# ILLOWA MESSENGER APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

# **April Birthdays**



1	Leon R.	'89
1	Pam S.	'92
2	John H.	'65
3	Pat W.	'84
4	Jodie P.	'98
4	Crystal T.	'00
4	Chuck O.	'04
5	Jaclyn M.	'03
7	Lisa W.	'03
9	Shannon M.	'99
10	Leodis A.	'76
13	Roy S.	'03
16	Linda S.	'80
18	Mario N.	'90
18	David H.	'95
19	Kirby P.	'80
22	Carl S.	'85
22	Karen K.	'04
23	Bob R.	'94
23	Chuck C.	'94
26	Pam T.	'98
26	Linda B.	'99

Anniversaries and special events and/or any flyers should be called in to the Intergroup office, 309-764-1016, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Help make this list as complete as possible.

# **Events**



April 12<sup>th</sup> – Intergroup Business meeting on Zoom



Please contact Lisa at the Intergroup Office if you would like to purchase literature or chips so a time can be arranged for you to do that.



## Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions February 2021

	Feb. 21	<u> Jan Feb. 21</u>
Bettendorf	300.00	300.00
Big Book Study	0.00	355.01
Central Discussion	150.00	150.00
Cleveland	21.00	21.00
Clinton	75.00	150.00
District 90	0.00	275.00
La Nueva Vida	0.00	10.00
Last Chance	0.00	70.00
Marquette	0.00	100.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	<u>75.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	546.00	1,506.01

# Call Counts for February 2021

12-Step - 1

Information – 32

Texts - 5

Visitors - 10

Al-anon – 2

# Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021

Web Meeting called to order by Monique M

#### ATTENDANCE:

<u>Officers Present:</u> Chair - Monique M.; co-chair, Mike C.; Secretary - Deb P; Treasurer - Al B.; Office Manager-Lisa W., Telephone Chair-Julie B., Newsletter Chair-Beth E., Events Chair - Steve H., Webmaster - Randy C.

<u>Groups Present</u>: 8n8 AA, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Camden Serenity Group, Courage to Change, DeWitt Group, Geneseo Group, Henry County, Marquette, New Beginnings, West End

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the February minutes as published in the newsletter.

Due to Intergroup Elections, Regular Reports were moved to follow elections, time allowing.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRS:**

#### OFFICERS:

**Chair** – Monique has interest in serving second year, no other nominations. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously for Monique M.

**CO-Chair** – Mike has interest in serving second year, no other nominations. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

**Secretary** – Deb has served two terms, Julie B has interest in position, no other nominations. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Al has interest in serving second year, no other nominations. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

**Telephone Chair** – OPEN - Julie has served two terms, no nominations at this time. Desiree will consider after meeting with Julie for more detailed information about position.

#### **SERVICE CHAIRS:**

**Events Cha1r** – OPEN - Steve has served two terms; no nominations at this time.

**Newsletter Chair** – Beth is interested in serving a second year, no other nominations. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

**District 9 Liaison:** Bethany interested in the position; no other nominations. Motion made. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

District 90 Liaison: OPEN position

#### Treasurer's Report 03/01/20

#### INCOME

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Contributions	\$565.00
Sales	\$956.60
Other sales-vendor	\$0.58
Prudent Reserve Interest	
Totals	\$1,522.18
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
General	\$1,552.60
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Workman's comp insurance	
Totals	\$1,552.60
TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	(\$30.42)
ACCOUNTS	
ACCOUNTS	
Checking	\$1,973.21
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$5,258.42
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Totals	<u>\$7,231.63</u>

## Office Manager's Report March 1, 2020

Hello everyone,

The office continues to remain closed until further notice. I have been working from home and answering and transferring the phone every weekday. Anyone needing literature or chips can call me at 309-764-1016 to set up a time for pickup.

I have been working with the Steve and Randy to organize our Zoom Anniversary Fundraiser Event this month. I am super-excited about our great line-up of speakers.

Please be sure to send any meeting changes to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com so I can update the files in the office and send the information to Randy for the website. We do have paper schedules available in the office but they do not reflect online meetings, so be sure to check www.aaquadcities.org for the most updated meeting information.

Call counts for February were 1 12-step, 32 information, 10 visitors, 2 Al-anon, and 5 texts Our next business meeting will be on Zoom on April 12, 2021 rather than April 5 due to the Easter holiday weekend. Information on how to join will be on the website a few days before the meeting.one, In love and service, Lisa W.

