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Third Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

2026

Board & Committee Reports

Board Reports:

1. **General Service Board**

   a. Minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. held on August 3, 2026 (pending approval)

2. **A.A. World Services, Inc.**

3. **AA Grapevine, Inc.**

Committee Reports:

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3. **Corrections**
4. **Finance & Budgetary**
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MINUTES FROM THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

August 3, 2026

The Westin NY Hotel at Times Square - Broadway Ballroom

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair of the General Service Board called the meeting to order, opening with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair of the General Service Board asked if there were any additions or revisions to the meeting agenda. There being none, the Board proceeded with the next item of business.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Following a motion and second, the minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., held on February 2, 2025, were approved as corrected.
- Following a motion and second, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., held on April 15, 2026, were approved as presented.
- Following a motion and second, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., held on June 23, 2026, were approved as corrected.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

The General Service Board Secretary presented the quarterly communications report, noting that nineteen items of formal correspondence had been received. Ten of the communications expressed concerns regarding the wording change in the first 164 pages of the *Big Book*. The remaining correspondence addressed spending concerns related to the following topics:

- Everything A.A. App
- Grapevine App
- Grapevine Podcast
- Infrastructure, retrofit and employee compensation
- Prudent reserve drawdowns

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair of the General Service Board expressed appreciation to everyone who contributed to the preparation and execution of the Board Weekend, recognizing the collective effort involved in implementing the GSB/AAWS Advanced Preparation and Interim Meeting Scheduling Procedure. The Chair also thanked Board members for their flexibility and willingness to adapt to changes in meeting schedules, background material preparation, and the overall Board Weekend agenda. It was noted that the new preparation process appears to have been successful, and appreciation was extended to all for their openness to change and their commitment to improving Board

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effectiveness and workload management.

6. CORPORATE REPORTS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GRAPEVINE, INC. (AAGV): The Chair reported on behalf of the A.A. Grapevine Board and presented a summary of the Board's written report.

The report highlighted continued growth in A.A. Grapevine app subscriptions, while *La Viña* app subscriptions experienced a slight decline compared with June 2025. Revenue received since the June Board Meeting from Apple and Google brought lifetime app revenue to more than $569,000. Overall A.A. Grapevine subscriptions (print, digital, and app) increased compared with the previous year, while *La Viña* subscriptions declined. The successful celebration of *La Viña's* 30th Anniversary at the Pacific Region *La Viña* Anniversary Celebration in Tacoma, Washington was also noted.

Digital Media Services reported continued growth and engagement across its platforms. The Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast surpassed 1.5 million downloads, reaching 1,537,193 total downloads, and continues to average approximately 875 daily, 6,128 weekly, and 24,500 monthly listens. According to podcast hosting analytics, the podcast ranks among the top 1% of podcasts worldwide. The Grapevine Weekly Open A.A. Meeting podcast reached 12,000 total downloads, while the weekly live meeting continues to attract between 30 and 50 participants.

Social media engagement also continued to grow. Grapevine's Instagram account increased to 16,613 followers, while *La Viña's* Instagram account grew to 2,359 followers. The Grapevine YouTube channel reached 18,300 subscribers and 331,974 total views, and the *La Viña* WhatsApp community expanded to 541 members, representing the strongest percentage growth among the organization's social media platforms. The Carry the Message Liability Fund balance was reported at $845.00.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee reviewed the monthly financial report and budget reforecast. During that review, Grapevine's Controller identified a historical accounting discrepancy involving overstated book revenue and understated deferred subscription revenue.

The Chair reported that the AAGV Publisher, Finance Committee, and Controller worked with the external auditor to determine the appropriate accounting treatment and reporting of the discrepancy. New financial controls were implemented to strengthen accounting practices and ensure accurate financial reporting moving forward.

The AAGV Nominating Committee continues to work with Alcoholics Anonymous World Services to identify candidates for the current Class B Trustee vacancy, with applications being accepted through August 14, 2026.

Under old business, the Board received an update on the potential use of artificial intelligence to improve circulation forecasting, subscription renewal modeling, user experience, and website optimization. To support this work, the Board established an AI Companion Ad Hoc Committee and an Events and Merchandise Ad Hoc Committee. It was also reported that the revised A.A. Grapevine and *La Viña* Statement of Purpose has been incorporated into the pamphlet and will be implemented consistently across all publications and platforms in both English and Spanish.

Under new business, the Chair reported that, in response to the 76th General Service Conference Advisory Actions and Conference Committee Considerations, the Board approved the formation of a Survey Committee.

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The Board also approved a motion requesting a reduction of up to $200,000 from the Subscription Liability Fund. The reserve, previously established at $540,000, reflected the estimated cost of fulfilling all remaining print subscriptions. With approximately 30% to 40% of subscribers now receiving digital editions, the remaining reserve of at least $340,000 was determined to be more than sufficient to meet subscription obligations while better aligning the reserve with current fulfillment costs.

Following a motion and second, the General Service Board accepted the report as presented

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC. (AAWS)*:* The AAWS Chair reported on Board activities and provided a summary of the Board's written report. It was noted that the full AAWS Board has met six times since the February Board meeting, including strategic planning sessions, Board meetings, orientation, and executive sessions

A primary focus during the June strategic planning meeting was identifying ways to improve the Board's effectiveness. As a result, the Board approved a new meeting structure that eliminates off-cycle meetings in March, June, September, and December and incorporates dedicated strategic planning days into the January and July Board meetings.

The Board continued its oversight of AAWS operations by reviewing the organization's intellectual property portfolio, including copyrights, trademarks, and domain names, and reaffirmed its annual literature pricing policy to ensure responsible stewardship of A.A. literature. The Board also approved revised literature sales projections to better align with current sales trends and authorized a disbursement of more than $8,000 from the International Literature Fund to support the translation of the *Big Book* into Haitian Creole.
Communication and Language Services provided an update on the continued development of the Everything A.A. App, including ongoing efforts to expand Conference-approved content and enhance the user experience. The Board also adopted a personal device policy for staff and Board members.

The Publishing Department presented proposed cover designs for the Fifth Edition of the Big Book. In response to Fellowship feedback, the Board approved returning to a jacketed hardcover edition with a list price of $20.00. A coordinated announcement is planned for September, with publication and availability anticipated by February 1, 2027.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report, as amended.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEES' ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The committee chair presented the committee's written report and highlighted the very robust discussions that took place. Appreciation was expressed to staff for their hard work, dedication, and passion in serving the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Gratitude was also extended to committee members for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to the committee's work.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.

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The committee approved new text for inclusion in the next reprint of the Archives Workbook, addressing area and district business practices, financial records, and the documentation of area and district business meeting minutes and reports.

The committee also approved the budget reforecast as presented, noting no significant changes.

An update was provided on the Archives Video Preservation Project. Phase Two has been temporarily suspended to allow Phase Three to proceed. Proposed next steps include the confidential deaccessioning of duplicate CD copies through digitization of the recordings, followed by secure destruction of the physical media. The original master copy will be preserved at the archival storage facility, and three digital preservation copies will be maintained for archival purposes.

The committee approved three requests to review archival records.

Under new business, members discussed concerns related to the distribution of Trustees' farewell talks and the staff resources required to obtain appropriate permissions. Following discussion, the committee agreed to forward a 2015 Advisory Action policy to the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee for further consideration.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Archives Committee as presented.

TRUSTEES' COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:

The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided highlights of the committee's robust discussions. Appreciation was expressed to the staff for their hard work, dedication, and passion in serving the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Gratitude was also extended to the committee members for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to the committee's work.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
The committee reviewed the CPC Workbook and Kit and discussed the completion of four in-house videos featuring Class A trustees. Staff is developing a rollout plan for the videos, which will be shared with CPC committee chairs throughout the regions and districts to support their local service efforts.

Treatment
The committee reviewed the Treatment Workbook and Kit and suggested adding hyperlinks to aa.org throughout the materials to improve access to relevant resources. The committee also recommended including AA Grapevine as an additional resource within the Treatment Kit.

Accessibilities
The committee reviewed the Accessibilities Workbook and Kit and suggested incorporating American Sign Language (ASL) videos and the GSO podcast on accessibilities as additional resources.

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The committee also established a Welcoming Language Subcommittee, which will meet at least twice before the Fourth Quarterly Meeting to discuss accessibility concerns related to language in A.A.W.S. literature and communications that may be perceived as derogatory. The subcommittee will report its findings and recommendations to the Accessibilities Committee.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Treatment, and Accessibilities Committee as presented.

Trustees' Corrections Committee*:* The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The meeting opened with the reading of a letter from an inmate expressing gratitude to the Corrections Desk for the literature received, serving as a meaningful reminder of the importance of the committee's work.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.
The committee received an update on revisions to the Corrections Workbook and expressed interest in receiving a progress report at the Fourth Quarterly Meeting. Members also reviewed available analytics and requested additional reporting, particularly regarding the use of tablets in Canadian correctional facilities.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on a newly identified issue affecting the delivery of literature to correctional institutions. The committee learned that some shipments have been delayed, returned, or destroyed because discrepancies in the shipping information on package labels raised questions at receiving institutions. Recognizing this as an emerging concern, the committee requested guidance from the GSO Director of Operations and asked that additional information and potential solutions be presented at the Fourth Quarterly Meeting.

During new business, the committee discussed opportunities to expand outreach beyond institutional corrections facilities by exploring stronger engagement with community corrections programs, including juvenile probation, county and state probation, parole agencies, and halfway houses. Members agreed to continue exploring ways to ensure A.A.'s message remains accessible throughout the corrections system.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Corrections Committee as presented.

Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee: The committee chair presented the committee's written report, expressed appreciation to staff and committee leadership for their support in preparing the new committee chair for this role, and provided a summary of the committee's key highlights.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.

The committee brought forward six recommendations to the General Service Board.
The committee reviewed and accepted the first half 2026 financial reports for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS), the General Service Board (GSB), the General Service Office (GSO), the Reserve Fund, and the Supplemental Activity Management (SAM) reports.
The committee reviewed the Reserve Fund Policy, including the investment policy. Members noted

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that the Reserve Fund has recently been invested exclusively in certificates of deposit (CDs), which have underperformed other investment options permitted under the current policy.

The committee also considered AA Grapevine's request to reduce its Subscription Liability Fund by up to $200,000. After discussion, the committee agreed that the request would provide operational flexibility while maintaining appropriate financial oversight.

The committee reconstituted the Self-Support Subcommittee, which now reports to the Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee on behalf of the General Service Board rather than solely to the AAWS Board. The subcommittee includes the treasurers of all three corporate boards, an additional Class A trustee, the non-trustee director who chaired the subcommittee during the previous panel, and the customary ex officio members.

Finally, the committee reviewed the draft IRS Form 990

Recommendations: The committee brought forward six recommendations, which were approved by substantial unanimity.

1. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the General Service Board approval of the 2026 AAWS/GSB reforecast budget.
2. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board authorize the CFO to optimize the reserve fund investment allocations in accordance with the current Reserve Fund Investment Policy.
3. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the General Service Board approval of the 2026 Grapevine reforecast budget.
4. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the General Service Board approval of the 2026 La Viña reforecast budget.
5. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the General Service Board a reduction of the Subscription Liability Fund by up to $200,000 for A.A. Grapevine.
6. The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the General Service Board the filing of the IRS form 990.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee, as amended.

TRUSTEES' GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The committee received a staff report from the committee secretary on the status of the PAI Grid, including its planned presentation to the General Service Conference. Members also reviewed the timeline, estimated costs, and printing schedule for the Final Conference Report.

The committee reconstituted two subcommittees for the panel:

1. Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Subcommittee – Although the Conference voted to sunset the EDW Committee, approximately two years of work remain. This subcommittee will continue that work and, as time permits, explore future approaches to equitable workload distribution.
2. Conference Improvements Subcommittee – This subcommittee will review evaluations

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from the most recent General Service Conference to identify recurring themes and recommend improvements. Members noted that the most recent Conference was exceptionally well organized and expressed caution about making significant changes solely for the sake of change.

The committee also discussed several cost-saving scenarios for future General Service Conferences, including hybrid and fully virtual formats. The discussion will continue at the October committee meeting, when delegate chairs from four Conference committees will participate to provide additional input.

The committee held a preliminary discussion regarding the vendor contract for electronic voting and agreed to continue its review at a future meeting.

The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board at this time.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee as presented.

TRUSTEES' INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report and asked the vice chair to provide a summary of the key highlights, as the chair had been unable to attend the Third Quarterly Meeting due to an international service commitment on behalf of the General Service Board.

The committee is updating its scope and procedures to provide greater clarity regarding the responsibilities performed directly by the committee and those it oversees.

The committee received a report on recent international travel and reviewed the schedule of upcoming international trips. A correction was noted regarding the attendee for the Uganda visit.

