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Geoff S, Delegate for Southern Region Area F, gives us his insight into Conference 2019

A Newcomer to conference, again. Although this was my first conference as a Delegate, it was my second time attending as I'd been an alternate previously. So - I had an idea of what to expect. The long hours, the indefatigable powers of argument of the alcoholic, the impatience, the intolerance, the hobbyhorses, and then the surprise - when it all works out and an agreement is reached. Sometimes grudging, but an agreement, nonetheless. My expectations were not disappointed. Love and service.

Sometimes in AA service work, it is difficult to act from a position of love all the time. We do get caught up in 'the debate', everyone enjoys when their argument out does someone else's, we like to 'win.' Spirited discussion is great in AA it helps us make sure that all the information is on the table before we decide on the preferred course. It of course ideally should be accompanied by a degree of humility. Humility has always been explained to me as being right sized for the situation at hand. Know when to step up and be assertive (not argumentative) and knowing when to sit quietly. I'm not sure that humility includes arguing over pointless minutiae in order to score points off others or repeating the same point over and over in the hope it will get more persuasive by saying it more. Humility certainly doesn't include eye-rolling, sighing and talking over others.

Conference 2019 had a debate about how

addicts other than alcoholics should behave and be treated in meetings, a very important topic, as their numbers are growing and we see more and more drug addicts in AA meetings all the time. Bill Wilson considered this at least as early as 1951 and replied in a letter that AAs should be happy to have recovered drug addicts in open meetings and encouraged them to round up more addicts and seek the experience of the AAs on how to start up their own (NA) meeting. In the late 50s he pointed out that they should continue to attend but must not ever consider themselves members - his principles were written in the Grapevine in 1958, and were reaffirmed by conference many times since.

One side discussion that many delegates seemed to be having round the various coffee sources was the diminishing pool of volunteers to take on service roles. Where the 80:20 principle still holds true, it should be possible to attract more members to get involved. After all we have three parts to our recovery, or so I am told by my sponsor. It would be easy to let the blame lie at the feet of sponsors. But trying to be right size about it - surely those of us in service positions are not making it look attractive enough to those we come into contact with. Maybe we need to inventory our own actions when sponsoring. Maybe we should avail ourselves of a review with our own sponsors. Can we all hand on heart say everything we thought and did and said at conference came from a position of love and service? We are not saints, but I for one can do better in that area. I'm often told in this fellowship that I'm not on my own.

Calendar of events

Australian National Convention 2020

Toowoomba
2nd - 5th October
A Vision For You
www.aanatcon.2020.com.au

more information and to register!
www.anzaa.com.au

7 Vision Valley Road
Arcadia NSW Please register
online at
www.sydneymensweekend.com.au

MARCH 2020

Corny Point Camp 13-15 March

Where: Corny Point, SA Phone
Izzy on 0402191770 for more
information.
Flyer: http://aa-sa.org/images/files/20-03-13_corny_point.png

Naracoorte Caves AA Camp 20 - 22 March

Contact: Andy 0421571077
This is a fundraiser for the 2021
National Convention in Adelaide.
Flyer: <http://bit.ly/2kK30ou>

East Coast District Rally, St Helens, Tasmania 20-22 March

Anglican Church Hall ,Cecilia
Street St Helens
Program Available just email:
madredtag@gmail.com

Bathurst AA Women's Focus on Recovery Group 21st March

Bathurst Uniting Church
104 A William Street
Bathurst NSW

31st Central Coast NSW Rally 27-29 March,

North Entrance Surf Club
77 Hutton Road The North
Entrance
Contact Dylan 0417 337 735

APRIL 2020

Newcastle AA Steps Weekend 11 12 April

Tarro Community Hall
2A Northern Ave
Tarro, NSW 2322 Australia More
information – Terry 0428 865 909

ANZAA weekend: 17 – 19 April
Keller Hall, Burns Lane,
Caringbah, Visit our website for

2020 Gold Coast Rally: 2nd – 3rd May

Robina Community Centre, 196
Robina Town Drive.

North West District Muster, Warrawagine Station, 15 – 17 May

Contact Col on email
eightymilebeach@bigpond.com

JUNE 2020

Lightning Ridge Rally: Friday 5 - 7 June at Lorne Station

Contact
Ian..... 0427 949 643
Gary..... 0428 712 208
Mark.....0418 145 338
Lightning Ridge Group
PO Box 1789 Lightning Ridge
2834
ianheyne@bigpond.com

Nowra Founders Day Celebrations

Saturday June 13
St Michael's School Hall
30 North Street Nowra NSW
Contact: 0432 369 058
Or 0488 360 522
Or 0434 048 796
Or email:
Thereisasolution17@gmail.com
More information:
<http://www.aanowrathereisasolution.org>

QYPAA (Queensland Young People in AA) Rally June 20

Queen Alexandra Home
347 Old Cleveland Rd Coorparoo
QLD

August 2020

Darwin Unity Weekend: July 31 – August 2

Details on www.aadarwin.org.au
More information: Terry B 04188
895 007; Bill H 0417 816 278;
Marg M 0402 602 602

Sydney Men's Weekend: 21-23 August Vision Valley

September 2020

Eastern Regional Forum 19 - 20 September Canberra

Venue to be advised
More details coming soon

October 2021

Sydney Roundup 15-17 October

Sydney Masonic Conference
Centre
Cnr Goulburn & Castlereagh St
Sydney NSW
Register online at
www.sydneyrundup.org

JULY 2020

2020 International Convention

–July 2020: Detroit, Michigan
USA
July 2 - July 5,
Website:

http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-general-service-board-calendars/type/9

If you would like your fellowship event listed on the national AA website, please fill in the online form at aa.org.au/members/add-an-event or write to General Service Office, 48 Firth Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

AAAAAAG*

- Quarterly national service newsletter of AA Australia
- More than 1700 copies printed each issue
- Stories from individuals, groups, areas or districts about newsworthy initiatives welcome
- First published as News Digest in 1969. Renamed AA Around Australia in March 1972

*AA Around Australia At A Glance

The brown paper bag

A great many alcoholics in our part of the world still haven't heard of AA. You and your group can help carry the message by donating to the International Sponsorship Fund.

