

## **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS**

*Advisory Action 40 of the 1990 General Service Conference states: "Items discussed, but no action taken or recommendation made, as well as committee recommendations which are not adopted, be included in a separate section of the Final Report." All items, listed by committee, are as follows:*

### **Conference Agenda Committee**

- The committee reviewed the General Service Conference Evaluation Form and made no changes.

### **Conference Committee on Archives**

- The Conference Committee on Archives wishes to emphasize the importance of G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives as precious to all members of our Fellowship and wishes to express concern over staffing levels at G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives.
- The committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and expressed satisfaction with the contents.
- The committee discussed the following ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship:
  - The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee create a report to be forwarded to the 2010 Conference Archives Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g., PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.
  - The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee consider a suggestion to add a daily historical reference to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site to create interest and enthusiasm for A.A.'s history and archival collection.
  - The committee received a report from the Senior Archivist on archival activities since the last Conference in response to suggestions from the 2008 Conference Committee on various ideas for creatively making A.A.'s archives and history readily available to the Fellowship.

### **Conference Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- The committee suggested that the voiceover of the text regarding anonymity and singleness of purpose in the C.P.C. video segments directed to professionals in the legal/criminal justice and medical fields currently streamed on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site be consistent with the C.P.C. video segment directed to professionals in the employment/human relations field.
- The committee suggested that the C.P.C. video segments directed to professionals in the legal/criminal justice, medical and employment/human relations fields be added in DVD format to the C.P.C. Kit and made available for purchase.

- The committee reviewed the current C.P.C. Kit and Workbook and suggested that appropriate references to the “A.A. Grapevine” in the C.P.C. Workbook be updated to include La Viña and La Vigne.
- The committee discussed specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors and suggested that the following helpful ideas for C.P.C. committee members be added to the C.P.C. Workbook:
  - A.A. groups, individuals or committees participate in “Adopt a Professional” efforts and take a single issue to, or purchase a subscription for the professional.
  - “Lose a Grapevine” by leaving an issue behind in a professional’s office.
  - Consider inviting A.A. Grapevine reps to participate in local C.P.C. presentations and exhibits.
- The committee requested that the staff and trustees consider creating a survey-style follow up letter to be completed by the professional after a C.P.C. contact to assess the effectiveness of the C.P.C. effort. This letter could address items such as the effectiveness of A.A. literature (including the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne), C.P.C. presentations and contact by A.A. members. This letter would be included in the Guide Letter Section of the C.P.C. Workbook.

### **Conference Committee on Corrections**

- The committee reviewed the contents of the Corrections Kit and Workbook and made the following suggestions:
  - That the list of contents be corrected to indicate that both the Corrections Correspondence Service flyer for the outside A.A. member (F-26) and the Corrections Correspondence request form for inmates (CCS-2) are included in the Kit.
  - That the Spanish-language and the French-language Corrections Kit contents be updated to match as closely as possible the English-language Kit. The committee heard a report from the Publications director that *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate* will be completed in Spanish by fall of 2009, and the DVD *A.A. in Correctional Facilities* will be available in a compilation of all three languages by the end of 2009.
  - That a copy of the booklet *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate* (in the appropriate language) be included in the Kits.
  - That the list of Corrections Kit Contents be placed on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site in the Corrections ‘bucket’ with the appropriate links to each service piece, pamphlet or book, where available.
- The committee considered alternatives to a biennial mailing to corrections professionals, and made the following suggestions:
  - That the automatic biennial mailing begun by an additional committee consideration of the Conference Committee on Corrections in 1999 be suspended indefinitely.

- That the American Correctional Association Directory of Adult and Juvenile Correctional Departments, Institutions, Agencies and Probation and Parole continue to be purchased on a biennial basis and the contact information therein be sent to the relevant area corrections committee chair.
- The committee discussed issues that may be involved in A.A. members complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing 'sponsorship agreements' or legally binding documents, and requested sharing from the A.A. Fellowship regarding this topic to be gathered by the staff member and the trustees' Committee on Corrections and that this sharing be sent to the 2010 Conference Committee on Corrections.