The committee approved and forwarded both its budget reforecast and the budget reforecast for the 29th World Service Meeting. Members noted that several variables remain uncertain regarding World Service Meeting attendance, including the number of participating countries and the level of financial contributions from other General Service Offices to help offset delegate travel expenses. Although participating structures are assuming greater responsibility for self-support, increased attendance could still result in additional overhead costs for AAWS.

The committee reviewed the AAWS and AA Grapevine licensing reports and noted continued improvements in the quality and usefulness of the information provided. Members agreed that the reports offer valuable opportunities to better inform the Fellowship, both within the United States and internationally.

The committee also reviewed a brainstorming session conducted by the previous panel and began discussing ways to increase the visibility of the International Committee and the International Desk. Ideas included enhancing international content on aa.org, exploring the revival of the previously deferred international data map project, and highlighting how these efforts support carrying A.A.'s message of hope around the world.

With additional meeting time available under the new Board schedule, the committee determined that it was not necessary to establish a subcommittee, choosing instead to conduct its work as a full

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committee.

The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board at this time.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' International Committee, as corrected.

TRUSTEES' INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The committee continued its review of the concept for an online Regional Forum, discussing potential one-day and two-day formats, associated costs, and implementation considerations. Members expressed support for the concept and agreed that additional planning is needed before determining the best approach.

The committee received an update on the new communications opt-in feature for Regional Forums and requested that staff continue reporting the number of members opting in and opting out of communications. Members look forward to increased opportunities for communication and engagement throughout the Fellowship.

The committee also considered an Additional Committee Consideration forwarded from the Archives Committee regarding eligibility for area-level service by members who do not reside within an area. The committee concluded that the matter is best determined by the individual areas and took no further action.

A significant discussion focused on interpretation services at Regional Forums. The committee agreed to survey the regional trustees to assess current and future interpretation needs and the availability of resources to meet those needs. Members agreed to continue exploring long-term solutions while addressing immediate interpretation needs in the short term.

The committee will receive an update at its next meeting regarding implementation of the new Declaration Statement.

The committee also reconstituted its Sovereign Flags Subcommittee to continue reviewing the use of sovereign flags at International Conventions.

Finally, the committee began seeking theme suggestions for the 2030 International Convention in St. Louis and expressed enthusiasm as planning for the event gets underway.

Recommendations: The committee brought forward one recommendation, which was approved by substantial unanimity.

- The Trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee recommended that the General Service Board allow Area 08 to use live interpretation resources at their expense at the Pacific Regional Forum held in December of 2026.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee, as amended.

TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report

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and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The Trustees' Literature Committee held an interim meeting on July 1 to begin its work for the new panel year. During that meeting, the committee established its working structure by forming seven subcommittees, three working groups, and one ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee has already completed its work on the biennial revisions to the A.A. Service Manual.

Following implementation of the Conference Advisory Actions related to the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the committee has begun addressing second- and third-order impacts, particularly those affecting translations and related literature.

Staff also developed an evolving Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document in response to member inquiries regarding the Fifth Edition. The committee agreed that this resource would be valuable to share more broadly. It was recently distributed to the regional trustees for review and comment prior to being finalized, translated, and shared with Conference delegates. The committee also noted that AAWS has developed a comprehensive communications rollout plan for the Fifth Edition, and staff will coordinate the FAQ with that broader communications strategy.

The committee initiated a discussion regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the literature story submission process. Recognizing that the conversation is in its early stages, the committee requested that the Publishing Department conduct additional research and report back with its findings.

The committee also reviewed a memorandum from the AAWS Board proposing an update to the A.A. Group pamphlet. Members agreed that the pamphlet would benefit from revision and supported forwarding the proposal to the General Service Conference for consideration.

The committee began discussing literature workload and existing review processes. Members acknowledged that the Literature Committee is uniquely positioned to evaluate and improve these processes, and the discussion will continue at future meetings.

The committee also began reviewing the Literature Matrix to determine whether it continues to fulfill the intent of the 2016 Conference Advisory Action that established it. The committee will continue its review to assess whether the matrix effectively supports the timely and thoughtful updating of outdated literature.

The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board at this time.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Literature Committee as presented.

TRUSTEES' NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

The committee expressed its appreciation to staff, committee members, and secretary for their partnership and support throughout the meeting.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.
The committee approved the Nominating Committee budget forecast, which reflects modest

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savings compared with the approved budget.

The committee reviewed the trustee positions that will rotate off the General Service Board in 2027 and for which nominations and selections will be made. These include the Northeast Regional Trustee, Southwest Regional Trustee, Class A Trustee, General Service Trustee, and Trustee-at-Large/Canada. In addition, the committee is working with the corporate boards to seat two newly elected regional trustees on the corporate boards to replace those completing their terms at the end of this year.

The committee also began the process of selecting the next Chair of the General Service Board. Although the current chair's rotation does not occur until 2028, the committee noted that the selection process requires significant lead time and has therefore begun its work.

The committee received updates from its standing subcommittees, including the Procedures Subcommittee, the Emeriti Subcommittee, and the Preparing for the Future Vacancies Subcommittee, which continues to focus on developing a strong pipeline of future trusted servants.

The committee also discussed the work of the Trustees' Nominating Censure Ad Hoc Committee, which will report to the General Service Board through the Nominating Committee.

In addition, the committee is responding to a request from the Literature Committee to provide guidance regarding the composition of working groups and looks forward to advancing that work.

The committee reminded members that nominations for Class A trustees remain open through August 31 and encourage continued assistance in identifying qualified candidates. Additional information to support the nomination process will be distributed to Board members in the coming days.

The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board at this time.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Nominating Committee as presented.

TRUSTEES' PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The committee chair presented the committee's written report and provided a summary of its key highlights.

A Vice Chair was appointed to serve the committee for the panel.
The committee established two subcommittees to support its work during the panel:

1. Public Information Scope Subcommittee to review and clarify the scope and responsibilities of the Public Information Committee.
2. Pilot Membership Survey Subcommittee to oversee the development and evaluation of the pilot membership survey.

The committee also agreed to forward a discussion item to the 2027 General Service Conference Committee on Public Information regarding the continued effectiveness and relevance of A.A.'s Public Service Announcements (PSAs).
The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board at this time.

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Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' Public Information Committee as presented.

REPORT ON THE GENERAL SHARING SESSION: The committee chair presented the written report of the General Sharing Session and provided a summary of the session which included that the General Manager opened the General Sharing Session by inviting attendees to discuss current issues, member inquiries, correspondence, and other matters of interest affecting the Fellowship. The session reflected a transition from traditional presentations on the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts to an interactive town hall format focused on topics with practical application in service.

The General Service Board Chair reinforced the General Manager's remarks and expressed an interest in addressing current issues facing the Fellowship, including Conference planning, the Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) process, and the respective roles and responsibilities of the General Service Conference, the General Service Board, and the General Service Office.

Discussion included safety and support for trusted servants and Staff, effective communication, unity amid disagreement, inclusion, service leadership, and improving Fellowship understanding of the Conference and general service structure. Participants also discussed responsible communication, thoughtful decision-making, and the importance of member engagement through the PAI process.

Members shared experiences highlighting the need to support delegates, appointed committee members, and other trusted servants facing challenging situations, emphasizing the importance of maintaining safe and respectful environments for both volunteers and employees.

Additional reflections included the role of sponsorship, the importance of asking questions rather than making accusations, and addressing concerns openly and respectfully. Participants also emphasized the value of fostering greater inclusion, breaking down barriers, and increasing Fellowship understanding of the general service structure and its processes.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the report of the Trustees' General Sharing Session as presented.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: The committee chair reported that the committee has not yet met. The committee is awaiting the auditor's report on the retirement benefits plan and expects to convene shortly after it is received.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE: The committee chair reported that the committee has not yet met but expects to convene soon.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES' PLANNING & SHARING SESSION: The General Service Board Chair reported that the trustees met both on Saturday August 1, 2026, and Sunday August 2, 2026, to discuss a wide range of topics and to hear reports.

The trustees heard reports from the AA Grapevine Chair and AA Grapevine Publisher. They also heard reports from the AAWS Chair and the General Manager. A report was also received from the General Service Board treasurer.
The trustees adopted a Strategic Plan that has been the subject of a Board retreat and ongoing

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board work. The Strategic Plan is an evolving document and is not yet fully complete. As approved by the Board, it currently includes the following goals and priorities:

Four Overarching Goals

- Goal #1 - Enhanced Public Relations
- Goal #2 - Optimize role and effectiveness of General Service Board
- Goal #3 - Improved Communications
- Goal #4 - Financial Sustainability

Goal #1: Enhanced Public Relations

Priorities

1.1 Increase CPC engagement by expanded use of Class A Trustees.
1.2 Increase Fellowship exposure to Class A's
1.3 Shared understanding in the fellowship of public relations/information.

Goal #2: Optimize role and effectiveness of General Service Board

Priorities

2.1 Reclarify Conference, Board, and Staff responsibilities
2.2 Optimize trustee participation
2.3 Build a culture of learning and continuous improvement
2.4 Reinforce the core A.A. value of belonging, so that all board members may participate on a level playing field

Goal #3: Improved Communications

Priorities

3.1 Improve harmony between General Service Board, Fellowship, Conference, and General Service Office.
3.2 More strategic use of digital tools and social media for public information efforts.

Goal #4: Financial Sustainability

Priorities

4.1 Evaluate options
4.2 Rebuild Reserve Fund
4.3 Develop future-oriented digital content model
4.4 Diversify Revenue

The Chair reported that while the Strategic Plan includes proposed actions and work is already underway on a number of initiatives, the Board's next step is to further develop implementation plans for each action item and establish meaningful metrics to measure progress. The Board plans to devote time prior to an upcoming Board Weekend to finalize these implementation strategies and performance measures.

The Chair also reported that the Board established an Ad Hoc Committee on Cross-Functional Communications to review the report of the Cross-Functional Communications Working Group and provide recommendations to the General Service Board regarding additional opportunities to strengthen communications beyond those improvements already implemented. Communication remains a strategic priority of the General Service Board. While there are numerous

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communications generated by the Boards and the General Service Office, the Board acknowledged that the volume of communication can sometimes diminish its overall effectiveness.

The Chair further reported that the Board devoted significant time to discussing several recent incidents that have affected the safety and well-being of Board servants, including staff of the General Service Office, and expressed concern regarding reports of abusive behavior directed toward Area delegates. Members affirmed that the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of all trusted servants is essential to carrying A.A.'s message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The Board discussed specific examples of abusive behavior and considered strategies both for responding to such incidents and for communicating Fellowship-wide expectations regarding respectful conduct toward those serving Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Chair reported that the Board reviewed a policy adopted by the A.A. Great Britain structure regarding the rights of staff, volunteers, and trustees. That policy affirms the right of individuals to serve free from abuse, threats, harassment, and vexatious or repetitive complaints, while being treated with courtesy and respect. The Board acknowledged the leadership demonstrated by the UK structure in developing literature and policies that promote greater unity within Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Chair also reported that the Board reviewed its February 2025 statement calling upon all trusted servants, past and present, to refrain from spreading misinformation, false information, or engaging in harmful conduct that undermines the Conference, the Fellowship, the General Service Office, and AA Grapevine. The statement further encourages open and constructive dialogue on difficult issues in a manner consistent with A.A. principles, emphasizing that disagreement can occur without compromising unity or mutual respect.

The General Service Board recognized that while members will not always agree on every matter, thoughtful discussion and respectful disagreement are essential elements of the group conscience process. The Board affirmed that civility is fundamental to effective service and that every trusted servant should feel safe participating in A.A. service.

The discussion emphasized that safety extends beyond protection from physical harm to include freedom from verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, exclusion, and other behaviors that diminish an individual's ability to participate fully. While acknowledging that Alcoholics Anonymous is not immune to the increasing polarization seen in society, the Board reaffirmed that A.A. is called to a higher standard of conduct, where civility is not only a leadership responsibility but a moral imperative.

To reinforce this commitment, the Board determined that safety and civility will be emphasized whenever Board servants participate in service events, including Regional Forums.

The Chair concluded by reporting that the Board also agreed to participate in a future training session focused on strengthening safety and reducing conflict through trauma-informed principles. The session, to be held in conjunction with an upcoming Board Weekend, has been identified as a high priority. Its purpose is to help ensure that every Board servant feels safe, respected, and able to participate fully by fostering clearer communication, strengthening trust, reducing conflict, and addressing feelings of powerlessness that can arise in unsafe situations. These efforts are intended to support unity and strengthen the Board's ability to serve the Fellowship effectively.

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There being no further business, the General Service Board Chair thanked all in attendance and informed the board that, after a brief recess, it will be reconvened in executive session.

Following a motion and second the main session of the meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and adjourned at 11:08 a.m. ET.

After a brief recess, the meeting moved into executive session at 11:28 a.m. ET.

The meeting came out of executive session at 11:50 p.m. ET.

