

**2016 Area 56 Mini-Conference**  
**“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, Concepts”**  
**Agenda Items**

**II. Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- A. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.”
- B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet “If You are a Professional...”

**III. Corrections**

- B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)

**V. Grapevine**

- B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.

**VI. Literature**

- A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”

**VIII. Public Information**

- D. Review 2015 report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.
  - 1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A., “Tengo Esperanza” at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.
  - 2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. “I Thought.”
- E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the “Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates.”

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:
  - 3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.
  - 5. Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
  - 6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding “male/female” distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)
  - 1. Consider that the category title “ONLINE MEETINGS” be changed to “ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS” in A.A. Directories.

## **X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities**

- A. Consider removing “Special Needs” from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities’ name and throughout the committees’ Composition, Scope and Procedure.