

January 2005

**Area 92 Pre Conference Picks shaded**  
**2005 General Service Conference Committees**  
**Agenda Items**

**I. Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2006 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

**II. Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- A. Review shared experience on ways local committees approach professionals in addition to writing letters, for possible inclusion in the C.P.C. Kit.
- B. Consider ways that members share information about A.A. one-on-one with professionals, for possible inclusion in C.P.C. materials.
- C. Discuss the need for a pamphlet directed to the criminal justice system.
- D. Consider request to create a video for professionals.
- E. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

**III. Correctional Facilities**

- A. Consider including the following statement on A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals":

"Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as 'substance abuse' or 'chemical dependency.' Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend *open* A.A. meetings, but only those with a *drinking* problem may attend *closed* meetings."
- B. Consider the revised updated draft manuscript of *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.
- C. Review Final Report exploring the feasibility and cost of producing and distributing an informational video introducing A.A. to training academies for corrections personnel. [Note: the estimated cost of production and distribution is \$50,000.]
- D. Review the draft service piece on "Guidelines for the Development of Workshops Introducing A.A. in Training Programs for Correctional Personnel."
- E. Consider suggestion that the name of the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities be changed to the Conference Committee on Corrections.
- F. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

#### **IV. Finance**

- A. Discuss self-support.
- B. Review and discuss report from trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee on delegates' fees.
- C. Discuss request to include information on how to obtain a tax ID number in the "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet.

#### **V. Grapevine**

- A. Consider request that in 2006 or later, the Grapevine produce a collection of stories for young people, drawn from previous issues of the A.A. Grapevine magazine, similar to *Spiritual Awakenings*.
- B. Consider request that in 2006 or later, La Viña produce an audio compact disc of La Viña stories on Steps Seven through Twelve as a companion to its CD of stories on Steps One through Six.
- C. Review Workbook.

#### **VI. Literature**

- A. Consider revised draft introduction developed by the Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees' Committee on Literature to be added to the front matter of the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as recommended by the 2003 Conference and per additional consideration of the 2004 Conference Committee on Literature.
- B. Consider revised draft pamphlet "Too Young?"
- C. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on "Young People and A.A." pamphlet.
- D. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- E. Consider revised draft text for the section titled "Service Sponsorship" on page 28 in the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- F. Consider the revised draft comic book format pamphlet "It Happened to Alice!"
- G. Review draft manuscript of the revised pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- H. Consider revised text for the section titled "The A.A. Grapevine" in the pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office."
- I. Discuss suggestion to develop a publication oriented toward and addressing the concerns of A.A. members with long-term sobriety.
- J. Discuss suggestion to replace the term "sexual preference" with "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- K. Discuss request to revise the table of contents in *Living Sober* by creating "unity," "service," and "recovery" sections and by including a subtitle under chapter titles.

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Review dates for the 2008 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss report from trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the use of laptop computers at the General Service Conference.
- C. Consider requests to revise the timetable for the election of one delegate in the Western Canada Region to allow for two odd and two even panels in that region
- D. Consider request that a second Conference Committee on Literature be formed.

## **VIII. Public Information**

- A. Consider 2004 annual report from the trustees' Committee on P.I. regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Review and approve final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2004 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  - 1. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
  - 2. Review information on centralized redistribution, tracking and evaluation of television P.S.A., "We Know What It's Like."
  - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.
  - 4. Consider removing the phrase "and taking pills" from the P.S.A. "Teenager," spot #6, on the radio P.S.A. CD item #R-10.
- D. Consider report from trustees' Committee on Public Information recommending first steps in determining the feasibility of replacing two videos, "A.A. - Rap With Us" and "Young People and A.A.," with estimated initial project costs not to exceed \$20,000.
- E. Consider a suggestion to replace/update the video "Alcoholics Anonymous – An Inside View."
- F. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- A. Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2004 – 2005 Edition.
  - 1. Review editorial updates to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
  - 2. Review updated chart to replace "A.A. Grapevine, Inc." on page S80.
  - 3. Consider adding proposed text pertaining to the A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive and Reprint Policy.
- B. Discuss *General Service Conference Final Report*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories.
  - 1. Consider request to include online meetings in languages other than English, French and

Spanish in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."

2. Consider request to include adding Web site information for online meetings listed in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."
3. Consider placement of a central office serving Native North American People in the A.A. directories.

## **X. Treatment Facilities**

- A. Review results of survey regarding activities of local committees involved in Treatment Facilities service.
- B. Consider request that the "Singleness of Purpose Statement" currently used in six C.P.C. pamphlets be added to the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities."
- C. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

## **XI. Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for regional trustee and trustee-at-large:
  1. East Central Regional Trustee
  2. Southeast Regional Trustee
  3. Trustee-at-large/U.S.
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board.
- C. Review slates of directors of A.A. World Services and Grapevine Corporate Boards.
- D. Review request that the qualifications for regional trustee and nontrustee director be updated to include the following:

"That an Appointed Committee Member not be eligible as a Regional Trustee or nontrustee Director candidate until one year after his or her last service as an Appointed Committee Member."
- E. Discuss recommendation from trustees' Nominating Committee that new language be added to the Bylaws of the General Service Board regarding successor terms of Class B trustees in the event of resignation or death.

## **XII. Archives**

- A. Review Workbook.

## **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Consider the concept of broadcasting an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Intranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- B. Discuss the upcoming 2005 International Convention.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums.
- D. Discuss the concept of restructuring and/or increasing Forums (Regional/Special)