

76TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE



HAWAI'I AREA 17
Humility in Action

TERMINOLOGY

Advisory Actions (AA): represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole or recommendations discussed and voted on by all conference members during general sessions. The group conscience of the fellowship in the United States and Canada was expressed in the following Advisory Actions, which the General Service Board accepted in its legally required annual meeting following the 2026 Conference. Identified in **Red**

Simple Majority (SM): Simple Majority in favor of the item

Failed (F): Recommendation Failed

Conference Consideration (CC): “Items discussed, but no action taken, or recommendation made, as well as committee, such items are included. Identified in **Royal Blue**

Took No Action (TNA): Committee Took No Action. Identified in **BLACK**

2027: Forwarded to next year’s Conference – 2027. Recommit or Commit identified in **Green**

Deborah S. Delegate, Panel 75

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Panel 1 Archives XII. Archives Committee had no recommendations

ITEM A: REVIEW CONTENT AND FORMAT OF ARCHIVES WORKBOOK.

“The committee reviewed the newly revised Archives Workbook and expressed its satisfaction with the updates made to the Workbook. The committee suggested that the following language be added to the “What to Collect?” section, under the list of suggested materials that local archives may wish to consider collecting:

- Area/district business and financial records
- Area/district business meeting minutes and reports
- It was discussed that the suggested text can be implemented in a future printing of the Archives Workbook.

Panel 2 Convention Steering

(XIII. International Conventions / Regional Forums)

ITEM A: REVIEW A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FLAGS OF SOVEREIGN STATES BEING A PART OF THE FLAG CEREMONY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

The committee reviewed the report from the Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the International Convention Flag Ceremony. The committee provided a wide range of feedback on the flag ceremony and the inclusion of sovereign state flags. The committee welcomed the possibility of areas, through their delegates, being invited to provide feedback from the Fellowship on the flag ceremony for consideration. It was suggested that the history and purpose of the flag ceremony be provided along with any request for feedback to help inform discussions. The committee looks forward to a progress report being brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.

ITEM B: DISCUSS WAYS TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION AT REGIONAL FORUMS.

The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest and participation in Regional Forums and made the following suggestions:

- Raise the visibility of the Regional Forums page on aa.org.
- Consider creating short, anonymity-protected videos about Regional Forums that can be shared on our communication platforms.
- Consider developing a media kit that includes recognizable images and Regional Forum materials that could be used by local committee websites, and volunteer committees.

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- Continue to communicate early and often about Regional Forums on aa.org and Meeting Guide app, and in Box 4-5-9, Grapevine, and La Viña.
- Continue to explore the feasibility of holding an abbreviated online forum to provide a Regional Forum experience for members not able to attend an in-person forum.
- Consider additional shared experience from local service events about improving attendance at Regional Forums provided to the Staff secretary.

Panel 3 Cooperation with the Elder Community

(I. Conference Committee on Agenda)

ITEM A: REVIEW THE SUGGESTED THEMES OF THE 2027 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

[Recommended] The 2027 General Service Conference Theme: “Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”

In favor: 129 | Opposed: 2 | # for 2/3: 88

ITEM B: REVIEW PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION TOPIC IDEAS FOR THE 2027 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

[Recommended] Presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference:

1. “The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership.”
2. “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass.”
3. “Innovation Meets Tradition.”

In favor: 129 | Opposed: 2 | # for 2/3: 88

ITEM C: DISCUSS WORKSHOP TOPIC IDEAS FOR THE 2027 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

[Recommended] The workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: “Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.”

In favor: 124 | Opposed: 6 | # for 2/3: 87

Panel 4 Cooperation with the Professional Community

ITEM D: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVE USE OF CPC VIDEOS ON AA.ORG.

The committee reviewed the draft video series “Meet A.A.’s Nonalcoholic Trustees” and appreciated the willingness and dedication of our Class As to further the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee considers this work to align with the role of communication intended for professionals, similar to the About A.A. newsletter. The committee acknowledged the necessity of the office continuing to work closely with our Class A trustees in the development of a communications

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strategy to create outward-facing videos and diversify our library of resources. The committee provided the following additional suggestions:

- That future topics and subject be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- That if the Class A is fluent in Spanish or French, to have the relevant language be used in the voice of the person rather than dubbed or captioned.

