

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS & ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE 57TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The following recommendations were approved by the 57th General Service Conference and the General Service Board:

Agenda

It was recommended that:

1. The theme for the 2008 General Service Conference be: "Communication and Participation – The Key to Unity and Self-Support." (passed unanimously)

2. The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2008 General Service Conference:
 - a) Communication and Participation:
 1. Sharing the Message of Service
 2. Our Key to Keeping A.A. Strong
 3. Leadership in A.A.: Building Communication

 - b) Unity:
 1. Our Common Welfare Should Come First
 2. Principles Before Personalities
 3. Diversity: Reaching Out to All Alcoholics

 - c) Self-Support:
 1. Self-Supporting Through Members' Voluntary Contributions Only
 2. Contempt Prior to Investigation
 3. Responsibility to Communicate and Participate(passed unanimously)

3. The following be the workshop topic for the 2008 General Service Conference: "Love and Tolerance, Now More Than Ever." (passed unanimously)

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed the General Service Conference Evaluation Form. In response to a request for sharing from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference on the question of participation by service category, the committee agreed that the question remain on the Evaluation Questionnaire. While the responses from the question may not affect the planning of future Conferences, it was felt that the publication of the responses in the Evaluation Summary provides an opportunity for Conference members to check their own participation, and may open communication with others on how they viewed this topic.

Archives

It was recommended that:

4. Any future proposed project involving widespread distribution of archival recordings be submitted to the Conference Archives Committee so that the Conference might provide guidance prior to production.

Passed with only one opposed

Additional Considerations Conference Committee on Archives

- The committee accepted the "Sound and Video Access Policies" and expressed gratitude for the hard work in developing this General Service Board policy clarifying procedures and limitations for accessing the archival recordings of the General Service Office Archives.
- The committee reviewed the contents of the Archives Workbook and accepted the revisions.
- The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee consider developing new format(s) for the Archives Workbook. Suggestions included a 3-ring binder and/or a CD format, from which pages and forms could easily be updated, copied, downloaded, and/or printed.
- The committee suggested that the trustees' Archives Committee consider developing language for the Archives Workbook and/or a service piece that would help foster awareness of copyright issues in local, district, and area archives projects.
- The committee forwarded to the 2008 Policy/Admissions Committee a request to consider that the Conference Archives Committee be established as a permanent Conference committee.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

No recommendations.

Additional Considerations Conference Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community

- The committee reviewed the "Progress Report on Video Segments Directed to Professionals" from the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities, and viewed a preliminary clip of the C.P.C. video directed to medical professionals. The committee offered several suggestions to the Publications Director and video production vendor regarding script pacing, content, content security, and the general direction of the video.

The video segments directed to professionals in the employment/human relations, legal/criminal justice, and medical fields will be brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community.

- The committee reviewed the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook and suggested two minor changes to the C.P.C. Workbook, which will be forwarded to the Publications Department.

- The committee recognized that local C.P.C. committees could benefit from easier access to the C.P.C. Workbook, and suggested that placement of the C.P.C. Workbook on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site be considered by A.A. World Services, Inc.
- The committee agreed that sending letters introducing A.A. and supplying A.A. literature to professionals are valuable C.P.C. service projects. The committee stressed the importance of one-on-one contact with professionals, noting that personal contact with professionals is essential to effective C.P.C. service.
- The committee recognized the value of utilizing professionals who are friends of A.A. at local A.A. events with the goal of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service. This approach can generate enthusiasm in the Fellowship for C.P.C. service, and enthusiasm is a critical component of effective outreach to professionals.

Correctional Facilities

It was recommended that:

5. The draft informational media presentation featuring someone highly credible in the corrections field introducing A.A. to training academies and in-service training programs for correctional personnel be approved with a suggested change to be reviewed and approved by the trustees' Committee on Corrections.

(passed) see floor actions

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed the Corrections Workbook and suggested one change and one correction to the service piece "A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Information" (F-162), which will be forwarded to the Publications Department.
- The committee discussed various ways to stimulate corrections Twelfth Step work; these included:
 - Utilizing the video *Carrying The Message Behind The Walls* more effectively.
 - Creating Power Point presentations about A.A. corrections service including photos and discussion topics.
 - Hosting A.A. round-ups inside correctional facilities similar to those previously shared about in *Box 4-5-9*.
 - Mentioning in G.S.O.'s welcome letter to Corrections chairs that G.S.O. staff collects sharing on local corrections workshops and events.
 - Sending sharing on local corrections workshops and events to G.S.O.
 - Discussing ideas in areas and districts regarding ways to collect money to purchase literature for local correctional facilities.
 - Including local corrections events on area Web sites.
 - Introducing someone to corrections service by bringing them to corrections events and/or A.A. meetings on the inside.
 - Listing Corrections chairs with G.S.O. so they receive useful corrections-related material and communications.
 - Sharing about corrections service experience with excitement and enthusiasm.