Following a motion and a second, the First Quarterly Meeting of the General Service Board adjourned at 11:51 p.m. ET.

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A.A. World Services, Inc.

Report to the General Service Board
Monday August 3, 2026
John W., AAWS Board Chair

Activity of the AAWS Board
February 2026 – July 2026

AAWS Board of Directors
John W. AAWS Chairperson
Julie C.
Grace F.
Charlie H.
Racy J.
Matt K.
Clint M.
Susan V.
Bob W.

Board Meetings Since the February GSB Report

March 5, 2026	AAWS Strategic Planning
March 6, 2026	AAWS Board Meeting
May 2, 2026	AAWS Annual Board Meeting
June 4, 2026	AAWS Director Orientation, Strategic Planning and Executive Session
June 5, 2026	AAWS Board Meeting
July 30, 2026	AAWS Board Meeting and Executive Session

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June and July 2026 Committee Highlights

Throughout the June and July meetings, the AAWS committees continued to make meaningful progress on several important priorities. Across the committees, discussions reflected a shared commitment to responsible financial stewardship, strengthening governance and oversight, improving the accuracy and integrity of Fellowship data, enhancing communication with members, and continuing to modernize the systems and technology that support A.A.'s services to the Fellowship.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continued to closely monitor the organization's financial position throughout both meetings. In June, members reviewed the April financial results, noting that operating revenue exceeded budget while operating expenses remained below budget, resulting in a favorable operating surplus. Although literature sales continued to trail projections, stronger-than-expected gross margins helped offset much of the shortfall. The committee also reviewed several self-support initiatives, including continued development of the new online contributions platform, updates to the self-support webpage, budget reforecast planning, and activity reports for both the International Literature Fund and the World Service Meeting Fund.

In July, the committee reviewed the updated 2026 budget forecast and again discussed literature sales trends, which continue to run below expectations. Members also reviewed the financial outlook for the Everything A.A. App and recognized significant improvements in accounts payable processes, including a substantial reduction in late fees and interest charges. Throughout these discussions, the committee emphasized the importance of maintaining transparent communication with the Fellowship regarding the budget, reserve fund, literature sales, and the principle of self-support.

Internal Audit Committee

The Internal Audit Committee continued its work on strengthening governance and accountability. Members advanced discussions on developing an AAWS Code of Conduct and considered whether that work should be harmonized with similar efforts underway through the General Service Board Compliance Committee. The committee also continued reviewing AAWS policies to more clearly distinguish those that govern Board responsibilities from those that guide day-to-day operational activities.

Services and Technology Committee

The Services and Technology Committee devoted much of its work to improving Fellowship data integrity and supporting ongoing technology initiatives. In June, members reviewed revisions to the service piece on A.A. membership estimates, discussed ways to encourage trusted servants to maintain accurate group information, and received updates on the new online contributions platform, the Everything A.A. App, Fellowship Connection, and other digital communication initiatives, including the website, Meeting Guide, YouTube, Google Ads, and podcasts.

Building on those discussions in July, the committee voted to reconstitute the Data Integrity Working Group to develop long-term recommendations for improving the reliability of Fellowship data. Members also discussed additional opportunities to strengthen Fellowship records, reviewed outreach efforts to Hispanic district committees and central offices, received updates on the upcoming launch of the new online contributions platform, and continued to monitor progress on the Everything A.A. App transition, which remains ahead of schedule. Additional enhancements to Fellowship Connection, Campaign Monitor integration, and onboarding communications were also reviewed.

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Communications and Language Services Committee

The Communications and Language Services Committee continued to support both translation efforts and digital communications. In June, members reviewed progress on translating and publishing the *A.A. Service Manual* and examined quarterly reports highlighting continued growth in digital engagement across the website, LinkedIn, Meeting Guide, YouTube, Google Ads, podcasts, and online business profiles. The committee also continued communications planning related to the Everything A.A. App.

In July, members approved the translation plan for the 2026 World Service Meeting materials and discussed transitioning from quarterly to semiannual digital analytics reporting to provide more meaningful trend analysis. The committee also explored updates to digital communication policies and recommended making an excerpt from *A Book of Fellowship – 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service*, along with other content at the discretion of the General Service Office in consultation with the AAWS Working Group, available on the subscriber side of the Everything A.A. App.

Publishing Committee

The Publishing Committee continued to oversee several major publishing initiatives. In June, members reviewed the successful release of the Twelve Concepts whiteboard animation videos, discussed the resolution of the *Daily Reflections* binding issue, and noted continued growth in e-book and audiobook sales. The committee also received updates on production planning for the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and preparations for printing the 2025 Final Conference Report.

In July, members reviewed the latest preparations for the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, with printing expected to begin later this year and books anticipated to be available in early February. The committee also discussed how anticipation of the new edition is influencing current literature purchasing, as many groups and members are postponing larger orders until the Fifth Edition becomes available.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reported that preparations continue for the Regional Trustee selection process. Members reviewed plans for the upcoming Regional Trustee candidate interviews, which will be conducted during the November General Service Board Weekend as part of the committee's ongoing nomination process.

Recommendations forwarded by AAWS Committees and approved by the AAWS Board:

AAWS Internal Audit

June 5, 2026

- The AAWS Internal Audit Committee made a recommendation to the AAWS Board the following revision to its Composition, Scope and Procedure:

  Under Composition which currently reads:

  “The Internal Audit Committee (IAC) of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. is composed of 3-5 Directors of AAWS”

  Be revised to read:

  “The Internal Audit Committee (IAC) of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. is composed of 3-5 Directors of AAWS, and one non-voting secretary.”

July 30, 2026

- The AAWS Internal Audit Committee recommended that the AAWS Board approve the July 2026 Semi-Annual IP Copyrights, Trademarks and Domain Names Report.

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Finance Committee

June 5, 2026

- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the International Literature Fund activity report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, be forwarded to the trustees' International Committee.
- The AAWS Finance committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the World Service Meeting Fund activity report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, be forwarded to the trustees' International Committee.
- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended to the AAWS Board to adopt the revision to the International Literature Fund Policy authorizing the use of the International Literature Fund to offset administrative costs associated with translation review and copyright registration of A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Books.

July 30, 2026

- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended that the AAWS Board approve amending its C.S.P. to remove Item *4 from the Procedure* section, as responsibility for this action has been transferred to the General Service Board.
- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended that the AAWS Board approve the 2026 Reforecast Budget with the amendment that literature sales revenue be revised to $16,301,682 and gross margin be revised to $9,439,175 to reflect actual year-to-date results.
- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended that the AAWS Board adopt the Obsolete Media Inventory Policy.
- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the International Literature Fund activity report ending June 30, 2026, be forwarded to the Trustees International Committee.
- The AAWS Finance committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the World Service Meeting Fund activity report ending June 30, 2026, be forwarded to the Trustees International Committee.
- The AAWS Finance Committee recommended that the AAWS Board approve a disbursement of $8,110 from the International Literature Fund (I.L.F.) for the Haitian Creole Translation Project

Communications and Language Services

June 5, 2026

- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2026 first quarter LinkedIn report be forwarded by AAWS to the Trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities.
- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2026 first quarter reports on Website, Meeting Guide App, YouTube, Google Ads, Online Business Profiles and Podcast be forwarded by AAWS to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information.

July 30, 2026

- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2026 second quarter LinkedIn report be forwarded by AAWS to the Trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities.
- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2026 second quarter report on Website, amended report on Meeting Guide App, YouTube, amended report on Google Ads, Online Business Profiles and Pod-cast be forwarded by AAWS to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information.

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- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the suggested changes to the analytics policy be accepted.
- The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that an excerpt from *A Book of Fellowship – 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service*, as well as other content at the discretion of the General Service Office, in consul-tation with the AAWS Working Group, be made available on the subscriber side of the Everything AA app.

Services and Technology Committee

June 5, 2026

- The AAWS Services and Technology Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the Personal Device Policy (BYOD) be approved, with the following amendment: "This policy is applicable to all employees and contractors of A.A. World Services, Inc. (AAWS) who wish to connect a personally owned device to the AAWS network or access any company information system. These devices include, but are not limited to, smartphones, tablets, and laptops."

July 30, 2026

- The AAWS Services and Technology Committee recommended that the AAWS Board establish a Data Integrity Working Group to explore approaches for reporting A.A. group and membership information and to evaluate the relevance and usefulness of existing materials that rely on/or present membership data. The committee appointed Matt K. to serve as chair of the working group.
- The AAWS Service and Technology Committee recommended that the AAWS Board adopt the Composition, Scope, and Procedure document with the following revisions to the Scope section:
  Add Scope #2:
  "Recommending strategies and providing oversight of systems supporting online monetary transactions, including contributions, literature sales, and other digital payments."
  Revise current Scope #5 and renumber it as Scope #6:
  From:
  "Recommending strategies for system improvements, cybersecurity, and user accessibility."
  To:
  "Recommending strategies for system improvements, cybersecurity, data integrity, user accessibility, and contribution platform effectiveness."

AAWS Publishing Committee

June 5, 2026

- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended that the AAWS Board approve the list price of$12.20 USD for the CPC Meeting Guide Display (M-80).
- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended that the AAWS Board accept the March, April and May 2026 reprint permission report provided by the Intellectual Properties Administrator.

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July 30, 2026

- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* be produced with a jacketed cover and that a list price of $20 USD be adopted for the B-1 hardcover when the fifth edition is published.
- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended to the AAWS Board that a list price of $5 USD be adopted for the print version of the *2026 Final Conference Report.*
- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended that the AAWS Board accept the Semi-annual update of International Licensing reports dated July 30, 2026, and forward them to the trustees' International Committee.
- The AAWS Publishing Committee recommended that the AAWS Board accept the Semi-annual update of international translation report dated July 30, 2026, and forward them to the trustees' International Committee.

John W.
General Service Trustee, GSB
AAWS Chair

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AAGRAPEVINE, Inc.

Report to the General Service Board
Monday, August 3rd, 2026
Chair: Gail P.
Grapevine Quarterly Meeting, July 30th, 2026

Directors Present:
Chair: Gail P.
Vice Chair: & Treasurer: Edward (Teddy) B.
Publisher: Christopher C.
Secretary: Sherry (Cheryl) S.
Asst Secretary: Kimberly L.
Board Members: Fredy M., Nikki O., Veronica R., Daniel S., David S.
Guests: Scott H., GSB Chair, Candice C., Pacific Regional Class B Trustee

Publisher's Report to Grapevine Board

Apps

Grapevine apps subscriptions total 9,075, that's up 2,333 from the June 2025. La Viña app subscriptions total 380, that's down 14 from June 2025.

App Income from Apple and Google to date: Since our last meeting on June 20, 2026, we've received payments of $26,164.07 from Apple and $3,087.43 from Google, and the new total received over lifetime of apps is $569,279.

GV Avg. Subscriptions (print, digital, apps)

June 2026:	Print 40,954	Complete 6.080	Online 4,774	App 9,075	**Total 60,883**
June 2025:	Print 42,723	Complete 5,549	Online 3,977	App 6,742	**Total 58,991**

Subscriptions are up 1,892 compared to June 2025.

LV Total Subscriptions (print, digital, apps)

June 2026:	Print 6,232	Complete 192	Online 115	App 380	**Total 6,919**
June 2025:	Print 7,715	Complete 150	Online 73	App 394	**Total 8,332**

Subscriptions are down 1,441 from June of last year.

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La Viña Anniversary: The July/August 2026 issue of La Viña celebrates 30 years of love and service. Paola and Fredy attended the Pacific Region La Viña Anniversary celebration in Tacoma, WA July 24—26. It was a great success. Promising sales of books and magazines at the event.

Carry the Message Project

January through June 2026 we helped 584 alcoholics with CTM subscriptions at a value of $19,994. The CTM liability fund is currently at $845.62.

Greeting Cards Sales to date

Grapevine	1017 boxes
La Viña	77 boxes

Revenue approximately $39,000. Gearing up for Holiday cards for 2026.

New Books Unit Sales

Gratitude: Online Store 3714, Trade 757, Total 4,471

Nuestros Doce Pasos: Online Store 974, Trade 85, Total 1,059

Five-Year Plan Updates

- Cost Savings: Going to single insert in magazines. Frugal use of professionals (legal, accounting). Please limit travel expenses. Converting overseas subscribers to digital through the end of 2026.
- Book of the Month: Kicking off in August. A new backlist title featured each month in magazine, email blasts, on the podcasts, on Instagram. Tied to theme of magazine that month, for example September magazine theme is *Sponsorship*, book is One on One.
- Intergroup and Central Office (ICO) Partnerships. We've delayed building a system for ICOs to process subscriptions until we convert to Drupal 11 for the website. Drupal 11 has greater commerce capacity. We'll implement it in first quarter of 2027.
- Digital services — podcasts, YouTube, Instagram, WhatsApp — continue steady growth. We've attracted approximately 352 new people over the past month.

