

70th General Service Conference
May 16-19 2020
From my Bedroom



Greetings to my friends of Area 52. Thanks for taking time out of your weekend to sit in front of your computer screen, tablet or phone to listen to my experience in participating in the Virtual 70th General Service Conference. I am sure many of you may be thinking that this isn't the ideal way of presenting or hearing about the General Service Conference via technology but here we are doing just that. Hopefully I will be able to cover the "highlights" of the conference with you all in the hour that I am provided. Of course, maybe you are all relieved that it will only be an hour and not the two hours you would have had to listen to me if we were doing this in person. So here is what I saw, felt and experienced.

Saturday May 16, 2020

I woke up early, not knowing what the conference was going to be like. Opening of the 70th GSC was presented by Michelle Grinberg Chair of the board. Roll Call was provided by Greg T. GSO General Manager. I have to say I liked this role call was much more than what I experienced last year. Last year I wasn't able to put a face with the voice. This year when roll call was made the zoom operators "spotlighted" each attendee. So, when our name was called other attendees were able to see who was acknowledging their presence. I really liked that. There are 135 eligible voters during the conference.

Once roll call was presented, we all voted to allow ACM's to be present during the conference as observers. **133 yes 1 no**. ACM's are Appointed Committee Members who help out various committees with experience and knowledge. Not all committees have one. Often times they are an extremely beneficial resource to have in the room.

Greg T. Introduced non-voting staff members of GSO and we voted to allow them to be present during the conference, the vote was **133 yes 0 no**. As with ACM's the knowledge of the staff in the room, voting or not voting can prove to be yet another great resource. Throughout the conference it isn't uncommon to call on a staff or two for clarification of an agenda item or past action that may had occurred to help guide in the decision-making process of a committee. We also voted to allow the "zoom operators" to be present during the conference which obviously needed to happen and the vote was **133 yes 0 no**.

Ray MC provided the opening welcome. Ray is the Delegate Chair of the conference.

Tom A. WCR provided the opening key note address. I felt that Tom's address to the conference set a tone for all the committees to really address their "needs vs. wants" while deliberating on what to advance to the Conference Floor, to the 71st GSC or to take no action on. As I have stated in early reports to our Area, Tom was a wonderful example for me. Tom was always principled in his role of the WCR Trustee and in my opinion well respected because of it.

After the key note address ended we were given a short break and were instructed to go to our separate rooms to start our committee deliberations. My committee met for the entire time we were allowed to meet, which was 3 hours and I felt everyone on the committee came to work and work we did. What an experience. I will share more later in my report about the committee work.

Sunday May 17, 2020

I attended the Serenity meeting again today and I felt that it was equally as spiritual as the day before. I felt the Chair and Co-Chair of this meeting ran a fantastic meeting. Each day they had a reading that we could share on which I thought was a great idea. Today's reading was ***"Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock and have the door ever so slightly open, we find that we can always open it some more."*** *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions P. 35*

I had the honor of opening the second day. I was still nervous even though I didn't have to stand up in front of the whole conference. Leslie Backus Class A trustee presented the Finance report. (around the picnic table) The slide presentation that she shared with us will be available in Dropbox once it is revised and updated. Although the 7th tradition proved to be generous this past year it doesn't take away from the fact that there have been some large expenditures that took place causing a grim outlook financially for GSO. I will attempt to highlight some of them.

The new ERP system that was developed has been one source of funds that were spent that was not budgeted. As you have all been aware over the last year the system has not been up to speed as quickly as everyone had hoped which in turn stalled a lion share of the work our registrars do with group records. The GSB and GSO are aware of the frustrations this has caused the fellowship and are working diligently to address these concerns. The 8th floor renovation has also been an unforeseen project that has cost a lot of money. When they started the renovations, they discovered asbestos and that needed to be extracted which added to the budgeted amount. When the book "Our Great Responsibility" was published it was projected to have a lot more sales than it actually had. A supply of books was printed and they missed the projection by approximately 70,000 books. Of course, the closing of the GSO due to the COVID 19 pandemic has not been favorable for the budget either.

I want to also add that we currently really don't know where we sit regarding our "bottom line" as the audit continues to take place at this time which was delayed when NY was closed down. A follow up Zoom meeting for all conference attendees is being planned at this time to provide everyone updated numbers. It is not known when this will happen but when it does, I will be sure to provide an updated financial report once I receive it. Unfortunately, I don't believe it will happen until sometime in June.

Elections West Central Regional Trustee

After a short break was provided, we were ushered into separate rooms to conduct our elections for the West Central Regional Trustee vacancy as well as Western Canada Regional Trustee vacancy. WCR went first. The chairs for the election process were fantastic but I would say that I was a bit disappointed they didn't tell us any jokes from our literature as Tom A. did when he chaired elections last year. However, to be fair the election results were returned rather quick with the zoom election process that was developed by GSO staff and the "zoom operators". Those who participated in the vote were the eight WCR delegates, four members from the Trustees committee and four members from the nominating committee. Those eight members were selected through a random selection process through an excel program. Sixteen members of the conference voted for the WCR Trustee. The seven delegates who had a nominee from their area had two minutes too present their candidate.

