

Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2024 General Service Conference*

As of 10/10/2023
117 Items

Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting.

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item	Forwarded to	Status
1	12/10/19	To create a new form of communication specifically addressing the use of social media and anonymity.	Trustees' Public Information Committee	Under Consideration: The committee reviewed the progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media. The committee requested that the trustees' Public Information Committee and staff secretary focus on developing and administering a survey, to all age demographics, particularly a young population with the goal of obtaining results that will inform decisions on any future new form of communication. The committee looks forward to a progress report to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.
2	4/19/23	Confirm the September 15th deadline for Conference Agenda items does not apply to motions for censure or reorganization.	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
3	7/1/23	Change the wording of "The Current Conference Charter" in Appendix K of the "The A.A. Service Manual", 2021-2023 Edition (p. 119), Revised May 2021, Section 3 -- suggested change in UPPERCASE below: "THE CONTENT AND WORDS OF THE BOOK ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS INCLUDING: THE FIRST 164 PAGES, THE PREFACE, THE FORWARDS, THE DOCTOR'S OPINION, DR. BOB'S NIGHTMARE, AA NUMBER 3 AND THE APPENDIXES ALL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND WILL NOT CHANGE EVEN WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF ANY PERCENTAGE OF THE AA GROUPS, THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, A PUBLISHING COMPANY OR ANYOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY. ADDITIONALLY, no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in A.A. Tradition or in the Twelve Steps of A.A. may be made with less than a written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

*May include items submitted for a previous year, but still under consideration by a trustees' committee.

