April 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 71ST GSC NOT RESULTING IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

These recommendations were presented but did not achieve a majority.

Literature

- The pamphlet, "The A.A. Group… Where it All Begins," be revised to omit the line on page 13, "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers," as follows:

  The paragraphs on page 13 currently read:

  > *Closed meetings* are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."
  >
  > *Open meetings* are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY

These recommendations passed on a simple majority vote but did not achieve the two-thirds vote to become Conference Advisory Actions.

Policy/Admissions

- That the General Service Conference invite Appointed Committee Members from trustees' committees to attend the 71st General Service Conference, except sessions designated for delegates or trustees only, on a one-year trial basis, as non-Conference members to share points of information. (*Note: This agenda item was considered using the Conference Polling process.)*

- That the procedure for floor actions which is currently as follows:

When a floor action is to be heard, its maker will be given two (2) minutes to state the rationale behind the action, after which the chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference decline to consider the floor action. A motion to decline to hear a floor action:

- Must be made without comment
- Requires a second
- Is not debatable
- Requires a two-thirds majority

Be changed to:

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- Is not debatable
- Requires a simple majority

Trustees

- The General Service Conference charge the General Service Board with the setup of quarterly virtual meetings of Conference Members, to begin following the October 2021 General Service Board Weekend. These meetings would follow several weeks after each Quarterly Board Meeting, to allow Conference Members the opportunity to request additional information, ask clarifying questions, and to secure a greater sense of transparency.

FLOOR ACTIONS NOT RESULTING IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

- The original “Ad Hoc Committee Progress Report – Google Grants and the 7th Tradition” from the trustees’ Finance Committee, dated March 30, 2020, be immediately released to all members of the 71st General Service Conference. We feel strongly that this information is indispensable for the purposes of looking at the Google Grants through the lens of our A.A. principles. ***(Conference declined to consider)***

- Edits to the chapters "To Wives," "The Family Afterward" and "To Employers" (pages 104-149) in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* will be allowed, but the Preface, the Forewords, "The Doctor’s Opinion" (pages xi-xxxii), "Dr. Bob’s Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as is. **(*Withdrawn)***