NETA65 Area Conscience – 72nd General Service Conference

(Created from the Mock Committees at the 2022 Pre-Conference Spring Assembly – March 19, 2022)

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I. AGENDA	**A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference.**	Pass	Substantial Unanimity		Substantial unanimity for *"Practicing the Three Legacies in a Changing World"*		"How AA (as a whole?) can develop a thriving Three Legacy Culture" "Principles in all of our Affairs" "AA: Staying Unified in a Changing Word"
	B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.	Pass					Applying Traditions in the Digital Age Conveying the Principles of being a Trusted Servant Challenges of Virtual & Hybrid Groups: Recovery, Unity, & Service
	C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.	Pass	Substantial Unanimity		Applying the Principles: Steps, Traditions & Concepts"		
	D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2021 Evaluation Summary.	N/A					
	E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.	N/A	Reviewed what the trustees' duties are and what qualifications would be helpful				

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II. CPC	**A. Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.**	Pass	17	4	Any resource we have to reach to professionals Committee member shared LinkedIn is the Number 1 job board and to market products. Suspects most following are in the Treatment industry. Can see the benefit of blurbs. Good way to communicate with the professionals.	Concern related to Anonymity of individuals following the AAWS Linked In page. During interview process, companies may look at who you are following on Linked In.	Reviewed Progress and Statistics for last Quarter of 2021 reported. Impression - Definition = someone viewed for 300 milliseconds. 25% of Visitors - Sales Job Functions Reviewed both future samples of High, and Low Priority, along with Long Term Strategies. --- Need link to LinkedIn page on Professional Pamphlets. Mock Committee Member expressed consistent use of LinkedIn. Was not aware the page existed. Audience is for the Professional Community. Is there a way to define why you are connected to the page? Not enough activity on the page. Need more to encourage individuals to follow our page. The right place to be to get information out the professionals. Add the link to our brochures. -- Final Question posed to the Mock Committee: Does the A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page and the content being developed meet the goals of further development for a dynamic page? Minority Opinion: Frequency is not considered dynamic. And it is currently too much text. "Wall of

							text". Motion if to revote taken: Yes = 0 No revote occurred
	B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."	Pass	27	0	Good pamphlet to put in the laundry mat and the local deli. Mock Committee member shared - If I find something with a link on a page, I'll take it with me to look up more information later. It is nice to have something in your hand - combining old and new. Paper in hand that refers them to online access for more information. Better 12th Step work possible - Primary Purpose - if this pamphlet helps me to carry the AA message, I need to do so. There are many people who are not technology driven. If you google AA or Alcoholics anonymous - we get many 100 treatment centers first. This pamphlet will take them directly to AA.org We are marrying the old with the new. Paper with internet.	In most professions - we send e-mails as a follow up with links. What is the purpose of this pamphlet? We have a ton of the pamphlets.	Reviewed several sample changes recommended in the background materials. Realign/updating the verbiage and now adding online access. Pattern - Modernizing pamphlets. Are we looking at the bigger picture - broad market trends on paper reaching audience. Concern of the words suggested: "Substance Abuse Disorder". Most recent change made now uses "Substance Use Disorder." --- Final Question posed to the Mock Committee: Do you think this will improve our communication to the Professionals on A.A.?

	C. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals.	Pass	29	0			Reviewed the 3 Questions and sampled responses posed to the Focus Group Question 1. What are the barriers to referring or providing information to your clients about A.A. Mock Committee members expressed agreement on responses from the focus group. Question 2. What clear A.A. message to give professionals and what the ongoing message should be? Concern expressed regarding the Dual Diagnosis. Maintain our 3rd Tradition in the forefront. Mock Committee member shared personal experience with mental diagnosis as well. Clarity reviewed on "culture of group." Several Mock Committee members are in agreement on advising the Mental Health Professional differentiate Sponsorship vs Recovery Coach vs Peer monitor. Member shared excitement due to many of individuals start by self-medicating with alcohol due to mental illness. Question 3. What do you tell your peers about A.A.? Suggestion to add some of "What A.A. does and does not do? be included? --- Final Question posed to the Mock Committee: Do you support

