

Area05: 71st General Service Conference Survey

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The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with AA as a whole. The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the groups thoughts to the Delegate, who passes them onto the Conference. Only when a GSR keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole.

Thank you for being of service.

1. Please identify who is responding to this survey.

- Individual A.A. Member
- General Service Representative
- District Committee Member
- Other (please specify)

2. ARCHIVES

ITEM A: Review Archives Workbook.

2. After reviewing this workbook, should we make updates or changes?

Yes

No

Enter additions or comments:

3. CORRECTIONS - PART 1

ITEM B: Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs.

3. Would your group be willing to allow a person behind the walls to attend your AA meeting via phone or ZOOM?

Yes

No

Why? (please specify)

4. Would visiting a person behind the walls at a corrections facility as an AA sponsor be beneficial?

Yes

No

Why? (please specify)

5. What AA printed material do you think should be included for persons behind the walls?

6. What other ways can we communicate with persons behind the walls?

4. CORRECTIONS - PART 2

ITEM C: Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook

7. What do you think should be included in a pamphlet for mental health professionals?

8. Does our policy on anonymity need to be stressed, are we making sure this is covered in our literature?

Yes

No

Comments. (please specify)

9. Should there be a video posted on the www.aa.org website for mental health professionals?

Yes

No

10. Are there any other comments you'd like to share?

5. FINANCE - PART 1

ITEM C: Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Action stating "G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group."

11. Should the G.S.C. reconsider accepting contributions from Clubs?

Yes

No

Why? (please specify)

12. Is there any harm in accepting contributions from Clubs if rent paid to the Club are from A.A. members?
What if those meetings paying rent to the Club are also non A.A. members?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

13. This topic has not been reviewed for close to 50 years. Should the G.S.C. re-evaluate this policy now?

Yes

No

Comments. (please specify)

14. Do you have any other thoughts or comments on this topic?

6. FINANCE - PART 2

ITEM D: Discuss Concept XII, Warranty Two and the practice of "selling of our books at cost or less."

15. Do you consider "Pink Can Fund" an outside contribution to AA?

- Yes
- No

16. Do you consider funds collected by the Pink Can Fund AA contributions?

- Yes
- No

17. Do you think the "Pink Can Fund" should be considered a function of General Service and therefore assigned committee status with all that is involved?

- Yes
- No

18. Since our Area05 does not use the Pink Can but relies on our Area Contributions to fund our Corrections Committee and H&I is funded by group contributions, would an increase in 7th tradition contributions per person be in order instead?

- Yes
- No

19. Are there any other comments you'd like to share?

7. GRAPEVINE | LA Viña - PART 1

ITEM C: Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine Pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the AA message.

20. Do you read the Grapevine on a regular basis?

- Yes
 No

21. Are there any other topic ideas you'd like to add to the list above?

22. Do you feel a pamphlet with suggestions on how to use the Grapevine is a good idea for an AA literature item?

- Yes
 No

23. Are there any other comments you'd like to share?

8. GRAPEVINE | LA Viña - PART 2

ITEM E: Review suggested gender-neutral language options for changes to the AA Preamble.

24. Do you think there should be changes to the AA Preamble to include gender-neutral language?

Yes

No

25. Do you think enough progress has been made in inclusivity in AA?

Yes

No

26. Do you feel there should be NO CHANGES in language in AA literature?

Yes

No

27. Are there any other comments you'd like to share?

9. LITERATURE - PART 1

ITEM B: Consider requests to review the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

- 1. Consider adding pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet "The Group" to the appendix of the next printing of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous.**
- 2. Revise the first 164 pages.**

28. Do you think the pamphlet, "The AA Group" (pages 3 - 41) should be included as an Appendix in the next printing of the Big Book?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

29. Is it the proper time to audit the first 164 pages of the Big Book?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

30. Is AA's Big Book effective in reaching the still-suffering alcoholic?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

31. Is the language used in our Big Book dated, falling further behind the times, preventing us from reaching today's population?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

32. Are we in danger of becoming irrelevant if AA doesn't consider making changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

10. LITERATURE - PART 2

ITEM C: Consider proposals related to a possible Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.**
- 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and IV.**
- 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at the time it is published.**

33. Should AA consider developing a Fifth Edition of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

34. Should AA consider developing a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and IV?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

35. Should the Conference consider adding the proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at the time it is published?

