

AREA 74 DELEGATE'S WORKSHOP-Committee Group Reports-March 5, 2022

1. Archives report from the Delegates Workshop 3-5-22

Members present: Bob H., Bill K. DCM 18 and Ken R.

I Bob H. Area 74 Archives Chair. Our committee had a number of GSC items to cover.

First was Agenda:

Item A

Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 GSC. We reviewed the list of 23 suggested themes for the 2023 GSC. We decided to leave the decision to the Delegates to 72 GSC.

Item B

Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2023 GSC. We reviewed the list of 9 different topics presented in the background material. We decided to leave the decision up to the Delegates to 72 GSC.

Item C

Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 GSC. Reviewed the background material list of 11 topics and let the Delegates which topic to choose.

Archives:

Review content and format of Archives Workbook. We had one member print the workbook and briefly looked at it.

International Conventions/Regional Forums:

Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. Reviewed background material. We did not have any recommendations.

Bob H. Area 74 Archives Chair

2. CPC

Delegate workshop

Kevin W. CPC

Kendra district 02

Joanne district 10

A. Review progress of LinkedIn page

1. On a global scale our site is an underutilized platform. 1786 followers. 2. The goals, both high and low priority are strong, but are the financing and resources justifiable.

B. Review draft pamphlet “AA in your all community”

We read all the suggested changes and agree that they should be made.

C. Review Progress report on development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professional.

We feel this pamphlet is unnecessary and our current pamphlets cover all or most questions.

D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help CPC committees to reach as many doctors as possible.

There is literature available as stated earlier. Personal outreach is most effective.

E. Review content and format of the CPC kit and workbook.

We reviewed the content of the workbook and talked about suggested changes to letters to military chaplains. The changes are ok.

3. Corrections

Corrections Committee consisted of:

Dani M Corrections WI

Bill Corrections MI

Terri B Area Secretary

Noonday- District 02 corrections

Tom W-DCM D12

Rich M. Dis 20

Item A: Review Contents and format of Corrections Kit and workbook: Skipped- but per Dani and Bill neither of us got a kit from GSO due to pandemic.

Item B: Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in AA Literature.

We took time to read and reread the background material and we were all a bit confused as to what change has already happened if any. We voted on what we thought, then discussed more and asked for our Delegate to jump in and give us what he thought they were asking about. We read all the information again and determined that there was recommendation to the 2021 GSC changing the literature from using the words “Inmate” and “Convict” to “person in custody (PIC)”. The new agenda item is to reconsider using PIC to “inside AA Member” this reconsider has come from groups in Canada because the language in Canada does not recognize or use the term person in custody in Canada at all. As a group we weren’t sure if the first motion to change inmate/convict to person in custody was done and now this was a new motion, or maybe a friendly amendment to the wording. Out of our group 2 people would recommend keeping as PIC and not considering the inside member of AA. 4 of us agreed to use the term inside member of AA.

Item C: Consider requests to limit changes to the book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tom said his district voted in favor of this motion, and some didn't vote. ** 4 GSR's voiced support for the item which request to limit changes to the book and 3 GSR's had no preference either way but they did participate in the discussion

We read over the motion, read all the background material and we were all in favor.

The background material pointed to the 1995 advisory action that was kept every year up until 2001. This recommendation states that the first 164 pages of the big book, AA, the preface, the forwards, the doctor's opinion, doctor bobs nightmare and the appendices remain as is. This was 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 GSC when they passed the conference advisory action that reads. "Pending its development, the draft 5th edition of the big book would include a new forward, an updated preface, and updates to expand on existing idea in appendices iii and V."

Two motions in total:

#177 states, 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. ** 4 GSR's voiced support for the item which request to limit changes to the book and 3 GSR's had no preference either way but they did participate in the discussion.

#137 states. I make a proposal that we follow the 1995 advisory action the first 164 pages of the big book of 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.

We all unanimously voted that we would like to consider these requests to limit changes to the big book, we feel that going back to the 1995 Advisory Action is what is needed, we all understand and agree with adding a 5th addition, and assumed that we would have another forward added to reflect that new addition, any other changes would be in the same format or wording as in previous additions and forwards. We all strongly agree in keeping the first 164 exactly the same in all other respects.

Item D: discuss requests to make AA literature changes slowly and with AA primary purpose in mind. We read over the background notes and discussed how and why this came to corrections, we also discussed with Bryon on his thoughts and what we should do with this item, there was no vote needed. Reading over material and discussing as a group we concluded that any changes to any literature needs to have the full attention of ALL members of AA, we feel that the last two years during the pandemic, there were changes made when things were not in full swing, lots of Area's or districts have gone underground and aren't participating as they once did due to the pandemic and this is just asking us to slow down, take a breath, and not move too quickly when making changes, even slight changes to words in our literature can have a political or outside issue undertone and needs to be considered. We all agree that slowing down as we move back into normalcy is the best thing to do.

4. Finance

Review Self-Support Packet. Our group feels that clarification and consistency regarding contributions is needed and good; the delegate should use his right of decision regarding changes to wording and/or images. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. We support a historical disclaimer as submitted to be added to the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions”.

