

# Area 42 Fall Election

## Assembly Agenda

Friday, September 06, 2024

4:00 – 8:00pm	Registration Open
6:00 – 7:45pm	Welcome – Officer, Committee & District Reports
7:45 – 8:00pm	Break
8:00 – 9:00pm	Weekend Roadmap Elections & Conference Committees – Sophie K
8:00 – 9:00pm	Area Committee Mtg. – Jonelle W * *Area Officers, District Committee Members and Standing Committee Chairs should attend.

Saturday, September 07, 2024

7:00 – 7:45 am	AA Meeting – Host CACYPAA Registration Opens
8:00 – 8:15am	Welcome
8:15 – 9:15am	Delegate's Report – Jake S.
9:15- 9:45	Safety in A.A. – Rhonda F.
9:45 – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 12:00pm	Election of Area Officers for Panel 75 (2025 – 2026) Reports from Area Conference Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs) 1) Agenda 2) Policy & Admin 3) Corrections 4) Grapevine/La Viña • Reports Continued
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 – 3:15pm	Continued – Election of Area Officers Reports from Area Conference Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs) 5) PI 6) Archives 7) Report & Charter 8) CPC 9) Finance • Reports Continued
3:15 – 3:30pm	Break

Saturday September 07 2024

3:30 – 4:30pm	Continued – Election of Area Officers Reports from Area Conference Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs) 10) Literature 11) Treatment 12) Trustees 13) Int'l Conventions • Reports Continued
4:30pm	<b><i>Promptly clear the room and take everything with you!</i></b>
6:00pm	Banquet starts – Mizpah Caterer
7:30pm	Speaker – Julie C., Panel 71/Area 42, Chester CA

Sunday, September 08, 2024

7:00am	AA Meeting – Host CACYPAA
7:30 – 8:30am	DCM Workshop – Blue Room – DCM Coordinators
7:30 – 8:30am	Committee Chair Workshop – Archives Room – Alt Area Chair
8:45 – 10:00am	Welcome 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Area 42 Guideline Change Proposal re: Inconsistency with Area 42 and SAGSC Guidelines – Sophie K. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Proposed Amendment to the Area Guidelines – Tony S. Area 42 Finance Committee Report & 2025 Budget – Rich B.
10:00 – 10:15am	Break
10:15 – 11:00am	Proposed Agenda Item – Bigg J. Ad-hoc Committee Reports • Area Conference Committee Coordinator – Don D. • Technology Communication – Jeffery C. Volunteer District from the South to Host Spring Assembly What's on Your Mind?
11:00am – 12:00pm	Ask-It Basket with Past Delegate Panel

**Next Assembly to be held April 4-6, 2025**

**International Convention Registration Opens September 10, 2024**

## Summary of Area 42 Assembly Procedures for Pre-Conference Assembly, 2023

### Chair's (not Robert's) Rules:

1. Every agenda or discussion item – whether submitted months in advance or from the assembly floor – must come to the Secretary in writing. The time of reading will be at the discretion of the Chairperson (when it fits into the order of business).
2. Once read, those who wish to comment will line up at the microphones and will be called on in order.
3. Each person may speak for up to two (2) minutes.
4. No one may speak for a second time on a topic until all who wish to have spoken for the first time.
5. The chair will encourage varying opinions from the assembly and may limit sharing to those expressing opinions not already heard.
6. When a member “calls the question” (calls for a vote, stopping discussion), the Chair will take a “sense of the assembly” to discern if the assembly is ready to make a decision. The Chair will make the final determination as to whether or not the assembly has come to an informed group conscience. We would always like a feeling of Unity on the topic.
7. All opinions should be voiced during the period for discussion. If a member waits until AFTER the vote - when there is no rebuttal - to speak for the minority opinion, we waste time. This can force the body to reconsider a question that might well have been decided the first time around if it had been thoroughly examined from all sides.
8. After the vote, only those voting in the minority (the “losing” position) will have a chance to speak. There will be no rebuttal/further discussion. After the minority opinions have been heard, the Chair will ask the assembly if anyone now wishes to change their vote. If the Chair sees a critical number of hands raised (desiring to change their votes), the assembly will vote again on the item.

***NOTE: These Chair Rules were used in 2007***

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**Area 42 Treasury**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of July 31, 2024

	<u>Jul 31, 24</u>	<u>Jul 31, 23</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
1000 · WF #8093 2011-20...	35,588.21	79,057.13	-43,468.92	-55.0%
1018 · WF Savings #4345	30,031.40	30,010.20	21.20	0.1%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>65,619.61</u>	<u>109067.33</u>	<u>-43,447.72</u>	<u>-39.8%</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>65,619.61</u>	<u>109067.33</u>	<u>-43,447.72</u>	<u>-39.8%</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
1500 · Equipment	3,067.05	3,067.05	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>3,067.05</u>	<u>3,067.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>68,686.66</b></u>	<u><b>112,134.38</b></u>	<u><b>-43,447.72</b></u>	<u><b>-38.8%</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	12,696.82	12,696.82	0.00	0.0%
3250 · Retained Earnings	93,708.11	59,563.39	34,144.72	57.3%
Net Income	-37,718.27	39,874.17	-77,592.44	-194.6%
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>68,686.66</u>	<u>112134.38</u>	<u>-43,447.72</u>	<u>-38.8%</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>68,686.66</b></u>	<u><b>112,134.38</b></u>	<u><b>-43,447.72</b></u>	<u><b>-38.8%</b></u>

