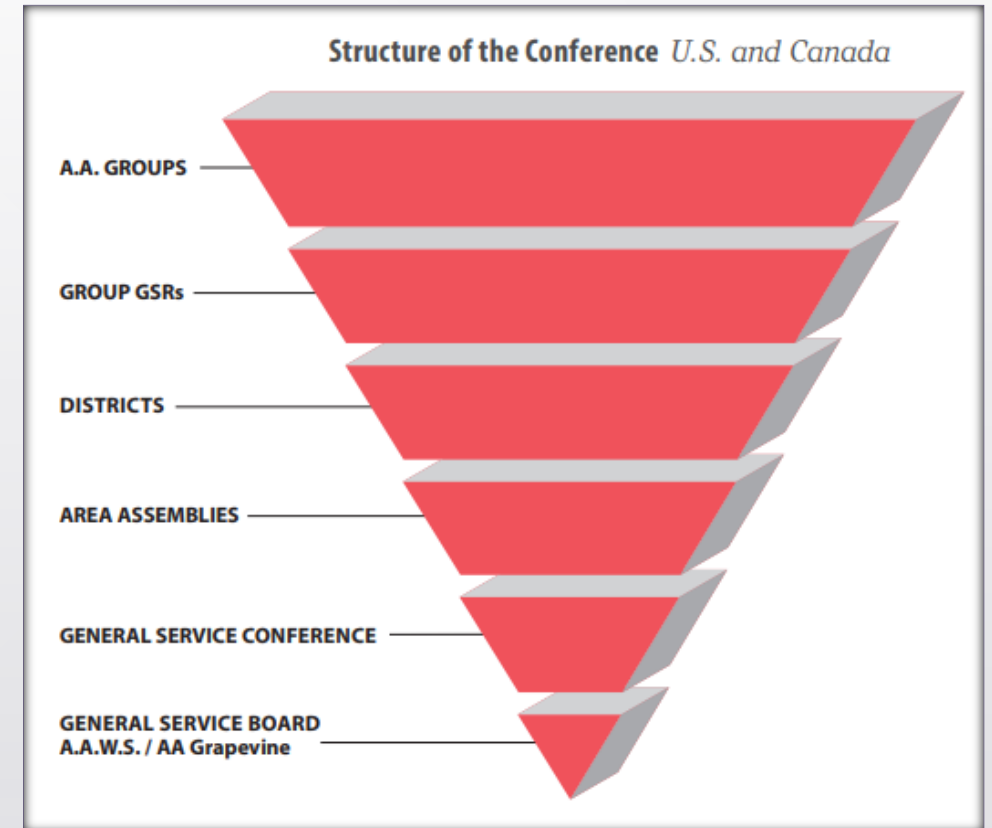


# The General Service Conference (GSC)

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## Topics

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GSR reports back to the A.A. Group
- Home Group has concerns and more questions
- Want to learn more?
- Questions and Answers



# Recap: What happened leading up to the start of the General Service Conference?

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January

- Winter Area Assembly
- District Orientation: Our structure, the Conference and General Service Representative (GSR)

February

- Received Final Agenda Items and Background Documents
- Received Delegate selected 8 Agenda Items for review with Home Group

March

- GSRs gathered with their Home Group members to obtain their Group Conscience
- Pre-General Service Conference Area 68 Assembly: We shared with our Delegate the feedback and conscience from the Area 68 A.A. Groups

April

- Our Delegate attended the General Service Conference
- Held April 14 – 20 in Brooklyn, NY

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# Typical pathways of Agenda Items at a General Service Conference

## Conference Agenda Items

Assigned to one of 13 Conference Committees

Conference committees meet during the week long conference to deliberate on their assigned Agenda Items



Conference Committee Reviews/Deliberates their Agenda Items  
Typically 1 of 3 actions are taken

Committee  
Recommendation

A Recommendation is brought to the conference floor, discussed and voted on by the entire Conference

Committee  
Consideration

Considerations are normally aimed at the corresponding Trustee committee or working group focused on the subject matter  
Perhaps changes of a draft presented are recommended and a progress report or new draft is asked to be brought back to the next year conference

Committee  
Takes No Action

Committee reviewed and deliberated an agenda item, and decides the subject matter should not continue forward in the conference process



# Conference Floor

## Advisory Action

Committee Recommendations are reviewed and deliberated by the Conference body

When 2/3rds of the Conference voting body votes in approval for the recommendation to move forward – it becomes an Advisory Action

Advisory Actions are sent to the General Service Board for ratification and execution

## Floor Action

Any voting member can bring to the full conference floor an existing agenda item that was not forwarded as a committee recommendation or a brand new recommendation

The Conference voting body will first vote if to “decline to consider”

If a 2/3rds vote is reached to decline considering the item – the floor action dies on the spot

