

76th General Service Conference Summaries

Below are the final agenda items for the 76th General Service Conference (GSC) committees as of February 2026, which includes standing items for each committee, ongoing items from the prior Conference, and new items that are being forwarded to the Conference.

The final list of agenda items includes the committee distribution by the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) plan.

Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Process Summary

Question – Why do some agenda items seem to be misplaced?

Answer – The EDW process allows new agenda items to be assigned to Conference Committees with shorter agendas.

The EDW process was developed to provide a fair and balanced experience for all Conference members. EDW addresses the issue of uneven committee workloads by assigning some new agenda items to less busy committees. This allows for more meaningful participation across the Conference and helps distribute work more evenly.

Each year, the EDW Subcommittee reviews November's preliminary Conference agenda and proposes adjustments to balance committee workloads. Their plan is reviewed and approved by the trustees' General Service Conference Committee, then forwarded to the General Service Board for final approval during the January Board Weekend. The approved EDW plan is reflected in February's final Conference agenda.

The 2021 General Service Conference started a three-year EDW trial (2022–2024). After the third year, the 2024 General Service Conference formally approved the EDW process after gathering feedback through surveys and sharing sessions.

These summaries listed below are just a snapshot of each item. The full background including their PAIs (proposed Agenda Item) are posted on 76th General Service Conference page which can be found under What's New? on the area15aa.org website and use the standard password (area15aa). Online sessions March 9-14 will cover the most requested items from members. Those audio recordings as well as slides will also be posted on the area website if you are not able to attend. A google form is posted for you to share your voice should an item not be covered or you are not able to attend the hybrid agenda review during assembly weekend. During the agenda review we will NOT be presenting the items as I want to preserve as much time as possible to hear from you so I can carry that to the Conference.

Agenda Items

1. Agenda

- a. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.
There are 8 suggestions listed and past themes from 1951-2026 are also listed.
- b. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
There are 9 suggestions listed and past presentation /discussion topics are listed from 1985 - 2026.
- c. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
There are 5 suggestions listed and past workshop topic ideas are listed from 1985-2026.
- d. Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.
Surveys included Per-Conference Meetings, Activities as well as day by day elements of the entire Conference week.
- e. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
Suggestions for Pre-Conference, Conference, Post Conference improvements and financial savings such as Opening Dinner switched to buffet instead of plated meal, cutting some coffee breaks, Stepping Stones trip as self pay, etc.
- f. Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)
A presentation of no more than 10 minutes would be given by one of the four Quebec delegates attending each General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in the language of their choice. The purpose of this presentation would be to raise awareness and highlight the work of the entirely volunteer team at Éditions La Vigne, which produces the bimonthly magazine La Vigne 2.0.

2. Cooperation with Professional Community

- a. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
The premium business account that was approved last year is currently not available.
Engagement has decreased from last year but we've gained nearly 900 subscribers who want to receive the information we share.
- b. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
Draft pamphlet is committee eyes only. If a recommendation is given then the Conference members will get to review.
- c. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
- d. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
This service material is still in process. Class A Trustees did record videos at the 1st Quarterly Board

Weekend 2026.

- e. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.
PAI#82 was submitted by BC Yukon. They feel we need shorter (15 to 60 second) videos as opposed to the 6+ minute ones for professionals. Busy professionals are unlikely to sit and watch a full-length video without first having their interest piqued. Providing stand-alone soundbites preserves the shelf life of new video(s), with the ability to have new/fresh soundbites pulled and added to the collection periodically. The intended outcome is to create short, engaging soundbites that capture the attention of busy professionals. Cost is unknown at this time.
Are you in favor of these stand-alone audio/visual clips?
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3. Corrections

- a. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
- b. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
EDW Item from Literature. This started as a 74th General Service Conference Advisory Action. It is still in process. There have been 11 stories received to date and the deadline to submit is March 31st.
- c. Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”
PAI #50 from District 32 in Area 10 Colorado. They feel it has outdated and unrelatable stories with outdated language and terminology that is consistent with today’s modalities while still honoring our primary purpose. In 2011 3 stories were added as a result of a 57th General Service Conference Advisory Action. In 2018 a new cover was added. PAI#56 was submitted by Southern Illinois. They feel it is out of date and redundant. Content last updated in 1984 and member’s stories added in 2007. The topic of how A.A. members handle interactions with other drugs and medications has been of importance to the fellowship since before the first GSC when the existing pamphlet on “Sedatives” was getting revised. This continues to be a complicated topic, which is related to possible relapse and confusion. Updating this pamphlet would be helpful in dealing with this ever-changing area of concern for members.
Are you in favor of updating the pamphlet “The A.A. Member Medications and Other Drugs?”
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4. Finance

- a. Review Self-Support Packet.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
- b. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
PAI#99 was submitted by Area 34 Western Michigan. On Page 13 they would like to talk about purchase subscriptions for your group, gift subscriptions, books, or specialty items is a great way to support Grapevine/La Vina. The intention is to move A.A. Grapevine and La Vina toward being fully self-supporting.
Are you in favor of adding the wording that talks about various Grapevine/ La Vina options?

C. Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.

EDW from Literature. PAI#70 was submitted from Area 58 Oregon. There are past Advisory Actions from 24th and 35th General Service Conference that talked about 4th & 5th Step Study guides and 13th Conference that talked about Step and Tradition workbook. It was noted there were 24 requests for a workbook. They feel this would be a valuable resource for members seeking structured support in working the steps. This would be especially helpful for those in challenging circumstances such as incarceration. It would align with A.A. and ensure inclusivity and accessibility for all members. Cost unknown at this time.

Do you think there should be a Conference approved Twelve Step study guide?

d. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).

PAI#22 was submitted by Area 67 SE Texas. There are past Advisory Actions regarding GSC Site Selection: 1956, 1969, 1970, 1991, 2008 and 2017. The Current Conference Charter specifies the Conference is held in New York. They feel it is costly and that a study should be done similar to Location + to find a less expensive location. They state that cost of hotels in NYC is expensive as is transportation to/from the airport. Estimated cost per Conference member for 76th GSC \$9,350, 75th GSC \$9,300, 74th GSC \$9,600, 73rd GSC \$10,500, 72nd GSC \$9,600. In 2022 Policy & Admissions asked next site selection to look at financial, logistical and spiritual implications of holding the GSC at other locations. Financial covers travel for Conference members - 12 Staff, director of Staff Services, general manager, GV Publisher and Grapevine Secretary. In addition, there are 40 other support staff that assist during Conference Week. There would be meals and lodging for all of those listed. Also, other equipment that is normally transported from the Office (computers, printers, copiers, etc) would be needed. Logistical covers site visits needed as well as equipment already mentioned. There are some estimated numbers that show (rounding numbers off) total \$64,00 more in E Canada, \$101,000 less in North East, \$130,00 less in West Central and \$172,000 less in East Central. This was based on \$9,800 per Conference member and the current cost is now lower (\$60,750) which makes those numbers also different - \$124,000 more to \$41,000 to \$112,000 less depending on the region. Those figures work out to 10% higher or 3-9% less. The financial data gathered clearly shows it's possible to find venues within our structure that are slightly more cost effective than NYC. That said, if there was a rotational schedule included with hosting a Conference outside NYC, a question to consider may be "would all areas have the option to be included and participate?" Also of note would be consideration of Bill's and others spiritual thoughts on this question to host a GSC outside NYC; "Just a bunch of sane A.A.s who will sit down and see whether things are going all right in New York." Or this thought from "Your Third Legacy" pamphlet: "They will visit the premises of the Foundation, Grapevine, and Service Headquarters. This should engender mutual confidence." Logistics certainly have pro and cons also. The pros of venues outside NYC offering the possibility of ease access from airports to hotels and the cons of planning from a distance, no access to office tools during Conference week, unfamiliarity of the area, considerable number of staff traveling and site visits throughout the year taking staff away from other work.

Do you think there should be a discussion into looking at a different location?

5. Grapevine / La Vina

a. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.

Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.

- b.** Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.

Looking to add 2 GV books (Senior Members and Members Dealing with Mental Illness) and 1 LaVina book (Despertares Espirituales) to the ongoing list of 20 Grapevine titles and 11 La Vina titles already approved.

- C.** Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña

This item involves reviewing strategic financial and operational plans for 2026-2030. The strategy focuses on digital expansion, with a goal to increase digital subscriptions from 17,500 to 37,000 by 2030. Key initiatives include upgrading the Grapevine App, implementing an AI-powered assistant, and establishing a new bulk discount structure for book sales. The plan aims to make AA Grapevine, Inc. financially self-supporting by 2030.

- d.** Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).

The total cost of the proposed research is \$18,500. Because the new research will address a broader set of topics than the previous app-focused survey, the study will use a mixed-methods design that incorporates both quantitative and qualitative data. The goal is to have 500 completed surveys. Looking to complete in summer 2026.