ITEM E: CONSIDER A REQUEST THAT STANDALONE AUDIO/VISUAL CLIPS BE CREATED WHEN DEVELOPING ANY NEW/REVISED VIDEOS FOR PROFESSIONALS.

The committee considered a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created. when developing any new/revised videos for professionals and **TOOK NO ACTION**. The committee recognized the need for short-form content and noted that the office is already working in this direction. The committee encourages the ongoing development of outreach material with short-form content.

Panel 5 Corrections

(XI. Trustees)

ITEM G: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PRODUCE AN ANIMATED VIDEO BASED ON THE PAMPHLET THE TWELVE STEPS ILLUSTRATED.

[Recommended] That the trustees Literature Committee produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” (Item P-55). The committee requested that a progress report or draft video be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

In favor: 104 | Opposed: 27 | # for 2/3: 88

ITEM H: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PRODUCE AN ANIMATED VIDEO BASED ON THE PAMPHLET THE TWELVE TRADITIONS ILLUSTRATED

[Recommended] The trustees Literature Committee **EXPLORE** producing an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” (Item P-43). The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

In favor: 110 | Opposed: 21 | # for 2/3: 88

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

Panel 6 Finance Committee

ITEM A: REVIEW SELF-SUPPORT PACKET.

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The committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and provided the following suggestions:

1. All material within the Self-Support packet be updated to replace reference of “aa.org” with “aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support,” and QR codes where possible.
2. All material within the Self-Support packet be updated to reflect language consistent with the “A.A. Guidelines on Finance” (Item MG-15) for consistency purposes.
3. Update “The A.A. Group Treasurer” (Item F-96) with accurate URLs for AAGV.

SELF-SUPPORT: WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX (F-3)

A. The committee recommended that “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” (Item F-3) be updated as follows:

The question and answer regarding the cost per group for GSO to supply basic services on page 11 which reads:

“Q. How much does it cost, per group, for GSO to supply basic services?

A. At the end of 2023, the annual cost of services per group was \$162.72 USD, while the average contribution 2per group was \$140.09 USD. The shortfall between these two figures is made up from income from A.A. publications.”

Be replaced with:

“Q. How much does it cost, per group, to operate GSO?

A. In 2025, the estimated cost-per-group to operate GSO was \$356.37 USD, the estimated average annual contribution per contributing group was \$344.25 USD, and the estimated average annual contribution to meet GSO operating expenses — if only the contributing groups contributed — would be \$1,045.11 USD. Any shortfall in group contributions is made up from individual contributions and income from A.A. publications.”

Recommitted to Conference Finance Committee - **In favor: 129 | Opposed: 5 | #2/3: 90**

ITEM B: DISCUSS MOTION TO ADD WORDING TO ITEM F-3, “SELF-SUPPORT: WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX.”

Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” (Item F-3) be updated with the following change:

The question and answer on a group making financial contributions to AA Grapevine on page 12, which reads:

“Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?

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A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work.”

Be replaced with:

“Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?

A: AA Grapevine, Inc., does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.”

In favor: 121 | Opposed: 10 | # for 2/3: 88

ITEM C: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CREATE A TWELVE STEPS STUDY GUIDE OR WORKBOOK.

The committee considered a request for a Twelve Step study guide or workbook and **TOOK NO ACTION**. The committee noted these efforts currently exist locally. The committee expressed support of the efforts already taking place on the Corrections desk at the General Service Office to provide shared experience, literature and template language that specifically addresses how other members have utilized the book Alcoholics Anonymous for Step work.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Finance.

ITEM D: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE (GSC)

The committee considered a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference. The committee requested that the general manager, trustees’ General Service Conference Committee, and Meeting, Events and Travel Services (METS) team continue their work together to explore various cost-saving scenarios for the General Service Conference, including the incorporation of a hybrid online and in-person (NYC) format. The committee requested a progress report outlining various options and the estimated cost savings for each be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Finance.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Finance.