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**Area 42 Treasury**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
 January through July 2024

	Unclassified	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4001 · 7th Tradition	989.05	989.05
4010 · Group Contributions	25,541.77	25,541.77
4011 · Individual Contributions	279.44	279.44
4012 · Events & Roundups & North/S...	99.00	99.00
4020 · Assembly Income		
Assembly Registrations	1,686.56	1,686.56
Banquet Tickets	6,173.85	6,173.85
Coffee & Food	1,246.05	1,246.05
<b>Total 4020 · Assembly Income</b>	<b>9,106.46</b>	<b>9,106.46</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,015.72</b>	<b>36,015.72</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>36,015.72</b>	<b>36,015.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5000 · Nagsc / Sagsc Meetings		
Fuel Reimbursment	1,830.50	1,830.50
Rent	561.24	561.24
Supplies	510.06	510.06
Technology	244.00	244.00
<b>Total 5000 · Nagsc / Sagsc Meetings</b>	<b>3,145.80</b>	<b>3,145.80</b>
5500 · Standing Committes		
Assessabilities & Remote Comm	90.00	90.00
Coop. w/Prof Community	2,748.89	2,748.89
Grapevine	332.37	332.37
GSR Trainer	18.37	18.37
La Vina	515.45	515.45
Public Information	521.60	521.60
<b>Total 5500 · Standing Committes</b>	<b>4,226.68</b>	<b>4,226.68</b>
6000 · Assembly Expense		
Assembly Packets	4,994.06	4,994.06
Banquet Costs	4,368.00	4,368.00
Coffee & Food	1,389.96	1,389.96
Rent	1,317.50	1,317.50
Speaker	380.66	380.66
Translation Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 6000 · Assembly Expense</b>	<b>13,450.18</b>	<b>13,450.18</b>
6230 · Licenses and Permits	2,376.99	2,376.99
6241 · P O Box	222.00	222.00

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**Area 42 Treasury**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
 January through July 2024

	Unclassified	TOTAL
7000 · Travel		
7001 · Assemblies		
Area Officers	5,571.77	5,571.77
DCMS	511.94	511.94
Finance Committee	834.80	834.80
GSRs / ALT GSRs	3,890.40	3,890.40
SAGSC / NAGSC Officers	476.45	476.45
Standing Chairs	3,377.50	3,377.50
Translators_Interpreters	500.00	500.00
Total 7001 · Assemblies	15,162.86	15,162.86
7002 · Delegate Expenses	831.35	831.35
7003 · PRAASA		
NAGSC / SAGSC Officers	1,874.51	1,874.51
Officers	8,750.29	8,750.29
Standing Chairs	7,592.45	7,592.45
Total 7003 · PRAASA	18,217.25	18,217.25
7005 · Forum	966.39	966.39
7008 · Delegate Conference	500.00	500.00
Total 7000 · Travel	35,677.85	35,677.85
8000 · Archives Storage	600.00	600.00
8500 · General Service Conference Fee	8,600.00	8,600.00
9000 · Office Expenses		
Area Archivist	2,220.61	2,220.61
Area Registrar	161.30	161.30
Area Treasurer	64.67	64.67
Forum	540.70	540.70
Website	2,449.54	2,449.54
Total 9000 · Office Expenses	5,436.82	5,436.82
Total Expense	73,736.32	73,736.32
Net Ordinary Income	-37,720.60	-37,720.60
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
7010 · Interest Income	2.33	2.33
Total Other Income	2.33	2.33
Net Other Income	2.33	2.33
Net Income	-37,718.27	-37,718.27

