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CORRECTIONS

AGENDA

Conference Committee on Corrections

Monday, April 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Room: TBD

Chairperson: Monica F.

Secretary: Eileen A.

Conference Committee Members

Panel 71

Monica F.

Glenn N.

Mario L.

Panel 72

Candice C.

Shellia D.

Cara G.

Jennifer S.

Kurt W.

- ◆ Discussion and acceptance of trustees' committee report.
- A. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Reconsider use of the term "person in custody" in A.A. literature.
- C. Consider requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.

NOTE: 1989 Conference Advisory Action

Each Conference Committee carefully consider their agenda items and strive to make their recommendations for Advisory Actions to the Conference at the policy level. To be more financially responsible, when a Conference Committee recommendation involves a substantial expenditure of money, an estimate of cost and its impact on the budget be part of that recommendation.

2022 Conference Committee on Corrections

ITEM A: Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Background notes:

Kits and Workbooks for C.P.C., Corrections, Public Information, Treatment and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference.

Workbooks and Kits are service pieces. Any suggested changes to their content from the Conference committee are put forth as Committee Considerations rather than recommendations.

Between Conferences, ideas for changes to a Workbook or to the contents of a Kit may be received. These may be reviewed by the appropriate trustees' Committee and implemented, or the trustees' committee may choose to forward an idea to the Conference Committee for review.

Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. Due to pandemic-induced supply chain and paper shortage challenges, implementation of the updates has been delayed.

The trustees' committee on Corrections expresses great appreciation for the extensive work by the National Corrections Committee in reviewing the Corrections Kit and Workbook. Given the extent of the suggested revisions, the trustees' committee scheduled two meetings in September (apart from the quarterly meetings) solely dedicated to the discussion and review of the suggested revisions.

From the October 30, 2021, report of the trustees' Committee on Corrections:

The staff secretary is working (with Publishing) through the voluminous list of suggested changes to the Corrections Kit and Workbook and will provide an update to the committee at the January 2022 meeting.

From the January 29, 2022, report of the trustees' Committee on Corrections:

The staff secretary continues to implement the voluminous list of suggested changes to the Corrections Kit and Workbook. Because of the current supply chain challenges, including paper shortages, it is anticipated that the revised kit contents and workbook will be available in digital format prior to the print versions..

CONFIDENTIAL: 72nd General Service Conference Background

Background:

1. Corrections Workbook and Kit Content Lists available to view at the links below:

- [ENG](#) – *revisions pending*
- [FR](#) – *revisions pending*
- [SP](#) - *revisions pending*

- [ENG](#) - *revisions pending*
- [FR](#) - *revisions pending*
- [SP](#) - *revisions pending*

2. Corrections Kits (provided to Conference Committee on Corrections members only)

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ITEM B: Review list of outer-facing literature/service material to determine need for revised terminology (i.e., person in custody).

**Note: As a result of the EDW plan, this item is on the agenda of the
Conference Corrections Committee**

Background notes:

From the October 30, 2021, report of the trustees' Committee on Corrections:

The committee discussed the request to reconsider using the language of "person in custody" to describe an inside A.A. member in A.A. literature and agreed to forward this item to the 2022 General Service Conference.

The committee forwarded the Proposed Agenda Item, including the Scoring Tool, to the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference for review by its Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload.

Background:

1. [Submission form PAI 91](#)
2. [Submitted background PAI 91 – F162](#)
3. [Submitted background PAI 91 – F-163](#)
4. [Submitted background PAI 91 – optional inmate language](#)

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Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is **September 15***.

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference “action” or “decision”?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warranty six reminds us “that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government...” *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* page 72.

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service states on page S57 that:

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way — or, when the suggestion does not concern overall policy, for routing it to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

If a G.S.R. has an idea for an agenda item, chances are that he or she will want to discuss it first with the group, then at a district or area meeting, which can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as Conference coordinator. An A.A. who is not part of the general service structure can give the idea to the group’s G.S.R. or write directly to the Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document “FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items.”

- Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the Conference Coordinator’s desk?
- A. The Conference Coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:
1. Forwarding to a Trustees’ Committee via a G.S.O. Staff Member or Department Head.
 2. Forwarding to G.S.O.’s Publications Director or Group Services Staff person.
 3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
 4. Forwarding to Chair of the General Service Board.
 5. Forwarding to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.
- Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?
- A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees’ Committee on the Conference for direction.