### Telephone Chair Report / March 1, 2021

Hello All! Once again, I want to thank all the volunteers who take the phones! Those in the past, all the current volunteers who have been taking the phone for years and years, and also to the newest volunteers who just recently signed up! All shifts on the phone rotation are filled at the moment! A special thank you goes out to Lisa who answers the phone Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm and to Gail who is always happy to help out whether for an hour or a full shift when the need arises.

I have nothing more to report, but if I could quick take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve as the Telephone chair for the past (almost) 2 years! It's been my sincere pleasure and honor! Thank you! Julie B.

#### **Group Reports**

#### **Big Book Study Group:**

We are still holding our meeting on Zoom – every Tuesday at 6:30pm, the join link is on the aaquadcities.org website. We read from the Big Book and discuss what we've read, we're currently in the chapter **To Employers**! Come join us is you're free on Tuesdays at 6:30pm!

The Big Book Study Group's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up Feb-23! Event flyer is on the website, it'll be virtual! Speaker is Marsha S, Austin, TX ©

Thank you! Julie B

#### 3 Legacies:

3 legacies will be holding our anniversary on March 11th at 630 pm. It will be the regular zoom meeting code and password, found on flyer on aa <u>quadcities.org</u>. Nothing new to report. In love and service Katie A.

#### **Old Business:**

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Intergroup Event on March 20, 2021, online, 9am-5pm. Meeting will start with Steps/Traditions/Vision for you and close with the Lord's Prayer. There are two more people needed to chair, a large turnout is expected; there is a 1000-person limit to the Zoom meeting. Camden will have their meeting room open with projector and Blandine is opening the meeting room all day for people to access. Randy suggested ear buds or headphones for anyone listening in an area with multiple devices to avoid feedback.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com

All reports need to be e-mailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next business meeting will be held Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm due to the holiday weekend on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

# District 9 Monthly Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **Attendance:**

Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Secretary, Treatment.

Groups: Bettendorf Group, Big Book Study, Sisters in Sobriety, The Three Legacies

### **Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance: 7,203.80. Income \$200 Expenses \$0 Seed Money \$300 Prudent Reserve \$300 Operating Balance: \$6,803.80

DCM: Greetings district 9- over the past month I had the honor of working with a group of passionate and dedicated people to get the agenda items out, broke down and dispersed. Thank you all who scarified your valued time to carry the information to our groups and who were able to participate in the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous service conference. Here are the agenda items that I am reporting on (thank you Park and Toni) Only the agenda items that had any feedback will be included in my report. You can find a list of Agenda items on the aaquadcitoes.org website. Policy & Dolicy & Admissions: Consider a request that a procedure be drafted for appealing a ruling by GSC chair – an issue came up last year and there is currently no procedure in place. Discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload -Literature always has so many items and others may have one or two. Review the report on the Conference Committee Assignment Application implemented in 2020 Committee Selection process - the process has been automated, how is it working. Consider requests regarding participation of online groups in the General Service Structure - right now virtual only meetings do not participate in the service structure - considerable discussion on this - create an online only area? Carried over from last year and no discussion-Review GSO's General Manager report regarding GSO Conference Site Selection. Review the floor action process. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss, and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee. Trustee: Consider the procedures for a partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board, the AAWS, or GV Boards. BACKGROUND: The reorg would be to possibly assign Alternate Trustees, like we have Alternate Delegates, etc. Due to many laws in NY...alternate isn't a good option, so they are considering how to find a replacement if someone has to step down. I will be attending Area 24 business meeting March 20-21 st to carry our voice. If your group would like its voice heard please send me an email or call and I can bring your voice to Area 24. leegarnica@yahoo.com, yours in service. Lee C DCM district 9.

Alt. DCM: The Webmaster did not have a user report this month as Intergroup held their elections at their last meeting. He asked me to remind people of the Illowa Intergroup Online Event. It is March 20 th from 9-5. If you have any questions, please contact the Intergroup office. There is also a flyer on the website, <a href="www.aaquadcities.org">www.aaquadcities.org</a>. I attended the virtual West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference. I sat in on the Agenda and Report & Charter/PI committee sessions as well as the morning and afternoon recaps. Whenever I attend a function like this, I realize how much more I have to learn about Alcoholics Anonymous. Conference Agenda Items: International Convention & Regional Forums, Public Information, and Report & Charter.

