

**72nd General Service Conference**

**VI. Literature Agenda Items:** There are approximately 35 combined items related to Literature on the 72nd General Service Conference Agenda. The GSR typically selects a few items of interest for feedback from the home group. This is your opportunity to share with us about any item that is on the 72nd General Service Conference agenda. All information can be found on Area 15 website under the Delegate's Corner > 72nd GSC Background > VI.-2022\_ConferenceCommitteeOnLiterature\_AgendaBackground\_FINAL

**A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.**

**Background Summary:** Trustees' Literature Committee report: The committee discussed the literature matrix and noted that consideration is underway for it to be included as background for the agenda item related to pamphlet updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy. The committee reviewed the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature consideration which requested consideration of a more defined process for review and approval of the pamphlet updates, as well as the suggestion to include the GSO Publishing department workflow and literature matrix in the background for pamphlet updates per the print policy. Assists in tracking the essential projects being worked on and is one of the documents used to build the departmental budget and provides a bit of a road map.

**B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."**

**Background Summary:**

**Living Sober:**

Page 76 that currently reads: "Problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A." be revised to read: "Problems found in the world can also make their way into A.A." as follows: "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 provide a safe and secure environment for all their members.

**"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."** Proposed additions focused on Safety at the group level:

Page 14 in the section "For the person wanting to be a sponsor" under the heading "What does a sponsor do and not do?" Insert: "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.'"

Page 23 in the section "For groups planning sponsorship activity" under the heading "How does sponsorship help a group?" Add as final paragraph (#4) in the section. Insert: "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."

### C. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.

**Background Summary:** Proposed revised text for the pamphlet “Recovery, Unity and Service: Our Three Legacies” (working title). The committee reviewed the draft of the new pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies. The committee expressed appreciation for the direction of the pamphlet development to date. The committee noted concern about the length of the pamphlet, the need for more relatable and accessible language, and perhaps reducing the extent to which Bill W.'s writings and A.A. history are included in its content.

The committee suggested additional revisions be considered and that an updated draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. The revised text has been substantially trimmed, reorganized, and updated with more relatable and accessible language in the history section, and three stories have been dropped to reduce the overall length of the pamphlet. Action requested: Review revised text for any additional edits and move revised text forward to the 2022 General Service Conference for approval.

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### D. Review draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

**Background Summary:** In response to the committee consideration from the 71 st General Service Conference Committee on Literature requesting that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature, the Publishing department is working with a professional illustrator to revise and update the graphics Twelve Steps Illustrated pamphlet. Currently reviewing concept sketches and will move to full illustrations for presentation to the trustees' Literature Committee prior to the January 2022 meeting. Review pamphlet text for any proposed changes. (Note: the Publishing department suggests that the text remain as is, but if there are any specific changes that the committee feels need to be made, we will do so as we match the drawings and the text during the next developmental stage.)

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### E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”

**Per Memorandum to Literature Desk from Publishing Department:**

- Review video animation of the “Twelve Concept Illustrated” from Great Britain at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qN6t4iAXJd0>  
Adaptation would involve new narration and minor language/spelling edits to bring it into conformity with US/Canada English usage.

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### F. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Too Young?”

**Background Summary:**

- Adapt to video format as well as pamphlet
- Young people in AA were asked for their feedback and it includes the following:
  - Include quizzes like BuzzFeed with questions like “what type of alcoholic are you?”
  - Eliminate the graphics just use one bold color

- Make it minimalist
  - YPAA could take responsibility for creating the design or perhaps holding a contest for design suggestions
  - Use QR codes
  - Online attraction as YP always “go to their phones” for online pamphlets
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#### **G. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”**

**Background Summary:** The stories were selected from the group of submissions that were solicited from the Fellowship and subsequently reviewed by a subcommittee of the trustees’ Literature Committee. The selection was provided to the full trustees’ Literature Committee in October 2020 and the committee agreed to move the selection forward for a final draft.

There was a considerable amount of discussion within the committee during the early development of revisions for this pamphlet that focused on “breaking the mold” of the standard collection of stories in order to generate more “snackable bites,” considering how YP often “consume” their information. The new approach of breaking the stories up into the “What We Were Like, What Happened, What We Are Like Today” format was road-tested to general approval. To underscore this approach and guide readers through the three sections, graphics were employed by our design team to complement the text. These graphics are meant at this point to be suggestive only. They will continue to evolve once the text of the pamphlet has been approved. Ultimately the graphic presentation of the pamphlet falls under the purview of the Publishing Department, and we will continue developing the design concurrent with the trustee and Conference committee’s review and (hoped for) approval of the text.

