

Agenda — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference themes drive AA discussions, like at PRAASA and Regional Forums. • The background information provides 88 different, potential themes, the first 10 of which follow (these are just examples; see Background Information for complete list): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Giving Up Personal Desires for the Common Good 2. 2020: A Clear Vision for You 3. Moving into the Future with Singleness of Purpose 4. Unity in a Divided World 5. Our Literature- Preserving the Integrity of the A.A. Message 6. Living the Legacies in the Home Group 7. The 12 points to ensure our future -- Still relevant 8. Cooperation without Affiliation 9. Our Literature -- And how it preserves the integrity of the A.A. message 10. Our Fellowship must have humility too, "Recognizing A.A.'s true place in the world." • See background information for the other 78 potential themes and all Conference themes selected from 1951 to 2019.
Group Conscience:	Of these 88 suggestions, which top 10 <i>theme(s)</i> for the 2020 General Service Conference does your group like? Why?

Agenda— Item B

Agenda Topic	Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year, suggestions for Conference presentation/discussion topics are solicited from the Fellowship starting in early August. Conference members are asked to gather suggestions and submit them to G.S.O. The Conference Committee uses this list in its discussions about the presentation/discussion topics for the next year's Conference. • The Background information includes 84 potential Agenda presentation/discussion topics for the 2020 Conference, the first 10 of which follow (these are just examples; see Background Information for complete list): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegated Authority and the Sacrificial Spirit 2. A.A. Traditions and the Sacrificial Spirit 3. A.A.'s Future and the Sacrificial Spirit 4. Attracting Gen. 2 5. Spirituality for Gen 2 6. Keeping A.A. Relevant 7. Singleness of Purpose 8. Engaging absent members/groups 9. Embracing tech while protecting anonymity 10. Using steps, traditions, and concepts to avoid polarization • The Background information then lists previous presentation/discussion topic selections between 1985 and 2019.
Group Conscience:	Of the 84 suggestions given, which 10 <i>presentation/discussion topic</i> idea(s) for the 2020 General Service Conference does your group like? Why?

Agenda — Item C

Agenda Topic	Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>The topics in the following list were submitted by the Fellowship as possible workshop topics for the Conference. They came in response to an August 2018 request for workshop topic ideas sent by the Conference Coordinator on behalf of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like discussion topics given above, Area 09 is being asked for input on potential workshop topics to be considered at the 2020 Conference. • The Background information lists 79 potential workshop topics, the first 10 of which follow (these are just examples; see Background Information for complete list): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Conference Agenda and the Sacrificial Spirit 2. A.A. Literature Development and the Sacrificial Spirit 3. Carrying the Message Beyond the Groups and the Sacrificial Spirit 4. Accessibility and Participation and the Sacrificial Spirit 5. GSR training 6. Making A.A. a safe place for the next generation 7. Unity in Districts 8. Connecting groups to the A.A. Service Structure 9. Let us give credit where credit is due. Who got us sober and keeps us sober? Based on the Twelfth Tradition humility in service 10. Pamphlet study meetings • The Background information then lists previous workshop topic selections between 1985 and 2019.
Group Conscience:	Of these 79 suggestions given, which 10 <i>workshop topic</i> idea(s) for the 2020 General Service Conference does your group like? Why?

Agenda — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2018 Evaluation Summary.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Background Information includes a lengthy evaluation form to be completed by the Delegate during the Conference week.
Group Conscience:	We encourage our Delegate to complete this evaluation form during the Conference.

