

January 2010

## **2010 General Service Conference Committees**

### **Preliminary Agenda Items**

Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 60th Conference committees. Please keep in mind that this is a preliminary list and that work is still in progress and will be subject to review and/or change by the trustees' committees at the January board weekend. During the January meetings of the trustees' committees, additional items received by the January 15th deadline may be assigned to appropriate Conference committees.

#### **I. Agenda**

- Review suggestions for the theme of the 2011 General Service Conference.
- Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

#### **II. Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections regarding revision of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- Review sharing gathered from the Fellowship on issues that may be involved in A.A. members complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents.
- Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

#### **III. Corrections**

- Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

#### **IV. Finance**

- Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:
  1. If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit?
  2. If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?
- Discuss additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support.
- Discuss request to include Grapevine material in the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."

## **V. Grapevine**

- Review Grapevine Workbook.
- Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2011 or later.

## **VI. Literature**

- Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member–Medications and Other Drugs.”
- Review the revised draft pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Consider request to change a sentence regarding 'closed' meetings in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- Consider a request to update the pamphlet “A.A. and the Armed Services” with new stories reflecting more recent experience.

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- Approve invitations for two observers from the General Service Board of Venezuela, S.A.
- Review dates for the 2013 General Service Conference.

## **VIII. Public Information**

- Consider 2009 annual web site report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
- Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  1. Consider approving the proposed 2010 television P.S.A. - “My World” - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
  2. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
  3. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
- Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- Consider request to (a) publish and distribute *The A.A. Service Manual* every other year and in years not produced, distribute a supplement of changes, and (b) publish the A.A. directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) in alternate years when the Service Manual is not published.
- Review revisions and editorial updates for *The A.A. Service Manual* regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
- Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

## **X. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs-Accessibilities**

- Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook.

## **XI. Trustees**

- Review résumés of candidates for:
  1. Pacific Regional trustee
  2. Eastern Canada Regional trustee
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- Discuss a request to clarify the language in *The A.A. Service Manual* regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.

## **XII. Archives**

- Review Archives Workbook.
- Review report from the trustees' Archives Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g. PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.'s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.

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

- Review report from the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums on the site selection process for International Conventions.
- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first time attendees.