							the focus group's approach?
	D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible.	Pass	28	1	Mock Committee member works in a hospital, and agrees we need this for individual A.A. members to share. Mock Committee member - CPC Comm Chair- shared making a packet for the ER Doctors and Social Workers with information on A.A. Giving the Doctor something they can do is beneficial Agreement indicated to keep the pamphlet short. Project by a Group CPC member, started with asking local Doctors two simple questions. Doctors were very grateful.		Delivery method clarified for this pamphlet - through the individual A.A. Member directly to their personal Doctor. Question asked: Do we understand from the Doctors directly the best method to provide information on A.A.? Important to add for the individual AA member to say: "I am not a spoke person for AA. I am a member of A.A." --- Final Question posed to the Mock Committee: Do you support the general idea of the proposed new pamphlet? Minority Opinion - Concern on the money we (A.A.) would spend on this. We each have our own rapport with the Doctor. The Doctor will throw it in the trash.
	E. Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.	See additional section notes for details on 3 votes taken.					Reviewed Current Guide Letter to Military Chaplains Reviewed new succinct Guide Letter to Military Chaplains Question asked: Is there statistical data with feedback from the Military Chaplains on wanting a more succinct letter? Reviewed proposal to remove letter to Professionals who work with military veterans. Question asked - why are "they"

							suggesting removing this letter? Background indicates the information is redundant. Suggestion to condense this letter We have other pamphlets directed towards all professionals ---------· Final Question posed to the Mock Committee: Do you support the New succinct sample guide letter to Military Chaplains? Unanimous - Yes Do we need two Sample Guide Letters to the Military Chaplains? Unanimous - No - we do not need two sample guide letters Do you agree with the removal of the sample guide letter to professionals who work with military veterans? Yes = 2 No = 21 Minority Opinion We already have other literature geared to professionals If the broader movement of AA is to be succinct, we can create other literature to cover the broader Motion if to revote taken: Yes = 12 No = 13 Revote did not occur.

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III. CORRECTIONS	**A. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.**	Pass	29	0	Discussion on workbook original language. Why language change? More user friendly.		More user friendly for current media, hyperlinks, and video links (2022). Was the more interested
	A. Revisar el contenido y el formato del Kit y Libro de Trabajo de Correccionales.	Pass	11	0	Kits are old, need updated info/ manuals		
	B. Reconsider use of the term "person in custody" in A.A. literature.	Pass	27	0	Not all attendees behind the walls at a meeting are AA member. Joe is an AA member. Careful about what word you use.		Consider Participants or Member.
	B. Reconsiderar el uso del término "persona bajo custodia" en la literatura de AA.	Fail		23		No change is needed	
	C. Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	Pass	22	8	Limit changes based on 1995 Things change, things always change. Don't want to limit for the future.		Which city language would we change it too? Concern that no other background on the other side was given. Inclusive.
	D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.	Pass	27	3	Slow and Steady Not to change with a stopwatch		Measured understood and thought out/ keep from being stagnant Consider Adding a dictionary

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IV. FINANCE	**A. Review Self-Support Packet.**	N/A	Consideration to clarify where AA contributions go to: General Service Board vs General Service Office - Consider consistent language (GSO) in literature -Have comment in literature of what GSB is or does				
	A. Revisar el Paquete de Automantenimiento.	Pass	17	1	5 no vote	no comment	
	B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.	Fail	0	18		- Member shared taking a stance on changing AA literature is internal, not taking a stance on outward opinions of the world. - Don't think we need disclaimer, there is already wording that states changes have been made in the book. - Disclaimer keeps further discussion on wording/changes from coming back to be discussed. -It is not understood why there is a need to be added. - Text does not need to change, sponsor/sponsee to discuss the wording. - Member shared taking a stance on changing AA literature is internal, not taking a stance on outward opinions of the world. - A disclaimer would prevent changes in the	

						future (myth) - The disclaimer is offensive in itself to those who want changes.	
	B. Considerar una solicitud de agregar una nota explicativa histórica al comienzo del libro Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones.	Pass	17	1	Spanish Ref. #5 - Manner el programa de Alcoholicos Anónimos como se escribió originalmente y darles a personas de AA de futuro la misma oportunidad que nos dieron a nosotros Ref. #5- To maintain the program of Alcoholics Anonymous as it was originally written and to give future fellows AA the same chance we were given. To stop given creative and politically correct to meet the needs of the newcomer. We need to keep the people who are in AA, and the newcomers will come.		
	C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes.	Fail	0	18		·Adding the footnotes or changes is not suggested. -The changes would deflect the historic/depth of the message/would change the integrity. - Allowing footnotes would lead to approval of further changes of literature.	