Each year, the Fellowship distributes the Founders Day brown paper bags to collect money to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics in countries in South East Asia and the Pacific.

Founders Day (June 10) is the anniversary of the day in 1935 when AA started. The brown paper bags symbolises "what it was like".

What can your group do to help?

Discuss this collection with the members of your group. As a group you might decide to:

Read this notice out at the meeting.

Circulate the brown paper bag separately to your normal collection.

Announce that all the money collected for that meeting will go into the brown paper bag for international sponsorship.

Invite members to give more than they usually do because this is a special collection to help alcoholics in countries

that don't have the huge number of AA meetings and other resources that we have. Cheques and money orders should be made out to: General Service Board of AA.

Any questions, please phone the General Service Office on (02) 9599 8866. Please post

your brown bag with donations to
International Sponsorship Fund
General Service Office
of AA
48 Firth Street
ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205

Or

Direct Deposit:
(your Group name)
FDISF

ANZ

BSB: 012006

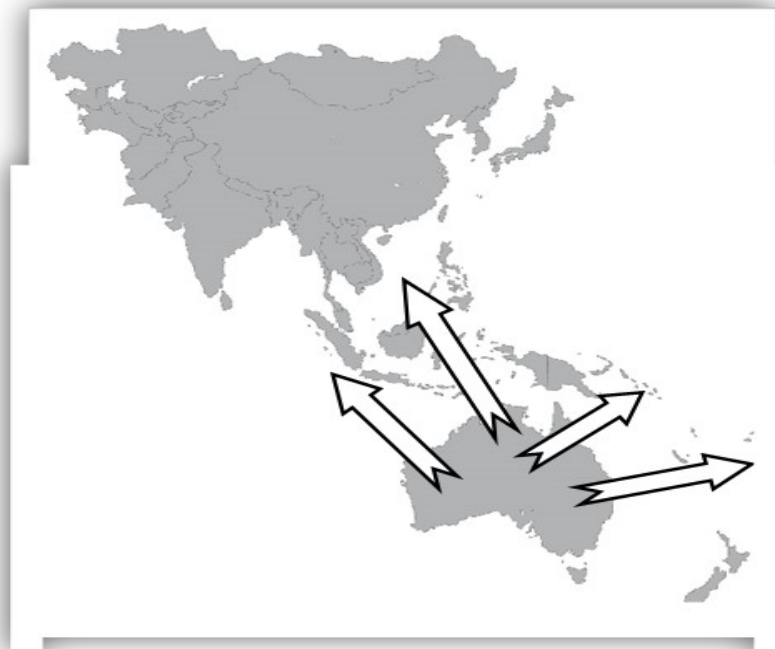
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Where does your contribution go?

It was resolved in 2003 that 75% of the International Literature fund collection be made available to assist countries in the Asia/Oceania Zone with their literature and PI&CPC activities in the Asia/Oceania Zone and the remaining 25% be forwarded to New York General Service Office as Australia's contribution to the International Literature Fund.

Most recently the 25% that was forwarded to GSO New York was used to translate the Big Book into Punjabi. The Big Book is currently translated in 69 languages, with 21 additional translations in various stages of completion, including the Navajo Big Book, and revisions to the Croatian and Slovakian Big Books.



On the inside the sun still shines

Judy W shares her experience about service in Correctional Facilities

Here is my experience of carrying our message to the women in the gaol in Canberra.

It's something I have always wanted to do, but I must confess until September last year I never got around to it. After getting the paper work done and attending a security course, I anxiously turned up with a n o t h e r woman for my first meeting there.

The process of getting in can be a bit daunting but I soon learnt which door I can open and which doors you need to wait to have opened. Most weeks it has been pretty smooth but I needed to be prepared at

times to be patient as different guards seem to have different ways of doing things. I am not there to question this and as a guest and an AA member I need to be polite and just go with the flow. I am an example of AA in action, not only to the inmates but also to the staff.

As I arrive I ask the guards to announce the meeting and soon a few women arrive. Attendance varies between 2 to 6 with a couple of consistent attendees. But sometimes there are none from the gaol. I am not there to question motivation for attending, although my wish is that their attendance is based on a desire to stop drinking.

The women there do it tough and it takes courage to attend. In fact I think that these women are among courageous women I know. As I said

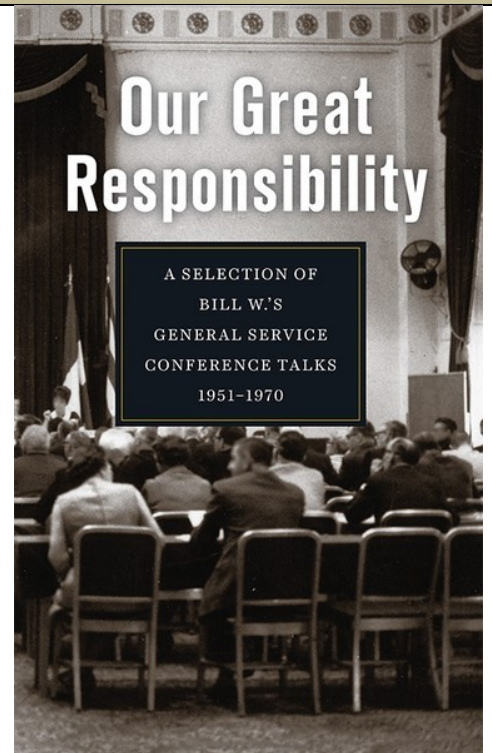
before they only have one meeting per week, limited literature and anonymity is a big issue as the meeting is announced over the PA and others know what they are doing in the visitor's room. Sometimes other inmates and guards walk in and out during the meeting, which isn't ideal. At times they can be reluctant to share in the meeting itself, in front of others, so I

always make some time for a 'meeting after the meeting' and a hug for those who want o n e . The women need to know that AA members care about them and their recovery.

