

SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL AREA

Delegate's Report to the Area Committee

2017

General Service Conference (GSC)

Supporting Our Future

- Growth
- Participation
- Contributions

Archives

Our most under-utilized service work is Archives. Think about the information in the picture regarding the origin of "The Akron Pamphlets." Would knowing this have changed your mind during the development of our informed group conscience? Is there more we don't know?

*"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian...
"It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion..."*

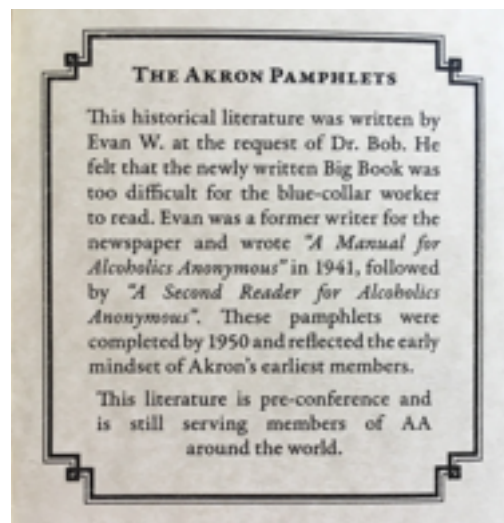
"We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come..."

— Bill W., 1957

Plain Language Big Book

The 2016 Conference Committee on Literature took no action on the consideration for a Plain Language version of the Big Book. Since no Conference

member made a Floor Motion, this item was not discussed at this year's Conference. However, the committee did submit an Additional Consideration to the trustees' Literature Committee to explore the need for expanding the availability of recovery literature. (Continued on Page 2)



Historical edit of Concept XI

With substantial unanimity, the 66th GSC made A.A. history by voting to remove two paragraphs from page 58 in **Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31)**. The action is a historic as it is the first time the Conference edited Bill's writings. The removed text refers to male/female relationships. The footnote associated to the paragraphs will also be removed and replaced with information on how to request a copy of the extracted text from the Archives.



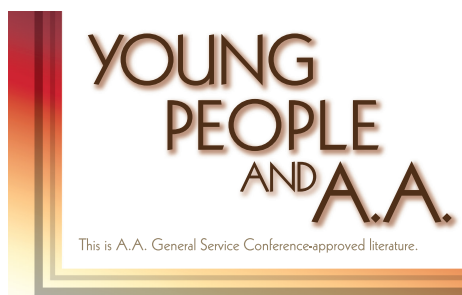
“How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals” (P-29)



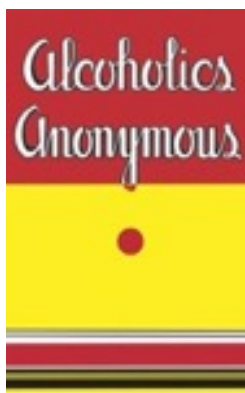
Approval was made to update the language in this pamphlet for review at the 2017 GSC.

“Young People & A.A.” (P-4)

This pamphlet will be revitalized by the trustees' Literature Committee to



include information about young people's conferences and updated stories that better reflect the experiences of young people in A.A. today. The proposed text will be brought to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee for review.



Plain Language Big Book

(From Page 1) This is an opportunity for all local area Literature Committees to engage their members and groups to learn more about the need for Plain Language in their local areas. It also gives us additional opportunity to gather, consider and share new information. For example, new information to me are the Akron Pamphlets. Please read the above insert, which explains why Dr. Bob

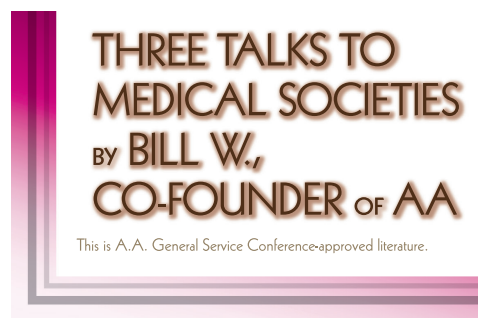
requested the pamphlets be written.

