

## Advisory Actions

*Confidential Report — may contain PII. Vote tallies shown as **In Favor – Opposed** (2/3 substantial unanimity required for an Advisory Action). Items are summarized; refer to the Final Conference Report for exact recommendation language.*

### AGENDA

- The committee recommended the theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: **“Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”** (129–2)
- The committee recommended the following presentation/discussion topics for the 2027 GSC: **“The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership,” “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass,” “Innovation Meets Tradition.”** (129–2)
- The committee recommended the 2027 GSC workshop topic: **“Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.”** (124–5)

### CORRECTIONS

- The committee recommended an update to the pamphlet **“The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs”** (P-11), with a progress report or draft brought back to the 2027 GSC. (129–5; PAI 50 & 56)

### FINANCE

- The committee recommended that F-3 **“Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix,”** page 12, in the Q&A on AA Grapevine support, be revised. (121–10; PAI 99) The existing Q&A:

**Q:** *Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?*  
**A:** *No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work.*

be replaced with:

**Q:** *How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?*  
**A:** *AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.*

### LITERATURE

- The committee recommended that the **Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous** be approved with minor editorial changes. (125–9) The Fifth Edition includes revised Appendix III (Medical View), Appendix V (Religious View), Appendix IV (Lasker Award footnote → aa.org), and Appendix VI (How to Get in Touch with A.A.).
  - In accordance with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action authorizing development of the Fifth Edition, the draft Big Book includes a new foreword, an updated preface, and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V. Appendix IV was revised to include a footnote directing readers to the awards page on aa.org. Appendix VI was revised to reflect more current best practices.
  - In keeping with the “A.A. World Services, Inc. Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current” (Advisory Action

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2020; revised by AAWS Board 2022), the GSO Publishing Department maintains editorial responsibilities for the Fifth Edition, including: editorial fine-tuning (footnotes, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, page numbers, headings); finalizing titles/order of personal stories; editorial review of title page, jacket copy and table of contents; coordinating workflow between the book designer, typesetters, copyeditors, proofreaders and printers; designing the book cover and jacket; listing other A.A. literature in the final pages; and determining potential inclusion of QR codes per AAWS best practices.

- The committee recommended that the word **“Eskimo”** be removed from **“Chapter 7: Working With Others”** of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. (112–22) An amendment to extend the change to the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50–82), but was later passed via **Floor Action #6**.

### POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- The committee recommended that, following the **78th GSC**, the **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)** process be discontinued. (93–39)

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The committee recommended conducting a **pilot 2026 Membership Survey**, budget not to exceed **\$10,000**, exploring how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office (GSO). The pilot uses the 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire for comparison and samples listed and unlisted groups in 3–5 areas. A progress report will be brought back to the 2027 GSC.
- The committee recommended approval of the revised pamphlet **“Understanding Anonymity”** (P-47), retitled **“Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation.”** (91–41)

### REPORT & CHARTER

- The committee recommended adding to the FAQ in Chapter 1 — **“What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?”** — of the **2026–2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual / Twelve Concepts for World Service**. The answer covers alternate sharing methods (with respect for Tradition Eleven) and the spiritual importance of two-way GSR communication. (123–5 — *recommit from 75th GSC*) The answer reads:

*If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity, so that members’ names are not publicly available.*

*Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.*

- The committee recommended approval of a draft of a new **“Amendments” section** for inclusion at the beginning of the

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Twelve Concepts for World Service section of the Service Manual. (130–1)

### TRUSTEES

- The committee recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **produce an animated video** based on “**The Twelve Steps Illustrated**” (P-55), with a progress report to 2027. (104–27; PAI 103)
- The committee recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **explore producing an animated video** based on “**The Twelve Traditions Illustrated**” (P-43), with a progress report to 2027. (Original “produce” 110–21; amended to “explore producing” by simple majority; PAI 104)

### INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

One-time committee, follow-up to the 75th GSC inventory.

- The committee recommended that the **Inventory Implementation Report** be committed to the General Service Board for review and follow-through. (112–17) Recommendations included:
  - Conference committees made aware of all PAIs through the **quarterly PAI Status Grid**.
  - Year-round PAI submissions encouraged (cut-off only for the immediately upcoming GSC).
  - Conference inventory recurring on a **five-year cadence beginning 2031**, with an implementation committee following each.
  - GSB **sharing session** on the roles and responsibilities of trustees, directors, delegates, and Staff.

## Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions

**Floor Action #2: Suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000 (amended down from a proposed \$4,800). (Amend 95–33; final 104–27)**

— Lisa E, Panel 76, Area 70, Vermont · April 29, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Amendment (\$4,800 → \$3,000)	128	95	33	86	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Final (Amended) Recommendation	131	104	27	88	<b>Motion Passed</b>

## Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions (continued)

**Floor Action #4: AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report for purchase at \$3.31/copy; if production costs are not covered by sales, the FCR print version ends after the 2027 GSC. FCR prepaid orders to be taken ASAP. (Original 70–59 SM; reconsidered; final 89–44)**  
— Jodi B, Panel 75, Area 21, Southern Illinois · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
1st Vote on Original Recommendation	129	70	59	SM	Simple Majority only
Vote on Motion to Reconsider	—	—	—	—	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Final Vote on Recommendation	133	89	44	89	<b>Motion Passed</b>

**Floor Action #6: Remove the word “Eskimo” from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Tradition Eight chapter essay, and replace with a neutral, non-racial term. (103–31)**  
— Patrick C, GSO Staff, International Assignment · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Original Recommendation	134	103	31	90	<b>Motion Passed</b>

## Floor Actions Not Resulting in Advisory Actions

### Failed (Simple Majority Only)

**Floor Action #1: No communication to the Fellowship regarding the A.A. Reserve Fund balance be distributed without including currently approved draws. (72–56; failed 2/3)**

— Jon S, Panel 75, Area 32, Central Michigan · April 29, 2026

### Conference Declined to Consider

**Floor Action #3: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. (declined 98–37)**

— Adrian O, Panel 76, Area 8, San Diego/Imperial California · April 29, 2026 (same request was also TNA at the Finance Committee)

**Floor Action #5: Suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous until the Conference develops further consensus around procedures and practices respecting changes to “Founders’ Writings.” (106–26)**

— Michael R, Panel 75, Area 11, Connecticut · May 1, 2026 (Note: the Fifth Edition text was approved by Literature Committee Item B above; this floor action paused actual printing.)