

## **Group 1**

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE**

#### Conference Committee: **Literature B**

Agenda Item:	Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in <i>Living Sober</i> and the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Draft language was requested by the Conference Committee on Literature at the 68th Conference. Further refinement of the draft language, to more closely focus on safety at the group level, have taken place at each Conference since.
What your group might consider:	What do you think about the draft language on Doc. 1a? Doc. 4? Does this feel well-suited for the <i>Living Sober</i> book? Is the literacy level appropriate? What are your opinions on the draft language on Doc. 1b? Doc. 5? Does this feel like appropriate content for the "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" pamphlet?

#### Conference Committee: **Literature I**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Due to the volume of literature items, the 71st Conference Literature Committee recommended that discussion continue at the 72nd GSC. A Floor action was made and passed, approving this update. The pamphlet was first published in 1989, and last reviewed in 2009.
What your group might consider:	A request for sharing and evaluation of the current pamphlet has been made, to include the participation of the target audience in the update process. Do you support the strategy for approaching this project?

#### Conference Committee: **Literature J**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholicos Anonimos</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This item originated with a Floor Action at the 69th GSC before being approved as an Advisory Action at the 71st GSC. A working group has been established under the leadership of Amalia C. (ACM)
What your group might consider:	Are there gaps in the scope of the working group for the development of this draft? Spanish is a diverse language with many regional differences. The 3rd Edition was published in 2008, and as early as 2015 GSO was receiving letters supporting changes due to translation errors and omissions. The working group has asked for revisions chapter by chapter, for their review for accuracy. This project is hoping to mirror the development timeline of the 5th Edition of <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .

Conference Committee: **Literature K**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding the translation of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A request for plain language translation was first reviewed in January 2019 by the Trustees' Literature Committee. Later in 2019, a subcommittee was formed to explore whether multiple accessibility issues could be solved with a common solution, resulting in the RIPTAB presentation. This presentation was first given at the 70th GSC, before being made available to the Fellowship. The 71st GSC passed an Advisory Action that "a draft version of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> (Fourth Edition) be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible."
What your group might consider:	Is there a clear understanding about what this book is, and what it is not? Review and consider the examples (not draft material) that are provided in Doc. 1a. These are unedited raw samples, but they are provided for transparency and with the hope that it will ease concerns about malintent. This background also gives an update about the subcommittee's research into workbooks and study guides. Which one of the 3 possible options appeals most to you? Why? What are your observations about the feedback summary from the RIPTAB video? Have you watched the video? Do you agree with the summary?

Conference Committee: **Literature L**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This Agenda Item has run parallel to Item K, from introduction through the RIPTAB presentation. There was a Committee Consideration at the 71st GSC requesting that a feasibility report be brought to the 72nd GSC.
What your group might consider:	Review the RIPTAB presentation for agreement and observation. Review the RIPTAB II Progress Report and summary. Does anything stand out to you as complete and adequate? Incomplete and partial? What do you think about the development of multi-media digital material? What are the takeaways from the Conclusions presented on page 5 of Document 3, especially items 1 and 4? What are your takeaways or reactions to the letter from Area 14 North Florida?

Conference Committee: **Literature M**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Since the 70th Conference, agenda items related to the Fifth Edition have been split between the basic decision of whether or not to proceed, followed by items addressing content and revision. The 71st GSC passed Advisory Actions for the development of a 5th Edition, and for the creation of a new foreword, updated preface, and expansions to Appendices III and V.
What your group might consider:	<p>What does the history on the development of the 4th Edition tell us about the process? Does the progress report better inform you about the development process?</p> <p>What are the takeaways from Section 7 of Document 1: Big Book and the General Service Conference?</p> <p>What are your thoughts about Section 9 of Document 1: Talk by David E.? How might those principles better guide the process?</p> <p>Do you support the idea of adding any dropped stories from the 4th edition into the next printing of <i>Experience, Strength and Hope</i>?</p>

Conference Committee: **Literature O**

Agenda Item:	Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>Rather than rush through agenda items, the 71st Conference Literature Committee requested that discussion continue and that consideration be made to forward the items to the 72nd Conference Literature Committee.</p> <p>There are 4 draft updates to pamphlets, and the larger print policy included in this Agenda Item.</p>
What your group might consider:	<p>Do you support the changes in the proposed pamphlet updates?</p> <p>What are your thoughts on the Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current?</p> <p>What are your thoughts about "Service Pieces" and the process for their development?</p>