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Panel 7 Grapevine Committee

ITEM B: CONSIDER THE LIST OF SUGGESTED AA GRAPEVINE BOOK TOPICS FOR 2027 OR AFTER.

The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Board the suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. produce in the year 2027 or later:

1. Senior Members (working title): Stories by A.A. members who got to A.A. late in life, including members who are dealing with issues related to older age in sobriety.
2. Members Dealing with Mental Illness (working title): Stories by A.A. members dealing with mental illness, sharing how they got sober, stay sober and work the program.
3. Despertares Espirituales (Spiritual Awakenings) (LV book) (working title): Stories by Spanish-speaking A.A. members about faith, prayer and finding a Higher Power.

ITEM D: REVIEW THE PROGRESS ON THE AA GRAPEVINE SURVEY OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO IDENTIFY RELEVANCE, USEFULNESS AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY GRAPEVINE, SUCH AS THE MAGAZINES, BOOKS (PRINT, DIGITAL, AND AUDIO), PODCAST AND SOCIAL MEDIA (INSTAGRAM AND YOUTUBE).

The committee reviewed the progress on the AA Grapevine survey regarding the relevance, usefulness and financial viability of Grapevine products and services.

The committee REQUESTED A REVISED APPROACH more closely aligned with the original Advisory Action and accompanying memorandum produced in June 2025 by the 75th Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. The revised proposal should include at least two survey methodologies and reflect exploration of low-cost deployment methods, such as the Meeting Guide app.

The COMMITTEE WILL RESEND THE MEMORANDUM TO THE GRAPEVINE BOARD, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SURVEY CONTENT. The committee also REQUESTED THAT THE PROJECT TIMELINE BE EXTENDED, with a progress report presented to the 77th General Service Conference and a final report presented to the 78th General Service Conference.

ITEM F: CONSIDER THAT THE AA GRAPEVINE, INC. ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS.

The committee reviewed the request that Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions and **TOOK NO ACTION**. In their determination, the committee considered and recognized the broader implications for our shared spiritual principles, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts for World Service and other A.A. entities.

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Panel 8 Mynah Bird Committee

(III. Corrections)

ITEM C: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO UPDATE THE PAMPHLET “THE A.A. MEMBER — MEDICATIONS AND OTHER DRUGS.”

[Recommended] "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11) **BE REVISED** and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. To include update of other drugs Editorial updates to include shared experience
In favor: 129 | Opposed: 5 | # for 2/3: 90

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

(IX. Report & Charter)

ITEM C: DISCUSS WORKFLOW AND ANONYMIZING PRACTICES FOR THE FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT.

The committee reviewed the current workflow and anonymization practices for the Final Conference Report and requested that the Publishing Department return to its prior practice of anonymizing the Final Conference Report by using first name and last initial only for A.A. members, and full names for nonalcoholic friends, Class A trustees and GSO employees.

Panel 9 Public Information Committee

ITEM A: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT ON PSA DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PLAN.

The committee reviewed and accepted the PSA Development and Review plan.

- The committee requested the trustees' Public Information Committee explore the feasibility of utilizing the Communication Services Department (CSD) at GSO to create a short public service announcement (PSA) intended for Spanish-speaking A.A. members and subsequently adapting it into French and English.
- The committee noted the work being done to create panels of past Hispanophone and Francophone delegates to review PSAs in their respective languages. The committee requested a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

ITEM G: REVIEW REPORT ON AAWS ONLINE BUSINESS PROFILES.

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The committee reviewed and accepted the 2025 report on Online Business Profiles. The committee suggested, as a courtesy, contacting the local service members when they are mentioned in staff responses. The committee requested that a report be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

ITEM H: REVIEW THE AAWS SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.

- The committee reviewed the AAWS Social Media Policy and looks forward to further growth of AAWS's social media presence in alignment with this policy. The committee requested that an analytics report of any new social media accounts be brought to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Panel 10 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

ITEM A: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT ON MILITARY OUTREACH PROJECT.

