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"Let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found - a new life of freedom under God."
A.A. Co-Founder, Bill W., February 1961, From: "The Shape of Things to Come", *I Am Responsible: The Hand of A.A.*, © A. A. Grapevine, Reprinted with permission

A Word From Our Delegate

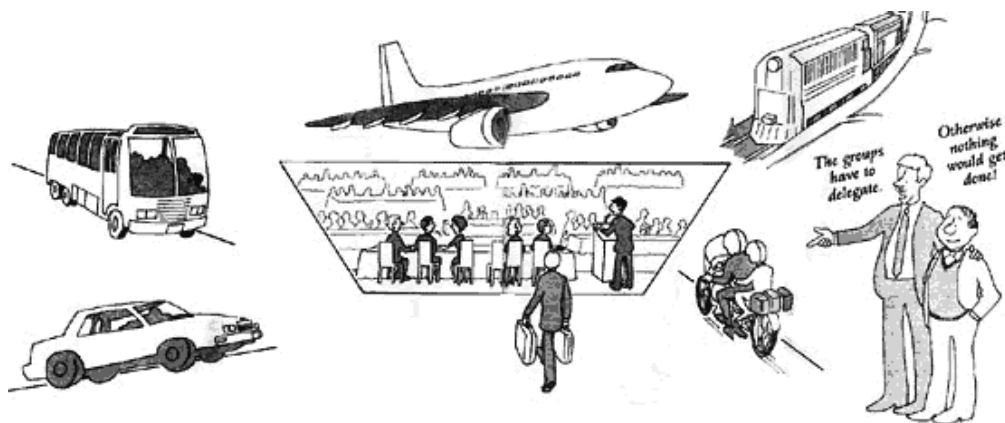
Three months into serving as your Delegate, and I have been on the move. The Area 54 budget was approved at the January Assembly. The next week there was the Mini Conference Planning meeting. In February, I attended the Conference of Delegates Past and Present. It is a great training session for new delegates and it allows you to meet and establish relationships with other delegates in the East Central Region. The only drawback is that it was held in Bay City, Michigan and the wind chill was 35 degrees below zero. I did not venture outside during that trip. Then we had another Mini Conference Planning Meeting.

In March, the Mini Conference endurance test begins. Each area in Ohio held its Mini Conference during the four weekends in March. The first weekend I traveled to Deer Creek in Mount Sterling, Ohio with three other panel members to attend the Area 53 Southeast

Ohio Mini Conference. The second weekend we traveled to Perrysburg, Ohio for the Area 55 Northwest Ohio Mini Conference. The third weekend we traveled to Dayton, Ohio for the Area 56 Southwest Ohio Mini Conference. I will be with you at our Area 54 Northeast Ohio Mini Conference the last weekend of March. I was able to receive the Conscience of all four Areas on Conference Agenda Items. However, my main concern is the Conscience of our own Area, which I will carry to the 65th General Service Conference in April. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

On my return we will be celebrating Unity day in May and I look forward to fellowshipping, breaking bread from different countries and celebrating our unity with you. I will also give my report from the 65th General Service Conference at this celebration. I hope to see you there.

Love and Service,
Calvin L., Panel 65 delegate,
Area 54 — Northeast Ohio



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OUR GROUP CONSCIENCE IN ACTION

In this issue of the *Northeast Ohio Recorder*, we focus on the well-informed group conscience.

Recently, a new group applied to one of our many central offices in Ohio to be listed in their directory. It was a 'specialty' group, focusing on a minority group within AA not previously identified within this jurisdiction. AA has many specialty groups—men's meetings, women's meetings, GLBT, adults only, doctors only, etc. Remember when a non-smoking group was considered a specialty group?

The question was raised at the intergroup level, "Should this meeting be listed?" Perhaps we have sliced and diced our special communities within AA to the point of depreciating our cherished unity within the fellowship. Is there an over-riding reason that this group feels they need special recognition? Should any specialty group be listed?

The debate went back and forth at this intergroup meeting I was privileged to witness. In the end, the officers and staff received a thorough discussion of the pros and cons which gave them a better sense of the informed group conscience of the area and, while some minds may remain closed, the greater group conscience is hopefully better informed as a result of open and respectful sharing.