I h a v e admiration for the courage of the women who turn up week after week and

try to practice the program in spite of the difficult environment they live in. Well if they can do it, surely I can. It's the 12th step in action with some of our most marginalised women who would otherwise perhaps not have the opportunity to hear our message of hope. . A lot of the women are in for fairly short sentence and it's good if they can get some grounding in the AA program and some AA contacts for when they are released.

So what have I got out of this? Well, this is an experience that I should not have missed for so long. I have a renewed appreciation for my life, my recovery and sobriety. I can see where this disease can take women, who in other ways appear to be loving daughters and loving mothers. But for the "Grace of God go I", I say to myself as I leave.



During the course of 20 General Service Conferences, Bill W. gave more than 33 talks, 16 of which are now gathered in the new book *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970*, which is now available in Australia. Not only does *Our Great Responsibility* represent the first time these talks have been made available in print form to the general reader, but it is also the first original book from Alcoholics Anonymous in over 30 years. "The talks included in *Our Great Responsibility* capture a clear picture of Bill's vision for the future of A.A. and pose questions that are still quite relevant today," says Greg T., G.S.O. general manager. "They also give fresh insights into A.A. history and the enduring purpose of the General Service Conference."

Available from your AA Literature stockist. RRP \$25

International Sponsorship fund delivers results

In 2016 AA Australia hosted a large Public Information event prior to the first National Convention to be held off shore, in Fiji. Here's a letter from Fiji Phylis about what's happened since then...

Fiji is an island with sparkling beaches, swaying palms and beauty. A Travel poster of the tropics. But if you look closer you will see beneath those palms, the hopeless drunken men and women, captured in alcoholism with wasted lives, broken families, poverty and violence.

Fiji is an island with no detox, rehabs, or counselling and very little awareness about alcoholism. Australia brought to its shores in 2016 their National Convention and I mark from that Convention, a steady growth of AA awareness, growth in the fellowship and the beginning of the AA General Service Organization in Fiji.

From a single meeting in Suva, your assistance and funds from General Service has helped us do the following"

With your help we advertised AA in

the Fiji Times, with your help we paid for a hotline phone 24 hours a day. With your help we sent a delegate to the AOSM in Hong Kong to learn from other countries. With your help we sent a delegate to your National Convention to share and to report back.

From that awareness of General Service structure we created a GSO Office, a bank account, registered a Tin tax number, voted in 5 General Service Representatives and created service positions. We hold monthly meetings where the five meeting representatives, General Secretary, Secretary, and Treasure are in attendance. We currently have 4 Skype meeting and one face to face meeting.

With your help we set up a website aafiji.com and we have invited members not only on the small islands of Fiji, but the Solomons, PNG, Tonga and Samoa to join us in our skype meeting. We have also offered on messenger a Big Book Study group and our Daily Reflections discussion .We are carrying the message of AA to the South Pacific Islands.

We still have a long way to go to reach the still suffering alcoholic and to create awareness of Alcoholism: "Village Reach Out"

requires funding for transportation and housing to travel and set up public information meetings in the local rural villages on Viti Levu and on the smaller islands of Vanua Levu, Taveuni, Yasawas and Kadavu. Funding is needed for a Public Awareness campaign to post banners, posters, stickers, and sign boards about alcoholism and AA. We currently are gathering information from the AOSM countries that have had success with utilizing public displays.

Finally, funding to sponsor and send 2 delegate to the 2021 AOSM, so as to train with the current delegate this year during their last term.

It can be done with your help and now our own self-supporting efforts.

We thank you very much for the incredible support, caring and fellowship that has made such progress possible. We know that Fiji and the South Pacific Islands have become stronger in fellowship and recovery due to your General Service. I think I see those still suffering alcoholics under the palm trees, stirring from their drunkenness due to a fresh breeze of sobriety that is carrying the AA message of recovery and hope to them.

God Bless them and you

Vinaka Vakalevu Fiji Phylis

Bellingen bought a book

Bellingen suddenly needed a Big Book in Urdu

When a newcomer with limited English turned up at the Bellingen Thursday evening AA meeting, the members realised he would benefit from a Big Book in his own language. The members contacted the General Service Office for help.

The GSO had a copy of the Big Book in Urdu sitting on the shelf. It was presented to the newcomer at the subsequent meeting and he was asked to read out the Twelve Steps in Urdu as part of the reading of How It Works. The look of joy on his face as he read out the Steps in a language he understood was wonderful to behold and led to a huge and spontaneous cheer from the whole room when he finished.

The Big Book has been translated into 71 languages and you never know where in multicultural Australia you might need one to help the alcoholic who still suffers. GSO stocks many translations of the Big Book so they are ready to assist when the unexpected happens just like it did in Bellingen, NSW—a village of only 2,800 people and two AA meetings every week.