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#### **H. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”**

**Background Summary:** The trustees’ Literature Committee agreed to forward October 2021 progress report to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. The committee acknowledged the working group’s innovative outreach efforts and approach to story submissions. The scope of the working group on the update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American” pamphlet is as follows:

1. Include a diverse group of A.A. members from the target audiences who can bring perspectives from a variety of ethnic, geographic, linguistic and age perspectives.
  2. Solicit broad input on the current pamphlet and needed improvements, to inform the development of priorities for new stories from these diverse cultural perspectives.
  3. Develop a method of outreach to foster significant amounts of submitted material.
  4. Develop a process for selecting received stories.
  5. Work toward development of a respectful and inclusive title.
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### **I. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”**

**Background Summary:** The trustees’ Literature Committee reviewed the progress report regarding the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American” and requested that an appointed committee member (ACM) be named to move forward the pamphlet revision process including the call for stories.

The committee also requested that the topic be placed as a standing item on future committee agendas. The trustees’ Literature Committee acknowledged that the Hawaiian indigenous community is part of the Native North American population, and that the pamphlet revision could include stories focusing on a broad representation of indigenous people.

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### **J. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.**

**Background Summary:** The trustees’ Literature Committee reviewed and agreed to forward a progress report from the working group to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature regarding development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.

The committee agreed on a motion initiated by the working group lead to accept stories from the broad diversity of Hispanic A.A. members in the US/Canada structure only, noting that countries outside the US/Canada structure can obtain licenses from AAWS that would allow original stories from their respective countries to be included in Big Book editions they publish themselves.

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### **K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition)* into plain and simple language.**

Agenda items K and L stem from 2019 proposed agenda items. The trustees’ Literature Committee formed a subcommittee called TABB (Tools to Access the Big Book). This committee prepared the background for Agenda Items K and L.

#### **The subcommittee will strive to:**

1. Research various study guide workbook tools and report back to the TLC (trustees’ Literature Committee).
2. Review feedback from the Fellowship on RIPTAB (Researching Issues, Possible Tools, and Access to the Book) video
3. Coordinate with the GSO Publishing Department (GSO PD) to oversee and develop feedback related to:
  - Topics of direction and scope as requested by GSO PD
  - Content of RFP/RFI (desired samples)
  - Any limits to the content to be translated.
  - Review of samples and GSO PD recommended vendors
  - Other work as needed to support the GSO PD and implementation of the advisory action

The TABB Subcommittee has met 12 times from August 2019 to January 2022.

The Trustees Literature Committee received 11 Proposed Agenda Items pertaining to the translation of the Big Book to plain and simple English. TABB used these proposals as a guide: 8 of the 11 addressed discontinuing, rescinding, or stopping the development of plain and simple English Big Book.

Most proposals were concerned about political intentions, eradication of God, and/or removal of all gendered language. The objective is to achieve a translation into plain language at a 5th grade reading level. The proposed agenda items were summarized in the background material.

The RFI that was sent to prospective vendors noted specifically that we are seeking “simplification of vocabulary, syntax and style to bring it into alignment with current plain language guidelines” and that “sensitivity to A.A.-specific language will be key”. Further it was stated that “a considerable level of collaboration and frequent communication throughout the process will be expected”. The goal of the project was described to the prospective vendors as being that “the final work product must be accessible to readers at a fifth-grade reading level. The translation as a whole must capture the welcoming and inclusive spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous and inspire a sense of belonging and hope in the alcoholic seeking help”. Using five (5) publishing-industry plain-language translator/writer talent search vendors, the Publishing department obtained eighteen (18) candidates, whose credentials and previous work could be reviewed. These professionals demonstrated experience across a wide range of subject matters, including self-help, spirituality, health/wellness, recovery, education, government and public policy, and more.

After review and discussion, from this original candidate pool of eighteen (18), the TABB Subcommittee and David R. (Publishing Director), Ames S. (Executive Editor) and Julia D. (Managing Director) from the Publishing Department selected six (6) candidates. These candidates were contracted to submit writing samples comprised of plain language translations of Chapter 5 “How It Works” and other Big Book excerpts chosen by the TABB Subcommittee. Candidates were hired on a freelance, work-for-hire basis to complete this work by January 10, 2022.

