

May 2024
Edition

Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon



Concept 5

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Everyone in the AA service structure is encouraged to participate as a group conscience is formed. A thorough debate before the vote is ideal, however when that does not occur this concept provides a safe guard. When a vote is held, those in the minority are always given the right to speak. As the minority opinion is shared, it is important for everyone to remain open-minded and listen without any prejudice. Often, it is the minority voice that provides protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority. It is by requiring substantial unanimity, or 2/3rds majority, when deciding matters of policy while also giving careful consideration to the minority opinion that AA maintains harmony and unity.

Information to Share

- GSO Quarterly Report (1st Quarter) [Link](#)
- "A Celebration of the Big Book" Flash Sale [Link](#)
- Box 459 Winter 2024 [Link](#)
- Box 459 Fellowship Survey [Link](#)
- Treatment & Accessibilities Desk Activity Update [Link](#)
- 2025 International Convention Information [Link](#) **I need to get a passport!**

2024 General Service Conference Advisory Actions Highlights

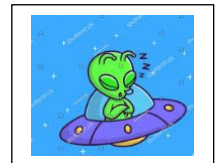
Advisory Actions have passed by the 74th GSC with substantial unanimity (2/3rds majority).

- The following theme for the 2025 General Service Conference: "Working Together, Increasing Trust."
- The following presentation theme and topics for the 2025 General Service Conference:
 - "Delegating: It is okay to ask for help."
 - "Closing the Gap: How do we make the voice of every Group count?"
 - "Our Financial Responsibility in carrying the message."
- A pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholic in A.A. be developed. That a draft or progress report be brought to the 2025 General Service Conference.
- A pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed. The committee requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Corrections.
- The maximum annual contribution from an individual A.A. member to the General Service Board be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500.
- The AA Grapevine Board develop a 5-year financial plan for La Viña with the goal to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue to be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.
- The draft manuscript *Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous* be approved.
- The Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) submission date deadline for the 2025 General Service Conference be moved to a date no earlier than September 30, 2024.
- Providing six options for closing the Big Meetings at an International Convention: The Serenity Prayer, Responsibility Statement, Declaration of Unity, the Third Step Prayer, the Seventh Step Prayer, or a Moment of Silence.

Note: Full Delegate's Report will be presented at the Spring Assembly in Lake Junaluska on May 18th.

Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship

- Rest!
- May 7th – First Tuesday Service Manual Study
- May 17-19th – Area 51 Spring Assembly Lake Junaluska [Notice](#)
- May 28th – Grapevine/La Viña Conference Committee.



Box 459

Box 459 Winter 2024

2 new GSO Staff Members
(You might recognize one!)
2025 International Convention
Inside AA Finances

At Wits End:
A Grapevine
Joke

At least he's sober

Newcomer: My wife told me I have two major character defects.
Sponsor: Really? What are they?
Newcomer: She says I don't listen and something else.

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