If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action the topic could be programmed during Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, G.S.O. and Grapevine review process. There is no “one size fits all” procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

(7) Final comments:

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For AAs on the



OUTSIDE

A.A. CORRECTIONS
PRERELEASE
CONTACT INFORMATION

CONNECTING
INSIDE A.A. MEMBERS
TO THE OUTSIDE
A.A. COMMUNITY

Dear A.A. member,

The A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program connects the A.A. member being released from prison with Alcoholics Anonymous in their community.

When the soon-to-be-released A.A. inmate writes us, we match that person to a Prerelease Contact in their community. If you are interested in this form of service, we will call you, get the okay, and then send you the name of a contact.

Many A.A.s involved in this service stress the importance of getting the former inmate to a meeting as soon as possible, usually within the first 48 hours after release.

During this time, you help them get acquainted, get phone numbers, perhaps locate a sponsor or home group, and become connected to the local A.A. community. You introduce the newly released inmate to others in A.A. so they have a broad, healthy base.

An A.A. member who is part of a correctional facilities volunteer program needs to be familiar with, and adhere to, rules that correctional facilities have regarding a volunteer's contact with inmates, both while they are in the facility and after they are released.

If you are willing to be the hand of A.A. when an inmate reaches out for help, complete the attached A.A. Corrections Contact Form and mail it to the address given.

A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Procedures

1. Inside A.A. members (those held in correctional facilities) are eligible for this program if they have less than six months to serve on their sentence.
2. The inmate fills out the form and mails it to the Corrections Committee, which is responsible for processing and coordinating all Prerelease Contacts.
3. The outside A.A. writes to the inside A.A. member within two weeks. If the Prerelease Contact fails to make contact, the inside A.A. member should inform the Corrections committee. (Prerelease Contacts may, if they wish, use as their return address that of a local A.A. office.)
4. The inside A.A. member and the outside contact set up a meeting at the time of the inmate's release. The inside A.A. provides such information as their date of release, arrival time in the local area, and an address and phone number.
5. The Prerelease Contact will meet the newly released A.A. at an agreed upon time and place to help them adjust to attending their first meetings in the local community.
6. The Prerelease Contact and the newly released A.A. will, by working together, know when they both feel the time has come for the Prerelease Contact to move on to someone new.

Suggestions for the Prerelease Contact

1. Contact the inside A.A. member by letter within two weeks of being matched and remain in touch with them as their release date approaches.
2. Try to take the former inmate to an A.A. meeting within 24 to 48 hours of their release.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting be viewed as a regular Twelfth Step call and that you take another A.A. member with you.
4. Share your experience, strength and hope with the newly released A.A., just as you would with any other person new to A.A. in your community.
5. Review the A.A. Correction Prerelease Contact Information with the former inmate so that there are no misunderstandings.
6. Your job is finished after a sponsor has been found, or when you and the inmate feel that the A.A. inmate is secure enough for you to move on.
7. Make sure the newly released A.A. receives meeting schedules, phone numbers, and A.A. literature.
8. Encourage the newly released A.A. to attend meetings as often as possible, to find a home group and, most important, to get a sponsor as soon as possible. Let them know that even a temporary sponsor who has time for them now would be acceptable.

Remember that:

- It is important that former inmates attend their first A.A. meeting as soon as they are released.
- Our primary purpose is to carry the A.A. message.
- You are not responsible for the member's attitude or actions in or out of meetings.
- It is suggested that you do not loan money or anything of value, or become a personal taxi service.
- Introduce the former inmate to other A.A. members, just as you would any newcomer.
- We are not to act in any reporting or communication capacity regarding the A.A. member and the justice system.

Suggested Reading

“Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities”

“Where Do I Go From Here?”

A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate

“A.A. in Correctional Facilities”

“It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”

“Memo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic”

“A Message to Corrections Professionals”

A.A. Corrections Contact Form

Name: _____

Sex: M F

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Nighttime Phone: _____

Home Group: _____

Location: _____

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Item B

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For AAs on the



**A.A. CORRECTIONS
PRERELEASE
CONTACT INFORMATION**

CONNECTING
INSIDE A.A. MEMBERS
TO THE OUTSIDE
A.A. COMMUNITY

A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program Procedures

1. As an inside A.A. member you are eligible for this program if you are within three to six months of your release date.
2. Please fill in the attached form and mail it to the Corrections committee. You will find the address at the bottom of the Application form on page 3.
3. The Prerelease Contact will write to you to confirm contact. If the Prerelease Contact fails to contact you within a few weeks, you should write again.
4. You and the Prerelease Contact will set up a meeting at the time of your release. Please provide, on the prerelease form, such information as date of release, when you will arrive in the local area, and an address and phone number where you may be reached.
5. The Prerelease Contact will meet you at an agreed upon time and place to help you adjust to attending your first meetings in the local community.
6. Please remember that the Prerelease Contact is there to make your transition from “inside” to “outside” A.A. meetings as comfortable as possible. There is no “schedule”; it is up to you and your Contact to decide together when the time is right for the Prerelease Contact to rotate on to help someone new.

