.O.'s Web site. The committee and the Archivist, taking seriously the intention of this request, will continue to seek ways to make G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives more accessible to the Fellowship.
2. The committee had a thorough discussion on an area's request to display a plaque or other form of recognition in the G.S.O. Archives of all past and future General Service Board chairpersons and took no action. Our practice is to treat all trustees equally, and not commemorate the service of one over another.

II. Conference

1. The committee reviewed and took no action on a proposal regarding "Education on Singleness of Purpose." The committee noted that A.A. does not provide educational services. The committee agreed that there is ample information in current A.A. literature and suggested that the submitter of the proposal be encouraged to contact local trusted servants that may be willing to share information about A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose.

III. Cooperation With the Professional Community

1. The committee discussed a request to add a quote from *Alcoholics Anonymous* to "If You Are a Professional...", "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous," and "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional" and took no action. The proposed paragraph was seen as contradictory to the spirit of the language in the indicated literature.

IV. Corrections

V. Finance

VI. Grapevine

1. The Board discussed the request "that the Responsibility Declaration be put back in the Grapevine in a more visible area, where it can get the respect it deserves" be sent to the 2010 General Service Conference and took no action because this is a formatting issue, not a policy issue. However, the Board agreed that it was important for the Grapevine to be as responsive to this request as it was to the requests to restore the Steps, Traditions, and Preamble to prominent positions in the magazine.

2. A request that "the A.A. Grapevine develop a booklet of stories from members of remote communities" be sent to the 2010 General Service Conference was discussed and the Board took no action, noting it was not feasible at this time. Noting the need for such stories, the board and staff agreed it would be helpful to publish an issue featuring articles from members of remote communities in the future.

VII. Literature

1. The committee considered one area's request to develop an A.A. General Service Conference-approved brochure or pamphlet for military veterans suffering from alcoholism and took no action on the request as presented.

To enhance the scope of the pamphlet the committee agreed to forward the suggestion that the Conference Committee on Literature consider a revision of the pamphlet, "A.A. and the Armed Services" that would include new stories reflecting more recent experience and a review of the title to reflect past and active duty while keeping the length of the pamphlet the same.

2. The committee considered a request to publish a study book on Alcoholics Anonymous' three legacies: Recovery, Unity, and Service, and took no action. The committee noted the A.A.W.S. Board's longstanding policy of not publishing study guides or workbooks based on their recognition "That A.A. is a program of self-diagnosis, self-motivation and self-action." The A.A.W.S. Board policy also states, "It is preferable that the individual member or prospect interpret the literature according to his/her own point of view."
3. The committee considered a request that a Big Book Daily Reader be forwarded to the General Service Conference for approval and took no action. The committee noted that the book *Daily Reflections* is available as a source of daily reading.

VIII. Nominating

IX. Public Information

1. The committee agreed to take no action on the video "Am I an Alcoholic - 20 Questions," which was submitted by its producer for committee consideration and possible forwarding to the 2010 General Service Conference. The committee appreciated the background provided by the producer but found the entire video to be overly diagnostic and not in keeping with how A.A. shares experience with those seeking help with a drinking problem.

X. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs-Accessibilities

1. The committee discussed an area request "That development of the Special Needs recovery pamphlet approved by the 59th General Service Conference be postponed until an adequate definition of 'Special Needs' can be determined and consideration be given to providing this pamphlet in Braille and ASL version." The committee took no action, and asked that the background provided with the request be forwarded to the Special Needs story selection subcommittee as part of their background material

2. The committee considered a suggestion "To consider developing a poster depicting alcoholics with special needs to help inform those in and out of the Fellowship that Alcoholics Anonymous does provide Twelve Step services for individuals with special needs" and took no action. The committee determined that there was no feasible way at this time to implement the suggestion without further direction about content and concept.
3. The committee discussed an area request "That approval of the revised video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* be rescinded and that all DVDs still in stock at the A.A.W.S. Publishing Department be destroyed" and took no action. The Public Information trustee and Conference committees will be considering development of a policy that may influence future decisions regarding the use of full faces in A.A. Conference-approved videos.

XI. International Conventions/Regional Forums