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August through December Product Attraction Schedule

Pub/Product	Deploy Date	Offer
Grapevine Sub	Aug 11, 13, 15, 2026	GV Subscription - 2 Year "Best Deal" - 24/$60 (Save $8)
La Vina Sub	Aug 11, 13, 15, 2026	LV Subscription - 2 Year "Best Deal" - 12/$28 (Save $6)
English book (BoM)	Aug 20, 21, 24, 2026	Book of Month - One on One - GV30 (Save 20%)
Spanish book (BoM)	Aug 20, 21, 24, 2026	Span Book of Month - Frente a frente - SGV04 (Save 20%)
Spanish book launch	Sep 8, 10, 12, 2026	Spiritual Awakenings (Spanish version)
English book bundle	Sep 8, 10, 12, 2026	Save 20% on Select books - English version
English book (BoM)	Sept 21, 24, 25, 2026	Book of Month - No Matter What - GV31 (Save 20%)
Spanish book bundle	Sept 22, 24, 26, 2026	Save 20% on Select books - Spanish version
Grapevine Sub	Oct 13, 15, 16, 2026	GV Sub - Early Gift Offer - Get 2nd Gift for $16
La Vina Sub	Oct 13, 15, 16, 2026	LV Sub - Early Gift Offer - Get 2nd Gift for $8
English book (BoM)	Oct 20, 22, 24, 2026	Book of Month - Language of the Heart - GV11 (Save 20%)
Spanish book (BoM)	Oct 20, 21, 24, 2026	Span Book of Month - Title TBD (Save 20%)
All English Products	Nov 3, 5, 7, 2026	Free Shipping on All Products
All Spanish Products	Nov 3, 5, 7, 2026	Free Shipping on All Products
English book (BoM)	Nov 20th, 2026	Book of Month - Into Action - GV28 (Save 20%)
Grapevine Sub	Nov 27, 28, 30, 2026	BF/CM - Save 20% on All Products + Free Shipping
La Vina	Nov 27, 28, 30, 2026	BF/CM - Save 20% on All Products + Free Shipping
Grapevine Sub	Dec 8, 10, 12, 2026	GV Sub - Last Chance Gift Offer - Get 2nd Gift for $16
La Vina	Dec 8, 10, 12, 2026	LV Sub - Last Chance Gift Offer - Get 2nd Gift for $8
English book (BoM)	Dec 20, 21, 22, 2026	Book of Month -Prayer & Meditation - GV44 (Save 20%)
Spanish book (BoM)	Dec 20, 21, 22, 2026	Span Book of Month - Title TBD (Save 20%)

In-App attraction

- Continuing free month trial offer, with monthly push notices to non-subscribers.
- Adding “share” feature to app. Subscriber opens “share” and friend can scan QR code and go right to app on whichever store they have on their phone.

Digital Media Services as of 7/23/26:

Podcasts:

- Half-hour Variety Hour: Total downloads now equal 1,537,193. We average 875 listens per day, 6,128 per week and 24,500 per month. According to “Podcast Host” this podcast is solidly in the top 1% of all podcasts worldwide.
- Grapevine Weekly Open AA Meeting: This podcast has 12,000 downloads to date. On a typical week we have about 30 to 50 live participants, but the podcast averages 72 per day, 502 per week, 2,007 per month. The podcast is trending upward nicely with downloads per month: February 421, March 1,694, April 2,009, May 2,831, June 2,815 (May had five episodes, June four)

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Instagram:

- Grapevine 16,613 followers, up 107 since June report. Total followers 62% women, 38% men. US and Canada Instagram split is approximately 54% Female, 46% Male. AA Survey in 2022 reported Male 64%and Female 36%.
    - 54,048 views over past month, 4% non-followers
- La Viña 2,359 followers, up 9 since June report. Total followers 63.5% men, 36.5% women.
    - 14,826 views over past month, 6% non-followers

YouTube:

- 18,300 subscribers, up 200 since June report
- 507 videos, up 14 since June
- 331,974 total views, up 6,938 since June
- ASL: 17 Videos, we added 3 since June report. 12,228 views, up 607 since June.

WhatsApp — La Viña:

- 541 Members, up 85 since June report

Treasurer's/Finance and Budget committee report – The finance report and reforecast were presented. It was noted that Donna has been an invaluable resource in thoroughly reviewing historical financial reports and has previously identified funds owed to the organization. This month she discovered that we'd been overstating book revenue and understating deferred subscription revenue. The finance committee, publisher and Donna worked with external auditor to resolve how to best account and report the discrepancy. Measures are now in place to insure proper accounting.

Grapevine and La Viña Financial Activities through June 2026, see next page.

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Grapevine

Circulation	June 2026 Actual YTD	2026 Full Year Reforecast	Variance June YTD Actual vs. 2026 Full Year Reforecast	June 2025 Actual	Variance June 2026 vs. June 2025
GV Magazine Circulation	40,954	40,660	294	42,165	(1,211)
GV Complete (print & online)	6,080	6,074	6	5,566	514
GV Online	4,774	4,809	(35)	4,027	747
GV App	9,076	9,414	(338)	6,876	2,200
Total Circulation	**60,884**	**60,957**	**(73)**	**58,634**	**2,250**

Financial Activity	June 2026 Actual YTD	2026 Full Year Reforecast	Variance June YTD Actual vs. 2026 Full Year Reforecast	June 2025 Actual	Variance June 2026 vs. June 2025
Income					
Gross Margin on subs/App Gross	661,150	1,313,645	(652,495)	539,361	121,789
Gross Margin-Books and other items	233,255	586,757	(353,502)	322,332	(89,077)
Gross Margin	**$894,405**	**1,900,401**	**(1,005,997)**	**861,693**	**32,712**
Expenses					
Editorial	231,333	474,970	(243,637)	238,256	(6,923)
Circulation & Business	738,714	1,455,448	(716,734)	716,931	21,783
General & Administrative & Depreciation	129,464	264,520	(135,056)	151,914	(22,450)
Total Expenses	**1,099,509**	**2,194,938**	**(1,095,427)**	**1,107,101**	**(7,590)**
Interest earned on Reserve Fund	4,500	9,000	(4,500)	4,500	-
Net Income(Loss)	**($200,604)**	**($285,537)**	**$84,930**	**($240,908)**	**40,304**

La Vina

Circulation	June 2026 Actual YTD	2026 Full Year Reforecast	Variance June YTD Actual vs. 2026 Full Year Reforecast	June 2025 Actual	Variance June 2026 vs. June 2025
LV Magazine Circulation	6,232	6,243	(11)	7,689	(1,457)
LV Complete (print & online)	192	263	(71)	158	34
LV Online	115	146	(31)	83	32
LV App	380	407	(27)	430	(50)
Total Circulation	**6,919**	**7,060**	**(141)**	**8,360**	**(1,441)**

Financial Activity	June 2026 Actual YTD	2026 Full Year Reforecast	Variance June YTD Actual vs. 2026 Full Year Reforecast	June 2025 Actual	Variance June 2026 vs. June 2025
Income					
Gross Margin on subs/App Gross	22,683	47,369	(24,686)	19,484	3,199
Gross Margin-Books and other items	80,317	168,339	(88,022)	61,120	19,197
Gross Margin	**$103,000**	**215,708**	**(112,708)**	**80,604**	**22,396**
Expenses					
Editorial	151,999	303,959	(151,960)	140,612	11,387
Circulation & Business	145,701	291,295	(145,594)	154,417	(8,716)
General & Administrative & Depreciation	24,538	52,244	(27,706)	36,229	(11,691)
Total Expenses	**322,238**	**647,498**	**(325,260)**	**331,258**	**(9,019)**
GSB Contribution	**$219,238**	**$431,790**	**($212,552)**	**$250,654**	**($31,415)**
Net Income(Loss)	-	-	-	-	-

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July 2026 Grapevine and La Viña Budget Reforecast

Grapevine

Circulation	2026 Reforecast	2026 Budget	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2025 Actual
GV Magazine Circulation	40,660	40,875	(215)	41,259	(599)
GV Complete (print & online)	6,074	5,621	453	5,564	510
GV Online	4,809	4,615	194	4,219	590
GV App	9,414	8,825	589	7,533	1,881
Total Circulation	**60,957**	**59,936**	**1,021**	**58,574**	**2,383**

Financial Activity	2026 Reforecast	2026 Budget	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2025 Actual
Income					
Gross Margin on subs/App	1,313,645	1,255,892	57,753	1,174,238	139,407
Gross Margin-Books and other items	586,757	748,891	(162,135)	586,851	(94)
Gross Margin	**1,900,401**	**2,004,783**	**(104,382)**	**1,761,089**	**139,312**
Expenses					
Editorial	474,970	461,800	13,170	517,355	(42,385)
Circulation & Business	1,455,448	1,489,760	(34,312)	1,428,047	27,401
General & Administrative & Depreciation	264,522	261,140	3,382	297,711	(33,189)
Total Expenses	**2,194,939**	**2,212,700**	**(17,762)**	**2,243,113**	**(48,175)**
Interest earned on Reserve Fund	9,000	9,000	-	17,297	(8,297)
Net Income(Loss)	**($285,538)**	**($198,917)**	**(86,620)**	**($464,727)**	**179,190**

La Vina

Circulation	2026 Reforecast	2026 Budget	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2025 Actual
GV Magazine Circulation	6,243	7,313	(1,070)	7,298	(1,055)
GV Complete (print & online)	263	178	85	162	101
GV Online	146	99	47	92	54
GV App	407	394	13	399	8
Total Circulation	**7,060**	**7,984**	**(925)**	**7,951**	**(892)**

Financial Activity	2026 Reforecast	2026 Budget	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance between 2026 Reforecast & 2025 Actual
Income					
Gross Margin on subs/App Gross	47,369	55,679	(8,310)	51,867	(4,498)
Gross Margin-Books and other items	168,339	165,000	3,339	122,942	45,397
Gross Margin	**$215,708**	**220,679**	**(4,971)**	**174,809**	**40,899**
Expenses					
Editorial	303,959	303,500	459	293,960	9,999
Circulation & Business	291,295	299,924	(8,629)	294,996	(3,701)
General & Administrative & Depreciation	52,244	51,304	940	66,169	(13,925)
Total Expenses	**647,498**	**654,728**	**(7,230)**	**655,125**	**(7,627)**
GSB Contribution	**$431,790**	**$434,049**	**($2,259)**	**$480,316**	**($48,526)**
Net Income(Loss)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

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Staff Highlights:

- Grapevine Editorial - Jon W., Editor-in-chief. Presented his report. He acknowledged the many contributions made by past and present trusted servants and expressed appreciation for their continued participation in the magazine, noting that Panel 69, Area 49 Delegate Jane E. has a story in the current issue recounting her hunt for rugs, and that Teresa J. suggested the topic of loneliness while serving on the board. Jon also reported that a new book for newcomers is scheduled for the spring of 2027.
- La Viña Editorial - Paola M., Editor of La Viña presented her report. She shared that the September/October issue of La Viña features an interview with Class A Trustee Veronica Ramirez. The monthly workshop continues to draw new participants including international members. She reported the La Viña 30th Anniversary in Tacoma, WA was phenomenal. Recognizing so many trusted servants that helped to engage the community. The La Viña community reprinted the original La Viña June 1996 issue for the event.
- Production - Jonathan S., Manager, presented his report. Jonathan edits the AA Grapevine Open AA Meeting podcasts and that the stories featured have been beautiful and personally moving. He stated he would be more than happy to do the same editing work for La Viña.
- Digital Publishing - Niurka M., Digital Publishing Manager presented her report. Migration improvements are ongoing with no interruption to the commerce portion of the site; the team is beginning a Drupal 11 upgrade project. The team collaborates with AAWS. whenever asked. The web team will be presenting at a NENY Archives Workshop to demonstrate how to navigate the Archives page, and the National AA Technology Workshop will include a presentation on the tools Grapevine uses for the website and on the recovery tools available from Grapevine for members and potential members.
- Customer Service - Sonia D., Customer Relations Manager, provided her report. She is managing collections from Intergroups and Central Offices with outstanding balances. Working with the Publisher and Digital Manager the Carry the Message (CTM) project will be totally separate from gift certificates and will accept contributions of any denomination. The Intergroup/Central Office subscription sales initiative is on hold until the Drupal update is complete. One board member reviewed the sales figures and noted an opportunity to offering an option for Complete gift certificates.
- Outreach Calendar: Kimberly L., Office Manager, asked board members to review and example of an AAWS event report back. She would love feedback from the board on how we might do something similar. Two event requests for attendance by Grapevine were discussed.

Board Committee Reports:

Nominating and Governance – Cheryl (Sherry) S, Reported the committee worked with AAWS to establish eligible candidates. There are currently a few submissions for Class B and the last day to submit a resume is August 14.