**Area 42 Proposed Budget  
January 1 - December 31, 2025**

	Proposed	2024 Actual	2024 Approved	2023 Actual	2023 Approved
	2025	1/1/24-6/30/24	2024	1/1/23- 12/31/23	2023
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
4000 - NAGSC/SAGCS Transfer				70916.53	74000.00
4001 - 7th Tradition	1500.00	812.95	1050.00	1244.30	1050.00
4010 - Group Contributions	50000.00	18366.54	50000.00	46435.55	52000.00
4011 - Individual Contributions		279.44		244.36	
4012 - Events & Roundups		99.00		40.00	
4013 - Reimbursement Revenue					
4020 - Assembly Income					
Assembly Registrations	6500.00		0.00		0.00
Banquet Tickets	8000.00	4678.36	7000.00	6202.33	6000.00
Coffee & Food	4000.00	1246.05	4000.00	3500.94	3400.00
<b>Total 4020 - Assembly Income</b>	<b>18500.00</b>	<b>5924.41</b>	<b>11000.00</b>	<b>9703.27</b>	<b>9400.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>70000.00</b>	<b>25482.34</b>	<b>62050.00</b>	<b>128584.01</b>	<b>136450.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
5000 - Nagsc/Sagsc Meetings					
Other	0.00		250.00		
Rent	2000.00	921.24	1600.00	715.70	1600.00
Supplies	800.00	417.99	800.00	427.13	800.00
Fuel Reimbursment	4000.00	1705.50	4000.00	5876.55	2000.00
Technology	1500.00	244.00	1500.00	1271.75	1500.00
<b>Total 5000 - Nagsc/Sagsc Meetings</b>	<b>8300.00</b>	<b>3288.73</b>	<b>8150.00</b>	<b>8291.13</b>	<b>5900.00</b>
5500 - Standing Committes					
Corrections N Only	300.00		300.00		500.00
Coop. w/Prof Community	4000.00	2658.89	6000.00	1388.10	2000.00
Public Information	2000.00	431.6	6000.00	53.01	3060.00
Assessabilities & Remote Comm	1200.00		800.00	175.61	750.00
Treatment/BTG	300.00		200.00		250.00
La Vina	1100.00	515.45	1100.00	375.00	550.00
Grapevine	800.00		400.00	254.63	550.00
Intergroup Liason (N Only)	100.00		100.00		100.00
GSR Trainer	100.00	18.37	100.00	111.84	350.00
DCM Trainer	100.00		350.00		350.00
<b>Total 5500 - Standing Committees</b>	<b>10000.00</b>	<b>3624.31</b>	<b>15350.00</b>	<b>2358.19</b>	<b>8460.00</b>
6000 - Assembly Expense					
Assembly Packets	3000.00	4994.06	2000.00	2255.23	1800.00
Banquet Costs	8000.00	4368.00	7000.00	6345.72	6000.00
Coffee & Food	4000.00	1389.96	4000.00	1988.87	3400.00
Registration Refund					0.00
Rent	2600.00	1317.50	2600.00	2285.00	2400.00
Speaker	1500.00	380.66	1500.00	1306.59	1500.00
Supplies	50.00		50.00		50.00
Translation Services	3000.00	1000.00	3000.00	2500.00	4500.00
<b>Total 6000 - Assembly Expense</b>	<b>22150.00</b>	<b>13450.18</b>	<b>20150.00</b>	<b>16681.41</b>	<b>19650.00</b>
6120 - Bank Service Charges	25.00		25.00	12.00	25.00
6130 - International Conference Expenses/Supplies	700.00				
6230 - Licenses and Permits	2650.00	2376.99	2800.00	2648.00	2050.00
6241 - PO Box	222.00	222.00	216.00	216.00	606.00

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**Area 42 Proposed Budget  
January 1 - December 31, 2025**

<b>7000 - Travel</b>					
<b>7001 - Assemblies</b>					
Area Officers & Appt Positions	11200.00	5571.77	8400.00	10600.76	8000.00
NAGSC/SAGSC Officers	1050.00	476.45	1050.00	2830.39	2800.00
Standing Chairs	7500.00	3377.50	9000.00	6970.73	6000.00
DCMS	750.00	511.94	1500.00	1300.00	1500.00
Finance Committee	2100.00	834.80	1400.00	909.39	1000.00
GV/La Vina Display	0.00		500.00	268.40	
GSRS / ALT GSRS	4000.00	3890.40	8000.00	7606.26	8000.00
Translators	2100.00	500.00	1500.00	1353.69	1600.00
<b>Total 7001 - Assembly Travel</b>	<b>28700.00</b>	<b>15162.86</b>	<b>31350.00</b>	<b>31839.62</b>	<b>28900.00</b>
7002 Delegate Expense	1500.00	682.77	2500.00	2031.76	2500.00
<b>7003 - Praasa Travel</b>					
Other	0.00		150.00		150.00
Area Officers & Appt Pos	7700.00	8750.29	8000.00	7021.86	8000.00
NAGSC/SAGSC Officers	1050.00	1874.51	2000.00	1673.39	3000.00
Standing Chairs	7700.00	7592.45	9000.00	9145.48	8000.00
<b>Total 7003 - Praasa Travel</b>	<b>16450.00</b>	<b>18217.25</b>	<b>19150.00</b>	<b>17840.73</b>	<b>19150.00</b>
7005 . Forum Travel	0.00	513.78	7200.00		
7006 - Remote Outreach	2100.00		2100.00		1000.00
7007 - Archivist Travel	500.00				
7008 - Delegate Conference	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total 7000 - Travel Total</b>	<b>49,750.00</b>	<b>35,076.66</b>	<b>62,800.00</b>	<b>52,212.11</b>	<b>52,050.00</b>
8000 - Archive Storage	600.00	600.00	548.00	548.00	548.00
8500 - GSConference Contribution ?	8600.00	8800.00	8600.00	8600.00	8600.00
9000 - Office Expenses					
Other	0.00				0.00
Area Chair	100.00		100.00		300.00
Nagsc/Sagsc Chair	200.00		100.00		250.00
Area Archivist	1400.00	2189.20	4500.00	851.68	2500.00
Area Delegate	100.00		100.00		300.00
Area Registrar	500.00	161.30	250.00	112.82	500.00
Area Treasurer	200.00	64.67	100.00	238.76	100.00
Area Secretary	250.00		100.00		200.00
Nagsc/Sagsc Secretary	100.00		100.00		500.00
Nagsc/Sagsc Registrar	100.00		50.00		0.00
Newsletter	50.00		50.00		200.00
Website	800.00	2397.54	2800.00	878.62	800.00
Translation	400.00		20.00	212.13	250.00
Forum	0.00	540.70	600.00		0.00
<b>Total 9000 - Office Expenses</b>	<b>4200.00</b>	<b>5353.41</b>	<b>8870.00</b>	<b>2294.01</b>	<b>5900.00</b>
9008 - Tax Preparation	600.00		550.00	525.00	450.00
9020 - Returned Check				87.50	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>107797.00</b>	<b>72592.28</b>	<b>128059.00</b>	<b>94473.35</b>	<b>104239.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-37797.00</b>	<b>-47109.94</b>	<b>-66009.00</b>	<b>34110.66</b>	<b>32211.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>					
7010 - Interest Income		2.08	15.00	34.06	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>34.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>-37792.00</b>	<b>-47107.86</b>	<b>-65994.00</b>	<b>34144.72</b>	<b>32211.00</b>