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4	7/18/23	Request an independent forensic audit of the General Service Board and of A.A.W.S. for the years 2019 - present. All non-essential projects overseen by the GSB and A.A.W.S. be halted. Prioritize refilling the Reserve Fund to full 9-12 month capacity. A remediation plan of action for cost containment with a quarterly progress report to be shared with the entire fellowship.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
5	7/24/23	Develop ways to communicate the cost of services to the Fellowship. This would include a comprehensive, annual, "member's eye view" list of costs for services provided by the GSB, AAWS/GSO, and the AA Grapevine, and be included alongside any financial information released to the Fellowship, including but not limited to, the Picnic Table Slides and Final Conference Reports. The costs per service would also include any associated salary costs, employee benefits, legal fees, IT costs. etc.	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration
6	7/24/23	A re-commitment to the return of the Reserve Fund to 9 - 12 months of current operating expenses that takes into account prudence, cost savings, and utmost priority given to essential services that reach the still suffering alcoholic. This would include a timeline and roadmap to rebuild the Reserve Fund when it falls below 9 months, keeping in mind its spiritual value to the Fellowship. Previous policy to not set a lower limit on the fund would remain the same so funds are available when deemed absolutely necessary.	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration
7	7/24/23	Censure the General Service Board for actions taken on January 29th,2023	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
8	7/25/23	I propose that the first 164 pages of the Big Book and the Twelve by Twelve book remain intact with no edits of any kind.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
9	8/16/23	The Group that I am Treasurer for "The Wolcott Hill Stap Study" which now meets in Hartford has just today instructed our GSR Paul M. to move GSO out of NYC and NY state due to onerous costs and over regulation.PA may be the best destination.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
10	8/21/23	Revise procedures for electing Delegate and Committee chairpersons and their alternates beginning with 75th GSC.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
11	8/21/23	Consider a request to rescind the changes made to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 12x12, by the 71st GSC so the historical content of Bill's writings can remain with the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
12	8/21/23	We would like the rewriting of the Big Book into plain and simple language to cease.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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13	8/23/23	On page 9 in our Service Manual (both in English and Spanish), in the section "TO THE NEWLY ELECTED GSR," add our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous, to the list of books. There are currently five recommendations: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Concepts, AA Comes of Age, Our Great Responsibility and The Language of the Heart. We believe our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous, has to be added.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
14	9/12/23	That: out of respect for the Constitution of the Conference and the Bylaws of the General Service Board, that the translation of the first 164 pages of the French 3rd edition (1989) takes precedence over the translation of the 4th edition of the French version of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and therefore, that the translation of the 3rd French edition be that of the French 5th edition	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
15	8/27/23	We submit a motion that the new language translation of the Big Book be treated as Conference approved literature, not a translation.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
16	8/28/23	That the Area Delegates attending the 2024 General Service Conference receive a copyrighted, working version of the plain-language Big Book to review and bring back to their respective Area assemblies without taking a vote to accept the version, thus allowing that perspectives, reactions, and proposed amendments to the version may have time to be culled from the A.A. groups, through their G.S.R. representatives.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
17	8/30/23	That the editors of the 5th edition of the book insert a footnote in Appendix II. Spiritual Experience, after the quotation and the name Herbert Spencer, as follows: "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt prior to investigation." —Herbert Spencer*	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
18	9/1/23	Allowing for emergencies, the General Service Conference Agenda and Background for All Committees, along with all supporting documents are to be made available to Area delegates six (6) months prior to the General Service Conference.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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19	9/7/23	I move that we expand area boundaries to include languages and overlay time zones on top of areas. Currently, only geographical boundaries are recognized. This is for integrating online meetings into the formal AA service structure, both nationally and potentially, globally. Currently, virtual meetings are not represented. As formal AA meetings, they would be entitled to full representation at the conference. They would have their own Delegates, DCMs, and GSRs. To do this as soon as possible, 2 pilot websites would be set up to collect and verify the group's info, then pass it on. Based on population density and for A/B testing, I propose one pilot on the East Coast and the other on the West. In addition to websites, 1 area and 3 districts should be initialized in each pilot zone as part of the pilots. This is to remove the roadblocks of getting new Districts and Areas approved. Without them, groups have nowhere to go. Registering a new group should be no harder than registering for an in-person meeting.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
20	9/1/23	AAWS/GSO stop the development of the plain language Big Book.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
21	9/1/23	Consider a request Trustee-at Large/U.S. forward to the 2024 World Service Meeting a proposal for a feasibility study of how to increase worldwide communication, consultation, and cooperation on A.A. international issues.	Trustees' International Committee	Under Consideration
22	9/3/23	Rescind the actions taken under the Advisory Action of 71st General Service Conference for changes made to the text of certain phrases on pages 66 and 117 of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Return the original 1953 wording of Bill W., delete footnotes, and revert back Introduction as follows: 1. Page 66 return to ...be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. from 71st advisory action...commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony. delete footnote... This sentence has been updated from the original text to generalize the possible consequences of extreme emotions. 2. Page 117 return to... desire to find a mate of the opposite sex. from 71st advisory action...desire to find a partner. delete footnote...This sentence has been updated from the original text to reflect the inclusivity of the Fellowship. 3. As a result of above items 1 and 2 The Introduction should revert back to the 2005 Advisory Action Introduction. Delete Sentence: However, with a focus on inclusivity, the 2021 General Service Conference updated and footnoted some of the original language for clarity.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
23	9/6/23	Make Final Conference Agenda Items, and background material available to the entire Fellowship by February 1.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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24	9/7/23	Restore 12&12 to the pre 71st Conference text. Page 117 "Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex ... Page 66 "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
25	9/7/23	All changes to Bill Wilson's text of the first 164 pages of the Big Book be footnoted.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
26	9/7/23	All changes to Bill Wilson's text of the 12&12 be footnoted.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
27	9/8/23	We are submitting a motion to review and consider the adjoining document titled "Considerations in the Preservation of Primary AA Literature in Its Original Form" for discussion at Conference toward the creation of an AA Materials Piece (and potentially, eventually, a conference approved literature piece/pamphlet) which can act as an informational document to inform membership and create a basis of communication and awareness of this increasingly important issue of preservation/modification of AA primary literature and its process and potential for any restrictions.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
28	9/3/23	To consider a proposal to add a new Appendix to the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 'The principles of Alcoholics Anonymous'. (This list would display the one word principle of each of the twelve steps, twelve traditions and the twelve concepts for world service.)	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
29	9/9/23	The GSC will recommend the GSO do map redistricting based on population due to the changes over the last 20 years, including area and districts within 2 years.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
30	9/10/23	Consider a request to develop a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
31	9/10/23	The Traditionalists ad hoc Committee moves that the original wording on pages 66 and 117 of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions be restored, the next time the book is reprinted.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
32	9/10/23	The Traditionalists Ad Hoc Committee moves that the "plain and simple version of the Big Book", currently under development, should not contain the phrases "Alcoholics Anonymous" or "Big Book" in its title or any subtitles.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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33	9/10/23	The Traditionalist Ad Hoc Committee moves that the General Service Conference commit to the following statement "The 1st 164 pages of Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book), Pages XI-XXXII (The Preface, The Forwards, The Doctor's Opinion), Dr. Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices remain as contained in the 4th edition of the book	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
34	9/11/23	Motion that the General Service Conference cease from developing a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling by the GSB/GSC to vote on items between annual conferences	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
35	9/11/23	The Traditionalists Ad Hoc Committee moves that the General Service Conference should not allow any votes on floor actions which contradict committee recommendations.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
36	9/11/23	That the changes to Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions enacted by the 71st General Service Conference be reversed and the the text of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions return to the form as published prior to the 71st General Service Conference. Specifically: 1. On page 117, return the second full paragraph to the following text: "Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made - spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us in that way. So our question will be this: How, by ignorance, compulsion, and self-will, do we misuse this gift for our own destruction? We A.A.'s cannot pretend to offer full answers to age-old perplexities, but our own experience does provide certain answers that work for us." Remove the footnote on that page 2. On page 66, return the first full paragraph to the following text: "Some who feel they have done well may dispute this, so let's try to think it through a little further. Practically everybody wishes to be rid of his most glaring and destructive handicaps. No one wants to be so proud that he is scorned as a braggart, nor so greedy that he is labeled a thief. no one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. No one wants to be agonized by the chronic pain of envy or to be paralyzed by sloth. Of course, most human beings don't suffer these defects at these rock-bottom levels." Remove the footnote on that page. Further, that no changes to the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, as described in the 1997 Conference Action and others, or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as described in the 2002 Conference Action be implemented due to the strong sentiment that Bill Wilson's writings remain untouched.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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37	9/14/23	Return the deadline for submission of prospective agenda items to December 15 instead of the current September 15 deadline.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
38	9/11/23	Implement the following changes to The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition: 1. Page 47: Under Trustees: reword the 2nd bullet point to read as follows: "Present the nominees of the four General Service Trustees, the seven Class A Trustees, and the nominees to the corporate boards to the General Service Conference as a whole, to be voted on individually by the conference. 2. Page 57: Remove the section on the Trustee Nominating Committee including the 3 bullet points. 3. Page 136: Under committees, reword the first sentence to read "The Board, may by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, designate from among its members such Committees of the board as deemed appropriate from time to time."	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
39	9/12/23	Change the wording in "How It Works" from "men and women" to "people." Specifically, I am referring to the line, "Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
40	9/14/23	Propose the literature change to the 12 & 12 removing "angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" on page 66 of the 12 & 12 be reinstated/returned to it's original text.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
41	9/11/23	The General Service Board develops supplemental reporting focused on the actual costs of the various service items we provide, with an initial draft being brought back to the Conference Committee on Finance for review at the 75th General Service Conference.	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration
42	9/11/23	As the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions have remained as originally written in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions; we propose no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
43	9/11/23	Consider developing a pamphlet on AA and the Unhoused Person that specifically addresses alcoholism, what AA is and is not; and includes personal stories from AA members who have experienced homelessness.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
44	9/11/23	Restructure the Regional Trustee Elections process at the General Service Conference to match the General Service Conference voting structure. 70% Regional Delegates only 30% Trustees Only. (No other delegates from other areas participate from the Conference Committee on Trustees including the Delegate Chair.) SWR Example: Trustees' Nominating Committee_5 Delegates from Region _11 Total_16	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration

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45	9/11/23	On behalf of my Homegroup, "Reality Challenged," Group #646501, in Melbourne, Brevard County, in Florida's, we submit a motion that the new Plain and Simple Language translation of the Big Book be treated as Conference approved literature not as a translation.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
46	9/12/23	The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" with "No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony" in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
47	9/11/23	To Halt the process of the plain and simple Language Translation of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous Fourth Edition.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
48	9/13/23	On Awakening Group moves, due to perceived financial secrecy, diminished transparency and incomplete communication from the GSB, that the Delegates from the 93 Areas be given the same "detailed" financial information that many other GSC members receive (GSB, AAWS Board, GV Board and Management of GSO) and that the detailed financials be delivered by the 21st of each month for the previous month, thereby fostering a fully informed fellowship, and helping the Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous to have the access required to truly maintain and fully retain it's (Concept One) Final Responsibility and Ultimate Authority of and for the society they own.	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration
49	9/11/23	We are hereby formally requesting that the publication and distribution of this book be halted until and when the fellowship as a whole has a chance to review it and approve its usage.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
50	9/12/23	The Legacy Group of Plano, Texas, a registered AA Group within AAWS moves that no portion of The Preface, The Forwards, The Doctor's Opinion, Chapters One (1) through Eleven (11), in their entirety, Doctor Bob's Nightmare and the Seven (7) Appendices as they currently appear in the book Alcoholics Anonymous (4th Ed) be deleted, rewritten or translated into plain and simple language as has been proposed to the General Service Conference.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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51	9/12/23	<p>The Legacy Group of Plano, Texas, a registered A.A. Group within A.A.W.S., moves to change the wording in the A.A. Preamble back to "men and women" instead of using "people." This motion would rescind the Advisory Action from the 71st GSC which changed the A.A. Preamble language from "men and women" to "people" at a time when gender neutrality became a popular topic in politics in the year 2021, which is when our A.A. Preamble was changed. Our A.A. Preamble has existed since 1947. If "Men and Women" was not inclusive, the A.A. Preamble would have been changed to "People" in the 74 years prior to 2021. Gender neutrality is one of the most political and controversial topics of our day and age today. The A.A. Preamble says that "A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes." Tradition 10 says that "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." Our book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, states in Tradition 10, what happened to the Washingtonians when they formed opinions on outside political controversial issues (the abolition of slavery and the temperance movement). This is what destroyed the Washingtonians, and how A.A. got our 10th Tradition. We trust our servants to act in the best interest of A.A. as a whole and not cave to political and social agenda pressures of the society at large as did the Washingtonians. The Fellowship of A.A. holds our 21 trustees, area delegates, general service office, and A.A. corporations accountable to not endorsing or expressing opinions on outside political controversial issues through our A.A. literature.</p>	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
52	9/12/23	<p>Provide all Delegates in the US and Canada with monthly year-to-date detailed financial statements including income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement, versus budget, for GSB/AAWS/Grapevine/La Vina, combined, for the previous month by the 15th of the month, every month, so the Delegates can provide those reports to the Fellowship, to show the Fellowship how their money is being spent and managed by the GSB, as there is a great need for more complete and timely financial reporting to the Fellowship with our Reserve Fund down -\$5 million, or -28% in the past four years from 2018 to 2022, as our GSB refuses to reduce costs to allow us to pay back the \$5 million borrowed from the Reserve Fund without the need to create new literature to pay back the loan (plain language Big Book).</p>	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration

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53	9/12/23	<p>The Legacy Group of Plano, Texas, a registered A.A. Group within A.A.W.S., moves to not change the wording of the 12 Steps in the plain language Big Book, without the written consent of no less than three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as required by our Conference Charter, GSB Bylaws, and October 2022 TABB Subcommittee Report pertaining to changes to the wording of the 12 Steps, in the plain language Big Book, without the written consent of no less than three-quarters of the A.A. groups. The current draft of the plain language Big Book that the delegates read at the 73rd GSC, verifies that the 12 Steps have been re-written in the English language. There is verbiage in Article 3 & 12 of our Conference Charter (see 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual, Page 119), in our General Service Bylaws (see 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual, Page 130), and in the October 2022 TABB Subcommittee report that states, no changes to the 12 Steps can be made without the written consent of no less than three-quarters of the A.A. groups. Therefore, the Conference is not allowed to decide if they will change the 12 Steps, the Fellowship has taken this ability from the Conference, with our Conference Charter, to where only the Fellowship can decide to change the 12 Steps, by receiving the written consent of no less than three-quarters of the A.A. groups. With the 12 Steps being re-written in the current draft of the plain language Big Book, this is a violation of our Conference Charter, GSB Bylaws, and the October 2022 TABB Subcommittee report. The 12 Steps of Alcoholic Anonymous have saved the lives of millions of alcoholics, world-wide. Any change made to the 12 Steps risks the lives of millions of alcoholics, for current and future generations.</p>	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
54	9/13/23	<p>That the current revision of our Big Book be reconsidered. After our last Area 10 Summer Assembly in July 2023 the progress made in translating our founders writing into a plain and simple English, it appears our book and its primary purpose is being compromised. Conceding to a changing culture and an education system that is severely lacking seems contrary to our founding fathers intentions.</p>	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
55	9/13/23	<p>The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" with "No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony" in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text</p>	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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56	9/13/23	We propose the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the current draft of the Plain and Simple translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
57	9/13/23	Requesting clarification on whether the geographical designations of the 93 areas in the United States and Canada were so designated to reserve service opportunities and representation for A.A. members within those specific geographical boundaries.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
58	9/14/23	To cease all further action to develop the plain language translation of the Big Book.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
59	9/13/23	We move that all considerations, discussions, and actions below the Service Structure level of the Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous pertaining to the change, rewording, modification, alteration, or extension of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous related to the Plain Language Big Book translation be discontinued, as they represent the exceeding of authority as referenced in article 3 of the Conference Charter, footnote 2 related to article 3 of the Conference Charter, the GSB By-Laws page 130 of the AA Service manual, and exceeding of delegated authority as outlined in the "Right of Decision" exclusion verbiage of Concept 3. Consideration, Discussion, and Approval of possible changes to the Twelve Steps are reserved solely and specifically for the Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous with a clear and concise process to be executed.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
60	9/14/23	It is moved that the AA Preamble be changed as follows: The new Proposed Preamble would read: A.A. PREAMBLE© Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of Alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
61	9/13/23	Create a new policy regarding Bill W's writings to guide any proposed changes that would include the following guidelines: 1) The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion", "Dr. Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as is. 2) The text in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remain as is.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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62	9/11/23	Replace Gender Neutral AA preamble with original AA preamble written in 1947 that uses "Men and Women" in AA preamble.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
63	9/11/23	In all conference votes, when determining a 2/3 majority, that calculation shall be determined by taking the total votes, multiplying by 2, then dividing by 3, then rounding up if not a whole number. Rounding shall only occur at the end of the calculation.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
64	9/14/23	Create a lampshade with the Six Warranties for display and recitation by the General Service Conference and Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings and that detailed study of the warranties occur regularly at all levels of AA Service.	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
65	9/11/23	Provide a path for members to communicate suggestions to the GSB and GSO outside the Proposed Agenda Item process.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
66	9/14/23	Provide for a caucus of delegates from each region to compare notes regarding the conscience of their areas on program agenda items related to the agenda items for the committee that each delegate serves on. This sharing would include alternative approaches to address these agenda items rather than at conference.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
67	9/14/23	Increase the number of regions to 13 and reduce the number of committees to 8. Create a Digital Communications Committee Create a Pamphlets Committee and confine edits to Committee meetings rather than submitting them Combine Agenda and International Conventions/Regional Forums Combine Finance and Policy/Admissions Combine Archives, Cooperation with Professional Community, Corrections, Treatment & Accessibilities (add Bridging the Gap) and Public Information (sans website) into an Outreach and Anonymity Committee Combine Literature (Books) and Report and Charter. Committee would consider new pamphlets. Spanish language literature. GV/LV	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
68	9/14/23	Add linguistic areas to each region. Allow Linguistic Districts and groups to participate in both the local area and the linguistic at the same time.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
69	9/14/23	Add online areas to each region	General Service Board	Under Consideration
70	9/15/23	Move to a three-year election and conference cycle.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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71	9/14/23	Consider changes to the voting members of the General Service Conference. The voting members would consist of 93 delegates and 21 trustees resulting in a total of 114. The voting members would include only the delegates and the trustees. Nontrustee corporate directors from AAWS and the Grapevine, along with General Service Office, Grapevine and La Viña staff members will no longer be voting members. Recommendations generated by individual committees or specific floor actions are voted on by the voting conference members and must meet or exceed the two-thirds majority threshold to become Advisory Actions.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
72	9/14/23	The Wednesday Night Living in the Solution Women's Group proposes adding a new pamphlet to AA literature, drawn from shared experience, which focuses on "AA Burnout," a common occurrence where members feel overwhelmed by their responsibilities to their groups, their programs, their peers and their sponsors which sometimes leads to absenting yourself from AA.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
73	9/14/23	That the General Services Office (G.S.O.) resume publication of the newsletter Archivages (FF-151) - Markings (F-151).	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
74	9/14/23	Have a new pamphlet for the Asian and Asian-Americans. With stories of experience, strength, and hope from other Asians and Asian-Americans that are still in recovery.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
75	9/14/23	A new pamphlet listing all the different service positions already identified and defined in AA pamphlets, workbooks and service material, at the group level and below together in one place, and include the responsibilities for each.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
76	9/14/23	Create a new policy regarding Bill W's writings to guide any proposed changes that would include the following guidelines: 1) The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion", "Dr. Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as written. 2) The text in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill W., remain as originally written.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
77	9/14/23	Consider changes to the General Service Board that 3 of the 7 Class A Trustee positions transition to become 3 Class B Trustee positions. The General Service Board would be comprised of 21 Trustees, 4 Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees and 17 Class B (alcoholic) Trustees.	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration

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78	9/12/23	On Awakening Group moves, due to perceived financial secrecy, diminished transparency and incomplete communication from the GSB, that the Delegates from the 93 Areas be given the same "detailed" financial information that many other GSC members receive (GSB, AAWS Board, GV Board and Management of GSO) and that the detailed financials be delivered by the 21st of each month for the previous month, thereby fostering a fully informed fellowship, and helping the Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous to have the access required to truly maintain and fully retain it's (Concept One) Final Responsibility and Ultimate Authority of and for the society they own.	Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Under Consideration
79	9/13/23	Cease and desist actions taken by AAWS and the AA Grapevine that follow the degenderization edict explained in the email of GSO Executive Editor dated September 3, 2020.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
80	9/13/23	Suspend the search and election of a new General Service Board Chair until the Board's inventory is completed and amends made. Further, that the inventory be shared with all Conference Delegates and approved by the General Service Conference and that the Board solicit recommendations for the amends from the Conference Delegates.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
81	9/13/23	Rescind Grapevine Trustees' actions taken for the 72nd and 73rd General Service Conferences (GSC's) which removed from consideration all of the background information submitted in support of PAI's contesting the 71st GSC's decision to change the AA preamble by replacing the words "men and women" with "People." Place all PAI's regarding the AA Preamble issue submitted for the 72nd and 73rd GSC's on the agenda for the 74th GSC and provide all relevant background information submitted by the fellowship in their respective PAI's, referring the question to the appropriate Conference Committee in the same manner the Trustees did with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions issue in 2023.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration

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82	9/13/23	Going forward, any recommendation (seconded motion) before the General Service Conference (GSC) floor for consideration as an Advisory Action, by either a GSC Committee or floor action, that seeks to: 1) Change or revise the Preface, Forwards, Doctor's Opinion, first 164 pages, Dr Bob's Story or Appendices to the book Alcoholics Anonymous. 2) Change or revise any of the original writings of A.A.'s founders, including but not limited to: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, AA Comes of Age, and Bill Wilson's essays on the Twelve Concepts. 3) Change or revise the text of the Twelve Steps, or Twelve Traditions, or Twelve Concepts for World Service. 4) Create future translations to Plain English Language of any of the above writings or classes of writings. would be tabled prior to discussion and vote until next year's GSC and in the meantime announced as a "Tabled Recommendation before the GSC floor" as follows: 1) Included in the preliminary conference report given to delegates following the conference 2) Included in the final conference report for that conference 3) Included with conference Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) distributed to all delegates of the following years conference following which, at the next year's GSC, the recommendation would be un-tabled to allow floor discussion and vote to proceed.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
83	9/13/23	I would like to propose that the current revision of our Big Book be reconsidered. After our last Area 10 Summer Assembly in July 2023 the progress made in translating our founders writing into a plain and simple English, it appears our book and its primary purpose is being compromised. Conceding to a changing culture and an education system that is severely lacking seems contrary to our founding fathers intentions.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
84	9/13/23	The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. We propose .that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" with "No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony" , in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
85	9/13/23	We propose the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the current draft of the Plain and Simple translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration

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86	9/13/23	Motion to create a workbook to accompany the Big Book. This volume would be created by A.A. for members to purchase.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
87	9/1/23	For the GSB to take minutes and to share the unedited minutes from a sharing session, when the General Service Board meet for Board weekends.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
88	9/14/23	I propose that GSC take into consideration creating an additional Area- Area 94 covering online groups. The Regions could be the Districts.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
89	9/14/23	That the General Service Conference form a committee to find solutions for those unable to access new technologies.	Trustees' C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities Committee	Under Consideration
90	9/14/23	That the General Service Conference, through a formal vote, satisfactorily address the minority voice, as demonstrated by the many outstanding proposed agenda items (PAIs), seeking rescission of the changes to the Alcoholics Anonymous Preamble and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traitions made by the 71st General Service Conference, thereby restoring these writings to their 2020 versions.	AA Grapevine Board	Under Consideration
91	9/14/23	That AA World Services cease and desist all work on the plain language translation of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous until satisfactorily addressing through a formal vote, the minority voice seeking cancellation of the project as demonstrated by the many outstanding proposed agenda items (PAIs) on the topic since the drafting project's approval at the 71st General Service Conference, and assessing the overall financial feasibility of this project.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
92	9/14/23	That an independent committee be formed to conduct a detailed SWOT ("Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats") analysis regarding the current business structure of Alcoholic Anonymous and its continued sustainability. That the results of this analysis be reported as soon as possible, but no later than at the 2026 General Service Conference. This small, independent committee shall be composed of a sufficient cross-section to include the following: two current Trustees- one from Group A and one from Group B; one former Class B Trustee not currently serving in any capacity; one employee from AAWS; one employee from AA Grapevine; and two qualified and willing AA members with no previous or current involvement at the General Service Conference level.	General Service Board	Under Consideration
93	9/13/23	That an external independent forensic audit be conducted of the finances and expenditures of the General Service Board's operating comorations-AA World Services and AA Grapevine-from 2016 to present and be presented at the 2025 Conference.	General Service Board	Under Consideration

