

## DECEMBER 2021 DISTRICT 5 LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

My name is Jeanette C. and I am an alcoholic grateful to serve District 5 as the (Panel 71) Literature Committee Chair.

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Area Literature Committee Chair will be giving a presentation at the January 2022 Quarterly Literature Committee Workshop to provide information for members interested in becoming Literature Committee members in their own District. The Literature Committee workshop is from 9a to 10:50a Saturday January 15.

Literature Committee is currently reviewing preliminary Agenda Items for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference as follows:

### 72nd General Service Conference Committees *as of December 1, 2021*

#### Preliminary Agenda Items

Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference (G.S.C.) committees as of December 1, 2021.

This first year in the three-year trial period of the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process included the September 15 deadline for the submission of proposed agenda items. The trustees' committees, A.A.W.S. Board and Grapevine Board reviewed and discussed a total of 178 submissions and agreed to forward 15 to the 72nd G.S.C. The EDW plan will be finalized during the January 2022 General Service Board weekend. The plan will detail which Conference committees will receive these 15 items. Here, on this "Preliminary Agenda Items" list, the 15 items are grouped under the same category, "Proposed agenda items agreed to be forwarded to the 72nd G.S.C., details pending the EDW process."

Please keep in mind that this is a *preliminary* list and agenda items may be added or subject to change by the trustees' committees at the January board weekend.

#### VI. Literature

1. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
2. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
3. Review draft of a pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
4. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Twelve Steps Illustrated."
5. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
6. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
7. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
8. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
9. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
10. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
11. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
12. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
13. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
14. Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* directed by the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference.
15. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy:
  - a. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?"
  - b. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?"
  - c. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."
  - d. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "This Is A.A."

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1. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees to reach as many doctors as possible.
2. Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature.
3. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
4. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.
5. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” to reflect the importance of the group as a “spiritual entity” as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.
6. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
7. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor’s Opinion” in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.
8. Consider request to revise text in the chapter “Getting plenty of rest” in the booklet *Living Sober*.
9. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You Are Different?” to include stories reflecting greater diversity.
10. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
11. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
12. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes.
13. Consider requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
14. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.’s primary purpose in mind.

{end of Proposed Agenda Items for Literature}

As always, we encourage those who wish to purchase A.A. literature to place orders through Intergroup when possible or at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>.

Along with the other reports already posted, this report is posted on the Literature Committee page in the District 5 website [aadistrict5.org](http://aadistrict5.org).

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and love,  
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