Agenda — Item E Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference. (No action required)

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item A

Agenda Topic	Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Action from the 2018 General Service Conference on Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.): A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LinkedIn with the following goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To offer another digital resource, in addition to www.aa.org, where professionals can find accurate information about A.A. To broaden the reach of the <i>About A.A.</i> newsletter for professionals. To offer a platform where our professional friends may recommend us. To raise awareness of exhibits staffed by local C.P.C. committees at national and local professional conferences. To expand the network of our professional friends and perhaps deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates. By our presence on LinkedIn, to reinforce the continuing relevance and efficacy of A.A. to professionals. The committee strongly suggested that those creating the LinkedIn company page consider adding some kind of disclaimer or explanation clarifying that A.A. is not affiliated with any of the organizations who appear in promoted content on the LinkedIn company page. It is suggested that the page address the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What A.A. is (include explanation of A.A.W.S. and/or G.S.O.)? How it works? Why anonymous? Who A.A. works with? Where can you find AA?
Group Conscience:	Do you agree AA should use LinkedIn? Assuming LinkedIn will be implemented, what suggestions do you have for effectively representing AA?

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 03, Arizona recommended that this phrase be removed because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "They" is ambiguous; who is they? Arranging for hospitalization may be misconstrued that hospitalization is a likely part of the AA Program, or that members may help newcomers find treatment.
Group Conscience:	Does your group agree that this clause, "They may help arrange hospitalization" be removed from the "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" pamphlet?

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate Conference Committees regularly review these materials for updates and modifications, and are receptive to recommendations.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the CPC Kit and Workbook, do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Corrections — Item A

Agenda Topic	Consider request for a review of all corrections-related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 79, BC Yukon indicated that terms like “inmate” and “offender” are not typically used in AA meetings. Several pamphlets and/or books, including “AA in Prison,” “Inmate to Inmate,” “Memo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic,” and “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” are offensive and should be modified.
Group Conscience:	Do you agree or disagree that corrections-related literature should be reconsidered and possibly modified as given above?

Corrections — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The data points would originate as a voluntarily submitted upload by Area Corrections Chairs to the Corrections Desk for entry into the database. There would be no collection of names or contact information. This database would hold up to nine (9) specific data points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What local jails are in the Area? 2) Which of those jails host meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous? 3) How many of those meetings have member volunteers? 4) What State or Provincial Correctional Facilities are in the Area? 5) Which of those facilities host meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous? 6) How many of those meetings have member volunteers? 7) What Federal Correctional Institutions are in the Area? 8) Which of those institutions host meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous? 9) How many of those meetings have member volunteers? The purpose of this database is multifold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To allow incoming Area Corrections Chairs ready access to information regarding where focus is needed to carry the message into facilities. 2) Provide valuable data to Areas and Districts conducting inventories. 3) To help GSO be of additional service in efforts to carry the message into Correctional Facilities across the US and Canada. Depending on who creates it, a smaller group or individual could create the database for \$25-30K up to \$50-60K for an agency.
Group Conscience:	Should GSO establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein?

Corrections — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• Appropriate Conference Committees regularly review these materials for updates and modifications, and are receptive to recommendations.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the Corrections Kit and Workbook, do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Finance — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• Between 1969 when the Delegate contributed \$150 and 2017 when the contribution was \$1,800, Areas have been asked to contribute these amounts of funding for their Delegates to attend the General Service Conference.
Group Conscience:	Is the current contribution of \$1,800 for our Delegate to attend the Conference too little, too much, or just right?

Finance — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• In 1969 an individual AA member could bequest \$200/year and in 2012 the maximum bequest was increased to \$5,000.
Group Conscience:	Is the individual bequest of \$5,000 too little, too much, or just enough?

Finance — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• In 1969 an individual AA member could annually contribute \$200/year and in 2018 the maximum annual contribution was increased to \$5,000.
Group Conscience:	Is the individual annual contribution of \$5,000 too little, too much, or just enough?

Finance — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review Self-Support Packet.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• As given in the Background Information, the Self-Support Packet includes the following resources and pamphlets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Support card • Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix • The AA Group Treasurer • AA Guidelines on Finance • Your Seventh Tradition Contributions Flyer • Birthday contribution envelope
Group Conscience:	Do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications to the Self-Support Packet?