	C. Considerar una solicitud de que todos los cambios propuestos al libro Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones se coloquen en notas a pie de página.	Fail	0	20			Make no changes to our literature.

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V. Grapevine / La Viña	**A. Evaluar el informe de avance sobre las revisiones del Libro de Trabajo de AA Grapevine.**	Pass	18	5 no vote	We need the Spanish version		
	A. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.	N/A	Dan M - ·Shared regarding call in November spoke with head publisher and editor (Chris) for AAGV. He is a member of AA and long career in publishing. AA is trying to move towards the digital age. Chris will be pushing the digital ideas for GV/LV. When you access GV website - you will see Instagram, You Tube, Podcast. The website in the last 3 years has expanded greatly to digital. 2019 - "Carry the message" project - 2+ years old. Gift subscriptions to Doctors, Therapist, Corrections - educate the Professional community. What we do, why we do it and how we do it. Also, can send General Subscription - will find a prisoner in the US and they receive a solid year of Subscriptions to the magazine. Questioned asked to Chris - why does it take so long to get the updated workbook? COVID - employees are only going in 1-2 times per week. Currently can download materials from the website. Background of changes - Streamlined, Links, graphics. Chris indicated they want to go more digital. Important to change with society. Younger generations are now carrying around phones and laptops vs the physical workbook. Freelance company helping with the updates. Focused on keeping in mind the Traditions. Question: What about the La Vina Workbook? Also incurring updates and changes. Question: This effort started in 2018. When will it be released? Concern of how long this will continue to be in progress.				
	B. Evaluar el informe de avance sobre las cuentas de Instagram del Grapevine y La Viña.	Pass	14	0	Revise Instagram as this page is not anonymous		
	B. Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.	N/A	Background reviewed/history of implementation. 2018 Grapevine Social Media report reviewed. 2020 further review of planning and submit a progress report to the 71st GSC. 2021 - Advisory Action approved to create the Instagram Account for both AAGV and AALV. Goal: Help members stay connected to Grapevine and La Vina, and to AA as a whole, by finding inspiration and information when engaging with this social media platform. Attract those who might benefit by learning more about A.A. July 7th 2021 Launched GV and LV Instagram Accounts Postings in 2021 include: Daily Quote, New magazine issues, new book announcements, inspiration from both AA pioneers and today's members, podcast, shares features found on the the GV and LV Websites; create sobriety B-Day cards, complete Archives, submit audio story, AA.org website relaunch, Newsletters, Events.GV Reviewed Analytics: Reach: 130,956 Number of Followers - 5,965 Reviewed followers by city, age brackets, gender. LV Reviewed Analytics: Reach: 15,007 658 Followers Reviewed followers by Country, age brackets, gender. ---- When 1st considered for launched by the				