- Yes
 No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

36. Are the gender terms referenced offensive, insensitive, biased and otherwise unsuitable?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

11. LITERATURE - PART 3

ITEM D: Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.

37. Should AA consider development of a Fourth Edition of the book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

38. There is reference to perceived "errors" in translation and perceived "omissions" in the translated Spanish Big Book. How can AA best handle translation to provide overall consistency and accuracy?

39. Should the Conference Committee on Literature solicit new/updated stories as well?

Yes

No

Comments. (please specify)

12. LITERATURE - PART 4

ITEM E: Consider requests to review the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

40. Should the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve" be removed?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

41. Would you recommend changing the phrase "opposite sex" rather than its removal?

Yes

No

If so, what would you recommend? (please specify)

42. Does the phrase "lustful enough to rape" offend, alienate or inhibit recovery of members or potential members? Is there any downside to its removal?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

43. Should AA reconsider the Advisory Action from 2002 Conference barring changes to the text in the book The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?

Yes

No

Why or why not? (please specify)

13. LITERATURE - PART 5

ITEM G: Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The AA Group".

44. Do you think that in our pamphlet The AA Group...where it begins (P-16) of the sentence: "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers." should be changed to "*closed meetings are for AA members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking? Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism.*"

Yes

No

45. How does AA keep the "Singleness of Purpose" intact with the influx of opioid/addicts and still be attractive and inclusive?

46. Do you think that members should be able to identify as addicts and be allowed to discuss their addiction issues in an AA meeting?

Yes

No

14. LITERATURE - PART 6

ITEM I: Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship".

47. Do you think the suggestion "Sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex" should be changed?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

48. Should the section on "Service Sponsorship" be expanded?

- Yes
- No

Is it sufficient? Why? Why not? (please specify)

49. Does the topic of service sponsorship deserve more attention in our pamphlets?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

50. What do you think of the suggestion that the preamble be changed to read "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people..." from: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women..."

- The most important priority
- A top priority, but not the most important
- Not very important
- Not important at all

15. LITERATURE - PART 7

ITEM L: Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."

51. Should the pamphlet for the Black and African American Alcoholic be update?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

52. Should the pamphlet include new fresh stories?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

53. Does the current title need to be changed to be more inclusive? Do you have a suggestion for a potential new title?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? Comments. (please specify)

54. Is the pamphlet relevant to today's AA audience?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

16. LITERATURE - PART 8

ITEM M: "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet

55. Do you feel the changes outlined in the background to this pamphlet are necessary?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

56. Do you feel the current pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" should be retired?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

57. Are there other comments you'd like to share with your Delegate?

17. LITERATURE - PART 9

ITEM U: Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print version of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution

58. Should the Trustees' Literature Committee explore possible solutions that could help make our message more available?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

59. What additional information would be helpful to support the Conference to determine if additional items are needed for accessibility and relatability to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous?

60. What are your thoughts after viewing the video presentation "The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access (70th General Service Conference 2020)"?

- Extremely valuable
- Very valuable
- Somewhat valuable
- Not so valuable
- Not at all valuable

61. Does this request belong to the Conference Literature Committee or does it belong in Accessibilities?

- Conference Literature Committee
- Accessibilities Committee

62. What are we missing? Is there something the Trustees' Literature Committee hasn't considered that you believe is important?

18. PUBLIC INFORMATION - PART 1

ITEM E: Consider draft plan to create podcasts.