Grapevine — Item A

Agenda Topic	Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FYI, the following new book titles are being proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Early Days of AA” (Classic stories from the 1930’s, 40’s, and 50’s) – 120-200 pp, cost \$2.50/book, sold at \$11.50/book. • “Getting Involved in General Service” – 100-200 pp, cost \$2.50/book, sold at \$11.50/book. • “Surrender and Hope” (La Viña book on Spanish members’ surrender and joining AA) – 100-200 pp, cost \$2.50/book, sold at \$11.50/book. • See page 118 of Background Information for the list of 13 Grapevine books and 3 La Viña books that have already been approved for publication.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Grapevine — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 64, Tennessee in a letter to GSO in October 2018 indicated their group conscience was to remove this section from the Grapevine, which is near the back of the magazine, and typically provides results of research on alcoholism. The Background Information documents the history of this section in Grapevine from 1946 through 2014 (pages 120-121).
Group Conscience:	Do you believe the “Alcoholism at Large” section should be removed from AA Grapevine?

Grapevine — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conference Committee on the AA Grapevine performed an internal review of the Grapevine Workbook and agreed that “...overall revisions of the workbook should be conducted by a freelancer who is familiar with the history, procedures and products of AA Grapevine, Inc.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Grapevine — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Page 145 of the Background Information provides generalized results of the online Grapevine survey performed between 9/4/2018 and 10/26/2018, including 90% respondents in English and 10% in Spanish, with 6,516 evaluations started and 4,568 completed, with 89% more familiar with Grapevine and 11% more familiar with La Viña.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FYI, 59 stories were submitted in support of a new pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in AA.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee will submit its progress report on the pamphlet, "AA's Three Legacies," to the January 2019 trustees' Literature committee, to be reviewed at the Conference.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item C

Agenda Topic	Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four different Areas (03, 20, 46, and 49) sent letters to GSO recommending that a Fifth Edition of the Big Book be developed. • An advisory action in 1997, which would still be adhered to in this proposal, is that "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is."
Group Conscience:	Should a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> be developed?

Literature — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review progress report regarding updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conference Committee on Literature will discuss updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item E

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Literature will discuss updating the text on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item F

Agenda Topic	Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon request, we will provide a complimentary literature display package which contains one copy of all the A.A. book dust jackets; one copy of all pamphlets; one set of A.A. Guidelines; List of Service Material Available from G.S.O.; new literature flyers; List of Central Offices, Intergroups and Answering Services for the United States/Canada, and Overseas; <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i>; and A.A. Literature Catalog. We will mail this display package to you as soon your request is received.
Group Conscience:	Given the above list, are there any other materials that you feel should be included in the complimentary literature display package?

Literature — Item G

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Too Young?”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Literature will review the pamphlet “Too Young?”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item H

Agenda Topic	Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Literature will review the pamphlet “Young People and AA.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item I

Agenda Topic	Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Literature will review proposed revisions to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item J

Agenda Topic	Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 1, District 20 recommended that the following clause be added to the pamphlet entitled, “The AA Group,” in the Group Inventory section under the proposed questions for a Group Inventory: “Do you feel safe coming to the group? Are the group’s members treated with respect?”
Group Conscience:	Should the pamphlet, “The A.A. Group,” be revised by adding the two recommended clauses?

Literature — Item K

Agenda Topic	Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Literature will update the pamphlet, “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item L

Agenda Topic	Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in <i>Living Sober</i> and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regards to the existing pamphlet, “There was nothing found regarding a request to address safety within sponsorship relationships. The draft text that was produced mostly addressed this area. There was very little on safety in the rooms which is what the Conference Committee seemed to be asking for. Clarification from the Conference Committee on Literature is needed. The subcommittee will submit this progress report to the January 2019 Trustees Literature Committee.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Literature — Item M

Agenda Topic	Consider revising the Foreword to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i>.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• Area 14, North Florida recommended that the following wording be added to <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> : “A.A.’s Twelve Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.’s world service structure. The Concepts provide guidelines for carrying the message to thousands of suffering alcoholics yet to come. They aim to record the ‘why’ of our service structure. They may be found in the <i>A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> .”
Group Conscience:	Do you agree that these sentences, or slight modifications thereof, should be added to the book, “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?”