Conference Committee: **Literature P**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This has been a point of focus for several years, with progress reports being provided to the 71st and 72nd General Service Conferences. The progress report discusses the current state of format availability. Discussion of upcoming projects allows for Conference participation in prioritizing different AAWS Conference Approved items.
What your group might consider:	What are your feelings about the breadth of activity? Are there formats and accessibility challenges not being addressed? Are there particular items you would like to see expedited?

Conference Committee: **Literature R**

Agenda Item:	Discuss changes to the text of the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	<p>There was a variety of proposed agenda items with intentions that, while overlapping, were different. The Trustees' Literature Committee took no action on these motions, deciding instead to forward this agenda item to the Conference Committee on Literature.</p> <p>The three changes approved at the 71st GSC were revisions to passages on pages 66 and 117, and the inclusion of the Long Form of each Tradition at the end of the essay on that Tradition.</p>
What your group might consider:	<p>The proposed agenda items fell broadly into 4 categories. Looking at the excerpts from the proposed items, are there any which seem particularly principled or meritorious?</p> <p>If you have concerns about the changes approved at the 71st Conference, do they fall into any of these categories? More than one category?</p> <p>What are your thoughts about proposed agenda items with "content that were verbatim duplications?"</p> <p>Are you surprised by any actions in the history of proposed changes?</p> <p>Looking at the Introduction (added in 2005), do you feel that this has been a helpful addition? What might this tell us about requests to add explanatory introductions to other books?</p>

## **Group 2**

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES**

#### Conference Committee: **Treatment and Accessibilities B**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report on military audio interviews.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	An Advisory Action from 2019 approved the development of military audio interviews. 3 of these audio interviews were approved at the 71st GSC and posted on AA.org. The interview project has been well received, and more interviews have been requested.
What your group might consider:	The first three interviews feature service members from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. What directions should these interviews take to more effectively reach members of the armed forces?

#### Conference Committee: **Treatment and Accessibilities C**

Agenda Item:	Discuss draft version of A.A. Guidelines for remote communities.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	In 2021, the Conference Committee received a progress report on new service material still in development. Draft guidelines and a memo to the Publishing Department are being provided for consideration.
What your group might consider:	Review the suggested edits, content removes, and new additions. What additional content would be beneficial in reaching members in remote communities?

#### Conference Committee: **Treatment and Accessibilities F**

Agenda Item:	Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” to reflect the importance of the group as a “spiritual entity” as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This submission seeks to put additional emphasis on language from the long form of the Fifth Tradition, which states “Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
What your group might consider:	Is this content addition beneficial or necessary? Review the section on page 12 titled “What is an AA Group?” Do you have suggestions about how, or where, to include language about the group as a spiritual entity?

#### Conference Committee: **Treatment and Accessibilities G**

Agenda Item:	Consider request to revise text in the chapter “Getting plenty of rest” in the booklet <i>Living Sober</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	
What your group might consider:	Does your group feel that there is a need to remove or revise this text? Why or why not?

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA**

### Conference Committee: **Agenda A**

Agenda Item:	Review Suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a standing agenda item to select the theme for the GSC for the next year. This theme can be used all year by the Areas and Districts as well, incorporating into workshops and assemblies.
What your group might consider:	Discuss the proposed list to determine your Group's preferred theme. Do you have another Theme to suggest?

### Conference Committee: **Agenda B**

Agenda Item:	Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a standing agenda item to select the presentation/discussion topics for the next year. The presentations are included in the final conference report for all to read. These could be interesting topics for local consideration as well.
What your group might consider:	Discuss the proposed list to determine your Group's preferred presentation/discussion topics. Do you have other presentation/discussion topics to suggest?

### Conference Committee: **Agenda C**

Agenda Item:	Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a standing agenda item to select the workshop topic idea for the next year. These could be interesting topics for local consideration as well.
What your group might consider:	Discuss the proposed list to determine your Group's preferred workshop. Do you have other workshop topics to suggest?