- e.** Review the AA Grapevine/LaViña Media Platforms report.

Information includes topics of Search Engine Optimization, Google Ads Grants, E-Commerce and Apps, Fellowship Services and Digital Publishing.

- f.** Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

This item came about due to AA Grapevine Board discussion and the Grapevine and LaVina Conference Committee expressed interest in exploring various funding models for AA Grapevine, Inc. Currently income is from subscriptions (print, digital, app), gift subscriptions, carry the message project and book sales. The Publisher has noted that the way A.A. members access Grapevine (and LaVina) has changed significantly. Grapevine now provides a growing range of services that directly support AA's primary purpose but do not generate revenue: daily quotes, weekly podcasts, video and social media content, Grapevine recovery stories on correctional-facility tablets, and accessible videos for Deaf members. These member services require ongoing financial investment to produce and maintain.

Are you in favor of A.A. Grapevine, Inc. accepting contributions? If yes, should the same limits (yearly and bequests) be in place as there are with the General Service Board?

6. Literature

- a.** Annual review of recovery literature matrix.

Annual review of all literature (print and digital) in English, Spanish and French.

b. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.

Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.

C. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* – Spanish.

This started as a 2021 Advisory Action. The working group received 180 new stories and they are working on which ones will be added and which one will be staying from the 3rd edition. The working group has reviewed the draft of revised chapters. They anticipate the draft manuscript will be ready for the 77th Conference.

d. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Draft manuscript is committee eyes only. If a recommendation is given then the Conference members will get to review. This started as a 2021 Advisory Action. There were 2393 stories were submitted and 26 have been selected for the new edition. From the 4th edition 12 stories will remain and 30 are being removed. Updates have also been done to several Appendix as per Advisory Action as well as a new Preface and Foreword.

Are you in favor of updated stories to better reflect current membership? Are you in favor of expanding the medical view on A.A.? Are you in favor of expanding and being more inclusive in the religious view on A.A.?

e. Review progress report on the update to the book *Living Sober*.

Revisions to Chapters 10 (“Telephone Therapy”), 14 (“Fending off Loneliness”), 16 (“Being Good to Yourself”) are committee eyes only material. The subcommittee wants feedback from the Conference Literature committee to see if the edits in line with the intended goal of the 75th Advisory Actions before they proceed any further.

f. Review progress report on the development of a *Plain Language Big Book* amendment process.

The PLBB subcommittee created a visual representation of the process for receiving, considering and routing suggestions related to the Plain Language Big Book. It shows the workflow or “swim lanes” of responsibility and authority to avoid confusion of “double-headed management”. As per the Advisory Action from the 75th Conference all proposals to rescind or revise will be collected and deferred until the 77th Conference.

g. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.

The subcommittee developed a 12 question survey for Spanish-speaking members to gauge interest in and need for tools for reading the Big Book (and other Literature) in Spanish. Once the survey is distributed and completed then they can examine the results and determine how to proceed with a recommendation.

h. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.

This was a 2024 Advisory Action. The working group is still gathering stories. So far, the stories are representing a range of different cultures. This is a work in progress and deadline to submit is March 31st.

i. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* not included in the draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This was a suggestion from Conference Committee Literature Chair and the Trustees forwarded to Conference. 30 stories will be removed from the 4th Edition and this would

retain those stories in a new publication. The stories are already edited and formatted since they have previously been published. This was a recommendation in 2022 but failed to gain 2/3 votes to pass. It was not known at that time which stories would be removed from the new book. Cost unknown at this time.

Are you in favor of keeping the 30 stories removed from the 4th Edition in a new publication?

7. Policy and Admissions

- a. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
Marriott Marquis Hotel April 15-21, 2029
 - b. Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.
Major holidays are listed as dates to avoid.
 - C. Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)
 - i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.
Workbooks are service pieces and changes may be made at any time once reviewed by the appropriate trustees' committee and/or respective GSO Staff assignment and implemented as directed. The following committees have workbooks: Archives, CPC, Corrections, Literature, Public Information and Treatment and Accessibilities.
 - ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.
This idea would have non specific Conference Committees and an equal number of agenda items on each committee. This would create a balanced workload. Items may or may not be arranged by topic.
 - iii. Discuss creating a "Conference Committee on Digital Communications."
This would be adding an additional Conference Committee. The composition, scope and procedures for all conference committees may be helpful should this move forward. Also, AAWS Services and Technology Committee composition, scope and procedure was included.
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8. Public Information

- a. Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan
They want to create Spanish and French PSAs that will be translated into English. The subcommittee drafted a request for information (RFI) that was translated to Spanish and sent to eight production companies. Responses to the RFI are being received and reviewed by the Staff secretary
- b. Review report on the GSO Podcast, "Our Primary Purpose."
Season 1 contained 8 episodes and 1 bonus of countdown to Vancouver. Season 1 had 40,000+ downloads and is currently only in English. The committee also noted that future

consideration of podcasts or other media content in Spanish or French would be well served by thoughtful collaboration and exploration of needs and preferences of the members who speak those languages.

C. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.

AAWS YouTube channel was launched in 2017. Consideration to add shorter versions of the PSAs to the AAWS YouTube Shorts channel. We might be better served by developing new content to encourage engagement with AAWS platforms and provide a more focused approach on key messaging.

d. Review report on Google Ads.

Google Ads Grants program offers nonprofits the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000 a month in “in kind” media value (ad space). Between Q4 2024 and Q3 2025, our ads brought visitors to aa.org more than 72,000 times.

e. Review report on Meeting Guide app.

AAWS launched app in 2019 and now has 1.9 million active users with 153,543 meetings listed. Communications Services Department is looking into adding a calendar function.

f. Review report on GSO’s A.A. website.

Our website was redesigned and relaunched in 2021. Improvements have been made in the search function in Spanish and French. It was suggested that a chat function would best be handled by local entities. The digital Box 4-5-9 will now be more mobile-friendly, sharable and searchable.

g. Review report for AAWS “Online Business Profiles.”

In 2019 the office began to actively manage business listings on Google, Bing and Yelp. In 2024 efforts to “cross-link” AAWS YouTube channel and LinkedIn profile were also added and these are all to correct inaccuracies and improve public relations.

h. Review AAWS Social Media Policy.

AAWS Board will review annually to ensure it remains up-to-date, effective, and aligned with evolving needs of AAWS and its social media presence.

i. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.

The subcommittee focused on methodology, suggest improvements to the process of communicating about the Membership Survey to the Fellowship and to area delegates who have the responsibility for administering the survey. They may conduct the survey as they have in the past or they may consider a pilot survey which would be surveying all of the entities on Meeting Guide app about their data and willingness to share. A pilot survey of a selection of unlisted groups from 3-5 areas to see if there are significant differences compared to past Membership Surveys.

The reason for this possible change is so we can accurately portray the current A.A. membership.

j. Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47).

Draft pamphlet is committee eyes only. If a recommendation is given then the Conference

members will get to review.

k. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.

9. Report and Charter

a. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition.

i. Review list of editorial updates.

For committee eyes only. If a recommendation is given then the Conference members will get to review.

ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in *The AA Service Manual*.

From a member in Area 14 North Florida. This member feels this addresses the problem that this quote from co-founder, Dr. Bob is completely out of context in the Service Manual as was not written to address service sponsorship. It paints a faulty picture of Dr. Bob's role as it relates to service sponsorship and General Service since he died before General Service and Conference was established. They feel it's dishonest to present co-founder Dr. Bob in this way and it causes confusion as to Dr. Bob's role in service sponsorship and General Service. The date of Dr. Bob's story in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous is 1939. Dr. Bob died in 1950. The first General Service Conference was April 1951, one year after Dr. Bob's death. They believe there is no way that quote relates to service sponsorship and General Service and the timeline supports it. If this is approved it will be removed from the Service Manual and clear up any confusion alcoholics may have as to why it is in there since it is completely out of context. It will also clear up the faulty picture of Dr. Bob as it relates to service sponsorship and General Service. Removing the quote will not change the information presented to GSRs on page 10 of the AA Service Manual. They feel it is not needed. *Are you in favor of removing Dr. Bob's quote in the Service Manual?*

iii. Review progress report on the development of a new "Amendments" section to be added to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

For committee eyes only. If a recommendation is given then the Conference members will get to review.

b. Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.

This will be committee eyes only after the Conference.

c. Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.

It has been custom to create an anonymized copy for digital posting in addition to the full copy for print. This results in six total versions (English, Spanish and French). Due to labor, they will discuss only having an anonymized copy that can be distributed.

d. Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.

Progress report on classifying all AAWS and A.A. Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical as per the 2025 Advisory Action. Also review existing policies and consider proposing additional policies as appropriate for updating each classification.