Natcon Update

Toowoomba 2-5 October Earlybird Registration Closes May 31

This year marks the 75th anniversary of AA in Australia and we want to celebrate this milestone with you at the National Convention. **Register** online before 31st May to take advantage of our early bird registration [\$100 for the convention]. We have international speakers lined up and a jam packed program in the pipeline. Visit our website for all the info you need to register: www.aanatcon.2020.com.au and follow us on Facebook [AA Australian National Convention]

Remember to book for our OUTBACK SENSATION on Saturday, 3 October 2020. It's no ordinary dinner dance! \$110 includes buffet dinner, unlimited soft drinks, sheep shearing, horsemanship and whip cracking demonstrations, bush dancing and damper making; and includes bus transfer to and from Downlands College! Kids under 14 FREE (with accompanying adult). Book when you register for the Convention or to add to existing registration email info@aanatcon2020.com.au. Tickets will close 15 September 2020.

Registration includes free bottomless instant tea and coffee, or barista coffee will be available for purchase. There are plenty of delicious food options available for purchase onsite at the Convention, or if you prefer, Toowoomba has a buzzing café scene. We will have shuttle buses to take you around to see our beautiful parks and gardens which will be in all their glory at this time of year.

We have plenty on offer so come and join us. We can't wait to meet you all on the road to happy destiny!

Conference Advisory Actions

The group conscience of the Fellowship of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in Australia was expressed in the following Advisory Actions to the General Service Board, based upon the recommendations from the Conference Committees, as indicated in the headings. The background to these Advisory Actions and the submissions from the Groups, individual members or from the General Service Board in the form of Topics which led to them were presented in full detail to all Areas prior to Conference.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Advisory Action #28/2019
Conference resolved to appoint Greg Byrne as World Service Delegate for a four year period, commencing 1st January 2020.
Voting: For: 28; Against: 2;
Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #29/2019
Conference resolved to accept the new Area Delegate section of the Service Manual as recommended by the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee, with the following changes:
Top paragraph on page 123 of the Conference folder, relating to the Alternate Delegate, to be removed.
Addition to page 124:
To seek out past Delegates to share their experience. Meetings between Conferences may be useful to fellow Delegates.
Voting: For: 27; Against: 1;
Abstentions: 3
Carried

Advisory Action #030/2019
Conference resolved to accept the new Guideline #14, with the following changes:
The word 'Conferences' to be removed from the heading.
Addition under 'Paying Bills':
It is suggested that a budget be

prepared. Preparing a budget for any AA event is financially responsible and accountable.

Voting: For: 28; Against: 2;
Abstentions: 1

Advisory Action #031/2019
Conference resolved to accept the new Guideline #15 with the following change:
Under 'Deaf, Disabled & Other Special Needs Groups' replace the word 'gays' with 'LGBTQI plus'.
Voting: For: 29; Against: 1;
Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #032/2019
Conference resolved to accept the new Guideline for Internet Use.
Voting: For: 30; Against: 0;
Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #022/2019
Conference resolved that this topic be referred to the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee pending outcome of their review. (Topic: to correct the lack of 2/3 majority of delegate votes on the conference floor, as stated in the Conference Charter.
Due to a historic flaw and our inability to increase the number of Areas in Australia in our General Service structure, there is not a 2/3 majority of delegate votes on the conference floor. This proposal will restore the 2/3 majority required by Concept 1.

CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #001/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommendation that Conference undertakes a review of its current voting structure, having regard to the Right of Participation, to identify options for change that would enable Area Delegates to constitute more than two-thirds of the voting members at the Australian General Service Conference.
Voting: For: 17; Against: 14;
Abstention 0
Carried

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CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #033/2019
Conference resolved that the Audited Report for year ended 30 June 2019 be accepted.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #034/2019
Conference resolved that the General Service Board Budget for year 1st July 2019 to 30 June 2020 be accepted.

Carried by a show of hands

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #013/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the General Service Board (in consultation with our current volunteer archivist) engage a professional archivist to assess our archives in order to:
Ensure we are employing best practice with regard to storage, management, integration and access of the material and
Learn how we can digitize relevant material.

Voting: For: 31; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #015/2019
Conference resolved that a large 288cm x 233cm and giant 244cm x 415cm Concepts banner be produced for display at AA National Conventions and AA Rallies. These sizes are what are currently available from GSO for Steps and Traditions.

Voting (on topic): For: 20; Against: 9; Abstentions: 1

Advisory Action #024/2019
Conference resolved that the document containing suggestions on safety of members for inclusion in the AA Group Handbook and the Guidelines be referred to the General Service Board for review and legal input.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #027/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that four issues of AA Around Australia be published annually and that they be made available electronically for individuals and groups.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 3; Abstentions: 1

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #008/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference PI&CPC Committee's recommendation that the submitted colour A4 PI posters be made available through the General Service Office in hardcopy and electronic format.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 6; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #035/2019
Conference resolved that the General Service Board, in conjunction with the Conference PI&CPC Committee, conduct a new Fellowship Survey without any further delay.

Voting: for: 26; Against: 4; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #036/2019
Conference resolved to issue a statement of apology to members who submitted entries to the original Fellowship Survey.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 6; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #037/2019
Conference resolved that the Public Service Announcements be further edited to ensure personal anonymity and singleness of purpose and that the website address be added. Conference approved having a mail poll approval vote after editing to avoid delay in production.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 3; Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #016/2019
Conference resolved that a book be compiled and published, containing a selection of personal stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AA members, their journey to AA and experience, strength and hope.

The book could be an excellent resource to carry the message to prisons, health services and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations.

