

May 2009

2009 General Service Conference Committees
Agenda Items, Advisory Actions, & Additional Considerations

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.
- 2. **The theme for the 2010 General Service Conference be: “Practicing A.A.’s Principles – the Pathway to Unity.”**
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- 3. **The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2010 General Service Conference:**
 - a) **Practicing These Principles in All Our “Service” Affairs:**
 - 1. **What is the Difference Between General Service and Service in General?**
 - 2. **Love and Tolerance is Our Code.**
 - 3. **Setting an Example – Attraction to Service.**
 - b) **Unity Through Inventory:**
 - 1. **Our Common Welfare Should Come First.**
 - 2. **This We Owe to A.A.’s Future.**
 - 3. **What Happens After Inventory?**
 - c) **General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process:**
 - 1. **How it Works.**
 - 2. **Collective Participation.**
 - 3. **Communication – The Key to an Informed Decision.**
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
 - 4. **The following be the workshop topic for the 2010 General Service Conference: “Discuss the General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process” and that all background provided to the 2009 Conference Agenda Committee regarding the “General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process,” be sent to the members of the 60th General Service Conference in February 2010 as background for the 2010 Conference workshop session along with any additional related background material that may be compiled by the General Service Board, the trustees’ Committee on the Conference, the General Service Office, or other sources.**
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

- **The committee reviewed the General Service Conference Evaluation Form and made no changes.**

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

A. Consider the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field.

5. **The video segment directed to professionals in the employment/human relations field to be streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site be approved.**

- **The committee suggested that the voiceover of the text regarding anonymity and singleness of purpose in the C.P.C. video segments directed to professionals in the legal/criminal justice and medical fields currently streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site be consistent with the C.P.C. video segment directed to professionals in the employment/human relations field.**
- **The committee suggested that the C.P.C. video segments directed to professionals in the legal/criminal justice, medical and employment/human relations fields be added in DVD format to the C.P.C. Kit and made available for purchase.**

B. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

- **The committee reviewed the current C.P.C. Kit and Workbook and suggested that appropriate references to the "A.A. Grapevine" in the C.P.C. Workbook be updated to include La Viña and La Vigne.**

C. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors.

- **The committee discussed specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors and suggested that the following helpful ideas for C.P.C. committee members be added to the C.P.C. Workbook:**
 - **A.A. groups, individuals or committees participate in "Adopt a Professional" efforts and take a single issue to, or purchase a subscription for the professional.**
 - **"Lose a Grapevine" by leaving an issue behind in a professional's office.**
 - **Consider inviting A.A. Grapevine reps to participate in local C.P.C. presentations and exhibits.**
- **The committee requested that the staff and trustees consider creating a survey-style follow up letter to be completed by the professional after a C.P.C. contact to assess the effectiveness of the C.P.C. effort. This letter could address items such as the effectiveness of A.A. literature (including the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne), C.P.C. presentations and contact by A.A. members. This letter would be included in the Guide Letter Section of the C.P.C. Workbook.**

III. Corrections

A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

- **The committee reviewed the contents of the Corrections Kit and Workbook and made the following suggestions:**
 - **That the list of contents be corrected to indicate that both the Corrections Correspondence Service flyer for the outside A.A. member (F-26) and the Corrections Correspondence request form for inmates (CCS-2) are included in the Kit.**
 - **That the Spanish-language and the French-language Corrections Kit contents be updated to match as closely as possible the English-language Kit. The committee heard a report from the Publications director that *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate* will be completed in Spanish by fall of 2009, and the DVD *A.A. in Correctional Facilities* will be available in a compilation of all three languages by the end of 2009.**
 - **That a copy of the booklet *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate* (in the appropriate language) be included in the Kits.**
 - **That the list of Corrections Kit Contents be placed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site in the Corrections 'bucket' with the appropriate links to each service piece, pamphlet or book, where available.**

B. Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals, focusing on those that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.