- Encouraging ex-inmate A.A. members to participate in corrections service.
- Creating calendar of corrections events around U.S. and Canada.

Finance

It was recommended that:

6. The annual limit contributed to the General Service Board from individual A.A. members be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and that bequests from A.A. members should be subject to the same limit and continue to be on a one-time basis and not in perpetuity.

(passed with one against)

7. The following text: "G.S.R. travel expenses to attend service functions" be added to the sentence "Once the basic group expenses have been taken care of (rent, refreshments, A. A. literature, local meeting lists)" on page 7, paragraph 3, first sentence of the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" (F-3) as these expenses are suggested in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

(passed with two against)

Friendly amendment offered and refused add General Service Representative to the beginning of the sentence now offered as an amendment-motion withdrawn-

Additional Considerations

- The committee suggests that the phrase "G.S.R. travel expenses to attend service functions" be added to A.A. service material where appropriate when describing expenses in need of support.
- The committee discussed a request to "Develop a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference structure" and after considerable discussion took no action.
- The committee discussed a request to eliminate volume discounts on literature orders and agreed with the A.A.W.S. practice of allowing volume discounts on literature orders.
- The committee discussed a request to incorporate shipping costs into literature pricing, and agreed that the A.A.W.S. practice of shipping charges is appropriate.

Grapevine

It was recommended that:

8. The Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer.

(passed 81 to 35) A motion to reconsider failed 46/76.

Additional Considerations

- The committee agreed to forward to the A.A. Grapevine Board the suggestion that the A.A. Grapevine produce in the year 2008 or later:
 - a) a collection of Grapevine stories by people with 40 or more years of sobriety, and;
 - b) a book of classic cartoons and jokes from the A.A. Grapevine.

- The committee reviewed the contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook and suggested that the sample presentation in Appendix IV be updated.
- The committee encouraged the Grapevine to explore less expensive formats for production of the workbook.
- The committee again urged the A.A. Grapevine Board to produce a Spanish translation of the A.A. Grapevine workbook as soon as financially possible.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

No recommendations.

Additional Considerations

- The committee discussed the site-selection procedures for the 2020 International Convention. The committee noted that selecting an International Convention site twelve years out prevents us from having to compete for sites and yet allows us to have enough information about the site city to make a good decision.
- The committee discussed the concept and details of Local Forums as approved by the General Service Board. It was noted that the new Local Forums format specifies that some expense, such as site rental, will be the responsibility of the Local Forum organizing committee. The diversity of the purpose of Local Forums was emphasized. In addition to large gatherings, there can be smaller gatherings to present Forum and local service information to selected A.A. communities and to respond to specific needs of these communities.

Zero requests for local forums at the conference- are local forums intended to replace special forums? Answer yes – was the original intent of special forums (for cultural and language barriers) considered when local forums were designed (special forums was to introduce members of the board, staff and various office staff)? yes

- The committee discussed the following ways to encourage interest in Forums:
 - Emphasize the importance of A.A. members talking to A.A. members about Forums.
 - Use translators to communicate Forum information.
 - Emphasize that it is more effective if local delegates, districts, groups and A.A. members take responsibility for providing information about Forums rather than relying on the General Service Office's mailing of registration forms.
 - Encourage use of G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site to find Forum registration forms, Forum information and hotel information.
 - Encourage A.A. members to use G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site as a source for Forum Final Reports to find out what happened at past Forums and what Forums are like.
 - Be an example of an enthusiastic Forum attendee.
 - Emphasize interesting things you can learn at a Forum such as "Where does A.A.'s money go?"; "Do you want to get to know your literature?"
 - Include Forum registration forms with catalogs in literature orders sent to central offices and intergroups.

Literature

It was recommended that:

9. The following text from *The A.A. Service Manual* be added to "The A.A. Group" and the "G.S.R." pamphlets:

"Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions."

(Passed with 1 opposed)

10. The title of the pamphlet "Can A.A. Help Me Too?" subtitled "Black/African Americans Share Their Stories" be changed to "A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic."