A vendor has been selected. Samples of Chapter 5 “How It Works?” are included in the background material on page 0378.

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#### **L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.**

The committee also discussed the work done by the TABB subcommittee regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A. The committee agreed on requesting feedback from the Fellowship on the following options:

**Option 1:** Take no action, as suggested by the 1985 advisory action which reaffirmed previous Conference actions that there was no need for a Step study guide.

**Option 2:** Turn to the Grapevine and leverage its ample archive of articles on practicing the Steps to show variation in approach and style. Future Grapevine podcasts could serve a supplemental role and help enrich this effort.

**Option 3:** Create a General Service Conference approved study guide workbook to aid in studying the Twelve Steps. Possibly with inclusion of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.

**Note:** Options 2 and 3 to primarily be a print-based product, with the potential of supporting and/or companion material via digital, video, and/or podcast. The same information was used from the RIPTAB report. Accessibility and Relatability are the two biggest issues.

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#### **M. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.**

**Background Summary:** This item proposes that we follow the 1995 Advisory Action, “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forwards, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.” Further, that updates

to Appendices III and V be made via additional information immediately following the existing text of the respective appendix. This is in response to the 2021 Advisory Action that a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous be developed, keeping in mind the above Advisory Action from 1995.

However, a second Advisory Action in 2021, was that “Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new forward, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V. This request is to have “the past protections (to Bill W.’s writings) to be made good again,” by the motion: **“Keep the first 164 pages of the Big Book as well as all the Appendices, the Medical Opinion, Doctor’s Opinion, and the Religious Opinion the same. Do not change any of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous except for updating stories.”**

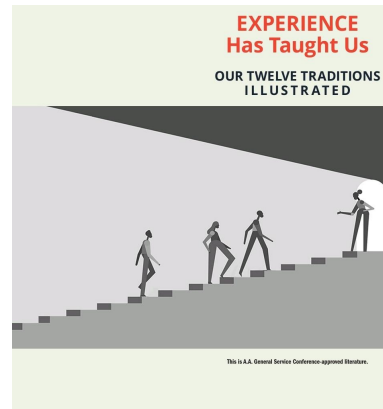
*(PLEASE NOTE regarding development of the 5th Edition of the Big Book: As of this date, there has been no call for story submissions. A request for stories will be announced at some point in 2022. Announcements regarding the submission of stories for possible inclusion in the 5th Edition Big Book will be communicated via G.S.O.’s website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and G.S.O.’s newsletter, Box 4-5-9, as well as through Area 15 Delegate, Area 15 Literature Committee Chairperson, and District 5 Literature Committee Chairperson.)*

## N. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

### Background Summary:

1. Excerpt from the January 29, 2022, trustees’ Literature Committee report: The committee discussed the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” and requested that the Publishing department seek professional input on approaches to revise language and offensive visuals, and that samples be brought back to the trustees’ Literature Committee.

2021 Conference-approved updated version of “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” with working title, “Experience Has Taught Us: Our Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”



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## O. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy: SEE ATTACHED

1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is A.A. for You?”
2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”

3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”

4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “This Is A.A.”

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**P. Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats.**

**Progress report Publishing department strategies**

- Audiobooks and eBooks
- Digital distribution of literature into prisons
- New unabridged version of Alcoholics Anonymous in audio format on CD in English, Spanish, and French

**Braille**

- Continue to move forward on Braille – new readable covers for sighted and Braille readers for U.E.B Big Book
- Continue to move forward on Braille – new readable covers for sighted and Braille readers for U.E.B 12 x 12
- Revised and reformatted Braille 12 x 12 implementing decisions of the 71st General Service Conference

**Large Print**

- Moving through books, booklets, and pamphlets to redesign them to conform with standards for typeface, font, layout, etc)
- Completed in English, French, and Spanish 2020 –
- “AA for the Older Alcoholic”
- “This is AA”
- “Frequently Asked Questions About AA”

**Revisit mid-year 2022**

- “As Bill Sees It” English printed; French and Spanish ready to print
- “Came to Believe” English printed; French and Spanish ready to print
- “AA in Prison” ready for print in all languages
- “Access to AA” ready for print in all languages
- “The AA Group” ready for print in all languages
- “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” ready for print in all languages