Dear A.A. Members,

In your area A.A. can arrange a Prerelease Contact for those soon to be released. If you are interested you can be matched upon release to an A.A. member in your home community.

This A.A. member will take you to A.A. meetings, introduce you around, and help you get acquainted and comfortable in A.A.

Your Prerelease Contact is temporary only. They are there to support you, answer questions, and explain the A.A. program of recovery. They will not provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or other such services. You will hear suggestions for sobriety and will be introduced to basic recovery tools — like sponsorship, a day at a time, A.A. literature and A.A.'s Twelve Steps.

Past experience has shown that attending an A.A. meeting as soon as possible after release is key to making a sober transition to life outside prison. Many of us have been where you are and know that the program of A.A. and its fellowship can do for you what it has done for us and countless others.

Complete the attached Prerelease form and mail it to the address indicated. Please do this three to six months prior to your release. The Corrections committee will then match you up with an A.A. Prerelease Contact in the community where you will be living. That person will write to you with information on how to contact him or her once you are released.

Prerelease Request

I am within six months of my release date. I am requesting an A.A. Contact who will provide a link for me to the A.A. community through transportation to meetings and introductions to other A.A.s.

Inmate Name: _____

Sex: M F

Doc Number: _____

Doc Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Releasing to: (Town or Area): _____

Date of Release: _____

Address after release: _____

Phone No.: _____

Please mail to:



INMATE Language consideration as discussed with:

Blueberry Hill group

Kwikwexwelhp Healing Village (Minimum Security)

- Resident
- Inside Resident
- Offender
- To an A.A. member on the inside
- **Inside member**
- The word inmate refers to a Hospital resident
- Recovering Alcoholic

Keep it Straight

Mountain Institute (Medium Security)

- Alcoholic
- Recovering Alcoholic
- Convict
- Convicted Alcoholic
- The Fallen Alcoholics
- Recovering Con's
- Recovering Convicts
- Convicts breaking the chains
- Incarcerated Alcoholic
- The Fallen Kings
- **Offenders**

Open the Gate to Freedom group

Kent Institute (Maximum Security)

- Convict
- Prisoner
- **Inside member**
- **Members on the inside**

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ITEM C: PAI #137/#177 Consider requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

**Note: As a result of the EDW plan, this item is on the agenda of the
Conference Corrections Committee**

Background notes:

Excerpt from October 30, 2021 TLC meeting report.

The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2022 General Service Conference a request to follow the 1995 advisory action regarding the first 164 pages of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and to update Appendices III and V after the existing text.

The committee forwarded the proposed agenda item, its background, and the Scoring Tool to the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference for review by its Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload.

The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2022 General Service Conference the proposed agenda item regarding a request to 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, except for updating stories.

The committee forwarded the proposed agenda item, background and a Scoring Tool combining these topics to the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference for review by its Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload.

Secretary's note:

The first printing of the Second edition *Alcoholics Anonymous* (1955) included:

- An updated Preface
- Foreword to First Edition
- Foreword

The Third edition *Alcoholics Anonymous* (1976) included:

- An updated Preface
 - Foreword to First Edition
 - Foreword to Second Edition
 - Foreword to Third Edition
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CONFIDENTIAL: 72nd General Service Conference Background

Background:

1. Submission Form- PAI #137/#177

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PAI#137 Submission Form

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

Proposal number one. I make a proposal 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 Appendices remain as is. Updates to Appendices III and V can be via additional information immediately following the existing text of the respective appendix.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

Up to this point, before the 71st Conference, Bill Wilson's Writings were protected by the conference. The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are Bill Wilson's writings, interpretation and essays. We believe that Bill Wilson's writing should not be changed. That is why we want the past protections to be made good again.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on The proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

