

Area 49 Panel 73 Delegates Questionnaire for the 73 General Service Conference

Due By April 15, 2023

Agenda

Review suggestions for themes for the 2024 General Service Conference. *A theme is chosen at each general service conference which will be used the following year. The General Service Conference theme for 2023: "A.A.'s Three Legacies - Our Common Solution."*

Q. Did you know that any A.A. member can submit a suggested theme for the next conference year? Yes or No – Comments?

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Q. Should the pamphlet be retired? Please read the pamphlet and give your groups opinion.

Corrections

Discuss service piece, "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" (SMF-209) and its revisions.

Q. Have your group members read the service piece (SMF-209) from 2017? 2021? After it was revised in April 2022? What does your group think about this service piece?

Finance

Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.

Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.

Q. Should these amounts stay the same? Be raised? Lowered? Unlimited? Explain

Discuss the new proposed agenda items (PAI's) regarding the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. *In many of Bill's writings and in his 1960 address to the Conference he states: "So I cite that on good evidence, with the need clearly in sight, we are indeed ready to make all kinds of changes. Not that any great changes are in prospect, but I think we ought to stay open-minded on this matter of change. We reference the past and its lessons for so long as those teachings work. When they don't, we readapt and we reshift. That has been our history." ("Our Great Responsibility" Section III – Transformation, page 104, A.A. in an Era of Change)*

Q. What are your group's thoughts on setting a policy on how and whether to edit AA founder's words in our **current** literature.

Grapevine/La Vina

Consider a request to provide all area alternate delegates the same conference materials as sitting delegates. *Currently, only the delegates are provided with access to the Conference Dashboard where the background material is stored.*

Q. Does your group think the alternate delegate should have access to the dashboard? Yes or No. Please explain.

Literature

Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (4th Edition) into plain and simple language. *The first five drafted chapters will be available for conference members to read during the General Service Conference.*

Q. After reading the raw draft passages from Chapter 5 how does your group feel about the plain language?

Q. Does your group feel plain language will allow more people to understand our program and get sober? Yes or No. Please Explain.

Policy & Admissions

Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

Q. What suggestions can your group offer on incorporating online groups into our service structure?

Report and Charter

Consider posting an anonymity-protected Conference Final Report on aa.org. *The final conference report is a confidential document meant to be viewed only by A.A. members.*

Q. Should an anonymity protected version be placed on the AAWS website? Yes/No Why

Treatment and Accessibilities

Consider a request to do an Accessibilities Inventory of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout its services and structure.

Q. Would a full inventory be helpful to assess the effectiveness of accessibility in A.A.? Yes or No. Explain.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

Q. Should our basket money be used for non-A.A. members? Yes or No. Explain why.