(Passed with a few opposed)

11. The pamphlet, "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs" be revised to include current experience of A.A. members and that a revised draft pamphlet or a progress report be brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Literature.

(Passed unanimously)

12. The Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, be produced, keeping in mind the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on contents, story selection, and process, as follows:

I. Contents

A. *The Third Edition Spanish-language Big Book to be similar in page count to the English Fourth Edition Big Book*

B. *The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion," "Dr. Bob's Nightmare," and the Appendices will undergo a complete review to assure accuracy of translation and consistency of style and tone throughout the text. As in translations of all languages, the Publications Department strives to reflect the best possible translation of Bill W.'s writings and does not require Conference-approval.*

C. *Personal Stories:*

- *Retain selected stories from current Spanish-language Second Edition.*
- *Select stories from A.A.'s La Viña magazine.*
- *Select new stories from Spanish-speaking membership.*
- *Stories to be designated to three main sections similar to the English Fourth Edition Big Book.*

II. Story Solicitation

A. *Within the United States and Canada and internationally to Spanish-speaking countries.*

III. Story Selection Process

A. *To be under the direction of the trustees' Literature subcommittee on the Third Edition Spanish-language Big Book.*

B. *Story selection subcommittee:*

- *All bilingual – Spanish and English:*
- *Spanish editors.*
- *Spanish-speaking staff members.*
- *Chair to appoint some subcommittee members from the Fellowship.*

C. *Basic Selection Criteria:*

- *To use the same criteria as the English Fourth Edition Big Book based on Bill W.'s recommendations.*
- *Each story must, as Bill W. recommended, reach out to the newcomer who is still looking for the A.A. solution.*
- *Each story must be a standard A.A. story that tells what it was like, what happened, and what it is like today.*

and, that the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book include:

- *Updated translations of Bill's Own Story, Dr. Bob's Nightmare, the stories "Alcoholics Anonymous #3" and "Women Suffer Too."*
- *The existing twelve original stories from the Second Edition Spanish-language Big Book.*
- *Up to 32 new selected Spanish-language stories.*
- *Translations of the Forewords to the English Edition and the Foreword to the existing edition.*
- *A new Foreword to be developed by the Publications Department explaining the process and development of the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book.*

The committee acknowledged that the Publications Department strives to reflect the best possible translation of Bill W.'s writings and recognized that translations of Bill W.'s writings do not require Conference-approval.

(Passed with 1 opposed)

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed the trustees' Literature Committee progress report on revisions to the "A.A. for the Native North American" pamphlet and expressed appreciation that the story submission deadline was extended until June 30, 2007 to provide a greater opportunity for Native North American A.A. members to share their stories. The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft of the revised pamphlet at the 2008 General Service Conference.
- The committee discussed at length requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet and took no action. As the structure and function of intergroup/central offices vary greatly

throughout the United States and Canada, it was the consensus of the committee that, where a need may exist for an intergroup/central office pamphlet, it can be addressed locally.

The committee also felt that sufficient information is available about intergroup/central offices in existing A.A. Conference-approved literature and service material, including "The A.A. Group" pamphlet, *The A.A. Service Manual*, and A.A. Guidelines on Central and Intergroup Offices.

- The committee considered a request to produce a pamphlet to replace the discontinued "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic" and took no action.

Policy/Admissions

It was recommended that:

13. Hari B., alternate delegate, Area 81, New Brunswick/PEI, be seated as a Conference member at the 57th General Service Conference because Adrien Gionet, the Panel 56 delegate for Area 81 is unable to attend.

(Passed unanimously-this was done on Sunday at the Conference opening)

14. The 60th General Service Conference be held April 18-24, 2010, since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays, hotel availability and Bylaws' deadlines of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

(Passed unanimously)

Additional Considerations

- The committee accepted the final report from the General Service Board Ad Hoc Regional Composition and Structure Inventory Committee and expressed appreciation regarding the complexity of the issues that were discussed at length by the Board's Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee requested that the General Service Board provide a summary of the board's discussions on the inventory questions for board consideration that were listed in the final report, which pertain to regional composition and structure and, if completed, forward the summary to the 2008 Conference Committee on Policy Admissions.

Public Information

It was recommended that:

15. The 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey.

(Passed with 1 opposed)

16. The public service announcement "A Force of Nature," developed by the trustees' Public Information Committee, be approved.

(Passed 84 to 37). A motion to reconsider failed with 58/61 in favor

17. The television public service announcement "A Force of Nature" be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.

