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Confidential Report. Vote tallies shown as In Favor – Opposed (2/3 substantial unanimity required for an Advisory Action). Items are summarized.

Floor Actions

(Resulting in Advisory Actions)

Floor Action #2:

Suggested Area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from **\$2,200 to \$3,000** (amended down from a proposed \$4,800).

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Amendment (\$4,800 → \$3,000)	128	95	33	86	Motion Passed
Final (Amended) Recommendation	131	104	27	88	Motion Passed

Floor Action #4:

AAWS offer a **print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report** for purchase at around \$3.31/copy; if production costs are not covered by sales, the FCR print version ends after the 2027 GSC. FCR prepaid orders to be taken ASAP.

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
1 st Vote on Original Recommendation	129	70	59	SM	Simple Majority only
Vote on Motion to Reconsider	—	—	—	—	Motion Passed
Final Vote on Recommendation	133	89	44	89	Motion Passed

Floor Action #6:

Remove the word "**Eskimo**" from the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, Tradition Eight chapter essay, and replace with a neutral, non-racial term.

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Original Recommendation	134	103	31	90	Motion Passed

Floor Actions

(Not Resulting in Advisory Actions)

FAILED**Floor Action #1:**

No communication to the Fellowship regarding the **A.A. Reserve Fund** balance be distributed without including currently approved draws. (*failed 72–56*)

CONFERENCE DECLINED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING 2:**Floor Action #3:**

Consider a request to **create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook**. (*declined to consider passed 98–37*)

Floor Action #5:

Suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* until the Conference develops further consensus around procedures and practices respecting changes to "Founders' Writings." (*failed 106–26*)

Committee's With No Action

(Items Reviewed & Considered)

ARCHIVES | COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY | GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS / REGIONAL FORUMS* | TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

Advisory Actions

(Passed with 2/3 Substantial Unanimity)

CORRECTIONS

- An update to the pamphlet "**The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs**" (P-11), with progress report or draft to the 2027 GSC. (*129–5*)

FINANCE

- Update "**Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix**" (F-3), pg 12 in Q&A on AA Grapevine support be changed from:

Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?

A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work.

Be replaced with:

Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?

A: AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.

(*121–10; PAI 99*)**POLICY/ADMISSIONS**

- Following the **78th GSC**, the **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)** process be discontinued. (*93–39*)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Conduct a **pilot 2026 Membership Survey**, budget not to exceed **\$10,000**, exploring how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office (GSO). The pilot uses the 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire for comparison and samples listed and unlisted groups in 3–5 areas. Progress report to 2027 GSC.
- Approve revised pamphlet "**Understanding Anonymity**" (P-47), retitled "**Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation**." (*91–41*)

TRUSTEES

- The trustees' Literature Committee **produce an animated video** based on "**The Twelve Steps Illustrated**" (P-55), with progress report to 2027. (*104–27; PAI 103*)
- The trustees' Literature Committee **explore producing an animated video** based on "**The Twelve Traditions Illustrated**" (P-43), with progress report to 2027. (*Original "produce" 110–21; amended to "explore producing" by simple majority; PAI 104*)

AGENDA

- The theme for the 2027 General Service Conference (GSC): "**Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future**."
- 2026 GSC workshop topic: "**Keeping Our Own House in Order**"
- 2027 GSC workshop topic: "**Unexpected Spiritual Lessons**."



Advisory Actions (Continued from page 1 — Passed with 2/3 Substantial Unanimity)

LITERATURE

- The **Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*** be approved with minor editorial changes. (125–9) Includes revised Appendix III (Medical View), Appendix V (Religious View), Appendix IV (Lasker Award footnote → aa.org), and Appendix VI (How to Get in Touch with A.A.).
- The word "**Eskimo**" be removed from "Chapter 7: Working With Others" of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. It passed with 84 percent in favor. (112–22)

Amendment to also include the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50–82) — but was later passed via Floor Action #6.

- The committee noted that in accordance with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action authorizing development of the Fifth Edition *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which reads in part:

"Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V"

"Appendix III — The Medical View on A.A." and "Appendix V — The Religious View on A.A." have been revised in keeping with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action.

"Appendix IV — The Lasker Award" was revised to include a footnote to direct readers to the awards page on aa.org.

"Appendix VI — How to Get in Touch with A.A." was revised to reflect more current best practices.

- In keeping with the "A.A. World Services, Inc. Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current," which was accepted by the General Service Conference Advisory Action in 2020, and subsequently revised by the AAWS Board in 2022, the committee noted that the Publishing Department of the General Service Office will maintain editorial responsibilities for the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, including:

- Editorial "fine tuning" such as footnotes, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, page numbers, headings and subheadings
- Finalizing the titles and order of personal stories
- Editorial review of the title page, jacket copy and table of contents
- Coordinating the flow of work between the book designer, typesetters, copyeditors, proofreaders and the printers
- Designing the book cover and jacket
- Listing other A.A. literature in the final pages of the book
- Determining the potential inclusion of QR codes based upon current best practices as identified by AAWS, Inc.