### Conference Committee: **Agenda E**

Agenda Item:	Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The Trustees' General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC) appointed a subcommittee in response to a proposed agenda item to alternate in-person and virtual Conferences. To that end, this subcommittee took no action. The TGSCC is forwarding a progress report to the Conference Committee on Agenda for review.
What your group might consider:	Request to alternate in-person and virtual Conferences. Consider providing background material in all 3 languages at the same time. How to utilize information from Conference evaluations, establishment of an annual survey on Conference improvements.

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND ADMISSIONS**

### Conference Committee: **Policy and Admissions D**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The development of a polling process using virtual meeting technologies was an Advisory Action approved at the 71st GSC. Between the first year of the EDW trial, the high number of proposed agenda items, office closures, work from home situations, and staff availability, there was limited progress to report. However, given the experiences of the last 2 years, this remains an item worth discussing.
What your group might consider:	What are your thoughts about the Conference polling process? What are the challenges and opportunities of using virtual meeting technology for polling? It was noted that this year's single topic for polling could best be handled with the standard process. Are there items which are best left to the current practice? Should we have two standards for polling, depending upon the degree of discussion required?

### Conference Committee: **Policy and Admissions E**

Agenda Item:	Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 71st General Service Conference approved the implementation of the Equitable Distribution of Workload on a three-year trial basis, with annual progress reports. The first year presented many challenges, both expected and unexpected. As with any new development, the initial observations and resulting adjustments will go a long way to determining a successful trial.
What your group might consider:	Review the progress report and plan summary. What are your thoughts about the potential benefits of the EDW trial? Beyond the experience of changing habits, are there any aspects of the EDW plan which raise concerns? What are your thoughts related to background doc.7: Memo on gathering sharing from the Fellowship related to the "Report on Translation and Interpretation of the General Service Conference Material?"

### Conference Committee: **Policy and Admissions G**

Agenda Item:	Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This item was originally submitted for consideration at the 69 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. The Trustees' Literature Committee did not forward it to the final Conference agenda, feeling that there was no express need from the Fellowship. This item was re-submitted, and through the EDW process has ended up on the Agenda for Policy and Admissions
What your group might consider:	What are you thoughts about service sponsorship? Do you feel that it is appropriate to recommend that trusted servants doing work beyond their Home Group should as someone to be their service sponsor? Do you feel that Q&A on Sponsorship is the best place to locate content on Service Sponsorship?

### **Group 3**

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION**

##### Conference Committee: **Public Information B-2**

Agenda Item:	Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 2. Review the 2021 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is an annual review item to determine the relevance and usefulness of current PSA content. PSAs are only retired if/when it is deemed to no longer be useful or relevant. Two new PSAs were approved at the 71 <sup>st</sup> GSC, creating an additional timeliness to this year’s review.
What your group might consider:	The Trustees’ Committee on Public Information found the video PSAs to be useful and relevant. What do you think of the current PSAs? <a href="http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios">www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios</a>

##### Conference Committee: **Public Information C**

Agenda Item:	Review a progress report and the G.S.O. Podcast Plan
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	AAWS and AAGV/LV have been exploring new media options for carrying the message, as exemplified through the creation of the Grapevine Instagram page, our YouTube channels, and the “Half-hour Variety Hour” podcast. The GSO Podcast plan is a continuation of the efforts to use podcasts to reach the Fellowship and to carry AA’s message.
What your group might consider:	A pilot episode has been developed for “This is A.A. ... virtually” with the pilot episode being “Online Groups – Past, Present, Future.” What are your feelings about Podcasts? Have you listened to the pilot episode? Are there portions of the format outline which seem ineffective? Which seem extra effective? Is there anything missing from the “Developing themes and topics” section presented in background Doc. 1? What feedback or suggestions do you have for future developments?

##### Conference Committee: **Public Information D**

Agenda Item:	Review report on “YouTube Performance.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter performance review for the AAWS YouTube channel.
What your group might consider:	There are now 109 AAWS videos posted publicly to YouTube. The channel is still growing, now with over 6,500 subscribers, who have watched a total of 31,515 videos covering 1,100.4 hours of screen time. Looking at the most viewed videos and the impression statistics, what are your thoughts about the YouTube page? Is this a good tool, or a bad idea?



