

Service Material (English)

General Service Office - A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS				
	DATE	LATE START	THEMES	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
1.	May 29-30, 1980	10:00 AM	Challenging Ourself	1,000
2.	July 3, 1980	2:00 PM	Americana	1,500
3.	Sept 27-28, 1980	8:00 AM	Our Roots - Alcoholics Anonymous and the 20th Anniversary	2,200
4.	Sept 26-28, 1980	8:00 AM	Recovery, Unity, Service	1,800



Information Sheet: A.A. International Conventions

Service Material from the General Service Office

CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE



SMF-29: Conference-Approved Literature

PUBLIC INFORMATION
(For Group Handbooks)

"Conference-approved" — What It Means to You
The service literature approved by the General Service Committee for use in A.A. groups or in other A.A. activities is no longer referred to as "Approved" literature, but as "Conference-approved." This change reflects the fact that the service literature is no longer selected by the General Service Committee for use in all A.A. activities. Instead, it is now selected by the Conference of Delegates (CoD), which is the highest decision-making body of A.A. This change also reflects the fact that the service literature is no longer selected by the General Service Committee for use in all A.A. activities, but is instead selected by the Conference of Delegates (CoD) which is the highest decision-making body of A.A.



SMF-32: Public Information Suggestions for Local P.I. Activity

Service Material from the General Service Office
**Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members
As of December 31, 2021**

Groups
Members
United States

64,541
1,202,415



SMF-53: Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members



SMF-56: Suggested Topics For Discussion Meetings

Service Material from the General Service Office

GENERAL IDEAS

1. The Twelve Steps
2. The Twelve Traditions
3. How do we handle our Internet websites?



SMF-91: Concepts Checklist

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A.A. PREAMBLE

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SMF-92: A.A. Preamble

Service Material from the General Service Office
A.A. FACT SHEET

The Preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.



SMF-94: A.A. Fact Sheet



SMF-101: Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Websites

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IS YOUR GROUP LINKED TO A.A. AS A WHOLE?

Most A.A. groups in the United States and Canada are linked to A.A. as whole by the General Service Office (GSO). This means that members in A.A. groups with the same name are linked to one another. They receive a quarterly newsletter called "The GSO Report" which informs them of what is happening in other groups throughout the U.S. and Canada. The newsletter is sent to all members of A.A. and can be ordered from the General Service Office. The newsletter contains news about the GSO, A.A. conventions, and A.A. service activities.



SMF-104: Is Your Group Linked to A.A. as a Whole?

Service Material from the General Service Office

ECOSERVICE—VITAL STEPPING STONE TO SERVICE & SOBRIETY

The GSO Chapman to the General Service Office informed us the acronym was coined by Bill W. and is derived from the words "Ecoservice" and "Sharing Service".



SMF-110: Sponsorship-A Vital Stepping Stone to Service & Sobriety

Service Material from the General Service Office

How to Conduct a Sharing Session



SMF-111: How To Conduct a Sharing Session



SMF-112: Suggested Workshop Format

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USE OF THE CIRCLE & TRIANGLE SYMBOL

On May 12, 1953, A.A. World Service Board instructed a committee consisting of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the GSO Director to find a symbol that would represent A.A. The symbol must be simple enough so that it could be easily reproduced on paper and could be easily learned by memory. The committee came up with the idea of using the symbol of the circle and triangle.



SMF-113: Use of the Circle/Triangle Symbol

Service Material from the General Service Office

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICES (BRIEF FORM)

The Twelve Concepts for World Services were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W. and Dr. Bob. They were first published in 1952 and have been an interpretation of A.A.'s world service functions as they are understood through the GSO's A.A. brief theory and experience. The sections of the concepts are as follows:



SMF-114: The Twelve Concepts for World Services (short form)

Service Material from the General Service Office
THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE U.S. AND CANADA

Delegates
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SMF-116: The General Service Conference Structure U.S. and Canada



SMF-118: Regional Map of US and Canada

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THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. We admit we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.



SMF-121: The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

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THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A.;
2. Our group should remain sober, clean, and pure; individual members should remain sober, clean, and pure; we should never permit our personal recovery to interfere with our group's welfare;
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.



SMF-122: The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous (short form)

Service Material from the General Service Office
LOWERS-INTERNATIONALISTS CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE (LICS)

The Lower Internationalists Correspondence Service is the A.A. service organization for Lower Internationalists. It is based in New York City and is run by an elected committee. This committee is responsible for the operation of LICS. LICS is a self-help organization whose purpose is to assist Lower Internationalists in their recovery from alcoholism. It does this by providing a forum for Lower Internationalists to share their experiences, strengths, and hope with each other. It also provides information about A.A. and the Lower Internationalists.



SMF-123: Lopers Internationalists Correspondence Service