The committee reviewed and accepted the progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project and noted the completion of the project, expressing gratitude for the work that went into the project from the appointed committee members (ACMs) and the General Service Office (GSO). The committee discussed ways to continue to expand outreach to both active duty and veteran members of the armed services and made the following suggestions:

- To create a service piece that links to the audio page and can be shared with the Fellowship across the service structure, and presented to professionals.
- That any improvements made to the aa.org website include increased visibility of the Military/Veteran Interview Project, including but not limited to banners, a scroll, and other ways to bring attention to the project.
- Arranging the recordings on the web page in a manner that identifies and groups by branch of the military and the nation of service and highlights the original language.
- Continue to explore developing short-form content to post on the AAWS YouTube page as another tool for the Fellowship to highlight this content.
- Include postings about the Military/Veteran Interview Project on the AAWS LinkedIn page and highlight the project in articles in future editions of the About A.A. newsletter for professionals and other outward-facing materials.
- To review and refine the use of hashtags to increase visibility The committee requested that the General Service Office move forward with communicating the completion of the

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Military/Veteran Interview Project to the Fellowship using the widest available distribution channels.

Panel 12 Intergroup

(III. Corrections)

ITEM B: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PAMPHLET FOR THE TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC.

The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.. The committee recognized the writing workshops made available, and the efforts made to increase awareness of the call for stories to ensure adequate intersectionality and representation of gender diverse members in the final product. The committee requested that a progress report or a draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Corrections.

Note: As a result of the 2023-2024 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

(VI. Literature)

ITEM H: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PAMPHLET FOR THE ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN ALCOHOLIC.

The committee reviewed the progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian-American Alcoholic and requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.

Panel 13 DCMs

(VIII. Public Information)

ITEM I: REVIEW PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE 2026 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY.

A pilot 2026 Membership Survey, with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$10,000, to explore how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office in a future full membership survey. The committee requested a progress report or pilot survey results be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.

In favor: 107 | Oppose: 25 | # for 2/3: 88

Panel 14 Area Officers

(XIV Inventory Implementation)

ITEM A: REVIEW INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.

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- The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation acknowledged the efforts already underway within the General Service Office, the General Service Board, and the corporate boards to address workload concerns. The committee noted that a workload working group, project trackers, ongoing inventory review, and leadership retreats represent some of these efforts and suggested that workload-specific updates be provided through the ongoing GSB, AAWS, and AAGV reporting to the General Service Conference.
- The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation acknowledged concerns shared during the Conference inventory related to communication and expressed appreciation for the efforts made thus far, noting the increased reporting through the updated Quarterly Financial Report, the quarterly PAI Status Grid, and the trial distribution of GSB Board and Committee Reports. The committee looks forward to further efforts to refine the reporting content and consistency for a better understanding of our financial, AI, and board activities among the Fellowship.
- The Conference Committee on Inventory Implementation suggested that small group A.A. discussion meetings be considered in future Conference scheduling. These might begin following Saturday night's meet-and-greet and could be reconvened with a similar session mid- to late- week. Within a Fellowship of love and tolerance, we should aspire to approach each other with the same grace and understanding that we gladly show new members first approaching A.A. Participation, characterized by mutual respect and personal responsibility, is the key to harmony; regardless of titles, we stand shoulder to shoulder as members in A.A.

(XII. Archives)

ITEM B: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO DEFINE ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA-LEVEL SERVICE FOR MEMBERS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THEY WANT TO SERVE.

The committee discussed a request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve **AND TOOK NO ACTION**. The committee noted the autonomy of areas and districts in establishing local policies and procedures in accordance with their local group conscience. The committee also noted the following suggestions intended to further continue discussions on this topic:

- Encourage discussion around this topic at local A.A. events and Regional Forums.
- Continue area-wide discussions around the possibility of future linguistic and virtual areas in the United States/Canada structure.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Archives