The voting followed the 3rd Legacy voting procedure. You have all been informed Mike L. was chosen as the next West Central Regional Trustee.

Mike L. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 **West Central Regional Trustee**

Gerry R. 4, 6, 6, 7, 6, 5

Brooke C. 3, 1, 0

Mike J. 0, 0, 1

Trent G. 2, 2

Mike R. 1, 0

John T. 2, 1, 0

After the election we were all ushered into the "main" room where we were able to observe the elections for the Western Canada Regional Trustee position. As you can see Regional Trustee elections are conducted using the Third Legacy voting procedure. I felt this went off very well considering they were held remotely. There were four delegates and two members from the Trustee Committee and two members from the nominating committee which were chosen exactly like they were for the WCR elections.

Elections Western Canada Regional Trustee

Larry M. 1, 1

Maureen M. 2, 3, 3, 3, 2

John J. 1, 1

Irma V D B-N 4, 3, 5, 5, 6 **Western Canada Regional Trustee**

After the elections we were released for a break and to have a bite to eat. I will say that I have eaten a lot less this year sitting in my bedroom than I would have at conference in New York. I could also identify my food this year

After supper I attended the Delegates only meeting. This meeting provided the panel 70's a chance to ask any questions they had regarding the conference. I do have to admit I was not very impressed with this portion of the conference. I do believe having every delegate in the same room conducting this session is rather spiritual. We did however have some very good participation and I left once again knowing that there are a group of Panel 70 Delegates who will represent A.A. very well.

Monday May 18, 2020

Today's reading was *"The spiritual substance of anonymity in sacrifice". Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions P. 184.*

The opening was presented by Brian T. Delegate from the Chicago Area.

Greg T. GSO manager went over How the conference operates before we started the day. This covered the "rules" of the conference. All eligible voters voted to agree that this was how we would conduct the business the next two days, yes-130 no-1

I wasn't so much nervous about the process as I was more nervous about the lack of time. Prior to the start of the committee work we all sent texts to our group and wished everyone luck in presenting their committee's work. I really felt a sense of camaraderie with each and every one of them.

Committee Reports

Treatment and Accessibilities

Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 5, 2020 – 5 - 6:00 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and considered the following agenda item:

A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.

The committee **recommended** that the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" be updated for currency and inclusion to reach a broader scope of treatment settings about temporary contact services, and that a progress report or draft be brought to the 2021 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities. **Yes-122 No-12 (passed)**

Committee considerations:

- The committee suggested that the trustees' C.P.C./T.A. committee develop a Bridging the Gap Committee Workbook and provide a progress report to the 2021 General Service Conference. The committee suggested that the shared experience included in the workbook include a list of BTG temporary contacts available from G.S.O.
- The committee reviewed the progress report, "Review of Bridging the Gap Materials," and felt it met the goal of the 2019 committee consideration. The committee suggested that rather than combine Bridging the Gap related service materials, the trustees' C.P.C./T.A. committee consider updating existing service materials to reflect the suggested language updates for currency and inclusion. The committee expressed support for use of a "Question and Answer" style in the content across the range of Bridging the Gap related items. The committee also expressed support for the sample version of "A.A. Guidelines: Bridging the Gap/Temporary Contact Committees" included in the report.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." The committee noted that the submitted stories did not indicate a broad and diverse representation of

A.A. experience and suggested a reopened call for stories based on the following experiences provided by trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committees:

➤ Ethnic, cultural and LGBTQ communities ➤ Lifestyle diversity ➤ Got sober later in life
➤ Veterans from the Vietnam War or later ➤ Hearing loss or mobility issues ➤ Online or telephone
A.A. meetings ➤ Dementia or Alzheimer mental health issues ➤ Spiritual pathways

- The committee reviewed the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook and forwarded a list of suggestions to the trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committee.
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The committee elected Bill L., delegate for Area 46, New Mexico, chairperson; and Marilyn F., delegate for Area 20, Illinois, alternate chair.

Grapevine

Conference Committee on Grapevine Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 7, 2020 – 7 - 9 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Grapevine met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on May 7, 2020 and received reports from the board chairperson and the publisher and considered the following agenda item:

A. Consider a request to change the name of the Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.

The committee **recommended** that the name of the Conference Committee on Grapevine be changed to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. **Yes-130 No-4 (passed)**

Committee considerations:

- The committee considered a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..." and took no action.
- The committee also discussed making suggested changes to the A.A. Preamble for gender neutral pronouns. The committee requested that the Grapevine Board consider developing examples of generalized language options and that a progress report or draft versions be brought back to the 71st General Service Conference.
- The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Corporate Board the suggestion that Grapevine produce in the year 2021 or later:

1. Step Three - Turning It Over (working title) Previously published stories from the pages of Grapevine by A.A. members about their various experiences with Step 3.