Literature — Item N

Agenda Topic	Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• AA member, Bill N of Buford, GA recommended that the wording, “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” be added to the blue card.
Group Conscience:	Do you believe that the words, “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” should be added to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card?

Literature — Item O

Agenda Topic	Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• A subcommittee of the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities felt that a new version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” is warranted to capture a simplified language that reflects the meaning of the Steps more effectively than the current version and that includes quality illustrations. The committee wants to ensure that any such simplified language product does not lose the powerful meaning of our steps/message, but that it becomes accessible to more individuals with low reading levels.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Agenda — Item P Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature. (No action required)

Policy and Admissions — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions considers the dates for the General Service Conference three years in advance and takes into consideration the importance of avoiding conflict with significant holidays. • The preferred date for the Conference is the week of April 24-30, 2022 followed by May 1-7, 2022. • Conference dates from 1993 to 2021 are listed in Background Information.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review report from G.S.O.'s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consideration, this committee decided that the 2019 General Service Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel, New York City, May 19-25, and the 2020 Conference will be held at the Hilton Westchester Hotel, Rye Brook, New York, April 19-25.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item C

Agenda Topic	Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive Background Information is given on pages 13-59 for how agenda items are received and considered by this committee.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item D

Agenda Topic	Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background Information is given on pages 60-63 for how invitations to international guests are considered by this committee.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item E

Agenda Topic	Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	● Background Information is given on pages 63-71 for how special requests are considered by this committee.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item F

Agenda Topic	Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference between Annual Meetings.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	● Background Information is given on pages 71-81 for how polling among Delegates and Conference members occurs between Annual Meetings.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Policy and Admissions — Item G

Agenda Topic	Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	● At their July 2017 meeting, the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference began discussion of a return to the practice of considering a simple majority vote (as opposed to a two-thirds vote) of the Conference a suggestion to the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine.
Group Conscience:	In our group conscience, would we like our Delegate to push for a simple majority vote or stay with the two-thirds majority?

Public Information — Item A

Agenda Topic	Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive Background Information is given on pages 390-405 regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trustees' Committee on Public Information is forwarding a report of activities to the Conference Committee on Public Information and looks forward to bringing back a Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan to the Conference Committee on Public Information in 2020. Background Information is given on pages 406-409 regarding the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item C1

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Information is given on pages 409-411 regarding the PSA video, "Changes."
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item C2

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Public Information annually review current television public service announcements for relevance and usefulness, retiring a PSA only when it is no longer relevant and/or useful to the Fellowship. Background Information is given on pages 412-424 regarding the relevance and usefulness of video public service announcements.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item C3

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Consider request that the video PSA “My World” be discontinued.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee reviewed the current video Public Service Announcements for relevance and usefulness and agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Committee on Public Information a request that the video PSA “My World” be discontinued. The committee found the remaining video PSAs to be relevant and useful. • To view current video PSAs, go to the Videos and Audios page on G.S.O.’s A.A. website. Then scroll down and open the “Public Service Announcements (PSAs)” section where you can select the PSA My World. • Background Information is given on page 425 regarding the potential discontinuance of the “My World” video.
Group Conscience:	Having viewed the “My World” video, do you think the PSA should be discontinued?

Public Information — Item C4

Agenda Topic	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive Background Information is given on pages 426-439 regarding the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).
Group Conscience:	Given your review of the Background Information, do you think a new PSA utilizing non-member, full-face actors should be produced?

Public Information — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following question and answer are recommended to be added to the pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity:” <p>“Q. Is it okay to call the proper authorities if I witness inappropriate or even criminal behavior at a meeting?</p> <p>“A. Groups strive to provide as safe an environment as possible in which members can focus on sobriety, and, while anonymity is central to that purpose, it is not intended to be a cloak protecting inappropriate or criminal behavior. Calling the proper authorities in such cases is a serious step meant to preserve the safety of members and does not go against any A.A. Traditions.”</p>
Group Conscience:	Do you agree that this wording should be added to the pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity?”