If nothing else, those present got a good history lesson in the struggles that every 'minority' opinion faced in AA at one time. Whether black or white, gay or straight, young or old, Christian, atheist, or free-thinker - there is a place in AA for everyone. We don't all have to attend the exact same meetings. All who have a desire to stop drinking should, however, be welcomed in any meeting.

The weekend of March 27-29, General Service Representatives, District Committee Members, committee chairs, area officers, and interested AA members gathered

in Independence, OH for a weekend to discuss the pressing issues of AA today. Every year, the General Service Conference convenes for a week in New York City to discuss these same issues. The conference is made up of delegates from 93 areas in the US and Canada, trustees, directors, and staff members from GSO and the Grapevine magazine—totaling 133 people.

Our delegate, Calvin L., will be representing Northeast Ohio at this Conference the last week of April. Our annual mini-conference is an opportunity for Calvin to listen to the area conscience as he prepares to attend AA's annual business meeting. He also attended a training session for new delegates in Bay City, MI hosted by the East-Central Region's past delegates. He got a chance to meet and interact with the thirteen other delegates from our Region, eight of whom are first year delegates like him. During the month of March, the delegate and alternate delegate attended all four mini-conferences held across the state of Ohio on successive weekends. Northeast Ohio hosted the last of these informative gatherings. Results begin on page 6. —>

As a result of all these meetings, we hope that our delegate Calvin will arrive in New York as one of the best informed members of the conference. While he is not bound to vote the way our area voiced it's opinion on certain issues, these weekend gatherings are a "preview of coming attractions". These events not only give him a thorough debate of the issues, but also prepare him for the rigors of long days and nights of meetings and debate which constitute AA's biggest and longest group conscience meeting, 'populated with folks who REALLY LOVE group conscience meetings', to quote an old friend.

As demonstrated by the two examples above, AA works best when we have a well-informed group conscience. Knee-jerk reactions are avoided as we discover how best we can carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the rooms.

~Your editor, Jeff

NOTE: There was not enough room in this issue to print all the talks from the Mini-Conference. Look for more in the next issue!

We welcome your service-related contributions, comments and questions. Send topic ideas or complaints to:
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IN MEMORIUM
Mary E. Branche, age 84, passed away on February 3, 2015. Sober since February, 1976, she served as our Panel 39 delegate, attending the 1989 and 1990 General Service Conferences. Mary was the first African American female delegate for Northeast Ohio. She also served as our Alternate Delegate, 1985-1986. Mary was Director of Admissions for East Cleveland Straight Talk – a substance abuse treatment center for adolescents. In her free time she was active in many organizations and enjoyed volunteering with events including the Playhouse Square and The International Senior Games. Her legacy will live on through her four children and ten grandchildren and great grandchildren along with a host of AA friends.

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ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Service in AA constantly confirms, for me, that being a part of Alcoholics Anonymous has been and continues to be awareness as to what life is truly all about. "Service is the Key"

There are different levels to everything in life and service is another level of Alcoholics Anonymous. This level is allowing me to see how Alcoholics Anonymous actually works by observing how people in other districts, cities, and states practice the program.

Self-acceptance is another key for me that is vital to my ongoing recovery. If I am insecure with myself, or lack self-esteem, then positive growth would be complicated. The spiritual segment of our program assists me in overcoming my personal insecurities, thereby allowing me to use the spiritual principles offered to help me gain self-acceptance. By relinquishing myself over to the care of my Higher Power, I am able to achieve the strength and courage necessary to reclaim hope, self-esteem, self-acceptance, and the drive I need to battle the perils of the moment.

Acceptance does not mean allowing others to take advantage of you. It simply means that you look realistically at what has happened and allow yourself to see the positive opportunities that are most certainly there. Acceptance is an act of the will, and must occur if I am to continue in my recovery. By accepting my Higher Power's guidance and direction, I can attain the opportunity for positive, productive change and growth to take place.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that **I am responsible**. Being active in service is one of the ways I am attempting to achieve this.

Yours in Love, Service & Gratitude,
Jamie B., Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR

My first months as Area 54 Chair have been busy. I attended the Area 53 Mini Conference and visited by good friends from over Ohio. I hope a District or Multi-District will step forward to host Gratitude Sunday. We need a bid at the April Assembly.

