



72nd General Service Conference

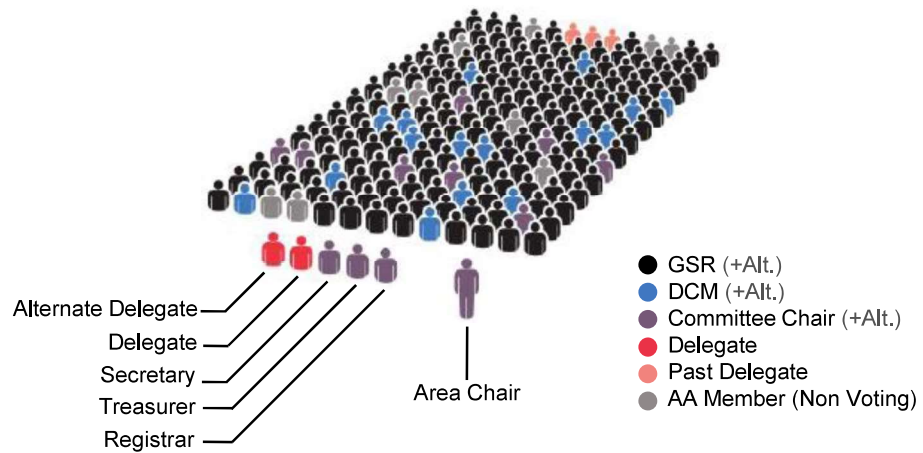
“A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service”

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NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The (Typical) Area Assembly



Southwest Region

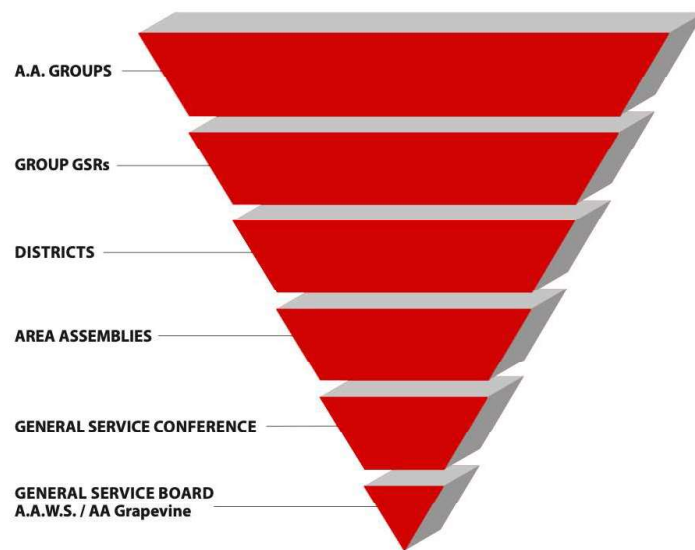


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1. Arkansas
2. Colorado
3. Kansas
4. Oklahoma
5. New Mexico
6. Missouri
7. Texas

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Areas

Structure of the Conference (U.S. and Canada)



**PLEASE TAKE NOTES FOR
THE QUESTION AND ANSWER
SESSION AT THE END OF THIS
PRESENTATION**

**“If we were 10
times bolder, we
would...”**

“but we’re not done...”

Financial Information

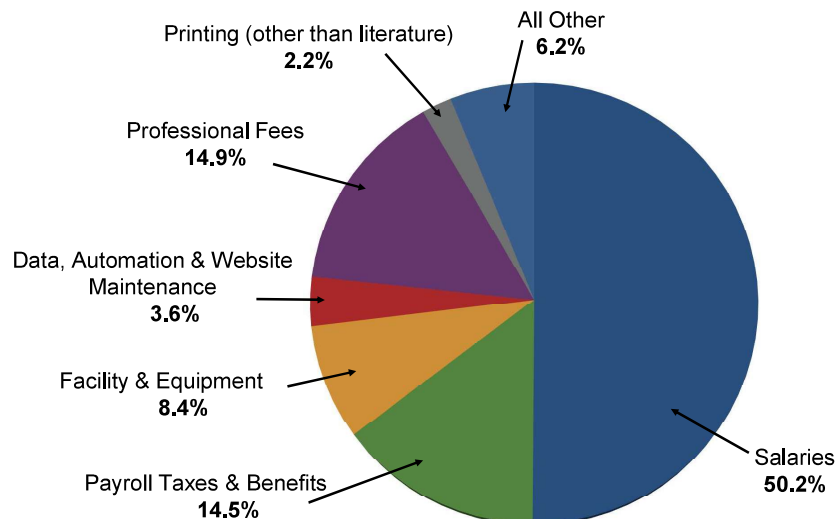


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CONSOLIDATED OPERATING EXPENSES - 2021 - \$17.52M FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXPENSE CATEGORIES CORRECTED PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN



Key Takeaways from the 72nd GSC Financial Report

Reserve Fund

In 2020, the Reserve Fund was drawn down by \$4 million dollars. The initial draw was due to the immediate cancellation of the international convention. Much of the convention loss was ultimately covered by insurance. However, by that time, literature sales dropped precipitously as outlined above. Contributions have offset part of this loss but net from 2019 we are still taking in less revenue.

Trustees Finance and the GSB are taking a cautious approach to the reserve fund:

- A small transfer of \$250,000 was made in 2021
- A transfer in January 2022 was not made despite the 2021 surplus in light of the budgeted loss for GSO in 2022 (transition year)
- Strong desire not to put more in the reserve than we can truly afford resulting in ill-timed budget changes or the need to withdraw from the fund in the near term

Based on the 2021 balance and the 2022 budgeted expenses the reserve fund 7.84 months of expenses are in reserve. **The generally understood target range is 9 to 12 months.** Trustees Finance discusses all of these issues at every meeting

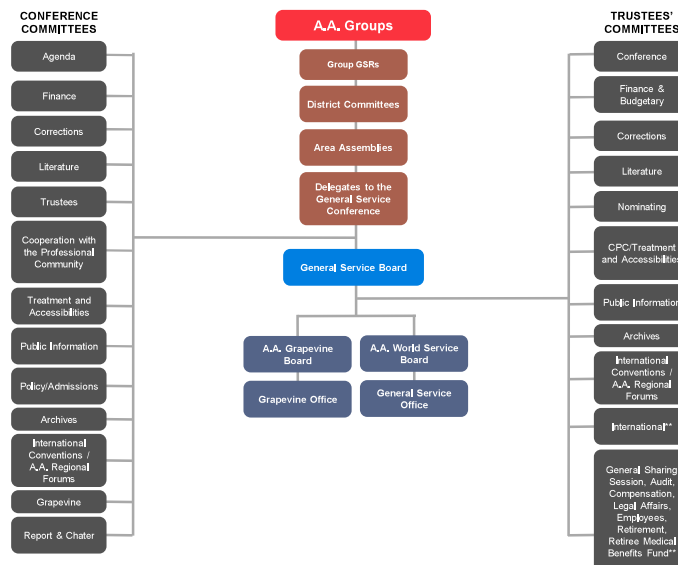
The Path For An Idea to Become an Agenda Item

Deadline for Submission: September 15, 2022

1	An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from an A.A. member, GSR, DCM, Area Committee member, Delegate, Trustee, or G.S.O./GV staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, District and Area assembly and sent to the...	Conference Coordinator G.S.O
2	The idea is reviewed by the G.S.O./GV staff and forwarded to...	Appropriate Trustees' Committee
3	Which then may refer the matter to the...	Appropriate Conference Committee
4	Which meeting during the General Service Conference week and makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the...	General Service Conference
5	If a Conference Committee recommendation is approved, after full floor discussion, it becomes a Conference Advisory Action , which becomes binding when approved by the the...	General Service Board

Note: This chart shares a broad overview of the process.

THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE U.S. and CANADA



ADVISORY ACTIONS

COMMITTEE Agenda



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	3. The theme for the 2023 General Service Conference be: "A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution."	129-0 (Y)
	4. The presentation theme for the 2023 General Service Conference be: "General Service – Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm"	125-3 (Y)
	4. The presentation topics for the 2023 General Service Conference be: 1. "Our Common Perils and Common Solution" 2. "Using A.A.'s Literature in Carrying the Message" 3. "Fostering a Thriving Three Legacy Culture"	125-3 (Y)
	5. The workshop topic for the 2023 General Service Conference be: "Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings."	125-1 (Y)
	6. The General Service Board develop a status report on the progress and outcomes from the 2013-2015 Conference inventory and include a draft plan for another Conference inventory with considerations of its value, timeline and approach to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Agenda.	120-11 (Y)

COMMITTEES with no Recommendations



COMMITTEE	
Archives	No recommendations *Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.
CPC	No recommendations
Corrections	No recommendations
Finance	No recommendations
Grapevine / La Viña	No recommendations
Int'l. Conventions / Regional Forums	No recommendations *Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.

