

SECTION 3

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TOPIC NO.	TOPIC	OUTCOME
001	To combine our PI&CPC and TCF National Forums into 1 National 2 Yearly Event to be held over 3 days on the Queens Birthday Long Weekend .	Advisory Action #001/2018
002	Can and should Dogs be allowed at AA Meetings and if not , why is it still happening and how do we stop it before someone is sued or hurt or a meeting is kicked out its premises	Advisory Action #002/2018
003	A separate section containing 10 of the original stories from the Big Book be added in the next Printing of the Australian Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous	Voted on but not Advisory Action
004	Can we have on our National or local websites or meeting lists for a AA meeting to be a child friendly or non-child – friendly meeting ??	Voted on but not Advisory Action
005	What is suitable accommodation for a sober individual alcoholic? My experience with high-rise Department of Housing unit living is not ideal. I believe that Alcoholics Anonymous has to design a new model. The housing requirements of a sober alcoholic need to be investigated for the continuation of a sober life to achieve the benefits of a clean and sober human being.	Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee. Traditions 5, 6 and 10.
006	Resolve that urgent legal action be taken against "AA Vic" for breaches of our AA copyrights which they are violating, and a fund be established Australia-wide to ensure that these necessary actions be financed to preserve the copyrights from destruction.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
007	That the General Service Conference advise the General Service Board to take the following immediate action to resolve the following threat by the 'AA Reviver' to the Australian AA Fellowship. 1. Commence legal action to prohibit this company from using the copyrighted Trademark 'Alcoholics Anonymous' in any of its publications. A letter from the General Service Board's solicitor, sent in May 2017 was ignored, and it has been publically stated that there is no intention of compliance.	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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	<p>2. Commence legal action to prevent this company from importing, selling or publishing AA copyrighted material, including the Big Book. It has been publically stated by a director of this company that there is no such thing as 'Conference approved, copyrighted literature'.</p> <p>3. Take action to advise the Australian Charities & Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC) that the status of this company, which has registered itself as a charity (see attachment), should be thoroughly investigated and that it has no legal connections to Alcoholics Anonymous. The company has applied for and been granted exemption from income and fringe benefits tax and GST.</p> <p>4. Take action to ensure that all members and groups are aware that all members/groups are aware that purchasing literature from this company is harming their Fellowship.</p> <p>5. Ensure that all convention/rally committees, particularly in New South Wales, are aware that this company is contravening the international legal licensing agreement between the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia and AA World Services Inc.</p> <p>6. Advise that any groups purchasing and displaying this literature will be contacted and made aware of the ramifications of their actions. Should they continue to purchase illegally imported material, they will be removed from the National Website listing and their office bearers will no longer be eligible for public liability insurance coverage.</p>	
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008	That the attached Remote Communities Workbook be reviewed by conference and if agreed be available as a resource to the fellowship and added to Guideline GL-035 Remote Communities as suggestions on how to carry the message to members/groups and professionals in a remote setting.	Advisory Action #008/2018
009	Create a 2019-long national PI sub-committee to coordinate events that allow the press, media, book festivals etc to report on and celebrate the 80 th anniversary of the first publishing (1939) of 'Alcoholics Anonymous'.	Advisory Action #009/2018
010	AA Australia would benefit from replacing its PI poster – "AA It Works" – with a contemporary option.	Advisory Action #010/2018
011	Currently A.A. Australia has a number of quite large, detailed publications on the nature, possible actions and value of Public Information, but we lack a simple, easy-to-read document that outlines PI basics at a grass roots, individual member level.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
012	<p>Guest speakers during the dinner dance at National Conventions</p> <p>Could we please abolish the practice of inviting AA members to speak during the dinner dance at National Conventions. Not all Conventions do it, but those that do usually get it horribly wrong. People have usually paid over \$100 for a ticket and are never notified prior to purchase that there will be a guest speaker or who that speaker will be. Dinner dances are social occasions, where you can catch up with old friends and meet new ones. There are plenty of opportunities to listen to AA members speaking during the convention. It is not necessary during a dinner dance and extremely discourteous and boring to spouses and partners who might be in attendance, especially if the speaker is narcissistic. Sharing ones AA story should be about carrying the message, not entertainment. Tradition 12 states that we are to place principles before personalities and to practice a genuine humility.</p>	Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee. The format of the dinner dance is the responsibility of the Host Planning Committee.

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013	Advise the Fellowship of the amounts raised by them as a result of their fundraising efforts for funding the Brown Paper Bag over the Founders Day week.	Advisory Action #013/2018
014	Increase awareness of Delegates to Conference and the Fellowship as a whole of the total role the GSO plays in the functioning of AA in Australia and that these functions are essential to the survival of AA in Australia.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
015	Rescind Advisory Action #029/2013: Conference resolved to accept the Conference International Committee recommendation that Conference hosts an Asia/Oceania convention in place of the 2016 National Convention and that Asia/Oceania conventions be held, on a 5 year rotational basis, in a developing country in the Asia/Oceania zone. Countries such as East Timor, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Cambodia, Laos and New Guinea could be considered amongst possible venues. This would assist us as part of our responsibility to carry the message to developing countries and to encourage the development of service structures.	Advisory Action #015/2018
016	GSO recommends that AA Australia recommence printing the US 4 th Edition Big Book alongside the Australian 2 nd Edition Big Book	Advisory Action #016/2018
017	That Topic # 017/2017 voted into Advisory Action be revoked. <u>THIS IS THE TOPIC WHICH WAS PASSED:</u> <i>"That the Board recommends to Conference that discount on literature to Areas and Districts only be available for PI&CPC initiatives by Areas and Districts. When there is a local Central Service Office groups should purchase their literature from that office."</i>	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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018	That all our Literature should be displayed on the website in pictorial form.	Advisory Action #018/2018
019	That the Conference direct the General Service Board undertake an independent review of the General Service Board's performance.	<p>Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The background contains an unsubstantiated allegation, i.e. the Board is not operating as efficiently as it could. Circulating such unsubstantiated allegations could be damaging to the reputation of the Board. 2. Conflicts with Concept III and the Conference Charter. 3. The Board conducts a lengthy annual inventory at the beginning of either the February or July Board meetings. This inventory covers Legal obligations, Board loyalty, induction to the Board, preparation for Board meetings, AA as a whole, conscious speaking, Board commitments, inventory, workloads, deadlines, the role of the Chairman and Committee Chairmen, rotation and handing over, separating Board issues from local issues, communication. 4. The Board also has a 'Plan on a Page' which is reviewed at each Board meeting. This plan covers recruitment of Class A Trustees; preservation of licence and copyright; preservation of membership, public information, raising the profile of AA.