Public Information — Item E

Agenda Topic	Consider request to update language in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 39, recommended that the wording of the last sentence in the section titled “How A.A. Members Maintain Sobriety” of the pamphlet “A.A. at a Glance” be changed from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the <i>suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism</i>” to: “Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the <i>Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggested as a program of recovery.</i>”
Group Conscience:	Do you agree that this wording should be added to the pamphlet, “AA at a Glance?”

Public Information — Item F

Agenda Topic	Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Information is given on pages 446-455 regarding the effectiveness of the AAWS YouTube account.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item G

Agenda Topic	Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Information is given on pages 456-459 regarding the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Public Information — Item H

Agenda Topic	Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. G.S.O. hopes to have newer online versions of kits on aa.org by spring 2019.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the P.I. Kit and Workbook, do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Report and Charter — Item A

Agenda Topic	Discuss General Service Conference <i>Final Report</i>.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference Committee on Report and Charter routinely reviews the Final Conference report from the previous event.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Report and Charter — Item B

Agenda Topic	<i>The A.A. Service Manual, 2018 - 2020</i> • Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i>.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed that the goal of their work was to ensure <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> User-friendly, in terms of physical format, layout and organization of information; Attractive and inviting in look and tone of content; Simple rather than complicated, again, both in look and tone of content Targeted to the user/reader and focused on relevant information.
Group Conscience:	Given the Background Information on pages 461-472, do we have any additional suggestions for modifying the Service Manual?

Report and Charter — Item C

Agenda Topic	Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.).
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018, “The committee discussed the A.A. Directories and noted there were no requests for changes at this time. The committee also reviewed a memo from the G.S.O. General Manager informing the committee that the A.A. Directories, Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S. would not be printed in 2018 due to the implementation of a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system.”
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item A

Agenda Topic	Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	● Background Information is given on pages 477-483 regarding revisions to the “Bridging the Gap” pamphlet.
Group Conscience:	Given the Background Information on pages 477-483, do we agree or disagree with these changes, or have additional suggestions?

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities will be reviewing the draft of a story for inclusion in the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share their Stories.” The review will be primarily to determine whether or not the item that has been presented to them meets the intended goals of the pamphlet revision. ● Once the Conference Committee reviews the story proposed for inclusion in the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share their Stories,” several things may happen. Among them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee might approve adding the story to the pamphlet and recommend the revised pamphlet be approved by the Conference as a whole. ● The committee might take no action. ● The committee might also send the pamphlet back to the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities with any significant concerns about the addition of the story to the pamphlet.
Group Conscience:	Given the absence of specific information to review, there is no opportunity to provide specific information. <i>In the meantime, do you support adding a story from an AA member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers?”</i>

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item C

Agenda Topic	Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One focus of the subcommittee for improving the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and cooperation with the Armed Services was reviewing A.A. literature which contained stories from members of the military or veterans. At their January 2019 meeting, the trustees’ Committee on C.P.C./T.A. accepted the report of the subcommittee and agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee a proposal

	<p>that the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic –Never Too Late” be revised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for updating were to get more recent stories, replacing ones that reference the Depression and WWII; to include information about online meetings; and to add information about A.A. Grapevine and its website.
Group Conscience:	Given the above Background Information, should the pamphlet “AA for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late?” be updated?

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item D

Agenda Topic	Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee agreed on the usefulness of creating additional audio content to carry the message to military professionals, military personnel and veterans. These audio clips, 5 to 10 minutes in length, could be used in various places, such as G.S.O.’s A.A. website, an app, LinkedIn, the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel, etc. • The subcommittee agreed to have a concept audio interview recorded to provide to the full trustees’ committee. The appointed committee member did a short interview to give the flavor of what the subcommittee had in mind. An unedited sample recording of this interview was created and provided to the trustees’ committee members to review prior to their January meeting.
Group Conscience:	Given the absence of specific information to review, there is no opportunity to provide specific information. In the meantime, do you support posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with AA?