COMMITTEE

Literature



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>7. The pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be revised to add the following text regarding safety and A.A.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the section <i>"For the person wanting to be a sponsor"</i> (p. 14) under the heading <i>"What does a sponsor do and not do?"</i>: Stresses the importance of A.A. being a safe place for all members and encourages members to become familiar with service material available from the General Service Office such as "Safety in A.A. – Our Common Welfare." In the section <i>"for groups planning sponsorship activity"</i> (p.23), under the heading <i>"How does sponsorship help a group?"</i> add a fourth paragraph: Sponsorship can also help a group to create a welcoming and secure environment. Safety is an issue affecting all members and it is important for groups to remain accessible to all who are seeking recovery. Sponsorship can help keep the group focused on the common welfare. 	<p>1st vote 106-24 (N) Reconsider 68-64 (Y) 1st Amend 36-96 (N) 2nd Amend 46-84 (N) Recommit 60-67 (Y) 2nd Vote 101-28 (N)</p>

COMMITTEE

Literature



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>8. The booklet Living Sober be revised to add the following paragraph regarding safety and A.A. in chapter 29, page 76:</p> <p>"Of course, A.A. is a reflection of the larger society around us and problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. But by keeping the focus on our common welfare and primary purpose, groups can help provide a safe and secure environment for all their members."</p>	<p>114-20 (N)</p>
	<p>9. The video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing Department. The committee requested a progress report or rough cut be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.</p>	<p>121-10 (Y)</p>
	<p>10. The draft of the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." be approved.</p>	<p>111-17 (Y)</p>

COMMITTEE

Literature



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>11. The pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.</p>	<p>101-31 (Y)</p>
	<p>12. The updated pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?" be approved.</p>	<p>122-6 (Y)</p>
	<p>13. The updated pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?" be approved.</p>	<p>122-6 (Y)</p>
	<p>14. The updated pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." be approved.</p>	<p>120-6 (Y)</p>
	<p>15. The updated pamphlet "This Is A.A." be approved.</p>	<p>123-5 (Y)</p>

Floor Actions

The following recommendations were approved by the 72nd General Service Conference:

It was recommended that:

- (1) The trustees' Committee on Literature continue to make edits to the draft pamphlet **“The Twelve Steps Illustrated”** with a new draft or progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature, keeping in mind: color, diverse expressions of spirituality and accessible interpretation of meaning in the illustrations. **105-11 (Y)**

COMMITTEE Policy / Admissions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	20. The compilation of all Conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French, and Spanish.	1st Amendment 36-87 (Y) Recommit 47-80 (N) 2nd Amendment 111-11 (N) 1st Vote 95-29 (N) Reconsider (Passed) (Y) 2nd Vote 95-30 (N)
	21. The committee recommended that two persons from A.A. in Brazil, Maria Z. and Ana Elisa L., Board of Trustees “Class B,” and one person from A.A. in Argentina, a trustee, be admitted to the 72nd General Service Conference as observers. (Note: This item was passed pre-Conference using the Conference Polling process.)	Overwhelmingly approve pre conference (Y)

COMMITTEE Public Information

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>22. The following revisions be made to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”</p> <p>The question and answer that currently reads: (Anonymity in the digital age)</p> <p>Q. I maintain an Internet website and a personal page on a social media site. I also belong to an online meeting. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?</p> <p>A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.</p> <p>Be changed to...</p>	

COMMITTEE

Public Information



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	<p>(22) (Anonymity in the digital age)</p> <p>Q. I maintain a website and social media pages. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?</p> <p>A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film/video. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos. It is suggested that when A.A.s gather as A.A.s or as an A.A. group on social media pages and other similar platforms that these pages are set to "private" rather than "public."</p>	96-26 (Y)

