

# Assembly Meeting Agenda

September 14, 2024

9:30 am Open with Serenity Prayer / Welcome

## Officer Reports:

1. Delegate's Report
2. Alternate Delegate Report
3. Area Chair Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Secretary Report:
6. Registrar Report

## Area Inventory

### Questions:

1. Are all members given the opportunity to share at meetings/assemblies? How can we do better?
2. When conducting the Assembly business, do you feel that there is adequate discussion of proposals and business items for there to be a clear and effective group conscience reached?
3. How well does the Area treat "Right of Appeal" (minority opinion)?
4. Are we meeting our financial responsibilities? How is our Area fulfilling its responsibility to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition? Are our funds being wisely spent?
5. Mindful that holding any service position is a great responsibility, are all positions rotated on a regular basis? Do we practice the spirit of rotation.

6. Is there a smooth transition with GSR's and DCM's following elections, as well as with Area officers? Do you feel that important information and service experience is being shared with newly elected Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's and GSRs?

2 minutes per member at the mic

No repeating comments

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

PAIs

Motion1:

If the area's group conscience is aligned, to make sure it is heard, repackage the following PAI sent by District 13 and send it from Area 12.

Yes = repackage and send it from AREA 12, to the conference committee to increase the volume of the request to protect the AA Message (the first 164 pages + the essay's in the 12&12)

No= do not repackage and decrease the impact of the request to protect our core literature.

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

**Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

Whenever any changes are brought to the Conference floor to the Founders' writings, considered by this motion to be:

1. The book Alcoholics Anonymous — specifically, the first 164 pages, the chapter "The Doctor's Opinion," Forewords to the first and second editions, the Appendices on Spiritual Awakening and the Traditions, and Dr. Bob's Nightmare
2. The book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions the Conference must achieve a super-majority of 75% in order for the General Service Board to act upon it. However, the General Service Board shall not immediately act upon the Conference's directions, and instead, shall request all Area Delegates to conduct further discussions in their respective Areas. Area delegates' report backs will be conducted the second following General Service Conference at which the Conference

may amend or change the previously approved change to the Founders' writings described above. For final action by the General Service Board, the Conference must achieve substantial unanimity (67%).

**What problem does this proposed item address?** The controversy, dis-unity and distrust across the fellowship resulting from the rapid changes to pages 66 & 117 originating from Advisory Actions at the 2021 GSC.

Changes to our "common solution" as referenced on page 17 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Correct any errors in decision by the Finance Committee at the 2024 GSC when a 7-1 vote was taken to NOT protect the AA Message.

**What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).** Area 12, District 13: 07/10/2024 Voted on and approved unanimously by GSR's and District Committee at monthly district meeting.  
Current & Past Delegates and a former GSO employee were present for discussion prior the vote.  
This PAI was sent to all District 13 GSR's on June 16 for review, weeks prior to the monthly District Meeting.  
THIS PAI IS BEING SUBMITTED BY THE DCM OF DISTRICT 13 in AREA 12 on behalf of this District's 13's group conscience and vote.

**Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:** Reasoning for this proposal:  
1. Begin to restore trust in our trusted servants and processes. This includes Delegates, Trustees, the General Service Conference, Committees and Chairs.  
2. Protect the AA Message per these words from the inside flap of Editions two and three of the AA Big Book, "But the basic text (pages 1 through 164) remains unchanged. This is the A.A. message, just as it was introduced in the 1939 'Alcoholics Anonymous'".

**What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?** Preservation of our upside-down-triangle, where the groups/group-conscience drive what the General Service Conference advises.  
Prevent another rogue GSC from creating Advisory Actions that can

change our core message without being adequately vetted by our fellowship.

**Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

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**Final Comments**

If this PAI does not make it to the 2025 Conference Floor for discussion, please provide a better reason or evidence supporting this decision. A statement like this response from the Trustees Literature Committee From 11/08/2023 seems weak: "it is not in alignment with the Fellowship".

Consider adding these two sections to the co-founder's writing description, from Section 1 of this document:

- a. The "Preface" in the 4th edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- b. The Story 'Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three' from the 4th edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous.

III. Trusted Servants (trustees, Delegates...) PLEASE PROTECT our AA Message as defined on the dust jacket of the 3rd edition our basic text. Specifically please protect the first 164 pages of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous - as this is the AA message.

## Motion2

If the area's group conscience is aligned, to make sure it is heard, repackage the following PAI sent by District 13 and send it from Area 12.

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

**Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

Change the wording of "The Current Conference Charter" in Appendix K of the "The A.A. Service Manual", 2021-2023 Edition (p. 119), Revised May 2021, Section 3 -- suggested change in UPPERCASE below. Additionally update the Bylaws to give the essays in the 12&12 and the sections of the big book described below the same protection as the short form of the steps and traditions.

"THE CONTENT AND WORDS OF THE BOOK ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS INCLUDING:

THE FIRST 164 PAGES, THE PREFACE, THE FORWARDS, THE DOCTOR'S OPINION, DR. BOB'S NIGHTMARE, AA NUMBER 3 AND THE APPENDIXES ALL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND WILL NOT CHANGE EVEN WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF ANY PERCENTAGE OF THE AA GROUPS, THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, A PUBLISHING COMPANY OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY. ADDITIONALLY, no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in A.A. Tradition or in the Twelve Steps of A.A. may be made with less than a written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention."

**What problem does this proposed item address?** Prevent changes, like the ones on Pages 66 and 117 of the 12&12 originating from Advisory Actions from the 2021 GSC.

In response to the numerous proposed changes to the text that has already helped two million alcoholics get sober.

**What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).**

This item was discussed over the last 3 years at Area 12 District 13 meetings. In June 2024 it was emailed to the District GSR's to discuss with their groups.

On August 14 2024 at the Area 12 District 13 meeting it was discussed, voted on and approved unanimously to be sent as a PAI to for the 2025 GSC.

**Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**

Reasoning for this proposal:

1. Based on feedback from the 2024 GSC, many delegates and areas want our core writings protected from future advisory actions from future General Service Conferences.

2. The intent of the wording in section (1) above is to make it binding on future Assemblies, Conferences and more that the AA message in the our 'basic text', pages 1-164 of the AA big book will not change.

3. Section K of the "The A.A. Service Manual", 2021-2023 Edition, Revised May 2021, Section 3, [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_bm-31\\_3.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf)

4. This paragraph from the inside flap of Editions two and three of the AA Big Book, 'But the basic text (pages 1 through 164) remains unchanged. This is the A.A. message, just as it was introduced in the 1939 "Alcoholics Anonymous"'.

5. This is a motion to reaffirm and MAKE BINDING to the Assembly & Conference and re-affirm that the book Alcoholics Anonymous will never be changed except for Footnotes, Stories after Dr. Bob's Nightmare, New Forwards, and Appendices.

**What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

No additional changes to our basic text and core literature as described in Section 1 (above),

**Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

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**Final Comments**

Consider restoring the following text from Big Book Editions 2 & 3 (found on the Front flap of the book cover), 'But the basic text (pages 1 through 164) remains unchanged. This is the A.A. message, just as it was introduced in the 1939 "Alcoholics Anonymous," the book that gave the young Fellowship its name. '

The above text was changed on the book-cover (front flap) of the 4th Edition of the Big Book.

Yes = repackage and send it from AREA 12, to the conference committee to increase the volume of the request to protect the AA Message (the first 164 pages + the essay's in the 12&12)

No= do not repackage and decrease the impact of the request to protect our core literature

**Committee Reports:**

1. Archives
2. By – Laws
3. PI
4. Tech Team / CPC
5. Convention

**Liaison Reports**

- 1) DEYPAA
- 2) NDI
- 3) CDI

**4) SDI**

**DCM Reports:**

**Announce next meeting –**

October 19th - **Area Committee Meeting**; Virtual; 9:30 am - 12 pm  
December 7, 2024 Assembly

**Close with the Responsibly Pledge**