App Awareness Ad hoc Committee- Nikki O., reported the committee discussed a virtual Lunch and Learn for professionals, an audience unfamiliar with AA Grapevine. The third-quarter focus is getting AA Grapevine into facilities. Sherry suggested assisted living as a location to pursue as well. The Weekly Grapevine Open Meeting and podcast are a good tool for PI and CPC Committees.

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Outreach to Hispanic Community - Fredy M. provided a verbal report. The committee has developed an action plan including strengthening relationships with Spanish-speaking groups, gathering member feedback to improve products, increasing La Viña subscriptions and book sales, identifying and addressing barriers to growth, and fostering greater collaboration between English- and Spanish-speaking groups. The committee is actively working on these initiatives.

Licensing Ad hoc- Kimberly L. reported the committee discussed reviewing the current request dropdown, evaluating retranslation requests, and adding a column to indicate whether the requested publication is already available in the requested language.

Old Business

- Strategic Planning Action Items
  - Chris provided a report back on his conversation with vendors regarding AI. It can be used for circulation and better predictive models on renewal behavior, improve the user interface, reduce friction and barriers on the website, and test different home page designs; a Learning Language model approach where someone searching sponsorship in the articles archive is sent information on the sponsorship book.
  - AI Companion – A new ad hoc committee will be led by Daniel.
  - Develop Events & Merchandise Ad hoc Committee – Nikki stated several ideas were bounced around and will be thoroughly discussed at future meetings. Chris stated that ancillary merchandise should provide value in the areas of recovery, unity, and/or service.
- Grapevine and La Viña Statement of Purpose. There is a revised statement in the Grapevine and La Viña pamphlet and staff will make sure other places the statement appears will align, in both languages.

New Business

- AA GV Employee Handbook – Cheryl (Sherry) S, Chair stated The Employee Handbook will be discussed on August 19, along with compliance policies.
- 76th General Service Conference Advisory Actions and Conference Considerations —A survey committee was formed which will be chaired by Chris, and include Nikki, Daniel, and Sherry.
- 2027 AA Grapevine Board Meeting Calendar: Planning meeting dates will be March 6th, June 12th, September 18th, and December 4th.
- Digital Archives Proposal - AA Grapevine Board Books – Kimberly presented her report and communicated the need to digitize our board books for preservation. The board agreed on need; however multiple questions need to be answered. It will be brought back in October.
- AAWS Standardized board practices will be discussed at September's meeting.

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Grapevine Board Actions

The Board took the following actions at its meeting on **June 20th, 2026**

- Motion to approve March minutes
- Motion to approve Grapevine May financials
- Motion to approve La Viña May financials
- Executive Session: Motion to close the two AA Grapevine bank accounts with the Royal Bank of Canada

The Board took the following actions at its Quarterly meeting on **July 30th, 2026**

- Motion to approve April 30th Meeting Minutes
- Motion to approve May 2nd Meeting Minutes
- Motion to accept revised May Grapevine Financials
- Motion to accept revised May La Viña Financials
- Motion to accept June Grapevine Financials
- Motion to accept June La Viña Financials
- Motion to accept Grapevine Budget Reforecast 2026
- Motion to accept La Viña Budget Reforecast 2026
- Motion that the Grapevine Board request the General Service Board approve a reduction of the subscription liability fund by up to $200,000.
- Motion to adjourn 4:50

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Trustees' Archives Committee
Saturday, August 1, 2026

The trustees' Archives Committee met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair greeted all committee members and guests present. The chair invited a committee member to share their recent experience touring the Archives Department and meeting the team.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Meeting report: The committee approved the meeting report from the January 31, 2026, meeting.

Appointment of vice-chairperson: The chair appointed Kelly P. vice-chairperson.

Composition, Scope and Procedure: The committee reviewed its Composition, Scope and Procedure and made no changes.

Archives Department report: The committee accepted the Archives Director's report, as presented.

2026 Conference Committee on Archives report: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Archives report.

The committee discussed the 2026 Conference Committee on Archives committee consideration concerning the suggestion to add the following language to the "What to Collect?" section in the Archives Workbook, under the list of suggested materials that local archives may wish to consider collecting:

- Area/district business and financial records
- Area/district business meeting minutes and reports

The committee agreed that the suggested new text can be implemented in the next reprint of the Archives Workbook.

Archives 2026 reforecast budget (1.0): The committee accepted the Archives 2026 reforecast budget and agreed to forward to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the memo from the chair of the General Service Board on the "Rollout of the GSB/AAWS Advanced Preparation and Interim Meeting Scheduling Procedures." Following a brief discussion, the committee agreed to strive to comply with the proposed scheduling procedure.

Archives Audiovisual Preservation Project: The committee reviewed progress reports for phases 2 and 3 of the Archives Audiovisual Preservation Project. The Archives Director reported that phase 2 has been temporarily paused due to competing priorities, while

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phase 3 remains actively underway. The Archives Director also outlined proposed next steps, including the confidential deaccessioning, in accordance with Archives policies, of redundant copies of audio recordings on CDs. The proposed action plan is a cost saving measure, and reduces the need for proper physical storage environment and other considerations. The committee directed the Archives Director to proceed with the deaccessioning plan.

The committee looks forward to receiving future updates at their next meeting in Q4 2026.

Archives Collection Policy: The GSO Archives Collection Policy was not discussed at this meeting. The Archives Director reported that due to other priorities, proposed revisions had not yet been developed and that the matter will be brought before the committee at the 2026 Q4 meeting.

Permission requests: The following permission requests were discussed and approved by the committee in accordance with Archives policies:

- A request from Martin K. and Marie S. to consult historical records documenting the history of A.A. in the New York City area.
- A request from Matthieu D. to consult the following list of archival materials:
  - Bill W.'s writings on the Oxford Group
  - Final General Service Conference Reports
  - Bill W.'s writings on the Twelve Concepts
  - Bill W.'s writings on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- A request from Brian K. to consult archival correspondence on the history of A.A. in Vermont.

New business:

The Archives Director presented the 2015 Advisory Action concerning audio recordings of the General Service Conference for the committee's discussion. The Advisory Action reads, "Audio recordings of General Service Conference presentations published in the General Service Conference *Final Report* and audio recordings of the trustees' farewell talks given at the closing brunch be made available in accordance with Archives' Policies. Access to all other General Service Conference sessions will continue to be prohibited."

The committee expressed concern regarding the distribution of trustees' farewell talks, as well as the staff time and effort required to secure the appropriate permissions. Following a thoughtful discussion, the committee agreed to forward the 2015 Advisory Action policy for General Service Conference audio recordings to the trustees' General Service Conference Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities
Saturday, August 1, 2026

The trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities met at The Westin New York at Times Square in New York City on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Chair's remarks: The chair welcomed all committee members and guests and invited committee members to introduce themselves.

Appointment of vice chairperson: The chair appointed Kelly Parsley as vice chair of the committee.

Meeting report: The committee approved the January 30, 2026, meeting report.

Composition, Scope, and Procedure: The committee reviewed their Composition, Scope and Procedure and made no changes.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the interim meeting cadence memo from the GSB chair.

Part II — Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented. The committee discussed ways to strengthen and support the effectiveness of CPC engagement with professionals at the local level.

75th GSC Advisory Actions and committee considerations: The committee reviewed a report reflecting Advisory Actions and committee considerations of the 2026 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

LinkedIn update: The committee reviewed the progress report on the LinkedIn page and the Q1 and Q2 analytics.

Update on CPC videos: The Staff secretary provided an update on the communications plan for the CPC series "Meet A.A.'s Nonalcoholic Trustees" to launch with four initial videos on YouTube. The committee looks forward to receiving a progress report on the series and pre-planning for additional CPC video content in November.

Update on mental health pamphlet: The committee reviewed the progress report on the mental health pamphlet and looks forward to a draft pamphlet at the Q4 meeting.

Review CPC Committee Kit and Workbook: The committee reviewed the CPC Committee Kit and Workbook and received an update from the Staff secretary on planned revisions

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to the workbook. The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft update at the Q4 meeting.

Review CPC exhibits: The Staff secretary provided an update to the committee on the exhibits for 2026 and 2027. The committee provided suggestions for additional exhibits in the medical field. The committee provided feedback on the value of digital resources for professionals and looks forward to an update on the Digital Resources flyer at the Q4 meeting.

Discuss Class A trustee presentation guidelines: The committee reviewed the report and current guideline, noting the importance of this tool for strategic coordination of Class A participation. The committee provided suggestions for the Staff secretary for updating the guideline and looks forward to reviewing a draft at the Q4 meeting.

Trustees' CPC 2026 budget reforecast: The committee reviewed and accepted the mid-year reforecast of the trustees' CPC 2026 budget and agreed to forward it to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Part III — Treatment

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented.

76th GSC Advisory Actions and committee considerations: The committee reviewed a report reflecting Advisory Actions and committee considerations of the 2026 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities related to Treatment.

Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities suggestions to the Treatment Kit and Treatment Workbook and made the following suggestions:

- Include additional information on sharing the AA Grapevine as a resource in Treatment Committee service.
- Add hyperlinks to publications on aa.org, where applicable.

The committee requested that the Staff secretary include all suggested updates in the next printing.

Trustees' TA 2026 budget reforecast: The committee reviewed the mid-year reforecast of the trustees' Treatment and Accessibilities 2026 budget and agreed to forward it to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Part IV — Accessibilities

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented and provided suggestions on ways to improve the Bridging the Gap services. The committee requested

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that the Staff secretary include the status in an upcoming desk activity update to trusted servants across the Fellowship.

76th GSC committee considerations: The committee reviewed a report of the committee considerations of the 2026 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities related to Accessibilities.

Accessibilities Kit and Workbook: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities suggested revisions to the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and made the following suggestions:

- Include information on ASL videos and the GSO podcast in Accessibilities service materials.
- Add hyperlinks to publications on aa.org, where applicable.

The committee requested that the Staff secretary include all suggested updates in the next printing.

Welcoming Language Subcommittee:

The committee formed a 2026 Welcoming Language Subcommittee with Candace C. serving as chair, Julie C., Matt K., and Robert L. as members, and Staff support from Michael R.

The subcommittee will meet at least twice in Q4 and present a progress report at the Q4 meeting. The subcommittee will discuss the accessibility issues created by language perceived as derogatory in AAWS literature and communication and report back to the committee in Q4. The committee noted the importance of recognizing outdated and offensive language that may be a potential barrier to alcoholics seeking help from A.A. The committee also noted that it may be beneficial for all trustee committees to undergo a similar review process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Trustees' Corrections Committee

August 2, 2026, 8:15 a.m.

The trustees' Corrections Committee met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair greeted all committee members and guests.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Meeting report: The committee approved the January 31, 2026, meeting report as presented.

Selection of vice chair: The chair appointed Jeff Stephens as vice-chairperson of the committee.

Review Composition, Scope and Procedure: The committee reviewed its Composition, Scope and Procedure and made no changes.

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented. The committee had a substantive discussion regarding obstacles experienced by members and by the office when shipping literature to persons in custody. The committee requested a report reflecting input from the GSO director of operations to be brought back to their Q4 2026 meeting.

Approved 2026 TCC budget reforecast: The committee accepted the 2026 budget reforecast and agreed to forward to the trustees' Budgetary and Finance Committee.

Review the 2026 Conference Committee on Corrections grid of Advisory Actions and additional committee considerations: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Corrections grid of Advisory Actions and additional committee considerations. The committee expressed interest in the updates being made to the Corrections Workbook and looks forward to an update at their Q4 2026 meeting.

Tablet analytics and quarterly progress reporting: The committee discussed the analytics presented and expressed interest in reviewing additional analytics as they become available.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the interim meeting cadence memo from the GSB chair.

New business: The committee requested that the Staff secretary research the relationship of community based correctional settings with the GSO Corrections desk and provide a report at the Q4 2026 meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee

August 2, 2026

The trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Sunday August 2, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair started the meeting with the Responsibility Statement and welcomed all committee members and guests.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Meeting report: The committee approved the February 1, 2026, meeting report as presented.

Staff report: The committee received an update on the Self-Support & Finance assignment. The update noted that since its inception in October 2025, the assignment has responded to 259 phone inquiries and 249 email inquiries from members and A.A. service entities across the U.S. and Canada. Inquiries primarily focused on self-support and financial stewardship topics, including banking procedures, tax-exempt status, EINs, liability insurance, financial information, the Reserve Fund, Seventh Tradition contributions and group conscience matters. The Staff member on the assignment continues to collaborate regularly with the CFO, the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee chair and the AAWS treasurer, while also working with the Communications Services Department to reorganize and enhance self-support and finance content on aa.org, with a website review scheduled for August 24, 2026.

The committee accepted the report as presented.

Appointment of vice chairperson: The chair appointed Tim M. as vice-chair of the committee.

Review of Composition, Scope and Procedure (CSP): The committee reviewed the CSP and made no changes.