COMMITTEE

Public Information



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>23. The following text be added to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity":</p> <p>Q. Are virtual A.A. meetings considered "Public"?</p> <p>A. These online gatherings are not streamed to the general public; however, information about the meeting is provided to A.A. members, potential members, and the general public similar to in-person meetings. While some members feel comfortable using their full names and faces other members feel it is more aligned with Tradition 11 to use only their first name and last initial or turning their camera off. For safety purposes some groups have provided helpful reminders in their group format that picture-taking or screen shots are not in keeping with anonymity principles.</p>	89-36 (N)
	<p>24. The outdated "A.A. Fact File" be retired.</p>	120-3 (Y)

COMMITTEE

Public Information



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>25. The format changes, new questions and changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.</p> <p>New questions</p> <p>12. Have you attended an A.A. meeting virtually (online or by phone)? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>(if yes, answer question 12b)</p> <p>12b. Do you prefer virtual meetings or in-person meetings? <input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> Both equally</p>	

COMMITTEE

Public Information



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	<p>25. The format changes, new questions and changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.</p> <hr/> <p>13. What attributes do you prefer or need in meetings you attend? <input type="checkbox"/> accessibility (such as no stairs, or served by public transportation) <input type="checkbox"/> held in a particular language (please list language) <input type="checkbox"/> other members similar to me (please describe how) <input type="checkbox"/> additional characteristics (please describe) Changed questions</p> <p>14. What is your age? _____ years</p> <p>15. Which of these best describes you: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to describe</p>	

COMMITTEE

Public Information



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	<p>25. The format changes, new questions and changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.</p> <hr/> <p>16. Relationship status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single, never married <input type="checkbox"/> Married or Life Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to describe _____</p>	

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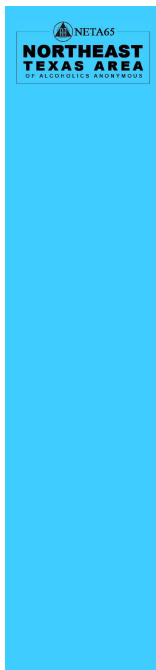
INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>25. The format changes, new questions and changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.</p> <hr/> <p>17. Racial and ethnic background (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black, or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaska Native, First Nations, or Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander or Hawaiian Native <input type="checkbox"/> White, Caucasian, or European American <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to describe _____</p>	

COMMITTEE

Public Information



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>25. The format changes, new questions and changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.</p> <hr/> <p>18. What is your employment status now? (Check one only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Employed full time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Employed part time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and looking for work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed, not currently looking for work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retired</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker</p> <p>19. If you are employed, what is your job? _____</p>	120-6 (Y)



Floor Actions

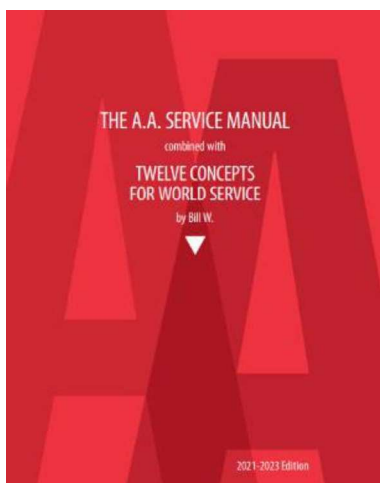
The following recommendations were approved by the 72nd General Service Conference:

It was also recommended that:

(2) The 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire receive final editorial review by the trustees' Public Information Committee after consulting with our professional survey methodologist, to address concerns raised by the 72nd General Service Conference related to the survey questions about Racial and Ethnic Background, and Employment Status. **107-9 (Y)**

COMMITTEE

Report & Charter



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>27. Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of The A.A. Service Manual be revised to correct inaccuracies and to provide clarity and consistency on the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the General Service Office, AA Grapevine and A.A. World Services, Inc.</p>	<p>1st Vote 77-42 (Y)</p> <p>Reconsider 105-13 (Y)</p> <p>2nd Vote 110-7 (Y)</p>

(Note: Because 2023 is a printing year these changes would be reviewed by the A.A.W.S. Board, AA Grapevine Board and the General Service Board prior to being brought to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. This process is in keeping with the 2018 advisory action regarding review of The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.)

