

SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL AREA ASSEMBLY

Delegate's Report to the General Service Representative

GROUP LITERATURE PERSON ORIENTATION

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Saturday, November 12,
2016 at the:

BUDGET ASSEMBLY
4744 Bonita Road
Bonita, CA 91902

Agenda

- 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.

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC.
PROPOSES NEW BOOK:

Bill W.'s General Service Conference Addresses 1951-1970

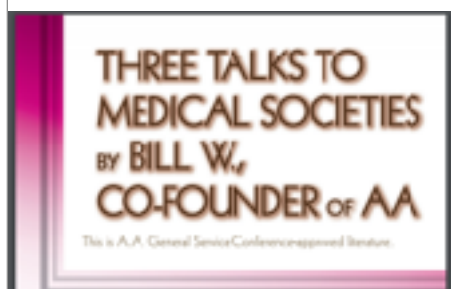
More will be revealed with the final agenda for the 2017 General Service Conference (GSC).

SAFETY LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

In October 2016, the trustees' Literature committee will review an AAWS progress report regarding the development of service material covering a broad spectrum of safety and A.A. The report's information will be used to discuss the several requests the committee has in hand for the development of safety literature and/or language.

The trustees' Literature committee is sending to the 2017 Conference Committee on Literature a request to consider developing a pamphlet reflecting the recovery experience of deaf A.A. members. Also suggested is for the Conference Committee to expand the discussion to include all methods of communication (e.g., literature, video).





CPC PUBLICATIONS

“Three Talks to Medical Societies” – A subcommittee was elected to continue the discussion of this item on which the 2016 GSC took no action.

Topic of material for Mental Health Professionals - the discussion on the development of this material continues.

“Problems Other Than Alcohol” - The committee is forwarding to the 2017 General Service Conference Committee on CPC a footnote to appear at the bottom of page 1, it reads:

This pamphlet is derived from an article written by A.A. co-founder Bill W. in 1958. Therefore, some of the language may be dated, but the issues addressed are prevalent today.

Annual Review of Recovery Literature

A subcommittee of the trustees' Literature Committee was appointed to develop a plan per the 2016 GSC Conference Advisory Action for a systematic annual review of recovery literature items. The review considers: content, relevance, and usefulness; it will be prioritized by time span since last review.

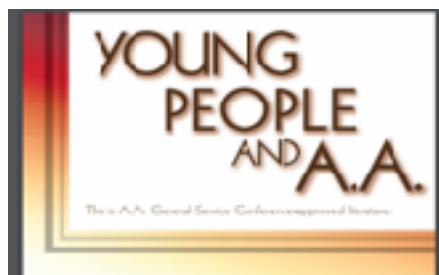


This is a big step toward efficiency and effectiveness of the Conference. The 2016 GSC included a look at the pamphlet, “How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals (P-29). It was copyrighted in 1974 and its last revision was 1994. Just 22 short years later in 2016, we considered removing archaic terms such as “A.A. Farms.”



After 45 years, the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (P-43) was also approved for revision of text and illustrations to reflect a more contemporary A.A. experience. A progress report on the revision will be delivered to the 2017 Conference Literature Committee.

The length of time these pamphlets have gone without attention does indicate our Fellowship is not doing enough to submit GSC agenda items that keep A.A. literature relevant. Your meeting could identify a piece of A.A. literature to review and offer suggestions for revision. Please see your GSR to learn more about how to submit GSC agenda items.



“Young People and A.A.”

For review at the October 2016 meeting, the committee requested

the Publishing Department develop language for the pamphlet that would inform members about young people's conferences. At that same meeting, they will appoint a subcommittee to review the stories that are submitted for use to update the pamphlet.

Please note there is currently a call for stories for use in a comprehensive update to this pamphlet. The submission deadline is December 30, 2016.



GRAPEVINE: This Month's Featured Book - \$10.99

Our Twelve Traditions – GV35

In this collection of stories from AA Grapevine, members write about their experiences with the core principles contained in AA's Twelve Traditions. Born of the trial-and-error experience of the Fellowship's earliest years, the Twelve Traditions provide the spiritual and practical underpinning for AA's ongoing adventure of living and working together. Seen through the eyes of individual members, the stories in this book offer groups, as well as members, workable solutions to difficult problems.



To the General Service Representatives (GSR):

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

Each Conference Committee delivers Additional Considerations to its corresponding trustees' Committee for their use in preparing for the following GSC. You can view the 2016 Additional Considerations under the Delegate's Corner page on www.area8aa.org.

The trustees' committees meet at the end of each annual quarter. Their agendas include a review of the Additional Considerations and this report provides a progress report on them. In addition, new items are discussed that may or may not make their way to the agenda for the next GSC.

Your questions about the Conference process as well as the items that may be included on the GSC agenda are welcome.

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