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94	9/18/23	The following paragraph was deleted from the story "Freedom from Bondage" in the 4th Edition of the Big Book. Motion to restore the deleted paragraph to the story in the upcoming 5th edition of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous: "I looked around me at people who seemed happy and tried to analyze their happiness, and it seemed to me that without exception these people had something or somebody they loved very much. I didn't have the courage to love; I was not even sure I had the capacity. Fear of rejection and its ensuing pain were not to be risked, and I turned away from myself once more for the answer, this time to the drinks I had always refused before, and in alcohol I found a false courage. I wasn't afraid of anything or anybody after I learned about drinking, for it seemed right from the beginning that with liquor I could always retire to my little private world where nobody could get at me to hurt me."	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
95		We propose that video versions of the pamphlets Circles of Love and Service and Inside A.A. be developed and that an audio version of the pamphlet The A.A. Group - where it all begins be developed.	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
96	9/15/23	The general service conference committees agenda items will be made publicly available on all public facing websites, applications and social media feeds prior to the GSC where practical.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	
97	9/13/23	Move that the GSB, as soon as possible, begin a years long process (length to be determined) of making the necessary changes and relocate the existing Alcoholics Anonymous Headquarters Operation (General Service Office, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services INC. the Grapevine INC, and all finance, payroll, publishing, printing and shipping operations) from New York City where the cost of doing business is approximately 180% of the national average, when there are dozens of major cities within the United Sates which have a cost of living standard between 80% and 110% percent of the national average cost of living. This act of real PRUDENCE could greatly enhance AA's financial situation and free up a substantial amount of AA assets to make more and better Twelve Step opportunities possible.	General Service Board	Under Consideration

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98	9/15/23	I move that the Policy & Admission committee publish the GSO General Managers report regarding site selection from the Location Plus Committee that compared costs of conducting the conference in alternate regions and perform a Return On Investment analysis for exiting the hotel contracts in place for 2024, 2025 and 2026 in New York , (182% of standard costs) and replacing them with conference costs for Akron or Kansas City (92% & 82% respectively) to all conference delegates. Relative Cost of Living reference New York (182%) Top three: Akron OH(92%), Dallas TX (98%), Kansas City KS (82%) Alternate Consideration Denver CO(112%), Raleigh NC(105%), Phoenix AZ(105 % , Atlanta GA (100%), Las Vegas NV(98%), Detroit MI (98%), Nashville TN(95%), Tulsa OK (93%), Oklahoma City (93%), Cleveland OH(93%), Lexington KY (92%), Kansas City MO (86%), St. Louis MO (81%)	General Service Board	Under Consideration
99	9/15/23	I would like to propose that the current revision of our Big Book be reconsidered. After our last Area 10 Summer Assembly in July 2023 the progress made in translating our founders writing into a plain and simple English, it appears our book and its primary purpose is being compromised. Conceding to a changing culture and an education system that is severely lacking seems contrary to our founding fathers intentions.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
100	9/15/23	The General Service Board shall, in all instances affecting AA core literature (ie: First 164, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, Promises, Preamble), commission a survey of Groups within Districts and Areas throughout the United States for the purpose of obtaining a true representative perspective of AA members at the group level regarding their wishes in respect to the proposed. changes. This motion should be retroactive to include the decision of the 71st GSC in April of 2021 to change the Preamble, replacing "...men and women..." with "...people...".	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
101	9/15/23	Motion to reintroduce and emphasize the specific definition of the AA message, as articulated in the jacket of the third edition, into all forthcoming editions the Alcoholics Anonymous book.	A.A.W.S. Board	Under Consideration
102	9/15/23	Create a new policy regarding Bill W's writings to guide any proposed changes that would include the following guidelines: 1) The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion", "Dr. Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as written. 2) The text in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remain as originally written.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
103	9/15/23	That the Conference review the over all cost effectiveness of continuing to print La Vina and whether the ongoing annual financial loss from continued publishing of La Vina is sustainable.	General Service Board	Under Consideration