COMMITTEE

Treatment & Accessibilities



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
Equitable Distribution	<p>29. The Long Form of Tradition Five be added to the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” on page 12 in the section “What is an A.A. Group?” at its next printing.</p> <p>Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.</p>	117-3 (Y)

COMMITTEE

Trustees



INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>34. The “Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the boards of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.” be approved as one acceptable pathway to a whole or partial reorganization of the Boards, understanding that, as provided by the Conference Charter, the final process will be determined by whichever General Service Conference might be considering reorganization.</p>	111-16 (Y)
Equitable Distribution	<p>35. The trustees’ Literature Committee revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?” to update the stories to represent greater diversity and bring back a draft pamphlet or progress report to the 2023 General Service Conference. Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.</p>	110-13 (Y)

Recommendations
Not Resulting in
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These recommendations were presented but did not achieve a majority.

Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority

There were no recommendations passed on a simple majority vote that did not receive the two-thirds vote necessary to become a Conference Advisory Action.

Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
LITERATURE	The draft pamphlet " The Twelve Steps Illustrated " be approved with minor editorial revisions.	40-92 (Y)
LITERATURE	A second volume of the book Experience, Strength and Hope be developed with stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and that a progress report be brought to the Conference Committee on Literature once development of the publication is in progress.	14-114 (N)

Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
POLICY/ ADMISSIONS	The paragraph in the story " Freedom from Bondage " which was removed due to pagination issues from the fourth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be restored in all future printings and publications in which the story is included.	35-93 (Y)

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 **Equitable Distribution of Workload** plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>With the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language, that the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts, not be translated into plain language in any way: that these remain in the existing form in English as in previous editions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. <i>(Conference voted to decline to consider) -----></i></p>	<p>82-37 (N) A no vote meant I wanted to hear it</p>
	<p>The General Service Conference impose a one-year moratorium on any new agenda item received through September 15, 2022, with new agenda items held to be placed on the agenda for the 74th General Service Conference, allowing the General Service Board and its corporate affiliates time to adjust and align their processes to accommodate the 2022 Policy and Admissions recommendation to provide simultaneous translation of all background material. <i>(Conference voted to decline to consider) -----></i></p>	<p>80-38 (N) A no vote meant I wanted to hear it</p>

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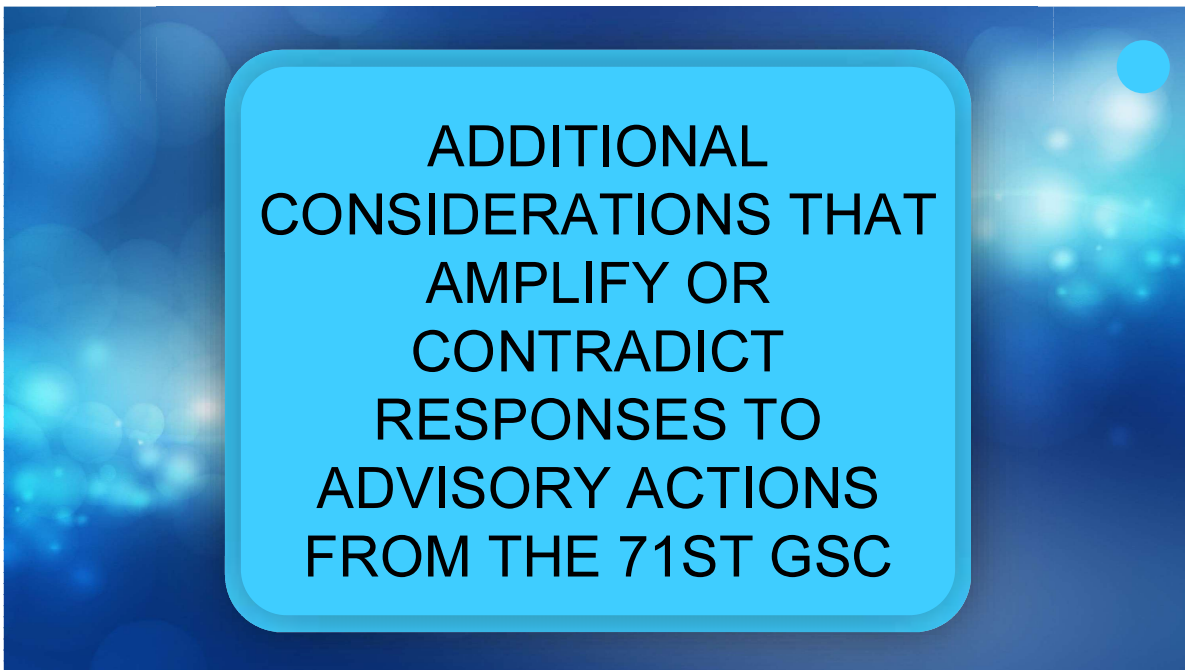
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	<p>The trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups develop a plan to create one or more non-geographic Areas for online and telephone groups in the U.S./Canada General Service Conference structure, with a progress report on the plan to be presented to the 73rd General Service Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.</p>	<p>1st Vote 51-65 (N) Reconsider 73-45 (N) 2nd Vote 48-68 (N) FAILED</p>
	<p>That the following GSR Preamble be added to the pamphlet "Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole": The GSR Preamble We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole. <i>(Conference declined to consider)</i></p>	<p>80-39 (N) A no vote meant I wanted to hear it</p>