My goal is to listen to everyone and take all input into consideration before acting or responding. As some of us are implementing the Parliamentary Procedures in a somewhat shaky way, I don't want anyone to feel intimidated by them. I also hope our resident Parliamentarians will keep us on track. This meeting is here for each one of us to share our issues from our groups. Our meeting is hopefully the place where we get new ideas for new and old problems. Your opinions count and to be recognized by the Chair go to the microphone, state your name and service position only.

The Assemblies from March through October will include **Standing Committee Reports** and **District Commit-**

tee Reports. I hope all of us at the Assemblies will work hard to move our reporting and discussions along efficiently resulting in a smooth meeting.

As a Panel our position is to discuss and come to consensus. The welfare of the Area, following the guidelines in the Service Manual, the Concepts and the Area 54 Guidelines are our directive. Some of the Area 54 Guidelines need to be updated. The March Assembly will have voted on two changes for the Guidelines as of the printing of the NE Recorder. There may be other changes to be addressed. If you find Area 54 Guidelines that are out-of-date or wrong, please feel free to contact me or other members of the Panel.

With the cost of paper and postage, I encourage more folks to get the Recorder via email. This will include some having to print it out. On the other hand, you can email it on to those not receiving it. The electronic edition is a great way to get the information to a group without a GSR or even maybe to a group in a Dark District.

Part of my position as Area Chair is to work and assist the DCMs. I would like to encourage you to feel free to send me an email or to call if you think I can be of assistance. There is a Service Material Piece located at AA.org entitled "Sharing from DCM to a DCM."

Bill W. instructed us to listen to that lone voice in the back (of the room) going "wait a minute..." I have added to my goal list.

Love and Service,
Susan R, Panel 65, Area 54 Chair

AREA TREASURER

"A.A.'s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die. Now where do A.A.'s services—worldwide, area, local—fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters [now the General Service Office] to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe. Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support; we are all going to foot the bill." —Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

The above statement was taken from the A.A. Guidelines from G.S.O on Finance. Our co-founder Bill W. discussed the important of how it is our "collective obligation" to support our services. Therefore, you may wonder what service activities our self-support dollars is serving. According the 2014 Final Report of the

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General Service Conference these activities are as follows: the service work of the GSO office, publishing activities of A.A. World Services, A.A. Grapevine and LaVina, the Pension Plan and the Reserve Fund. All of these services are inter-connected or related. The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. is the custodian of all contributed funds. The board's Finance and Budgetary Committee meets quarterly to review and approve GSO's budget and financial statements. Approximately 70% of GSO services funding comes from group contributions, the Birthday Plan, central office/district/area contributions, and excess funds of A.A. events or conferences. The balance is made up by profits from the sale of A.A. literature. Over the years, sales prices have increase over various publishing items to offset the declining contribution. The report also shares that actual dollar contributions continue their upward growth, but the bad news is that the proportion of contributing groups continues to be at an all-time low of about 42%. We as a fellowship need to truly embrace the Seventh Tradition of Self-Support.

Let's discuss some of the actual services that your GSO provides for our fellowship and why our self-support is so important. (A.A. members please check out their website, www.aa.org. There is a WEALTH of information about GSO and other World Services.) Besides the annual conference that is held in the spring for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada, each desk (committees) provides service to help A.A. as a whole. For example, the **Corrections Desk** responds to letters from inmates, coordinate correction materials and literature to area and district correction chairs. **Group Services/Web Services** revises and provides the A.A. guidelines and Service Materials, creates the DCM and GSR kits, respond to requests from local group, and Web services oversee the website. The **International Desk**, connect with A.A. around the world, responds to inquiries from professionals overseas where no service office exists and provides contacts for members relocating/traveling overseas, upon request. There other services that are provided; Gives office tours to visitors upon request, and provides visitor welcome packets. Additionally, GSO provides informational packets containing some A.A. literature in response to general inquiries for general information about A.A. The office also sets up an annual visit/tour for General Service Conference delegate visitors and guests during Conference week and large group visits and provides welcome / presentation meeting with refreshments (coffee, etc.). Provides local A.A. office information to anyone looking for A.A. meetings; provides group contact information to A.A. members where no local office exists for Twelfth Step purposes and when appropriate. AA and World Services provides does so much for our fellowship and it is time for **"us" the fellowship** to do our part by providing self-support to **all** of our entities including GSO/A.A.W.S.

