

Delegate's Questionnaire, 69th General Service Conference, 2019

"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship." – Bill W.

This is an exciting time of year when we have a direct link in shaping the future of our Fellowship. Below are items on the agenda for the 69th General Service Conference. I'm seeking your Group's consideration of these items. My job is then to bring the collective conscience of SENY/Area 49 with me when I attend the Conference. The greater the participation, and the more Groups throughout the Area involved, the better informed I will be as your Delegate.

On Saturday, March 16th at the Delegate's Day of Sharing in the Bronx, there will be presentations on these items and additional background given to help you better inform your Group. Come and be an active part of this process. At the May 4th at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Yonkers, hosted by the Hispanic District, you will have the chance to share your Group's conscience on these questions and leave your completed questionnaires with me. An electronic version of this questionnaire is also available at www.aaseny.org/d-q in English and Spanish. Please fill out that version if possible (it's easier for me to tabulate). You don't have to answer all the questions, if your Group has no opinion on an item.

For those who cannot participate in the Pre-Conference Assembly, complete the questionnaire online or return to me by mail, attn.: Jane E., SENY Delegate, PO Box 571, New York, NY, 10116 or scan/e-mail to delegate@aaseny.org.

Completed questionnaires must be received by May 4, 2019.

Thank you for helping me to be a better-informed Delegate! – Jane E.

- 1) Literature:** Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services' "Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials."
Background/focus – The proposed policy change is intended to help assure that our literature is current and relevant to those who suffer from alcoholism.
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- 2) Treatment and Accessibilities:** Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late."
Background/focus – Should we revise to get more recent stories, replacing ones that reference the Depression and WWII, and include information about online resources to better carry our message?
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- 3) Treatment and Accessibilities:** Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
Background/focus – The military is one example of a community difficult to reach because of **geography, language or culture**. Would such interviews help us in our Public information (PI) and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) work? Would such interviews help us to carry our message of recovery to those who still suffer?
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4) Treatment and Accessibilities: Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”
Background/focus – Does the current pamphlet adequately address the need of A.A. members who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, to have full access of participation in all Three Legacies of A.A.?

5) International Conventions/Regional Forums: Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees.
Background/focus – The next Northeast Regional Forum will be here in SENY, in Tarrytown, May 31-June 2. There is no registration fee, and anyone can see what it’s about on aa.org. Are we bringing a first-time attendee and/or talking about it at our home group? How are we encouraging interest?

6) Treatment and Accessibilities: Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.
Background/focus – The current pamphlet includes Treatment Facilities. There are Bridging the Gap activities happening in Corrections, not mentioned in the pamphlet. Will it help the work of Corrections Bridging the Gap if we include it in this pamphlet?

7) Literature: Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
Background/focus – Update the stories to include a more truly representative cross section of or current membership, always the motivation for a new edition of our Big Book. Background material sent to all 93 delegates includes our request for a Fifth Edition submitted December 2018 (as determined at our November 2018 Assembly).

Group name: _____ County: _____
Submitted by: _____ (First name, last initial) Date: _____

Let’s remember we must always look at our efforts in light of two questions: does it help the drunk, and does it build unity?