

## OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE TOPICS 2022

TOPIC NO.	TOPIC	OUTCOME
1/22	<p>Pursuant to: NOTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Conference 2021)</p> <p>“Funds over and above our budgeted operating expenses and our prudent reserve will be moved into a project fund to carry out projects and Conference meeting advisory actions”.</p> <p>This Topic proposes that projects and advisory actions requiring funding be prioritized by the Conference as to the immediacy of action required.</p> <p>Groups, Districts, Areas, and individual Members be given the opportunity to contribute to a project/advisory action if additional funding is needed to expedite action.</p> <p>A transparent mechanism be set up to give feedback to the fellowship.</p>	Voted on but not Advisory Action
2/22	<p>Provide more clarity and expand on Section four – the District and District Committee Member - in the Australian General Service Manual, Ninth Edition. Unlike Section 5 of the Service Manual which provides a lot of information about the Area, and suggestions on how to set up and run an Area Assembly and who can vote etc, the literature does not provide as much clarity for conducting a District meeting or who makes up a District committee. It is suggested that Section Four of the Manual be updated to provide groups with more guidance on what a District is and how to conduct a District meeting. Information such as the scope of a District Committee could be helpful (which is clear and concise for an Area in the Manual, but not for a District).</p>	Advisory Actions 002/2022 and 002-B/2022

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3/22	<p>A meeting currently exists on the first Sunday of every month that provides an Auslan Interpreter (as well as Closed Captions on Zoom) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alcoholic Community in Australia. We are requesting a broad Australia-wide campaign be mobilised to raise awareness that this meeting is available.</p> <p>Every Deaf and Hard of Hearing Person in Australia needs be aware that this meeting exists. We are seeking help from AA groups, Area Assemblies, and the General Service Conference to raise awareness that AA welcomes and will support the Deaf/HOH if they wish to investigate a 12-step solution to alcoholism. In addition, closed captions for the meeting also aid many older, sober members with age-related hearing loss.</p> <p>A core group (2-5 members) of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are attending regularly, after 5 months from our local word-of-mouth campaign.</p>	Advisory Actions #003/2022
4/22	<p>To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and use type, that improves a Correctional Facility detainee's or Treatment Facility's patient's engagement with Alcoholics Anonymous after they have left the facility and also if possible, whilst they are in their facility.</p>	<p>Referred to Conference Correctional Facilities Committee. Advisory Action #004/2022</p> <p>Topic was also referred to the Conference Treatment Facilities &amp; Accessibility Committee. Voted on but not Advisory Action.</p>
5/22	<p>Institute National Put up a AA Poster week of December 11 to recognise one of our co-Founders's sobriety dated.</p>	Advisory Action #005/2022
6/22	<p>That the National AA website, needs to be improved for those in search of a meeting. Currently the search function needs to be more accurate for finding meetings by location.</p>	Referred directly to Technology Team.
7/22	<p>A search for meetings with wheelchair access on AA.org.au returns only x 4 nationally.</p>	Referred directly to Technology Team.

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8/22	To add wording to any relevant pamphlets and the service manual to better reflect or clarify that when there is no local CSO then an AA District could become the responsible entity for that role and could be supported by local group contributions.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
9/22	To remove the No Discount status of more than 17% of the items on the literature price list, Items that are priced between \$0.01 and \$40.00, we have to pay freight, and because members expect to pay the official price, we sell these items at a loss.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
10/22	<p>The members of Conference request that the Board investigate and pursue mechanisms by which Australian members (and the worldwide fellowship generally) can have a say in future decisions regarding changes to our key literature.</p> <p>At present, changes to our most important AA literature - including the Big Book, the 12&amp;12 and the Preamble - can only be approved by the North American General Service Conference. This means that only members from the USA and Canada can have a say. Members in the rest of the world are excluded from the process.</p> <p>'The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship' ...</p>	Advisory Action #010/2022
11/22	That the Conference agree to make the AA Australia Group Handbook freely available to all members as a downloadable PDF.	Advisory Action #011/2022
12/22	That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia instruct the General Service Board to set a policy that endorses the spirit of Rotation by ceasing the extension of terms of Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees, and GSB Chairpersons.	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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13/22	That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia take its Inventory. The last formal Inventory of the GSC was undertaken in 1994 (28yrs ago).	Advisory Action #013/2022
14/22	When an Area is unable to immediately field a Delegate to Conference then the Area, as an option, can elect a previous, but not the retiring, Delegate to serve a term of 1 year.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
15/22	To edit and adopt the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: F-153W on aa.org. <a href="#">District Committee Member (D.C.M.) Kit List   Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)</a>	Advisory Action #015/2022
16/22	To edit and adopt the General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: GSRLISTW on aa.org. <a href="#">GSR Kit Contents (aa.org)</a>	Advisory Action #016/2022
17/22	The General Service Board requests that the Conference supports the Board's intention to change Article 4 of its Articles of Association by rewording that last sentence to read: 'Any Trustees having retired shall not be eligible for reappointment, except in the case where a Class A Trustee has retired before completion of their term of office"	Advisory Action #017/2022
18/22	The General Service Board advises Conference that a new Committee, has been formed to reduce the workload of the Trustees' PI&CPC Committee. This new committee has been named the Technology & Social Media Committee. The overall scope of the committee will be any member service or supporting function that heavily relies on technology or that is/will be impacted by changes in technology, e.g. tasks relating to the National and Service Websites, Social Media, Communications and Member Services.  The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference forms a corresponding committee.	Advisory Action #018/2022

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19/22	The General Service Board requests that Conference extends the scope of the National Combined Forum and that it be renamed The Combined National PI&CPC, Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities & Accessibility and Remote Communities Forum.	Advisory Action #019/2022
20/22	The General Service Conference recommends to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.	Advisory Action #020/2022
21/22	The General Service Conference requests permission from the General Service Conference to produce and sell an 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary medallion.	Advisory Action #021/2022
22/22	The General Service Board recommends to Conference that the 2025 National Convention be held in Sydney to celebrate AA Australia's 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and that it be hosted by the General Service Board.	Advisory Action #022/2022
23/22	The General Service Board recommends to Conference that a new Australian Commemorative Big Book be produced to commemorate AA Australia's anniversary and that the attached Foreword be approved. The normal process for production of a new piece of Conference approved literature, as described in the Australian AA Service Manual, will be followed.	Advisory Action #023/2022

There were additional Advisory Actions as follows: (see Advisory Actions section for details):

Advisory Actions #24/2022 - #044/2022