10. Treatment and Accessibilities

- a. Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.
Started in 2021 and now these are available on aa.org as well as A.A.'s You Tube page.
 - b. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
 - c. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
 - d. Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.
Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.
 - e. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.
EDW from Literature. PAI #84 from Area 93 Central California, PAI#90 from Area 49 SE New York and PAI#107 from Area 09 Mid-Southern California were submitted. There is a locally produced safety video from District 22 in Area 93 that they feel could be adapted and used by AAWS. They feel that they can be adapted with minimal editorial effort which supports fiscal responsibility and timely availability while ensuring consistency with U.S./Canada usage. These would be short, digestible videos based on literature based tools. They feel safety awareness and availability of safety resources for groups across Alcoholics Anonymous would remove blocks that interfere with primary purpose of carrying the message. Lastly, they feel once completed this could also be a tool for Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), and Treatment and Accessibilities committees working with members and non-members, and or professionals who seek to understand what A.A. does – and does not do – and to provide their clients or patients with a potential solution or understanding to the challenges they may or may not face.
Are you in favor of adapting this local safety-related video to be used by GSO?
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11. Trustees

- a. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - i. Pacific Regional Trustee
There are 15 areas and 14 candidates. Resumes are committee eyes only.
 - ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
There are 10 areas and 7 candidates. Resumes are committee eyes only.
- b. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Slate contains new GS Trustee Clinton M. and Class A Tim Marx. Resumes are committee eyes only. Slate will include the 2 new Regional Trustees (Pacific and Eastern Canada) as well as new Treasurer, Hon Kerry Meyer who is a current Class A Trustee.
- c. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
Slate includes new Director Grace E. Resumes are committee eyes only.
- d. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
Slate includes new Director David S. Resumes are committee eyes only.

e. Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure.

That PAIs to censure or reorganize the General Service Board be sent directly to Conference Committee on Trustees, for committee eyes only. Historically, the General Service Conference through group conscience decision, has never voted to censure the General Service Board. There is much history listed from Archives to be viewed 1994/1995, 2017/2018, 2021/2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

f. Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”

EDW item from Literature. This item has been in process since it passed as an Advisory Action in 2022. The subcommittee agreed to consider the 13 stories that are part of the existing pamphlet along with the 33 stories submitted in response to the “Call for Stories.” Through the process of reading, ranking and discussing the stories, the subcommittee concluded that an effective way to carry the message in this pamphlet would be to include both complete stories as well as short excerpts reflecting the varied experiences members shared

g. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

EDW from Literature. PAI #103 submitted by Area 73, West Virginia. People are engaging with short videos. It may help connect with some people who either cannot read or simply prefer videos. It is hoped that this video will be used/seen by people who really have no idea what the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous is all about. In addition, it could be used by sponsors when working with a new person or at First Step Meetings as a jumping off point.

Are you in favor of a new animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated?”

h. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

EDW from Literature. PAI #104 submitted by Area 73, West Virginia. Some people are visual learners or cannot read so this could help to convey the information in the pamphlet. In addition, today’s trends are toward people viewing short videos to obtain information. It offers another way to get the 12 Traditions out to more people who otherwise might not take the time to read about them. It could also be used by Sponsors or even Groups to initiate discussion about the Traditions. Cost unknown at this time.

Are you in favor of a new animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated?”

12. Archives

a. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

Committee will review service material and suggest any changes.

b. Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46)

PAI#46 was submitted by an individual in Area 13 District of Columbia. The reason for the request in clarifying lists online groups where members may not live in the geographic area where the group is based.

Should members be able to serve an area if they live outside of the geographic area? Should members be able to stand for Trustee in an area they didn’t serve as delegate?

13. International Conventions / Regional Forums

- a. Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.

The subcommittee will continue to gather information including clarifying the ceremony's intention and building the necessary support for a potential redesign.

- b. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums. Summary of suggestions from 2021 to 2025 are included. Also, Evaluation Summaries from 2025: East Central, West Central, Southwest and Northeast Regional Forums.
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14. Inventory Implementation

- a. Review Inventory Implementation Report

This has been a process over several years. The 74th General Service Conference created the 19 questions for the inventory. The 75th General Service Conference took their inventory and held sharing sessions to discuss those questions. Following the 75th General Service Conference a Conference Inventory Implantation Committee was formed with composition similar to the makeup of the General Service Conference (area delegates, trustees, nontrustee directors and Staff members from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine). This committee met 9 times and had several suggestions for changes. They also recommended that this inventory process takes place every 5 years. The 76th General Service Conference will review the outcome of that inventory and see if there any suggestions for change.

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