

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 67TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Too Young?

The pamphlet "Too Young?" will be revised to reflect more current collective experiences of young alcoholics and their welcome to A.A.

"Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?"

The title of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" be changed to "Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?"

"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"

The following text be added to the pamphlet: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix": "Question: Can an individual or group make a recurring online contribution? Answer: Yes, online at aa.org."

Retired



The pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." be retired. The pamphlet will remain available on line for downloading or printing. It will also be available to be ordered from the A.A. Archives.

Unity in Action

The Conference approved a new publication with a working title of "Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 - 1970." A draft or a progress report is expected at the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review.

"Problems Other Than Alcohol"

A footnote with the following text be added to the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol" at the bottom of page one:

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.



Understanding Anonymity

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The pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” be rewritten to include material from G.S.O. literature covering Tradition Eleven and to expand the discussion of humility in Tradition Twelve as it relates to anonymity. A progress report or draft language will be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Public Information.

“A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs”

The pamphlet “A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs” be approved with suggested editorial changes and be retitled “Accessibility for All Alcoholics.”

Digital Final Conference Report

Starting with the 67th General Service Conference, an anonymity-protected, digital *Final Conference Report* be published in addition to the current print version. The Conference also decided to include the following items in the *Final Conference Report*: A. The G.S.O. Department reports which are shared at Conference; and B. Brief bios for nontrustee directors, similar to those for trustees.

Armed Services

The trustees’ Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community will review the following pamphlets and develop text to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services. Information on how to contact A.A. worldwide will also be included. A report or draft text for each pamphlet will be reviewed by the 2018 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

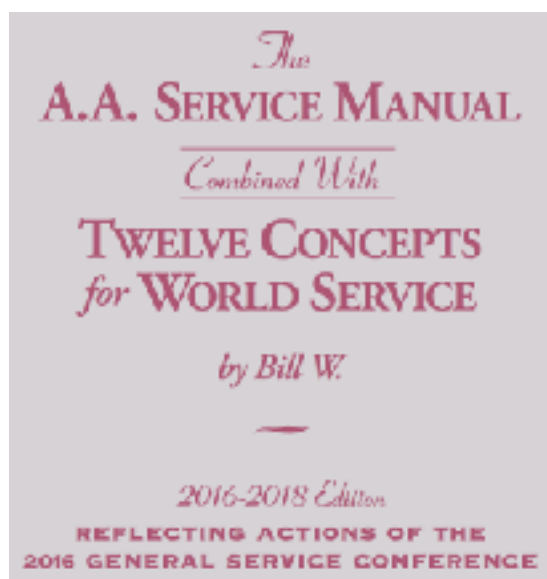
- “If You Are a Professional”
- “Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous”
- “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional”

Changes to the Service Manual

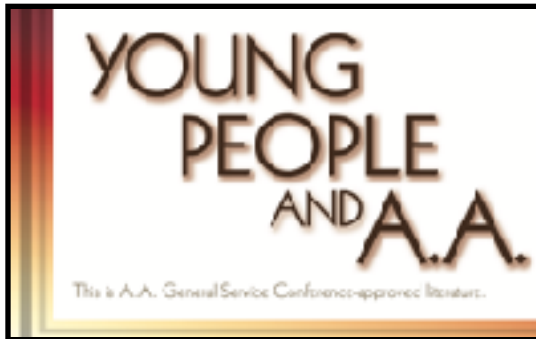
A section, “Area Websites” will be added to Chapter Four of *The A.A. Service Manual*.

The bylaws of A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. be included in *The A.A. Service Manual* as appendices.

A new section on the General Service Board’s “Mission-Vision-Action Statement” be added to Chapter 9 of *The A.A. Service Manual*.



Pamphlet: "Young People and A.A."



The following text about young people's conferences be added to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." in the section "Where do I find A.A.?"

Young people's conferences are held in the United States and Canada and around the world. For information, consult your local A.A. area, intergroup office, or search online for YPAA.

"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"

In the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," the following two bullet points in the section "What procedures can a group set up to sponsor new members?" will be removed:

- A file of names, addresses, and phone numbers of newcomers (who wish to volunteer the information), with notations showing sponsor or sponsors for each one.
- Review of newcomers list by steering committee (or Twelfth Step or sponsorship committee) - with follow-up activity where it seems needed.



Safety Language Implementation Plan

The trustees' Literature Committee will develop language regarding safety to be incorporated in current and new recovery literature, where appropriate, and create an implementation plan. The Conference Literature committee requested that the draft language and proposed plan or progress report be brought back to the 2018 General Service Conference.

Group Inventory



Question 10 in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" in the section "A.A. Group Inventory" that currently reads, "Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive and accessible meeting place?" be revised to read:

Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive and accessible meeting place?

The pamphlet "The A.A. Group" be revised to add the following text from "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" to the section "Principles Before Personalities":



Safety and A.A.: Suggestions to Consider

"Safety is an important issue within A.A. – one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. (Tradition One, Long Form)"

"A.A. groups are spiritual entities made up of alcoholics who gather for the sole purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Yet, we are not immune to the difficulties that affect the rest of humanity.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society within which we exist. Problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. As we strive to share in a spirit of trust, both at meetings and individually with sponsors and friends, it is reasonable for each member to expect a meaningful level of safety. Those attending A.A. meetings derive a benefit by providing a safe environment in which alcoholics can focus on gaining and maintaining sobriety. The group can then fulfill its primary purpose – to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety."

For more information see "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" (SMF-209) www.aa.org.