			fellowship - serious concerned expressed on the Anonymity. Mock Committee members - Acknowledged there is extensive tracking on all social media platforms. Instagram - any of your friends can see if you "Like It". Younger AA members much have less concern if people know they are alcoholic. Comments are turned off on our Account. Podcasts - currently cannot comment on Spotify. Apple podcast you can comment. Question asked: Reason Media consultants said AA should be on Instagram? Prior to consultants being hired, there had been interest expressed in the fellowship to be on social media platforms. The consultants were hire to assist and review based on Traditions and AA principles.				
	C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later.	N/A See additional Suggestions - several votes taken.	Reviewed 1992 Advisory Action - to involve the Conference Grapevine Committee in seeking any guidance or register any disapproval on future special items. Reviewed 2002 Advisory Action - indicates a 1 year in advance review the list of proposed related items in advance of production, so the Conference might provide guidance. AAGV items are published...first, to carry the message of AA stories and second to help GV maintain its self-supporting status. Suggestions for production in the year 2023 or later. Best of Dear GV: Yes = 17 No = 1 Minority Opinion: Already been published - why are we publishing them again? Book for Newcomers: Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 2 Question asked what is the difference to Living Sober? The Living Sober book is old in language vs. the Stories submitted to the GV, the language is more current for newcomers. Living Sober - General suggestions from AA as a whole vs personal stories and relatable to individuals. Age group of stories? Any age group as a Newcomer to AA. There is a GV Beginners Book already. Will this be different? Best of La Vina II: Yes = 26 No = 0 Abstain = 1 How do they determine "Best Of "? Online - download, read, comments. E-Books - available on phone? Currently Hispanic community relies heavily on phones and hard copies and paper print outs. Question asked how the first one performed? Statistics not in background. Assumption that since they are suggesting a second book, the first one probably performed well. And a second book will include more up to date stories. Prayer & Meditation (La Vina Book): Yes = 27 No = 0 Abstain = 1 --- Reviewed list of Past Approved GV Book Ideas: Mock Committee member highly encourages: AA Twelve Concepts and Getting Involved in Service Question: Idea if the purchasing curb on books is going up or down in sales? Magazine Subscriptions are relatively steady, the books are doing well. Reviewed List of Approved LV Books -- Question posed: Is there a list of all Grapevine Books available? Not readily available on the website.				
	C. Considerar la lista de temas sugeridos de libros del Grapevine para 2023 o más adelante.	Pass	22	0	Suggestions for production in the year 2023 or later- 1. Best of Dear Grapevine/ Lo mejor de Querido Grapevine 2. Book for Newcomers/Libro para principiantes 3. Lo mejor de la Viña II 4. Oración y meditation		
	D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.	N/A			**Discussion For** Starting about 2003 pamphlets have been updated to move forward towards	**Discussion Against** Concern expressed by 3 Mock Committee members that the	**Additional Suggestions** Reviewed History2018 - Initial Request received on behalf of Area 29 Home Group. AAGV took

					being more current. Quote shared: Bill W. 1965 re: Change Supports inclusivity I have not seen that the change in the Preamble has hinder our ability to Carry the message of AA. Origin of Preamble - not meant for A.A. Members. It was meant to let the public know what A.A. is. Comparison made to when the Catholic church was reviewing changing mass from Latin into English. Home Group - Did not experience any threat. This type of change will gradually occur in our literature. Referring back to the Instagram account statistics 9.38% did not identify as Male or Female. Can only assume this trend has increased. Why do we want to alienate anyone? Home Group - predominantly a younger crowd. No questions were asked. No discussion occurred. There was	GSC GV Committee expressed desire to receive more fellowship input and then the change was "pushed" through via Floor Action. Concern expressed the lack of the fellowship knowledge as most AA members do not follow the GSC. So to many it appeared as if this took place "all of the sudden" Home Group voted to keep the Preamble as Men and Women. Home Group voted to keep the preamble as Men and Women. Perhaps this is a good initial step towards getting the anger and frustration out of the way.	no action 2019 - Additional requests received by two Areas. Agree to forward to the 2020 GSC. 2020 GSC GV Committee - took no action and requested examples of change to the Preamble to the AAGV 2021 GSC - Committee reviewed and took no action. Committee felt they need more information from the fellowship to make a decision 2021 GSC - 3 Floor Actions with the final changing from "men and women" to "people" Submissions to AAGV Board, AAWS Board, GSB - both in support and opposed. Both types of submissions refer to our Traditions. Example: Tradition 1 - For: Inclusivity - welcome all who suffer. Opposed - AA Unity has been disrupted. Tradition 4 - some groups changed the preamble prior to the GSC while others decided to not change the Preamble. Cited is Tradition 3 - Inclusivity while others cited Tradition 10 - outside issue. Request Presented

					no object on changing the Preamble. College student last year - expressed the world is changing. Less surprised of the change made, and more surprised of the individuals who were not aware of this being considered since 2019. Concern of GSRs not carrying the information to their groups or of Groups not having a GSR to carry the information. If we reverse it, we are in fact ignoring the changes occurring in our world. We just spent 4 hours talking about becoming current on digital media, pamphlets, online access, communication. And now we are talking about not becoming current. It is important for me to separate if I am concerned with the change itself, or am I concerns with how the change came about via floor actions. Two		for input: Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

					separate questions for me to ask myself. Our program is about us changing. Yet we are reluctant to change. Quote Bob Dillan "The Times They Are A-Changing" This is just one change. If you look at all of our literature, there are so many of gender neutrality changes being proposed and occurring. Home Group: An individual referred to our Constitution "We the people"... Home Group made the changed to the Preamble. Concern expressed on Home Groups deciding not to change the Preamble, that the GSC is the Conscience of the Fellowship.		
	D. Discutir el amplio impacto que el cambio del Preámbulo tuvo en la Comunidad de AA.	Pass	24	0	Discuss/Revise the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our Fellowship this fellowship is requesting the original Preamble.		

