

Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2019 General Service Conference*

As of 1/2/2019 67 Items

Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting.

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item	Forwarded to	Status
1	10/24/17	Create a list of questions to aid those interested in starting or improving their archives.	Trustees' Committee on Archives	Under consideration by trustees' committee: This item was considered by Trustees' Archives Committee (TAC) at the January 2018 meeting. TAC requested the G.S.O. Archivist to solicit sharing from local archives. At the July 2018 meeting, they asked for a draft list of questions to review. At the October 2018 meeting, TAC reviewed a draft and will be presented with a final copy for approval in January 2019.
2	10/26/17	In the pamphlet named "Members Of The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", on page 11, under the subheading, "What are AA Meetings Like?" add the text from the "Blue Card" to define Closed and Open Meetings.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee noted that the current language in the pamphlet adequately explains the difference between open and closed meetings.
3	10/26/17	That in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" under the section titled "What can you expect from A.A.?", under subsection 3 the first sentence, "They may help arrange hospitalization.", be removed.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Forwarded to Conference Committee on C.P.C.: The committee agreed to forward the request to consider removing text in the section "What can you expect from A.A.?" in the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
4	12/12/17	Consider a request that the Guideline "Cooperation with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs" be revised and updated to reflect the changing quantities, populations, formats and impact of Sobriety Courts, Drug Courts, Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, Healing Courts and Veterans Courts on the meetings and groups that are willing to cooperate with such programs.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee discussed potential alcoholics coming to A.A. through court referrals and requested that the staff secretary update the A.A. Guidelines on Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs to better reflect what A.A. is and is not.

*May include items submitted for a previous year, but still under consideration by a trustees' committee.

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5	3/16/18	Consider adding a service item that lists the items from the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group...Where it all Begins" on page 39 outlining the things that A.A. does not do in a poster form.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action: The committee agreed that "what A.A. does not do" is adequately addressed in current literature (i.e., the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" and flyer "Information on A.A.") and that there is no widely-expressed need from the Fellowship to provide the information in additional formats.
6	4/15/18	That a modification be made to the Service Manual page S82: A footnote be added to S82, listing the titles of the books described on S82 as "The first four books written by Bill W."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
7	4/22/18	That the following paragraph be added after the listing of Duties in the chapter The Group and Its G.S.R. in the A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31): "What I saw, and heard, and felt. "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform members of my group by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
8	4/22/18	That the following paragraph be added after the listing of Duties in the chapter The District and The D.C.M. in the A.A. Service manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31): "What I saw, and heard, and felt. "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform G.S.R. of my District by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
9	5/4/18	That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approve the development of a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of AA).	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
10	3/4/18	To add a paragraph to Chapter 29 in Living Sober extolling the positive experience of participation in general service meetings (including business/group conscience meetings).	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action: The committee agreed that there is no widely expressed need from the Fellowship to revise Living Sober as proposed; and that the "positive experience of participation in general services meetings" may be best addressed in the new pamphlet on the Three Legacies, currently under development.

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11	7/17/18	The grid of proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference Committee be revised to include the rationale for the items not forwarded. In addition, a review of the revised grid be placed on the annual agenda of the Conference Committee on Agenda and included in the February 15 General Service Conference background material.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee: Item 1: The trustees' Committee agreed that no action be taken on the request for a revision of the grid of proposed items not forwarded to a Conference committee because the grid was updated to include the rationale. Item 2: A proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on Proposed Agenda Items Not Forwarded to a Conference committee is under review.
12	8/21/18	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: "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism," to "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggested as a program of recovery."	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
13	8/27/18	That the Conference consider establishing a new Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Elder Community.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
14	9/10/18	To add the following wording concerning anonymity on social media to the discussion of the Eleventh Tradition in the pamphlet, "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated": To quote Bill W. 's writing on page 15 from The Language of the Heart, "...it should be the privilege, even the right, of each individual or group to handle anonymity as they wish. However, when dealing with social media, personal anonymity as well as the group's anonymity may be easily compromised. We must be careful when using social media to not use full names and/or photos of A.A. members in a way that would identify them or others as A.A. members."	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: The committee discussed the request for additional revisions to the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" and requested the Publishing Department include the spirit of the proposed update in the revisions underway for the pamphlet.
15	9/7/18	That the Conference consider producing a plastic pamphlet rack, rather than the wire rack, as a way for members and local committees to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: This is not a policy item for the GSC. The Production Manager responded that the search is ongoing for a manufacturer of a good quality plastic literature rack that can meet our needs and is cost effective.