So far, we had time to discuss and vote on the proposed item at our Home Group. With 6 home group members present 5 yes votes and one vote abstaining, to move it on to the District meeting on June 27, 2021, to have a district group conscience vote. With 8 voting members present at the district meeting it was discussed and voted yes unanimously. Because of the annual date moving up the deadline for submission to the GSC to Sept 15, we could not wait to vote at the Area Fall Assembly on the 2nd and 3rd of October which would have been a much larger voting group conscience. The Area Committee met on August 2, 2021 and had 18 voting members present that voted. The vote was 17 For the proposal and 1 against the proposal. As you can see in the smaller voting group conscience's it was practically unanimous yes. My knowledge and feeling is the whole Area fellowship feels the same.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

Conference Advisory Action, 1995. The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the preface, the forwards, "The Doctors Opinion," "Doctor Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as is. The 1995 Advisory Action Recommended is Attached to the Submission Form.

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

If the 72nd Conference gives back the protections that Bill's Writings had previously, before the 71st Conference voted to take them away, we would be extremely happy and comforted that the Alcoholics Anonymous Recovery program would stay the same.

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

Ricco R.

(7) Final comments:

Thank you for reading and considering our proposal to be hopefully presented at the 72nd Conference.
In Unity and Service,
Ricco

Proposal number one background

1995 It was recommended that:

The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the preface, the Forwards, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Doctor Bob’s Nightmare” and the Appendices remain as is. (Repeated every year to 2001 when the 4th edition was recommended and is still in place today. To make any other changes to the Big Book, this 1995 advisory action would have to be undone. *)

* It was undone by the 71st General Service Conference when they passed the Conference Advisory Action that reads: 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.

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded 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.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

This proposed item addresses the problem that outside issues are being brought into AA and into AA literature. Per Tradition 10 it states that "**Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**"

The Preamble also states: "**A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.**"

This changing of AA literature is an outside political issue hence the AA name should not take sides in this matter per the literature and traditions. This discourse may serve some useful purpose outside of Alcoholics Anonymous, but it does not belong in our spiritual program. It is a death sentence for AA, as proven by the Washingtonians.

Cancelling the pronouns is only the beginning. The next target will be the "harsh" language of the literature. They will be coming for all the "musts" in the Big Book. When they get done extracting the teeth out of our literature and "normalize" a form of communicating that is "gentler" and "softer", then they will go after what they really wanted all along, to eradicate God from Alcoholics Anonymous.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

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Group conscience at the group level.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

"Those who fail to learn history are doomed to repeat it."

The end of Alcoholics Anonymous will not be by way of a great physical battle in the streets or by some schism within our meetings. The end of Alcoholics Anonymous is coming by way of attrition. First by the attrition of the words of our literature. This same literature you and I got sober on and stay sober today by reading over and over again.

If this systematic poisoning of our AA literature is not stopped now, Alcoholics Anonymous will cease to exist, just as the Washingtonians did. The Washingtonian Movement did not keep outside political issues out of their organization, and they ceased to exist. They became involved in all manners of controversial social reforms. They took on a noble cause of their time, slavery, and prohibition and as a result, their group fragmented and perished completely within a few years. Alcoholics Anonymous cannot afford to stray from its primary purpose.

In a talk on the Traditions shortly before his death, Bill said that the Washingtonians had done things "which were very natural to do, but which had turned out to be utterly destructive. And it was this spectacle of the past, brought before us as our Traditions were evolving, that confirmed that we were probably very much on the right track in this matter of no public controversy"

In the book Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, Bill wrote: "In many respects the Washingtonians were akin to AA. Had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the full answer. Instead, the Washingtonians died when they abandoned certain timeless principles, permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes. Within a very few years they had completely lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics, and the society collapsed."

Changing pronouns is only the beginning. It will start with that, then the removal of language that is "too harsh" or "offensive". It will end with the removal of the word "God" from our literature.

It will come in the form of outside "professional" "medical" documentation "proving" that now "modern medicine" can help alcoholics much better than a sponsor can. And 12 stepping work should absolutely be left to the "professionals" only. The days of one drunk helping another, so the second drunk can go help another newcomer are NOT long for our fellowship if we allow this politically motivated outside issue to alter our literature. This same literature that has saved and continues to save us.

The end of Alcoholics Anonymous sounds like this: "... Sure way back in the 1930's AA was helpful but now we have new modern "medical professionals" who have empirical evidence "proving" "modern medicine" can "truly" help alcoholics much more effectively by way of medication and paying a "professional" to listen to them."