The General Service Office (GSO) "... serves as a clearinghouse and exchange point for the wealth of A.A. experience accumulated over the years, coordinates a wide array of activities and services, and oversees the publication, all translations of, and distribution of A.A. Conference-approved literature

and service materials." – The A.A. Service Manual, page S77. In Love and Service, Shyrl B., Area Treasurer Panel 63/Area 54

RECORDING SECRETARY

This was my first opportunity to see a Mini Conference put on by a different AREA and my first time at this location. It was kind of awesome to see so many deer running all over as we entered the facility. We arrived Friday afternoon after a brief issue with traffic jam in downtown Columbus. I had dinner with Bob D and Susan R and while eating dinner we spotted a mother deer and her baby grazing just below the windows we were eating and after dinner we heard the ECR Trustee report, GSO report and the Friday night speaker.

On Saturday, I woke up to deer outside my window and we went straight into committee. They were split into two sessions, the first one beginning at 10 am to noon then we broke for lunch and the second one running from 1:30 to 4 pm. I was given the Literature [I] committee and we had three items to consider: the **first** one was the pamphlet "Inside A.A.; Understanding the Fellowship and It's Service Agencies" **P-18**; the **second** was to revise the pamphlet "You're A.A. General Service Office" **F6**; and the **third** was to revise the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" **P-32**. All three passed with great discussion and debate. The Saturday night banquet speaker was Racy J. from the GSO office and she had an awesome lead. I really enjoyed her lead and how grateful she is to the AA program and for all it has done for her.

Sunday morning started at 9 am straight into Committee reports and voting, all of our items in the Literature committee passed during the voting with much discussion and explanation and reconsiderations.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. Love and Service, Tina C., Area 54 Recording Secretary

MAILING SECRETARY

The last five months have been very rewarding to me. I have learned so much about my job as Mailing Secretary. I met with the US Post Office bulk mail staff ... they explained the rules on bulk mail. I found a presort company to print bar codes and addresses on envelopes. I also arranged for printer to print flyers. And finally, folding parties had to be arranged.

But I did not do all of this on my own. I HAD TO ASK FOR HELP from God, friends and strangers. Being an only child I have always had to do things myself. From youth into maturity, I never learned how to ask for help. Instead, due to supervisory positions I held, I always required or demanded the help I needed. The idea of asking for help never crossed my mind in my work or my personal life.

It was a humbling and rewarding experience to ask others--friends as well as people I had never met before--how to do my job. To say, "Can you help me? I don't know where to start." And they took the time to show me. I had asked for help at the general service meetings to get the folding parties scheduled, and with their help, I have the whole year filled. The rewards I am receiving from the folding parties cannot be

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measured. I get to travel to other groups, meet new people, hear others' stories, and tell my own story.

We have one common goal and that is to help the alcoholic in and out of the rooms of AA. It is our responsibility to carry the message and what better way to keep all of our Area 54 groups informed than by mail. It is my pleasure to get that mail out to all of you—either via email or US Mail.

Ron Oaks, Mailing Secretary, Panel 65 Area 54

REPORT ON GSR WORKSHOP

On February 15th Area 54 put on its 4th annual GSR Workshop. Since the Group Service Chair, Ola P., was at the conference of "Conference of Delegates Past and Present," Diane K. stood in her place. About 75 attended. My worst nightmare came true when I learned the projector and screen for the power point presentation was not in house. Genny, Matt, and I did the best we would using the GSR Workbook. Luckily I had rearranged some of the workbook to match the presentation so all was not lost. I hope that those who attended learned a lot.

I want to thank the Area for allowing me to serve as Group Services Chair for the past two years. I now, officially, pass the baton to Ola P. and her committee members. Thank you.

Submitted by Diane K.

LITERATURE

We are getting ready for this year's Mini-Conference. We have a wide variety of books and literature to be on sale. As of this time, \$193.00 of books and literature has been sold since January. Including nine commemorative edition of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. More has been ordered for the Mini-Conference to be displayed and purchased.