**Archives:** Archive's Report Greetings from Archives! I attended the WCRC this weekend. Those are always a great avenue to hear the conscious of our region. I also attended the Archives session. The agenda items this year for the 71 st service conference is as follows: 1. Review Archives Workbook 2. Review report on Proposed Book on A.A History 3. Election of chairperson for the 72<sup>nd</sup>. The background information on Item 2 were notes from the Trustee's Archives Committee, GSO working group which included members of the

publishing and Archives department. Most committee members were in favor of the idea and thought it was important to publish a book of historical documentation. The book must be historically accurate, neither biased nor representation of the authors interpretation. Creating an acceptable time frame to complete such a book is a concern. The question was asked whether G.S.O. is able to write this history and present an unbiased account? What will be the financial impact of this project be? How much will it cost? Is this how we want to allocate our financial resources? A professional writer/historian should be hired to undertake such a project. Could we publish an e-book format instead of print and embed links to audio files, as appropriate to supplement the historical material. Group Highlight - The Blandine group started in 1954. This year will celebrate 67 Years I receive a copy of a letter from Bill W dated April 11, 1960 congratulating them on their 6-year Anniversary. Bill wrote that he was glad his old sponsor Ebby was to be with the Group on May 11, 1960. I also received that audio of his talk. I am looking into different ideas of where we could store our Archives, so that our records are stored and preserved. In Love & Service Sheryl F.

Corrections: Greetings from Corrections. I attended the West Central Regional Form and found it very informative. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I met with Jaclyn and received all the Corrections information. I have contacted all the facilities. Scott County Jail is currently doing 1 virtual woman meeting every Monday from 11am-12. They are not currently having a men's virtual meeting. I will update everyone when that becomes a possibility. I am looking for volunteers for the virtual women's AA meeting. It is a monthly commitment, not background check is required. I have 2 spots available. 605 Main is still not currently having in person meetings I have been in contact with them We are still currently have meetings at RCF, which is a men's speaker/discussion meeting from 730pm-830pm. Projects for 2021: 1. Corrections Workshop 2. Obtain GSO's video with our information and get that information out to the facilities 3. Download AA speaker either by CD/zip drive and distribute to facilities. Proposed Budget: \$500 In love and Service. Vicki F.

CPC: Good morning Beautiful people. It has been so far a really fun learning experience serving as your CPC. I had the pleasure of meeting with Park and having this position clarified a whole bunch more. I have been able to present to the St. Ambrose nursing students and have 2 more presentations lined up in the near future. I am working on putting a committee together so if you or someone you know may have an interest in this type of service work please contact me at Shawnalynnsherrill@gmail or I can be reached at 563-570-5301. I am working on contacting another group of individuals to share our information and pamphlets with, in hopes of being able to get AA out to those that may need it! I will be doing my best to attend this upcoming Area 24 business meeting however I may not be able due to my work schedule. Maybe if PI is attending, they could assist me in any CPC information that may come up. I am very excited about this upcoming year and am thrilled to serve. Love and service, Shawna. Hello there! I attended the CPC portion of the WCRAASC agenda items committee report. Here is the topics and discussion. A Discuss progress on Linked IN- nothing. The latest published report is Feb with numbers etc. B. consider request for pamphlet mental health. Helpful in determining what AA is/isn't, however if one created for mental health should it be more specific (mental health seems too general) and then does that lead to making more specific pamphlets for other professionals. Does this single out mental health saying it is more important than others since it has its own pamphlet. C. review content of workbook and kit - nothing D. review draft update on pamphlet "member of clergy"--consider changing clergy to spiritual leaders as the term clergy is specific for a few organized legions but not all. In Love and Service, Jaclyn M.