Conference Committee: **Public Information E**

Agenda Item:	Review report on “Google Ads Performance.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A Committee Consideration in 2021 supported suggestions to create additional and more diverse content, create new ad sets to test conversion goals, to improve use of the keyword planner, and to create a new campaign with ad sets for the professional community.
What your group might consider:	Why does the “Find a Meeting” ad group continue to far out-perform the “Get Help” ad group? Who are we trying to reach through optimizing search engine performance, and how might we better reach them? Should we raise bid limits? Should we grow Google Ads beyond the contribution in-kind that all non-profits are eligible to receive?

Conference Committee: **Public Information F**

Agenda Item:	Review report on “Meeting Guide Performance.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This report contains use and statistical information from the 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 related to the AAWS Meeting Guide app.
What your group might consider:	The Meeting Guide app has been growing and adding additional features. Recently the developer of the “Everything AA” app expressed a desire for GSO to take ownership of this app. In previous discussion, the idea of links to literature, prayers, etc., have been avoided as outside of the scope of the Meeting Guide. As the Meeting Guide app evolves, should this be reconsidered? Do you like the filter options for meeting type, geographic distance, etc.?

Conference Committee: **Public Information I**

Agenda Item:	Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 71 <sup>st</sup> GSC requested a feasibility study to explore cost and benefit of paid PSA placement.
What your group might consider:	Do you prefer the idea of active or passive ads? Or do you feel like the cost and nature of streaming media make this a bad idea? “Anything beyond broadcast is considered Pay for Play (P4P)” and is an advertising model. Research did not find anything within the Committee History & Actions, or the Department Files which states that we cannot do paid advertising. What are your thoughts?

Conference Committee: **Public Information K**

Agenda Item:	Review request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This proposal first came before the 70 <sup>th</sup> Conference Committee on Public Information, which requested additional sharing on safety, anonymity, and etiquette in social media platforms. During this process, the Staff Secretary located a survey previously composed and titled “Anonymity on Social Media Survey – A Request for Feedback from A.A. Members.”
What your group might consider:	Do we need a new form of communication addressing this issue? Do you feel that the survey, if used, would gather the necessary information? Which survey question seems most appropriate? Which least?

Conference Committee: **Public Information L**

Agenda Item:	Review report on development and distribution ideas for the “A.A. Triennial Membership Survey.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The last Membership Survey was conducted in 2014.
What your group might consider:	What are your opinions about the reasons provided for not conducting a survey in 2017 or 2020? Is this pamphlet used primarily as an outward facing PI tool, or an inward facing tool to inform twelfth step efforts for groups and service committees. What do you think of the recommendations and proposed improvements from the executive summary?

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON INT’L CONVENTION and REGIONAL FORUMS**

Conference Committee: **International Convention & Regional Forums A**

Agenda Item:	Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The 71st Conference Committee on International Conventions/ Regional Forums had a thoughtful and wide-ranging discussion regarding methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention, particularly the use of the Lord’s Prayer. The Committee felt that more information would be beneficial, and requested a survey to gather Fellowship sharing.
What your group might consider:	What method would you like to see for closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention? Do you have suggestions for the survey process? Do the platforms for sharing the survey seem adequate?

Conference Committee: **International Convention & Regional Forums B**

Agenda Item:	Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Several Regional Forums are held each year as a service provided by GSO staff and the General Service Board. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for the general Fellowship to meet and interact with GSO staff and corporate Board members. Attendance seems to tend towards those involved in General Service. This Agenda item is recurring, as an attempt to better align the Forums with their purpose of reaching the general Fellowship.
What your group might consider:	Would the meeting guide be a helpful tool? What would be some good ways to inform the Fellowship about Forums? Do members of your group know about Regional Forums? Have you thought about attending the SE Regional Forum in New Orleans? Why or why not? What can we do to attract members of your group to attend a Regional Forum?

## **Group 4**

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GRAPEVINE / LA VINA**

Conference Committee: **Grapevine/La Vina B**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report on Grapevine and La Vina Instagram accounts.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The topic of an Instagram page originated at the 68th General Service Conference, which resulted in an Advisory Action at the 71st Conference approving the page.
What your group might consider:	Have you visited the Grapevine or La Vina pages? What were your impressions? How do you feel about the page content in the background material?

