

B-Line

Canberra & Regional Newsletter for Alcoholics Anonymous

November, 2021

Election Assembly on 12 December

Conscientious AA members are sought for the Area B committee as the outgoing members roster off from their two-and-a-half-year tenure.

Outgoing members of Area B are bidding farewell on December 11 as their two-and-a-half-year tenure on the committee comes to an end.

The Election Assembly is to create a new committee for the next two years.

Area B Delegate, Guy L, also will be providing an update from the recent General Service Conference.

Outgoing chair Wayne R said it has been an amazing achievement by the outgoing committee.

He said he was keen to help with forming the new committee and service sponsoring a new chairperson.

"I became involved in service at various AA committee levels from observing how happy joyous and free these people were," Wayne said.

"They have a real connection with AA and helping others."

Wayne said there were numerous benefits for him:

- Understanding service structure and AA left to right
- Skills and confidence around working on a committee, as part of team.
- Many new friends and acquaintances
- A deeper understanding of the AA program, myself and Higher Power's will for me
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

"The future depends on what you do today" - MAHATMA GANDHI

To continue the great work of the previous committee with ZOOM Meetings, Website Development, Regional Engagement & CSO Engagement ... JOIN THE

Area-B Post Conference & Election Assembly & BBQ
Face to Face & Online (no BBQ for you :)

Where: Salvo's Braddon - Corner Fawcner and Elouera Street
And on ZOOM ID: 811 3890 6684 Password: 1212

When: **Saturday 11th December**

- 11:45am-12:30pm - BBQ Lunch (F2F Only)
- 12:30pm-3:30pm - Area Assembly (ZOOM & F2F)

Sunday 12th December

- 1:00pm-3:00pm - Business Meeting (ZOOM only)

Full flyer & notice, pages 10-12

What I've given

- Two hours/month for Assemblies and committee meetings. Typically 2-4pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month via Zoom and face-to-face at the Grant Cameron Community Centre
- About one hour/month checking in with committee members and helping out if needed

Requirements

- Willingness, 3-plus years of sobriety and some AA life experience.

"Please help to committee find its new member and distribute the information throughout AA to ensure that we carry the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic."

Yours in Service, Wayne.

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Important committee positions vacant

The crucial committee positions of chairperson, secretary and treasurer are still needed before the new committee can continue to function.

Vacant Committee Positions

Chairperson. The Chair convenes the Assemblies and Committee meetings. Chairing the meetings is where the great value of the Chair resides. In consultation with the Committee, the Chair drafts meeting Agendas for the Secretary to distribute to all Groups and Committee members via the mailing lists. Therefore, the Chairperson needs to be conversant with the progress of all Action items from previous minutes to be carried out and ensure that they have been marked as completed or finalised when appropriate.

Secretary. The Secretary's role is to take the Assemblies and Committee meeting minutes, send draft Committee and Assembly minutes to Committee members for confirmation. The Area B Secretary maintains a record and file of Assembly meeting minutes (Including reports and agendas), Committee meeting minutes (Including reports and agendas).

Treasurer. The Treasurer should also be monitoring and reporting to Area on the status of outgoing payments like funds donated for particular purposes (Such as PI Literature or Literature for the Area's Correctional Facilities).

B-Line Editor. The B-Line Editor collects items of interest articles (such as local member stories), information on new meetings and/or closing meetings, local to Area B events, Area B Group events and events not local to Area B (But of interest to it's fellowship. The newsletter is published at the beginning of each month by email and the CSO website.

Correctional Facilities Team Co-ordinator. The Correctional Facilities Coordinator and/or Sub-Committee Chair (CFC Chair) keeps the Area B Committee and Fellowship informed on Correctional Facilities service work being carried out throughout Area B by individual Groups, Districts and the CFC Area B Sub-committee.

Treatment Facilities Co-ordinator. The Area B Treatment Facilities and Special Needs Coordinator and/or Sub-Committee Chair (TF Coordinator) keeps the Area B Committee and Fellowship informed on Treatment Facilities and Special Needs service work being carried out throughout Area B by individual Groups, Districts and the TF Area B Sub-committee.