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VI. Literature	**A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.**	N/A	Hasn't been updated in a while, especially since Covid. What can be found online. Purpose is to maintain "last reviewed date." No maintenance of when things were last reviewed.				
	B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."	N/A	Concern regarding potential dictate from GSO to groups and/or sponsors. Pamphlet is only a sharing of experience though, not a dictate. "Can" is aspirational, not a mandate.				
	C. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.	N/A	No discussion, moved on.				
	D. Review draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."	N/A	Considering the text "down" as in "bottle has me down" could need changed in consideration of mental health. Consensus was it was appropriate.				
	E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."	Pass	17	0	The question is whether to ask Britain AA if we can use their video and update it to US language style and create a pamphlet.		.
	F. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"	N/A	Young people read pamphlets, PDFs, stick to "you're not special because you're young". The intent now is to discontinue the print and replace with a video. Why not do both? Things get outdated.				
	G. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A."	N/A			More inclusion. Text/graphics reconfigured. More relatable and accessible.		.
	H. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the	N/A	Fresh stories and a more respectful and inclusive title. Solicit broad input, develop processes to make sure updated properly. Seeking large segment of African American input. Seeking to find what changes need to be made to the pamphlet. Black American instead of African American. It would be nice to see more participation. Issue with segmentation in general. Asking AA to become				

	Black and African-American Alcoholic."		something it is not. Need less separation. Purpose of the pamphlets though is to take people who feel they're different (as most of us did at some point). It is to bring people into the greater group.				
	I. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."	N/A	-- Still in early stages. Consider updating to have more current language. Would stay same if not passed, but the terminology is incorrect and outdated. Change to "Indigenous People". - Concerns about division. We are all alcoholics. - We all feel different, especially at first. - Makes AA more inclusive. Makes AA more welcoming. - We must be open to helping to get people in the door.				
	J. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos.	N/A					
	K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.	N/A	Potentially at a 5th Grade level. Concern about disunity. Concern it is changing the Big Book to something it is not. - May hinder progress by lowering level of reading. Okay to have a higher level. - If the Dr's opinion is translated into plain language, is it still the Dr's opinion? - It is a translation, to be published in conjunction with the current version. - We should not interfere with the original format of the Big Book.				
	L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.	Fail	5	21			- No action, rely on Grapevine, or publish study guides? - Cliff Notes instead as an alternative to the plain language? - People want it to be controlled by AA rather than published outside.
	M. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	N/A					
	N. Discuss the existing version of the	Pass	22 10	1 10	Continue to publish black covered pamphlet Continue		Multiple copies of the same thing causes confusion. - The old one

	pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."				to publish new pamphlet		is more comprehensive and the new one is not a replacement. - The old one is worth keeping. - Some consensus is to kill the new one and keep the old one.
	O.1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?"	Pass	20	0	Give approval to delegate to make necessary changes.		Concern regarding changing "men and women" to "people" if it may change back in Grapevine.
	O.2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?"	N/A					
	O.3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."	N/A					
	O.4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "This Is A.A."	N/A					
	P. Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats.	N/A					Groups need a list of available resources such as these to make us more inclusive to new people who are differently abled.
	Q. Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook.	N/A					This is a new workbook. Good to have feedback on literature inventory (including accounting).
	R. Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and		12 16 20	13 9 4	Concern was changing the original text, should be	Rape is not a function of lust	Replace "Opposite Sex" with "Partner" Keep "lustful enough to rape"

	Twelve Traditions as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.				indication of what it originally said; wasn't enough time		Keep long version of tradition at end of essay.
	S. Consider an update of the book Experience, Strength and Hope.	Pass	28		unanimous		Taking any stories dropped and put into the book