Conference Committee: **Grapevine/La Vina C**

Agenda Item:	Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Advisory Action from 2002, expanding upon an action from 1992, created an annual review of proposed items at least one year in advance, so that the Conference might provide guidance on topics.
What your group might consider:	Do any of the proposed book topics speak to you? Why? Are there any proposed topics which are objectionable? Why?

Conference Committee: **Grapevine/La Vina D**

Agenda Item:	Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There were 3 Floor Actions passed at the 71st GSC related to the revision of the AA Preamble. The original request to change the Preamble came to the Conference in December 2018.
What your group might consider:	What are your thoughts about the process of this revision, arising as competing floor actions rather than a committee recommendation? What are your thoughts about this action occurring during the Covid pandemic? After reading the letter from the Grapevine Board Chair, what are your thoughts regarding AA Tradition? What are your thoughts regarding outside issues and internal statements of spiritual principle?

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES**

### Conference Committee: **Trustees E**

Agenda Item:	Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or A.A. Grapevine Boards.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The development of procedures for a partial or complete reorganization of our corporate boards began in 2018 with instructions to the Trustees’ Nominating Committee. A subcommittee was formed, procedures were drafted and brought to the 2019 Conference. Suggestions were made for additional specificity, and the approval process has progressed through a series of requests for additional information since that time.
What your group might consider:	Do you feel these Procedures are sufficient to guide us through a potential reorganization? What are your thoughts about the procedure for selecting regional trustees? Do you have any specific suggestions for improvement?

### Conference Committee: **Trustees F**

Agenda Item:	Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A group has proposed new language on page 29 in the English version of the pamphlet. The proposed wording would replace “holding office” with “trusted service” on question 9 of the Group Inventory section.
What your group might consider:	Does your group think that this text needs revising? Why or why not? Is the use of the wording “holding office” misleading? Do the benefits sufficient to justify revision?

### Conference Committee: **Trustees G**

Agenda Item:	Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?” to include stories reflecting greater diversity.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The submitter of this item feels that in keeping with the purpose of the pamphlet, new stories are needed to better represent all the diverse populations of the U.S. and Canada with language that is more current and respectful.
What your group might consider:	Does your group think that this pamphlet needs to be updated with new stories to reflect greater diversity? Why or why not? If so, which population(s) are missing? Do you have wider feelings about the degree of targeted pamphlets designed to create identification from different demographic groups?

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS**

### Conference Committee: **Corrections B**

Agenda Item:	Review list of outer-facing literature/service material to determine the need for revised terminology (i.e., person in custody). Reconsider the use of the term “persons in custody” in A.A. literature.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This motion originated with a GSR, and was supported by a District and an Area. The 71st GSC approved that “revisions be made to A.A.W.S. literature directed to members behind the walls and that the terms “inmate” and “offender” be replaced with “person in custody.”
What your group might consider:	Is “person in custody” the best terminology? How should we consider geographic and national differences in terminology? Should we be using a different standard of reference in literature intended for our membership, and literature intended for professionals?

### Conference Committee: **Corrections C**

Agenda Item:	Consider requests to limit changes to the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This Agenda item came from several sources, with varied reasonings and degrees of group consensus. Two Advisory Actions were passed at the 71st GSC. The first approved the development of a 5th Edition of the Big Book, with updated stories and adherence to a 1995 Advisory Action 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.” The second approved the inclusion of a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on the existing ideas in Appendices III and V.
What your group might consider:	Since no Conference action is binding upon a future Conference, does this item accomplish anything? How might the Committee adjust it to serve its intended purpose? In looking at the problems that these submissions are intending to address, what portions seem adequately addressed? Does it go too far? Not far enough?

### Conference Committee: **Corrections D**

Agenda Item:	Discuss requests to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.’s primary purpose in mind.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	Several big actions were taken by the 71st GSC, including the approved development of a 5th Edition of the Big Book and a plain and simple language translation of the 4th Edition. There have also been discussions and agenda items concerning the development of workbooks and other tools.
What your group might consider:	What is an appropriate timeline for change? How does mindfulness of our Primary Purpose affect the pace of change? What are your opinions on the request that any plain language book, workbook, or study guide omit the words <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> and <i>Big Book</i> from their title and book cover?

