

Hot Topics from 75th General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

III. Corrections

E. Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book Alcoholics Anonymous to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951. (PAI 65)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

The Item is updating something in the big book. We need to consider why.

IV. Finance

A. Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [Floor Action from the 74th General Service Conference].

There was a lot of conversation about this item at the WCRAASC.

G. Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Report and Charter agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

It would be good to have the groups decide if this line should be in the Service Manual.

V. Grapevine

C. Review the 5-year financial plan for La Viña.

LaViña is a Service Piece of A.A.W.S. and continues to be funded by A.A.W.S every year. Does the plan have a way to control cost?

D. Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.

There was a lot of talk in my committee about the poor customer service that Lavina subscribers were receiving from the General Service Office. Does this look like it has been solved? Hopefully if it is, that will help to increase subscriptions.

F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print." (PAI 79)

Costs are involved with making a new pamphlet. Is this pamphlet needed?

VI. Literature

J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (PAI 23)

This would change our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book. It could make it too big. They update The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service quite often.

K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober. PAI PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90, 92, 121,122)

There are requests to have this booklet updated. They want to celebrate a booklet that has sold over 7 million copies and will be 50 years old. The booklet (Regular and Large Print) sold over 100,000 copies

last year. The updating to include: The Second Edition would update the existing chapters and add additional chapters to reflect the Digital Revolution and other changes in society, which have occurred since the booklet was first published in 1975. Some of the PAIs have the exact same language especially referring to pronouns, Zoom, Podcast, and social media.

L. Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.

I believe that there will be changes to be made to the PLBB and they need to have a process to do that. The process that they will discuss will be interesting. Do you agree with what is being proposed?

VII Policy /Admissions

E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96).

One of the PAIs came out of Area 35. Super Majority would be $\frac{3}{4}$. There is talk that this one is similar to another one in Report and Charter. There is also one that wants substantial unanimity to literature such as the Big Book and the Twelve by Twelve. Substantial unanimity is the current policy. This one does not talk about changing the Charter just adding super majority.

VIII Public Information

B3. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA. (New Item)

F. Review report on "Meeting Guide app."

Are you concerned about what you may want to add to the Meeting Guide App?

J. Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media.

I have had lots of discussions about social media and anonymity, what anonymity is, and what violates our tradition.

IX Report and Charter

B. Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings. (PAIs 81,15, 26 and 109)

They want to put the Super Majority into Article Three of the Conference Charter and have the Founders Writings protected. Currently there is no policy in place to poll the A.A. Groups around the World to get a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote. There is another PAI that wants no changes to portions of the Big Book and add the 12 by 12 essays to the $\frac{3}{4}$ protection in the Conference Charter.

XI. Trustees

G. Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous.(PAI 24 and 63)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

We are adding something to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.