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020	Research the feasibility of increasing contributions for the 7 th Tradition via a digital payment platform	Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee. Board is currently investigating options for increasing contributions in a digital age and will be presenting a document on Cashless Society at Conference this year, as requested by Conference 2017. Refer to General Service Board for consideration?
021	That <i>AA Around Australia</i> be published electronically only	Advisory Action #021/2018
022	That <i>AA Around Australia</i> be a monthly rather than a 6-monthly publication	Advisory Action #022/2018
023	That the entire General Service Board physically meet only once annually in November, that for all other meetings they meet by videoconference, Skype or other technology and that if the GSO does not have adequate facilities for that purpose, that the Board purchase them	Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee. Concept III; Conference Charter. Refer to General Service Board for consideration.
024	Authorise a guideline on hints and suggestions on Internet safety to be available for use in AA online and print publications.	Advisory Action #024/2018
025	The fellowship requests that the GSB a) Seek legal counsel regarding the use of the letters "AA" and the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" by AA Reviver Inc (AARI) b) Produce another "Cease and Desist " letter to AA Reviver Inc stating that the name of AA ought not to be brought into public controversy by the production of materials implying they are endorsed by AA as a whole	Voted on but not Advisory Action
026	That a provision be made in the Conference Agenda Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure document for the presentation of <i>Minority Reports</i> to the General Service Conference. Concept V paragraph one. <i>In the light of the principle of the 'Right of Appeal', all minorities – whether in our staffs,</i>	Advisory Action #026/2018

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	<i>committees, corporate boards, or among the trustees – should be encouraged to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in considerable error. And when a minority considers an issue to be such a grave one that a mistaken decision could seriously affect AA as a whole, it should then charge itself with the actual duty of presenting a minority report to the conference.</i>	
027	Requesting clarification on the status of AA VICTORIA (Richmond office) and its use of the AA logo and name. Is AA VIC a part of AA Victoria and should our group continue to send donations?	Topic was not forwarded to a Conference Committee by the Conference Agenda Committee. It is the responsibility of the groups that support the Richmond Office to obtain answers to their questions.
028	That the Australian Service Manual should be made available in large print format.	Advisory Action #028/2018
029	In 2014 (Advisory Action 049) Conference resolved that the month of March be recognised as National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Month. It was envisaged that this would raise awareness of these two very important arms of service at a national level. Information on service in these areas was to be highlighted and shared nationally. The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference discusses what the Fellowship is doing to make this happen.	Advisory Action #029/2018
030	The General Service Board recommends to Conference that Guideline 30 page 160 be amended as follows. Under the heading Finance, it currently states ' <i>As for Regional Forums, the Board will pay for a National Office staff member or Board member, preferably the Chair of the relevant Trustees' Committee to attend the Forum</i> '. Suggest replacing this sentence with: ' <i>The Board will pay for the National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators and the Chairs of the Trustees' Treatment & Correctional Facilities Committees to attend, if</i>	Advisory Action #030/2018

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	<p>available'. <i>The Forum Committee is responsible for funding any other invited guests to attend'.</i></p>	
031	<p>The General Service Board recommends to Conference that inaccurate information on page 90 of the Australian AA Service Manual be removed. The last paragraph under the heading 'Where Do Zonal Delegates Come From?' states: <i>"Australia looks after Papua-New Guinea, Indonesia and many countries in South-East Asia such as Burma, Thailand, Viet Nam and Cambodia. New Zealand responds to the vast Area of Oceania, with its thousands of tiny island communities".</i> The Board does not know where this statement originated, but it is inaccurate and misleading. This was possibly included as a result of some informal discussion at a previous Asia/Oceania Service Meeting. However, the Statement of Purpose of the AOSM quite clearly states: <i>"The AOSM recognizes that it has no authority over any AA service or group. The only decisions to be made by the AOSM are those which affect the meeting itself."</i> It also conflicts with our 'I Am Responsible' statement. There are several other General Service and Central Service Offices within Asia/Oceania, which carry the message within the zone.</p>	Advisory Action #031/2018
032	<p>Conference directs the General Service Board to investigate enhancing the Meeting Search Function on the National Website to include the Area and Region each listed meeting nominally falls under, based on the meetings geographical location.</p>	Voted on but not Advisory Action.

There were additional Advisory Actions as follows: (see Advisory Actions section for details):

Advisory Actions #033/2017-#051/2018