

2019 General Service Conference Committees
Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.
Theme for the 2020 General Service Conference (GSC) be "2020: A Clear Vision for You".
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
Presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 GSC be:
1. *Who Is Missing in Our Rooms?*
 2. *Unity – Practicing Our Principles.*
 3. *Service – Keeping A.A. Relevant.*
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
Discussion workshop idea for the 2020 GSC be "Action Through Attraction".

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
Passed.

III. Corrections

- A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
Took no action.
- B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
Took no action.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
Took no action.
- B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
Passed, raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
Took no action.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.
Forwarded.
- B. Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine.
Took no action.

VI. Literature

- C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*
Not passed.
- E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
Passed.
- F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.
Forwarded to Trustees Literature Committee.
- I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”
Forwarded to Trustees Literature Committee. Request final policy be in background for 2020 GSC.
- J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
Took no action.
- M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
Not passed.
- N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
Not passed.
- O. Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
Passed.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- E. Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.”
Took no action.
- F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings.”
Passed.

G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.

Took no action.

VIII. Public Information

B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

Passed to produce short videos based on AA pamphlets.

C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

3. Consider request that the video PSA “My World” be discontinued.

Passed.

4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).

Passed. Produce two PSA’s, cost to not exceed \$50,000.

D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”

Passed.

E. Consider request to update language in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance.”

Passed.

F. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.

Passed PSA titles be updated for search optimization.

G. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.

Passed to apply for Legit Scripts and Google AdWords.

IX. Report and Charter

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”

Passed to add Ashley’s story.

C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”

Passed.

D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.

Passed.

XI. Trustees

- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

Passed.

- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Passed.

- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

Passed.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video "Markings on the Journey."

Passed.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.

Passed.

- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.

Passed. Will also develop video with highlights for Archives.