2. Character Defects - Steps 6 & 7 (working title) Previously published stories by A.A. members about their experience with Steps 6 and 7, from the pages of Grapevine.

- The committee agreed to forward to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board the suggestion that Grapevine produce the following La Viña books in the year 2021 or later:
 1. AA and Families in Recovery (working title) Spanish-speaking A.A. members share experiences about how drinking affects the whole family and how A.A. helps repair them, from the pages of La Viña.
 2. Old-timers Stories (working title)

Long-time Spanish-speaking A.A. members share their experience, strength and hope, from the pages of La Viña.

3. Twelve Steps (working title) Spanish-speaking A.A. members share stories of experience with A.A.'s Twelve Steps, from the pages of La Viña.

- The committee discussed a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions and encouraged them to continue with their planning. The committee suggested that the Grapevine Board provide additional information on implementation, anonymity, security, affiliation, outside contributions, privacy and promotion and bring a progress report back to the 71st General Service Conference.

- The committee discussed ways that AA Grapevine could get feedback on which new book topics to publish. The committee suggested an annual survey in English, Spanish and French be utilized to get input from the Fellowship.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
2. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the A.A. Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
3. Consider a request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.

The committee elected Ruth L., delegate for Area 87, Southwest Quebec, chairperson; and Jerry S., delegate for Area 08, San Diego/Imperial California, alternate chairperson.

Finance

Conference Committee on Finance Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 11, 2020 – 7- 8 p.m.
May 14, 2020 – 8 - 9 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Finance Committee met once before and twice after the Joint Meeting with the Trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee on May 12, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and considered the following agenda item:

A. Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
2. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket.”

The committee **recommended** that the draft language related to the “virtual basket” be included in the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” The language reads:

Q. Some members of our group wanted to pass a “virtual” basket – to collect Seventh Tradition contributions digitally. How could we do this?

A. A number of groups have utilized digital payment platforms as an adjunct to passing the basket in the conventional sense in order to provide opportunities for cashless contributions. There are different payment platforms to facilitate this service and it is up to the group to determine which one to use. Some groups have found that a smartphone app-based payment platform is the most efficient, seamless and minimally disruptive solution for providing a digital contribution. Experience suggests that the treasurer is a likely choice to handle digital contributions, though some groups add more than one trusted servant to share the responsibilities or create a new service position to inform the group about digital payment options and assist other group members who are interested in contributing this way.

Yes-128 No-2 (passed)

Committee considerations:

- The committee discussed a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12 of the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” and the consensus was no changes were needed and took no action as these are suggested percentages.
- The committee reviewed a report from the trustees’ Finance Ad Hoc Committee on Google Grants and the 7th Tradition. The committee strongly suggests forwarding this report to the trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee and the appropriate 71st General Service Conference committee.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review Self-Support Packet.
2. Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” and consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.

The committee elected Randy S., delegate for Area 62, South Carolina, chairperson; and Tom A., delegate for Area 07, Northern Interior California, alternate chairperson.

Agenda

Conference Committee on Agenda Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 6, 2020 – 6 - 8 p.m.
May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Agenda met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference on May 6, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees’ committee and considered the following agenda items:

A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.

The committee **recommended** that the theme for the 2021 General Service Conference be: "A.A. in a Time of Change." **Yes-134 No-1 (passed)**

B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.

The committee **recommended** that the following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2021 General Service Conference: **Yes-128 No-2 (passed)**

Practicing A.A.'s Spiritual Principles in a Changing World:

1. Recovery in a Changing World
2. Unity in a Changing World
3. Service in a Changing World

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.

The committee **recommended** that the following be the workshop topic for the 2021 General Service Conference: **Yes-126 No-9 (passed)**

1. Inform - Communicate
Involve - Act
Inspire - Attract

Committee considerations:

There are no committee considerations from the 2020 Conference Committee on Agenda.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
2. Review the 2019 January conference call participant survey results.
3. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
4. Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.

The committee elected Gary P., delegate for Area 92, Washington East, chairperson; and Hank K., delegate for Area 50, Western New York, alternate chairperson.

Literature

Conference Committee on Literature Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 2, 2020 – 3 - 5 p.m. May 3, 2020 – 2 - 3:45 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:45 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Literature met separately three times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Committee on Literature on May 2, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and considered the following agenda items:

A. Review draft update of the video “Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure.”

The committee **recommended** that the updated draft video of “Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure” be approved. **Yes-131 No-2 (passed)**

B. Review “A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials” approved in January 2020.

The committee **recommended** that the “A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials,” approved by the A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors in January 2020, be acknowledged and accepted by the General Service Conference. **Yes-120 No-14 (passed)**

C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”

The committee **recommended** that the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic” be updated to include fresh stories and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

Due to running past the 45-minute time allotment for each committee there was not a vote made on this recommendation and as a result it was recommitted to the 71st General Service Conference.