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference evaluate the current process of developing Conference background material and bring back to the 2023 General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions a plan that describes the process of developing background material, keeping in mind the Conference desire for background material to be targeted, balanced, and with relevant historical content.</p>	<p>Amendment 50-69 Failed (N)</p> <p>Vote 27-82 Failed (N)</p> <p>Reconsider 47-71 Failed (N)</p>
	<p>The Advisory Actions from Panel 71: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony" in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to the original text. <i>(Conference voted to decline to consider) -----></i></p>	<p>86-31 (N) A no vote meant I wanted to hear it</p>

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

INFO	ITEM	NOTES
	<p>The 1995 Conference Advisory Action be reaffirmed that the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion," "Doctor Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as is.</p>	<p>1st Vote 46-70 (Y) Reconsider 76-40 (Y) 1st Amendment 61-64 (N) 2nd Amendment 61-50 (N) 2nd Vote 38-75 (Y)</p>



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

THAT AMPLIFY OR CONTRADICT RESPONSES TO ADVISORY ACTIONS FROM THE 71ST GSC

CORRECTIONS

- The committee discussed the request to reconsider use of the term "person in custody" in A.A. literature and took no action. The committee affirmed the need for language that is inclusive and non-stigmatizing, as expressed by the 71st General Service Conference. The committee also discussed that implementation of the advisory action was already in place and that it would be premature at this time to reconsider the action.
- The committee discussed the request to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous and took no action. While the committee discussed the concerns expressed by the Fellowship, the committee noted that we operate on a system of trust and checks and balances and agreed that A.A.'s Twelve Concepts adequately provide guidance to our trusted servants to make decisions that reflect the informed group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 **Equitable Distribution of Workload** plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

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- The committee suggested that during the development of the 5th Edition Big Book the trustees' Literature Committee consider including a reference in the section of Appendices III and V that additional information is available on www.aa.org.
- The committee discussed the request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind and took no action. The committee agreed the cadence and role of the annual General Service Conference already provides the appropriate guidance. The committee also noted that through Concept Four, "The Right of Participation," all members of Alcoholics Anonymous are invited to participate in the year-long process of the General Service Conference.

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GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

- The committee discussed the wide-ranging impact the AA Preamble change has had on the Fellowship. The committee felt that after careful consideration of Fellowship feedback, it would be premature to quantify the impact when many A.A. members are still either uninformed or ambivalent about the change. The committee emphasized that at every level of our Conference process there is a reciprocal responsibility of all A.A. members and trusted servants, of participation and communication, to embrace the guiding principles of trust and transparency.

LITERATURE

- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed the changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions resulting from advisory actions of the 71st General Service Conference and took no action. The committee noted that there does not appear to be a consensus on the changes among A.A. members at the local level.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

THAT AMPLIFY OR CONTRADICT RESPONSES TO ADVISORY ACTIONS FROM THE 71ST GSC

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- The committee reviewed the progress report from the Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload regarding year one of the three-year pilot. The committee noted that the plan allowed fifty more Delegates to participate more equitably in the Conference Committee process and appreciated the spiritual aspect of that accomplishment.