**American Sign Language (ASL)**

- Update previous ASL Videos to reflect changes in ASL vernacular, new translations of the ASL videos for Alcoholic Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions 2019 DVDs. Available to view free on aa.org and in in post-production progress YouTube-suitable chapter segments
- ASL version and Quebec Sign Language (QSL) version of “Access to AA” is in a current cost re-estimation for 2021
- Expressed need for Spanish Sign Language received

**Staple-less:** Stated need from Corrections and CPC/Treatment/Accessibility – 9 items for 2021-2022

### **Audio**

- Audio format is desirable for overcoming barriers to access caused by school grade reading level, language of origin, reading comprehension levels for adults, education level completed, other cultural and demographic differences, those for whom English, French or Spanish are not languages of origin, and so on — and audio is particularly beneficial in reaching underserved populations, incarcerated individuals, those in the armed services, and in treatment settings and institutions.
- Completed in 2020 and posted to aa.org so folks can listen free of charge to them are the following nine new audiobooks: The unabridged Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous (English, French and Spanish); Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (English, French and Spanish); and Living Sober (English, French and Spanish).
- Six new first-time audio recordings of our most distributed pamphlets in English, French and Spanish, to be posted on aa.org so folks can listen to them free of charge.
- Six additional pamphlets are slated for recording in English, French and Spanish in 2021
- Next audiobook approved in 2021 is Daily Reflections (English, French and Spanish).

### **Ebook**

- Moving forward books and pamphlets available on EPub3 format
- Approved conversion from print to ebook format in English, French, and Spanish editions in 2021 “Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks 1951-1970.

### **Enhanced Digital Distribution:**

- AAWS, Inc copyrighted ebooks and audiobooks are now available for purchase – 38 ebook vendors (Amazon, Apple, B & N, and Google Play books) and 13 major audiobook vendors (Audio Apple, Audible, Audio Google Play)

**Audio to Video:** Moving forward for postings on aa.org and YouTube

### **Video**

- New Videos on “Your GSO, Grapevine and the Service Structure” and “Regional Forums” completed and can be watched free of charge on aa.org
- Video PSA animated and live action moving forward
- Narrated PPT (English, Spanish, and French) topics addressing myriad matters accessibility of the Big Book, Alcoholic Anonymous, completed and distributed to spark discussion of members

**Podcasts:** Recommendations across departments.

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#### **Q. Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook.**

- Working with a freelance writer and the background material provided by the Literature assignment, the Publishing department developed a comprehensive outline and draft for the proposed Literature Committee workbook.

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#### **R. Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.**

##### **Excerpt from the October 30, 2021, trustees' Literature Committee report:**

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: The committee discussed several proposed agenda items, listed below, regarding requests to rescind changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, based upon the Advisory Actions of the 71st General Service Conference, and took no action.

- Consider request to take no action on all requests to revise portions of the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- Consider request to suspend all amendments to the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions passed at the 71st General Service Conference.
- Consider requests to change portions of text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, back to previous wording.
- Consider requests to change back to previous versions of all text and format for the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- Consider motion to preserve portions of the Big Book and the whole of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- Consider request to visit the legitimacy of the revisions to the language used in Step Six of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

#### **THE CHANGES TO THE BOOK TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS THAT WERE PASSED BY SUBSTANTIAL UNANIMITY AT THE 71st GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ARE:**

**Advisory Action 18:** A revision be made to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, replacing the phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner” as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context to the change as it relates to inclusivity:

The text on page 117 which currently reads: “Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way ... .”

Be revised to read: “Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a partner with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way ... .”

**Advisory Action 19:** The sentence which includes the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are severe in nature as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for the change:

The text on page 66 which currently reads: “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health.”

Be revised to read: “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.”

**Advisory Action 23:** The Long Form of each Tradition be included at the end of each essay for that Tradition in the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and that the complete set of Traditions at the back of the book be retained as is.

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### **S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope***

#### **Background Summary:**

Refer to Agenda Item M (regarding Fifth Edition):

Page 0438: “The committee agreed to forward to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature a recommendation that stories from the Fourth Edition book *Alcoholics Anonymous* which are not included in the Fifth Edition book *Alcoholics Anonymous* be added to the book *Experience, Strength and Hope* at its next printing following the publication of the Fifth Edition book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Page 0444: “On the issue of taking stories out of the Fourth Edition Big Book, we have respect for the Pioneer Stories. We have looked at the Second and Third sections and found stories that we might recommend not to be included in the big Book 5th Edition because their content is no longer relevant; they are redundant with other stories, or their language is dated. We want to ensure that stories meet Bill W.’s expectations that Big Book stories include the spiritual awakening of the newly sober member.