Committee considerations:

- The committee reviewed the progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” and requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed the progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” and requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Literature Committee.
- The committee reviewed the progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.’s Three Legacies and requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the revision of the pamphlet “Too Young?” The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft revised pamphlet and/or samples of other potential formats of the pamphlet at the meeting of the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the revision of the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” The committee looks forward to reviewing a draft revised pamphlet and/or samples of other potential formats of the pamphlet at the meeting of the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed the progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A. and requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.

- The committee considered if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.

The committee requested that the trustees continue to explore this topic. The committee requested that the trustees' make available to the Fellowship, as soon as possible, in Spanish, English and French, the presentation "The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access (70th General Service Conference 2020)" that was presented to the committee during their May 2, 2020 agenda reduction meeting. The committee noted the importance for the Fellowship to be informed about the nature of the accessibility challenges with regard to A.A. literature.

The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.

- The committee reviewed the progress report regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship." The committee requested a review of the draft language be taken with accessibility in mind as it relates to reading level. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed a draft update of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" and noted the accessibility of the language in terms of reading level as well the extent of work done on the current version of the update.

The committee noted that through the process of updating this pamphlet, the final draft update is a distinct item from the original version of "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated," addressing a different audience and serving a different purpose.

The committee forwarded to the trustees' Literature Committee suggestions on the draft update which the committee considered a new piece of literature on the Twelve Traditions. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.

- The committee discussed not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" and requested that a written description be provided by the trustees' Literature Committee explaining how an existing version of a literature item might remain in publication after a revised, updated version has been approved, and requested that a report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed the "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials," approved by A.A.W.S. in January 2020 and noted that concerns expressed by the 69th General Service Conference were addressed in full by the revised policy.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review proposed "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format."
2. Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous:

- a. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing.
 - b. Revise the first 164 pages.
3. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
 - a. Develop a Fifth Edition.
 - b. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
 - c. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.
 4. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos.
 5. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:
 - a. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve.”
 - b. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.”
 6. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober.
 7. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
 8. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
 9. Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”:
 - a. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
 - b. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.
 10. 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.”
 11. Review recovery literature matrix.

The committee elected Sheri P., delegate for Area 25, Kansas, chairperson, and Tad J., delegate for Area 48, Hudson/Mohawk/Berkshire New York, alternate chairperson.

Trustees

Conference Committee on Trustees Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 10, 2020 – 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:45 - 4:35 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 8:25 - 9:40 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Trustees met separately three times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees’ Nominating Committee on Sunday, May 10, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees’ committee and considered the following agenda items:

- A. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

The committee **recommended** that the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2020 following presentation at the 2020 General Service Conference: **Yes-130 No-3 (passed)**

Class A Trustees

Leslie Backus, B.A.
Hon. Christine Carpenter
Michele Grinberg, J.D.
Peter Luongo, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Nancy McCarthy
Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA
Al Mooney, M.D.

Class B Trustees

Cathy B.
Beau B.
Jimmy D.
Josh E.
Mark E.
Kathi F.
Francis G.
Trish L.
Jan L.
Mike L.
David N.
Newton P.
Ginger R-B
Irma V-d-B-N

The committee **recommended** that the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2020 following presentation at the 2020 General Service Conference: **Yes-133 No-1 (passed)**

Chairperson Michele Grinberg, J.D.
First Vice-Chairperson Hon. Christine Carpenter
Second Vice-Chairperson David N.
Treasurer Leslie Backus, B.A.
Secretary Mark E.
Assistant Treasurer G.S.O. Chief Financial Officer*
Assistant Secretary Mary C.*
*G.S.O. employees

B. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

The committee **recommended** that the following slate of directors, which excludes John W., be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in May 2020 following presentation at the 2020 General Service Conference:

Beau B.
David N.
Mary C.*
Greg T*
Jimmy D.
Carolyn W.
Deborah K.
Jan L.
[Vacancy]

NOTE: John W. was disapproved due to ineligibility

*G.S.O. employees

The Chair of the Conference Michele Grinberg ruled this recommendation out of order due to the vacancy that was recommended by the committee. She stated that the committee did not have proper authority to remove a name from the slate. Tom A. Class B Trustee made a motion of appeal to the Chairs decision. (More to come later in the report)

C. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The committee **recommended** that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board in May 2020 following presentation at the 2020 General Service Conference: **Yes-125 No-6 (passed)**

Josh E.

Tommi H.

Ino F.

Nancy McCarthy

Kathi F.

Cindy F.

Ginger R-B

Albin Z.*

Francis G.

