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Links to information:

REVISED AND REFORMATTED A.A. SERVICE MANUAL

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf

"A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field" is a helpful piece for any A.A. members working in the treatment field. This is not new, but is worth a read:

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/mg-10_foraamembers.pdf

G.S.O. has a new mailing address for contributions to the General Service Board:
Post Office Box 2407,
James A Farley Station,
New York, NY 10116-2407

72nd G.S.C. Activity

72nd General Service Conference—Each year the General Service Conference has various agenda items, submitted by the fellowship, for consideration. In addition to these business items, each Conference also has a Theme, Presentations, and Workshop Topics—as decided by the previous year's Conference. The theme of this year's General Service Conference is **A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service**. Presentation/Discussion Topics

Past General Service Conference Advisory Actions

Every year, at the annual meeting of the General Service Conference, a committee recommendation (or floor action) that passes with substantial unanimity becomes an Advisory Action. These are generally binding upon the General Service Board who then work together with the A.A.W.S. Board, Grapevine/La Vina Board, and the staff at the G.S.O. and G.V./L.V. office to implement these decisions. At last year's General Service Conference, a few noteworthy Advisory Actions included developing podcasts, revising text in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, creating a 5th Edition of the English Big Book, creating a 4th Edition of the Spanish Big Book, creating a draft plain language translation of the Big Book—to name a few. Some Advisory Actions are able to be implemented immediately, while others take time.

A list of all General Service Conference Advisory Actions, from the very first one in 1951 to present, are available digitally. These have been distributed to all DCMs, so feel free to reach out to a DCM if this interests you. These are helpful because sometimes we debate issues that have already been hashed out and widely discussed, as a wise member once said.

For example, a 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action reads as follows: "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. In other words, a group or meeting that meets in a clubhouse is certainly free to send in a contribution directly.

However, a contribution should be declined if it comes from the clubhouse directly. This decision relates to our Sixth Tradition (of avoiding any affiliation, "actual or implied") and our Seventh Tradition ("declining outside contributions"). This same principle applies to A.A. meetings in church basements, treatment facilities, or anywhere else. If Area 11 receives a check directly from a treatment center, rather than from the group/meeting in the treatment center, Area 11 must decline this check (notwithstanding the check being sent on behalf of the meeting). The Area 11 Finance Committee recently experienced this scenario and it was so helpful to be able to refer to a past Advisory Action of the General Service Conference and realize that the Finance Committee was faced with a situation that was analogous to something that has already been thoroughly discussed.

That is only one example of the sort of helpful pieces of history one can find in browsing the full list of G.S.C. Advisory Actions, 1951-Present.

Experience Wanted on Virtual 7th Tradition Baskets

Reminder: the A.A. World Services Finance Self-Support Subcommittee is looking for written experience, strength, and hope on virtual 7th Tradition Baskets. A memo was sent to all DCMs on this, containing a comprehensive list of discussion questions to consider. If any Treasurers of any A.A. entities which to share their experience on virtual 7th Tradition Baskets, please send them to nominating@aa.org by February 9, 2022.

Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly

DCMS, get ready! A big informational email can be expected in February. Please share with your Districts as soon as you receive it. In the meantime, prepare them that it will be on its way soon enough. **Pre-Conference Assembly is 4/3 (online).**

(Con't)→ include: How do A.A.s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve? Going Beyond Fear. How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere. The following will be a workshop topic: The Warranties—Our Promise to the World.

Local A.A. events might consider using this year's G.S.C. theme, presentation, and workshop topics to spark discussion at local events from our local A.A. community on these topics.

**Regional/International
Events**

NERAASA 2022

Northeast Regional Alcoholics
Anonymous Service Assembly
(NERAASA)

February 25-27, 2022
www.neraasa.org

Regional Forums

The next Northeast
Regional Forum (N.E.R.F.)
will be in 2023 in
Framingham, MA.

Information on regional
forums, including those
happening in other regions,
found:

[https://aa.org/pages/en
US/regional-and-local-
forums](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums)

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

Check www.ct-aa.org and click "Events"
for information on events.

**2022 Area 11 Assembly Dates
Scheduled:**

- Area 11 Pre-Conference
Assembly: April 3, 2022 (online)
- Area 11 Spring Assembly: May
22, 2022 (TBD)
- Area 11 Fall Assembly:
November 6, 2022 (TBD)

**General Service Board
Updates**

General Service Conference—DCMs were emailed the preliminary and proposed agenda items for the 72nd G.S.C. We can expect to receive the list of final agenda items shortly after the Quarterly General Service Board Weekend, which is scheduled for the end of this month. Stay tuned for a **big email** in late February containing all the information needed to prepare for the 2022 Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly, including the final 72nd G.S.C. agenda items and background material.

A.A.W.S./G.S.O.

Highlights

Much of the content of the A.A.W.S./G.S.O. Highlights sections of this report is taken from excerpts of the most recent issue of Box 459. If you have not yet read it, please do so by clicking [here](#).

South Africa Celebrates its 75th Year of A.A. in South Africa—Please check out the recent issue of Box 459 and read the inspiring story of how A.A. started in South Africa and how it was recently celebrated virtually.

Information on A.A.

Guidelines/Service Pieces/A.A.

Literature Generally—In the most recent issue of Box 459, page 4 contains an article about A.A. Guidelines (service pieces from the General Service Office) and their function. A quick browse through aa.org can bring you in touch with many of these pieces. For example, one of these Guidelines is entitled "A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field," which can be viewed as a pdf [here](#). This piece has existed for many years and is updated from time to time. Many members are amazed at how helpful this

piece of literature is in explaining how A.A.'s Traditions and collective experience guides those A.A. members that take jobs in the alcoholism field. This is only one example of the many service pieces produced by the General Service Office. Such service pieces, though not Conference-approved, are nevertheless A.A. literature. It is easy to become confused about what all these terms mean. What is Conference-Approved literature? What is A.A. literature (that is not necessarily Conference-approved)? What is considered non-A.A. literature? Another helpful service piece, explaining these various facets of A.A. literature, can be viewed [here](#). Given that service pieces need not go through the General Service Conference process, these pieces are revised by G.S.O. staff from time to time.

Anonymity Letter to Media—In case you are not aware, the Public Information Desk at the General Service Office sends out letters to the media about A.A.'s Anonymity Traditions from time to time. This was also mentioned in the most recent issue of Box 459 (on page 3). For an example of a letter, click [here](#).

Recent ICOAA Seminar—The recent issue of Box 459 also has an article that discusses the 36th Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S./AAGV Seminar (on page 6). Read it [here](#).

Latest AAWS Highlights and GSO Quarterly Report—can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

**A.A. Grapevine/La
Viña Updates**

Learn about GV's audio project [here](#).