### **Conference Committee on Finance**

- The committee discussed a request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster and took no action. The committee felt that while visual aids are frequently helpful, it did not feel that there was a need for a "Conference-approved" Seventh Tradition poster, but hoped that local areas might create visual aids that could be shared with others.

### **Conference Committee on Grapevine**

- The committee discussed the contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook and noted that the new portable GvR Handbook requested by the 2008 Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine is scheduled for publication.

The committee also requested that the current A.A. Grapevine Workbook, *A Guide to the A.A. Grapevine*, continue to be posted on the A.A. Grapevine Web site as a free download. The committee suggested that the location and description of the Workbook/Guide be reviewed to improve visibility and accessibility on the Web site.

- The committee considered a request that "the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that 'the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer' be rescinded' and after lengthy and thoughtful discussion took no action.
- The committee requested that the disclaimer in the section on medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism in the A.A. Grapevine (Alcoholism at Large) be placed more prominently and distinctively and that the language of the disclaimer in the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña be reviewed for both clarity and consistency.
- The committee considered a request that the 2004 Conference Advisory Action—"To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets."—be rescinded and took no action. The committee noted that rescinding the 2004 Advisory Action would not have an impact on the 2009 subscription price.

- The committee supported the spirit of communication between the Grapevine Board and Conference members, as recommended in 1987 and reaffirmed in 1988 that: “The Grapevine staff be responsible for communicating updated information to the delegates at appropriate intervals regarding editorial, circulation/fulfillment, and financial matters.”
- The committee expressed concerns regarding several changes and decisions made by the A.A. Grapevine office and Board in the last year, concerning items produced by A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The committee requested that the A.A. Grapevine Board review the history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between the A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee, on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items) and forward a report to the 60<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine for their review.

### **Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- The committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums consider ways that the broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony could be made more widely available than was the 2005 broadcast.
- The committee discussed the site-selection process for the 2020 International Convention, and requested that the trustees’ Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums conduct a review and inventory of the site-selection process for International Conventions and prepare a report for the 2010 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.
- The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums, including:
  - Be enthusiastic in announcing the Forum in advance, and reporting on it afterwards.
  - Write an article about the Forum for a local newsletter or Web site.
  - Participation is key—get people involved in the planning of the Forum, as greeters, hospitality, registration, etc.
  - Encourage all segments of the Fellowship to attend, including those who speak other languages.
  - Seek ways to prevent conflicts with other local events, such as sharing weekend A.A. event schedules through a central office or intergroup.
  - Let members know that Local Forums can be requested by any A.A. entity; the request does not need to come through the general service structure.
  - Overcome challenges of the cost of attending Forums by encouraging members to ride together and share rooms; some areas have rented buses for members to travel together.

### **Conference Literature Committee**

- The committee considered the request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities and took no action. The committee noted that there was no widely expressed need.

- The committee considered the request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections* and took no action.

### **Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions**

- The committee reviewed the “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure” and expressed their gratitude to the General Service Board for their thorough discussion of the inventory questions.

### **Conference Committee on Public Information**

- The committee reviewed the 2008 Annual Report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site.
- The committee considered the request to add the text “Provide initial motivation” to the section “What A.A. Does Not Do” in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance,” and took no action. The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider placing the full text of the section “What A.A. Does Not Do,” from the service piece “Information on Alcoholics Anonymous,” into the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section of the “A.A. at a Glance” flyer.
- The committee considered the request to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc., and took no action. The committee noted that there is no widely expressed need for this item at this time and that experience with posters will be gained should the wall poster for young people become available.
- The committee reviewed current A.A. television public service announcements for relevance and usefulness, and suggested that no current television public service announcements be retired.
- The committee reviewed information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 A.A. television public service announcement “I Thought.”
- The committee requested that the script be included in the packaging of the “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD.”
- The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider distribution options in addition to DVD for the A.A. Videos for Young People, e.g., placement on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- The committee requested that the A.A. Videos for Young People Project continue, and that video submissions be encouraged from young people in the Fellowship, especially from Spanish-speaking members.
- The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider the purpose, usefulness, frequency and methodology of the A.A. Membership Survey.
- The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee develop text

on the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies. This text, intended for inclusion in the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity,” is requested to be brought back to the 2010 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- The committee briefly discussed the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Public Information endeavors.
- The committee reviewed the contents of the Public Information Kit and Workbook and requested that the pamphlets “Too Young?” and “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late” be included.