Zoom Administrator. Join a dynamic team and enhance your sobriety as the new zoom administrator. Commitment is about 2 hours per month plus committee meetings. You will need a credit card to pay the annual subscription about \$460 per year for which you will be reimbursed. You will also to manage the Area B permissions to the group files and folders on the Google drive. You will also need to write a brief monthly report on the attendance of zoom meetings. Training provided for all of the above. **See page 6 for further information.**

Communications Co-ordinator. The Communications Coordinator has a diverse role as the central point of information on AA in Area B, particularly external agencies. This includes project management of our online presence, the dissemination of information via the internet, distribution lists and co-ordination of communication initiatives.

CSO Liaison. The Area B CSO Liaison Office holder is the conduit of communication between Area B and the Canberra CSO. Therefore the Area B CSO Liaison Office holder needs to attend both Area B Committee and Assembly meetings and CSO Office Committee meetings and CSO Council Assemblies.

The good work needs to continue

Much has been achieved over the last two-and-a-half-years of Area B —but the good work needs to keep going.

The outgoing Area B committee has been an unqualified success but there is always the risk of the committee going into recess if the key positions are not filled.

There is always hesitation and maybe even self-doubt that "I may not be up to this".

Pip O is no stranger to service in Area B and other general service areas.

The former Area B Delegate and now Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community officer said the good work needs to continue. "We need to find people for the important positions or we might not have and Area B.

"Area is about ensuring that Bill W's vision of the groups as the leaders of the fellowship will always continue.

"The purpose of Area B is to ensure that AA groups and the fellowship in Australia have a voice."

Farewell and thankyou from the news desk!

“Service with Area B is an amazing opportunity to deepen and enhance your recovery while providing a much-needed service to AA members.” Graham M.



A new B-Line editor is needed for the new committee.

“I can choose to ignore those personal insights or I can say ‘this needs to change’. It is sometimes a tough battle to give up ways of being that I might have got some quick payoff from in the past.”

B-Line editor Graham M will roster off from Area B with a heavy heart but plenty of fond memories and insights from the last two-and-a-half years.

He said it was a steep learning curve as B-Line editor, but the time and effort was a pleasure, and he would recommend the benefits of service to anyone.

“It was a pleasure working with everyone on the committee but a special mention has to go Wayne R as the chairperson who always was a steady rock we could depend on,” Graham said.

“I can’t count how many times I thought ‘that’s it, I’m done with this’ but the challenge of going the extra mile really has rearranged my recovery in ways I never thought possible.”

Graham said researching articles for B-Line took him down numerous rabbit-holes in AA history, folk-lore and mythology.

One special story brought him in contact with the Four Absolutes used in the early formative days of AA as a means of assessing whether a proposed action was a good idea or not.

The four qualities were honesty, purity (of motives), unselfishness and love. Graham said it changed his perception of the disease of alcoholism and the world.

“It has changed how I look at the world and my place in it and I have had to question many of my own sacred cows and biases based on those Four Absolutes and the principles of the steps.

“My sponsor would say that alcoholism is a disease of perception and it is quite obvious when my actions are not honest, pure, unselfish and loving.

“I can choose to ignore those personal insights or I can say ‘this needs to change’. It is sometimes a tough battle to give up ways of being that I might have got some quick payoff from in the past.”

The B-Line editor’s position is still available and the newsletter will go into recess after December 11 if a new editor can’t be found.

“I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in making B-Line an interesting read over the last two years and all the wonderful feedback kind members have given me.”

“I am happy to assist the new editor to take over the reins or to help change the format for a new look.”

National General Service Conference starts on the 19th

Area B Delegate, Guy L, will be providing feedback on the Topics for Conference at the Salvation Army Hall, Braddon, on December 11.

Please find attached, the record of votes and comments for the Topics for National Conference, which starts on November 19.

(See pages 13-14 for the list of topics).

This spreadsheet represents a record of the votes cast at the Area B Topics Assembly in October and other votes handed in, collated into one source.

As the Area B Delegate, it is my role to take these votes to the National Conference, as the "group conscience" for Area B ER.

I will use these votes and other data collected at the conference to cast your vote!

If your group has not yet voted there is still a chance to have your vote counted.

If you can have had a group conscience about the topics, please send the details along ASAP, I will not be able to add any further votes after Thursday November 18.

This is the key opportunity for the 80 AA groups in the Area B ER zone to have a voice at the national level.

