

DELEGATE'S QUESTIONNAIRE 2025

NEW BUT WEST

GSR REPORT

Item #1 – Cooperation with the Professional Community

Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

SHARED EXPERIENCE REQUESTED

Background: The Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee has abandoned efforts to create a pamphlet addressing the unhoused population in A.A. as it was deemed an ineffective tool. Suggestions for more effective strategies are requested. Does anyone at NBW have experience working with the professional community to bring the message of A.A. to the unhoused or neurodivergent alcoholic? If so, please detail your experience and forward it to gsrnbw1@gmail.com by 5pm, Thursday, April 10th.

Item #2 – Finance

Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly to support services provided by the General Service Board.

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: Does NBW believe it is important for the Area 49 delegate to remind groups in the Area that inflation has reduced the value of contributions to the General Service Office (GSO) and its impact on A.A. services?

Item #3 – Literature

Consider a request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and Essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: Does NBW believe that including the Twelve Concepts for World Service and their Essays in the "Twelve and Twelve" would be helpful to members? The concepts were written by Bill W. and were adopted in 1962. They are not "rules" but "guidelines" to clarify the relationship between different service entities within the GSO and to highlight spiritual principals guiding their actions. Both the short and long form of the concepts are attached to this document. Adding either of these to the Twelve and Twelve would add 2 pages to the book. Adding the Twelve Concepts and Essays would add 67 pages to the Twelve and Twelve. Voting YES on this item simply allows the suggestion to be discussed.

Item #4 - Literature

Consider a request to update the book Living Sober.

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: Living Sober was written in 1975 with only "minor" revisions since. Multiple requests have been submitted to GSO from the group level, district level and area level from 6 states and Canada that the book be updated. Each request has a different focus, but the requests include a rewrite into "plain" language, inclusion of additional tools available with new technology, inclusion of resources for specific communities and an emphasis that success is possible in A.A. without specific outside religious traditions. Does NBW support considering updates to Living Sober? Voting YES on this item simply allows the suggestion to be discussed.

Item #5 - Policy/Admissions

Consider a request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature.

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: The General Service Conference currently requires Substantial Unanimity, meaning a two-thirds (2/3) majority, for a vote to pass. Does NBW think a supermajority of three-fourths (3/4) should be required to amend the Founder's Literature? The phrase "Founders Literature" refers to the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Preface, the Forwards, the Doctor's Opinion, Dr. Bob's Nightmare, and Appendices, and the entirety of the Twelve and Twelve. This is question of process and procedure. Whether or not the literature should be changed or how is NOT the current question before the group.

Item #6 – Treatment and Accessibilities

Review progress report on the update of service material with shared experience from neurodivergent alcoholics.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

Background: Do any members of NBW have feedback on the neurodivergent section of the draft “Serving All Alcoholics -Making the A.A. Message Accessible?” The full text of the draft is attached; the neurodivergent section is highlighted. If any members have feedback, please submit your thoughts to gsrnbw1@gmail.com by 5pm, Thursday, April 10th.

Item #7 – Trustees

Review Censure Process Proposal.

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: Does NBW feel that the proposed Censure Proposal Process provides a fair and effective way for the Conference Body to address concerns about the General Service Board? A “censure” would be a formal reprimand or condemnation of the General Service Board. It applies to the full board, not individuals. In the history of A.A. there have been four censure proposals (all between 1994 and 2023) but in all four cases the proposals either did not move forward or they did not reach substantial unanimity. The full Censure Proposal Process is attached. Note: PAI is an abbreviation for Proposed Agenda Item.

Item #8 – Literature

Consider the request to include the A.A. Comes of Age version of The Lasker Award text in the book Alcoholics Anonymous

VOTE YES OR NO OR ABSTAIN

Background: The condensed text on The Lasker Award first appeared in the Big Book in 1955 and continues to appear there to this day. An expanded version of the text first appeared in A.A. Comes of Age in 1957 and continues to appear there to this day. Does

NBW support including the A.A. Comes of Age version of The Lasker Award text in the next edition of the Big Book? Both versions are attached for reference.