63. Do you think an AA World Services and General Service Podcast is a good idea?

- Yes
- No

64. Do you want to hear from Class A Trustees and more about the service structure in a podcast format?

- Yes
- No

65. What format would you like to see in a podcast?

- One-Person Show
- Panel with Q&A on a Subject
- Live Podcast with a Phone-in Format
- Other (please specify)

66. What other ideas would you like to add about an AA General Service Podcast?

19. PUBLIC INFORMATION - PART 2

ITEM G: Discuss Public Information pamphlets/service manuals.

67. Do you think the recommended changes are enough?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

68. Do you think there is enough language about young people?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

69. Do you feel the language and style of this pamphlet need to be updated?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

70. Do you think this pamphlet needs to be a digital file or a video available on the www.aa.org website?

- Digital File
- Video
- Other (please specify)

20. PUBLIC INFORMATION - PART 3

ITEM H: Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

71. Could web-based kits offer more up-to-date content?

- Yes
- No

72. Should we consider the development of an AA Service Committee app?

- Yes
- No

73. What is the role of the new website in making digital versions of workbooks and other service material more available?

- Extremely useful
- Very useful
- Somewhat useful
- Not so useful
- Not at all useful

74. Could PDF versions of workbooks be more easily shared, and perhaps customizable by local committees?

- Yes
- No

75. What digital assets could be integrated into online workbooks to aid local service committee services?

- Email Templates
- Links to Videos on aa.org
- AAWS YouTube Channel
- Other (please specify)
- Links to Meeting Guide App
- CPC Videos
- Accessibilities Videos

21. COMMITTEE ON POLICY/ADMISSIONS

ITEM J: Consider requests regarding participation of online groups in the General Service Structure.

76. Do you think "Online Groups" and new "Virtual Groups" (ZOOM Meetings) should be registered and involved in the General Service Structure?

- Yes
- No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

77. How do you think listings of these virtual and online groups should be handled?

78. What do you think about creating a 94th Area so "Online Groups" and "Virtual Groups" can participate in the service structure with a Delegate elected by them?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Extremely valuable | <input type="radio"/> Not so valuable |
| <input type="radio"/> Very valuable | <input type="radio"/> Not at all valuable |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat valuable | |

79. Any other thoughts or suggestions on this subject?

22. COMMITTEE ON REPORT AND CHARTER - PART 1

ITEM D: Consider a request to amend paragraph one, the Purpose of the current Conference charter.

80. Do you think Article 1 needs to be amended to include the Concepts along with the Steps and Traditions?

Yes

No

Why? Why not? (please specify)

81. How do you think this would affect the structure of our General Service Conference?

Extremely valuable

Not so valuable

Very valuable

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

82. Do you have any other comments or recommendations you'd like to make?

23. COMMITTEE ON REPORT AND CHARTER - PART 2

ITEM E: Consider a request to revise Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service.

83. Do you feel it is important to Update the Concept XI essay to accurately describe both the Trustee Committee structure and the organization of the service corporations, Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.?

Extremely valuable

Not so valuable

Very valuable

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

84. Do you have any other comments on this item?

24. TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES - PART 1

ITEM C: Review contents and format of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

85. After reviewing the contents of this workbooks, should we make any changes or additions?

Yes

No

Changes? Additions? Comments. (please specify)

25. TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES - PART 2

ITEM D: Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

86. Could web-based its offer the ability to easily implement more up-to-date content?

- Yes
- No

87. Should we consider the development of an AA Service Committee app?

- Yes
- No

88. Could PDF versions of workbooks be more easily shared, and perhaps customizable by local committees?

- Yes
- No

89. Should we offer options like a photocopied print-out on request to those without electronic access?

- Yes
- No

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26. AREA05 - SURVEY PROCESS

Please answer a few quick questions to let us know about the online survey process.

90. Were the 71st GSC Background Materials easy to access?

- Very easy Difficult
 Easy Very difficult
 Neither easy nor difficult

91. How organized were the materials presented for the 71st GSC Feedback?

- Very easy Difficult
 Easy Very difficult
 Neither easy nor difficult

92. How would you rate the online survey process for your Group?



93. Our goal is to make this process easy for everyone. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve for next year, we would love to know. Thank you for your service to Area05.