*AA Grapevine employee

Committee considerations:

- The committee reviewed the resumes and approved as eligible for election all Class B trustee candidates for West Central and Western Canada Regional trustee.
- The 2020 Conference Committee on Trustees reviewed the slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. as well as the Summary of Events re: Appeal of Proposed A.A.W.S. Board of Directors Slate submitted by the chair of the trustees' Nominating Committee, May 1, 2020, and submitted the following suggestions to the trustees' Nominating Committee:
 1. Consider amending the BYLAWS of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. ARTICLE III, DIRECTORS to include language similar to that contained in the BYLAWS of The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. regarding proposed new member trustees.
 2. Consider clarifying Procedure No. 1 Grapevine and A.A.W.S. Boards Procedures for Nominating Corporate Board Directors, specifically point 4 "Past Delegate – not eligible until one year after rotation," to mean not eligible to apply or serve until 1 year after end of rotation as delegate. The committee requested that a report be brought to the 2021 Conference Committee on Trustees.
- The committee recommended approval of a revised slate of directors of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board, omitting the newly proposed A.A. World Services director as ineligible due to procedural issues. The committee reconvened a second time after they received communication from the general manager requesting that the committee also remove his name from the A.A. World Services Corporate Board slate. Following thorough discussion, the committee declined to change their original recommendation.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Consider the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.”

- The Conference Committee on Trustees agreed to include a memo for the 71st General Service Conference proposing consideration of alternate trustees.

The committee elected Sandi W., delegate for Area 86, Western Ontario, as chairperson; and Cynthia T., delegate for Area 29, Maryland, as alternate chair.

Policy/Admissions

Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 6, 2020 – 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:45 - 4:34 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions met two times and considered the following agenda items:

A. Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference.

The committee **recommended** that the “Process for Approving Observers to the Conference” be approved. **Yes-124 No-4 (passed)**

B. Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections.

The committee **recommended** that the General Service Conference implement electronic voting for trustee elections starting in 2021. **Yes-124 No-7 (passed)**

NOTE: Should this recommendation become a Conference Advisory Action it may warrant updating of the second sentence in Article 10 of the Conference Charter.

C. Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.

The committee **recommended** that the review of Conference dates be changed to consider dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager. **Yes-123 No-8 (passed)**

Committee consideration:

- The committee considered a proposed process for the equitable distribution of Conference committees’ workload and noted that the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee made significant progress on this complex challenge and further that the proposed process selected by the committee is the appropriate option. The committee agreed that the proposed process would help ensure an equitable distribution of the Conference committees’ workload and noted that the Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form would bring much needed structure and clarity to the process.

The committee requests that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee clarify the specifics of the proposed plan and bring back a more fully developed process for review by the 2021 General Service Conference. The committee agreed that more specificity is needed on the following:

- Precisely how this proposed process will impact what will happen regarding agenda items considered at the Fall and Winter trustees' committees' meetings.
- Clarity on how the proposed process will impact or change the delegate chairs' participation in the Winter Board Weekend and on the Conference Committees' January conference call to obtain feedback on proposed agenda items. The committee noted that significant progress has been made in involving delegates in the agenda item selection process and would not want to take any steps backward.
- Creating additional primary committees as needed: develop a sample composition, scope and procedures document for an "additional primary committee."
- Provide examples, using sample agenda items, showing how the entire process would work.

The committee looks forward to receiving a more detailed plan for this important process for review by the 2021 General Service Conference from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
2. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
3. Review the Floor Action process.

The committee elected Kevin F., delegate for Area 03, Arizona, chairperson; and Ron S., delegate for Area 23, Southern Indiana, alternate chairperson.

Public Information

Conference Committee on Public Information Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 9, 2020 – 4 - 6:30 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Public Information met separately following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Public Information Committee on May 3, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and considered the following agenda item:

- A. Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).

The committee recommended that all A.A.W.S video titles be adjusted for search engine optimization (SEO). **Yes-131 No-1 (passed)**

Committee considerations:

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2019 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the G.S.O. Communications' Department report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide App.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2019 trustees' Public Information report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2019 trustees' Public Information report on the current status of Google AdWords/Grants and requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the report of the status of the 2020 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan. The committee looks forward to reviewing the new architecture being developed and suggested that social media, video/audio content, and accessibility to the A.A. message continue to be a priority in comprehensive media plan discussions.
- The committee reviewed and accepted a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets. The committee noted the important role of short video content to carry the A.A. message and looks forward to receiving a report at the 2021 meeting of the Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2019 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements." The committee noted the recent efforts by G.S.O. to explore editing a Conference-approved PSA to remain useful for local committees reflecting "social distancing" by A.A. groups and members.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."

Note: In keeping with a 2019 Advisory Action this PSA title was updated to "Sobriety in A.A.: We made changes to stop drinking" for search engine optimization (SEO).

- The committee reviewed and accepted a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the report on the development of two PSAs.

The committee also expressed that in light of the recent Coronavirus pandemic it would be helpful to include information as to the many formats in which alcoholics find and carry the A.A. message. The committee looks forward to reviewing the two draft PSAs at their 2021 meeting.