The book will have a national focus – sharing stories from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members from all States and Territories; including, if possible and appropriate, a cross-section of stories from men, women, young Indigenous people, transgender, disabilities.

Voting (on topic): For: 27; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #038/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the word limits for the following headings on the Conference Topic Form be increased to 150 words each: Topic; Background; Solution; how will the alcoholic or Fellowship of AA benefit. The 50 word limits regarding costs and whether there has been a consultation process should remain.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 5; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #039/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the following Minority Report Guidelines adopted from the US/ Canada General Service Conference be approved for use in Australia:

1. The minority, expressing a

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feeling or opinion in light of the right of appeal to the General Service Conference, has been very rare. It is hoped that an individual entitled under Concept V to appeal would exhaust every avenue offered within the General Service Conference structure prior to making an appeal to the General Service Conference.

2. All Conference members are entitled to appeal to the General Service Conference.

3. The minority should announce, in writing, to the chair of the General Service Board, the Chair of the Conference Agenda Committee and to the General Service Office Conference Coordinator that it intends to appeal under Concept V to the General Service Conference.

4. All Conference members will be given notice through the General Service Office of the minority's decision to file an appeal.

5. Appeals under Concept V, including any minority report and background, should be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the General Service Conference in order for these materials to be distributed to Conference members. The G.S.O. Conference Coordinator will be responsible for seeing that this material is made available to all Conference members within 10 business days after its receipt.

6. The minority's appeal will be presented before the start of deliberation on Committee Reports:

- The minority will be given a maximum of ten minutes to present their appeal.
- The majority will then be given a maximum of ten minutes to present their position.

7. The discretion to debate a minority's appeal rests with the Conference body.

The chair will ask if there is a motion to decline to debate the minority's appeal. A motion to decline to debate a minority's appeal:

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

majority.

8. If the Conference decides to debate the appeal, it then takes the form of a motion which does not require a second. If passed by substantial unanimity, it becomes an advisory action.

9. Whether or not an appeal is debated, a summary of the minority's report and the disposition of the appeal will be published in the Final Conference Report.

2012 Additional Committee Considerations:

- The committee considered modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference and took no action. They agreed that the policy approved by the 2011 General Service Conference sufficiently provides a process for the "Right of Appeal" as described in Concept V — the procedure allows for a "well-heard minority" to be a "chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority," and it makes the "best possible use of minority feeling and opinion."

Voting: For: 28; Against: 0;
Abstentions: 3
Carried

Advisory Action #040/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the General Service Conference 2020 be held from Thursday 5th- Sunday 8th November 2020

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #041/2019
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that 2020 Agenda Committee meetings be held by teleconference on:
Saturday 13th June 2020 at 11.30am EST to formulate agendas -
Saturday 15th August 2020 at 11.30am EST to allocate topics to Conference.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #042/2019
Conference resolved to accept the

Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the deadline for receipt of topics for the 2020 General Service Conference be 4pm Friday 26th June 2020.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #043/2019
Conference resolved that the theme of the General Service Conference 2020 would be 'I Am Responsible'.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

BIDS

Advisory Action #048/2019
Conference resolved to accept the bid from Area C, North Eastern Region to host the combined 2021 National T&CF and PI&CPC Forum.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #049/2019
Conference resolved to accept the tentative bid by Areas A and B Western Region to host the 2023 National Convention.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #050/2019
Conference resolved to accept the following bids to host Regional Forums in 2020:
Area A, North Eastern Region
Area B, Eastern Region (tentative)
Area B, Southern Region (tentative)

**HAVE YOU
LOGGED IN TO
THE SERVICE
WEBSITE?**

Share your experience and gain some inspiration from what others are doing.

Positions Vacant Editor for LIM-Australia required

The Loners-Internationalist Meeting Australia is an "AA meeting in print" for members unable to attend regular meetings and those who share their experience, strength and hope with them, by letter.

If you:

- have up to 20 hours a week to spare
- have access to a computer (e-mail not essential)
- have access to a photocopier
- have a post office box

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A new way to receive your copy of AA Around Australia

AA Around Australia is now available as a digital copy delivered to your email inbox on an "opt in" basis.

Over the years production costs and postage has risen, and with a mailing list of around 1800 it's quite a considerable cost each year to produce and deliver. But don't worry, AA Around Australia will always be free and mailed to any group or member that wants it.

You can however, opt out of the hardcopy and receive AA Around Australia digitally to your email each quarter. To opt in please email chris@aa.org.au with the current name and address that AA Around Australia is delivered too and your preferred email.

The great thing about the digital copy is that it's in colour and can then be easily sent on, by you, to your Group Members.

Message from your General Service Board

Update on Membership Survey

Unfortunately the membership survey we undertook in 2017 was technically flawed and the data is unusable.

We apologise to the fellowship and in particular to those members who gave of their time and volunteered their personal information.

We are seeking to engage professional help to enable us to complete this project.