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VII. Policy/Admissions	**A. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.**	N/A	Appreciate the process/approach -Historically past delegates would go where they were told and when without question.				
	B. Review dates for the 2026 General Service Conference.	N/A	Member concerned of new GSR/DCM's rotating in the position (s), gathering information related to General Service Conference, not knowing what is going on. Other members shared incoming GSR/DCM's should be prepped prior to the gained position. -Concerned the time to review General Service Conference topics/content is not sent out for adequate reviewing of the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous.				
	C. Discuss the procedure: "Process for Approving Observers to the Conference."	N/A	Let them have the right of decision and do their job.				
	D. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings.	N/A	Let's take advantage of technology and speed up the process of sharing information, use real-time discussion. -Email has a paper trail and the process is slow; zoom has note taking ability yet can be problematic/stressful with voting. -Some members do not understand what is it means in "polling." -We do want/need notes recorded for transparency, no matter the process.				
	E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.	N/A	Process is good. -Consider going forward, how is it attractive to Trustees Committee, are we looking at process of how Trustee is working?				
	F. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	Pass	17		If the story is maintained in 5th Ed. Big Book, consider adding the paragraph back into story. Stories impact us all differently. -Some members agree it would be beneficial		

					to restore, keep the story with writers intent. -Other members said don't worry about the removal of paragraph, some did not know the paragraph was removed.		
	G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.				Member/group encourages 'service sponsor' in the pamphlet.	Wording of 'service sponsor/sponsor' creates much confusion for the newcomer. What is a 'service sponsor?' - Doesn't make since to put 'service sponsor' in a pamphlet, it is suggested to ask members the service processes, leave wording in the service manual.	-Overall approval of the content of what is written. Suggest putting the content in other pamphlets such as: Circles of Love and Service and GSR pamphlet.

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VIII. Public Information	A. Review the 2022 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.	N/A	We did not review as a mock committee.				
	B.1.i. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review "Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall"	Pass	19	0	Donated (grants) hours and money		Unanimous
	B.1.ii. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Review "Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party."	Pass	19	0	Donated (grants) hours and money		Unanimous
	B.2.Review the 2021 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs."	Pass	19	0	Donated (grants) hours and money	-Remove outdated references, but love otherwise ("phone book")	Highly relevant
	C. Review a progress report and the G.S.O. Podcast Plan.	Pass	18 - PASS	1 - FAIL Believes this is just duplicating what is already out there in regard to podcast	Having access from AA.org is supported as it is believed this will touch many people -Podcast are an effective form of communication these days - this would be an effective way to carry the message - This is a way for us to be of service and try to inspire others to do	-Would like the topic to align more closely with AA Service - As an interview idea it is a bad idea - as a service idea it is a good idea -Concern over duplication of efforts of Grapevine podcast versus Service podcast - Is this a good place to use the	"We are in favor of moving forward provided that it is Service Work Oriented Material versus Grapevine." -

					service within AA (interview of "this is how I got involved in...") - Would like to move forward with a GSO podcast provided it is service	fellowship's money -Would agree to this if it was more specific as to Service and GSO - need more specifics to know what we are voting for -Does not want to confuse anyone	
	D. Review report on "YouTube Performance."	N/A	No complaints on this item. Reviewed report on YouTube performance and top 10 searches/videos.				
	E. Review report on "Google Ads Performance."	Pass	PASS - 18 2 - Abstain				We think it is a good idea to not have to wait a year to go back from conference on Google Ads and continuously optimize based on standard best practice.
	F. Review report on "Meeting Guide Performance."	Pass	19	0	Everyone loves and uses the AA Meeting Guide App -Everything AA is a great resource - Warn Wayne that Everything AA is not on the agenda, but might be voted on -Meeting Guide App has positive things to say about Everything AA App -Convenient, but not always	-Joe and Charlie is not AA approved literature (Everything AA) - Concern that "we are trying to sneak something through" (Everything AA) - Does the developer want AA to take over and pay for updates, etc.	Unanimous - Meeting Guide Note: Need to be better about sharing app with newcomers

					accurate due to updates to intergroup	(Everything AA) - Do we just take over apps that people donate to us -Concerned about "another app" because we have a lot - things get watered down with too many resources -Is there a cost involved in taking this over - there is always a cost - Newcomers are finding meetings from google and not the Meeting Guide App	
	G. Review the "2021 Fourth Quarter Report on A.A.W.S. Board Oversight of G.S.O.'s A.A. website."	N/A	Reviewed as a group, but not voted on. Increased usage after the launch in 2021.				
	H. Review report on "AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast."	N/A				Reviewed as a group and discussed the consolidation to 1 site from 4. We noted that it was a good year and that majority of the traction probably comes from the Daily Reflection.	