The committee also noted the workflow, communication, and scoring tool challenges documented in the report, as well as the significant challenges to areas and to the group conscience process caused by moving up the deadline for submitting proposed agenda items to September 15. The committee hopes that whatever can be done to address these challenges will be done over the next two years of the pilot.

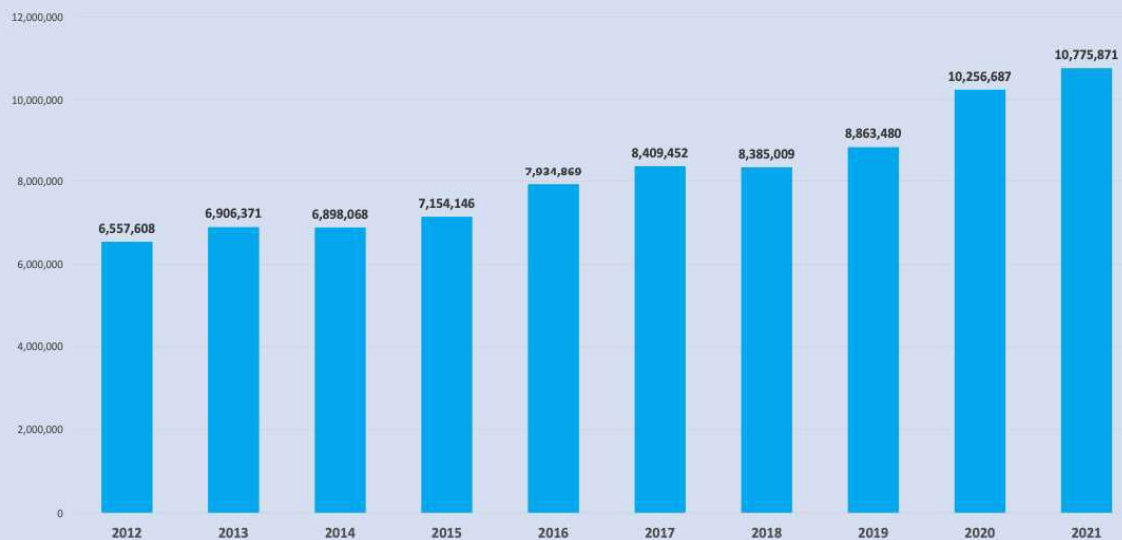
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7TH TRADITION SELF-SUPPORT – 2012 – 2021

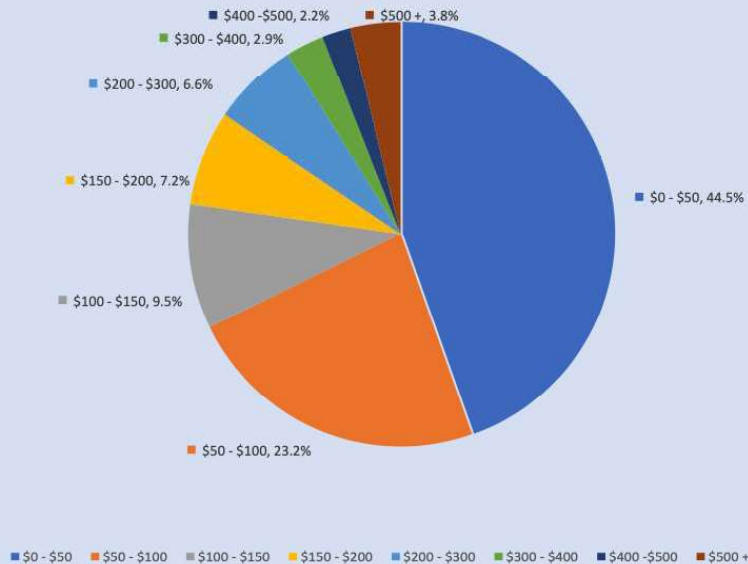


GROWTH OF ON-LINE CONTRIBUTIONS 2012 – 2021



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2021 Contributions by Dollar Value



G.S.O. RELOCATION

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS & ISSUES ADDRESSED BY YOUR DELEGATE

After presenting this at the GSC, I discovered **there is a relocation study in beginning stages in process.**

I am concerned that there has been no fair assessment of the prudence of AA continuing to operate in New York City. A thorough evaluation is in order. We need... **Prudence.** Making more and better twelve step work possible with every action/dollar.