Group Contributions September To February

CENTRAL REGION		CR
Area A CR		CR/A
Brompton Beginners		1.50
Gawler		88.50
Gawler Sobriety Sisters		54.00
Henley Beach		1.50
Kadina Recovery		30.00
Kapunda		60.00
Kilburn		151.50
Mansfield Park		197.00
Nuriootpa		50.00
Port Adelaide Friday		178.20
Port Augusta		60.00
Riverton		1.50
Salisbury Sunday		7.50
Salisbury Friday		30.00
Semaphore Serenity		161.50
Taperoo		519.00
Tea Tree Gully		96.35
Two Wells		77.95
Total Area A:		1,766.00
Area B CR		CR/B
Adelaide BBS		45.00
Adelaide Beginners		165.00
Aldinga		78.25
Aldgate		107.80
Bedford Park		156.20
Brighton By the Book Speakers		1.50
Burnside Welcome		45.00
Cumberland park		3.00
Eastwood Recovery		129.45
Glenelg		55.05
Goodwood		81.60
Hackham Southside Serenity		49.05
Meadows		30.00
Mt Barker		22.45
Norwood		166.40
Park Holme		68.60
Payneham		53.00
Repatriation Daw Park Sun		3.00

Spiritual/Speaker	61.50
Serenity by the sea	3.00
Sunday Women's	54.30
Victor Harbour Friday	36.00
Total Area B:	1,415.15

Adelaide CSO (Group Donations)	1,407.43
Total Central Region:	4,588.58

EASTERN REGION

Area A ER	ER/A
Alstonville Study	60.00
Banana Coast District	1,100.00
Bangalow	90.00
Brunswick Heads Fri ABSI	100.00
Brunswick Heads Sun	50.00
Brunswick Heads Womens	20.00
Byron Shire District	300.00
Byron Bay Living Sober	60.00
Casino	433.10
Coffs Harbour Steps Sisters	30.00
Hastings District Committee	800.00
Kempsey Thurs	300.00
Laurieton BBS	200.00
Moree	500.00
Mullumbimby Tues S&T	88.20
Nimbin	30.00
Northern Rivers District	690.00
Port Macquarie Boots 'n' All	150.00
Port Macquarie Thurs S&T	165.00
Port Macquarie Womens Sat	50.00
Port Macquarie Daily Reflections	600.00
Pottsville Joys of Recovery	130.00
Sawtell Groups	230.00
South Golden Beach	40.00
South Grafton Thurs Sat	350.00
Tabulam	100.00
Wardell ID	60.00
Wauchope	400.00
Werris Creek	50.00
Wingham Wed Night	150.00
Total Area A:	7,266.30

Area B ER	ER/B
Ainslie Village	300.00
Back to Basics	127.50
Barton Tues Lunchtime	240.00
Batemans Bay Steps & Traditions	200.00
Bawley Point	230.00
Beginners Group (ACT)	278.05
Bermagui	200.00
Big Book Basics	104.87
Bundanoon	150.00
Canberra Speakers	124.28
Daily Reflections	245.38
Daily Reprieve	199.00
Ginninderra	420.00
Goulburn	1,000.00
Interchange Group	30.00
Kambah	281.30
Lakeside BBS	52.50
Northside Group	240.00
Queanbeyan	97.64
Rainbow Group	0.16
Sixth Chapter Mens Group	300.00
Staying Sober	150.00
Tuggeranong Fellowship	400.00
Tuggeranong mens Into Action	100.00
Ulladulla Thurs and Sun	500.00
Weston Creek	63.00
Woden Valley	43.80
Women's Fri Night Group	75.00
Total Area B:	6,152.48

Area C ER	ER/C
Berkeley Vale Mon Steps	40.00
Bolton Point	240.00
East Gosford Wed Night ABSI	400.00