If 2/3rds vote is not reached to decline consideration – it then follows the normal path for deliberation and voting

## Recommit to Trustee Committee

Agreement reached by the voting members of the conference to send the proposal or agenda item back to a Trustee Committee and typically with the assumption it will be reviewed and brought again to the following year conference

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# **Available Documents from the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference**

# 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Documents

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Document Name	Purpose	Interest
Advisory Actions	Provides all approved agenda items to be implemented	These are new main items that will be worked on by the various A.A. Corporations
Floor Actions	Provides all floor actions that were submitted to the Conference and the results for each	Due to time constraints, 10 of the 15 Floors actions were not heard. The conference agreed to “recommit” those 10 to Trustees
Committee Considerations	Provides a summary of all deliberations and results for moving forward. Shares with the Trustees Committees suggestions for next steps and changes	Typically these items will be back on the Agenda at the next conference with updates
Literature Distribution	Provides the volume of sales per each piece of literature	Interesting to see what Books and Pamphlets are of interest to our membership



# 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Documents

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Folder: Corporate Report

Document Name	Purpose
AA Grapevine	Corporate Report (Board): Overview of the purpose, current services offered, subscriptions, financial affairs and more
AAWS Administration Department	Provides a breakdown of the main components, departments and activities performed by AA World Services (AAWS); along with updates on tasks and projects
Alcoholics Anonymous World Services	Corporate Report (Board): Includes activities of the several committees, finances
Staff Reports	Current Staff reports for the various Desks and Committees; such as Archives, Regional Forums, Staff Coordinator, Public Information
Trustees Reports	General Service Board (GSB): Trustees Committee Chairs report on current status of activities and projects

# 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Documents

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Folder: Finances

Document Name	Purpose	Interest
Finances – Around the Picnic Table	Shares an overview of the 2023 Financials expenses, sales and contributions – General Service Board: AAWS and Grapevine, and brief on the budgets for 2024	Overall review our finances and state of the companies. Visual charts may help in further understanding
Quarterly Financial Report 4Q 2023 and 2024 Budget	Quarterly Financial Report (“QFR”) provides the Fellowship regular updates on the financial status of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. (“GSB”), Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (“AAWS”) and AA Grapevine, Inc. (“AAGV”)	Released prior to the Conference. Provides some visual breakdowns reviewing favorable/unfavorable status - unaudited financials
Trustees Financial Report	Trustees' Report: Finance and Budgetary Committee	Report given at the General Service Conference based on the audited financials

