

SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL AREA ASSEMBLY

Delegate's Report to the General Service Representative

Question? Contact delegate@area8aa.org

GROUP LITERATURE PERSON ORIENTATION

**To arrange a presentation
for your group, contact:**

literature8@area8aa.org

- Learn ways to help the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Find out what to include in meeting announcements.
- Develop new discussion topics for your home group.

Answers Questions:

How do I help my bipolar sponsee?

What should I recommend to the alcoholic who is being discharged from a treatment center?

What is "Conference Approved" literature.

Public Information Committee (PI)

Subcommittees are working on developing plans for the creation of a Google-for-Non-Profits account and a Twitter account that A.A. could use in public information efforts. This work is in response to 2016 General Service Conference (GSC) advisory actions.

The Google-for Non-Profits subcommittee is considering the possibility of utilizing the "AdWords" and "YouTube" elements of Google-for-Non-Profits. The Twitter subcommittee is looking at public vs. private accounts and the frequency and possible content of tweets. Both subcommittees are focusing on how our anonymity Traditions impact the potential use of the platforms.

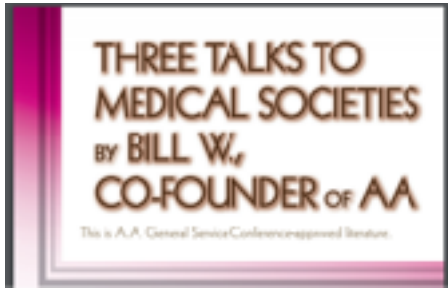
2017 A.A. Membership Survey

The subcommittee planning this project will recommend that the 2017 survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in 2014.

Updates to the pamphlet, "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings"

The committee recommended the updated pamphlet be forwarded to the 2017 General Service Conference. The updates have to do with a Q&A section of the pamphlet, specifically questions related to women in A.A. and how successful A.A. members are in maintaining sobriety.

CPC PUBLICATIONS



UPDATE: “Three Talks to Medical Societies” – The 2017 GSC will consider the CPC subcommittee’s recommendation to retire this pamphlet due to outdated language. They are also recommending it be made available through Archives.

FOR YOUR GROUP: Accessibilities Checklist

A new accessibilities check list has been developed for use by groups and accessibilities committees and should be available in January, 2017.



“Young People & A.A.” (P-4)

There is currently a call for stories for use in a comprehensive update to this pamphlet. The submission deadline is December 30, 2016 to literature@aa.org

Corrections Committee

The new corrections video, “A New Freedom,” has been viewed online nearly 470,000 times since July. This is an amazing response! View it at www.aa.org by entering “A New Freedom,” in the search box.

H & I Committee Participants

The Corrections committee had an in-depth discussion on carrying the message to incarcerated Indigenous inmates, including a focus on how literature can help this population and whether the committee could benefit from having an appointed committee member who has expertise in carrying the message to incarcerated Indigenous inmates.

The committee secretary is looking to gather shared experience on this subject. If any San Diego-Imperial Area participants want to share their related experience, please email Jeff W. at corrections@aa.org.



Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities Committee (CPC)

The committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee on CPC a recommendation that a LinkedIn page be developed for the collective of local CPC committees, noting that LinkedIn is a platform in which information about A.A. can be brought to professionals who come in contact with alcoholics, and that it is a platform that professionals frequent.

As part of the follow up on the removal of “Special Needs” from both the trustees’ committee and Conference committee’s names and scope, two actions were taken. The committee agreed to forward a revised draft of the pamphlet, “A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs” to the 2017 G.S.C.; and, the committee reviewed and accepted the draft revision of the service piece, “Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs.”

Pacific Regional Forum

Regional Forums are weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure. Regional Forums are usually held every two years. All A.A. members are welcome to attend any general service meeting.

The 2016 Pacific Regional Forum was held in Waikoloa, HI and was attended by about 450 people. San Diego-Imperial Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate as well as a four Spanish-speaking members attended. The local Hawaii members turned out in force despite the expense of inter-island travel. The main themes that were discussed at the microphones were:

- the need for all A.A. members and service committees to be more current in our use of communication;
- the importance of inclusiveness in A.A.; and
- gratitude for the ways in which participating in general service expands personal recovery.

Safety Service Material

Progress is being made on the development of service material about safety in A.A., using shared experience from A.A. members and groups. These shared experiences also provide the basis for service material that are published by AAWS. These guidelines do not move through the Conference process. They are a collection of experience as shared by the Fellowship. A one of great interest right now is, "Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs" (MG-05). Use this link to view the full list of A.A. Guidelines: http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature (Scroll down to **A.A. Guidelines** section)

GSO collects and shares information from across A.A. GSO loves to hear from groups about their challenges as well as what solutions have and haven't worked. GSO staff members organize the information and pass it along when other groups or members contact them looking for help.

The World Service Meeting

The World Service Meeting was held in Rye, NY, October 23 - 27, 2016. Sixty delegates from around the world participated. This year's theme was "One World, One A.A., One Language of the Heart."

Sharing from members of the international community followed. Here are a few highlights. A Czech delegate shared that his country recently published a new Czech Big Book that includes stories from members in his country. You may be aware that when new translations of the Big Book first appear they include just the primary text, and a story section may be added later as a country's members develop stories of their own. A Polish delegate shared about experience with country-to-country sponsorship, which involves providing literature assistance and putting on workshops. The delegate from Hong Kong shared about the work being done to support carrying the message to women and involving women in service.

The World Services Meeting is held every two years; the 2018 session will be held in South Africa.

Technology Communications Services Committee

The Technology Communications Services Committee is exploring the use of additional channels of communication with the Fellowship, such as text messaging and apps.

"Guidelines for Posting A.A. General Service Conference-approved Public Service Announcements on A.A. Websites" have been approved.

In it's first twelve months of circulation, the Public Service Announcement "Doors" has been aired 80,000 times, with 588 million audience impressions. Plans are in progress to release it in Spanish and French in January, 2017.

There is a plan in the works to inform service committee chairs (such as area Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Accessibilities chairs) of the availability of online service committee materials that will allow them to opt out of receiving these materials by U.S. postal mail.



To the General Service Representatives (GSR):

You can view many newsletters and reports on a variety of topics on the Delegate's Corner page on www.area8aa.org.

The San Diego-Imperial Area Delegate ask GSRs to use this series of newsletters to provide all A.A. members with information on the year-round process of the General Service Conference (GSC).

At the close of the General Service Conference (GSC), each Conference Committee delivers Additional Considerations to its corresponding trustees' Committee for their use in preparing the agenda for the following GSC. The trustees' committees meet at the end of each annual quarter to work on the Additional Considerations and discuss new items. The contents of these newsletter reports their activities.