Review Conference Committee on Finance Actions/Recommendations: The chair reported on a meeting with incoming Conference Committee on Finance chair Lori M., during which they discussed Conference themes and ways to support the work of the committee. The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Finance report, including the Advisory Actions and committee considerations, and noted that follow-up on all actionable items is underway.

TFBC preference of CFO financial reporting discussion: The CFO asked the committee if the current financial reporting to the GSB meets their needs and if they would like to see any changes. In response, the committee noted that year-to-date information is more useful than monthly information (except for certain revenue items), the dollar amount of

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the Reserve Fund needs more emphasis and that the CFO be encouraged to incorporate his judgement in the overview section of the report.

GSO June 2026 unaudited financial report: The AAWS treasurer presented the GSO unaudited financial results for June 30, 2026.

For the six months ending June 30, 2026, total operating revenue is $10,329,213, slightly more than the year-to-date (YTD) budget of $10,318,128. Total operating expenses before depreciation are $9,561,563, which is about 5% less than the YTD budget of $10,043,499. The operating surplus before depreciation is $767,650 compared to a YTD budgeted surplus of $274,629. These figures do not include retrofit expenditures, which are $1,886,762 since project inception last year.

Literature accounts receivable is $616,341, of which 30% is current, 24.4% is less than 60 days past due and 45.6% is more than 60 days past due. Over 75% of the more than 60 days past due receivable is attributable to one customer, with whom we have agreed on a payment plan.

The Reserve Fund is at 4.97 months of 2026 budgeted GSO, GV and LV operating expenses. Once the entire amount authorized to be drawn for the retrofit is drawn, the Reserve Fund is expected to be at about 4.79 months of operating expenses.

As of July 6, 2026, operating cash on hand is $878,554 versus 90-day accounts payable obligations of $450,623 resulting in a short-term surplus of $427,932. Accounts payable is 99.6% current and 0.4% 1–30 days past due.

The GSO financial report was accepted by the committee.

AAWS/GSB budget reforecast: The CFO presented the 2026 budget reforecast. Reforecast 1.1 projects operating expenses before depreciation of $19,930,740, a $221,666 (1%) increase from the $19,709,074 in the original budget and a 7% increase from the 2025 actual of $18,648,146. This compares to a 4.25% U.S. inflation rate in 2026 and a 2.7% inflation rate in 2025.

Operating revenue is projected at $20,787,775, a $330,426 (2%) decrease from the original budget. Operating revenue is a 10% increase from the $18,853,250 actual (not including Convention item sales) in 2025. Contributions revenue remains projected at $10,500,000, which is a slight decrease from the $10,578,707 actual in 2025. Also, $126,000 has been added to revenue in the reforecast for May to December Everything A.A. app subscription proceeds.

Gross literature revenue is now budgeted at $16,301,682, a decrease from the original budget of $2,370,661 (13%) because unit sales in 2026 have been less than expected. In 2025, gross literature revenue was $15,264,029. Gross margin is now budgeted at $9,439,175. Because printing, shipping and warehousing costs have moderated, the

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decrease in gross margin from the original budget is only 5% ($456,426). In 2025, gross margin was $7,752,395.

The operating surplus before depreciation is $857,035 compared to $1,409,128 in the original budget and an actual surplus of $205,104 in 2025. After $434,000 La Viña support (subject to approval of the La Viña budget by the AAGV Board), the reforecast surplus is $423,035 compared to $975,128 in the original budget and a deficit of $235,038 in 2025.

Included in the nonoperating expenses but not in the cash projection is a recommendation to the General Service Board to add $250,000 to the Reserve Fund. Any additional funds available at the end of 2026 will be recommended for addition to the Reserve Fund.

Factoring in other cash expenditures which are not part of the operating budget (such as capital expenditures, hotel deposits for events in future years and a deposit for the International Convention consultant contract), the net change in cash projected for 2026 is an outflow of $453,041. Since we began 2026 with $447,170 cash on hand, this leaves a projected cash deficit of $5,871 at the end of 2026 compared to cash on hand of $492,692 in the original budget.

The headcount (filled plus vacant positions) in the personnel expense budget is unchanged from the original budget and unchanged from 2025. However, personnel expense is budgeted to decline by $144,848 (1%) compared to the original budget due to delays in filling vacant positions.

Professional fees are $1,700,631, a $234,164 (16%) increase from the original budget due to unanticipated legal and outsourced accounting fees and the cost of transitioning and stabilizing the Everything A.A. app. The unanticipated outsourced accounting fees are due to a delay in filling a staff accountant position and are offset by $120,459 in personnel savings. Now that the position is filled, we have reduced the outsourced accounting assistance from 21 hours to seven hours per week. The cost of transitioning and stabilizing the Everything A.A. app is offset by $126,000 in May to December subscription proceeds.

Travel and meeting expenses are $2,498,357, a $110,176 (4%) increase from the original budget due to travel, meals and lodging costs for the first quarter GSB meeting that were greater than expected, the cost of inviting delegate chairs to the fourth quarter GSB meeting (which was not included in the original budget), and the possibility of more delegates attending the World Service Meeting (WSM) than expected. The number of WSM delegates is not yet final. The reforecast is based on 74 delegates.

The committee made a recommendation to the General Service Board.

<u>Reserve Fund investment report</u>: As of June 30, 2026, the Reserve Fund assets totaled $9.851M consisting of cash and certificates of deposits. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of $540K, the Reserve Fund balance was $9.311M.

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Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña (total $22.459M), the Reserve Fund balance is equal to 4.97 months of operating expenses. Note that the calculation is influenced equally by the size of the Reserve Fund balance and the level of GSO, Grapevine and La Viña expenses.

The GSB Reserve Fund report was accepted by the committee.

Reserve Fund investment options discussion: The chair opened the discussion by noting that interest earned on the Reserve Fund's certificate of deposit account registry (CDAR) investments remains low. The committee reviewed the current Reserve Fund Policy, which permits additional investment options that could enhance interest earnings. The committee discussed balancing the objective of improving returns with the responsibility to preserve the prudent reserve through a conservative investment approach, as well as the importance of clearly communicating any changes to the Fellowship. The committee made a recommendation to the General Service Board.

Grapevine 2026 financial report, including La Viña: The AA Grapevine treasurer reported on the unaudited year-end results for the period ending June 30, 2026, were presented.

Grapevine circulation and income continued to do well through June 2026. Although it is slightly lower than in previous months, total subscriptions are above budget by 994 with all components exceeding budget. Subscription income is over the budget by $55k including the Gift Certificate catch up from prior years.

Other published items income is below budget by $148k through June 2026. 2026 revenue was reduced by $35k in May book income recorded incorrectly earlier in the year. Book sales in 2025 were overstated due to an accounting error caused by inadequate reporting from a vendor. This is being adjusted “below the line”. When factoring in adjustments, book revenue in 2026 and 2025 are very close.

Total gross margin is $76k lower than the budget and operating expenses are below budget by $15k, and the GV bottom line is a $61k deficit compared to the budget.

In January 2026, both Grapevine and La Vina recognized a one-time gift subscription income catch-up. This was a calculation from the fulfillment vendor of all the months when gift subs had zero income. This was created when gift subscriptions were valued at $0 at the time of redemption. However, these were all CTM and Gift Certificates purchased for the cost of the subscription by a contributor. The one-time amount for GV was $21k.
Subscription income is $1,093k, which is $55k higher than the budget and $87k higher than last year. Direct cost for subscriptions is higher than budget by $8k, but $35k lower than last year. Postage is over budget since we are mailing more magazines than budgeted throughout the first six months of 2026. Gross margin on subscriptions is $661k, a $47k improvement over the budget and a $122k improvement over 2025.

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Overall, other published items revenue is $387k which is lower than the budget by $148k. The reforecast for July to December reduces the projected book sales. COGS are $24k below budget. Gross margin for other published Items is $233k, which is $123k below budget.

Total gross margin for Grapevine is $894k, which is $76k below the budget but is an improvement of $33k compared to the prior year. Grapevine operating expenses are $1,028k, which is lower than the budget by $15k and $14k lower than last year. However, last year, the fulfillment vendor issued a $46k credit to GV. Factoring in this credit, GV expenses reduced $60k year over year, which is about 5%.

The operating loss through June is $133k, which is $61k below the budget but a $46k improvement compared to last year. The net deficit (after depreciation and interest income) for Grapevine is $201k, which is a $61k deficit compared to the budget but a $40k improvement compared to last year.

La Viña:

La Viña subscriptions are 728 below budget and 1,441 lower than last year. A one-time revenue adjustment of $2k for unrealized income for Gift Certificates and CTM previously redeemed for $0. Because of this, LV subscription income is $69k, which is $2k below budget. However, other published items is $113k, which is $11k over budget. La Viña operating expenses are $310k, which is $2k below the budget and $9k lower than last year. The operating shortfall before depreciation is $207k and $219k after depreciation. Overall, La Vina's bottom line is a $11k improvement over the budget and a $31k improvement compared to last year.

Subscription numbers for La Viña remain below budget through June, and subscription income is $2k below that budget and $1k higher than last year. COGS is equal to the budget and $3k lower than last year. Gross margin on subscriptions is $23k, which is $2k lower than the budget but $3k higher than last year. Although LV is overall below budget and last year, LV does have improvement in online, complete subscriptions compared to budget and last year. Additionally, revenue per copy increased substantially year over year for the print magazine and the LV app. Along with the one-time Gift Certificate La Viña e catch-up, this is helping the total subscription income for LV stay close to budget. La Viña other published items revenue is $113k which is $11k above budget and $25k higher than last year.

There continues to be strong demand for LV books. COGS is $3k over budget and gross margin is an $8k improvement compared to the budget and $19k higher than last year. Total gross margin is $103k, which is $6k higher than the budget and $22k above last year. La Viña operating expenses are $310k, which is $2k lower than the budget and $9k

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lower than last year. The operating shortfall is $177k which is $1k higher than the budget, and $24k improvement compared to last year.

Overall, La Viña 's bottom line after depreciation is a deficit of $219k which is a $11k improvement compared to budget and $31k improvement compared to last year.

Statement of financial position: Cash is $112k, which is higher than last year while accounts payable is $242k lower than last year. Due to timing of payments, AAGV has had large payments to AAWS in 2026. Along with reduced cash from book sales, cash is currently low. With the transition to Darwin, the management of these accounts will be assumed by the customer relations manager and the controller.

Rolling cash flow forecast: AR is being monitored carefully and the cash projection for the rest of the year is lower. We will have to carefully evaluate revenue and expenses for the remainder of the year. It is necessary to request a reduction of the Subscription Liability Fund to support AAGV for the remainder of 2026.

The Grapevine and La Viña financial reports were accepted by the committee.

Grapevine and La Viña 2026 budget reforecast: The AA Grapevine treasurer reported on the 2026 budget reforecast.

Subscription revenue and expenses: Grapevine ended 2025 with an average circulation of 58,574 for all products. The 2026 budget projected total circulation to average 59,936 for the year. As expected, print magazine subscriptions have decreased while the app, online and complete increased through May 2026. Subscription counts for complete, online and the app have been above the 2026 budget. Therefore, these all have increased subscription counts in the reforecast while the print magazine is slightly lower. The reforecast circulation average is projected to be 60,957 which is 1,021 higher than the 2026 budget.

The 2026 budget had total subscription income as $2,095k. This is increased to $2,176k for the reforecast. Additionally, with reduced printing costs, overall costs to produce Grapevine subscription items have been reduced in 2026. Total direct costs were $889k in 2025. The 2026 budget projected direct costs to be $839k and is being increased slightly to $862k in the reforecast. This is to factor in higher storage and mailing costs.
Gross margin on subscriptions is projected to $1,314k, which is $58k higher than the budget and $139k higher than last year.

NOTE: During April-May 2026, AAGV transitioned to a new fulfillment vendor. In May 2026, this created one-time adjustments to deferred income estimates and book income for 2026 and 2025.

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The 2026 budget approved in January 2026, utilized GV 2025 book revenue of $992k which was overstated by $165k. Therefore actual 2025 GV book revenue was $827k. For the reforecast, 2026 book revenue is reduced from a budgeted amount of $1,047k to $841k. This is a reduction of $170k for 2026 book revenue compared to 2026 budget, but $14k higher than 2025 book revenue.

Through May 2026 compared to May 2025 WITHOUT book income is as follows:

- January-May 2025: $318,800
- January-May 2026 $312,415

AAGV will announce a price increase effective January 1st in September. We find this will drive sales up above the usual holiday increases. Additionally, the Book of the Month program starts in August and between that and end of year sales. Specialty item sales are also expected to increase later this year, and new holiday greeting cards will be introduced. The committee made two recommendations to the General Service Board.