	I. Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.	Fail	1 - PASS Do we have to have a targeted demographic and how much would it cost without a targeted audience per platform.	18 - AGAINST We don't like the targeting portion and how can we work around this?	This is providing a public service and not promotion - One person thinks it is worth the money -Is this something can be be done without targeting and how much would that cost	-Is it required to determine your targeted audience - how can we target or select an audience -How is it determined there is a need - We don't want to target anyone in particular (income, race, etc.) -The c0st associated with this is outrageous -Do not want to violate anyone's privacy or anonymity	
	J.1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer "A.A. At a Glance."	Pass	Pass - Unanimous				
	J.2. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."	Pass	PASS - Unanimous with editorial Review of Suggestion 3 PASS - Suggestion 4 PASS - Suggestion 5 PASS - Suggestion 6 - Correction of "The Big Book" PASS - Suggestion 7 PASS - Suggestion 8 FAQ1 PASS - Suggestion 8 FAQ2 - 13 votes	FAIL - Suggestion 8 FAQ2 - 1 vote - does not believe the change is relevant	Like information that is suggested to add -Pamphlet already exists so updating it should not be an issue - new members will know how to go about speaking at non-AA meetings - It is important to observe things such as cultural norms and accessibility -	-Not sure about an entire pamphlet for "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" - Suggestion 8 FAQ2 - Why did the question change from Who is an alcoholic to what makes you an alcoholic - These two things are	

			- to change question		appreciate the suggested language -Would like to update to "Speaking at Non-AA Events" -Good with suggestion 3 with some grammatical adjustments	not in alignment - The suggestion is to change the question -We do not love the verbiage of "honestly"	
	J.3. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."	Pass	PASS - Suggestion 1 - Unanimous PASS - Suggestion 2 - Unanimous				
	J.4. Consider request to retire and replace the "A.A. Fact File."	Fail	PASS - 1 - Retire Pamphlet	FAIL - 22 - Keep pamphlet and have the PDF in addition to as it includes great information, links, etc.	Loves the pamphlet because it has a pocket to house/supply additional information for alcoholics, etc. - The item in your hand is more effective than any email or website - This is already a PDF with updates - PI utilizes this quite a bit -Great addition - do not retire rather keep updated pamphlet as well as PDF version	-Expensive - would like to see this revised, but would not like to see it go away	Do not replace, rather use online version in addition to pamphlet
	K. Review request to create a new form of communication to	Pass	PASS - Unanimous				Unanimous We agree that they create a new form to address anonymity.

	address anonymity on social media.						
	L. Review report on development and distribution ideas for the "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey."	Pass	PASS - Appendix C - Unanimous		Should be done via paper and electronic		Appendix C Reviewed in depth and all agreed that appendix C is the strongest and that methodology should be in print and digital.
	M. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.	Pass	PASS - App - Unanimous PASS - PDF Workbook - Unanimous		-In favor of a new service committee app and a new digital committee workbook		Reviewed PI Workbook and Kit. We believe it should remain in print, an app and a PSF Workbook.

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IX. REPORT & CHARTER	**A. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.**	N/A			Discussion was regarding we have no vote on this, we moved on.		
	B. Review The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition.	N/A			Discussion was regarding we have no vote on this, we moved on.		
	C. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled "Amendments."		option: 1) 13 2) 4 3) 1 4) no action	option: 1) 2) 3) 4) no action	OPTION 1: prefers this b/c commits will continue to change OPTION 2: one likes this verses the others b/c of the text staying from Bill's original text, OPTION 3: no discussion OPTION 4: no discussion, after voting they discussed that they would not like the this as an option and voted as a no action Question was posed how they have changed the writings of Bill.		
	D. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."	FAIL		unanimous	Discussion was that the preamble for the GSR is singling out the GSR from other services members, another thinks this will be the cliff note, if this is voted in could help give		