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East Gosford Womens Tues	150.00	Surry Hills	18.00	Elwood Sober Circle	179.73
Gosford City Beginners	120.00	Pymont 9am Sun SC	650.00	Frankston Beginners	300.00
Green Point ABSI	400.00	Pymont 11am Sun SC	114.00	Frankston Thurs AFGM	160.00
Hamilton SA	60.00	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	152.50	Metung	180.00
Kanwal Fri Night	100.00	Ultimo 11AM Sat	270.00	Moorabbin McKinnon	50.00
Nelson Bay Tues/ Fri Night	300.00	Vaucluse Recovery Tues pm	224.46	Mount Eliza Recovery	400.00
Newcastle Contact	100.00	Waverley 4th Dimension Rocket	50.00	Mount Martha	400.00
Newcastle 3 Legacies	20.00	Wayside Chapel	180.00	Murrumbena	45.00
FOTS Newcastle	60.00	Wesley Groups	1,725.55	Parkdale	20.00
Terrigal Beach	220.00	Total Area G:	10,935.26	Somerville Sanity Sat	105.00
Terrigal BBS	100.00	Area H ER	ER/H	St Kilda BWB	58.58
Toronto Tues Chapter 5	80.00	Blaxland PPG	350.00	St Kilda Serenity now	136.77
Toronto Sat pm	100.00	Burwood Mon	400.00	South Melbourne Mens Group	279.92
Wyong Steps	240.00	Burwood Sun	100.00	South Melbourne Recovery	174.10
Total Area C:	2,730.00	Emerton Sat Beginners	180.00	Total Area F:	3,695.54
Area D ER	ER/D	Katoomba ABSI Sun	180.00	Total Southern Region:	9,807.03
Bardwell Park	100.00	Kingswood Beginners	50.00	NORTH EASTERN RE-	NER
Bellambi Tues	50.00	Kingswood Mens	120.00	Area A NER	NER/A
Bowral Sat	100.00	Lalor Park Tues	118.46	Atherton	120.00
Bowral Mon	200.00	Pemulwuy Wed pm	201.46	Via Cairns CSO	1,191.97
Bowral Womens	66.00	Penrith BBS Sun 6pm	100.00	Mackay District	741.60
Kogarah Topic Sat 5pm	500.00	Penrith Sunday 8pm	100.00	The Strand	177.00
Mittagong Sun Night	150.00	Richmond St John of God Sat	594.00	Townsville Annandale	60.00
Oatley Sat 9am Daily Reflections	500.00	Riverstone 8pm Thurs	21.42	Townsville Warburton St	51.26
Padstow CTM	300.00	Springwood Wed Night	400.00	Upper Ross/Rollingstone	90.00
Sanctuary Point Wed pm	200.00	Total Area H:	2,915.34	Total Area A:	2,431.83
West Wollongong BBS Tues	60.00	Total Eastern Region:	43,411.66	Area B NER	NER/B
Total Area D:	2,226.00	SOUTHERN REGION	SR	Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	40.00
Area E ER	ER/E	Area A SR	SR/A	Agnes Waters	180.00
Area E Groups via NSCSO	5,548.80	Wendouree Tues	200.00	Ashgrove West Big Book Sun 8pm	90.00
Curl Curl Bfast	1,500.00	Total Area A:	200.00	Aspley Sunday Sunrise	10.00
Dee Why Thurs	1,000.00	Area B SR	SR/B	Auchenflower	210.00
Total Area E:	8,048.80	Albury Sun am	180.00	Bray Park BBS	60.00
Area F ER	ER/F	Castlemaine Sun	160.00	Bribie Island Fri Night	150.00
Bathurst Fri Steps	150.00	Kangaroo Flat	75.00	Bribie Island Mon Night Recovery	55.00
Bathurst Tues	450.00	Maryborough Tues	50.00	Brisbane Traditions	300.00
Bathurst Sun Hospital	77.00	Rutherglen Discussion	100.00	Brisbane Traditions and Concepts	500.00
Cootamundra	200.00	Total Area B:	565.00	Bundaberg Fri Night BBS	60.00
Dubbo Fri ID	1,200.00	Area D SR	SR/D	Bundaberg Thurs Night	174.00
Dubbo Wed	125.00	Ballarat ABSI	300.00	Caboolture Big Book Recovery	90.00
Lithgow Thurs	200.00	Ballarat East	90.00	Caboolture Sunday/Wed	439.50
Orange Mon	121.50	Clifton Hill Big Wednesday	75.00	Caloundra BB Sat	179.33
Orange Fri am	63.98	Diamond Creek Beginners Weds	200.00	Caloundra ABSI	124.76
Orange Tues Night	300.00	Geelong SOTS	190.00	Caloundra Bulcock Earlybirds	160.00
Wagga Wagga Tues Steps	400.00	Geelong Mon Beginners Yarra St	100.00	Caloundra Wed pm	120.00
Total Area F:	3,137.48	Laverton PP	100.00	Childers Group	30.00
Area G ER	ER/G	Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	740.00	Chinchilla	12.00
Balmain Sat	126.85	Northern Exposure	360.00	Cooloola Cove	150.00
Balmain Thurs pm	621.36	Seddon Steps	200.00	Coolum	922.50
Bondi Beach Sat	570.90	Torquay Wed BB	52.00	Cooroy	96.00
Bondi Beach Sea Change	780.00	Werribee Unity	400.00	Various groups via District 9	785.19
Camperdown Thurs	208.12	Westhope Recovery	300.00	Eidsvold	30.00
Darlinghurst Sun 5pm	184.50	Western Unity	100.00	Enoggera BBS Mon am	20.00
Darlinghurst 6.30 Tuesday	240.00	Yarraville Step 11	125.00	Enoggera	30.00
Darlinghurst Recovery	210.00	Total Area D:	3,332.00	Gympie BBS	134.00
Double Bay Sun	300.00	Burnie Fri Night	350.00	Gympie Steps	77.00
Edgecliffe	90.00	Devonport Weds	500.00	Hervey Bay Monday Night	150.00
The Into Action Group Waverley	300.00	George Town	200.00	Howard	420.00
Kings Cross Sun 7pm	45.00	Glenorchy Sat Lunch	350.00	Kawana Friday	81.00
Kings Cross Womens Sat	150.00	Hobart Friday	196.89	Kawana Pacific Speakers	90.00
Lilyfield Steps	160.40	Kingborough	67.60	Kippa Ring Monday Living Sober	90.00
Lilyfield Women's	231.25	Sandy Bay	100.00	Margate Beginners	280.00
Maroubra Wed am	111.15	St Helens	250.00	Maroochydore Sun Topic	180.00
Maroubra Fri noon	468.72	Total Area E:	2,014.49	Maryborough Sat BBS	100.00
Maroubra Beginners Mon pm	22.50	Area F SR	SR/F	Maryborough Tuesday Night ID	50.00
Newtown Fri 7pm	90.00	The Deal	997.83	Mooloolaba Tues Mens	200.00
Randwick Steps & Traditions	750.00	Albert Park WOL	28.61	Morven	80.00
Rocks Breakfast	1,560.00	Bentleigh AAFT	50.00	Mudjimba Wed Steps	60.00
Rozelle Fri pm	30.00	Bentleigh Life's in Session	80.00		
Rozelle Wed 8pm	300.00	Dandenong Common Welfare Fri	50.00		