AA Grapevine request for reduction of Subscription Liability Fund: The Grapevine treasurer reported that the projected cash shortfall is expected to result in an operating deficit of approximately $170,000. The committee has discussed options to address the shortfall, including reducing the subscription liability fund in the Reserve Fund. Following discussion, the committee made a recommendation to the General Service Board

Self-Support Subcommittee update: Julie C. has been appointed as the chair of the Self-Support Subcommittee. The other members include Susan V., Teddy B.-W. and Tim M. The TFC chair, GSB chair and general manager are ex-officio members.

It was reported that the GSB Self-Support Subcommittee will meet on September 15, 2026.

Audit Committee verbal update: The committee has not met and plans to meet in the near future to review the Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan audits.

Retirement Committee report: The committee has not met since Conference and is working on aligning the committee composition with the CSP before scheduling a meeting.

Review of GSB 990: The CFO provided a brief overview of the 990. The committee made a recommendation to the General Service Board.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 12:48 p.m.

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Trustees General Service Conference Committee

August 2, 2026

The trustees' General Service Conference Committee met at The Westin New York at Times Square on August 2, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to chair a trustees' committee and for the contributions of the committee towards effective planning and scheduling of the 77th General Service Conference. The chair noted that the 76th General Service Conference was organized with good flow and expressed a goal of not disrupting the recent success unless a proposed change carries a defined benefit or need. The efforts of the Conference coordinator and previous committee were recognized and appreciated.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Selection of vice chairperson: The chair appointed Clint M. as vice-chair of the committee.

Approval of February 1, 2026, meeting report: The committee approved the February 1, 2026, meeting report as presented.

Review Composition, Scope and Procedure: The committee reviewed and approved its Composition, Scope and Procedure as presented.

Review 2026 reforecast budget: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference budget reforecast and agreed to forward to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Staff report: The Staff report was accepted as presented.

Verbal highlights included updated information on proposed agenda items (PAIs) submitted for consideration to the 77th General Service Conference, forecast on updates to the PAI Status Grid, and upcoming communication to Conference members and Conference committee chairs regarding the print version of the *Final Report* and travel to the Q4 General Service Board meeting in October.

Update on subcommittee rosters: The committee reviewed the new rosters for the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements.

Julie C. will be chairing the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements with a primary focus on identifying actionable items for recommendation based upon common themes expressed through evaluation feedback. The subcommittee will be operating within its traditional scope.

Jennifer B. will be chairing the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Subcommittee. It was noted that following an Advisory Action of the 76th General Service Conference,

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the EDW process will be discontinued following the 78th General Service Conference. The subcommittee will be developing the EDW redistribution plan for the 77th General Service Conference according to its traditional scope, and may also explore options for possible a replacement procedure.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the Advanced Preparation and Interim Meeting Scheduling procedure and noted value in early scheduling and recurring meetings.

Review 76th GSC evaluations: The committee conducted an initial review of the Conference evaluation feedback and agreed to assign the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements any further review and recommendations, as needed.

Further review will focus on common themes and notable topics. Committee members were encouraged to continue reviewing the evaluation feedback individually, make notes and share input with the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements to support its review and recommendations.

Review grid of committee related actions and considerations: The committee previewed a grid of Conference actions and expressions relevant to its scope.

Final Report timeline and print plan: The committee reviewed the development timeline for the *Final Report* from the 76th General Service Conference, which provides for a digital release at the end of August and printed copies approximately six weeks later.

The committee received verbal updates on the $5.00 USD list price set by the AAWS Board on Thursday, July 30, 2026, and on GSO's plan for purchases to be made through the online store at aa.org. Print quantities shared were based on information reviewed by the AAWS Publishing Committee. The committee noted that the digital version will be in a print-ready format.

Exploration of cost-saving scenarios and hybrid formats: The committee reviewed an additional committee consideration from the 2026 Conference Committee on Finance related to cost savings and possible changes to the Conference schedule and format. The committee discussed the models presented and expressed support for continued exploration.

A verbal update was presented detailing the creation of a GSO task force which will be researching, refining and proposing additional alternatives to the current Conference schedule and format. The committee requested that general financial impacts be included in future modeling to show whether a change was cost neutral, an increase or a decrease.

The committee discussed the contracting process for future Conference venues and recognized the need to act within the appropriate timeline. It was noted that the 2030 contracting has been soft paused, and the decision to book the 2030 hotel needs to be forwarded to the General Service Board no later than January 2027.

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The committee looks forward to further developments in reimagining the Conference week and will resume discussion at the Q4 meeting.

Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Items:

Advisory Action discontinuing the EDW process following 78th GSC: The committee discussed the Advisory Action to discontinue the EDW process following the 78th General Service Conference and noted that workload continues to be a recognized challenge.

The committee discussed the additional committee considerations relevant to the successes, deficiencies and opportunities created through the EDW process. The committee recognized that past considerations may still have value. Relevant additional committee considerations from the 75th and 76th General Service Conferences will be forwarded to the EDW Subcommittee for further attention.

Service Kits and Workbooks: The committee discussed the additional committee consideration which noted that service kits and workbook reviews are a matter of practice rather than of policy. The committee noted that memos have already been communicated to Staff assignments. The EDW subcommittee will determine whether additional guidance and recommendation is beneficial.

Subcommittee on Conference Improvements (SCI) Items:

Reserve Fund workshop: The committee discussed an additional committee consideration to consider holding a workshop on the Reserve Fund at the 77th General Service Conference.

The committee was informed of a similar interest arising from the Self-Support Subcommittee and considered that the Reserve Fund could be folded into a larger session on self-support. The topic was forwarded to the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements for further consideration.

A.A. discussion meetings: The committee discussed an additional committee consideration to hold small group A.A. discussion meetings during the Conference week, in addition to the scheduling of the Serentiy Group as a daily morning meeting and the impromptu daily evening A.A. meeting. The committee asked the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements to review the request for possible recommendation.

"How the Conference Operates" revisions: The committee discussed an additional committee consideration requesting earlier update and additional consultation for future revisions to "How the Conference Operates." The committee anticipates that new changes will not be needed for the 77th General Service Conference.

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2026 Conference Committee on Agenda committee considerations: The Committee reviewed several additional committee considerations related to the Conference evaluation summary and reporting on Conference improvements. The committee tasked the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements with an additional review and possible implementation within the development of planning for the 77th General Service Conference.

New business: The topic of vendor contracting for electronic voting was introduced during the Staff report. The committee recognized time sensitivity for vendor contracting and requested that the Subcommittee on Conference Improvements discuss and present a recommendation for a voting platform to be utilized at the 77th General Service Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Trustees' International Committee
August 1, 2026

The trustees' International Committee (TIC) met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair welcomed all in attendance.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Appointment of vice-chairperson: The chair appointed Jennifer B. as vice-chair of the committee.

Meeting report: The committee approved the January 31, 2026, meeting report.

Composition, Scope and Procedure: The Committee reviewed a proposed update to the Composition, Scope and Procedure and requested that the Staff secretary provide a draft with tracked changes and rationale at the Q4 2026 meeting.

Staff report: The Staff report was accepted.

2026 budget reforecast: The committee accepted a 2026 trustees' International Committee budget reforecast and agreed to forward to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

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29th World Service Meeting (WSM) budget reforecast: The committee discussed and accepted the 29th WSM 2026 budget reforecast report.

International Literature Fund Report: The committee reviewed the Q3 2026 International Literature Fund Report.

AAWS Licensing and Translations Activity Report: The committee reviewed the AAWS Licensing and Translation Activity Report and noted the value of being informed of requests to translate the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* into languages other than English, French and Spanish. The committee further noted that additional reporting on the availability of translated A.A. literature, including the country purview, would enhance the report's usefulness in supporting alcoholics who speak those languages.

AAGV Licensing Report: The committee received a verbal report on AA Grapevine licenses as part of the AAWS Semiannual Licensing and Translation Report. A broad discussion followed regarding best practices for international licensing and translation requests. The committee noted that decisions related to international retranslations are the responsibility of the group conscience of the respective country structure entity and are carried out at no additional cost to AAWS.

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The committee also discussed the usefulness of “professional-only” translations of A.A. literature when no sober members speak the language. AAWS has many examples showing that once a local structure develops around professionally translated literature, it often chooses — through its group conscience — to retranslate *Alcoholics Anonymous* and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, offering direct input on the culture, voice, tone and wording before professional review.

Scheduled international events: The committee reviewed the following approved international travel for 2026 and 2027:

In person:

Date	Event	Attendees
July 31 to August 2, 2026	15th EURYPAA, Riga, Latvia	International Coordinator, Patrick C.
August 6-8, 2026	Peru – 8th National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous of Peru	CAN/TAL, Robert. L.
November 13-15, 2026	Uganda - 9th East Africa Convention	CAN/TAL, Robert. L.; International Coordinator, Patrick C.
November 27-29, 2026	East and Central Africa Service Meeting	Bob W. General Manager

Online:

Four virtual East and Central Africa and Great Britain GSO Virtual Workshops:

- Electronic Communication Service Workshop – May 6, 2026 (Attended)
- Young Peoples Workshop – July 8, 2026
- Finance Workshop – September 9, 2026
- Governance Workshop – September 30, 2026

August 29, 2026: Virtual French Forum Exchange (Online) - no cost (TAL/Canada and International Coordinator)

International Trips: The committee received a report on the following international trips:

Date	Event	Attendees
July 17–19, 2026	25th National A.A. Convention, Tulcán-Carchi, Ecuador	U.S./ TAL, Jennifer B.; GSB chair, Scott H.

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Brainstorm session from 2025–2026 TIC: The committee reviewed a report summarizing key insights and experiences shared by committee members regarding their service on the TIC Committee from July 2025 through January 2026. The committee also discussed the potential need for a subcommittee to address additional topics of interest but took no action, agreeing that sufficient time is provided during their committee time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee
Saturday August 1, 2026

The trustees' International Conventions/Regional Forums (IC/RF) Committee met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence and warmly welcomed all committee members and guests.

Appointment of vice-chair: The chair appointed Susan V. as vice-chair of the committee.

Meeting report: The committee approved the meeting report from February 1, 2026, as presented.

Composition, Scope and Procedure: The trustees' IC/RF Committee reviewed and approved its Composition, Scope and Procedure as presented.

2026 IC/RF Advisory Actions and committee considerations: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on IC/RF committee considerations.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the interim meeting cadence memo from the GSB chair.

Part II: Regional Forums

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented.

Reforecast budget 1.0: The committee discussed the 2026 reforecast budget 1.0 as presented and agreed to forward it to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Review of the 2026 and 2027 Board/Staff Preliminary Schedule: The committee reviewed and accepted the 2026 and 2027 Regional Forums Board/Staff Preliminary Schedule as presented.

Review information on an online forum concept with shorter duration: The committee reviewed and discussed the information on an online forum concept with shorter duration. The committee discussed the merits of holding an online forum noting that those A.A. members within the U.S./Canada service structure who belong to online only groups, remote communities or have barriers to access an in-person Regional Forum event would benefit from this service. The committee requested that the Staff secretary bring back a report with additional information including a suggested timeline and associated costs to the Q4 2026 meeting.

Update on pilot to have an opt-in feature for Regional Forum registrants: The committee received an update from the Regional Forums coordinator on the implementation of the

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option for Regional Forum registrants to receive additional communications from the General Service Office (GSO) and AAWS. The committee looks forward to receiving updates from the Staff secretary at their future meetings.

Discuss request to introduce topics on eligibility for area-level service at Regional Forums: The committee discussed a committee consideration submitted by the Conference Committee on Archives at the 76th General Service Conference related to encouraging discussion topics on eligibility for area-level service be introduced at Regional Forums and took no action. The committee agreed that the local policies and procedures developed by areas and districts are in accordance with their group conscience.

Discuss interpretation at the Pacific Region Forum: The committee discussed a request from the local volunteer committee regarding the use of interpretation equipment and made a recommendation to the General Service Board. The committee noted that the AI interpretation tool currently used at Regional Forum events offers cost savings and flexibility, but is still developing its ability to reflect the way A.A. members share about General Service and recovery. The committee also noted that technical barriers to accessing the interpretation platform limit participation and engagement for some A.A. communities.

The committee recognized that Regional Forums are service events hosted by the General Service Board and funded by contributions from A.A. members and groups across the U.S. and Canada. While acknowledging that some volunteer committees can cover the cost of live interpretation services, the committee raised concern that a broader implementation could discourage local areas and districts from participating in the request for information (RFI) process and volunteer committees. The committee asked the Staff secretary to request shared experience from regional trustees on meeting interpretation needs at local events and to bring the information back to the Q4 2026 meeting.

Part III: International Conventions

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented.

Continuing to discuss the development of a new declaration or statement to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention: The committee looks forward to a progress report on the development of a new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention at the Q4 2026 meeting.

Reconstitute the subcommittee to consider that all sovereign states' flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at International Conventions: The committee reviewed a report from the subcommittee to consider inclusion of sovereign states flags at the Flag Ceremony at International Conventions.