I will report back at the Post Conference Assembly on 11 Dec 2021, put that in your schedule, we would love every GSR/group to come along to enable each group to hear the results of the AA National Conference.

Guy L, Area B (ER) Delegate
guy.l.areab.delegate@gmail.com

Post-Topic for Conference Report

Area B Delegate Guy L will provide feedback from the General Service Conference on the 26 Topics for Conference. **See Area B voting statistics, pages 13-14.**

When: December 11

Where: Salvation Army Hall Braddon, corner of Fawkner and Elouera Streets, Braddon or
Zoom: ID 811 3890 6684 Password: 1212

Time: 11:45—12:30 barbeque lunch
12:30—3:30 Area Assembly (Zoom & F2F)

Treasurer provides vital service

Outgoing treasurer Paul C says I found it very beneficial to be of service at the area level.

"Service is great for recovery.

"It was a great way to become part of the broader AA community in Area B."

Role

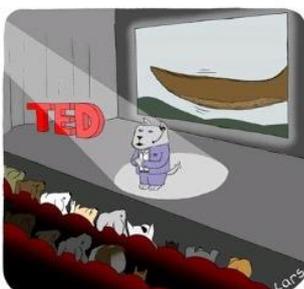
- Acting as signatory on bank account
- Collating incoming funds
- Monthly treasury report to present to committee
- Paying expenses
- Attending monthly Area meetings

Queanbeyan Wednesday Night

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Uniting Church
Corner Crawford and Rutledge Streets
Queanbeyan

Entry: via the Crawford Street carpark)



"What if I told you that the thing you've been chasing your whole life... has been a part of you all along?"



Let go
&
Let
God

Service journey leads to life skills

Pip O's journey in service shows the hidden benefits of taking the Third Legacy to a new level, for herself and for the AA fellowship of the future.

I didn't want to get involved in service because I already did a bit of work. It's a bit overwhelming and not really where I wanted to be.

But I did it because my sponsor said to me 'if everyone did what you're doing in then what would it look like'. The reality was that I wasn't doing anything except sponsoring people.

I was carrying the message but I was a one-legacy member and a one-legacy member we've got plenty of.

We need three-legacy members. We need people who understand the traditions and understand the concepts of service in order for the fellowship to thrive and to grow and be around for the future—we need that.

So that is why I got involved, because it wouldn't have looked really good. If everyone did what I was doing we probably wouldn't have a fellowship in 30 years.

We wouldn't be responding to the times. We're already a bit behind the 8-ball because we don't have a lot of third-legacy members and we see the results of that regularly.

I do service because I really want this fellowship to be here for me, for my lifetime but also for my children and their children because this is a family illness and it's a generational thing.

I've been privileged to enjoy the fruits of Bill Wilson's and Dr Bob's labour and commitment and I have a responsibility to carry that on and ensure that it's here for my kids and their kids and your kids and their kids.

I've got a service sponsor who is really Traditions focused. We talk a lot about the traditions and the concepts. She does workshops for sponsees about the traditions and concepts.

She also encourages sponsees to participate in the Darwin Service Meeting, which is on a Wednesday via Zoom.

She shows me how to apply the traditions to my service work.

This is really important because there is the added advantage as it filters into my professional life and into family life.

I find that my relationships in the workplace really benefit from my understanding of the traditions and concepts as well and when I apply them at home and at work they have never failed me.

So it has been really satisfying in terms of growing as a human being and have better relationships with people everywhere.



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New Zoom leader needed

Zoom administration has become an important new role in the Covid era.

In March 2020 our area decided to set up an online account in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that meetings were closing their doors all around the world.

This account has allowed thousands of alcoholics to successfully meet during the pandemic lock down.

Considerable research was done to facilitate a new online environment.

Several online google documents were set up to manage the space and provide advice on dealing with disruptive people.

A great deal of feedback was processed to enhance and improve the meeting space and significant research went into methods of protecting our groups from trolls.

It is a successful project that continues to operate and with the ever-evolving dynamic research continues to keep the online rooms safe.

Service is a significant factor in helping me stay sober and I have grown as a person as a direct result.

Service can be as simple as putting out a chair or greeting something when they arrive.