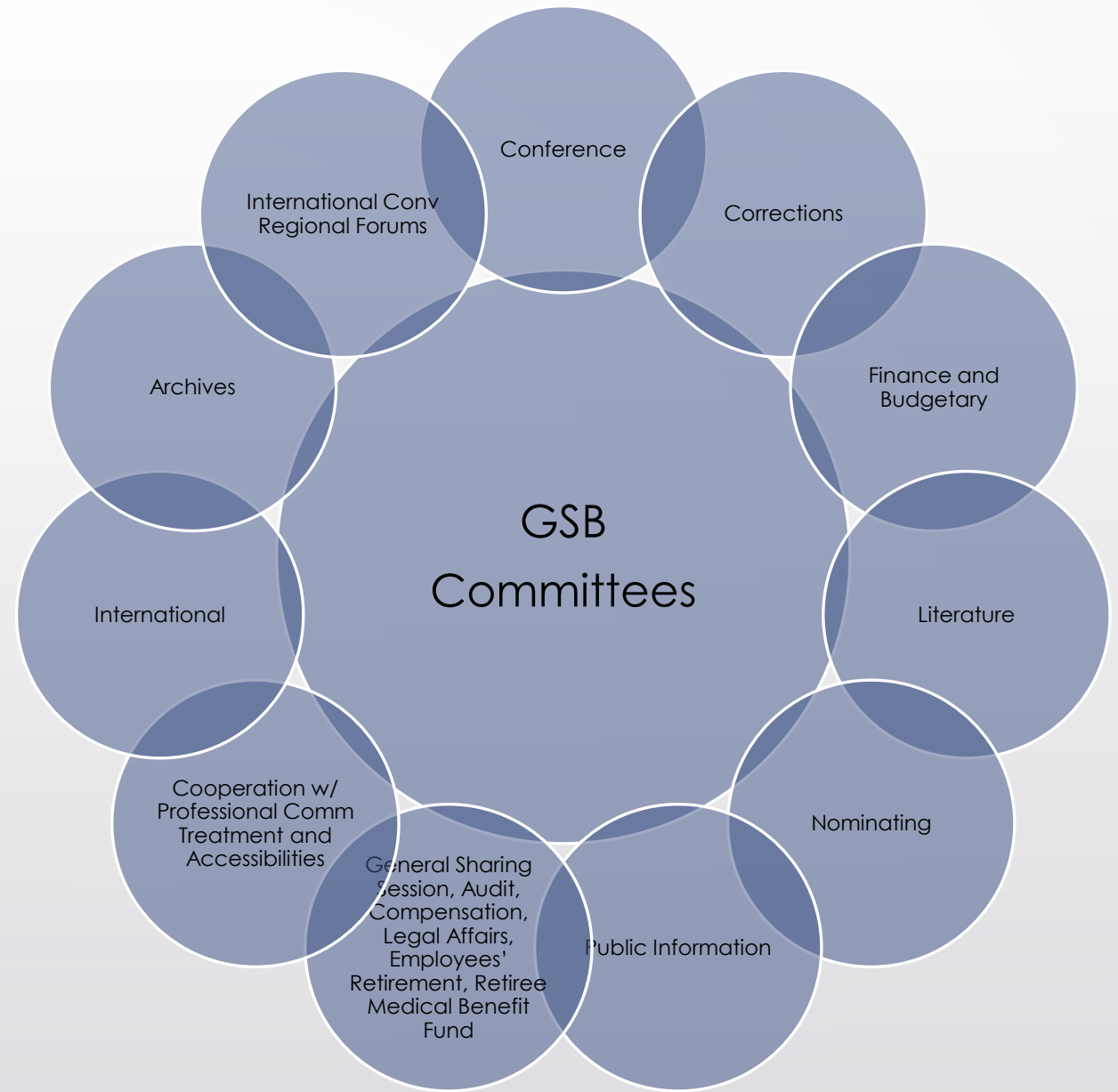
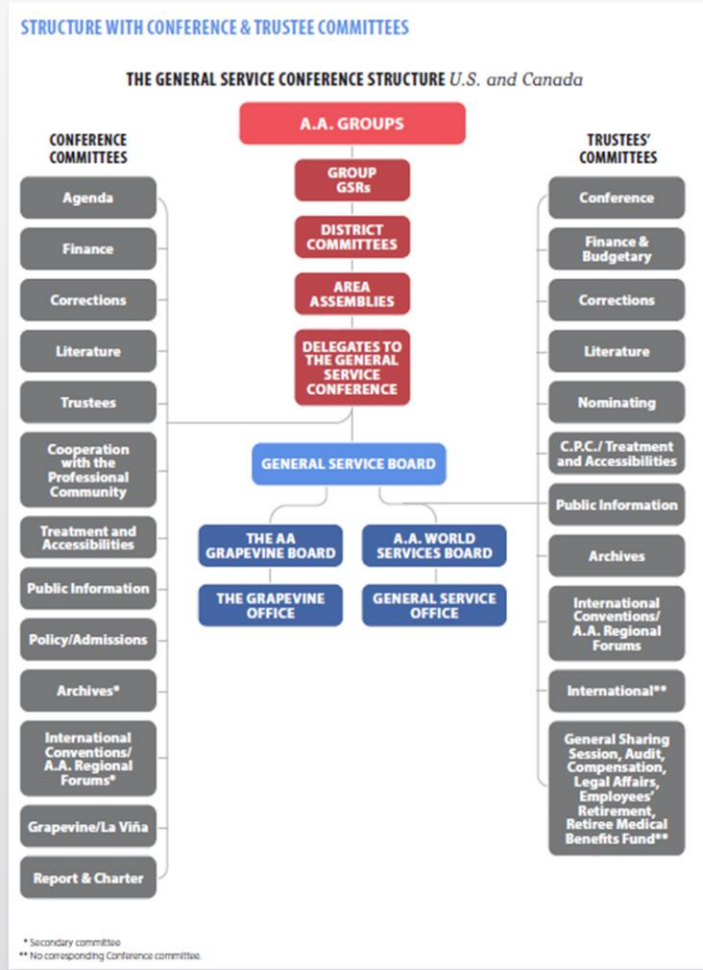
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Folder: Presentations

Document Name	Purpose	Interest
Board Inventory	Shares the Inventory questions and deliberations of the General Service Board Inventory taken January 2024	The 73 <sup>rd</sup> GSC Advisory Action indicated for our GSB to take inventory prior to the 74 <sup>th</sup> GSC
Keynote Panel Presentations	74 <sup>th</sup> GSC Welcome, Keynote address, Theme and Workshop presentations	74 <sup>th</sup> GSC Theme: “Responsibility in Service: When and How to Give”
Location Plus	Executive Summary: Findings from the Ad Hoc committee tasked to review the logistics and costs for a full relocation of the Office and Corporations; along with actions that will be taken and related costs	Pending to obtain the full report

# General Service Board Trustee Committees



Explanations on the typical focus for each General Service Board Committee can be found in the A.A. Service Manual Edition 2021/2023 Chapter 8 The General Service Board ( image from Appendix C)

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**Delegate reports back to the Area**

**GSR reports back to the A.A. Group**



## **Delegate Reports Back to the Area Body - What to do as a General Service Representative?**

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Delegates report back to the Area body they serve after each General Service Conference.

Typically, a Delegate will provide a verbal (and many times a written) summary of the business conducted at the General Service Conference.

Delegates try to include as much information as time permits and often references the more common documents:

Advisory Actions, Floors Actions, Committee Considerations, Financial  
– Picnic Table

## **Delegate Reports Back to the Area Body - What to do as a General Service Representative?**

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Take the Advisory Action and Floor Action document with you to the delegate report back. This may help you to be organized when making notes for a review with your Home Group.

If able: Print out the “Picnic Table” and Committee Considerations

*Note: These are large documents – please consider length of documents before printing.*

Whether printing or not, I encourage all to read through these 4 documents. This will assist to have an introductory understanding of what occurred prior to hearing the Delegate Report back.

## **Delegate Reports Back to the Area Body - What to do as a General Service Representative?**

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If you have questions that go unanswered during the Delegate reporting back:

Please:

- 1) Go up to the Delegate and ask your question
- 2) Ask your District Committee Member (DCM)
- 3) Write down your questions and schedule with your DCM to review after the Assembly

Let's remember: we may not have all the answers in the moment. However, we can certainly track down the answers!

# How do I report back to my Home Group?

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## **Consider what your home group may be interested to know**

Select some Advisory Actions/Committee Considerations to share during the business meeting  
Announce that all documents are available to anyone who wishes to know more  
Consider a quick financial state of affairs based on the end of year for the 3 Corporations

## **During the Delegate report back – did you hear anything exciting or concerning?**

If it is exciting or concerning for you, it will probably be exciting or concerning for the group  
Try to remain factual when reporting back to the Group

## **A quick recap of key items will be imperative**

Consider to prepare a 1 page handout of what you plan to report, so members can follow along visually and write down their own notes/questions if desired

## **Take notes on any support, concerns or questions shared by the Group members**

With these notes, you can follow up with your Delegate and/or DCM for answers  
Your DCM wants and needs to know the feedback from your Home Group members as well

## **What if you need additional help in preparing?**

Reach out to your DCM to walkthrough your thoughts and questions!

# What if my Home Group has concerns and more questions?

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Record concerns your Home Group members express so you are able to share those with your DCM and Delegate.

Record questions and reach out to your DCM!

Your DCM may be able to directly answer some of the questions. If they cannot, the DCM should seek out the answers and report back to you!

**Does your home group want to consider submitting a Proposed Agenda Item ('PAI') for a future General Service Conference?**

Access to the online submission form: [GSC - Proposed Agenda Item Form](#)

Please review the introduction and the required sections for helping to develop a well informed proposal. Consultation with others is often of great benefit when developing a proposal. With or after submittal, please ensure to forward and notify your DCM and Delegate so they are aware of your Groups' proposal as well.



What if my Home Group has concerns and more questions?

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## **Delegate Report Back at District 7 Meeting - September 21 2024**

We have scheduled for our Area 68 Delegate to report back locally during our September District 7 meeting.

After we perform our required business,  
we have allocated approximately  
1 hour for our Delegate to report and 30 mins for Q&A.

**All A.A. members are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
Let your Home Group members know in advance so they can prepare to attend.**

Meeting held every other Thursday @ 6:30pm central

# A.A. SERVICE MANUAL

IN DEPTH BOOK STUDY

Virtual (via Zoom)



Area 4 Arkansas  
Area 10 Colorado  
Area 25 Kansas  
Area 38 Eastern Missouri  
Area 39 Western Missouri  
Area 46 New Mexico  
Area 57 Oklahoma  
Area 65 Northeast Texas  
Area 66 Northwest Texas  
Area 67 Southeast Texas  
Area 68 Southwest Texas

Curious A.A. members from the SW Region getting together for an in depth study of the A. A. Service Manual.



Learn More

We want You!



A most effective way for us to learn is to hear from those who have the experience. We welcome you to join us and share!



Share with us

Join us - Upcoming Meeting Dates:  
Jun 6 & 20 2024 @ 6:30pm central

For More Information or to be added to our e-mail reminder list:

✉ 3legacyservice@gmail.com

🌐 via Zoom

Meeting ID: 850 7691 9502

Passcode: Service24

# Want to learn more?

A.A. members of the Southwest Region are gathering to walkthrough our A.A. Service Manual

We read, share experience & ask questions

**Meeting is held every other Thursday  
6:30pm Central**

Via Zoom  
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**Upcoming Meetings: June 6 & 20**  
*We will skip July 4 and resume July 18*

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# Open Floor Questions & Answers

**Please feel free to reach out for further questions and detailed review  
I am here to help you serve!**

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