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## **2025 Budget Assumptions**

### **2024 ACTUALS:**

All receipts and expenses from January 1 through June 30, 2024

### **2024 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS:**

1. Budget was prepared assuming a Spring and Fall Assembly, Fall Assembly expenses are based on the historical data from the Spring Assembly.
2. Contribution revenue was projected by taking the high end of the average contributions received.
3. Office supplies and Standing Committee funds were budgeted using requested amounts coupled with prior year actual and budget amounts.
4. The budget reflects all possible expenses, provided for each funded position. Historically, spending has been less than what is budgeted.
5. The budget fully funds the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to PRAASA in Alaska. All other funder positions will be funded a maximum of \$350.00
6. The budget was developed assuming all funded positions will attend both Area 42 Assemblies. Assembly funding is based on double occupancy in hotel rooms, shared rides and conservative food budgets. FC base figure for Assembly travel is \$350 per funded position. Funding is not limited to this amount but this is what we have budgeted for.
7. The maximum amount of assistance to GSRs and DCMs for each Assembly will be \$100 if funding from their Homegroups and Districts has not met their expenses.
8. A negative budget total reflects our anticipation of spending surplus funds currently available in the checking account and a consideration that not all expenses will meet their budgeted amounts.

**AREA 42 ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

POSITION	NAME	1st Vote	2nd Vote	3rd Vote	4th Vote	5th Vote
Trustee-at-Large						
U.S.						
Total Voting						
Delegate						
(N)						
Total Voting						
Alt Delegate						
(S)						
Total Voting						
Chairperson						
(S)						
Total Voting						
Alt Chairperson						
(N)						
Total Voting						

**AREA 42 ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

POSITION	NAME	1st Vote	2nd Vote	3rd Vote	4th Vote	5th Vote
Treasurer						
(N)						
Total Voting						
Alt Treasurer						
(S)						
Total Voting						
Secretary						
(S)						
Total Voting						
Alt Secretary						
(N)						
Total Voting						
Registrar						
(N)						
Total Voting						

**AREA 42 ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

POSITION	NAME	1st Vote	2nd Vote	3rd Vote	4th Vote	5th Vote
Alt Registrar						
(S)						
Total Voting						
Archivist (4 year)						
(N)						
Total Voting						
Alt Archivist (4 yr)						
(S)						
Total Voting						

## ▼ APPENDIX G:

# THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE

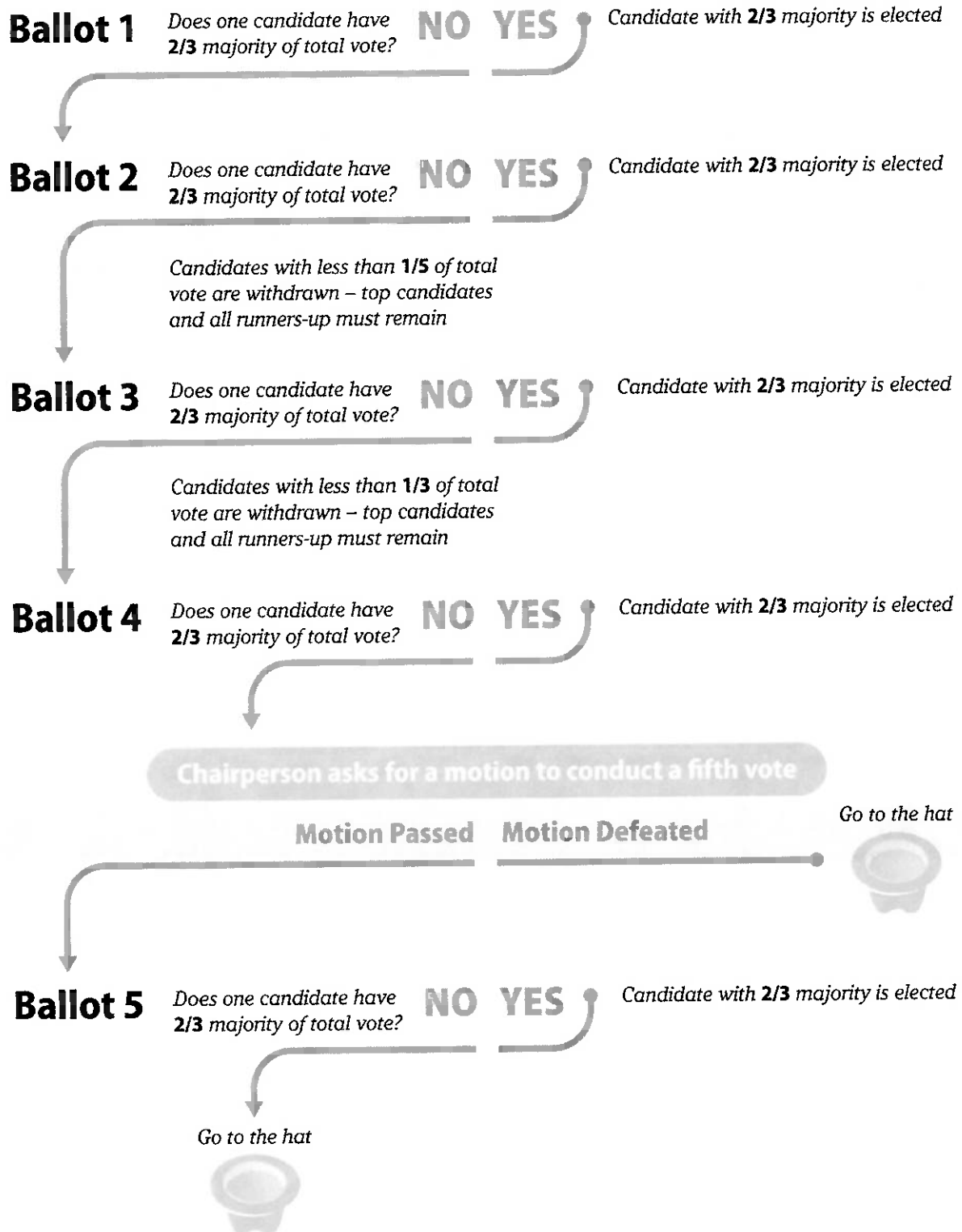
## PURPOSE

A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to A.A., and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.

## ► PROCEDURE

1. The names of eligible candidates are posted on a board. All voting members (of the area or Conference body) cast written ballots, one choice to a ballot. The tally for each candidate is posted on the board.
  - The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected.
2. Withdrawals start after the second ballot. If any candidate has less than one-fifth of the total vote, his or her name is automatically withdrawn — except that the top two candidates must remain. (In case of ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
3. After the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically, except the two top candidates remain. (In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
4. After the fourth ballot, if no candidate has two-thirds of the total vote, the candidate with the smallest total is automatically withdrawn, except that the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied second-place candidates remain.
  - At this point, the chairperson asks for a motion, second, and a simple majority of hands on conducting a fifth and final ballot.
  - If this motion is defeated, balloting is over and the choice is made by lot — “going to the hat” — immediately.
  - If the motion carries, a fifth and final ballot is conducted.
5. If after the fifth ballot no election occurs, the chairperson announces that the choice will be made by lot (from the hat). At this point, the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for first place, all tied first place candidates remain. In case there are no ties for first place, the top candidate and any tied second-place candidates remain.
6. Lots are then drawn by the teller, and the first one “out of the hat” is the delegate (or trustee or other officer).

## THE THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE



**AREA 42 TRANSLATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES - proposed**  
(first reading Spring 2024)

**Reason for this proposal:** The original Translation Committee guidelines were approved in spring, 2020, and need to be revised. This update more accurately reflects how the committee operates.

Black font = previously approved guidelines (Addendum 3, Area 42 Guidelines, 9/2022)  
Red font = changes proposed by the Translation Committee

**I. Purpose**

The Area 42 Translation Committee will be responsible for keeping open communications, written and oral, between the Spanish Linguistic Districts and Area 42.

- A. The Translation Committee will coordinate and facilitate translation (written) and interpretation (oral) services. It will provide consecutive and simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables;
- B. Depending on the availability of volunteer translators and/or interpreters and equipment, the Area 42 Translation Committee will:
  - 1. Provide, upon request, consecutive and simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at:
    - a. Area Committee meetings;
    - b. Area Standing Committee meetings;
    - c. NAGSC and SAGSC meetings.
  - 2. Provide written translation of Area 42 Assembly minutes, conference agenda item summaries, the newsletter, updates to the website and such other documents, reports, minutes or emails as may be requested by the Delegate, Area 42 Secretary or NAGSC or SAGSC Secretaries in consultation with the Translation Committee;
  - 3. Provide written translation of Area 42 officers', SAGSC and NAGSC DCMs', committee chairs' and liaisons' reports;

**II. ~~Membership~~ Members and Meetings**

~~The Translation Committee is to be a Committee which will consist of:~~

- ~~1. Chairperson~~
- ~~2. Alternate Chairperson~~
- ~~3. Committee members~~

A. Composition and Terms of Service - The Translation Committee will consist of a minimum of four members: three officers and at least one other member. The

Chairperson and Alternate Chair must be bilingual English/Spanish and capable of interpreting and translating.

1. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Area Chair.<sup>1</sup>
  2. The Alternate Chair and Secretary will be elected from within the committee.
  3. Translation Committee officers serve a four-year rotation. Rotation is strongly encouraged.
  4. All Translation Committee members have one vote. In the case of an even number of committee members voting, the Chairperson does not vote.
  5. All are welcome to serve on the Translation Committee.
- B. Meetings – The Translation Committee meets monthly. Meetings of the Translation Committee are open to all.

### **III. OFFICERS**

#### **A. Chairperson**

1. Facilitates carrying out the purpose of the Translation Committee;
2. Attends and conducts the meetings of the Translation Committee;
3. Interprets at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables;
4. Prepares and submits quarterly reports to NAGSC/SAGSC meetings;
5. Secures translation and interpretation resources for Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings;
6. Oversees the preparation of the annual Translation Committee budget and brings forward requests for budget revisions as needed;
7. Gives Translation Committee reports and presents motions at Area Assemblies;
8. Relays all requests for written translation to the volunteer translators. Note: the Translation Committee fulfills requests received from the Delegate, the Area Secretary and the NAGSC and SAGSC secretaries only;
9. Facilitates repair of equipment as needed;
10. Serves on the Area Communications Committee.

#### **B. Alternate Chairperson**



1. Attends and participates at Translation Committee meetings;
2. Conducts Translation Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairperson;
3. Interprets at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables;
4. Schedules equipment use requests for Area events (Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings and pre-conference roundtables);
5. Sets up, tests, and oversees equipment operation at all Area Assemblies and, upon request, at Area Committee Meetings;
6. Works with interpreters at Area Assemblies and resolves any immediate needs that may come up during work time (e.g., people talking to them while they are working, where they will be set up, equipment problems etc.);
7. Inventories equipment after each assembly;

#### C. Secretary

1. Attends and participates at Translation Committee meetings;
2. Takes minutes of all Translation Committee meetings. Sends the minutes to the Translation Committee Chair and Translation Committee members prior to the next meeting;
3. Prepares Translation Committee agenda by communicating with Translation Committee Chair and other Translation Committee members prior to the Translation Committee meeting;
4. Gives the Area Archivist all Translation Committee meeting minutes at the end of the rotation;

- D. Depending upon the availability of equipment and interpreters, the Translation Committee Chairperson and Alt. Chairperson (or other bi-lingual person) should be present at all Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables to interpret. There must always be at least two interpreters present.

#### **Responsibilities of the Translation Committee**

~~The translation committee will be responsible for:~~

- ~~C. Keeping open communications with Area 42 and the Spanish Linguistic Community.~~
- ~~D. The translation of documents.~~
- ~~E. Providing translators during Assemblies.~~

- ~~F. Providing a budget for expenses; materials, translation equipment, printing and other expenses~~
- ~~G. Conducting two or more meetings annually.~~
- ~~H. Presenting a semi-annual report at Area Assemblies.~~

#### IV. EQUIPMENT POLICIES

- A. The Northern and Southern Area Chairs will store their own equipment and be responsible for transporting the equipment to area assemblies.
- B. The cost of any repair or replacement of the equipment as the result of damage at an Area or NAGSC/SAGSC event will be the responsibility of the Area.

These proposed guidelines will become effective immediately upon adoption.

<sup>1</sup> Will require a change to the Area Chairperson's duties in the Delegate Area 42 General Service Assembly Guidelines

### **Area Translation Committee: proposal to change Delegate Area 42 Guidelines**

FIRST READING  
Spring Assembly, 2024

#### **Area 42 Guidelines – Area Officer Duties (section 1.4)**

Background: This proposed change is to align the Area Chairperson's duties with the revised Translation Committee Guidelines – if they are approved by the body.

#### 1.4 Area Officer Duties:

- A. Duties of the Chairperson:
  - 1) through 9) as-is

ADD: 10) Appoint the Area 42 Translation Committee Chairperson

This change will become effective upon adoption of the revised Translation Committee Guidelines.

September, 2024

**Area 42 Guidelines Change Proposal re: Inconsistency with Area 42 and SAGSC Guidelines**  
First Reading

In the course of revising the SAGSC guidelines the ad hoc committee found an inconsistency between the Area Guidelines and current practices at SAGSC.

The proposal:

As described in the duties of the alternate chairperson and duties of the alternate delegate, amend Area Guidelines items 1.4B(6) and 1.4D(2): "Appoint a Grapevine Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate" to read "Appoint a Grapevine Chairperson from NAGSC as appropriate."

Respectfully submitted by the SAGSC Guidelines ad hoc committee on updating the guidelines.

## Non-guideline Proposal to Create Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator Position

The Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator Ad-hoc Committee reviewed the idea of creating an ACC Coordinator position.

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Prior to the implementation of Area Conference Committees in Nevada Area 42, the pre-conference preparation was less formal. The Area 42 guidelines task the alternate delegate with "coordinating all agenda item preparations and arrangements necessary for the NAGSC/SAGSC and Area 42 assembly pre-conference assembly<sup>1</sup>." Historically, each delegate and alternate delegate prepared differently. Typically, a small group of experienced members of general service reviewed the background and wrote the summaries. Each delegate used different criteria for deciding which items would be presented.

Some examples of how different delegates chose the items to be presented:

- Asking districts to make recommendations without the benefit of the entire background – just using the summaries
- Asking members to make recommendations
- Alternate delegate chose the items
- Delegate chose the items

The NAGSC/SAGSC Chairs then chose the presenters for the roundtables and the alternate delegate chose the presenters for the assembly. Sometimes, past delegates presented and sometimes first-timers presented. There wasn't any follow-up after the preconference assembly by the body. Just the General Service Conference report backs given by the delegate.

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The committee interviewed the current delegate and two immediate past delegates for their experience with the new ACCs.

The following are some of the reasons for the proposal.

Benefit of the Area Conference Committees:

- Allow more people to be involved in the process of preparing the delegate for the General Service Conference (GSC)
- Inform GSRs, DCMs and groups on the GSC and their responsibility to participate in a fully informed group conscience as part of the preparation of our delegate
- Volunteers representing both the north and south support area unity
- Become more informed on the policies impacting the future of Alcoholics Anonymous
- Show everyone that one day they could be a delegate

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<sup>1</sup> Delegate Area 42 General Service Assembly Guidelines

Non-guideline Proposal to Create Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator  
Position

**NON-GUIDELINE PROPOSAL:**

*Recommended by the ACC Coordinator Ad-hoc Committee*

1. Create Area Conference Committee Coordinator position
  - a. Panel 75 on a trial basis
  - b. Funded voting member
2. Position would encourage standing committee chairs to participate on the ACCs, so that they will see the value the policies that are being decided at the GSC will bring to the standing committees
3. Provide training and support to members serving on the committees throughout the year
4. Serve with the alternate delegate and alternate area chair to sign-up volunteers, continuously inform the committees throughout the year about timelines, maintain current rosters, coordinate workshops at least 4 times annually and support and mentor the ACC chairs
5. Appointed by the Delegate and reside in the opposite side of the state from the alt delegate

Consider a proposed guideline change (first reading Spring 2026) to add new position into the rotation on an on-going basis.

## **Ad Hoc for Communications Platform**

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I was asked to chair the Ad Hoc Committee tasked with the following:

*Find a platform or application to increase effective communication and inspire collaboration with simplicity and ease throughout Area 42 while maintaining unity.*

After extensive research, using multiple platforms, and reaching out to areas on the east coast and within the Pacific region we have come to the following proposal.

### **Non-Guideline Change Proposal**

**It is our recommendation that Area 42 offer the peer to peer communication application of SLACK utilizing the non profit discount, which would make it free for the pro account up to 250 users. This application would be a communication tool for those inspired to use it for any communications within the service structure, for notices, file sharing, events, updates, and committee work. This would not replace email but be offered as an option to an increased means of connecting. Our suggestion would be to have this as an option on a trial basis for one year at the start of the new panel. We feel this should fall under the purview of the Tech Committee in collaboration with the Communications Committee.**

Hello, my name is Bigg I'm a recovered Alcoholic my Home Group is the Vast Amount of Fun located in Minden Nevada where we are part of District 6.

Today I get the opportunity to share with you, Area 42 some exciting news. We will see and hear how a proposed agenda item made by one member of Area 42 goes through the proposed agenda Process and possibly to the General Service Conference.

The Vast Amount of Fun in District 6 Area 42 voted unanimously to make this motion after one member brought it at their monthly business meeting in June 2024.

This item was also discussed as New Business at The August Nagsc business meeting and was voted to be allowed on the Fall Area Assembly Agenda as New Business in hopes of gathering Area 42's support in adding this to the Panel 75 General Service Conference Agenda. It was also presented at the district 6 business meeting, where there was no time for discussion.

This motion is to get the text of Appendix D of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age located on page 301. "Text of The Lasker Award" to replace the existing abbreviated version of the Lasker Award located in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on page 571.

The text in Comes of Age is more explicit and details the program so beautifully. NOTHING would be changed in our first 164 pages....our message of recovery. The entire award is more explicit and adds detail. The writing is truly exquisite. There is plenty of room for the whole Lasker award without adding any additional pages to the book. The page is already there. Let's fill it up.

Here is the award as found on page 301 of Comes Of Age

"The American Public Health Association presents a Lasker Award for 1951 to Alcoholics Anonymous in recognition of its unique and highly successful approach to that age-old public health and social problem, alcoholism. Since its founding sixteen years ago, Alcoholics Anonymous has brought recovery to more than 120,000 chronic drinkers formerly thought hopeless. Today this world fellowship of 4,000 groups, residents in 38 countries is rehabilitating 25,000 additional persons yearly. In emphasizing alcoholism as an illness, the social stigma associated with this condition is being blotted out. Alcoholics Anonymous works upon the novel principle that a recovered alcoholic can reach and treat a fellow sufferer as no one else can. In so doing, the recovered alcoholic maintains his own sobriety; the man he treats soon becomes a physician to the next new applicant, thus creating an ever-expanding chain reaction of liberation, with patients welded together by bonds of common suffering, common understanding, and stimulating action in a great cause. This is not a reform movement, nor is it operated by professionals who are concerned with the problem. It is financed by voluntary contributions of its members, all of whom remain anonymous. There are no dues, no paid therapists, no paid professional workers. It enjoys the goodwill and often the warm endorsement of many medical and scientific groups- no mean achievement in itself for any organization run entirely by laymen. Historians may one day point to Alcoholics Anonymous as a society which did far more than achieve a considerable measure of success with alcoholism and its stigma; they may

recognize Alcoholics Anonymous to have been a great venture in social pioneering which forged a new instrument for social action; a new therapy based on the kinship of common suffering; one having a vast potential for the myriad other ills mankind.

So that's the award in its entirety. It is the more explicit version.

Hers the definition of explicit .... stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for doubt or confusion. We feel there is no room for confusion or doubt in Alcoholics Anonymous. We feel some of the best parts of the writing have been omitted.

You may ask, why is it abbreviated in the first place? What is the background?

Great questions!

The research we did, (with help from Kevin E. District 6 DCM) there is no background.

I'll read you a quick email that he received and forwarded to our group.

Greetings from GSO Archives! Hope this email finds you well. There is no recorded explanation in the Archives as to why the Lasker Award narrative was abbreviated in the Big Book. A decision made at the time between Bill and the editors. Anything else, without documentation, is simply supposition.

Sorry, we could not be more helpful.

Best regards,

Michelle V Mirza

Archivist

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

Again this motion originated from one member from Area 42 when the member was asked to lead a meeting. The format was to pick something out of AA conference-approved literature and share on it for 15-20 minutes. The member was scanning AA Comes of Age and ran across the Lasker Award on page 301 and started to compare it with what he had remembered seeing in the Big Book. The reading in Comes of Age drew his attention and he was enthralled with the writing. The words were more captivating and inviting. That was a little over two years ago. This motion was not made in haste. The member missed last year's deadline to submit a proposed Agenda item but it was still in his heart to bring it forward for this rotation. We hope you find the writing as compelling as this one member did.

Please consider this motion as a way to provide a more explicit and detailed version of the Lasker Award. The current page 571 of Alcoholics Anonymous would certainly fit the whole text of the Lasker Award. Since we are transitioning to a 5th edition printing it's a great time to add this Award in its entirety. Also, we would be paying next to nothing in additional costs.



With no background at all and no solid reason why it was abbreviated. Ask yourself. Why shouldn't we add the whole award? Why keep it out? We of Alcoholics Anonymous have a process to self-correct. Adding the text of the award could be one way to be more effective.

We will be submitting this proposed agenda item as a group but we are asking for additional support from the Area because.... while all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. This would give us all in Area 42 an inside and intimate view of the process. And possibly be a part of AA history. This will conclude my presentation and want to thank the Area on my group's behalf.

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

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm.  
Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

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Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

The resources mentioned below are available in English, Spanish, and French, on the GSO website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). It is all done in the spirit of Love and Service.

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**Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort.** The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

### **Does my PAI rise to the policy level?**

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the [A.A. Service Manual](#) on page 42.

### **Who participates in PAI submissions?**

**AA Groups, Districts and Areas:** To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to "[List of General Service Conference Area Websites](#)." These local A.A. trusted servants strive to help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and help the delegate prepare for the GSC.

**Individual A.A. members:** Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI. All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm. Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

**Sharing on Participation?** Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

**Read:** "A.A. Service Manual," "Circles of Love and Service," and "The A.A. Group."

**Watch Video:** "Your General Service Office (GSO), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure,

**Listen:** "Twelve Traditions Long Form"

**When is the PAI Deadline for the 75<sup>th</sup> GSC?**

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm.

Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

**What happens after a PAI is submitted?** Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees' Committee or Board for discussion. Following the October General Service Board meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee's deliberations.

**General Service Conference (GSC)  
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

**(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

The the Living Sober booklet be updated to reflect the new tips available for staying sober in the post pandemic world.

**(2) What problem does this proposed item address?**

The Living Sober booklet is one our most popular booklets given to our newcomers. it has not been updated for many years. For example, our pamphlet addresses neurodivergent members who may need additional ways to assist them which could be included.

New members now have access to our materials on various media platforms, through virtual meetings and groups as well as traditional methods. It is important to include how to locate us on You Tube, Instagram, etc.

**(3) 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.).**

**Note:** While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

The item was discussed at our Area Assembly in September, 2024 and passed by substantial unanimity.

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

The 73rd GSC Final Conference Report reports that the Living Sober booklet is sold more than any other. It outsells the Service Manual Three to one.

The 74th GSC manual Publishing Dept report lists Living Sober as the third most distributed ebook (after Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions).

Living Sober is the thrie most sold audiobook {following Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions).

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

New members will have more experience available to them in thier early days of sobriety and feel better supported between meetings whether reahing out for help by mobil, internet, in person, or by booklet.

**(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

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**(7) Final comments:**

Submit completed PDF forms to the GSO Staff Member on the Conference

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