

February 5, 2004

## **2004 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items**

### **Agenda**

- Review suggestions for the theme of the 2005 General Service Conference.
- Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2005 General Service Conference.
- Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2005 General Service Conference.
- Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

### **Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- Share Cooperation with the Professional Community committee activities:
  1. Discuss ways Cooperation with the Professional Community committees can help when it comes to individuals referred to A.A. who focus on problems other than alcohol at A.A. meetings.
  2. Discuss interaction among Cooperation with the Professional Community, Correctional Facilities, Public Information, and Treatment Facilities committees.
  3. Discuss ways of reaching a wider variety of professionals.

### **Correctional Facilities**

- Discuss progress report on the revision of *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.
- Review trustees' Committee report on generic samples of A.A. prerelease brochures and/or forms for possible inclusion in the Correctional Facilities Workbook.
- Working with training programs for correctional facilities personnel:
  1. Share experience on introducing A.A. into training programs for correctional facilities personnel.
  2. Suggest ways to gather additional sharing on the topic of introducing A.A. into training programs for correctional facilities personnel.
- Correctional Facilities Kit and Workbook
  1. Review contents of Kit and Workbook
  2. Review statement on A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose for possible inclusion in the Correctional Facilities Workbook.

## **Finance**

- Discuss Self-support.

## **Grapevine**

- The 1993 General Service Conference Advisory Action on the placement of Grapevine materials:
  1. Discuss the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board's final report on placing Grapevine items for resale in non-A.A. outlets, requested by the 2003 Conference Grapevine Committee.
  2. Reconsider the 1993 Advisory Action recommending that "the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets," at the request of the Grapevine Corporate Board.
- Review proposed revisions to the "The A.A. Grapevine: Our Meeting in Print" pamphlet to include references to La Viña and La Viña representatives where the Grapevine magazine and its representatives are mentioned.
- The A.A. Grapevine Workbook:
  1. Consider the request that the A.A. Grapevine Workbook be classified as service material and reviewed on an annual basis, in keeping with the review process of the Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Correctional Facilities, Public Information, and Treatment Facilities Workbooks.
  2. Review the draft manuscript of the revised A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

## **Literature**

- Consider draft introduction developed by the Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be added to the front matter of the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as recommended by the 2003 General Service Conference.
- Recovery literature for young people:
  1. Consider suggestion that Publications rewrite the pamphlet "Too Young?" with changes to layout and style as determined by the Publications Department.
  2. Consider suggestion that Publications update and shorten existing stories, wherever appropriate, in the pamphlet "Young People and A.A.," and that the trustees' Literature Committee add new younger stories solicited from the Fellowship to reflect current experience of young people.
  3. Consider suggestion that the trustees' Literature Committee develop comic books for the new and younger members in the Fellowship.
  4. Consider request to develop a booklet for teenagers similar to the booklets *Living Sober, Came to Believe*, and *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.

- Consider requested revisions to “Your A.A. General Service Office” pamphlet:
  1. In the paragraph headed “The A.A. Grapevine,” change the sentence “Some members of the editorial staff are A.A.s” so that it reads: “Senior members of the editorial staff are A.A.s.”
  2. Under the heading “What Can You Do for G.S.O.,” add the following to the numbered list: **“Submit articles and art to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña.** You do not have to be a professional artist or writer to contribute to the Grapevine and La Viña. It is your meeting in print, reflecting the experience, strength, and hope to A.A. members like you.”
- Consider request to restore punctuation in “Dr. Bob’s Nightmare” in the Fourth Edition as it appears in the Third Edition of the Big Book.
- Review draft manuscript of a new comic book format pamphlet to replace the pamphlet “It Happened to Alice!”
- Review trustees’ Literature Committee progress report on the comprehensive review of “The A.A. Group” pamphlet.
- Discuss report from the trustees’ Literature Committee on the development of the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, specifying suggestions for contents, process and story solicitation.
- Consider suggestion to change the words “Of course” in the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” on page 11, paragraph two, to a suitable substitute.
- Consider request that the trustees’ Literature Committee develop a Conference-approved pamphlet on “service sponsorship.”
- Consider request to develop a separate and specific intergroup/central office pamphlet.

### **Policy/Admissions**

- Review dates for the 2007 General Service Conference.
- Discuss report from trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the use of laptop computers at the General Service Conference.
- Consider request for additional delegate area by Area 15, South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands & Antigua.
- Consider request for a consistent policy regarding review of all materials for Conference approval prior to deliberation and voting.
- Consider request from the A.A.W.S. Board for full Conference input on the ramifications of electronic distribution of Conference agendas and background material.

## **Public Information**

- Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  1. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. – “Living in Chaos” - developed by the trustees’ Public Information Committee.
  2. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of current television P.S.A., “We Know What It’s Like.”
  3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. – “Living in Chaos” – at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.
  4. Consider suggestion from trustees’ Public Information Committee that the tag line on all radio P.S.A.s be changed from “Look us up in the phone book” or “Phone or check your newspaper,” to the tag line currently in use in the television P.S.A.s, “Look us up. We’re in the phone book and on the web at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).”
- Consider report on oversight of G.S.O. Web site from the General Service Board as requested by the 2003 Conference.
- Consider that the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2001 A.A. Membership Survey.
- Consider request that the videos “Young People in A.A.” and “A.A. – Rap With Us” be reviewed as to relevance for today’s young people.
- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

## **Report and Charter**

- Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2003 – 2004 Edition.
- General Service Conference *Final Report*:
  1. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
  2. Discuss suggestion that the Final Conference Report be mailed in English, French and Spanish at the same time.
- Discuss the A.A. Directories and consider their purpose and usefulness.

### **Treatment Facilities**

- Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- Discuss experience with Treatment Facilities committee activities in your area.
- Discuss ways Treatment Facilities committees can help when it comes to individuals referred to A.A. who focus on problems other than alcohol at A.A. meetings.

### **Trustees**

- Review resumes of candidates for regional trustee vacancies:
  1. West Central
  2. Western Canada
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board.
- Review slates of directors of A.A. World Services and The A.A. Grapevine Corporate Boards.

### **Archives**

- Review Workbook.

### **International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums.
- Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2005 International Convention.
- Discuss an editorial amendment to the 1989 trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums policy on discounts and subsidies.