It is essential to our survival that we encourage others to stand up and be counted. That service is one of the tree legacies that works alongside Recovery and unity.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Anonymous AA Member

Essential Skills

- Computer Skills
- Mobile Phone
- Email
- Internet access
- Ability to learn Google Docs and Google Sheets
- Well-developed verbal and written communications skills
- The need to be agile, meaning able to move quickly and easily.

Highly Desirable Skills

- Skills and understanding in Google Docs and Google Sheets
- Ability to negotiate conflicting requests

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Testimony reveals the difference you can make

How I became involved in the area committee: I was invited to join the regional engagement sub-committee, the objective being to increase the number of GSR's attending area assemblies by 70%. I found being involved in the sub-committee nothing short of infectious, and in a short time, nominated to be area registrar on the area committee. We saw a marked increase in the attendance of GSR's at the topics for conference assembly, which was 11. I have previously held other positions on the area committee except Alternate Delegate and Delegate and this time available to absorb more about how to work the traditions, the concepts and learn about machinery of aa service structure. The growth acquired through debate and problem solving in unison with other committee members is extraordinary. I am a grateful member of the Area B Eastern Region Committee. Travis B

Registrars develop and maintain records of all groups within the area. The records include group information such as Group name, meeting location and details for Group contacts and GSR's. Records also include details of Area committee members. Registrars may also be responsible for mailing addresses or Google groups for Area publications such as the monthly newsletter or mailing of minutes and Area delegate correspondence. A willingness to become organised, and computer literacy, may be helpful.

Total time needed to undertake this job is three hours each month which includes the monthly Area committee business meeting and each quarter an additional four hours for area assemblies.



NATIONAL FORUM 2022 BRISBANE

The Colmslie Hotel, Morningside, Qld

25-27 February 2022

Treatment & Accessibility, Correctional
Facilities and PI/CPC

Registration \$50

Forums are hosted by the AA Areas and are open to all AA members or to anyone interested in AA. Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between AA members and are a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the AA message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic.

Contact:

p: 0466 350 443

e: forum2021@mail.com

**Scan here
for registration
& payment**

or visit

<https://www.aanationalcombinedforum2021.com>



Notices .. Notices .. Notices .. Notices

Please help us to spread the news in Area B by contributing your notices in B-Line and reading them out to your group. Even better, if you print out one or two copies and have them for group members to read. Notices from regional areas are most welcome. Help us to help carry the message about what's happening in Area B and keep us all informed. Thank you!

NEXT RIVERINA INTERGROUP Young AA/Al-Anon Weekend

November 27-28

CWA Hall, Lovell Street

Bert – 0402 090 201

Robert – 0477 973 736

Saturday

11am-12.30 Al-Anon Meeting

2pm AA Intergroup Meeting

6pm Evening Event

Sunday

10am Spiritual Concept Meeting

12pm Barbecue lunch & farewell

ALL WELCOME

JOIN THE REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Area B is committed to forging better communications with the large and diverse region that Area B covers.

This is an exciting opportunity for AA members in Canberra and regional communities to make a difference and carry the message.

For further information contact:

Email: registrar@aacanberra.org

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Let Go, Let God



Grafton Rally 2021
With Al-Anon Participation
Saturday 20th November

LOCATION
New Life Church
132 Arthur St, Grafton NSW 2460

AA
09:00 Registration - \$5.00
10:00 Meeting - 1
11:00 Morning Tea
11:30 Meeting - 2
12:30 Lunch - byo
01:30 Meeting - 3
03:00 Sobriety Countdown

Children Welcome - Morning Tea - Meetings - Fellowship

RSVP & Enquiries
AA David 0429 528 537 & Tim 0412 993 022
Al-Anon Wendy 0478 837 757
e: aagraftonmonday@gmail.com

B-Line needs your help!

Become a friend of B-Line

- *Print a couple of copies and take them to your group*
- *Read the notices in B-Line when making other announcements at your meeting*
- *Nominate a group member to look after all things B-Line*
- *Group announcements and upcoming events that Area B might be interested in*
- *Submit your personal recovery story*
- *Write about the program.*

Join the team

- *Become part of the B-Line production team (currently it's a team of one and there's not always time to do this newsletter properly)*
- *Do you have design skills?*
- *Do you have a communications/journalism background? (it doesn't matter if you don't)*
- *Do you want to help us find stories in the various meetings you attend?*
- *Can you provide a regional update: from Goulburn to Cooma; Yass to Bega?*

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR MEETING DETAILS

Simply email all meeting changes to our Information Coordinator – we'll update both Local and National meetings lists for you.