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16	9/20/18	That work begins on the development of a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
17	9/23/18	All Agenda Items for Censure or Reorganization Be Forwarded Directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Took No Action: The committee agreed that it is important to follow our proposed agenda item process and initially submit any item to an appropriate trustees' Committee.
18	9/24/18	That the General Service Conference authorize the Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher to hire and oversee a writer to research and draft for publication the story of the Grapevine (including LaVina) from inception until present with inclusion of a chapter in the spirit of "A Vision For You."	A.A. Grapevine	Pending
19	10/8/18	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Traditions to the inside front cover of the AA Service Manual.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
20	10/8/18	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Concepts of World Service to the inside back cover of the A.A. Service Manual.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
21	10/15/18	Consider translating the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous into plain language – at a fifth grade or similar reading level.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
22	10/17/18	That conference corrections committee undertake a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.	Trustees' Committee on Corrections	Under consideration by trustees' committee
23	10/17/18	A.A.W.S. design a simple pamphlet to help A.A. members and groups apply the Twelve Concepts for World Service at the group level.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
24	10/22/18	Remove the "Alcoholism at Large" page from the Grapevine.	A.A. Grapevine	Pending
25	10/23/18	That the word "directly" be replaced by the word "inversely" in the Daily Reflection for March 3, in order that the clause at the end of the reflection reads: "until I could discard my expectations, and understand that my serenity was inversely proportional to them, I could not experience serenity and sound sobriety."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: This is not a policy item for the GSC. The request was directed to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department as an editorial suggestion.

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26	10/23/18	That A.A. prepare a pamphlet on Service Sponsorship.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
27	10/23/18	Add to the Foreword of "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" the following statement, or something similar: 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 A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
28	10/23/18	Set the publishing schedule of the Conference Final Report at the highest priority to ensure they will be delivered before August 31st, as they were in the past.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
29	10/27/18	Consider an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
30	11/3/18	Consider producing staple free pamphlets, such as, "Do You Think You're Different?", "This is AA: An Introduction to the AA Recovery Program", "The Twelve Steps Illustrated", and "Frequently Asked Questions About AA." As is currently done with "A Newcomer Asks."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department
31	11/4/18	The General Service Board develop a policy outlining the conditions under which the Boards see themselves as justified in bringing a lawsuit as a plaintiff without prior Conference consultation—including policies regarding what constitutes "a grave emergency" and what procedures constitute "consulting with the Conference"—with a draft policy or progress report being brought back for review and discussion by the Conference Committee on Trustees for the 70th General Service Conference.	Trustees' Committee on Nominating	Under consideration by trustees' committee
32	11/7/18	Consider the development of a contemporary and comprehensive new work book to study the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
33	11/7/18	That Chairpeople of all General Service Board Trustees Committees, with the exception of Finance, be Trustees who are members of Alcoholics Anonymous.	Trustees' Committee on Nominating	Under consideration by trustees' committee
34	11/9/18	Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee

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35	11/11/18	That the General Service Conference advise the General Service Office to establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each Service Area in the United States and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.	Trustees' Committee on Corrections	Under consideration by trustees' committee
36	11/14/18	That the book AA Comes of Age be printed in large type for the visually impaired members of the fellowship.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department
37	11/14/18	We ask for immediate removal [cease active use] of the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services YouTube Channel.	A.A. World Services	Forwarded to A.A.W.S.
38	11/15/18	A discussion topic be placed on the Conference Agenda for the Policy & Admissions committee pertaining to the process/procedure of approving qualified personnel from other service structures to observe the US/Canada General Service Conference.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
39	11/29/18	That the General Service Conference consider creating a 5th Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous in order to update the personal stories to better reflect our current membership.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
40	12/6/18	Consider a suggestion to add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
41	12/3/18	That the 2019 General Service Conference consider modifying the note on page S-103 of The A.A. Service Manual, to specify that the principle stated on page S-102 and S-103 of the Service Manual must be also applied to the official French and Spanish translations of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions provided by the G.S.O. Current language of Note 2: This applies to the original English version only. Proposed Change to Note 2: This applies to the original English version, as well as the official French and Spanish translations provided by the GSB only.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
42	12/9/18	Consider a change to the organization of the General Service Board by replacing four Class A trustees with four Class B general service trustees that are elected by the General Service Conference, with nominations not being limited by General Service Office roles.	Trustees' Committee on Nominating	Under consideration by trustees' committee
43	12/9/18	That LinkedIn be used only as a link to AA.org with no further content added to LinkedIn.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Under consideration by trustees' committee
44	12/9/18	Consider implementing new requirements to the procedures for regional trustee and trustee-at-large elections.	Trustees' Committee on Nominating	Under consideration by trustees' committee