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104	9/15/23	All material used by General Service Conference Committees will be made available in a non-password protected "Members" section of the AA website as soon as they are completed by or made available to their originating or receiving office or committee.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
105	9/15/23	Would want to change wording in pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol" (pg 3, par) From: "genuine alcoholics history" To: "alcoholics history"	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
106	9/18/23	In considering page 135 in the chapter "The Family Afterward" in the Big Book, "Alcoholics Anonymous" and what it says about smoking, it is proposed that one or more of the following be considered: a) two paragraphs be eliminated: They begin with "Here is a case in point..." and end with "...ailments were being rapidly cured." b) a footnote be added at the bottom of the page (See document with "Additional Thoughts") c) an appendix which summarizes and references scientific studies d) a pamphlet which includes A.A. members' experiences with smoking in recovery The hope is that these be considered for the 5th Edition and/or plain language Big Book in development.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
107	9/15/23	Restore the text of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, reversing the changes made by the 2021 GSC. Insert a new forward to the Twelve and Twelve, summarized as follows: Changes in society and language since the 12 and 12 was written in the 1940's and 50's have made the text less accessible to many AA members than when it was written, and in some cases, offensive language has been called out as such. The editors and publishers, recognizing that AA literature is often read aloud at meetings, encourage members to read and re-interpret the literature in any way they wish, emphasizing the message of hope and recovery as well as a safe and welcoming environment . Groups may choose to read, not to read, or re-interpret certain passages, in keeping with the long tradition of autonomy at the group level. In keeping with the spirit of past resolutions, the text of the 12 and 12 has been restored to its original form. .	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
108	9/15/23	Move that elected Alternate Delegates, of the 93 Areas, be given access to the Dashboard and Committee "Eyes Only" Material to ensure fully informed Area representatives arrive at the General Service Conference as fully Informed as possible if circumstances require their attendance. This motion is a request for reconsideration of the 73rd GSC agenda item that passed, and failed on a close vote after reconsideration.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
109	9/15/23	Motion to amend or add a footnote to article 9 of the Current Conference Charter that explains the updated process for polling between General Service Conferences.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration

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110	9/15/23	Change the wording of the last bullet point under HOW THE FELLOWSHIP SUPPORTS ITS DELEGATE. Currently it reads: "Areas and groups provide support by participating in local pre-conference sessions and processes to inform the delegate of their group conscience on the Conference agenda." Proposed change would read: "Areas and groups provide support by participating in local pre-conference sessions and processes to inform the delegate of their group conscience on the Conference agenda. Groups should be provided with all the Conference agenda items and background information as soon as it is available to assist them in reaching an informed group conscious to share with the delegate."	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
111	9/15/23	Midtown Mens Group, New Heaven Group, and District 30 (Tulsa OK Area 57) recommends that to help ensure unity within our fellowship we create a unified edition that physically binds the original AA Big Book text (pg 1-164) and the plain language translation into one volume, with the current AA Big Book text on the left side of page, and the plain language translation on the right side of the page.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
112	9/15/23	Reconsider bringing out of retirement the pamphlet "Three Talks to the Medical Societies by Bill W., Co-Founder of A.A."	Trustees' C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities Committee	Under Consideration
113	9/15/23	I move that General Service Board elections be done individually, and without comment, as opposed to a slate.	Trustees' Nominating Committee	Under Consideration
114	9/15/23	The Last Chance and Tomahawk Groups would like to request that the 74th GSC discontinue any progress toward developing a plain language version of our basic text Alcoholics Anonymous.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration
115	9/15/23	Develop a pamphlet with Bill W.'s Basic Concepts of Recovery with minor editorial updates for the purpose of PI/CPC committee work.	Trustees' C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities Committee	Under Consideration
116	9/15/23	Consider having a virtual General Service Conference on alternate years.	Trustees' General Service Conference Committee	Under Consideration
117	9/15/23	That the General Service Conference establish a New Book Exploratory Committee to bring to the 2025 Conference Committee on Literature a procedure for writing a completely new, comprehensive basic text, that tells more about AA and its Three Legacies, in a more inclusive and widely representative way, to more diverse readers, in language that is reasonably easy to read and translate, with a clear, modular structure, adaptable for use in multiple print, digital, graphic, audio, and video formats.	Trustees' Literature Committee	Under Consideration