Grapevine: hello all! things are slowly moving forward with Grapevine. I have sent out emails to all the GSR'S introducing myself and have attached my information in case there is anyone interested in being on my committee. More to come in the future as the world is slowly opening up. I have ideas as to how we can help get the message to those who may be in need. (i.e., hospitals libraries etc.) I also had the pleasure of attending the Western Conference Saturday and learned a lot. I attended the grapevine/international conference workshop in which they talked about the agenda items. the feedback from that group was good and has given me a lot to bring back and share with you. Here are the agenda considerations for grapevine-

la vina: Consider a request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the A.A. Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. Background: Area 39 made a motion for the development of this pamphlet. A suggested title was: "How to use the A.A. Grapevine to Carry the A.A. Message." The new pamphlet should include the A.A. Grapevine Statement of purpose. The new pamphlet could also include separate sections discussing how to use the A.A. Grapevine in specific areas of A.A. life, such as: Meeting topics, Correctional Facilities, Probation and Parole, Treatment facilities, Loaners, Public Information (Displays, Barbershops, Dr's offices, etc), Accessibilities, A.A. Anniversary gifts, Newcomer Packets, Sponsoring Newcomers, Military A.A.s stationed overseas, Vacation / Travel, Telling your own story (including how to submit your story), Art / Photographs (photo of your group), A.A. Grapevine booklets/book, A.A. Grapevine website (archives as well as current articles), and Area, District and/or Group Grapevine Representative. Each section might include a paragraph describing how to use the A.A. Grapevine in each specific are of A.A. life followed by a short personal story from A.A. members who share their experience, strength and hope in relation to how the A.A. Grapevine has enhanced their sobriety in each specific section. A final section would include how to subscribe to the online or paper copy of the A.A. Grapevine with discussion of what advantages there are to having your own subscription. 2. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2022 or later. Background: From 2002 Advisory Actions: "It was unanimously recommended that the Conference Committee on the Grapevine annually review a list of proposed related items at least one year in advance of possible production, so that the Conference might provide guidance, recognizing that the committee may request more than one year to review some proposed items.

Intergroup Liaison: No Report.

Literature: No Report, open position.

PI: No Report, open position.

Treatment: Hey all! I attended the WCRAASC for the treatment and accessibilities committee agenda review items. A. review progress on pamphlet of "older alcoholic" March 15th is the deadline for submission of stories to go in that pamphlet. consideration to add how the older AA can access AA. B. review progress on audio interviews – nothing C. review contents of treatment kit - want it in print and online and when online please keep updating etc. all consistent and release patterns the same. D. review contents of accessibilities kit - AA with special needs is it being removed all together or replaced - this is the kit where it should be. Also, consideration on adding how to sponsor something with accessibility issues, either rural or a stroke patient- consideration on how to help them and how to sponsor them. In regard to local treatment things, all meetings that are currently happening are going well and nothing new to report.

#### **Group Reports:**

Bettendorf Group: Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. 19 in attendance. Minutes were read and approved. Bettendorf Group has cancelled plans to hold its anniversary event this year due to COVID. Bettendorf Group Voice on GSO Convention Items • Corrections: o Consider removing terminology that may be considered offensive from literature such as inmate and offender. • They did not really have an opinion but felt it really wouldn't be necessary to make the change. • CPC: o Consider a pamphlet for mental health professionals. • BG is fine with that. We agree that the professional title be expanded to Behavioral Health Professionals. • Literature: o (B) Consider the following revisions/additions at the next printing: • Add pages 3 – 41 of the pamphlets "The AA Group" as an appendix in the next printing. • The Group is fine with that • Revise the first 164 pages • NO changes or additions to the first 164 pages o (C) 5TH Edition • Good with all additions, no changes o (D) Spanish 4th Edition • No input o (E) Revise the 12 and 12 • No changes o (F) Subtitle to Living Sober • No opinion o (G) The AA Group Pamphlet • No opinion o (H) Revision about Self Support in the FAQ Pamphlet • No opinion o (I) Q & A on Sponsoring • 1 No to changing the verbiage suggesting sponsor & sponsee be of the same sex • 2 Service Sponsorship – Yes to this proposal o (J & K & L) No opinion o (M)

Traditions Illustrated • Yes to not retiring the pamphlet Bettendorf Group Business Meeting February 17, 2021 o (N) NA o (O) NA o (P through T) NA o (U) Plain Language Big Book, workbooks • No o (V) Long Form of each Tradition... • No Opinion o (X & Y) The A Group • OK with these changes o (Z) Native North American • No Opinion o (AA & BB) No opinion.