					information before they get them the of what their duty is, another felt this is telling a sponsor how to do his job b/c this is a teaching point between the sponsor and new GSR, is this so that they can find an easier softer way - not going and doing the footwork Question: how did this preamble come about? This is made up from the maker of the motion. What is the purpose of the preamble? To read it at assembly/districts. Is it only affecting the pamphlet?		
	E. Consider requests that the chapter titled "The Doctor's Opinion" be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.	22 voting:	9	10	The questions/discussion: would this change it from the "first 164", yes this would start the changes of the " first ...", the background of b/c it does not start on pg. 1 it will not be read is not a good enough reason to changes, discussed that this would cause so much change and financial repercussions, what is the ripple effect, is		

					the Dr. opinion the "program", what is considered " program in the first 164"? b/c the employer, to the wives, and family afterward. Pg. 1 is where the book should start... that is the normal start of books, another stated that when they came in that it was pg. 1 that they started on and was not able to relate. The point is that we of alcoholics, i.e., not Dr. Silkworth, is the Doctor's Opinion serve as a way to help another alcoholic? That in the first part of the book is an asterisk that states, what is the global perspective? Not just looking at this for me but for those somewhere else to help improve the ability to help others get sober. The point of comfort vs. what was original? Changing the pgs. is a luxury for us not the newcomer.		

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X. Treatment & Accessibilities	**A. Review progress report on pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."**	N/A	Suggestions for the Service materials, "AA for the Older Alcoholic Identify to be inclusive Identity verse identify How to identify with Steps 1, 2, 3 God pairs us up with age folks				
	B. Review progress report on military audio interviews.	N/A					
	C. Discuss draft version of A.A. Guidelines for remote communities.	N/A	We trust our delegate. Cultural challenges or right around the corner and how to communicate and being sensitivity to all people. Awareness is important Some outside issues.				
	D. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.	N/A	We are keeping as is. With current updates.				
	E. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.	N/A	Make a motion, to the Area 65 to add the pamphlet "AA for Mental Health issues and their sponsors"				
	F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.	Pass	23	7			We are okay with the revision. This is a Three-fold illness. Body, Mind and Spirit Is the location really need to be moved? Awareness to all people, with using it for all platforms, paper copies or platforms.
	G. Consider request to revise text in the chapter "Getting plenty of rest" in	Pass	28	0			·Do we need to "no one would die from lack of sleep" Around the statement, is

	the booklet Living Sober.						something that is temporary. Taking out the false statement. Do we need to "no one would die from lack of sleep" Around the statement, is something that is temporary. Taking out the false statement.

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XI. Trustees	**A.1 Review resumes of candidates for: Eastern Canada Regional Trustee**	N/A	Reviewed what the trustees' duties are and what qualifications would be helpful				
	A.2 Review resumes of candidates for: Pacific Regional Trustee	N/A					
	B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.	N/A					
	C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.	N/A					
	D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.	N/A					
	E. Discuss the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."	N/A	Removing some or all General Service Board members and replacing them with new ones, in the event that we believe the board is heading in a direction that we do not agree with. The process is still very convoluted and difficult to understand				
	F. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."	Pass	Substantial unanimity		"Mindful that trusted service is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing		Trusted service? Can it be worded better?

					our trusted servants with care?"		
	G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to include stories reflecting greater diversity.		Substantial unanimity to send our proposal		While the committee agrees that this pamphlet is not inclusive of backgrounds that cover all potential members of AA., we recommend the pamphlet cannot be altered to solve the issue of diversity and we request that it be sent back to the Trustees Literature Committee to be considered for removal or possibly replaced with a piece of material that focuses on inclusivity, regardless of these differences.		.

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XII. Archives	**A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.**	N/A	(No Vote)	(No Vote)	Discussion was about what is the Archives, where are they kept, how do we add to the archives, question about are we making documents regarding COVID in AA? It would be good to get information about what groups had zoom meeting.		

XIII. Int'l. Conventions/Regional Forums

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	A. Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.	N/A	(No Vote)	(No Vote)	The question was asked, if you want the bodies opinion why are we at the area are not going to discuss now?		
	B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.	N/A	(No Vote)	(No Vote)	No discussion		