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Mundubbera	100.00	Balga Nollamara	144.00	NORTHERN REGION	NR
Nambour Saturday Night	87.30	Bassendean	300.00	Area A NR	NR/A
Nanango Recovery	10.00	Broome	210.00	Alice Springs	400.00
Noosa Civic	249.00	Burns Beach	75.00	Bill W Camp	158.40
Noosa Tewantin Tue Thur Topic	240.00	Butler	108.00	Casuarina	50.00
Tewantin Women's	49.50	Carnarvon	50.00	Darwin Harbour View	72.00
North Brisbane District	600.00	Universal Steps	270.00	Darwin Harbourview LS	100.00
Nundah	82.00	Geraldton	240.00	Darwin Tues BB	105.55
Petrie Park Sun	100.00	Glen Forrest	300.00	Parap Thurs pm	125.00
Pomona	500.00	Heathridge Group	174.00	Parap Fri	42.76
Redcliffe Combined Womens	25.00	Heathridge Steps	450.00	Total Northern Region:	1,053.71
Red Hill Promises	90.00	Joondalup SOS	200.00	Unknown Internet Deposits	Unknown
Rockhampton North Wed pm	600.00	Joondanna	177.98	2/9 unknown Paddington	275.00
Sandgate Sat pm	210.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	139.22	4/9 134 Donation	890.00
Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	80.00	Karratha	96.00	It's to AA	121.20
Spring Hill	300.00	Maylands Sat	60.00	9/9 Breakfast with Bill	30.17
Taringa Steps	30.00	Maylands BB	150.00	9/9 Penrith	100.00
Tin Can Bay 12 x 12	200.00	Maylands Rainbow	30.00	24/9 Eastern Twilight	160.00
Total Area B:	10,563.08	Merriwa Wed Beginners	33.00	27/9 Agent 183	785.35
Area C NER	NER/C	Midland Steps	270.00	24/10 Dubbo	200.00
Alexandria Hills	150.00	Marangaroo Friday	30.00	25/10 Armidale	100.00
Annerley Womens	125.00	Nedlands Breakfast	390.00	1/11 20408	30.00
Bayside Beginners	90.00	Nedlands Joy of Living	240.00	11/11 Sou Mon	90.00
Bethania Plan B	87.48	Nedlands Womens	150.00	12/11 SOTS	25.00
Boonah	180.00	Noranda Steps	60.00	15/11 Sun 8pm BB	30.00
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	150.00	North Beach Tues	167.06	18/11 Unknown	90.00
Burleigh Heads Fri The Way Out	285.00	North Beach Womens	89.04	20/11 Unknown	48.00
Capalaba Sunday Reflections	94.65	Northam Steps	120.00	21/11 Unknown	10.00
Cleveland Thursday Open ID	60.00	North Perth City	450.00	26/11 Emo Group	153.78
Cleveland Topic Thurs am	135.00	Northbridge midday	120.00	2/12 via Lsimore ATM	800.00
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	333.08	Northbridge Mon EO	34.50	4/12 Sunday Night	50.00
Coomera GC S&T Thurs	360.00	Northbridge Speakers	240.00	6/12 Oldis Meditation	180.00
Coorparoo Day	1,969.20	Northbridge The Beacon	90.00	6/12 Hub	60.00
Forest Lake Steps	258.00	Northbridge Tues BtB	300.00	12/12 Paddington	66.85
Greenslopes	193.33	Perth City Early Openers	225.00	18/12 Grp 73	90.00
Gumdale Wed Night	60.00	Scarborough Encouragement	299.75	6/1 Sunrise	20.00
Gumdale Saturday	75.00	Scarborough Sat Candlelight	225.00	10/1 Mornington	300.00
Helensvale Tues 8pm	40.00	Subiaco BB	216.00	20/1 CC54	56.80
Ipswich United	60.00	Subiaco Steps	87.00	24/1 Armidale	76.00
Ipswich S&T Tues Night	122.55	Vincent St Care	100.00	28/1 Batemans bay	150.00
Kenmore Groups	120.00	Wanneroo	192.00	3/1 Rainbow	45.00
Mt Tamborine	220.00	Western Suburbs	111.00	3/2 Sat Daily 73	60.00
Mt Gravatt Sun Night	360.00	Total Area A:	8,382.15	6/2 Bathurst	45.00
Murwillumbah Sat pm	100.00	Area B WR	WR/B	10/2 Progress not perfection	45.00
New Farm	650.30	ABC Steps (Spearwood)	65.42	18/2 WWBBTUE	40.00
Oxley Station	60.00	Armadale	180.00	Total Unknown Deposits:	4,405.35
Pacific Fair Sun 5:30am	210.00	Beaconsfield	120.00	TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	95,358.95
Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	120.00	Beaconsfield Early Risers	225.00	LIM - Australia Donations	50.00
Redland Bay Sun BBS	150.00	Beaconsfield Womens	48.00	TOTAL LIM	50.00
Robina Tues pm	189.80	Cloverdale	150.00		
Slacks Creek	65.00	Coolbellup	130.73		
Southport Mon Womens BB	27.54	Fremantle Steps	200.00		
Southport Sat 10am	30.00	Fremantle Serenity Group	20.00		
Springwood Topics	100.00	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	330.00		
Stanthorpe	15.00	Fremantle Sunday Beginners	30.00		
Toowong Mens Topic	60.00	Fremantle Unity	118.98		
Toowoomba City Topics	120.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	36.00		
Toowoomba How	210.00	Kalamunda	198.00		
Toowoomba Thurs LS	120.00	Kalamunda A New Freedom	30.00		
Toowoomba Step 11	100.00	Kelmscott Altered Attitude	60.00		
Toowoomba Tues Night Recovery	100.00	Kwinana - Medina	60.00		
Tugun Thurs	48.00	Kwinana Town	105.00		
Valley BBS	80.00	Maddington New Beginnings	30.00		
Zillmere Wed Night	50.00	Mandurah Tues Fri	80.00		
Total Area C:	7,983.93	Mt Barker Plantaganet	60.00		
Total North Eastern Region:	20,978.84	Mundijong	60.00		
WESTERN REGION	WR	Rivervale CTM	15.00		
Area A WR	WR/A	Rockingham Discussion	150.00		
80 Mile Beach/Sandfire Steps	450.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	184.50		
Ashfield SC	500.00	Victoria Park Topics	45.00		
Ashfield Sun 1pm	18.60	Total Area B:	2,731.63		
		Total Western Region:	11,113.78		

Total XXXXXXX

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