

Update: Results of the 2026 General Service Conference

Items that Hope Group Discussed

Proposed Agenda Item	Hope Group's informal vote			Conference Result	
	Yes	No	Undecided		Conference Notes
Grapevine contributions (GV Memo, Contributions Report)	59%	22%	19%	Took no action.	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.
Grapevine statements in Money and Spirituality pamphlet (PAI-99)	100%	0%	0%	Passed	<p>Advisory Action: Pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” be updated with the following change:</p> <p>“Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña? A: AA Grapevine, Inc., does not accept contributions from groups or individuals.</p> <p>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</p>

					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 .”
12-step workbook (PAI-70)	47%	43%	10%	Took no action.	Committee felt these sorts of efforts currently exist locally, and that efforts taking place at the GSO Corrections desk help to address the needs outlined in original motion. Floor action to consider for vote was made, did not pass.
Medication and other drugs pamphlet (PAI 50 & 56)	62%	38%	0%	Passed	Advisory Action: The pamphlet "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11) will be revised and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.
Short, stand-alone video clips for professionals be developed going forward (PAI- 82)	36%	46%	18%	Took no action.	GSO is already working in this direction, and encouraged ongoing development of this type of outreach material.
Safety video/ adapting material from	45%	55%	0%	Took no action.	In addition to intellectual property Canada a video with a format and content more closely aligned with current service (IP) concerns, the

Fellowship (PAI -84, 90, 107)					committee discussed that for broad use throughout the US and material would be more effective. The committee expressed gratitude to the local service district for its work in producing the original videos, as it inspired a vital Fellowship-wide discussion on this important topic. However, the committee determined that the videos needed more than minor editorial adjustments and would require more substantive changes. Instead, the committee suggested AAWS explore taking the theme and sentiment of these videos and produce their own, as time and budgets permit, including using new technology such as AI. The committee made various specific suggestions.
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All Advisory Actions (Items that passed)

Floor Actions	The word "Eskimo" be removed from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter essay on "Tradition Eight" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.
	The suggested Area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000.
	AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference
Proposed Agenda Items	The following theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future." The following presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference: "The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership." "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass." "Innovation Meets Tradition." The following workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Unexpected Spiritual Lessons."
	The pamphlet "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.
	See above: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" language about Grapevine added to pamphlet
	The following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section: "To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees' Literature Committee throughout the year. "
	The Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, be approved with minor editorial changes.
	Following the 78th General Service Conference that the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued.
	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.

	<p>The committee requested a progress report or pilot survey results be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information.</p>
	<p>The revised pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (Item P-47) with the new title “Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation” be approved.</p>
	<p>The question “What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?” be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and that the question and answer be included as follows: "What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report? If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity; so that members’ names are not publicly available. Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.”</p>
	<p>That a draft of a new “Amendment” section be approved for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service Section of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.</p>
	<p>That the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: Class A Trustees+ Class B Trustees Thomas (Tom) Ivester, MD, MPH Edward (Teddy) B-W. Dawn (Dawn Marie) Klug Jennifer B. Timothy (Tim) Marx Charles (Charlie) H. Kerry Meyer Scott H. Molly Oliver Teresa J. Kelly Marie Parsley Robert L. Veronica Ramirez Clinton (Clint) M. +Nonalcoholic Cheryl (Sherry) S. Class A Trustees+ Gail P. David S. Kenneth (Ken) T. Susan V. John W. Candice C. Jeff S.</p>

	<p>That the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: Chairperson: Scott H. First Vice-Chairperson: (**) David S. Second Vice-Chairperson: (**) Kenneth (Ken) T. Treasurer: Kerry Meyer+ Secretary (**) Kelly Parsley+ Assistant Treasurer: Paul Konigstein+* Assistant Secretary: *GSO employee Racy J.* +Nonalcoholic (**) Elected by Third Legacy procedure</p>
	<p>That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: Julie C. Clinton (Clint) M. Grace F. Susan V. Charles (Charlie) H. John W. Racy J.* Robert (Bob) W.* Matthew (Matt) K. *GSO employee</p>
	<p>That the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 2, 2026, following presentation at the 2026 General Service Conference for disapproval if any: Edward (Teddy) B-W Nikki O. Christopher (Chris) C.* Gail P. Fredy M. Cheryl (Sherry) S. Veronica Ramirez+ David S. Daniel S. *AA Grapevine employee +Nonalcoholic</p>
	<p>That the General Service Board form an ad hoc committee with a composition similar to the makeup of the General Service Conference (e.g., delegates, trustees, nontrustee directors and Staff members) to review and document the processes by which motions to censure or reorganize may be received, considered and forwarded, and to develop proposals for workflow processes that would support the unity of the Fellowship. The committee requested that a report, including these processes and proposals, be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Trustees.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>