Big Book Study: No Report

Sisters in Sobriety: No Report

The Three Legacies: Good Morning, our anniversary meeting is being held virtually Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 pm with guest speaker Bev H. from Omaha, Nebraska. Three Legacies meetings are still being held via the Zoom (online) platform & will continue to do so until the church opens back up for the group. Three Legacies currently holds three virtual meetings each week: Thursday @ 6:30pm (Open Speaker), Tuesday @ 8:00pm & Saturday @ 9:00am (Closed Big Book Discussion), The centralized link & password to our virtual meetings can be found on the Intergroup website. (aaquadcities.org) In Love & Service, Rachel Becker

<u>Old Business</u>: Open Positions - PI, Literature, Conference Agenda topics, Reminder – April meeting moved to April 11<sup>th</sup>

New Business: N/A

Motion to Adjourn: 11:38am / Rachel B / Kevin K.

#### **DISTRICT 90 Business Meeting**

March 2, 2021 @ 6pm Virtual ZOOM Meeting https://zoom.us/j/6591910636

Welcome - Serenity Prayer

Attendance – Kelsey, Secretary. Randy, DCM. Craig Alt, DCM. Gene, Treasurer. Aaron, Archives. Ted, Geneseo GSR.

AA Birthdays - none

Minutes Approval- Craig motions to accept the minutes, Gene seconds. All in favor.

#### Officers' Reports

**DCM:** Randy C. Hello Everyone, I would like to share with you a couple of items from the Virtual Winter Committee Minutes. The majority of discussion was about getting members interested in attending the Area Meetings. Nothing was decided, it was just an open forum for ideas. It was also announced that there may be some hybrid Area Meetings starting in June. The Spring Assembly will be totally ZOOM on March 13th, however, as of today, there is still no registration info. I will start emailing the Area Minutes out to everyone and they are also located on the Area Website: aa-nia.org

On a personal note, it seems that the pandemic has created a "slow down" on AA as a whole. I know I have tired contacting Area Chairs and the Registrar, but the response time is very long with several attempts needed. However, if I am persistent, I do get a response eventually.

Finally, with the absence of a Liaison, I would like to mention there is an all-day Intergroup Event with several Speakers from 9am-5pm on March 20th. The flyer is on the front page of the Website. Also, some groups are opening all day and showing the event on a large screen or having computers brought in so those who have problems connecting online can still participate, "kind of a hybrid meeting." That's all I have until next month.

**Alt. DCM:** Craig K. cabin fever begins at 5 with first speaker at 6 and the second speaker right after that accessible on www.aaquadcities.org

**Treasurer:** Gene V. Beginning Balance: \$189.99, Deposits: \$100.00, Debits: \$0.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$128.74, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48 We got a thank you letter from intergroup for last year's donation of \$175.

Secretary: Kelsey C. no report

#### Committee Reports:

**Corrections:** Brandon S. Sorry I could attend the meeting tonight; my report is as follows: Currently, Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center has a plan for getting volunteers back in, although it could be some time before that actually happens. I hope to continue to see things trending towards reopening. For now, we wait. That's it:)

Treatment: Kelly. Absent

P.I.: Richard S. absent

Literature: Kelsey C. none

Accessibilities: OPEN

**Grapevine: OPEN** 

C.P.C.: OPEN

**Archives:** Aaron M. March 14th-21st pre archive committee workshop. Waiting on times. Will all be on zoom. Waiting on the area 20 archivist find time to get together and help him get going in the right direction and gathering info. Randy said he has minutes for a long time that he could send over.

Intergroup Liaison: OPEN

**GSR Reports:** 

**Geneseo:** Ted nothing major to Cherie speaking this month. Speaker meeting is 4th friday of the month.

**Henry County:** self-supporting. Tues, Fri, Sunday night are well attended. In person meetings are not very much attended. Sunday is regularly attended.

New Beginnings: closed to the public and no talk of opening back up at all

#### **Old Business:**

-Open Positions • Accessibilities • Grapevine

#### **New Business:**

CPC is now open. Elections are in November

Randy motioned to adjourn and craig seconds all in favor

NEXT MEETING April 13, 2021 via ZOOM

# 71st General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items

### I. Agenda

- A. +Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
- B. +Review the 2019 January Conference Call participant survey results.
- C. +Discuss 2020 report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- D. +Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.
- E. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2022 General Service Conference.
- F. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- H. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2020 Evaluation Summary.
- I. Review 2021 report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' General Service Conference Committee.
- J. Discuss a request to provide additional avenues for A.A. members to share input on General Service Conference agenda items.