## **Group 5**

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

#### Conference Committee: **CPC B**

Agenda Item:	Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community"
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There was a committee consideration at the 70th General Service Conference to update the style and language of this pamphlet. Drafts, updates, and audio samples have been provided to the Trustees' Committee and have now been forwarded to the 72nd Conference.
What your group might consider:	How content would work across different media types (print, digital and audio formats) Who is the intended audience for this pamphlet? How do you feel about adopting the language of the professional community, i.e. "we need to include the words "substance abuse disorder" and/or "alcohol abuse disorder" as this is the language of the professional community.

#### Conference Committee: **CPC C**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a followup of an Advisory Action from the 71st General Service Conference. The Trustees' Committee decided to begin the creation of this pamphlet by putting together a focus group of past/present Class A Trustees and other mental health professionals.
What your group might consider:	How do you feel about the answers provided by the focus group? How do you feel about the development of this pamphlet in general? Do you think it will be a beneficial resource? Why?

#### Conference Committee: **CPC D**

Agenda Item:	Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible. (This pamphlet includes general statements about the alcoholic to the doctor, questions for the doctor, and possible actions to take. The pamphlet is only to be used fully, or partially, at the comfort level of the individual alcoholic.)
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This agenda item is submitted with support of a home group and local CPC committee.
What your group might consider:	Do you feel that CPC focuses on medical organizations? Would a focus on individual doctors be beneficial? What do you think about the draft provided?

## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT AND CHARTER**

### Conference Committee: **Report and Charter C**

Agenda Item:	Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled "Amendments."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	An Advisory Action from the 71st GSC added a new section to "contain an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current GSB committees." This is a progress report on the new section.
What your group might consider:	What are your thoughts about the impact the new section will have to the overall structure and presentation of the Twelve Concepts? Keeping in mind the concerns of the Publishing Department, which of the 4 draft versions accomplish the intentions of the Advisory Action best?

### Conference Committee: **Report and Charter D**

Agenda Item:	Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This item originated with a group, and received support from their Area Assembly. The proposal includes sample language, which intends to provide GSRs with a clear definition of their responsibilities.
What your group might consider:	Does your group think that adding a G.S.R. Preamble to the pamphlet would be beneficial? Is a GSR Preamble the appropriate tool to fulfill the proposal's intentions? What do you think of the proposed language?

### Conference Committee: **Report and Charter E**

Agenda Item:	Consider requests that the chapter titled "The Doctor's Opinion" be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	There were two proposed Agenda Items requesting to change the page numbering in the upcoming Fifth Edition of the Big Book. In the first printing of the First Edition, "The Doctor's Opinion" began on page 1. In the first printing of the Second Edition, "The Doctor's Opinion" began in roman number pages prior to the 'official' beginning of the book. Little information is available on why this change was made.
What your group might consider:	Does your group think "The Doctor's Opinion" should be renumbered to be page 1 in future printings of the Big Book? Why or why not? Have you found the inaccuracy presented in the background, and does that change your feelings about this Agenda Item?



## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

### Conference Committee: **Finance B**

Agenda Item:	Consider the request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> .
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A 2002 Advisory Action recommended that “the text of the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> ... be retained as originally published.” The 71st GSC approved changes on page 66 and page 117.
What your group might consider:	The wording of a disclaimer would not be determined by the Conference. How do you feel about the proposed language? What are your thoughts about “factions within AA pushing their agenda?” Are there alternative explanations for change? Does anything stand out to you from the attached letters?

### Conference Committee: **Finance C**

Agenda Item:	Consider the request that all proposed changes to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> be handled in footnotes.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A 2002 Advisory Action recommended that “the text of the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> ... be retained as originally published.” The 71st GSC approved changes on page 66 and page 117. Members are referred to the background for Finance B.2
What your group might consider:	Would footnotes fulfill the intentions of the revision recommendations at the 71st GSC? Would they adequately preserve the integrity of the book? “Suppressing outdated expressions that have come to be known as such negates the growth that has taken place in us as a fellowship.” How should we handle change, so as not to negate growth? Do we have sacred texts in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous?