

SECTION 6

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Mercure Sydney International Airport Hotel
22 Levey Street, NSW
Friday 2nd November 2018 2.00pm – 3.15pm

ROLL CALL

John O'L	(Chair)Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region
Paul C	Delegate Area B, Southern Region
Dominic H	Delegate, Area B, Western Region)
Janet M	Alt. Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region
Jody S	Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region
Rob C	Delegate, Area B, Central Region
David A	Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
Mike E	Chairperson, Trustees GS Conference Committee
Valerie M	Conference Co-ordinator

Non registered, non voting observers:

Jed R
Gabrielle N

APOLOGIES

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #026/2018

That a provision be made in the Conference Agenda Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure document for the presentation of *Minority Reports* to the General Service Conference.

Concept V paragraph one. *In the light of the principle of the 'Right of Appeal', all minorities – whether in our staffs, 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*

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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.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the Agenda Committee produces a guideline re the submission of minority reports, to be brought back to Conference 2019 for approval.
Valerie M will contact the current committee after Conference for their input to pass on to the new committee.

OVERLOOKED TOPIC FROM 2016

Advisory Action #016/2016

Conference resolved that clearer guidelines for submission, allocation and rejection of Conference topics be formulated and included in the Composition, Scope and Procedure document of the Conference Agenda Committee. Guideline GL-28 should be referred to. This Advisory Action is to be referred to the Conference Agenda Committee for redrafting its Composition, Scope and Procedure document accordingly.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be referred to the 2019 Conference Agenda Committee and that recommendations be brought to Conference 2019.

DISCUSSION ITEM FROM AUGUST 2018 AGENDA COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

it was agreed that word limits of Conference Topics be discussed at the Conference Agenda Committee meeting in November and a recommendation made to Conference.

The Conference Agenda Committee made no recommendation re a change to word limits of the Conference Topic Form.

DATE – CONFERENCE 2019

Thursday 7th- Sunday 10th November 2019

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the 2019 General Service Conference be held from Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th November 2019.

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DATES FOR AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2019 & DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE TOPICS 2017

Saturday 15th June 2019 at 11.30am EST
Agenda Committee meeting by teleconference to formulate agendas -

Saturday 17th August 2019 at 11.30am EST
Agenda Committee meeting by teleconference to allocate topics to Conference.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the 2019 Agenda Committee teleconferences be held as follows:
Saturday 15th June 2019 at 11.30am EST to formulate agendas.
Saturday 17th August 2019 at 11.30am EST to allocate topics to Conference Committees.

Friday 28th June 2019 4pm
Recommended deadline for receipt of Conference topics.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the deadline for receipt of 2019 Conference topics be 4pm EST on Friday 28th June.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEME OF GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2019

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the theme for the 2019 General Service Conference be selected from the following suggestions:

1. Leadership in AA -Ever a vital need
2. Australia AA comes of age
3. Group conscience - the true voice of AA
4. There is a solution in service
5. Courage to change
6. A bridge to service
7. Our primary purpose
8. Australia AA group conscience
9. Lead by example - Not mandate
10. Australia AA service in action.
11. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Rob C was elected Chairperson
Paul C was elected Alternate Chairperson

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COMBINED CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE; CONFERENCE TREATMENT & SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

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ROLL CALL

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John B, Delegate, Area E, Eastern Region
Allan D, Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region
Jed R, Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
David A, Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
Andrew M, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
Bill H, Chairperson, Trustees' Correctional Facilities
Committee
Rob , Delegate, Area B, Central Region
Garry S, Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region
Gabrielle N, Delegate, Area G Eastern Region
Wally H, Delegate, Area A, Central Region
Steven R, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region
Janet M, Alt. Delegate, Area A Eastern Region
Lachlan B (Chairperson, Trustees' Treatment Facilities &
Special Needs Committee)
Dominic H, Delegate, Area B, Western Region
Brett F (Chairperson, Trustees PI&CPC Committee)
Andy P (incoming Chair, Trustees PI&CPC Committee)
Chris S (Co-ordinator)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
CONFERENCE

T&CF + PI&CPC COMMITTEES

TOPIC #001/2018

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.

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The combined T&CF and PI&CPC Committees recommend to Conference that the PI&CPC and T&CF National Forums be combined into one National, biennial event, but the date and length of the event be left to the planning committee

T&CF COMMITTEES ONLY

TOPIC #029 2018

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.

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND OR REASON FOR THE TOPIC?

Little or no recognition of T&CF Month since the Advisory Action.

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTED SOLUTION?

The General Service Conference and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia take action.

HOW WILL THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS OR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS BENEFIT FROM THIS SUGGESTION?

The message will be carried to more alcoholics in Treatment and Correctional Facilities and those with special needs.

WHAT ARE THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SUGGESTION?

Minimal

HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR GROUP, DISTRICT OR AREA TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THIS TOPIC AND, IF SO, WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

Discussed at July 2018 Board meeting.

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The combined T&CF Committees recommend to Conference that this be referred back to the conference floor for discussion and ideas.

REVIEW BID FOR 2020 NATIONAL TREATMENT & SPECIAL NEEDS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FORUM

The combined T&CF Committees recommend that that this bid be considered for approval by Conference.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

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ROLL CALL

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(Alt. Chairperson) Christian G, Delegate, Area A Western Region
Jody S, Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region
John O'L, Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region
David A, Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
Jed R, Alt. Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
Brett F, Chairman, Trustees' Nominating Committee
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

Non-voting observers: David E (World Service Delegate)
Vanda R (Trustee Emeritus)

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following change was made:
Under Procedure, point 8 (to actively seek the nomination of quality candidates and to assist the Fellowship in this search) was deleted. It is the responsibility of the entities of the General Service Structure to seek these candidates.

It was agreed that a list of all Trustee and World Service Delegate positions that will be vacated within the next twelve months will appear on this committee's agenda in future under a separate heading.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

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No topics were allocated to this committee

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REVIEW REGIONAL TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS AND RECOMMEND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO CONFERENCE FOR SELECTION

Eastern Region

1. Judy W

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends to Conference that Judy W be elected as Eastern Regional Trustee by the General Service Board.

North Eastern Region

1. Diane C
2. Stephen R

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends to Conference that they select a candidate by Third Legacy Procedure for election by the General Service Board.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

David A was elected Chairperson

An Alternate Chairperson was not elected as there were no candidates available.

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CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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Alternate Chairperson	John B, Delegate, Area E, Eastern Region
	Allan D, Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region
	Jed R, Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
	David A, Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
	Andrew M, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
	Bill H, Chairperson, Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee
	Chris S (Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES

No Apologies

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed.

018/2017 Status Completed.

005/2012 Status: Look into possibility of adding encryption to protect copyrighted material. Continue distribution through the National Coordinator

NEW BUSINESS

The Corrections Committee wishes to review the Corrections Guideline and make recommendations for changes to be presented to a future Conference. The following committee members are willing to participate in any subcommittee formed; Paul C, David A, Bill H. The Committee would also engage the National Corrections Coordinator and any other interested parties throughout Australia.

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No topics were allocated to this committee.

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ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

David A was elected Chairperson

Allan D was elected Alternate Chairperson

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CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Sanjay P, Delegate, Area F, Southern Region
Alternate Chairperson: Christian G, Delegate, Area A, Western Region
John O'L, Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region
Paul C, Delegate, Area B, Southern Region
Allan D, Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region
Andrew M, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
Mike E, Chair, Trustees' Finance Committee
Chris S, Co-ordinator

Non-voting observers: Lachlan B, General Service Trustee
Ruby J, Class A Trustee
Bill H, Northern Regional Trustee

APOLOGIES

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made: item h) is removed and b) reworded to read "large matters of general funding of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia."

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed. 012/2014 currently lapsed
012/2017 Document reviewed Committee to produce a "How To" document on how a group can incorporate cashless payments into their 7th Tradition. To be widely published as possible Through AA Around Australia, Service Website, Area Newsletters etc.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #016/2018

GSO recommends that AA Australia recommence printing the US 4th Edition Big Book alongside the Australian 2nd Edition Big Book

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted

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TOPIC #017/2018

That Topic # 017/2017 voted into Advisory Action be revoked.

THIS IS THE TOPIC WHICH WAS PASSED:

"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."

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected.

TOPIC #021/2018

That *AA Around Australia* be published electronically only

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected

The committee recommends that an "opt out" option be published in *AA Around Australia* for groups or individuals to get their topic electronically and an email database be maintained.

TOPIC #022/2018

That *AA Around Australia* be a monthly rather than a 6-monthly publication

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that *AA Around Australia* remain a Quarterly publication from 2020

REVIEW AUDITED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that the audited accounts for year ended 30 June 2018 be accepted.

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Allan D was elected Chairperson

Paul C was elected Alternate Chairperson

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CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

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ROLL CALL

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Alt. Chairperson	Wally H, Delegate, Area A Central Region
	John B, Delegate, Area E Eastern Region
	Paul C, Delegate, Area B, Southern region
	Andrew M, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
	Gabrielle N, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region
	David E (World Service Delegate)
	Brian S (World Service Delegate)
	Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following change was made:
Under 'Composition', The General Service Office Manager to be replaced with 'A General Service Office Staff Member'.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

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TOPIC #013/2018

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.

The Conference International Committee recommends to Conference that the General Service Office advise the Fellowship of the amounts raised by them via the Brown Paper Bag Collection over the Founders Day week.

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TOPIC #015/2018

The Conference International Committee recommends to Conference that Advisory Action #029/2013 be rescinded as it was replaced by Advisory Action #044/2016.

(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)

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Paul C was elected Chairperson
Gabrielle N was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Mercure Sydney International Hotel
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Friday 2nd November 2018 11.00am – 1.00pm

ROLL CALL

(Chairperson)	Garry S, Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region
(Alternate Chair)	Rob C, Delegate, Area B, Central Region
	Chris B, Delegate Area B, North Eastern Region
	Sanjay P, Delegate, Area F, Southern Region
	Paul C, Delegate, Area B, Southern Region
	Gabrielle N, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region
	Paul J (Chairperson, Trustees' Literature Committee)
	Chris S (Co-ordinator)

Non voting observers: Andy P (Central Regional Trustee)
Bill H (Northern Regional Trustee)
Brian S (World Service Delegate)

APOLOGIES

Tom Faunce (Class A Trustee)

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed.

039/2016 completed

045/2016 completed

021/2015 "A.A.'s "Third Legacy", Service, is anything that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer. The A.A. Service Manual, The Guidelines and the Twelve Concepts for World Service are our main guides for all service. They have been put together using the knowledge gained from A.A. experience going back to A.A.'s founders. Sponsorship in A.A. is basically the same, whether guiding another through A.A.'s Twelve Steps of recovery or in their service to their group. It can be defined as one alcoholic who has made progress in recovery and/or performance in service, sharing this experience with another alcoholic who is just commencing the journey in A.A. Both types of service spring from the spiritual aspects of A.A.'s three legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service. The basis of all sponsorship is the power of example.

The Service Sponsor begins by encouraging the member to become active in their home group. As the member serves in different roles and levels of A.A. service, the Service Sponsor is not only a guide in service commitments and responsibilities, but also a useful resource for the member when encountering the unique vagaries that exist in A.A. service.

REPORT CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

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A Service Sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history, the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts for World Service and has a reasonable background in A.A. service with a sound understanding of the Alcoholics Anonymous service structure.

The service sponsor should be mindful that not all members will have the desire or experience to move beyond certain levels and, and therefore might be required to suggest tasks appropriate to individuals' abilities and interests. Of course, our experience is, we can learn on the job in AA"

will be added on next reprint

034/2015 completed

010/2014 completed

011/2013 in progress

016/2013 to be completed in next reprint.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #003/2018

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

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. The stories exist in the volume "Experience Strength and Hope" and it would add 99 pages to the existing book.

TOPIC #018/2018

That all our Literature should be displayed on the website in pictorial form.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that the topic be accepted.

The Literature Committee is enthusiastic to help implement this topic.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Garry S was elected Chairperson

Chris B was elected Alternate Chairperson

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CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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ROLL CALL

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Alt. Chairperson	Garry S (Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region)
	John B (Delegate, Area E Eastern Region)
	David A, Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
	Steven R, Delegate, Area H Eastern Region
	Brett F (Chair, Trustees PI&CPC Committee)
	Janet M, Alt. Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region
	Tony C(Co-ordinator)
Non-voting observers:	Andy P (Central Regional Trustee)
	Penelope C (Southern Regional Trustee)
	Tom Faunce (Class A Trustee)

APOLOGIES

Tom Faunce (Class A Trustee)

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made. The Committee recommends to Conference that the National Technology and Social Media Advisor (currently Lachlan B.) attend this Committee's Conference meetings. If accepted, this can be included in the Composition description of the Committee.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed and the following status updates advised:

#36/2014 Membership Survey

The survey has been completed. Results will be published at the Service website as soon as data is prepared in a report form.

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TOPIC #004/2018

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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 ??

The Conference PI&CPC recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected on the grounds that each group is autonomous.

TOPIC #009/2018

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 80th anniversary of the first publishing (1939) of 'Alcoholics Anonymous'.

The Conference PI&CPC Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. It is recommended that this suggestion be forwarded to the National PI coordinator.

TOPIC #010/2018

A.A. Australia would benefit from replacing its PI poster – “A.A. It Works” – with a contemporary option.

The Conference PI&CPC Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. There is still constant demand for this poster. However, rather than replace the It Works poster, the Committee recommends that members and Groups be invited to submit suggestions for a new poster or posters to be submitted to Conference for consideration.

TOPIC #011/2019

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.

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The Conference PI&CPC Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. It is considered that existing PI material works well in already achieving this purpose.

TOPIC #032/2018

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.

The Conference PI&CPC Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. This information may be better placed at the Service website.

REVIEW MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS & MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFERENCE

The Conference PI&CPC Committee recommends to Conference that the survey results will be published at the Service website as soon as data is prepared in a report form.

REVIEW NATIONAL WEBSITE

The National Website was reviewed and the 2018 National website report was accepted.

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE

The Service Website was reviewed. The sub committee established to improve the content and utility of the website has been allocated funds for this purpose.

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Website administrator Julie L continues to provide valuable assistance in implementing improvements.

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David A was elected Alternate Chairperson

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CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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ROLL CALL

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Alt. Chairperson: Chris B, Delegate, Area B, North Eastern Region
Wally H, Delegate, Area A, Central Region
Rob C, Delegate, Area B, Central Region
Jed R, Alt. Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
Gabrielle N, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)
David E (World Service Delegate)

Non-voting observers: Brian S, World Service Delegate
Paul J (Western Regional Trustee)
Vanda R (Trustee Emeritus)

Non registered observers: Garry S, Janet M (for recommendation on survey/structure review only).

APOLOGIES

MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON SURVEY/STRUCTURE REVIEW

Having reviewed all documents, the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that there be no further action on this matter.

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

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TOPIC #002/2018

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 .

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that a statement be made advising groups that group problems should be resolved by group conscience and that the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and General Service Office have no responsibility for solving group problems.

TOPIC #006/2018

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.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected as a resolution to past difficulties is possible.

TOPIC #007/2018

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.

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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'.
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.
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.
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.
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.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. The matter is now in the hands of AA World Services Inc. and their solicitors.

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CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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Thursday 1st November 2018 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 2nd November 2018 8.40am – 10.30am

TOPIC #014/2018

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.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. It is the delegates responsibility to educate themselves on the General Service Office and its functions, using the considerable amount of material available.

TOPIC #025/2018

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

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. The matter is now in the hands of AA World Services Inc. and their solicitors.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Gabrielle N was elected Chairperson

Rob C was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER AND SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Mercure Sydney International Airport Hotel
Thursday 1st November 2018 4.30pm – 6.00pm

ROLL CALL

Christian G (Chairperson)	Delegate, Area A, Western Region
Chris B (Alt. Chairperson)	Delegate, Area B, North Eastern Region
Allan D	Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region
Jed R	Alt. Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
David A	Delegate, Area D, Southern Region
Steven R	Delegate, Area H Eastern Region
Paul J	Chair, Trustees Literature Committee
Tony C	Co-ordinator
Janet M	Observer

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made:

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed and the following updates of status reported:
020/2017 (folder pg 123) has been completed.

021/2016 (folder pg123) Rewrite of Service Manual Section 6, The Area Delegate. The committee considered that submissions received to date were not sufficient to provide an acceptable draft as a revised, new Section 6. The committee recommends to Conference that a subcommittee, including Chris B (Alt Delegate) and Paul J (Trustee Literature Committee) be established and charged with the responsibility to present a final draft for presentation to Conference 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC 012/2018

Guest speakers during the dinner dance at National Conventions
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

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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.