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*\* note additional literature-related agenda items assigned to other committees in accordance with advisory action from 71st GSC “Equitable Distribution of Workload”*

### **III. Corrections\***

B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes.

### **VII. Policy/Admissions\***

F. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.

### **IX. Report and Charter\***

D. 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.”

E. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor’s Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.

### **X. Treatment and Accessibilities\***

F. 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.

G. Consider request to revise text in the chapter “Getting plenty of rest” in the booklet *Living Sober*.

**XI. Trustees\***

F. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”

G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” to include stories reflecting greater diversity.

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,

Your friend,

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{end of report - see attachment for Agenda Item O}

**Attachment for “Agenda Item O. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy**

1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is A.A. for You?”
2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”
3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet “This Is A.A.”

**(pamphlets on background pages 0504 through 0565)**

<p><b><u>“Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated number of people to two million</li> <li>• Men and Women to people or to gender neutral</li> <li>• Online searches and contact World Office information update</li> <li>• How can I tell if I am really an alcoholic?</li> <li>• Language change from sick people to people with an illness and derelicts to homeless or indigent (in describing alcoholism) and skid row to homeless</li> <li>• Can an alcoholic ever drink ‘normally’ again?</li> <li>• Change irresponsible alcoholic drinking to alcoholic drinking</li> <li>• Can’t an AA member drink even a beer”</li> <li>• Changed “do a good job” to “not hold back” in reference to as long as they are drinking</li> <li>• Stay sober quite a while between binges; how can I tell whether I need AA?</li> <li>• Change liquor to alcohol and alcohol to drinking</li> <li>• Won’t everyone know I am an alcoholic if I come into AA?</li> <li>• Added social media to keeping the 11th tradition</li> <li>• How can I get along in business, where I have to make a lot of social contacts, if I don’t drink?</li> <li>• Where I have to make a lot of social contacts – removed specific types of alcoholic drinks and replaced with revolve around drinking; and changed cocktail lounges to nightclubs</li> <li>• Update win friends and influence people to make friends and network with people</li> <li>• Changed alternates to drinks from popular juices to mineral water or juice</li> <li>• Will AA work for the person who has really hit bottom?</li> <li>• Change the worth of a member in AA to An AA member</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>“Is there an Alcoholic in Your Life?”</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change booklet to pamphlet</li> <li>• Change Men and Women to people</li> <li>• Added partners to members’ spouses, relatives, lovers and friends</li> <li>• Change women, men, aged, young, educated, uneducated...etc to people from all walks of life</li> <li>• Change liquor to alcohol</li> <li>• Change abnormal, unpredictable atmosphere to an unpredictable, even traumatizing atmosphere</li> <li>• Change modern medicine now confirms to the medical community has long confirmed</li> <li>• Change Previously to Nevertheless</li> <li>• Cleaned up some language</li> <li>• Added Regardless of the pattern of their drinking, one thing all alcoholics...</li> <li>• Stages added to 1-4</li> <li>• Changed fantastic to exaggerated..., added mostly just to show that they can.</li> <li>• Changed “drying out” places to rehabs and hospitals</li> <li>• Change No one to Interventions are organized. But no one...</li> <li>• Change diet or vitamin therapy to health regime or exercise workout and added downward to progression continues</li> <li>• Change insane to unstable</li> <li>• Added cases to hopeless cases</li> <li>• Change writing and phoning to contacting</li> <li>• Change cruel to unmoved</li> <li>• Skid row language changed to low bottom and destitution</li> <li>• Deleted A.A. has been described as basically a spiritual program. Added Certainly one feels a certain spirit of togetherness at all AA meetings, but AA is not a religious organization. It does not ask its members to hold to</li> </ul>
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- Rewording story “topped by” to completely understood and identified with by a large number of people in the group
- Are there any rules in AA?
- Boisterous enough to disturb to whose behavior disturbs
- What does membership in AA Cost?
- Pass the hat to pass the basket for voluntary contributions
- Voluntarily contributed to passed along
- Changed references
- Who runs AA?
- Changed Society to society or changed to Fellowship
- Is AA a religious society?
- Listed additional religions
- Changed Power to power recognized as greater than themselves; and Him to God
- Is AA a temperance movement?
- Added so-called temperance
- Are there women alcoholics in AA?
- Women in AA face special problems to often face different challenges
- Took out in comparison to men
- Are there many young people in AA?
- Language change about skid row
- How does a person join AA?
- Online added
- Counselor added
- Wording change in beginners changed to neutral language
- What is an open Meeting?
- Change about coffee and refreshments
- May I bring relatives or friends to an AA Meeting?
- Added partner
- Wives and husbands changed to members’ spouses
- Finding Time for AA
- Change church to community
- What are the ‘Twelve Steps’?
- Here is the text of the Twelve Steps, which first appeared in Alcoholic Anonymous, the AA. book of experience: to the Fellowship’s basic text:
- Added What is ‘the 24-hour program’?
- Approach to staying sober
- Three Slogans: Easy Does It, Live and Let Live, and First Things First
- What is AA Grapevine?
- What it is
- English and Spanish
- One of the multi-media publishing arms of AA General Service Board