(Passed unanimously)

18. The 2002 Conference Advisory Action that states "After the initial four years this cycle would continue with the oldest P.S.A. [public service announcement] being replaced each year" be reaffirmed and a new P.S.A. be developed for review by the 2008 Conference Committee on Public Information at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, and the oldest P.S.A. in the four year plan be replaced.

(Passed unanimously)

19. The trustees' Committee on Public Information develop their suggestion for a video project that would include video/digital submissions from the Fellowship, with selected submissions to be compiled and used in carrying the A.A. message to young people. The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on Public Information:

- Develop clear guidelines for the request and submission of videos (or digital files) at their July 2007 meeting and that the guidelines be consistent with A.A. Traditions and appropriate safety/legal concerns.
- Create a timetable at their July 2007 meeting for the request of video/digital submissions from the Fellowship.
- Develop a draft from video/digital submissions or progress report to be brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Public Information for review.

Note: Estimated development cost is \$28,000

(passed with a few opposed) Motion to reconsider- seconded vote 124 votes 62 for 62 against chair added his vote to reconsider motion carried

20. The list of early signs of alcoholism derived from A.A. Conference-approved literature forwarded by the trustees' Committee on Public Information replace the current list of early signs in the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."

(Passed unanimously)

21. A section on posthumous anonymity be developed by the Publications Department for inclusion in the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" and a draft be brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Public Information for consideration.

(Passed unanimously)

22. The words "Young, old. Rich, poor. Black, white." under the section titled ALCOHOLISM be deleted from the pamphlet "A Message to Teenagers."

(Passed unanimously)

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed the 2006 Annual Report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site and noted the detailed information provided and the thoughtful consideration given to all items involving the G.S.O. A.A. Web site.

- The committee reviewed information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the Public Service Announcement "Testimonials."
- The committee reviewed the contents of the Public Information Kit and Workbook and suggested that the language in the Workbook be revised to reflect current Conference Advisory Actions and experience regarding how to handle anonymity breaks by A.A. members at the public level.

Report and Charter

It was recommended that:

23. The second paragraph on p. S29 of *The A.A. Service Manual*, which reads, "In the majority of areas, a district includes six to 20 groups. In metropolitan districts, the number is generally 15 to 20 groups, while in rural or suburban districts the number can be as small as five," be replaced with the following:

"The number of groups per district varies widely, from as few as five in a rural district to 90 or more in a metropolitan district. Population density and the geographic size of the district, which will affect the ability of the D.C.M. to communicate with the groups, would be key factors determining the number of groups a district will have."

(Passed Note A motion was made to make an amendment to eliminate the numbers, but that motion failed 51 to 68)

24. The following sentence be inserted on p. S72 of the *The A.A. Service Manual* at the beginning of the second paragraph under the heading "Trademarks, Logos, and Copyrights":

"In 1993, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., announced that official use of all of the several circle/triangle trademarks and service marks was being discontinued."

(Passed 91 to 32)

25. The Publications Department insert into *The A.A. Service Manual*, where appropriate, the inverted triangle graphic that currently appears annually in the General Service Conference manual.

(Passed with a few opposed)

26. A paragraph titled "District Information," which includes an illustration of the District Information Change Form (F-43), be developed for inclusion in Chapter Three in *The A.A. Service Manual* and brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Report and Charter for review.

(Passed unanimously)

27. The last sentence in the second paragraph of "The Conference Structure – An Overview" (p. S15)" in *The A.A. Service Manual*, which reads: "Today, general service includes all kinds of activities within the Conference structure, carried on by districts, area committees, delegates, trustees, the General Service Office and the Grapevine," be changed to read as follows:

"Today, general service includes all kinds of activities within the Conference structure, carried on by groups, districts, area committees, delegates, trustees, the General Service Office and the Grapevine."

(Passed unanimously)

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed a list of duties of a district committee member chairperson (D.C.M.C.) and requested that a 'service piece' be developed for inclusion in the D.C.M. Kit.
- The committee considered a recommendation from the General Service Board that the following text be added to Chapter Nine in *The A.A. Service Manual* where appropriate:

"The intent of forming regions was to create a vehicle by which regional trustees could be added to the General Service Board and a way to provide a cross section of people who would serve A.A. as a whole – not in a representative capacity. To allow for a balanced rotation, elections of regional trustees are staggered in order that there may be a relatively even flow of new trustees coming onto the board. It was not until 1962 that the formal naming of regions occurred and a redistribution; and, soon afterwards the formation of new regions."

and took no action.