- The committee reviewed a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media. The committee suggested that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue to discuss this request and that preliminary information be gathered before moving forward.

Information to gather:

- o Shared experience from the Fellowship on how A.A. members adhere to anonymity Traditions on various social media platforms.
- o Suggested safety and etiquette while using social media.
- o Anonymity on video meeting platforms.

While the committee recognizes that A.A. literature on anonymity is available ("Understanding Anonymity," A.A. Guidelines on Internet, etc.) the committee noted that the content is dated and does not accurately reflect current technology or the Fellowship's experience. Specific, updated material is needed and the consideration that a video service piece to communicate this sharing might be explored.

The committee requested that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue these discussions and that a progress report or draft proposal be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- The committee discussed a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast. The committee suggested that G.S.O. explore the development of a draft plan to create a G.S.O. podcast to be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information.

The committee suggested that information such as function, target audiences, participation, possible episode topics and an implementation plan be included.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the A.A. Membership Survey. The committee noted it was encouraged by some of the findings by the survey professional and asked that the trustees' Public Information Committee continue to explore this topic. The committee also suggested the exploration of a possible digital questionnaire feedback form be part of their discussions.

- The committee reviewed the contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook. The committee shared concerns on the relevancy of a print copy workbook and kit for P.I. Committees.

The committee had the following suggestions:

- o Explore the development of an A.A. Service Committee app.
- o Create a new digital PDF version of the Public Information Workbook that can be easily shared, updated by G.S.O. in a timely fashion, and edited locally to better reflect local committee work.
- o Gather broader shared experience from the Fellowship.
- o Include more sharing regarding Accessibilities in P.I. work.
- o Share a more up-to-date reflection of A.A. digital assets and how they can be applied to local P.I. work. (Example: A.A.W.S. YouTube Channel, Meeting Guide app, online video/e-radio PSA placement, QR Codes, virtual A.A. meetings/events/presentations etc.)
- o Include more short content communication templates to carry the A.A. message to the public.

The committee suggested that the trustees' Public Information Committee discuss this request and that a report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information on these efforts.

The committee elected Shane S., delegate for Area 64, Tennessee, chairperson; and Rich H., delegate for Area 45, Southern New Jersey, alternate chairperson

Report and Charter

Conference Committee on Report and Charter Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) April 29, 2020 – 4:30 - 6 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Report and Charter met separately two times.

The committee considered the following agenda items:

- A. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.

The committee **recommended** that the sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter which currently reads:

It will be further understood, regardless of the legal prerogatives of the General Service Board, as a matter of tradition, that a three-quarters vote of all Conference members may bring about a reorganization of the General Service Board and the directors and staff members of its corporate services, if or when such reorganization is deemed essential.

Be amended to read:

It will be further understood, regardless of the legal prerogatives of the General Service Board, as a matter of tradition, that a three-quarters vote of all Conference members **participating in the vote** may bring about a reorganization of the General Service Board and the directors and staff members of its corporate services, if or when such reorganization is deemed essential.

Yes-122 No-11 (Michelle Grinberg passed the Chair responsibility to Greg T. as she was in the minority and she wanted to express her minority opinion) There was minority voice that was heard and after several minority opinions were heard there was a motion to reconsider the vote as someone wanted to change their vote. A vote to reconsider was taken with Yes-76 and No-58 which meant we went back to discussion and a lengthy discussion ensued. The wording of this sentence needed to be changed to keep it uniform with Bill W's essay regarding the potential restructuring or censure of the General Service Board. As we were approaching the 45-minute mark which would have meant this recommendation would have been sent to the 71st GSC the question was called with a vote of Yes-118 No-15. Vote on the original recommendation passed with Yes-96 and No-33.

Committee considerations:

- The committee accepted a report from the Publishing department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of the 2020 General Service Conference Final Report.
- The committee discussed restoring the two paragraphs with the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an Advisory Action of the 66th General Service Conference and took no action. The committee agreed that the footnote noting that the two paragraphs are available upon request from the G.S.O. Archives department is adequate.
- The committee reviewed the draft of The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition and noted the significant progress made toward the goals agreed upon by the 2019 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. The committee requested that an updated draft be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. The committee will forward suggestions for the next draft to the Publishing department.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
2. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)

The committee elected Mary F., delegate for Area 26, Kentucky, chairperson; and Steve L., delegate for Area 61, Rhode Island, alternate chairperson.

Archives

Conference Committee on Archives Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 7, 2020 – 3 - 4:30 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Archives met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Committee on Archives on May 7, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made **no recommendations**.

Committee consideration:

- The committee considered requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present and following a lengthy discussion, suggested that the trustees' Archives Committee consider possible themes, content ideas and the time period such a book might cover. The committee requested a report be brought back to the 2021 Conference Committee on Archives.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Review Archives Workbook.

The committee elected J.J. S., delegate for Area 81, New Brunswick/PEI, chairperson; and Jerry S., delegate for Area 08, San Diego/Imperial, alternate chairperson.