- **The committee considered alternatives to a biennial mailing to corrections professionals, and made the following suggestions:**
 - **That the automatic biennial mailing begun by an additional committee consideration of the Conference Committee on Corrections in 1999 be suspended indefinitely.**
 - **That the American Correctional Association Directory of Adult and Juvenile Correctional Departments, Institutions, Agencies and Probation and Parole continue to be purchased on a biennial basis and the contact information therein be sent to the relevant area corrections committee chair.**

C. Consider updating the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

6. **The trustees' Committee on Corrections undertake a revision of the pamphlet, "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell," which will take into consideration**
- **More stories of recovery from alcoholism through the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous, drawn from *Sharing From Behind the Walls, Box 4-5-9* or other available sources.**
 - **Less use of 'directive' language (such as that used in the section on H.A.L.T.).**
 - **Including photographs that reflect current times. And that a draft pamphlet or a progress report be brought back to the 2010 Conference Committee on Corrections.**

7. The photo on page 18 of the pamphlet, “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell,” which shows an inmate smoking a hand-rolled cigarette, be replaced with a photo of the current edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, in future reprints, as well as in any revision.

D. Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members’ complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing “sponsorship agreements” or legally binding documents.

- **The committee discussed issues that may be involved in A.A. members complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing ‘sponsorship agreements’ or legally binding documents, and requested sharing from the A.A. Fellowship regarding this topic to be gathered by the staff member and the trustees’ Committee on Corrections and that this sharing be sent to the 2010 Conference Committee on Corrections.**

IV. Finance

A. Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action “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.”

8. The trustees’ Finance Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the following for review by the 2010 Conference Committee on Finance:

- a) **If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit?**
- b) **If there is a limit, how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?**

(The committee requests that the statement of policy “Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous” be distributed as background.)

B. Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster.

- **The committee discussed a request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster and took no action. The committee felt that while visual aids are frequently helpful, it did not feel that there was a need for a “Conference-approved” Seventh Tradition poster, but hoped that local areas might create visual aids that could be shared with others.**

C. Discuss other aspects of self-support.

9. A discussion of additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about Self-Support be included on the agenda for the Conference Finance Committee for the 60th General Service Conference.

V. A.A. Grapevine

A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine and La Viña Workbook.

- **The committee discussed the contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook and noted that the new portable GvR Handbook requested by the 2008 Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine is scheduled for publication.**

The committee also requested that the current A.A. Grapevine Workbook, *A Guide to the A.A. Grapevine*, continue to be posted on the A.A. Grapevine Web site as a free download. The committee suggested that the location and description of the Workbook/Guide be reviewed to improve visibility and accessibility on the Web site.

B. Consider request that “the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that ‘the Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer’ be rescinded.”

- **The committee considered a request that “the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that ‘the A.A. 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 A.A. Grapevine (Alcoholism at Large) be placed more prominently and distinctively and that the language of the disclaimer in the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña be reviewed for both clarity and consistency.**

C. Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded:

“To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

- **The committee considered a request that the 2004 Conference Advisory Action—“*To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.*”—be rescinded and took no action. The committee noted that rescinding the 2004 Advisory Action would not have an impact on the 2009 subscription price.**
- **The committee supported the spirit of communication between the Grapevine Board and Conference members, as recommended in 1987 and reaffirmed in 1988 that: “The Grapevine**

- **The committee expressed concerns regarding several changes and decisions made by the A.A. Grapevine office and Board in the last year, concerning items produced by A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The committee requested that the A.A. Grapevine Board review the history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between the A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee, on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items) and forward a report to the 60th General Service Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine for their review.**

VI. Literature

A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs.”

Floor Action

1. **The revised 59th Conference pamphlet, “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs,” be returned to the trustees’ Literature Committee for additional discussion and report back to the 2010 Conference Committee on Literature.**

Note: This Floor Action refers to the revised *draft* pamphlet reviewed by the 2009 Conference Literature Committee

B. Review the revised draft pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”

12. The revised draft pamphlet, “A.A. for the Native North American,” be approved.

C. Consider request that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.

13. The trustees’ Literature Committee undertake a thorough review of the pamphlet, “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship,” and eliminate or revise outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.

D. Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members.

14. A Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members be developed and that stories be solicited from members with various special needs, for example, members who are deaf, blind, wheel-chair bound, etc. [Note: The approximate cost is \$6,850.]

E. Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “A Newcomer Asks” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

15. A sentence encouraging newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be added to the pamphlet, “A Newcomer Asks.”

F. Consider request to change the title of the pamphlet “44 Questions” to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”

16. The title of the pamphlet, “44 Questions,” be changed to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”

G. Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.

Floor action #4: Move that we develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on spirituality and includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. Motion to recommit. (to trustee’s committee on Literature)

H. Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities.

- **The committee considered the request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities and took no action. The committee noted that there was no widely expressed need.**

I. Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.

- **The committee considered the request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections* and took no action.**

J. Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative (G.S.R.).

Recommended by Literature Committee, but not passed by the General Service Conference

- **Updating the existing video/DVD, “Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure” and adding one episode on G.S.R. and one episode on D.C.M. to the video/DVD. The committee looks forward to viewing a progress report or a revised video/DVD at the 2010 Conference. (Note: The approximate cost is \$64,000.)**

VII. Policy/Admissions

17. **Frank Z., alternate delegate, Area 12, Delaware, be seated as a Conference member at the 59th General Service Conference because Joe S., the Panel 58 delegate for Area 12, passed away.**

A. 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.

18. **Claudio da S. from the General Service Board of Brazil, Mario C. from the General Service Board of Colombia and Plinio P., Manager, G.S.O. Colombia, be admitted to the 59th General Service Conference as observers.**

B. Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.

19. **The 62nd General Service Conference be held April 22-28, 2012 since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays, hotel availability and Bylaws’ deadlines of the General Service Board, Inc.**

- C. Review “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure.”
- **The committee reviewed the “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure” and expressed their gratitude to the General Service Board for their thorough discussion of the inventory questions.**
- D. Consider 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.
20. **The General Service Board develop a procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference and bring a draft to the 2010 Conference Policy/Admissions Committee for their review.**

The committee asked that the following questions from the report, “Trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference Subcommittee on Forwarding Minority Reports and Presentations to the General Service Conference” be addressed in the proposed procedure:

- a) **To whom does the minority announce that it intends to present a minority report to the Conference?**
 - b) **What is the deadline for making such a decision?**
 - c) **What Conference members, if any, are given advance notice of the decision?**
 - d) **Who is responsible for seeing that the minority report and its documentation are in fact physically made available to the Conference?**
 - e) **What is the deadline for distributing the minority report and its documentation?**
 - f) **To whom are the minority report and its documentation given?**
- E. Discuss proposal requesting a General Service Conference inventory.
21. **The General Service Board develop a plan for the General Service Conference to conduct an inventory of itself that includes a planning committee consisting of representatives of delegates, trustees, directors, nontrustee directors, and staff, and that a progress report be presented to the 2010 Policy/Admissions Committee.**

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2008 annual report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- **The committee reviewed the 2008 Annual Report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site.**
- B. Consider 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.”
- **The committee considered the request to add the text “Provide initial motivation” to the section “What A.A. Does Not Do” in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance,” and took no action. The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider placing the full text of the section “What A.A. Does Not Do,” from the service piece “Information on Alcoholics Anonymous,” into the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section of the “A.A. at a Glance” flyer.**

- C. Review updated text and graphics of the pamphlet “A Message to Teenagers...,” which utilizes selected text and graphics from the current “Too Young?” pamphlet.
- 22. The updated pamphlet, “A Message to Teenagers,” containing selected text and graphics from the current “Too Young?” pamphlet, be approved with minor changes.**
- D. Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 23. The wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous be approved with minor changes.**
- E. Consider request “to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc.”
- **The committee considered the request to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc., and took no action. The committee noted that there is no widely expressed need for this item at this time and that experience with posters will be gained should the wall poster for young people become available.**
- F. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - **The committee reviewed current A.A. television public service announcements for relevance and usefulness, and suggested that no current television public service announcements be retired.**
 2. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
- 24. A new A.A. television public service announcement (P.S.A.) be developed for review by the 2010 Conference Committee on Public Information, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, and that full faces of actors portraying A.A. members not be shown in this P.S.A.**
- Note: The committee suggested that older alcoholics and alcoholics with special needs be portrayed in this P.S.A.**
3. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 television P.S.A., “I Thought.”
 - **The committee reviewed information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 A.A. television public service announcement “I Thought.”**
 4. Review revised draft script of “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD,” and consider recording revised script at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- 25. The revised script for “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD,” omitting P.S.A. #15, be approved with minor changes, and recorded at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.**

- **The committee requested that the script be included in the packaging of the “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD.”**
- G. Consider draft of the “A.A. Videos for Young People Project.”
- 26. The four selected A.A. Videos for Young People be approved with minor changes.**
- **The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider distribution options in addition to DVD for the A.A. Videos for Young People, e.g., placement on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.**
 - **The committee requested that the A.A. Videos for Young People Project continue, and that video submissions be encouraged from young people in the Fellowship, especially from Spanish-speaking members.**
27. The videos, “A.A. – Rap With Us” and “Young People and A.A.,” be discontinued
- H. Consider draft 2010 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.
- 28. The draft 2010 Membership Survey Questionnaire be approved.**
- **The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider the purpose, usefulness, frequency and methodology of the A.A. Membership Survey.**
- I. Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- **The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee develop text on the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies. This text, intended for inclusion in the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity,” is requested to be brought back to the 2010 Conference Committee on Public Information.**
- J. Discuss suggestion that Public Information committees “explore the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in their endeavors.”
- **The committee briefly discussed the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Public Information endeavors.**
- K. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
- **The committee reviewed the contents of the Public Information Kit and Workbook and requested that the pamphlets “Too Young?” and “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late” be included.**

VIII. Report and Charter

A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2008 - 2009 Edition:

1. Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how non-trustee directors are selected on page S75.

29. The sentence “A nontrustee director can serve up to four one-year terms” be added to the end of the section “Choosing Nontrustee Directors For A.A. World Services and The A.A. Grapevine” on page S75 of the *The A.A. Service Manual/ Twelve Concepts for World Service* so that it reads as follows:

“The remaining candidates are interviewed by the corporate board’s nominating committee which recommends a nominee to the full board. The name and resume of the nominee are then forwarded to the trustees’ Nominating Committee, for approval by the General Service Board and the General Service Conference. Per the A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine By-laws, a nontrustee director can serve up to four one-year terms.”

2. Consider suggestion to add a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
- The committee received with a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble and decided not to include it in *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*. The committee recognized that the G.S.R. Preamble is not broadly utilized within the Fellowship and the ideals expressed already exist in G.S.R. Material.
3. Consider proposal that every change to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be approved by the General Service Conference.
30. All changes to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be listed in the edition in which the changes appear for the first time, and organized by source of change (General Service Board, Conference Advisory Action, Conference Committee on Report & Charter, Publications Department). Conference advisory actions will be noted by vertical margin change bars in the edition in which the change appears for the first time.
- Editorial responsibilities of the Publications Department of the General Service Office regarding *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* will be limited to the following:
 - Update financial and publication data that changes on an annual basis.
 - Revise dates that require periodic updating.
 - Correct typographical and spelling errors.
 - Maintain an accurate index and cross references.
31. The General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board annually review *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
4. Consider suggestion to change the title “Conference Language” on page S19 to “Glossary of Conference Terms.”
32. The title “Conference Language” on page S19 be changed to “Glossary of General Service Terms” and that the subheading “A glossary of terms frequently used in general service activities” be removed.

5. Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” on page S63.
- **The committee reviewed a request from the A.A.W.S. Board to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” found on p. S63. The committee strongly believes that placing such limitations on those who are willing to serve might prevent the selection of the most qualified candidate.**
6. Review suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
- **The committee reviewed suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* submitted by the A.A. Grapevine Board. The Committee suggested that the A.A. Grapevine Board forward revisions of Chapters 10 and 12 to the 2010 Conference Committee on Report & Charter and:**
 - **Use the current version (2009-2010) of Chapters 10 and 12 as the basic text.**
 - **Include any new charts necessary to the text.**
 - **Provide reasons for the proposed revisions.**

The committee also suggested that the A.A. Grapevine Board may wish to retain accurate historical information currently in *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

7. Consider suggested revision regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page S70.
33. **The last sentence of page S70 of the 2008-2009 edition of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* in the section “Appointed Committee Members” be changed from “The term of service is four years, renewed on a yearly basis” to “Appointed Committee Members are appointed for one year, but the term may be extended depending on committee projects (maximum four years).”**

Note: This language makes the description of the terms of service of Appointed Committee Members consistent with the language in the trustees’ Committee on Nominating Procedure No. 2, “Procedures for Selecting Appointed Committee Members for General Service Board Committees.”