EMAIL: info@aacanberra.org

HOW TO BUY AA LITERATURE FROM THE CANBERRA AND DISTRICT AA OFFICE.

1: Ordering Options.

- **E-SHOP** - aacanberra.org
Follow links to online Literature Shop.
- **EMAIL** - literature@aacanberra.org
Send your order through to our Literature Coordinator. Coordinator will get back to you ASAP confirming order and payment/delivery options.
- **PHONE** - 6287 3020
Order literature over the phone. Credit card facilities available. Call during office hours: 10am-3pm, Mon, Wed, Fri.
- **IN PERSON** - Grant Cameron Community Centre, 27 Mulley St, Holder.
Office Hours: 10am-3pm, Mon, Wed, Fri.
(Pay by Cash, Cheque, Direct Banking, Credit Card).

2: Payment Options.

- **E-SHOP** - online by credit card.
- **IN PERSON** - cash, credit card, cheque or direct banking.
- **PHONE** – using credit card (no transaction fees for you!)
- **DIRECT BANKING**
Account Name: CSO
BSB: 062-919
Account Number: 00 917 155

3: Pick-up or Post.

- **Pick-up your order** from the CSO Office at Holder **OR**
- Have it **delivered by post** (postage fees apply).

 Free postage for orders \$300 and over!

Help us get the word out

Let the fellowship in know in Area B Groups that we need enthusiastic and dedicated AA members to keep the Area functioning into 2022 and beyond.

Area B Post Conference Report

Join Guy L as he reports back to Area B from the General Service conference

When: F2F & Zoom Saturday 11 December 11.45am to-3.30pm, includes bbq & Assembly

Where: Salvos Braddon, cnr Fawkner & Elouera

AREA B Election Assembly

Be the new person on the Area B committee to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

When: 12 December, 12.30pm-3-30pm

Where: Zoom only

ID: 811 3890 6684 Password: 1212

Standards words to say at AA meetings under 'Other Business'

- Area B is a committee made up of recovering alcoholics in the Area B district, which comprises the ACT and a large chunk of NSW.
- The committee conducts business and makes decisions to support alcoholics in the district – they are trusted servants, they do not govern.
- The committee provides information to the national committee and vice versa.
- There are various roles for people on the committee.
- In December, the terms of a number of key committee members finish. There will be an election to fill the roles of:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Zoom Administrator.
- There are some other positions that have been vacant for a while that the committee would also love to fill, like Treatment Facilities Co-ordinator and Alternate Secretary.
- The committee meets every second Saturday of the month for two hours. With these roles, the extra time to spend on them would be approx. a couple of hours a month.
- Being on the committee is an excellent way to strengthen fellowship with other recovering alcoholics and to do service, which is so important to one's own recovery.
- If we can't fill these positions, then the committee might have to go into recess. That means that things like the Area B website might not go ahead and there would be no Zoom administration, no communications work etc..
- The election will be held on 11 December at the Salvation Army Hall in Braddon from 12.30-3.30pm.
- If you have 2 or more years of sobriety please seriously think about coming along.
- On the AA Canberra website the contact details for Area B are listed under 'Members', if you want to contact someone for more information and to have a chat.



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Do you have 2+ years of continuous sobriety, would like to grow, learn, enhance your sobriety, develop your understanding of A.A. the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts for world service and ensure the future of our fellowship... then please consider this great opportunity.

The following service positions need filling:

- 1) Committee Chairperson
- 2) Secretary
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) B-Line Editor
- 5) Correctional Facilities Team Co-ordinator
- 6) Treatment Facilities and Accessibility Co-ordinator
- 7) Zoom Administrator
- 8) Communications Co-ordinator
- 9) CSO Liaison

In keeping with Tradition 7

if we are unable to fill the key roles, the Area will no longer be self-supporting and will go into recess

**To find out why this would be harmful for A.A. in our region
Please turn this page over ...**

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Why is it harmful for A.A. in our region if Area-B went into recess?

Area-B's primary purpose is to ensure the future of A.A. and is vital in communicating the needs of our region to A.A. Australia.