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45	12/10/18	Consider request that a staff assignment be created at the General Service Office for a Young People in A.A. (YPAA) Liaison.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee: The General Manager and trustees' Committee on the GSC Chair agree that this proposed agenda item can go to the trustees' Conference Committee, but, it is ultimately not a Conference item: It is for management; management is responsible for the G.S.O. Staff assignments.
46	12/10/18	Consider that the book, Language of the Heart, be translated into a Spanish audiobook/audio format.	A.A. Grapevine	Under consideration
47	12/12/18	Revise our "Process for Polling the General Service Conference between Annual Meetings" to include a process that allows for discussion between the voting members of the Conference, before the vote.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
48	12/12/18	That the Policy/Admissions committee develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
49	12/13/18	That The A.A. Service Manual be updated to include the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and St. Maarten on the Regional Map (pg. S69) and the Area Map (pg. S97) when it is reprinted.	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.
50	12/13/18	Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."	A.A. Grapevine	Under consideration
51	12/14/18	Consider a revision to the pamphlet, "If You Are a Professional" (P-46), page 4, changing the italicized paragraph as follows: From: "Proof of attendance at meetings. Sometimes a referral source asks for proof of attendance at A.A. meetings." To: "Sometimes proof of attendance at A.A. meetings is requested."	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department
52	12/14/18	Consider developing a Fifth Edition of the Big Book to aid new members with more relevant stories by our current members today.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
53	12/14/18	Consider creating a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, which would include a new concentrated section of stories comprised of individuals who got sober as young people, meaning under the age of 25.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee

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54	12/14/18	Consider removing the Conference-approval of the booklet, Living Sober and request A.A.W.S cease printing the booklet.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
55	12/14/18	Consider a suggestion that the General Service Conference should move to a midwestern city in the interest of financial prudence.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee
56	12/14/18	The General Service Conference consider ceasing the development of new literature and focus on making all our current literature accessible in all possible formats.	A.A. World Services	Forwarded to A.A.W.S.
57	12/14/18	Repeal the PI Delegate Committee and the General Service Conferences decision to approve the use of Google for Nonprofits.	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
58	12/14/18	Reconsider the advisory action of the 68th General Service Conference regarding the adoption of the pamphlet "The 'God' Word."	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
59	12/14/18	Repeal the PI Delegate Committee and the General Service Conference's decision to approve the use of YouTube.	Trustees' Committee on Public Information	Under consideration by trustees' committee
60	12/14/18	Repeal the CPC Delegate Committee and the General Service Conference's decision to approve the use of LinkedIn.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Under consideration by trustees' committee
61	12/14/18	The General Service Conference consider the translation of the AA Grapevine Workbook to Spanish.	A.A. Grapevine	Under consideration
62	12/14/18	Request that the General Service Conference consider the production of an audio format (preferably CD) of the Spanish language book El Lenguaje del Corazón.	A.A. Grapevine	Under consideration
63	12/15/18	That A.A.W.S. and the 2019 General Service Conference consider postponing the launch of the new meeting guide app and conduct a full review of the possible implications of the app initiative for New York Inter-Group and all intergroups in the U.S. and Canada.	A.A. World Services	Forwarded to A.A.W.S.
64	12/15/18	Consider that the current G.S.O. Archives policy that reads: "The G.S.O. Archives generally does not accept items on loan." Be changed to: "The G.S.O. Archives welcomes items on-loan that meet our policy for loaned items." This motion further recommends, in response to the change suggested, that the Archives Committee create a policy for accepting such "loaned" items.	Trustees' Committee on Archives	Under consideration by trustees' committee

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65	12/15/18	That the General Service Board amend existing literature and/or create a pamphlet that explains the origins and meaning of the application of the Responsibility Statement, including clarification that the Statement places responsibility upon members of Alcoholics Anonymous to make sure the hand of A.A. is always there for anyone who reaches out for help, but that individual members are encouraged to consider whether a request may put the individual member's welfare at risk.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Under consideration by trustees' committee
66	12/15/18	Consider revising the "Bridging the Gap" pamphlets to be broad and inclusive.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Under consideration by trustees' committee
67	12/11/18	Reconsider the 66th GSC Advisory Action to delete two paragraphs, and add an endnote, from the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions, which is the writing of our co-founder, Bill W., in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Under consideration by trustees' committee