8. Consider request to clarify language on page S65 regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.
- **The committee is forwarding a request to clarify language regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate to the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees, as the request includes reference to the 1985 Conference Committee on Trustees Advisory Action, “no area shall submit an individual as candidate for both regional trustee and trustee-at-large U.S./Canada in the same year.”**

9. Review letter requesting an “inventory” of various items related to the General Service Conference Charter.
- **The committee noted inconsistencies in the current *A.A. Service Manual*, the current Conference Charter, and the 1985 Conference Advisory Action.**
10. Consider suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65.
- **The committee considered a suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65 and decided it was not needed.**
11. Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names.
34. **Area numbers be inserted next to area names in Appendix D, pages S105 and S106 of *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.**
12. Review list of suggested additional changes.
- **The committee reviewed a list of proposed editorial changes to *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* and forwarded them to the Publications Department.**
- B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.): review list of suggested changes.
- **The committee reviewed a list of proposed editorial changes to *The A.A. Directories* and forwarded them to the Publications Department.**
- C. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- **The committee agreed to review the rough draft of the *Final Conference Report* and the tear sheets of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* with careful attention to accuracy and completeness of reporting. The committee agreed to return corrections or suggestions to the G.S.O. within 21 days of receipt.**

X Treatment Facilities

- A. Review revised video, *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
35. **The revised video, *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*, be approved.**
- B. Discuss a proposal that Treatment Facilities literature include information that would assist Treatment Facilities committees with their effort to inform treatment professionals about A.A. and to carry the A.A. message to patients in out-patient treatment programs.
- **The committee considered a proposal to include additional information on carrying A.A.’s message to treatment facilities with out-patient programs. The committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities consider developing a section on carrying the A.A. message into out-patient treatment**

In addition, the committee suggested that staff continue to gather shared area experience regarding carrying the A.A. message into out-patient treatment settings and that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities continue to explore ways to carry the A.A. message to treatment professionals and patients in out-patient settings.

C. Discuss request that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities expand its scope to include service to Special Needs Committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the "Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs."

36. The committee's scope be expanded to include service to Special Needs/Accessibilities committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities.

D. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment endeavors.

- **The committee discussed possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment Facilities endeavors and suggested that the A.A. Grapevine consider developing an annual treatment facilities issue similar to its annual Corrections issue. In addition, it was suggested that if a new treatment facilities issue is published that it be placed in the Treatment Facilities Kit.**

It was also suggested that groups be encouraged to adopt a treatment facility or center for the purpose of providing subscriptions and/or back issues of the A.A. Grapevine.

E. Review contents of T.F. Kit and Workbook.

- **Upon review of the Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook, the committee suggested that an A.A. Grapevine as well as the DVD *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*, be included in the kit.**

It was also suggested that a one-page insert containing suggested uses/examples of the "Local Experiences" tab be added to the Treatment Facilities

XI. Trustees

A. Review resumes of candidates for:

1. East Central Regional Trustee
2. Southeast Regional Trustee
3. Trustee-at-Large/US

- **The committee reviewed the résumés and approved, as eligible for election, all candidates for East Central and Southeast regional trustee and for trustee-at-large/U.S.**

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

37. The following slates of trustees and officers be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in May 2009:

Class A Trustees

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE
Frances L. Brisbane, Ph.D.
Corliss Burke
William D. Clark, M.D.
Ward B. Ewing, D.D.
The Honorable Rogelio R. Flores
Jeanne S. Woodford

Class B Trustees

Kenneth B.
Conley B.
Dorothy H.
John K.
Jo-Anne L.
George M.
Don Ma.
Don Mi.
Eleanor N.
Madeleine P.
Victor P.
Pamela R.

Note: The General Service Board will operate short one Class B regional trustee and one Class B general service trustee.