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item E

Agenda Topic	Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contents of the Remote Communities Kit are listed on page 489-490 of the Background Information.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the P.I. Kit and Workbook (see contents on pages 489-490), do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item F

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• The contents of the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook are listed on pages 494-495 of the Background Information.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook (see contents on pages 494-495), do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Treatment and Accessibilities — Item G

Agenda Topic	Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	• The contents of the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook are listed on pages 497-498 of the Background Information.
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook (see contents on pages 497-498), do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

Trustees — Item A1

Agenda Topic	Review resumes of candidates for: Northeast Regional Trustee.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 candidate Northeast Regional Trustees are listed on page 504 of the Background Information.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item A2

Agenda Topic	Review resumes of candidates for: Southwest Regional Trustee.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 candidate Southwest Regional Trustees are listed on page 508 of the Background Information.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item A3

Agenda Topic	Review resumes of candidates for: Trustee-at-Large/Canada.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The voting sheet for electing the Trustee-at-Large/Canada is given on page 511.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees and 11 Class B (alcoholic) trustees are listed on page 514, which will be presented at the 2019 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item C

Agenda Topic	Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board five Directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. (see page 517) for election in May 2019, following presentation at the 2019 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item D

Agenda Topic	Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed and recommended to the General Service Board the following slate of Directors of AA Grapevine, Inc. (see page 519) for election in May 2019, following presentation at the 2019 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.
Group Conscience:	No action needed; this is more for your information.

Trustees — Item E

Agenda Topic	Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of three questions and answers are provided on pages 521-522 of the Background Information regarding the reorganization of the General Service Board. Background Information for the process by which the General Service Board could be reorganized is given on pages 523-536.
Group Conscience:	Given the complicated nature of such reorganization, there is not likely to be any input from us that will help. Even so, do you think the General Service Board needs to be reorganized?

Archives — Item A

Agenda Topic	Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This 1940s film of the co-founders and their wives, filmed in the gardens at Stepping Stones (the home of Bill and Lois), was donated to the G.S.O. Archives in 2017 through legal transfer. It is a rare home movie, filmed in Kodachrome and about two minutes in length. As far as we are aware, it is the only moving image of the co-founders and their wives that exists. A.A.W.S., Inc. is the legal copyright owner of the home movie.
Group Conscience:	Should the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives be added to the video “Markings on the Journey?”

Archives — Item B

Agenda Topic	Review Archives Workbook.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archives Workbook. Available on G.S.O.’s A.A. website at www.aa.org/assets/en_US/archives-committees/m-44i-archives-workbook
Group Conscience:	Given your knowledge of the Archives Workbook (available at the above link), do you have any suggestions for additions, deletions, or other modifications?

International Conventions/Regional Forums — Item A

Agenda Topic	Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An anonymity protected photo has been taken at each International Convention since the first International Convention in 1950. Since 1994, the General Service Conference has approved the taking of this photograph at the Convention.
Group Conscience:	Do you support or protest taking an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony at the 2020 International Convention?

International Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B

Agenda Topic	Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the major highlights of each International Convention is the parade of flags at the Opening Meeting on Friday evening. The Flag Ceremony sets the celebratory and international tone for the Convention weekend with a display of 90+ flags representing countries whose members are attending the Convention. • In 2014, it was recommended that: ‘an encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony be approved.
Group Conscience:	Do you support or protest broadcasting an anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the flag ceremony at the 2020 International Convention?

International Conventions/Regional Forums — Item C

Agenda Topic	Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On pages 549-550 of the Background Information, the committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees, which included 20 recommendations garnered between 2015 and 2018. • The Background Information then gives the results of three questionnaires on pages 551-572 that is useful for generating this interest.
Group Conscience:	How can we encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees?