

## OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE TOPICS 2017

### Report Only on the Outcome of Topics – 2017

TOPIC NO.	TOPIC	OUTCOME
001	The General Service Conference requests that the Fellowship considers the Structure Review Committee's attached <i>Investigations and Structure Review Plan for the Australian AA Structure</i> .	Advisory Action #001/2017 Advisory Action #001-B/2017
002	That a Register is created of Australian AA members with fifty years plus of sobriety, which will be held in the Australian AA Archives. The responsibility for the initial gathering of members names for the Register, and the maintenance of the records thereafter, to be included in the role of the Area Registrar, and that pages 54/55 of the Australian AA Service Manual are updated accordingly.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
003	The production of 2 new Public Information postcards aimed at attracting young people with drinking problems into recovery in AA. The postcards have 2 separate images. One for male and female. The images used were accepted at Conference in 2015 as PI Posters and are in circulation now. The questions on the reverse of the postcards are off the conference approved teenage brochure currently available at GSO. The postcards are not to replace the current literature but to offer an alternative means of attracting younger people into AA. These postcards are easy to put on coffee tables and doctors waiting rooms and indeed any professional organization we go to in the course of our normal PI activities. They are also good to have at meetings especially newcomers meetings. The aim is to raise awareness that AA is available to anyone no matter what age and young people can go too.	Advisory Action #003/2017
004	That the boundaries of the Areas within Western region be changed as per attached maps.	Advisory Action #004/2017

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005	I would like to see the story My Southern Friend added to the Next Australian Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics anonymous , on Pg 56 in We Agnostics-who are you too say there is no God and the Doctors Opinion – the man that hid in a deserted ban determined to die are the same man Fitz M who story is our Southern Friend pg 208 4 <sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book	Voted on but not Advisory Action
006	Disruptive behaviours within AA  Additional information for Group Handbook.	Advisory Action #006/2017
007	Increase word limits on new topic form  Further clarity needed for the form before next year's conference  Delete all 50 word limits in each section of this topic form and use 6 numbered points in each section to help with submitting topics	Voted on but not Advisory Action
008	That the Advisory Action #020/2014, 'Conference resolved that Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators be appointed to assist with the work of the National Co-ordinators', be rescinded and the Fellowship asked if they see the need for these service positions.	Advisory Action #008/2017
009	That: Each topic for conference should contain a single issue. The desired outcomes are clarity, unity and inclusiveness in the Topic process.	Advisory Action #009/2017
010	When a Delegate cannot or will not complete their term and the Alternate Delegate has to attend conference in their place the Alternate delegate will assume the duties and term as a full delegate thus eliminating them from a 4 or 5 year term and possible burn out (1 or 2 years as alternate and 3 years as delegate).	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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011	That it be written into the Service Manual that the only time an Alternate Delegate can attend Conference in a non-Delegate position, is when the elected Delegate cannot attend. If the Delegate position has been vacated and the Alternate Delegate or anyone else is not willing or unable to take on the position, another person from the Area should be elected to attend Conference once only. If the Area wishes to send the Alternate Delegate, they will be considered to be the Delegate Elect and have served one year of the Conference agreed three year term.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
012	The Board recommends that the General Service Conference 2017 discusses how Alcoholics Anonymous will remain adequately funded if our society becomes cashless within the next few years, as predicted by financial experts.	Advisory Action #012/2017
013	The Board recommends to Conference that an agenda and procedures for the Delegates meeting should be produced, so that it is clear that the original intent of this meeting was an induction for new delegates and that it cannot be used as a means to introducing a subject which should have been submitted as a Conference Topic. Refer Advisory Action Advisory Action #30/99: Conference recommends that, following the opening and roll-call of Conference, the first matter of business be an orientation session conducted by Delegates who have previously attended Conference, to explain to the new Delegates what will happen, what their role will be, and hence how they may be expected to participate. In particular this could include explanations of the committee system, the Robert's rules meeting procedures followed, how the voting system works and the right of a minority voice.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
014	The Board recommends to Conference that whenever a new piece of literature or project is initiated by the General Service Conference, the Conference Committee that has made the recommendation should be fully involved in the process.	Advisory Action #014/2017

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015	The Board recommends that Conference considers the viability of having separate National Forums for Treatment Facilities, Special Needs, Correctional, Public Information, Co-operation with the Professional Community and Remote Communities, so that there was specific focus in each of these areas.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
016	The Board recommends to Conference 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.	Advisory Action #016/2017
017	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.	Advisory Action #017/2017
018	The Board recommends to Conference that a series of Australian pamphlets for members with specific special needs be produced.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
019	The Board recommends to Conference that a section be included in the AA Group Handbook concerning members with other addictions. Some members have more than one addiction and, if only attending AA meetings, may not get the help they require. Directing them on where to seek help from other organisations for problems other than alcohol is not endorsing, but providing information.	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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

Advisory Actions #020/2017-#046/2017