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected, in the spirit of our Tradition 4.

TOPIC #024/2018

Authorise a guideline on hints and suggestions on Internet safety to be available for use in AA online and print publications.

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted, and that an Australian Guideline be produced, with some content being derived from existing AA Guidelines published by GSO New York and GB.

TOPIC #028/2018

That the Australian Service Manual should be made available in large print format.

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted.

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TOPIC#030/2018

The General Service Board recommends to Conference that Guideline 30 page 160 be amended as follows.

Under the heading Finance, it currently states *'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'*.

Suggest replacing this sentence with:

'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 available'.

The Forum Committee is responsible for funding any other invited guests to attend'.

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected. The committee alternately recommends that the quoted text be replaced to include reference to PI and PCP forums.

Thus: *"The Board will pay for the National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators; PI & CPC Coordinators, and the Chairs of the Trustees' Treatment & Correctional Facilities and PI & CPC Committees to attend, if available'*.

The Forum Committee is responsible for funding any other invited guests to attend'.

TOPIC #031/2018

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:

"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".

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: *"The AOSM recognizes that it has no authority over any AA service or*

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group. The only decisions to be made by the AOSM are those which affect the meeting itself."

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.

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted.

REVIEW PROPOSED NEW AREA DELEGATE SECTION – SERVICE MANUAL

See Review of Action List above. 021/2016 refers.

REPORT ON CHANGES TO CORE DOCUMENTS DURING THE YEAR (DIG REPORT)

The Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee were notified that no changes to core documents had been necessary.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Chris B was elected Chairperson

David A was elected Alternate Chairperson

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CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Mercure Sydney International Airport Hotel
22 Levey Street, Wolli Creek, NSW
Friday 2nd November 2018 11.00am – 1.00pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Andrew M, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
Alt. Chairperson: Dominic H, Delegate, Area B, Western Region
Wally H, Delegate, Area A, Central Region
Allan D, Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region
Steven R, Delegate, Area H, Southern Region
Janet M, Alt. Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region
Penelope C, (Chairperson, Trustees' Remote Communities Committee)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

Non voting observers: Lachlan B (General Service Trustee)
Ruby J (Class A Trustee)
Mike E (General Service Trustee)

APOLOGIES

REVIEW/ ACCEPT COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following change was made:

Composition: First paragraph; Voting members: change 3rd dot point to:

- The General Service Office Committee Co-ordinator.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed and the following status update advised:
#39/2014 (folder page 190) There is still no National Co-ordinator and the only current Regional Coordinator concludes their appointment at the end of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #008/2018

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.

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The Conference Remote Communities Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted, subject to approval of the Committee's following recommended changes:

- Add to text of "Funding for Remote Communities" (folder page 184) the following: "Members or Groups who wish to make contributions to the Fund need to specify that their donation is for this Fund".
- "Remote AA Members" (folder page 185): The text underneath this heading be replaced with a single link to the AA Service website, for more information.
- Specific email and phone contacts for more information (folder page 187) be replaced with GSO email and telephone numbers.

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE REMOTE COMMUNITIES PAGE

The Remote Communities page on the Service Website appears as a menu option at the website home page. It has occasional items posted, the most recent being a Queensland Remote Communities Report of 28 September 2018.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Janet M was elected Chairperson.

Allan D was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

Meeting held at: **Mercure Sydney International Airport Hotel**
22 Levey Street, Wollri Creek, NSW
Thursday 1st November 2018 8.00pm – 9.30pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Rob C, Delegate, Area B, Central Region
Alt. Chairperson: Garry S, Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region
Gabrielle N, Delegate, Area G Eastern Region
Wally H, Delegate, Area A, Central Region
Steven R, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region
Janet M, Alt. Delegate, Area A Eastern Region
Lachlan B (Chairperson, Trustees' Treatment Facilities & Special
Needs Committee)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES

Wally H

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2013-2017)

The Action List was reviewed and status report accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2018 CONFERENCE TOPICS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONSTO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Gabrielle N was elected Chairperson

Janet M was elected Alternate Chairperson