New York was the center of everything in years gone by. Technology has changed that... Cost of Living in NYC is 180% of National Average

The 2022 budget for Fellowship contributions is \$10,000,000 for the coming year, Like Last - 2021 actual \$10,775,871. Operating expenses (2021) 15,679,880 - 146% of Contributions

It's easy to see, outside the City of New York, Fellowship contributions cover the cost of the Alcoholics Anonymous Operations.

A comparison with other cities around the country.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS & ISSUES ADDRESSED BY YOUR DELEGATE

Remember: NYC is 180% of National Average

Denver CO 112% Average	Tulsa OK 93% Average
Raleigh NC 105% Average	Oklahoma City OK 93% Average
Phoenix AZ 105% Average	Cleveland OH 93% Average
Atlanta GA is 100% Average	Akron OH 92% Average
Las Vegas NV 98% Average	Lexington KY 92% Average
Detroit MI 98% Average	Kansas City MO 86% Average
Dallas TX 98% Average	Kansas City KS 82% Average
Nashville TN 95% Average	St. Louis Mo. 81% Average

Only West Coast, New England, Alaska, Hawaii, Minneapolis, Chicago. Were even remotely comparable to NYC. I couldn't figure Canadian cities (exchange rate)...

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Also I addressed the issue of SMF-209 REV 9-21 on the GSC Floor

I'm baffled and confused by lack of transparency and complete communication to our mid to upper parts of AA structure. One of the over-riding concerns also expressed by two separate Conference Committees of the 71st GSC.

Fellowship concerns are sometimes dismissed. The GSB and GSO are reactive, yet take a closed mouth approach after missteps. These missteps and lack of communication are perhaps the root causes of censure motions.

It's unfathomable that our GSO/GSB authored and approved service material that blatantly disregarded AA Traditions and thrust AA into controversy regarding political and social agendas representing today's most controversial and divisive topics. AA Letterhead has dignified content purposely avoided by AA for decades.

These, published blunders, do not evaporate just because they are replaced (SMF-209 Rev 4-22) just 2 weeks before the GSC. Complete retraction of SMF-209 Rev 9-21 is not possible.

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Oops! and pulling back controversial and divisive AA Opinions and Policies is not enough. This material remains as the experience and belief of AA and the documents bear AA Letterhead.

Like the Washingtonians! The GSB and GSO have thrust the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous into political and social controversies... I am concerned about the lingering effects on our society.

Considering the content that had to be pulled back and drastically edited, I believe it is reasonable to ask---

1. Does "Group Think" exist in our GSB and Office?
2. Do social and political agendas now regulate what A.A. should be and do?
3. Is our approval and review process broken?

The responses to this problem—

1. We trusted our office staff!
2. Board and legal review for some reason did not happen!
3. It will not happen again with the new process!

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Three Questions....

- 1.) Who is the bottom of the triangle to decide that only one of the two possible attendees will have access to all conference related material, or be privy to committee eyes only material?
- 2.) Does the area whose alternate delegate is tasked to attend at the last minute really arrive as a fully informed participant?
- 3.) Why produce material that only a few trusted servants have a right to see?

The Path For An Idea to Become an Agenda Item

DON'T FORGET: Deadline for Submission: September 15, 2022

1	An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from an A.A. member, GSR, DCM, Area Committee member, Delegate, Trustee, or G.S.O./GV staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, District and Area assembly and sent to the...	Conference Coordinator G.S.O
2	The idea is reviewed by the G.S.O./GV staff and forwarded to...	Appropriate Trustees' Committee
3	Which then may refer the matter to the...	Appropriate Conference Committee
4	Which meeting during the General Service Conference week and makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the...	General Service Conference
5	If a Conference Committee recommendation is approved, after full floor discussion, it becomes a Conference Advisory Action , which becomes binding when approved by the the...	General Service Board

Note: This chart shares a broad overview of the process.



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Thank You For Your Service!

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