



AREA 61 DELEGATES REPORT

WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE AT ALL?

One of the last things that Bill W. and Dr. Bob agreed on before Dr. Bob died was the need for a General Service Conference to provide final responsibility and ultimate authority to the groups themselves for the future of our Fellowship. Pg. S-20 of our A.A. Service Manual (in part):

“... We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in darkness one short block from this room.”

Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Approved Recommendations (summary)

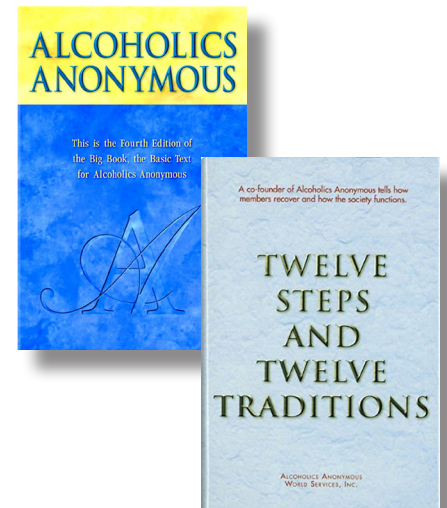
- The pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.” be retired.
- The title of the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” be changed to “Is

There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?”

- The trustees’ Committee on CPC review the pamphlets “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional”, “If You Are a Professional”, and “Members of the Clergy Ask About A.A.”, develop text to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide, and bring a report or draft text to the 2018 Conference Committee on CPC for review.

Considerations (summary)

- The Committee took no action on request to consider development of a LinkedIn page and requested the trustees’ committee on CPC and Treatment/Accessibilities continue exploring establishing a presence on LinkedIn as a tool for CPC efforts; develop a full report including complete exploration if feasible within our Traditions; and provide implementation plan to the 2018 Conference CPC Committee.
- Suggested materials be developed to aid and encourage CPC & Treatment/Accessibilities committees to reach out to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services.
- Suggested an update of the CPC Workbook to include information about carrying the A.A. message to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Service.



GENERAL SERVICE BOARD-----Three new trustees

- 3 Class B (Alcoholic) – East Central Regional.....Mark E.**
- Southeast Regional.....Cathy B.**
- Trustee-at-Large/U.S.....Newton P.**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Approved Recommendations (summary):



- The suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the GSC be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800.
- Review every other year with the next review to take place in 2019: suggested area contribution for delegates' expenses to the GSC; Conference-approved level for bequests to the GSB from A.A. members; and Conference-approved maximum annual contribution to the GSB from individual A.A. members.
- Add to pamphlet: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix": "Question: Can an individual or group make a recurring online contribution? Answer: Yes, online at aa.org"

Committee Considerations (summary for 5 of 10 items):

- Requested trustees' Finance Committee consider utilizing the Fellowship new Vision database to provide communication to the Fellowship on the spiritual message of 7th Tradition contributions and the role they play in carrying AA's message, being certain not to convey a solicitation of funds.
- Requested GSO research how AA may utilize an APP to further increase carrying the message of recovery and self-support.
- Requested Publishing add language to all appropriate service pieces regarding online and recurring contributions.
- Requested Publishing simplify the Self-Support Card.
- Requested GSO consider adding the recurring contributions information to the Area quarterly contributions report.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT & CHARTER

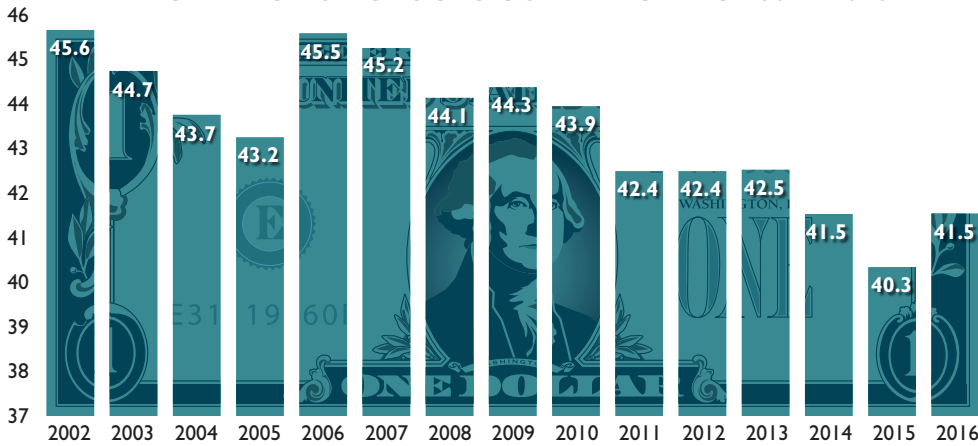
Several Advisory Actions resulted from the work of this committee which oversees revisions to The A.A. Service Manual and the Final Conference Report, as well as any changes to the Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W.

- One revision in Chapter Four adding a new section on "Area Websites";
- The bylaws of A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. be included in The A.A. Service Manual as appendices.
- The G.S.O. Department reports which are shared at Conference be included in the Final Conference Report.
- Brief bios for nontrustee directors, similar to those for trustees, be included in the Final Conference Report.

Committee Consideration:

There were eight Committee Considerations which are included in the compilation of Advisory Actions & Additional Considerations.

PERCENTAGE OF GROUPS CONTRIBUTING 2002 - 2016



This chart represents the percentages of listed groups that contributed to G.S.O. over the last decade. It shows contributions up slightly. 41.5% of groups in the US & Canada contributed in 2016, specifically 27,542 contributing groups out of 66,336 total groups. This compares to 40.3% of the groups that contributed in 2015, (26,500 contributing groups out of 65,741 total groups).

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2018 General Service Conference Theme

The Conference Committee on Agenda recommended the theme:

"A.A. ~ A Solution for All Generations" and 3 Presentation/Discussion Topics for the 68th General Service Conference:

- Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- Participation in All of A.A. ~ Is My Triangle Balanced?
- A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relations to the World
- Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

The Workshop Topic for the 2018 GSC: "Getting the A.A. Message Out"

A DOLLAR IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

Remember inflation when deciding upon your 7th Tradition Self-Support Contributions for:

- Group Meetings
- Online Recurring Contributions
- Birthday Gifts
- November Gratitude Month