Corrections

Conference Committee on Corrections Virtual conference (via videoconferencing) May 4, 2020 – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 5:15 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Corrections met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Committee on Corrections on May 4, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made **no recommendations**:

Committee considerations:

- The committee heard a report from the A.A.W.S. publishing director on the efforts to provide digital distribution of A.A. literature into correctional facilities. It was reported that several viable options had been identified to make A.A. literature in digital formats available for alcoholics in correctional settings. The publishing director also provided an update on staple-free pamphlets and reported that the first phase of the plan to publish the most used A.A. pamphlets staple-free is already moving forward.
- The committee reviewed the Corrections Kit and Workbook and provided a list of suggestions. The committee requested that the pamphlet "The 'God' Word" be added to the list of contents for the Kit and suggested several changes in the Workbook to reflect current practices and resources.

The committee elected Debi K., delegate for Area 16, Georgia, chairperson; and Cheri S., delegate for Area 02, Alaska, alternate chairperson.

CPC

Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) April 29, 2020 – 7- 8 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committee on April 29, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made **no recommendations.**

Committee considerations:

- The committee discussed the request to discontinue the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community” and took no action. The committee noted that this pamphlet is vital to local C.P.C. committee work to introduce A.A. to professionals and that the title defines A.A. as a community resource. The committee also noted that an update to the language and style is needed.

- The committee requested that the trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committee explore ways to update content of the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community” with a focus on modern professional settings and consider those who consume content in various formats. The committee suggested the following items regarding modern digital resources be considered such as:
 - The Meeting Guide app
 - A.A.W.S. and AAGV YouTube channels
 - A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page
 - Space to leave local contact information

- The committee requested that a progress report or a draft of “A.A. in Your Community” be brought to the 2021 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

The committee agreed to forward the following to the 71st General Service Conference:

1. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.

The committee noted for the 71st General Service Conference the following information regarding their discussion:

- The progress report clarifies the utility of the LinkedIn page and noted the samples that provide digital resources to professionals.
- Additional samples are welcome to be considered for the LinkedIn page that support informing professionals about A.A.
- Continue to provide activity data in future progress reports and include the utility of posted content.
- The committee reaffirmed its desire that future changes and updates, which amount to additional page content, be vetted through the Conference process.
- Content on the LinkedIn page should not be contrary to the Traditions, noting that comments following a post may not be consistent with A.A. principles.
- Content on the LinkedIn page, intended for professionals who help alcoholics, should be modernized, and reach different settings.

- Continue an ongoing consideration of other platforms, as needed, to sustain the A.A. message to professionals as times change.
- Consider posting content on the LinkedIn page that describes the role of a nonalcoholic trustee.
- Consider posting videos and webinars on the LinkedIn page about C.P.C. committees, which are intended to introduce A.A. and to share ways that A.A. can cooperate with professionals.

2. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.

The Conference C.P.C Committee noted for the 71st General Service Conference the following points to consider for discussion:

- Input from a comprehensive set of people including professional peers and C.P.C. committee members.
- Effective ways to reach modern working environments of mental health professionals.
- Within the field of mental health professionals, language and attitudes about alcoholism can vary from setting to setting and might be distinct from what is familiar among A.A. members.
- Expanding the scope of other pamphlets to include a message to mental health professionals.

3. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

The committee elected Jamey N., delegate for Area 63, South Dakota, chairperson; and Jim S., delegate for Area 55, Northwest Ohio, alternate chair.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums Virtual Conference (via videoconferencing) May 1, 2020 – 7 - 9 p.m. May 16, 2020 – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums met separately two times following the Joint Meeting with the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums on May 1, 2020. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made **no recommendations.**

Committee considerations:

- The committee reviewed and accepted a report from the International Convention consultants, Talley Management, outlining the steps taken prior and post cancellation of the 2020 International Convention on March 28, 2020.
- The committee discussed the use of the Lord's Prayer for closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention and had a thoughtful and wide-ranging discussion which included:
 - The use of the Lord's Prayer in A.A. meetings can create controversy and support the perception of A.A. as a religious organization.
 - Although the prayer is part of the history of A.A. and is widely used and supported in some areas, it could make some members feel excluded.
 - The benefits of autonomy and keeping the newcomers in mind when selecting how to close A.A. meetings.

- The diversity of our Fellowship and the need for everyone to feel included.
- Consideration of surveying the Fellowship for a wider sharing regarding use of the Lord's Prayer.
- Given the international nature of the International Convention, how the Lord's Prayer is perceived in other countries.

The committee agreed that further discussion on the use of the Lord's Prayer as a closing at the Big Meetings of the International Convention would be beneficial and suggested that the 2021 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums continue discussion at the 71st General Service Conference.

