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February 2016

2016 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

I. Agenda

A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2017 General Service Conference.

B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2017 General Service Conference.

C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

D. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

A. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."

B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..."

C. Consider adding text to the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" regarding A.A. as a resource for small businesses.

D. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals."

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

III. Corrections

A. Review draft of video created to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

B. Review the Conference approved level of $5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. Members.

C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. Member of $3,000.

D. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.

E. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

A. Review Audio Strategy status update.

B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.

C. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous.*

B. Review A.A.W.S. report on "pagination" of Conference-approved digital books.

C. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."

D. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."

E. Review progress report on the development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.

F. Review progress report on the development of a plan for the systematic review of A.A. recovery literature.

G. Review revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services."

H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."

I. Consider request to update the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."

VII. Policy/Admissions

A. Approve request for two observers from A.A. in the Ukraine to attend the 2016 General Service Conference.

B. Review progress report on plans for French and Spanish translation of all Conference background.

C. Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships.

D. Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material with the exception of digital media and works in progress.

E. Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

A. Review 2015 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.

B. Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

1. Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

2. Review 2016 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

C. Review the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 distribution and tracking information for the video P.S.A. "Doors."

D. Review 2015 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.

1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperenza" at a cost not to exceed $40,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.

2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. "I Thought."

E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates."

F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2016-2017 Edition:

1. Review list of editorial updates.

2. *Consider adding definition of "Service Manual" to Glossary of Service Terms.*

3. *Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.*

4. *Consider draft text for a section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter Nine.*

5. *Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.*

6. *Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.*

B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.*

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)

1. Consider that the category title "ONLINE MEETINGS" be changed to "ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS" in A.A. Directories.

D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report.*

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

A. Consider removing "Special Needs" from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities' name and throughout the committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure.

B. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

C. Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

A. Review resumes of candidates for:

1. West Central Regional Trustee;

2. Western Canada Regional Trustee.

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

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

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

E. Review report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating on expanding the pool of candidates to serve the General Service Board and the Corporate Boards.

F. Consider option presented by the trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected vacancy of Regional Trustees.

XII. Archives

A. Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.

B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Convention/Regional Forums

A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

B. Discuss report on the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.