

## 67th General Service Conference Actions on Delegate's Questionnaire Items

**1) Archives:** Agenda item 12A - Consider proposal for a new publication, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970* (working title)

**It was recommended that:** A draft or a progress report of *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970* (working title) be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review.

**2) Cooperation with the Professional Community:** Agenda Item 2D - Consider request that the title of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” be changed to “Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?”

**It was recommended that:** The title of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” be changed to “Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?”

**3) Finance:** Agenda item 4D - Consider request to add text to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” indicating there is no dollar limit to the amount a group may contribute.

Did not result in an advisory action.

**4) Literature:** Agenda item - 6A - Consider request for revisions to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”

**It was recommended that:** The following two bullet points in the section “What procedures can a group set up to sponsor new members?” in the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be removed:

- A *file* of names, addresses, and phone numbers of newcomers (who wish to volunteer the information), with notations showing sponsor or sponsors for each one.
- *Review of newcomers* list by steering committee (or Twelfth Step or sponsorship committee) – with follow-up activity where it seems needed.

**5) Literature:** Agenda item - 6B - Consider request to retire the pamphlet “Too Young.”

**It was recommended that:** the pamphlet “Too Young?” be revised to reflect more current collective experiences of young alcoholics and their welcome to A.A.

**6) Literature:** Agenda item - 6J - Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.

**It was recommended that:** Question 10 in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” in the section “A.A. Group Inventory” that currently reads, “Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive and accessible meeting place?” be revised to read:

Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive and accessible meeting place?

**It was recommended that:** The pamphlet “The A.A. Group” be revised to add the following text from “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” to the section “Principles Before Personalities”:

### **Safety and A.A.: Suggestions to Consider**

“Safety is an important issue within A.A. – one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

*“Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. (Tradition One, Long Form)”*

“A.A. groups are spiritual entities made up of alcoholics who gather for the sole purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Yet, we are not immune to the difficulties that affect the rest of humanity.

“Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society within which we exist. Problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. As we strive to share in a spirit of trust, both at meetings and individually with sponsors and friends, it is reasonable for each member to expect a meaningful level of safety. Those attending A.A. meetings derive a benefit by providing a safe environment in which alcoholics can focus on gaining and maintaining sobriety. The group can then fulfill its primary purpose – to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety.”

For more information see “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” (SMF-209) [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

**It was recommended that:** the Trustees’ Literature Committee develop language regarding safety to be incorporated in current and new recovery literature, where appropriate, along with a plan for implementation. The committee requested that the draft language and proposed plan or progress report be brought back to the 2018 General Service Conference.

**7) Literature:** Agenda item - 6K - Discuss request for a revision to the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”

The Literature Committee considered the request and took no action. Committee agreed that an AA group’s relationship with its landlord falls within autonomy of the group.

**8) Policy/Admissions:** Agenda item 7J - Consider a request to add a “YPAA Subcommittee” to the service structure.

The Policy/Admissions Committee considered the request and took no action.