We do this by:

- Organising Public Information
- Carrying the message of A.A. inside prisons
- Publishing the B-Line
- Connecting our local A.A. with professional communities
- Arranging information days
- Communicating with individual members and groups personally or via the GSR
- Sending a Delegate to the General Service Conference

Through each group's GSR and the Area-B Delegate, every A.A. member can have something to say about the Fellowship's present and future —

If Area-B goes into recess ... we will be challenged to service A.A. locally and will lose representation at the General Service Conference.

Why is the General Service Conference (GSC) important?

For many A.A.'s the GSC may seem unimportant. It is true that we do not need it for our personal recovery. We do need it however to ensure:

- The recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness
- The recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism
- A permanent haven, in keeping with our traditions, for all alcoholics in the future
- That A.A. is protected from the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige that we, more than most others, are conscious of.
- That A.A. is protected against government, while insulating it against anarchy
- That A.A. is protected against disintegration while preventing over integration
- That Alcoholics Anonymous is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services
- That changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A. and not of any few
- That all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome
- That Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

Bernard B. Smith, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, 1954

A.A. is facing significant challenges that are impacting our ability to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The future of the Fellowship and the still-suffering alcoholic depends completely on how willingly A.A. acts on the changes required to expand its influence.

To do this... **We need Area-B**

Snapshot of Area B voting at Topics for Conference

From page 4

TOPIC No.	TOPIC SUBJECT	AGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	MORE INFO	ABSTAIN
CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE						
003/2021	Can conference consider that for certain topics which are accepted and become advisory actions we can involve the author(s) in conjunction with relevant Trustee (or delegate) in forming and participating in a working group to actually do the work. This will increase the pool of members who can carry out work under Board Advisory actions, increase involvement in service to the benefit of all of the Fellowship.	14		1		1
023/2021	That the fellowship discontinues using gender-based titles for its meetings i.e., Men's Group, Women's Group, Gay and Lesbian group,	2	17			
CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE						
015/2020	Remove the reference to CSO's from the AA Guidelines and call them local service offices directly responsible to their local groups.	8	3			3
016/2020	That the Guidelines on National Conventions be sent to a working committee to better reflect the single purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous	17		1		
018/2020	That the Service Manual be changed to suggest that the outgoing Area Delegates be given the responsibility to be the AAAA rep for that Area	14		1		2
CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE						
014/2021	Gender-inclusive global Big Book. It is proposed that the Australian General Service Conference take the following topic to the World Service Conference: That AA World Services take all necessary steps to bring out a new edition of the standard world-wide 'Big Book', with more gender-neutral language, which is inclusive of men, women, non-binary and other gender diverse members. That AA World Services do so as soon as possible, rather than waiting until there has been time to compile a revised set of personal stories in the second half of the Big Book, after p 164, as it normally would. OR if there is insufficient support for that, bring out an e-book of the gender-inclusive version of the first 164 pages only and no personal stories (like a pocket BB), pending publication of a full hardcopy Fifth Edition which could include an updated set of personal stories.	2	10			3
CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE		NO CONFERENCE TOPICS				
CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE		NO CONFERENCE TOPICS				
CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY						
002/2021	That Conference resolve to create a dedicated first response page on aa.org.au for the still suffering alcoholic who has not yet joined our fellowship and invite all AA websites to place links to this page as their website's response to requests for information on help to stop drinking from the still suffering alcoholic.	17				1
004/2020	Note: Raised as floor action at Conference 2020. Advisory Action #034/2020. Conference resolved that the Conference PI&CPC Committee investigate a Chat Now function on our website and provide a report to be sent as an attachment with topics submitted in 2020 which were deferred to Conference 2021.	6	4		6	3
006/2020	Creation of 2 additional radio community service announcements (CSAs) to supplement our existing CSAs. One targeted at Indigenous Australians, another at the LGBTI+ community.	13	1			1
007/2020	To make a series of engaging videos aimed at Professionals within the health, prisons and Armed Forces sectors.	16	1			1
010/2020	Taking the advantages and benefits we have seen from the use of online meetings forward; Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia (or Oceania Region) should scope the possibility of developing and using an AA owned and supported Online Video-Conferencing Platform (Our own Version of Zoom etc.).	5	10			3
019/2021	Due to the continuing digitalisation of our community, we need the AA Service Website to be more user friendly, current and navigable to encourage more engagement from AA members and Service Committees	19				
021/2020	Request that the webmaster and/or responsible committee, source and implement a live chat function on aa.org.au	6	3		5	4
022/2020	This topic proposes that AA Australia, together with the National and Area PI Committees, develop a series of videos, similar to the UK https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Professionals/Videos-for-Professionals , targeting the professional community including health, employment, correction services and armed forces. These videos should incorporate current evidence supporting the efficacy of AA in helping alcoholics to recover 1 and use recovery language relevant to the respective professions rather than the unique recovery language of AA. Subject matter experts who are friends of AA should be involved in the production of these videos.	17	1			
024/2021	We ask that conference adopt the following three videos (please see links below), as conference approved literature. We also ask that conference consider how best to distribute the videos.	15				3
025/2021	That Conference advise the General Service Board to explore options for coordinating the use of Digital Media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram and Google AdWords) as a method of PI, on a National scale, as a means to attract newcomers.	3	5		6	1
CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE						
026/2021	The wording on the auto-generated email response regarding group requests for Public Liability insurance be changed to: Our group conscience has agreed to donate % of our surplus funds to the General Service Office of AA or	2	13		1	