any formal creed or perform any ritual or even to believe in God. Its members belong to all kinds of belief systems. Many belong to none. AA asks only that newcomers keep an open mind and respect the beliefs of others.

- Added or “Higher Power”
- Change pledges to promises, resolutions, or personal
- Change went on the wagon to swore off drinking entirely
- Change all problem drinkers who find AA do not ...to Not all problem drinkers who find AA stop drinking
- Change made their problems worse by mixing liquor with sedatives, tranquilizers,
- marijuana or other drugs to problems worse by mixing alcohol with marijuana, painkillers or
- drugs, prescribed or others

#### **“This is AA”**

- Took out some negative language
- Change language gender neutral
- Delete truly
- Change primary purpose to singular focus
- Change dry up the world to make the world stop drinking
- Add ethnic to social, economic, and cultural backgrounds
- Change derelicts to indigent; and skid row to homeless or nearly so
- Change All the great faiths to Countless faiths and traditions
- Change is not a condition of membership to not at all required
- Change know a great deal more to have a clearer understanding ...
- Update from two generations ago to since the founding of AA.
- Change have taken solemn pledges to have made solemn promises
- Change we indulged in self pity to we felt sorry for ourselves
- Change skid row to catastrophe
- Change enforced sobriety to enforced abstinence
- Change the skid row drunks to desperate drunks—those utterly unable to function in society
- Change short beer to drink
- Change down and out derelict to truly down-and-out
- Change not from a doctor or a minister or wife, or husband to not from a doctor or a boss or a spouse or a partner
- Change symptoms to signs
- Change a wild-eyed evangelists to a rapid cult of non-drinkers
- Change by passing the hat to –literally—by passing a basket
- Change who move on to who give up their positions
- Change patterns suggested to suggestions made

- Will AA help me straighten out my family troubles?
- Change honest desire to a desire to
- Does AA operate hospital or rest homes treatment facilities for alcoholics?
- Peer-led, non-professional, self-funded
- Change rest homes to rehabs or other facilities
- Remove sponsor informal get-togethers to host informal...
- Delete and summarize What do medical authorities and religious leaders think about AA – old and out of date
- Added new statement for both
- Publicity about AA
- Tradition 11
- Motion pictures changed to films
- Change in placement of sentences

**“Is AA for You?”**

- Change were sick to had an illness
- Change We thought to Some of us thought
- Change an eye opener to a drink upon awakening
- Definition of Blackout updated

- Change take no pledges to make no promises
- Change fades after the first few months in AA lessens as time goes on
- Change try to abstinent
- Change the focus under Twelve Steps from the insider historical view to broader to the targeted audience.
- Change offers a sober way out of the squirrel caged of confused problem drinking to offers a way out of the dead end of problem drinking
- Change Most of us have found it an easy way to Most of us have ultimately found it easier than keeping up our crumbling alcoholic lifestyles
- Change “A new dimension” to A new outlook on life
- Change “Alcohol has me licked, and I want help” to “Alcohol is destroying me, and I want help”
- Change obtained from doctors and nurses, from the clergy, newspaper people, police officials, and alcoholism facilities to obtained from healthcare professionals, social workers, counselors and treatment centers
- Change Anyone who turns to AA to People who turn to AA
- Added wine, beer, or instead of liquor
- Changed barroom society to nightclubbing (misspelled), and added especially at this early stage
- Change been dry to not been drinking
- Change husband, wife, lover, parent or child to spouse, partner, lover, parent, child or someone else close to