

2017 Area 56 Mini-Conference Results

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

- **CPC A. Consider retiring the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.”**

Recommendation to retire the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 6 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 47 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Additional recommendation**

Recommendation that GSO Archives department develop and distribute a list of all retired literature.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 50 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **CPC B. Consider adding a footnote to the pamphlet “Problems Other Than Alcohol.”**

Recommendation to add a footnote to the pamphlet “Problems Other Than Alcohol.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 52 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **CPC C. Consider development of a LinkedIn page for CPC Committees.**

Recommendation to develop a LinkedIn page for CPC Committees.

This was a result of a recommendation after hearing minority opinion.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 3 For 3 Against 1 (first vote) Abstain
7 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 37 For 4 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **CPC D.** 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?”

Recommendation to change the title of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” to “Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 6 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 47 For 6 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

FINANCE / POLICY & ADMISSIONS / CORRECTIONS

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

Recommendation to add text to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” indicating there is no dollar limit to the amount of money a group may contribute.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 12 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 45 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Policy & Admissions D.** Consider request that an anonymity-protected digital Final Conference Report be published, starting with the 67th General Service Conference.

Recommendation that an anonymity-protected digital Final Conference Report be published, starting with the 67th General Service Conference.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 13 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 50 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Policy & Admissions J.** Consider a request to add a “YPAA Subcommittee” to the service structure.

Recommendation that the Trustees review and consider other ways of integrating YPAA at the Area level.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 11 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 16 For 36 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION FAILS.

- **Corrections A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) in the US and Canada.**

Recommendation that the background material submitted to this Committee be used in making service material, in particular the flyer “Before You Sit Down and Write.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 10 For 0 Against 1 Abstain

Committee withdrew the motion.

- **Corrections D. Review Corrections Kit and Workbook.**

Recommendation that the flyer “Before You Sit Down and Write” be added to the Corrections Kit.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 11 For 0 Against Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 49 For 0 Against Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

Recommendation that “A New Freedom” DVD be added to the Corrections Kit.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 10 For 0 Against 1 Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 49 For 0 Against Abstain

Vote to reconsider

Final vote after reconsideration 48 For 4 Against

MOTION CARRIES.

Recommendation that the flyer F73 become a jail and prison distributional piece.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 11 For 0 Against Abstain

Committee withdrew the motion.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

- **Grapevine A. Discuss the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

Discussed – no action taken.

- **Grapevine B.** Reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action regarding La Viña.

We support the 2010 Advisory Action and recommend that content and substance be of primary importance, at the discretion of the La Viña editorial board

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 43 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Grapevine C.** Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on outside sales.

Recommendation that Grapevine/La Viña explore outside sales and report back at the next Conference.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 0 Against 1 Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 47 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Grapevine E.** Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of a Facebook page.

Recommendation that Grapevine develop a Facebook page.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 18 For 27 Against _____ Abstain

Vote to reconsider fails.

MOTION FAILS.

Recommendation that Grapevine develop other uses of electronic media.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 26 For 9 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

- **Literature A. Consider request for revisions to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”**

Recommendation to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” with revisions to be decided at a later date.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 25 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Literature B. Consider request to retire the pamphlet “Too Young.”**

Recommendation to revise the pamphlet “Too Young.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 35 For 3 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Literature D. 1. Pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” - Review progress report on the update of the pamphlet.**

Reviewed – no action taken.

- **Literature D. 2. Pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” - Review draft language about young people's conferences, for inclusion in the pamphlet.**

Recommendation to add the paragraph suggested to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 9 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 21 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Literature G. Review progress report on the development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.**

Additional considerations.

The committee would like to treat the pamphlet in the same way as “The AA Member – Mediation and Other Drugs” – 1) no introduction from medical professional; 2) reviewed by a panel of medical professionals; and 3) include a section with a note to medical professionals. This was a discussion with no vote taken.

- **Literature J. Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.**

Recommendation that language regarding safety be added or changed as necessary in existing AA literature.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 36 For 3 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC INFORMATION / TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

- **Public Information E. Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Google for Nonprofits account.**

Reviewed – no action taken.

- **Public Information F. Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Twitter account.**

Recommendation to continue review process to assure that all points of the minority report be further addressed.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 0 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 18 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

Vote to reconsider

Final vote after reconsideration 6 For 19 Against

MOTION FAILS.

- **Public Information H. Review revised text for inclusion in the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-AA Meetings.”**

Recommendation to accept revised text for inclusion in the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-AA Meetings.”

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 4 Against 1 Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 16 For 5 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Treatment and Accessibilities B.** Discuss the accessibility of the AA message for Armed Service veterans.

Recommendation to expedite the establishment of an armed services staff position at GSO.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 13 For 13 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION FAILS.

REPORT AND CHARTER / AGENDA / ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

- **Report and Charter B. 3.** *The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2018-2020* – Review request to add the bylaws of AA World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. as appendices.

Recommendation to add the bylaws of AA World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. as appendices.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 8 For 1 Against 1 Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 20 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Report and Charter C.** Consider request that changes made to *The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be made available to the Fellowship in years that a revised edition is not published.

Recommendation that the list of the changes made to *The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be made available to the Fellowship in years that a revised edition is not published.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 6 For 2 Against 2 Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 21 For 1 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

- **Agenda G.** Consider request to add text to the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure regarding the option to meet by conference call prior to the Annual Meetings of the General Service Conference.

No recommendation – no action taken.

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

Recommendation to publish *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970* (working title).

Additional consideration:

To be published in print and electronically.

VOTE COUNT (if any): 7 For 3 Against _____ Abstain

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any) : 25 For 3 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

FLOOR ACTIONS

Recommendation that AAWS not implement a Twitter account.

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any): 25 For 2 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION CARRIES.

That AAWS publish "A New Freedom" video on a thumb drive in addition to the DVD.

MINI-CONF VOTE (if any): 1 For 20 Against _____ Abstain

MOTION FAILS.