

Recommendations from the 69th General Service Conference That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions

Corrections

- The Scope of the Conference Committee on Corrections which currently reads: “The purpose of the committee will be to encourage A.A. members to assume responsibility to carry the message to alcoholics who cannot, of their own free will, seek A.A. help”

Be revised, to read:

The purpose of the committee will be to encourage A.A. members to assume responsibility to carry the message to alcoholics who cannot seek A.A. help **outside the walls.**

Literature

- A draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* be developed and a progress report be brought to the 2020 Conference Literature Committee, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that:

The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forewords, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Dr. Bob’s Nightmare,” and the Appendices remain as is.

- The text be added to the foreword of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as follows (Bold text reflects addition):

A.A.’s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

A.A.’s Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline the means by which A.A. maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows.

A.A.’s Twelve Concepts for World Service are an interpretation of A.A.’s world service structure. The Concepts provide guidelines for carrying the message to thousands of suffering alcoholics yet to come. They aim to record the ‘why’ of our service structure. They may be found in *The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.*

- The phrase “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” be added as the final sentence to the “Open Meeting” side of the Primary Purpose (Blue) Card. The card will read as follows (Bold text reflects addition):

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here – especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking,” we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.
Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

- Production of *The Language of the Heart* in Spanish as an audio book be prioritized by AA Grapevine, Inc. and a timeline for production be reported at the 70th General Service Conference. **(Not Approved)**
- The pamphlet “The ‘God’ Word” be added as one of the pamphlets used in Corrections service for possible publication without staples. **(Conference declined to consider)**
- In order to illustrate the importance of the committee recommendations that achieve simple majority but not substantial unanimity (i.e., a vote of two-thirds), that such “simple majority suggestions” be prominently included in the Conference Final Report. **(Not Approved)**
- The “Alcoholism at Large” section be removed from the AA Grapevine. **(Conference declined to consider)**