- The committee considered a recommendation from the General Service Board that the sentence, "Regional trustees bring to the board's discussions a regional point of view and experience that is invaluable," in Chapter Nine: The General Service Board, p. S62 in *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2006-2007 Edition, be replaced so that the section reads:

"While no trustee can be said to "represent" a geographical section – all trustees represent only the Fellowship as a whole – regional trustees bring to the board's discussions a diversity of A.A. experience that is invaluable."

and took no action.

- The committee considered a suggestion to include the committee scope from each Conference Committee Composition Scope and Procedure document in the Standing Committee section in the Chapter on Conference Committees and took no action.
- The committee considered and accepted a suggestion that the first sentence in the last paragraph of the preface to the *Twelve Concepts of World Service*, which reads: "A 'short form' of the Concepts was prepared by the 1974 General Service Conference for inclusion in *The A.A. Service Manual*," be corrected to read as follows:

"A 'short form' of the Concepts was recommended by the 1974 General Service Conference for inclusion in *The A.A. Service Manual*."

- The committee considered a suggestion that the section on "Past Delegates," in *The A.A. Service Manual*, be moved from pp. S43-44 and inserted, as amended, in Chapter Six, p. S47, after the discussion on "The Alternate" and took no action.

- The committee considered a suggestion that the terms L.C.M. (Local Committee Member) and D.C.M.C. (District Committee Member Chairperson) be added to the glossary on pp. S18-19, and took no action. The committee requested that the Publications Department place a reference to D.C.M.C. in the Index.
- The committee considered a request to have A.A.W.S. discontinue publishing regional directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.) and took no action.
- The committee considered a suggestion that the second to the last full sentence under Qualifications (S29) in *The A.A. Service Manual* be amended to read: "A D.C.M. should have enough sobriety, generally four or five years" and took no action.
- The committee considered a suggestion to add to the A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.) a separate subsection within the section "INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE MEETINGS" for listing "Online Intergroups" that request to be listed, and that online Intergroups thus listed provide an e-mail and/or Web site address to be included in the directories and took no action.
- The committee reviewed the *Final Conference Report* and suggested that the publications department consider increasing the font size for future publications. The committee also wished to convey its thanks and appreciation for the artist's continued excellence in providing high quality illustrations to be included in the *Final Conference Report*.

Treatment Facilities

It was recommended that:

28. The video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* be revised, retaining only the script, and that sample footage or a progress report be brought to the 2008 Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities.

Note: The cost would be approximately \$50,000.

(Passed unanimously)

Additional Considerations

- The committee suggested that the DVD *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* be inserted in the complimentary Treatment Facilities Kit sent to each new Treatment Facilities area committee chair.
- The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities gather sharing from the Fellowship on how to stimulate interest in Treatment Facilities Twelfth Step work. This sharing is to include information such as:
 - Service material that has been locally produced.
 - Reports on events that have been held.
 - Examples of how sponsorship has proven to be an effective tool.

The committee is particularly interested in having samples of existing local service information

available as background material to assist the 2008 Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities' discussion on the possible development of Conference-approved literature and/or Service Material to stimulate A.A. members' interest in Treatment Facilities Twelfth Step work.

- The committee forwarded to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board a suggestion that it consider producing a special section in the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña once a year on Treatment Facilities Twelfth Step work.
- The committee discussed the need for more input from the Fellowship in the area of carrying out our Twelfth Step responsibility regarding Treatment Facilities service. Based on a lack of agenda items, the committee discussed the possibility of merging with another Conference committee, and concluded that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities is still viable.

Trustees

It was recommended that:

29. The following slates of trustees and officers be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in April 2007:

Class A Trustees

Leonard M. Blumenthal, LL.D.
William D. Clark, M.D.
Ward B. Ewing, D.D.
The Hon. Rogelio R. Flores
Herbert I. Goodman
Vincent E. Keefe
Jeanne S. Woodford

Class B Trustees (See "Note" below)

Charles J. (Chuck) B
Conley F. B
Paul C
Dorothy L. H
John J. K
Tom K
Jo-Anne L
Howard L
Raymond M
Robert (Bob) M
Madeleine J. P
John S
Dorothy W

Note: The General Service Board will operate short one Class B regional trustee.
(Passed unanimously)

The following slate of officers be elected at the second quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board in April 2007:

Chairperson	Leonard M. Blumenthal, LL.D.
First vice-chairperson	Herbert I. Goodman
Second vice-chairperson	William D. Clark, M.D.
Treasurer	Vincent E. Keefe
Secretary	Charles J. (Chuck) B
Assistant Treasurer	Donald W. Meurer

Assistant Secretary

Eva S (see "Note" below)

Note: Eva S will be replaced at G.S.O. staff rotation, July 2007.

