

Area 61 Assembly – April 9th, 2022

For Our Virtual Attendees: The chair will mute everyone to reduce background noise. We will raise our hands virtually using the participants' side panel to be heard during discussions. If you cannot do this, please raise your hand physically. You will be called on in order. Please keep your comments to a couple minutes and do not repeat something that someone else has shared. Please wait until all have spoken the first time before you speak twice. Please do not use the chat for discussion on the current topic. We will be using the polling feature for voting on anything that is not routine. If you are a voting member, please put a 1 in front of your name.

Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Introductions – When introducing yourself, please identify your home group and the service position that brings you here today only.

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Delegate's Report – Area 61's Conference Preparation Timeline and Process

Alternate Delegate's Report – GSO News and Updates

District and Committee Updates

Group Concerns or District Concerns

How the Conference Works- Steve L.

Grapevine/ La Vina D – Kenny and Mary

- Discuss the wide-ranging impact the preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

Progress Report Literature M-- Alison

- Status on the new 5th Edition Big Book

Pre-Assembly Agenda Survey Results- Tricia I.

Lunch Break

Report Backs from Round Tables

Round Table 1 (March 31st)- Lenny

Public Information K- Review request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.

Treatment & Accessibilities G (EDW from Literature) - Consider request to revise text in the chapter "Getting plenty of rest" in the booklet Living Sober.

Literature R- Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions directed by the 71st General Service Conference.

Policy / Admissions F (EDW from Literature) - Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Report & Charter D (EDW from Literature) - Consider a request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."

Trustees G (EDW from Literature)- Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Do you think you are different?" to include stories reflecting greater diversity.

Progress Report – Public Information F- Review report on "Meeting Guide Performance."

Progress Report – Policy / Admissions D- Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the General Service Conference between meetings

Round Table 2 (April 4th)- John N.

Report & Charter E (EDW from Literature)- Consider requests that the chapter titled "The Doctor's Opinion" in the book Alcoholics Anonymous be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.

Treatment & Accessibilities F (EDW from Literature) - Consider revising the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group," to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.

Public Information I- Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.

Cooperation with the Professional Community D (EDW from Literature) - Consider

creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible.

Finance B (EDW from Literature) - Consider a request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Finance C (EDW from Literature) - Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes

Progress Report – Cooperation with the Professional Community C- Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals.

Progress Report – Literature K- Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.

Round Table 3 (April 5th)- Judith C.

Corrections C (EDW from Literature) - Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Corrections D (EDW from Literature)- Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.

Policy / Admissions G (EDW from Literature) - Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.

Grapevine/LaViña C- Consider the list of suggested A.A. Grapevine book topics for 2023 or later.

Progress Report – Cooperation with the Professional Community A - Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.

Progress Report – Literature L - Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ask It Basket

Upcoming Events

Next Area Committee Meeting – April 25th, 2022, 7pm

Next Finance Committee Meeting – April 18th, 2022 7pm

General Service Conference – April 24th-30th 2022 – Sending our love to Alison!

Anniversaries Has anyone celebrated an anniversary since we last met? Are there any group anniversaries coming up that you would like to share before we meet again?

Responsibility Declaration