If there is a need and interest for Plain Language literature, another agenda item can be generated. The best way to insure agenda items are given attention is to gain the support of the area. Please attend the June 4 Post-Conference Assembly to learn more about how to submit GSC agenda items.

Three Talks to Medical Societies (P-6)

The Literature Conference Committee took no action on this pamphlet. They did send an Additional Consideration to the trustees' Literature Committee stating the piece: contains outdated medical

information; details an inaccurate description of the A.A. recovery program; and does not support the work of the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC). They did say the pamphlet may have value to some A.A. members. Without a Conference action, there is no change to pamphlet's position in A.A. literature. See your group's General Service Representative (GSR) if you have an idea on how to place this work in A.A. literature.



This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature

If You are a Professional...

“If You are a Professional” (P-46)

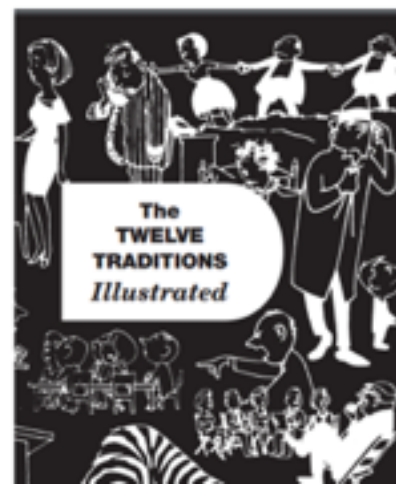
The following is a new section to be added to the pamphlet:

A.A. Members and Medications

A.A. does not provide medical advice; all medical advice and treatment should come from a qualified health care professional. The suggestions provided in the pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs” may help A.A. members minimize the risk of relapse.

“The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (P-43)

The trustees’ Literature Committee will revise both the text and illustrations of this pamphlet to reflect a contemporary A.A. experience. The Conference Literature Committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee.



The Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet (P-203) and the Self-Support Packet (F-19)

The Conference Finance Committee received and discussed format and use of the flyer and packet. The committee suggests that GSO consider additional ways to convey the financial message using technology. One suggestion was to create and make available for download a PowerPoint presentation of the flyer “The Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet” (F-203). Another suggestion was to revise the **Self-Support Packet** (F-19) by removing the eight-page document entitled “Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S.” and the “Historical Background of Self-Support,” and replacing them with the F-203 piece and the Birthday Plan Envelope.



Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates

The Conference Public Information Committee took no action on the reconsideration noting the current policy on the use of full-face videos is adequate. The committee also noted the policy is interpreted as offering the ability to request permission to be allowed to show full faces when appropriate. The committee gave thoughtful discussion to the effectiveness of PSAs in carrying the message to the deaf alcoholic. Their discussion included consideration of an inset of an American Sign Language interpreter, but they ultimately decided to take no action.

Please see the Minutes of our area's May 2, 2016 Pre-Conference Assembly when a deaf member of our area's Accessibilities Committee spoke on this agenda item. The Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums reported the number of deaf A.A. members attending the 2015 International Convention was over 700.

Thank you General Service Representatives! (GSR)



Group members please know your GSR has given great love and sacrifice to give your group a voice in A.A. as a whole. The San Diego-Imperial Area's Pre-Conference Assembly was well attended by GSRs. I was deeply moved by the enthusiastic participation and heartfelt sharing that was imparted to me from the groups through the GSRs. My ability to participate in the Conference is completely due to the service freely given by our area's GSRs. After listening to the Feasibility Study at this year's Conference and learning that less than 41% of registered groups (an all time low) contribute to A.A., the following quote from the GSR pamphlet has significant meaning:

“By choosing its most qualified man or woman as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future—and the future of