On April 27, 2009 the General Service Board approved a motion that the trustees' Nominating Committee, in consultation with the A.A.W.S. Board, consider actions to fill the vacant general service trustee position and report their conclusions to the General Service Board at its summer 2009 meeting. At that time the General Service Board may choose to appoint a Class B general service trustee.

Officers of the General Service Board

Chairperson	Ward B. Ewing, D.D.
First vice-chairperson	Madeleine P.
Second vice-chairperson	William D. Clark, M.D.
Treasurer	Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE
Secretary	Conley B.

38. The February 2009 appointment of the following officers by the Chair of the General Service Board be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2009:

Assistant Treasurer	Donald W. Meurer
Assistant Secretary	Adrienne B.*

This appointment process is in accordance with the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws.

*Will be replaced at G.S.O. Staff Rotation, Summer 2009

- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

39. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in May 2009:

**Andrea B.
Adrienne B.*
Phyllis H.
John K.
Roberta L.**

**Jo-Anne L.
George M.
William N.
Victor P.**

***Will be replaced at G.S.O. Staff Rotation, Summer 2009**

Note: The Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Board will operate with the Class B trustee-at-large/Canada serving as a director, replacing a Class B general service trustee director.

D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

40. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board in May 2009:

**Ginger B.
Robin B.
Kenneth B.
Conley B.**

**Nancy H.
Dorothy H.
Don Mi.
Albin Z.**

Note: The Grapevine Corporate Board will operate short one Class A trustee director.

E. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.

- The committee thoroughly reviewed and unanimously accepted, with one correction noted, the report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.**

F. Discuss suggested revision to procedure for distribution of trustee election resumes at the General Service Conference.

41. In light of the extensive confidential information in the trustees' election resumes, resumes of all election candidates would no longer be made available to all Conference members immediately prior to the Conference trustees' election session. Distribution of trustee resumes at the Conference would be limited to only voting delegates and members of the Conference Committee on Trustees and the trustees' Committee on Nominating. The resumes of the elected trustees would be distributed to all Conference members immediately after the election session.

Note: The purpose of this suggested limited distribution of Conference trustee election resumes is to emphasize the General Service Board's and the Conference's commitment to protecting the confidentiality of trustee candidates' resume information.

XII. Archives

A. Review contents of Archives Workbook.

- **The Conference Committee on Archives wishes to emphasize the importance of G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives as precious to all members of our Fellowship and wishes to express concern over staffing levels at G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives.**
- **The committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and expressed satisfaction with the contents.**

B. Discuss ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship.

- **The committee discussed the following ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship:**
 - **The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee create a report to be forwarded to the 2010 Conference Archives Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g., PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.**
 - **The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee consider a suggestion to add a daily historical reference to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site to create interest and enthusiasm for A.A.'s history and archival collection.**
 - **The committee received a report from the Senior Archivist on archival activities since the last Conference in response to suggestions from the 2008 Conference Committee on various ideas for creatively making A.A.'s archives and history readily available to the Fellowship.**

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

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

10. An anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 2010 International Convention.

B. Consider a broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed extranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.

11. An encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony be approved.

- **The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums consider ways that the broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony could be made more widely available than was the 2005 broadcast.**
- **The committee discussed the site-selection process for the 2020 International Convention, and requested that the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums conduct a review and inventory of the site-selection process for International Conventions and**

C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums.

- **The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums, including:**
 - **Be enthusiastic in announcing the Forum in advance, and reporting on it afterwards.**
 - **Write an article about the Forum for a local newsletter or Web site.**
 - **Participation is key—get people involved in the planning of the Forum, as greeters, hospitality, registration, etc.**
 - **Encourage all segments of the Fellowship to attend, including those who speak other languages.**
 - **Seek ways to prevent conflicts with other local events, such as sharing weekend A.A. event schedules through a central office or intergroup.**
 - **Let members know that Local Forums can be requested by any A.A. entity; the request does not need to come through the general service structure.**
 - **Overcome challenges of the cost of attending Forums by encouraging members to ride together and share rooms; some areas have rented buses for members to travel together.**

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

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Bulleted items (•) are Additional Considerations