Alcoholics Anonymous has been in a slow decline of support for and action upon the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It has become "normal" to hear a comment in an AA meeting drone on and on about someone, something, or anything other than the drunk talking about their own experience, strength and hope. When I talk about anything outside of MY experience, strength and hope, I cannot get spiritually better. And I am certainly NOT showing the newcomer in the room what our sober way of life is about.

Our Traditions are what separates Alcoholics Anonymous from all the other groups or movements throughout all of recorded history. NO ONE has ever been as successful, for anywhere near as long as Alcoholics Anonymous has been when it comes to helping drunks get and stay sober.

To a friend Bill wrote, "I wish every AA could indelibly burn the history of the Washingtonians into his memory. It is an outstanding example of how, and how not, we ought to conduct ourselves. In a sense, Alcoholics Anonymous has never had a problem seriously threatening our overall unity. Yet I notice that some AAs are complacent enough to suppose we never shall."

Bill cautioned, "Those who read the July [1945] Grapevine were startled, then sobered, by the account which it carried of the Washingtonian movement. It was hard for us to believe that 100 years ago the newspapers of this country were carrying enthusiastic accounts about 100,000 alcoholics who were helping each other stay sober; that today the influence of this good work has so completely disappeared that few of us had ever heard of it "May we always be willing to learn from experience"

Risking our lives and the lives of future alcoholics by allowing the outside issue of ANY politics to influence and actually change our literature is suicidal and NOT right!

Those who engaged in this deadly politically motivated altering of our literature need to STOP! These decisions and the people who made them do NOT represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous.

These men and women on whatever committee that changed our literature NEED to actually represent Alcoholics Anonymous NOT any outside issues, especially politics.

(4) COMPLETED - EMPTY BOX as a RESULT OF FORMAT PROBLEMS – (NOTE FROM CONFERENCE DESK)

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

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.

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

(7) Final comments:

History will repeat itself if we do not do something about it now. The newcomer deserves this way of life we have all been freely given.

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ITEM D: PAI #63 Discuss requests to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.

Note: As a result of the EDW plan, this item is on the agenda of the Conference Corrections Committee

Background notes:

Excerpt from October 30, 2021 TLC meeting report.

The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2022 General Service Conference the proposed agenda item regarding thoughts and concerns regarding A.A. literature changes.

The committee forwarded the proposed agenda item, its background, and the Scoring Tool to the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference for review by its Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload. Discuss the request that any plain language book, workbook or study guide of the book Alcoholics Anonymous or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions do not contain in the title or book cover the words Alcoholics Anonymous or Big Book: The committee discussed the proposed request and took no action. The committee noted that oversight of the development of the plain language book is within the scope of the Tools for Access the Big Book (TABB) subcommittee.

The committee requested that these observations inform a future progress report from the TABB subcommittee.

NOTE: The Conference assignment forwarded this item to the trustees' Literature Committee late. The committee reviewed the item on November 21.

Background:

1. Submission Form- PAI #63

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(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.
Make Changes to our literature slowly. Our Primary Purpose should remain clear.
(2) What problem does this proposed item address?
Conforming to the struggles of society to align our message with the world. Our message has been handed down to us and has worked for 86 years. Once we begin changing the words of the message as it has been handed down we run the risk of destroying this gift. Remember the history of the Washintonion 's Who got invoiced in the challenges of the times instead of their original (primary purpose)
(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).
<i>Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.</i>
Perhaps because of Covid-19 The group conscious was not addressed / given the chance to talk about changes. Perhaps a short coming in our area to distribute this information concerning changes to the pre- amble, and literature. Considering making any changes to the Big Book and any literature is a mistake while the world is challenged by distance due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore I Don S.submit this as a long time member of AA. Sobriety date is 12/18/1977
(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:
(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?
To maintain unity in the fellowship and assure that our message that was handed down remains in tact. (Dr Bob wrote: "Dr. Bob did elaborate on his keep-it-simple theme as far as the A.A. program is concerned, incidentally. In a September 1948 article for the Grapevine, he wrote "As finally expressed and offered, they [the Twelve Steps] are simple in language, plain in meaning. They are also workable by any person having a sincere desire to obtain and keep sobriety. The results are the proof. Their simplicity and workability are such that no special interpretations, and certainly no reservations, have ever been necessary. And it has become increasingly clear that the degree of harmonious living which we achieve is in direct ratio to our earnest attempt to follow them literally under divine guidance to the best of our ability. Excerpt From: AA World Services, Inc. "Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers."
(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.
Don S.
(7) Final comments:

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