- The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest in Regional and Local Forums and attracting first time attendees and suggested that the General Service Office consider:

- Providing options for remote attendance.
- Providing digital access to Regional Forum materials and presentations (including use of the Meeting Guide App or mobile app).
- Developing service material for host committees providing shared experience on hosting a Regional Forum and stimulating participation.
- Developing a "video invitation" from the G.S.B. chair.

Suggestions for implementation at the local area included:

- Early and consistent communication about Regional Forums, including "What is a Regional Forum; no registration fee; what happens at a forum."
- Involve members at all levels of service; do "sponsorship road trips."
- Use the Regional Forum video after it is released.

The committee elected Jess N., delegate for Area 41 Nebraska, chairperson; and Donny M., delegate for Area 80 Manitoba, alternate chairperson.

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Once the committee reports were finished Michelle Grinberg informed the Conference that she was going to allow a 40-minute debate/discussion regarding the Slate of AAWS directors that she ruled out order. It was determined that a decision had to be made regarding the approval or disapproval of the Slate as it was determined as a "essential" part of business. However, in order for this to occur a motion would need to be made to suspend the rules for these 40 minutes. If you recall the conference agreed and voted on the rules of the conference and how it operates at the start of the conference. A vote was taken to suspend the rules which was **Yes-121 and No-11**. A floor motion was made to approve the slate of directors as presented by the committee. **Yes-91 and No 43**. After further discussion a motion to reconsider was presented with **Yes-70 and No-61**. Finally, someone called the question and another vote was taken **Yes-106 and No-27**. Therefore, we proceeded to vote on the original motion again **Yes-62 and No-71**. Motion failed and it was referred to the GSB.

I do want to make it clear that the gentleman was extremely qualified to be a Non-Trustee Director however it was clear he didn't meet the eligibility requirements. The GSB and GSO will be developing a clearer procedure to follow in regards to as when a Delegate that has rotated off can become eligible to apply for positions on the Board.

Floor Action #1:

It was recommended that:

The Finance Committee expand item #2 that will be forwarded to the 71st Conference to include the proposal to revise the pie chart percentages, in order to emphasize more clearly that any percentages included in the pamphlet are only suggestions and examples, not recommendations.

Submitted May 18, 2020 by:

Hank K. Panel 70, Area 50 Western New York

Decline-78 Consider-52 (Moved to the Trustees Committee)

Floor Action #2:

It was recommended that:

Since many agenda items from the shortened 70th Virtual General Service Conference will be forwarded to the 71st General Service Conference in 2021, the 71st General Service Conference Committee on Trustees consider the extension of the 71st General Service Conference by as many as three working days and that consideration be offered regardless of whether the 71st General Service Conference is face-to-face or held digitally.

Submitted May 18, 2020 by: Paul G. Panel 70, Area 84 Northeast Ontario

Decline-103 Consider-26 (motion failed)

Floor Action #3:

It was recommended that:

The General Service Conference consider developing a PSA about Alcoholic Anonymous geared toward minorities.

Submitted May 18, 2020 by: Shyrl B. Panel 69, Area 54 Northeast Ohio

Declined-52 Consider-81 (moved to the Trustees Committee)

Floor Action #4:

It was recommended that:

The 70th General Service Conference approve the slate of directors for A.A. World Services, Inc. as originally submitted:

Beau B.

Mary C.

Jimmy D.

Deborah K.

Jan L.

David N.

Greg T.

Carolyn W.

John W.

Submitted May 18, 2020 by:

Paul L. Panel 69, Area 40 Montana

Decline-86 Consider-46 (moved to the Trustees Committee)

Floor Action #5:

It was recommended that:

The pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" be updated to include fresh stories and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

Submitted May 18, 2020 by:

Sue T. Panel 69, Area 27 Louisiana

Decline-34 Consider-95 (moved to the Trustees committee)

Floor Action #6:

It was recommended that:

The slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc., as submitted by the Conference Committee on Trustees, be approved.

Submitted May 19, 2020 by:

Alan F. Panel 69, Area 72 Western Washington

Decline-72 Consider-59 (Moved to the Trustees Committee)

Floor Action #7:

It was recommended that:

The launch of Google AdWords Grants by the General Service Office be halted until the 71st General Service Conference convenes and approves that launch, and that the "Ad Hoc Committee Progress Report - Google Grants and the 7th Tradition," from the trustees' Finance Committee, dated March 30, 2020, be immediately released to all members of the 70th General Service Conference.

Submitted May 19, 2020 by:

Troy B-D Panel 69, Area 67 Southeast Texas

Decline-65 Consider-60 (Moved to the Trustees Committee)

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In closing, over all I felt the Virtual 70th General Service Conference went very well. It goes without saying I did miss being in New York doing the business of A.A. where I would have been able to meet some of my old friends from last year and been able to meet my new friends on Panel 70.

I am extremely humbled and grateful to be able to serve Area 52 as your Panel 69 Delegate. I have learned so much about the business of A.A. and about myself.

Having to experience the General Service Conference in my bedroom was certainly an experience I won't soon forget.

Yours in service

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