(Passed unanimously)

30. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of A.A. World Services, Inc. in April 2007:

Paul C

Eva S. (See "Note" below)

Roberta L

John S

Howard L

Jane T

George G. M

Dorothy W

Greg M

Note: Eva S. will be replaced at G.S.O. staff rotation, July 2007.

(Passed unanimously)

31. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. in April 2007:

Ginger R B

Raymond M

James B

Robert (Bob) M

Robin B

Madeleine J. P

Herbert I. Goodman

Andrew M. (Andy) T.

Dorothy L. H

(Passed unanimously)

32. In accordance with the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., the General Service Board consider all eligible Class A (nonalcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) trustees when selecting the chairperson of the General Service Board.

Note: The Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., may be found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

(passed 104 to 21)

33. The amendment to the April 2006 Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., as forwarded from the General Service Board, be approved. The new language would be:

"In the case of a Class B trustee, the maximum term of service of such successor member trustee shall be limited to that number of one-year terms which would result in the term of service of the successor member trustee ending at the same time as the term of the replaced member trustee would have ended, if no vacancy had occurred and the replaced member trustee had served four successive one-year terms."

Note: The language in the Bylaws, approved in April 2006, which will now be replaced, was:

“In the case of a Class B trustee, the maximum term of service of such successor member trustee shall be four years from the date of the meeting at which he or she is elected.”

(passed 1 opposed)

Additional Considerations

- The committee reviewed the resumes and approved, as eligible for election, all candidates for Northeast and Southwest regional trustees and for trustee-at-large/Canada.
- The committee reviewed with approval the resume of Terrance M. Bedient to serve as a consultant on the trustees’ Finance & Budgetary Committee commencing with the July 2007 committee meeting.
- The committee accepted the “Appeal to the General Service Conference” dated April 11, 2007 concerning the decision made in the January 2007 executive session of the General Service Board not to begin a search for a new General Manager of the General Service Office.

In keeping with the importance of the principle of assuring us that the minority opinion will be heard, as outlined in Concept V, the Conference Committee on Trustees requests that this “Appeal to the General Service Conference” be given a full hearing at the next scheduled executive session of the General Service Board.

In addition, the committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on Nominating review Procedure Nº 9 of their Composition, Scope and Procedures—“Guidelines for Hiring the General Manager, G.S.O.”—and clarify the language which refers to the length of service for that position. The committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on Nominating forward a final report to the 2008 Conference Committee on Trustees.

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTION

Conference Committee on Report and Charter

The committee recommended that the first sentence of the first paragraph in the “The Area Assembly” section of Chapter Four in *The A.A. Service Manual* which reads: “Any meeting of area G.S.R.s, and the area committee (see Chapter Five) is an assembly,” be changed to read as follows:

“Any meeting of area G.S.R.s, **D.C.M.s** and the area committee (see Chapter Five) is an assembly,”

(motion failed 41/74)

Conference Committee on Trustees

The committee recommended that the existing sentence pertaining to regional trustees in the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., be amended to read.

“Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the year, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of

the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, *to provide the Board their views and opinions regarding policy matters based on Fellowship-wide experience.*"

Note: As it exists in *The A.A. Service Manual, 2006-2007 Edition*, p. S110, that sentence reads:

"Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the years, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, *to advise the Board with respect to regional views and opinions regarding policy matters.*"

The initial vote was 90/38, a motion was made to reconsider. The motion failed in the revote (57/64)

FLOOR ACTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

- The background material on the "Appeal to the General Service Conference" dated April 11, 2007 and reviewed by the Conference Committee on Trustees, be provided to all members of the 57th General Service Conference.

Conference voted not to consider vote 110 total 85 yes 25 against 24 abstentions

- That the hospital scene appearing in the corrections video, previously approved, be deleted. **(Not Approved)**

(Failed 31 to 93) motion to reconsider motion again failed 47 to 73

- That the information media presentation introducing A.A. to training academies and in-service training for corrections personnel be edited to include at least one mention and display of our magazines, *The A.A. Grapevine* and *La Viña*, together with French and Spanish A.A. books and pamphlets. **(Not Approved)**

Motion failed no count

- That a pamphlet on intergroup/central offices be developed and that a draft copy or a progress report be brought back to the 2008 Conference Committee on Literature. **(Conference voted not to consider)**

Declined to consider no count