TOPIC No.	TOPIC SUBJECT	AGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	MORE INFO	ABSTAIN
	local AA Central Service Office to defray the cost of public liability insurance and the other services it provides					
CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE		NO CONFERENCE TOPICS				
CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE						
008/2020	Amend the Group Handbook to add that all groups, Districts and Areas be transparent with members who donate to their group, District or Area about how funds are distributed at Group, District or Area. This is so members can make an informed choice when making their contribution.	10	5			
009/2021	Gender-inclusive Australian Big Book. It is proposed that the Australian General Service Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> take all necessary steps to bring out a new edition of the Australian Big Book, with more gender-neutral language, which is inclusive of men, women, non-binary and other gender diverse members. do so as soon as possible, rather than waiting until there has been time to compile a revised set of personal stories in the second half of the Big Book, after p 164, as it normally would. OR if there is insufficient support for that, bring out an e-book of the gender-inclusive version of the first 164 pages only and no personal stories (like a pocket BB), pending publication of a full hardcopy Third Edition which could include an updated set of personal stories. seek copyright permission from AA World Services or any other relevant entity, if necessary. Alternatively, if it cannot do so for copyright reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bring out a publication that is as close as possible to being a gender-neutral version of the Australian Big Book, without breaking copyright law. 		15			1
011/2020	That a 4-year AA service position of Editor of AA Around Australia be created and advertised on aa.org.au.	6	9		1	
012/2021	To update the Australian AA Group Handbook to include an extra section on how an online AA group may function.	16				
013/2020	This submission proposes AA utilise modern technology to streamline the Australian AA Two Arms of Service Structure to minimise duplication of effort and expense, by establishing a national online literature sales and distribution service. This includes the availability of electronic literature where possible.	4	10			1
017/2021	Include the personal story "(16) ACCEPTANCE WAS THE ANSWER" from the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service, Inc.; © 1939, 1955, 1976, 2001 Fourth Edition ("American Big Book") 'Alcoholics Anonymous', into the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service, Inc.; © 1939, 1955, 1976, 2001 Second Australian Edition ("Australian Big Book").	8	6		1	
020/2021	To remove the pamphlet "A Brief Guide to AA" from all Australian literature sources		14			
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES						
005/2021	That the General Service Conference (GSC) suggests that the General Service Board (GSB) consider terms of employment and set a policy that any FUTURE General Service Office (GSO) staff appointed, are done so on a reasonable fixed term contract, Maximum 5 yrs. (option of +2 yrs. by negotiation). This Topic would like to respectfully acknowledge the work remunerated and commitment to AA, of any past/current GSO staff.	12	2			
CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE						
001/2020	The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference considers changing the Conference Committee system by having three committees instead of the current eleven. The Board makes this recommendation having reviewed the committee system of the Great Britain General Service Conference. Two documents are attached. Document 1 is the proposed new committee system. Document 2 shows how many topics each current Conference Committee has been allocated in the last five years.	5			8	

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