David W., Area 54 Literature Chair

CORRECTIONS

I am very honored to be the new Corrections Chairperson for NE Ohio. I will be very glad to serve you; this will be a big challenge to me. I will be tackling this full force. Hopefully talking to the different HR people in the next two years, we will have a good connection between us. I will be glad to see the different units & hope to get some of the units that is in the dark districts active. With me talking to them this way I will be able to get them active. Hope to see all of you at this year's mini-conference.

God Bless, Marilyn H.

Area 54 Corrections Chairman

PUBLIC INFORMATION

We're planning to invite area radio and television stations to air our Public Service Announcements (PSA). There have been very helpful in the past to send those who desire our help to our doors. I've gathered PSA information as well as lists of area stations and will be working with a couple AA members who work in media positions about

how best to approach their counterparts in station programming to get these aired. For example, the stations need to know that airing them at 2 am is actually a good time to reach those who are in need of our help.

Bob McK., Area 54 Public Information Chair

NAAAW

The National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW) planning committee last met on March 1st at the Akron Intergroup Office. Our planning is proceeding nicely. We have chairs for all the committees. We'll be contacting all the Central Office/intergroups in the area about displays and participation. We have 18 registrants to date, still a long way from our September 24th start. The hotel did exercise their agreed upon option to raise the room rate \$10 to \$109 per night. We're investigating possible souvenirs. Bob McK. will fill in temporarily for Tim H. as program co-chair and start to lay out the many, many program suggestions submitted by co-chair Gail L. While Gail now lives in Florida, she has been attending by Skype or speaker phone. The next meeting will be held May 3rd at the Cleveland District Office. <http://www.naaaw.org> for more details.

Bob McK., 2015 NAAAW Chairperson

AREA 54 HOSPITALITY ROOM TO HOST IN ATLANTA

The Area 54 International Hospitality Room planning committee last met on March 1st at the Akron Intergroup Office, immediately following the NAAAW meeting. Co-chair Jay M, who now lives in Albuquerque NM attended via Skype. We have been given the Birch Room at the Omni Hotel immediately adjacent to the convention center where most events area held. Akron IG has agreed to support this and has funded it well. Jim B., their archivist, is the hotel contact and in charge of the room. The Akron IG News will print and distribute 2,000 copies of their newsletter. Bob McK. Will contact other area Central Offices/Intergroups about displays or other items they may wish to put in this 27' by 40' room. We will not be providing refreshments in part because we must get all items from the hotel at increased cost, e.g., ~\$4/cup of coffee. The hotel provides four 30" x 6' tables, an easel and ten chairs. We think we'll need another eight tables minimum and they say there's no charge for that. This room will be on the same floor as the East Central Regional Hospitality Room. We explored but declined to pursue the possibility of merging the two rooms. We made a list for attendees willing to help out in the room during the weekend and eight people signed up.

Bob McK., 2015 International Convention Area 54 Hospitality Committee.

Expanded Content (16 pages!) and a Color-Enhanced version of this newsletter is now online at <http://area54.org/NEOHRecorder.html>

Mini-Conference Voting Results

Archives

A. Review Archives Workbook. *The committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and took no action.*

Report & Charter

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2015-2016

6. Consider request to add text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section "Stimulating Interest in General Service", S23. *The committee recommended that text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section Stimulating interest in General Service, S23 be added. Vote 55 in favor - 10 opposed.*

7. Consider draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" to be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Board) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section. *The committee recommended that draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Board) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section. Vote 54 - 0*

8. Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on pages S41 – S42. *The committee recommended that a chart be included in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on pages S41 – S42. Vote 57 - 6*

Cooperation with the Professional Community

A. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook. *The committee reviewed the CPC Kit and Workbook and took no action.*

Corrections

A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.). The committee discussed the Corrections Correspondence Service.

B. Discuss ways to engage members in Corrections service. The committee discussed ways to engage members in Corrections service and to make announcements at the Group level.

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook. The committee reviewed the contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook and took no action.

Finance

A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board will accept from an A.A. member from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The committee recommended the request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board will accept from an A.A. member from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Vote 73 - 5

B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference. The committee reviewed the suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference, and took no

action.

C. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self Support Committee. The committee discussed material from A.A.W.S. Self Support Committee.

V. Grapevine / Hispanic Liaison

D. Discuss ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña such as: (1) How to recognize and support the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and LaViña, as fully integrated parts of A.A. and its service structure, and (2) How to provide concrete support for Grapevine and La Viña throughout the Fellowship and service structure, including the use and purchase of Grapevine and La Viña Subscriptions, books and other items. *The committee discussed ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña, and suggested a redesign of the Grapevine Pamphlet and include a flyer promoting the Grapevine and La Viña.*

F. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2016 or later. *The committee considered the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2016 or later, and recommended to print the Armed Forces book.*

The committee considered the "Voices of Early AA" and committed it for further study.

G. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook. *The committee reviewed the A.A. Grapevine Workbook and took no action.*

Literature I

A. Consider the revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service Agencies" with the new title "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services." *The committee recommended that the revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service Agencies" with the new title "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services" be approved. Vote 61 - 0*

B. Consider the revised draft pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office." *The committee recommended that revised draft pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office" be approved. Vote 67-0*

C. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic." *The committee recommended that pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" be updated. Vote 70 - 0*

Literature II

D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. *The committee recommended to develop litera-*

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ture for the alcoholic with mental health issues. Vote 55-19
 E. Consider producing a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with The Twelve Concepts for World Service. *The committee recommended that a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with The Twelve Concepts for World Service, be produced.* Vote 50 - 16

F. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman". *The committee recommended to update the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman".* Vote 57 - 8

Public Information

A. Review 2014 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. website.

The committee reviewed the 2014 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. website and took no action.

C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

3. Review current video PSAs for relevance and usefulness. *The committee reviewed current video PSAs for relevance and usefulness, and recommended that we should retire both old PSAs: A Force of Nature, and Testimonials.* Vote 61 - 2

4. Consider production of new PSAs. *The committee considered production of new PSAs, and recommended that the Spanish language PSA, Tengo Esperanza, be produced in French and English.* Vote 63 - 0

D. Review the final draft of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey." *The committee reviewed the final draft of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey" and took no action.*

F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook. *The committee reviewed the contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook, and suggested that the pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality" (P-84) be added to the PI Kit and Workbook.*

Special Needs- Accessibilities

B. Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook. *The committee reviewed the contents of the Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and took no action.*

Treatment

A. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook. *The committee reviewed the contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook and took no action.*

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Floor Action: Develop a pamphlet and directed to Newcomers related to the issue of 13th stepping.

Vote to consider: 14 - 49. Motion to reconsider: 29 - 35.

MORE TALKS FROM 40th MC IN JULY ISSUE!



NOTE THE DATE

May 2—Columbus, OH	11:00 am
Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting	
May 17	Lit sales
Unity Day—Delegate's Conf Report	2:00 pm
June 12-14	GV sales Saturday only
Founders' Day at University of Akron	
June 21	
Area Open House Picnic	TBA
July 2-5—Atlanta, GA	
80th anniversary International Convention of A.A.	
July 19	GV Lit sales
Area Assembly	2:00 pm
August 7-9—Cincinnati, OH	
59th Ohio State Convention	
August 16	
DCM College	2:00 pm
September 20	
Area Assembly	2:00 pm
September 24-27 — Independence, OH	
National A.A. Archives Workshop	
October 18	GV Lit sales
Area Assembly	2:00 pm
November 7 — Columbus, OH	11:00 am
Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting	
November 13-15 — Milwaukee, WI	
East Central Regional Forum, hosted by GSO and Area 75 (S. Wisconsin)	
November 22	GV Lit sales
Gratitude Sunday	TBA

Unless otherwise noted, Area Assemblies & Workshops are held at The 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH, (on 42 about 1/4 mile south of Route 303).

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RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our A.A. experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, expressed through our group conscience, is our sole authority. World Service is the heart of our Third Legacy. Our meetings are informative and educational. They are held so that the Committee Members, GSRs and all interested members may be better equipped to carry the message of World Service back to their home groups and individual members, thus giving a better understanding to our purpose, our hopes, and our work.

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