

NOTE: These are Advisory Actions only. Details are contained in full Conference committee reports.

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 58TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The following recommendations were approved by the 58th General Service Conference and the General Service Board:

Floor Action

It was recommended that:

1. The Advisory Action of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, Item B2, which recommended that the statement: "This directory is not to be used as a mailing list or for any form of solicitation or commercial venture" that appears on the cover of A.A. Directories be made significantly more prominent, e.g. use borders, larger type face, etc., be rescinded. (**See Advisory Action #23**).

Agenda

It was recommended that:

2. The theme for the 2009 General Service Conference be: "Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action."
3. The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2009 General Service Conference:
 - a) Humility and Sacrifice:
 - 1) Setting an Example
 - 2) Changing Our Perceptions
 - 3) Anonymity – Sacrificing Our Egos
 - b) Enthusiasm and Gratitude:
 - 1) Hope and Purpose from Defeat and Despair
 - 2) Happy, Joyous and Free
 - 3) Enthusiasm – A Gift of Inventory
 - c) Spiritual Program in Action:
 - 1) Maximum Service – Our Spiritual Benefit
 - 2) Persistence – The Key to Progress
 - 3) Living the Traditions
4. The following be the workshop topic for the 2009 General Service Conference: "Language of the Heart – Keeping It Simple."

Archives¹

No recommendations.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

It was recommended that:

5. The video segments directed to professionals in the legal/criminal justice and healthcare fields to be streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site be approved with suggested changes and that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities oversee these changes.

Correctional Facilities

No recommendations.

Finance

It was recommended that:

6. The trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups and that this information be forwarded to the 2009 Conference Committee on Finance.

Grapevine

No recommendations.

International Conventions/Regional Forums¹

It was recommended that:

7. The undernoted four cities, expressed here in alphabetical order, be considered as possible sites for the International Convention in 2020: Detroit, Michigan: Los Angeles, California: New Orleans, Louisiana: Vancouver, British Columbia.
8. Up to 21 non-A.A. speakers be invited to attend the 2010 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

Literature

No recommendations.

Policy/Admissions

It was recommended that:

9. Scott A, alternate delegate, Area 36, Southern Minnesota, be seated as a Conference member at the 58th General Service Conference because Samira A, the Panel 57 delegate for Area 36 is unable to attend.
10. José T and Elfido O from the General Service Board of Central Mexicana; Louise F from the General Service Board of Great Britain and Ann N, general secretary G.S.O. Great Britain, be admitted to the 58th General Service Conference as observers.
11. The 61st General Service Conference be held May 1-7, 2011, since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays, hotel availability and Bylaws' deadlines of the General Service Board, Inc.
12. Representatives from other national A.A. service entities be granted admission as observers upon their request to the annual General Service Conference of the United States and Canada; that admission is not to exceed three countries and two representatives per country; that the request for admission be made through the General Service Office in New York; and that decisions regarding responsibility for guest observer expenses be at the discretion of the General Service Board.
13. The responsibility for General Service Conference site selection be delegated to General Service Office management, subject to approval of the General Service Board; and that a report be forwarded to the 2009 General Service Conference.

Public Information

It was recommended that:

14. The 2008 television public service announcement, "I Thought," developed by the trustees' Public Information Committee, be approved and that reference to newspapers be added to the tag line.
15. The 2008 television public service announcement, "I Thought," be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
16. The Conference Committee on Public Information annually review current television public service announcements for relevance and usefulness, retiring a P.S.A. only when it is no longer relevant and/or useful to the Fellowship.
17. The Conference Committee on Public Information annually assess the need for a new television public service announcement.
18. The script for Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD (R-10) be revised and updated and brought back to the 2009 Conference Committee on Public Information.

19. The Membership Survey pamphlet and one-way Membership Survey display be updated to reflect the findings from the 2007 Membership Survey.
20. A wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous be developed and brought back to the 2009 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Report and Charter

It was recommended that:

21. The following new section and an illustration of the District Information Change Form (F-43) be added to Chapter Three of *The A.A. Service Manual*, after the section on redistricting:

“District Information

“It is important that the district send information to the area, G.S.O. and to the local intergroup/central office, if applicable. While local, area and national offices communicate regularly, they have different purposes and different mailing lists.

“There may be one person in the area, frequently the area secretary or the area registrar, who is responsible for transmitting district contact information changes to G.S.O. One simple form has been developed to facilitate this, the District Information Change Form (F-43) shown on the following page. The form is used whenever a district elects a new D.C.M., D.C.M.C., or alternate D.C.M., or when any contact information for the D.C.M., D.C.M.C., or alternate D.C.M. changes. When filling out the form, it is important to fill the sections in for the old information and for the new information, and to note at the top of the form the area and the date when the new information will become effective.”

22. The Online Intergroup of A.A. (OIAA) be listed in a new section titled “Online Intergroups” under the section “International Correspondence Meetings” in the A.A. Directories above where “Online Meetings” appear; the listing will include the online intergroup Web site and e-mail addresses.
23. The statement “*This Directory is not to be used as a mailing list or for any form of solicitation or commercial venture*” that appears on the cover of A.A. Directories be made significantly more prominent, e.g. use borders, larger type face, etc. (**Rescinded by Floor Action**)

Treatment Facilities

It was recommended that:

24. The revised video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* be completed with minor changes and brought back to the 2009 Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities for review.

Trustees

It was recommended that:

25. The following slates of trustees and officers be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in May 2008:

Class A Trustees

Terrance M. B, FACHE
Leonard M. B, LL.D.
William D. C, M.D.
Ward B. E D.D.
The Honorable Rogelio R. F
Herbert I. G
Jeanne S. W

Class B Trustees (See "Note" below)

Kenneth P. B
Conley F. B
Paul C
Dorothy L. H
John J. K
Jo-Anne L
Howard L
Raymond M
Robert M
Victor P
Madeleine J. P
John S
Dorothy W

Note: The General Service Board will operate short one Class B regional trustee.

Officers of the General Service Board

<i>Chairperson</i>	Leonard M. B, LL.D.
<i>First vice-chairperson</i>	Herbert I. G
<i>Second vice-chairperson</i>	William D. C M.D.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Terrance M. B, FACHE
<i>Secretary</i>	Robert M

26. The February 2008 appointment by the chair of the General Service Board of the following officers be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2008:

<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Donald W. M
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Adrienne B

This appointment process is in accordance with the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws.

27. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in May 2008:

Adrienne B	Greg M
Paul C	John S
John J. K, Jr.	Jane T
Roberta L	Dorothy W
	George G. M

28. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board in May 2008:

Ginger R

James B

Robin B

Conley F. B, Jr.

Dorothy L. H

Raymond M

Madeleine J. P

Andrew M. T.

Note: The Grapevine Corporate Board will operate short one Class A trustee director.

29. The amendments to the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws, as forwarded from the General Service Board to include options for interim changes to member trustee ratio and composition in response to the 2007 Advisory Action, which instituted consideration of all eligible Class A and Class B trustees when selecting the chairperson of the General Service Board be approved.

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