#### II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. +Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.
- B. +Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. +Review contents and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review draft update of the pamphlet "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous."

#### III. Corrections

- A. Consider request for a review of all correction related literature to replace terms such as "inmate" and "offender" with less stigmatizing language.
- B. Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities/programs.
- C. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

#### IV. Finance

- A. The pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
  - 1. +Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
  - 2. Discuss mechanization of group contributions.
- B. +Review Self-Support Packet.
- C. Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action stating "G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group."
- D. Discuss Concept XII, Warranty Two and the practice of "selling of our books at cost or less."
- E. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- F. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
- G. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- H. Review the "Google Grants and the Seventh Tradition Report."

### V. Grapevine and La Viña

- A. +Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- B. +Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
- C. +Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.
- D. Review progress report on development of an Instagram account.
- E. Review suggested gender-neutral language options for changes to the A.A. Preamble.
- F. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2022 or later.

#### VI. Literature

- A. +Review proposed "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format."
- B. +Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
  - 1. +Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" as an appendix in the next printing.
  - 2. +Revise the first 164 pages.
- C. +Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: 1. +Develop a Fifth Edition.
- 2. +Develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
- 3. +Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at the time it is published.
- D. +Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos.
- E. +Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: 1. +To remove the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve."
- 2. +To reconsider use of the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six."
- F. +Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober.
- G. +Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- H. +Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Ouestions About A.A."
- I. +Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship":
  - 1. +Change the suggestion that sponsor, and newcomer be of the same sex.
  - 2. +Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.
- J. +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."
- K. +Review recovery literature matrix (2019).
- L. +Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- M. "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet:
  - 1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
  - 2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- N. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- O. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- P. Review the draft of the new pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.

- Q. Review the draft of the new pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- R. Discuss progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- S. Discuss progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts illustrated."
- T. Discuss progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- U. Consider 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.
- V. Consider adding the Long Form of each Tradition at the beginning of each essay for that Tradition in the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
- W. Consider the development of a draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, noting past Advisory Actions.
- X. Consider revising the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group," to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.
- Y. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group."
- Z. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- AA. Review G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy.
  - 1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet, "Is A.A. for You?"
  - 2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet, "Is there an Alcoholic in Your Life?"
  - 3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet, "Frequently Asked Questions about A.A."
  - 4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet, "This is A.A."
- BB. Review Matrix (2020)

## VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. +Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. +Review the floor action process.
- C. +Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss, and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- D. Review dates for the 2025 General Service Conference.
- E. Review the "Report on Translation and Interpretation of General Service Conference Material."
- F. Consider revising the process for polling the General Service Conference between annual meetings to make use of virtual meeting technologies.
- G. Consider a request that a procedure be drafted for appealing a ruling by a General Service Conference chair.
- H. Discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload.
- I. Review the report on the Conference Committee Assignment Application implemented for the 2020 Committee Selection process.
- J. Consider requests regarding participation of online groups in the General Service structure.

#### VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2020 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Review the 2020 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on Google Adsperformance.
- C. Review progress report regarding the 2021 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- D. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

- 1. Review the 2020 Report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements."
- 2. Review a progress report on the development of two PSAs.
- E. Consider draft plan to develop podcasts.
- F. Review "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey" report.
- G. Discuss Public Information pamphlets. 1. Consider revising the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."
- 2. Discuss trustees' Public Information Committee review of P.I. pamphlets.
- H. Review contents and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook

### IX. Report and Charter

- A. +Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
- B. +Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)
- C. Review the draft of *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2021-2023 Edition.
- D. Consider a request to amend paragraph one, the *Purpose* of the current Conference Charter.
- E. Consider a request to revise Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service.

#### X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Review progress report on the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."
- B. Review a progress report on audio interviews with A.A. members who are in the Armed Forces.
- C. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

#### XI. Trustees

- A. +Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."
  - 1. Review memo response regarding the consideration of alternate trustees.
- B. Review resumes of candidates for: 1. East Central Regional Trustee
  - 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
  - 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- C. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- E. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- F. Review the "Statement of Concern and Motion to Censure for Submission to the 71st General Service Conference."
- G. Review report on amending the A.A. World Services, Inc. Bylaws.

#### XII. Archives

- A. +Review Archives Workbook.
- B. Review report on "Proposed Book on A.A. History."

#### XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. +Agenda item forwarded from the 70th G.S.C.

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