C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes. The members present oppose using footnotes and furthermore oppose changing the text in the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions”.

5. Grapevine

6. Literature

To the delegate

Literature items

J. Group reviewed this item and accepted this progress report.

K. Group recommendations are as follows

Make sure target audience is being reached.

Ensure translation achieves simplicity and not Parelle complexity.

Is this really necessary, given existing workbooks and sponsorship.

L. Group voted 13 people take no action and 4 people voted use grapevine existing material.

M. Group reviewed this item and accepted this progress report.

P. Group reviewed this item and accepted this progress report.

R. The group voted 10 in favor or rescinding 2 against changes literature made to Bill W original writings by the 71 conference.

S. Group reviewed this item and accepted this progress report

Thank you.

Yours in service.

Bill D Area 74 Literature chair.

7. Policy & Admissions and Report & Charter-In person & Zoom Reports

REPORT & CHARTER **IN-PERSON** REVIEW COMMITTEE

TORV T JEFF C

A. N/A

B. 73RD GSC WILL HAVE MORE TO REVIEW IN NEXT VERSION

C. DELEGATE SHOULD FIND OUT FROM ASSEMBLY WHAT THEY THINK
WE FELT VERSION 1 O2 WERE BETTER THAN 3 OR 4.

D. YES THE GSR PREAMBLE SHOULD BE INCLUDED. DELEGATE SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT
AREA 74 ASSEMBLY THINKS. SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO CONCEPT IV
INFERRING GROUP IS TIED TO GSC STRUCTURE BY GSR BUT IF THE GSR DOES
NOT PARTICIPATE, THERE IS NO VOICE /VOTE FOR THE GROUP

E. YES BUT SHOULD BE ASSEMBLY'S CONSCIENCENOT NOT JUST THE 2 OF US

POLICY & ADMISSIONS
IN PERSON REVIEW COMMITTEE

TORV T JEFF C

1. TRUST THE GSB
2. EARLIER THAN THE SECOND WEEKEND IN MAY SO THAT IT DOES NOT EFFECT THE AREA
SPRING CONFERENCE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING THE DELEGATE'S REPORT
3. DOCUMENT #2 MAKES SENSE & SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IF PROBLEM OCCURS
4. YES KEEP DEVELOPING A PROCESS. RECENT PROCESS IS GOOD BUT VIRTUAL IS GOOD
5. 1ST OF 3 YEAR TRIAL AND GOING PRETTY WELL. WE ARE IN FAVOR – MORE WORK TO DO
6. BRING TO THE GROUPS AND GET THEIR CONSCIENCE WE ARE IN FAVOR
7. GROUPS' DECISION BUT WE ARE IN FAVOR

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JEFF C

**Report from the Policy/Admissions Committee-ZOOM
03.05.22**

VII. Policy/Admissions

A. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection-

We reviewed the G.S.O. general manager's report regarding the General Service Conference site selection. We discussed the need for why the General Service Conference has been held in New York and whether it should be moved. The G.S.O. general manager's report includes site selections in New Jersey and Connecticut as well as New York.

B. Review dates for the 2026 General Service Conference

The committee briefly discussed the background information on this agenda item and will let the General Service Conference Committee decide the date of the 2026 General Service Conference taking into consideration the Holiday and Observance schedule.

C. Discuss the procedure: "Process for Approving Observers to the Conference"

The committee discussed the process being proposed for approving observers to the Conference. We were in support of this process.

D. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings

The committee was unable to review a progress report as efforts for this undertaking have been paused as a result of prioritization of workload. The committee had a discussion if the process for approving observers to the Conference would rise to the level of a circumstance for polling in regard to Agenda Item C.

E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process

We discussed the report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process and agreed it appears to be complicated and far from Keeping It Simple. We will look forward to seeing the progress report after the first year of the three year trial process involving the Equitable Distribution of Workload. We discussed pros and cons of this process including more discussion in our Area on agenda items as the workload appears more spread out. Area 74 Delegate, Bryon B., raised the issue of the Conference Literature Secretary possibly being called out to answer questions on Literature Agenda Items being discussed in other Conference Committees.

F. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book Alcoholics Anonymous

The committee considered the request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Several members talked about being raised up on the Fourth Edition and attend groups that enjoy reading this story without even knowing about this paragraph. The committee was opposed to restoring this paragraph in this story for future printings of the Fourth Edition. We discussed the fact that we do not even know if this story will be included in the Fifth Edition. The committee agreed that if this story is retired and not added to the Fifth Edition it would be recommended the book Experience, Strength and Hope be updated with the stories from the Fourth Edition and at that time this paragraph could be restored to the story “Freedom from Bondage”. We wondered if this was something that could be discussed regarding the additional Agenda Item on Conference Committee on Literature with Item S: Consider an update of the book Experience Strength and Hope.

G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship

The committee was in favor of revising the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Plansky-Pecor, Panel 68 Area 74

Committee Members: Derek T., Panel 66 Area 74, Marybeth S., Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Member, George, Alternate DCM from District 02, Tim M., Alternate Treasurer from District 02, Tom M., DCM from District 12

