

Mini- Conference Results
Saturday March 24th, 2007

Committee 1: CPC/Finance/Grapevine:

- **Discuss ways of stimulating interest in CPC service.**
 1. *Workshops are the answer. Visit all level of services. Increase awareness.*
 2. *Luncheons and road shows to the Professional Community.*
 3. *CPC Committees go to groups to explain what they are. Get invited to increase visibility.*
 4. *Sponsors encourage sponsee's.*

- **Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one-time bequest) that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$2,000 to \$3,000.**

Increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one time bequest) that the GSB can receive from an A.A. member from \$2-3000.

Clarification: Recommendation: to Vote on as two separate issues:

- *Yes on annual*
- *Yes on bequest*

- **Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for G.S.R. (General Service Representative) travel expenses from group funds to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."**

Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for GSR into "Self Support: Where money and spirituality Mix".

- *Yes to add. (Reasoning: The more information available to groups the better.)*

- **Consider a request to re-instate a section on the subject of alcoholism in the A.A. Grapevine.**

This item refers to the “Gray Pages” which were part of the AA Grapevine years ago and were discontinued. No recommendation. Caucus Committee divided.

Committee 2: Corrections/Literature/Trustees:

- **Discuss ways of stimulating interest in Corrections Twelfth step Work.**

Stimulate Interest:

1. *LIPS cans & Grapevines delivered to Inmates.*
2. *Promote more attendance at CTF Conference.*
3. *Correction Kits available at Home group level.*
4. *Have Corrections present at Day of Sharing.*

- **Consider a suggestion to add the following text from The A.A. Service Manual, “Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their General Service Representatives to attend service functions” to “The A.A. Group” pamphlet and the “G.S.R.” pamphlet.**

*Consider suggestion to add the following from the Service Manual into the “AA Group Pamphlet, and the GSR pamphlet.
Yes- recommend the addition to both pamphlets.*

- **Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet “Can A.A. Help Me Too? Subtitled “Black/African Americans Share their Stories” to “A.A. and the Black/African-American Alcoholic.”**

1. *Yes- Consider change. (Suggested to use only African - American)*

- **Review report from trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the option of a Class B (alcoholic) trustee serving as chairperson of the General Service Board.**

. Class B Trustees have the option of GSB Chairperson. (Suggested as opposition, "If it's not broke, don't fix it", "Would they be the public face of AA?"

Back in the late 30's, when AA was called the Foundation, two recovering alcoholics served as chairmen.

1. *Yes- Consider option*

Committee 3: Public Information/Treatment Facilities:

- **Consider a suggestion from the trustee's Committee on Public Information for the development of a video for young people.**

1. *Yes-Unanimously recommended.*

- **Consider a suggested list of early symptoms of alcoholism forwarded by the trustee's committee on Public Information, and derived from A.A. literature, to replace the list of early symptoms in item 19 on page 17 in the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."**

Yes- unanimously recommended.

- **Consider a request to include "more information regarding the topic of anonymity of deceased members (posthumous anonymity)" in A.A. literature.**

Yes - Recommended

- **Consider a request to change language in the flyer "A Message to Teenagers."**

Yes-unanimously recommended.

- **Discuss ways of stimulating interest in treatment facility Twelfth Step work.**

Stimulate Interest

1. *District Workshop/ position*
2. *Home group H&I position*

Committee 4: Various Items of Interest:

- **Consider that the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey.**

1. *Yes- recommended it was worth doing.*

- **Explain what Public Service Announcements (PSA's) are: Information vs. Promotion.**

Yes they should be done. However, a recommendation that Maybe a more diverse race/gender/ age type be used. (not the same old white male)

- **Consider a recommendation from the General Service Board that the sentence, "Regional Trustees bring to the board's discussions a regional point of view and experience that is invaluable" in Chapter Nine: The General Service Board, pg. S62 in the *A.A. Service Manual*, 2006-2007 Edition, be replaced so that the section reads:**

"While no trustee can be said to "represent" a geographical section, all trustees represent only the fellowship as a whole – Regional Trustees bring to the board's discussion a diversity of A.A. experience that is invaluable."

Change language to reflect the broader more diverse role of the Regional Trustees

- **Consider a request to have A.A.W.S discontinue publishing directories (Canada, Western U.S. and eastern U.S.)**

People were in favor but are they valuable? Recommend that they continue to be published but wanted to know more about the cost. A recommendation did come out of the committee to continue publication. Directories are sent to GSR's or can be purchased from GSO

- **Discuss a request to “Develop a Communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference structure.”**

. Recommended discussing a plan. No recommendation for that plan. Request to have AAWS discontinues publishing directories. No recommendation to the request.

FLOOR ACTION:

1. Motion and second to “Return the ‘Grey Pages’ to the Grapevine.” Some discussion around how / who puts them into the Grapevine. What the potential effects could be to recovering alcoholics. (It was mentioned that people will find a way to go out if they want to.)

Some thought that the medical aspect information on the disease was helpful. (most people it helped were long time sobriety)
The disclaimer is helpful. Fewer rehabs around to help with the disease information. Not enough medical people in the rooms. The only place is in the Big Book.

BY A VOTE of 18-16 FLOOR ACTION WAS NOT APPROVED.

Substantial majority (2/3 vote) needed for approval.