

CONFERENCE TOPICS 2022 VOTED ON, BUT NOT RESULTING IN ADVISORY ACTIONS (VOTING ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS)

**CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**TOPIC #001/2022**

**Pursuant to: NOTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Conference 2021)**

**“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”.**

**This Topic proposes that projects and advisory actions requiring funding be prioritized by the Conference as to the immediacy of action required.**

**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.**

**A transparent mechanism be set up to give feedback to the fellowship.**

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as it conflicts with Tradition 7, Concept 2 and Concept 8.

Voting: For: 22; Against: 4; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**TOPIC #009/2022**

**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.**

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as removing the Discount would mean that the General Service Office would sell the items at a loss.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

**TOPIC: #004/2022**

**To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and us type that improves a 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.**

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as there are sufficient pamphlets already (e.g. A Newcomer Asks, Bridging The Gap, Where do I go to from Here). The committee acknowledged the move towards plain language, but was concerned that this does not meet the standards of Conference approved literature.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

## CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

### TOPIC #014/2022

**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.**

Conference resolved to reject the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation that when an Area is unable to immediately field a Delegate or other Committee member to Conference then, as an option, the Area can elect a previous, but not the retiring Delegate, to serve a term of 1 year only.

Voting: For: 11; Against: 15; Abstentions: 0

Motion lost

Voting on topic: For: 8; Against: 16; Abstentions: 2

Motion lost

## CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

### TOPIC #008/2022

**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.**

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that this topic be rejected due to lack of clarity in the topic and due to the fact that the topic implies that a District can replace a CSO. CSOs are not part of the general service structure. CSOs are separate entities, responsible only to the Groups they serve.

Voting: For: 19; Against: 6; Abstentions: 3

Carried

Revote after Minority Voice: For: 15; Against: 11; Abstentions: 2

Carried

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

### TOPIC #012/2022

**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.**

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation that this topic be rejected for the following reasons:

The General Service Board's policy on rotation of Trustees is already outlined in its Articles of Association –

Article 4: All alcoholic Trustees serve for a period of four years from the date of their election, whether regular or interim'.

Article 13: 'The Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year'. '...no Chairperson shall serve for a longer period than four consecutive years'. 'The Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year'.

Voting: For: 21; Against: 2; Abstentions: 3

Carried

## FLOOR ACTIONS

To address the issue of finding suitable class A trustees, the GSB reduce the term of class A trustees from 5 to 3 years. We don't expect any current service position in our National Service structure to serve our fellowship for such a long time, therefore can Conference consider that we don't expect our non-alcoholic friends to serve our fellowship longer than any other General service position within AA Australia.

Conference resolved to reject this floor action.

Voting: For: 11; Against: 13; Abstentions: 2  
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