### **Conference Committee on Report and Charter**

- The committee received with a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble and decided not to include it in *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*. The committee recognized that the G.S.R. Preamble is not broadly utilized within the Fellowship and the ideals expressed already exist in G.S.R. Material.
- Editorial responsibilities of the Publications Department of the General Service Office regarding *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* will be limited to the following:
  - Update financial and publication data that changes on an annual basis.
  - Revise dates that require periodic updating.
  - Correct typographical and spelling errors.
  - Maintain an accurate index and cross references.
- The committee reviewed a request from the A.A.W.S. Board to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” found on p. S63. The committee strongly believes that placing such limitations on those who are willing to serve might prevent the selection of the most qualified candidate.
- The committee considered a suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65 and decided it was not needed.
- The committee reviewed suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* submitted by the A.A. Grapevine Board. The Committee suggested that the A.A. Grapevine Board forward revisions of Chapters 10 and 12 to the 2010 Conference Committee on Report & Charter and:
  - Use the current version (2009-2010) of Chapters 10 and 12 as the basic text.
  - Include any new charts necessary to the text.
  - Provide reasons for the proposed revisions.

The committee also suggested that the A.A. Grapevine Board may wish to retain accurate historical information currently in *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

- The committee is forwarding a request to clarify language regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate to the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees, as the request includes reference to the 1985 Conference Committee on Trustees Advisory Action, “no area shall submit an individual as candidate for both regional trustee and trustee-at-large U.S./Canada in the same year.”

The committee noted inconsistencies in the current *A.A. Service Manual*, the current Conference Charter, and the 1985 Conference Advisory Action.

- The committee reviewed a list of proposed editorial changes to *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* and forwarded them to the Publications Department.
- The committee reviewed a list of proposed editorial changes to *The A.A. Directories* and forwarded them to the Publications Department.
- The committee agreed to review the rough draft of the *Final Conference Report* and the tear sheets of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service* with careful attention to accuracy and completeness of reporting. The committee agreed to return corrections or suggestions to the G.S.O. within 21 days of receipt.

### **Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities**

- The committee considered a proposal to include additional information on carrying A.A.’s message to treatment facilities with out-patient programs. The committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities consider developing a section on carrying the A.A. message into out-patient treatment settings, using shared experience, for inclusion in the Treatment Facilities Workbook and the A.A. Guidelines on Treatment Facilities.

In addition, the committee suggested that staff continue to gather shared area experience regarding carrying the A.A. message into out-patient treatment settings and that the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities continue to explore ways to carry the A.A. message to treatment professionals and patients in out-patient settings.

- The committee discussed possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment Facilities endeavors and suggested that the A.A. Grapevine consider developing an annual treatment facilities issue similar to its annual Corrections issue. In addition, it was suggested that if a new treatment facilities issue is published that it be placed in the Treatment Facilities Kit.

It was also suggested that groups be encouraged to adopt a treatment facility or center for the purpose of providing subscriptions and/or back issues of the A.A. Grapevine.

- Upon review of the Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook, the committee suggested that an A.A. Grapevine as well as the DVD *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*, be included in the kit.

It was also suggested that a one-page insert containing suggested uses/examples of the “Local Experiences” tab be added to the Treatment Facilities Kit.

### **Conference Committee on Trustees**

- The committee reviewed the résumés and approved, as eligible for election, all candidates for East Central and Southeast regional trustee and for trustee-at-large/U.S.
- The committee thoroughly reviewed and unanimously accepted, with one correction noted, the report from the trustees’ Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.

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