The chair reconstituted the subcommittee to consider inclusion of sovereign states flags at the Flag Ceremony and changes to the Flag Ceremony format at International Conventions. The chair appointed Veronica R. chair, with support from Nikki O. and Dawn

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K. The committee looks forward to a progress report being brought back to the Q4 2026 meeting.

2030 International Convention (IC) Theme Submissions: The committee reviewed a list of 2030 International Convention theme submissions received through July 24th. There are 246 submissions and the deadline to submit themes is October 9, 2026. A reminder will be posted on What's New on aa.org and News on the Meeting Guide App.

A final IC theme list will be presented at the Q4 2026 meeting and the theme will be chosen by the trustees' IC/RF committee at the Q1 2027 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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Trustee's Literature Committee
August 1, 2026

The trustees' Literature Committee met at The Westin New York at Time Square on Saturday August 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Chairperson's remarks: The chair greeted all committee members and guests.

The committee discussed the following agenda items:

Appointment of committee vice-chair: The chair reported the appointment of Susan V. as vice-chair for the trustees' Literature Committee.

July 1, 2026, interim meeting report: The committee approved the meeting report of the July 1, 2026, interim meeting as revised.

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report.

The committee discussed a question raised by the Staff secretary about whether an editorial change should be made to one of the stories in the fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous.* The committee expressed no reservations about the change and agreed that it would be under the purview of the Publishing Department.

The committee discussed the French translation of the fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. A suggestion was made to consider inviting input from the AAWS Language Harmonization Working Group. The committee also agreed that soliciting input from the Fellowship would be helpful.

The committee discussed the working draft of the document "FAQs on the fifth edition Big Book" shared by the Staff secretary. The committee agreed that the document could be useful for some area delegates. It was suggested that prior to circulating it more widely, regional trustees should be provided with the opportunity to review and suggest any changes.

The committee agreed that the document be made available in a timely manner to provide trusted servants with a tool that could help them respond to questions from the Fellowship.

Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish-language Big Book) Working Group: The committee accepted the progress report of the Fourth Edition Spanish Big Book Working Group.

Asian and Asian American Alcoholic in A.A. Working Group: The committee accepted the progress report of the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic Working Group. The committee discussed the request to add an area delegate to the working group and agreed to discuss the matter more thoroughly in a future meeting.

Transgender Alcoholic in A.A. Working Group: The committee accepted the progress report of the Transgender in A.A. Working Group.

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Report on trustees' Literature Committee oversight of changes to *The A.A. Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service* (verbal update): The committee accepted a verbal report from the ad-hoc committee charged with reviewing changes to *The A.A. Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service* and noted that this work had been completed.

Discuss revising the standard language used in calls for stories to explicitly note that stories generated using AI will not be considered: The committee discussed updating the standard language for calls for stories with language related to artificial intelligence (large language learning models). The committee requested that Publishing Department explore the topic, draft recommendations and report back to the committee.

Appointed committee members (ACMs) renewals: The committee heard a verbal report confirming that the trustees' Nominating Committee had approved the reappointment of ACMs Cesar F., Brian P. and Manisha G.

Trustees' Literature Committee 2026 budget reforecast: The committee approved the 2026 budget reforecast and agreed to forward it to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Request for revisions to the pamphlet "The A.A. Group — Where it All Begins" (Item P-16): The committee discussed a request to revise "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and agreed to forward this suggestion to the 77th General Service Conference.

Revisions to *Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones* (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions — Spanish*): The committee agreed to forward to the Working Group for the Spanish 4th Edition Big Book the suggested revisions to *Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones* (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* — Spanish) proposed by the Language Services Department to reflect a 2026 Advisory Action to remove the "Eskimo" word. The committee asked the working group share their feedback on the revision with the GSO Language Services Department.

Trustees' Literature Committee work processes and workload: Committee members acknowledged the many projects and numerous subcommittees and working groups of the trustees' Literature Committee and noted that the large workload might make it very difficult for board servants, Staff and GSO employees to keep up with all the work. It was noted that when an Advisory Action to create or update literature is approved by Conference, it does not include a mandate for when the work would be completed. This suggests that trustees' committees may report back to the appropriate Conference committee that work on particular items would not begin until other work had been completed.

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The committee heard from the Publishing Director about the limited staffing in the office, as well as the “waterfall” effect: when a key piece of literature is changed it can result in numerous changes to other publications.

The discussion touched on whether a queue system for revisions could be implemented and communicated to Conference. It was also suggested that the available capacity of the office to tackle new projects could be better communicated to Conference. The committee agreed to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

What’s on your mind?: Questions were raised about the usefulness and comprehensiveness of the literature matrix and whether it aligns with the 2016 Advisory Action requesting oversight and reporting from the trustees’ Literature Committee. The committee agreed to continue discussion at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Trustees' Nominating Committee
Saturday, August 1, 2026

The trustees' Nominating Committee (TNC) met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Chair's remarks: The chair welcomed all in attendance and provided an overview of the work ahead.

Appointment of vice-chair: The chair appointed Ken T. as vice-chair of the committee.

Meeting reports: The committee approved the January 31, 2026, meeting report as presented.

Composition, Scope and Procedure: The committee reviewed and approved the Composition, Scope and Procedure as presented.

Staff report: The committee accepted the Staff report as presented.

Review rotation schedule of trusted servants on the GSB, AAWS and AAGV Corporate Boards: The committee reviewed the rotation schedule of trusted servants on the GSB, AAWS and AAGV Corporate Boards, noting the process for choosing the GSB chair rotating in 2028 needs to begin in 2026 to ensure a candidate is chosen by the Q4 2027 TNC meeting.

Review calendar of events through the 77th General Service Conference: The committee reviewed the calendar of events through the 77th General Service Conference. The Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee timeline was reviewed. The committee selected interim board meeting dates to facilitate and complete the interview process. Regional trustee interviews to discuss corporate board preferences were postponed until the Q4 2026 TNC meeting.

Status of appointed committee members (ACMs): The committee reviewed the status of ACMs serving on trustees' committees of the General Service Board for the year 2026–2027.

Review 2026 reforecast budget 1.0: The committee reviewed the 2026 reforecast budget 1.0 and agreed to forward to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee. The cost savings from the in-person interviews in January 2026 was noted.

Review resume submission links: The committee reviewed the resume submission links. The committee requested that the Staff secretary make sure that all requested documents are correctly noted as mandatory or optional based on the requirements for each board position.

Discuss reconstituting subcommittees: The chair reconstituted the following three subcommittees:

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- The chair appointed Kerry M. to chair the Nominating Procedures Subcommittee with support from Sherry S. and Teresa J.
- The chair appointed John W. to chair the Trustee Emeriti Subcommittee with support from Molly O. and Teresa J.
- The chair appointed Ken T. to chair the Preparing for Future Vacancies Subcommittee with support from Jennifer B. and Charlie H.

The committee looks forward to receiving progress reports from the subcommittees at the Q4 2026 TNC meeting.

Review 2026 Conference Committee on Trustees grid of Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations: The committee reviewed the 2026 Conference Committee on Trustees grid of Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations and received a verbal update from the chair. Memos were forwarded to the trustees' Literature Committee for the EDW items.

The General Service Board formed an ad hoc committee to address the 76th General Service Conference Advisory Action to "review and document the processes by which motions to censure or reorganize may be received, considered and forwarded, and to develop proposals for workflow processes that would support the unity of the Fellowship." The committee looks forward to a progress report at the Q4 2026 TNC meeting.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the interim meeting cadence memo from the GSB chair.

Review service resume template: The committee reviewed the service resume template to be shared with area delegates. The committee provided the following suggestions:

- Addition of other nonprofit board work
- Addition of community service involvement
- Standardization of the template to accommodate various service positions including those at the area level and below, and nontrustee directors and GSB vacancies

The committee looks forward to receiving an updated template at the Q4 2026 TNC meeting.

New business:

Composition of working groups: The committee discussed a memo sent from the Staff secretary on Literature asking for direction on the composition of working groups. The chair reported that he and the TNC Staff secretary will provide background for the Q4 2026 TNC meeting. The Nominating Procedures Subcommittee will be notified on any subsequent policy changes.

The committee moved to Executive Session at 9:36 a.m.
The committee adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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Trustees' Public Information Committee

August 2, 2026

The trustees' Committee on Public Information (TPIC) met at The Westin New York at Times Square on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.

Chair's remarks: The chair welcomed all committee members and guests.

Appointment of vice-chair: The chair appointed Candice C. as vice-chair of the committee.

Approval of TPIC reports from January 14, 2026, interim meeting and January 31, 2026, meeting: The committee approved the January 31, 2026, meeting report and the January 14, 2026, interim meeting report as presented.

Composition, Scope and Procedure: The committee reviewed and approved their Composition, Scope and Procedure as presented.

2026 General Service Conference Actions**:** The committee reviewed a report reflecting 76th General Service Conference Advisory Actions and committee considerations pertinent to this committee.

Staff report: The committee heard highlights from the Staff report including some sharing from a local PI Committee utilizing the Young People Service Cards and YouTube shorts for a high school workshop. The committee accepted the Staff report as presented.

Public Information media platforms: The committee accepted all Q1 and Q2 media platform reports. The Staff secretary provided information on an updated analytics procedure with reports in the future to be forwarded from AAWS twice a year — Q1 and Q3. This cadence will allow for more effective and meaningful data for discussion.

There was robust discussion about the scope of the trustees' Public Information Committee and a possible need to refocus and reimagine efforts related to communication platforms. The committee agreed that a subcommittee would be required for further discussion. The chair appointed Matt K. as the chair of the Public Information Scope Subcommittee with support from Tom I., Dawn K. and Robert L. The committee looks forward to a report at the Q4 2026 meeting.

> GSO Podcast, *Our Primary Purpose*: The committee reviewed and accepted the GSO Podcast, *Our Primary Purpose,* Q1 and Q2 2026 reports and looks forward to a progress report of season three of the podcast at the Q4 2026 meeting.
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> Review quarterly report on AAWS YouTube Channel: The committee reviewed the AAWS YouTube Q1 and Q2 2026 reports and looks forward to a progress report on the AAWS YouTube Channel at the Q4 2026 meeting.

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Review quarterly report on Google Ads: The committee reviewed the Google Ads Q1 and Q2 2026 reports.

Review quarterly report on AAWS Meeting Guide app: The committee reviewed the AAWS Meeting Guide app Q1 and Q2 2026 reports and looks forward to a progress report at the Q4 2026 meeting.

Review quarterly reports on aa.org, GSO's A.A. website: The committee reviewed the aa.org Q1 and Q2 2026 reports and looks forward to a progress report on aa.org at the Q4 2026 meeting.

Review quarterly report on oversight of the AAWS Online Business Profiles: The committee reviewed the AAWS Online Business Profiles Q1 and Q2 2026 report.

Review information regarding the AA Grapevine/La Viña website, podcast and Instagram accounts: The committee received a verbal update from the AA Grapevine publisher on the AA Grapevine/La Viña website, podcast and Instagram accounts including information on a new podcast, a weekly online open A.A. meeting.

Public service announcements (PSAs): The committee reviewed the effectiveness and relevance of the PSAs "Wall" and "Party." The committee agreed that the video PSA "Wall" remains relevant and useful for the time being. The committee reviewed the PSA "Party" and suggested it be discontinued. The committee agreed to forward to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information for discussion of the effectiveness and relevance of the PSA "Party."

The committee discussed the committee consideration from the 2026 Conference Committee on Public Information affirming the suggestion to convene panels of Hispanophone and Francophone past delegates to review PSAs. The committee requested that the Staff secretary conduct initial outreach to members and bring a progress report to the Q4 2026 meeting.

Discuss 2026 Pilot Membership Survey: The committee discussed the following Advisory Action of the 76th General Service Conference:

"The committee recommended conducting a pilot 2026 Membership Survey, with a budgeted cost not to exceed $10,000, to explore how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office in a future full membership survey. The committee requested a progress report or pilot survey results be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Public Information."

The committee agreed that a subcommittee would be required to fulfill the work of this Advisory Action.

The chair appointed Candice C. as chair, with support from Matt K, Robert L. and Grace

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F. to serve on a Pilot Membership Survey Subcommittee. The scope of the subcommittee is to meet with professional methodologist Dr. Alexandra Cooper to finalize a plan for the pilot survey and establish a timeline for data collection and analysis. The committee looks forward to a report at the Q4 2026 meeting.

2026 TPIC budget reforecast: The committee reviewed and approved the 2026 trustees' Public Information Committee reforecast budget and agreed to forward to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee.

Discuss interim meeting cadence: The committee reviewed the interim meeting cadence memo from the GSB chair.

New business: The committee requested that a review of the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates" be added to the agenda for the Q4 2026 meeting. Committee member Matt K. volunteered to collaborate with the Staff secretary to create a draft policy to present at the Q4 2026 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

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