Fourth Edition *Alcohólicos Anónimos* **NO ADVISORY ACTION**

- The Literature committee discussed the progress report on the development of the **Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish)**. The committee recognized the work that has gone into developing the revised draft and requested that a manuscript or progress report be brought back to the **2027 Conference Committee on Literature**. The committee offered the following suggestions:
 - Additional communication to the Fellowship on the status of the project would be helpful to clarify misunderstanding.
 - Consideration be given to inviting a **Spanish-speaking member of the Conference Committee on Literature** to participate in the final review of the manuscript prior to Conference.
 - Consideration be given to inviting **Cesar F., ACM** and chair of the Working Group for developing a Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish-language Big Book) to attend the 2027 General Service Conference to be available as a resource for Conference deliberations on the manuscript.
- The committee reviewed the progress report of the **subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book** and requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Literature.

REPORT & CHARTER

- Add to the FAQ in Chapter 1 "**What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?**" of the **2026–2028 Edition** of *The A.A. Service Manual / Twelve Concepts for World Service*. The answer covers alternate sharing methods (with respect for Tradition Eleven) and the spiritual importance of two-way GSR communication. (123–5 — *recommit from 75th GSC*)

The answer reads:

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity, so that members' names are not publicly available.

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.

- Approved a draft of a new "**Amendments**" section for inclusion at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service section of the Service Manual.

2026 Anticipated Reserve Fund Activity

DATE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
	Beginning Balance	11,022,418
January	Drawdown for Retrofit – Includes 246,869 spent in 2025 but not reimbursed by drawdown until 2026	544,478
February	Drawdown for Retrofit	469,339
February	Drawdown for Grapevine Operations	200,000
April	Drawdown for Retrofit	79,377
Anticipated	Drawdown for Retrofit	759,937
	Anticipated Ending Balance	8,969,287
	Anticipated Months on Hand 12/31/26	4.79
NOTE: Retrofit expenditures are paid from the general fund which is then reimbursed by a drawdown from the reserve fund.		

2025 International Convention

REVENUE	
Registration	5,575,508
Other Revenue	228,924
TOTAL REVENUE	5,804,432
EXPENSE	
Event Planning	583,331
Event Production	2,776,024
Event Communication & Attraction	1,024,060
Staff, Volunteers, and Trustees	820,769
Administrative & General	591,884
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,796,068
SURPLUS	8,364

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In other news...

Everything AA App Acquisition

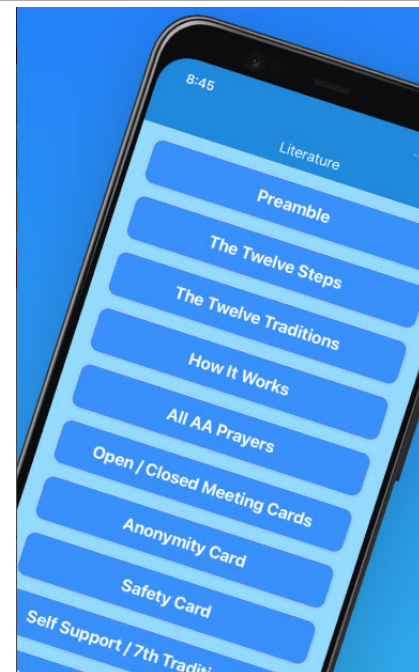
As of 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2026, we are now the owners of the app, Everything AA. It is available on Android and Apple devices.

- The transfer happened during the Conference.
- An excellent opportunity to expand access to our A.A. literature.
- With upwards of 1 million downloads, the app offers a great opportunity to communicate on a broader basis.
- AAWS did pay for the app, however the transfer of ownership is considered cost-neutral.
- Regarding the price and other details related to the contract, AAWS generally does not disclose the content or details of contracts.

The following letter, in part, was sent to the Delegates on June 18, 2026 :

As AAWS and the General Service Office continue to review and develop the app, members will notice phased changes to content and features, along with the addition of new resources. Material existing on the app at the time of purchase is being reviewed to ensure that the app serves as a trusted source for AAWS literature and resources published and distributed through AAWS and is consistent with A.A.'s Twelve Traditions and existing AAWS and GSO policies and practices.

This new letter is on Delegate's Corner, and the first communication regarding this is there.



2025 Grapevine Financial Highlights

- App launch on September 1, 2023 – Subscribers with access to the App averaged 17,315 in 2025 – a 22% increase compared to 2024.
- Grapevine print magazine income increased 5% in 2025, mainly due to a 2024 price increase-the first in 12 years-that continues to impact renewals. Subscription income for GV Online, GV Complete and the GV App increased 20% due to growth in the number of subscribers.
- 2025 Grapevine results were a gross margin on subscriptions of \$1,174,238 and a gross margin of \$751,851 on other published items. Operating expenses of \$2,243,113 resulted in an operating loss of \$299,727 compared to an operating loss of \$851,735 in 2024.
- Overall, the net deficit is \$284k, which is \$105k improvement compared to the forecast and a \$567k improvement over last year.
- General Fund support of La Viña service activity was \$480,315 in 2025 compared to \$571,939 in 2024 and \$755,749 in 2023. This is an improvement of \$275,434 (36%) in two years.
- La Viña circulation increased by 6% in 2025 and 17% in 2024.

GRAPEVINE KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

GREEN Favorable **YELLOW** Unfavorable / Informative **RED** Action / Discussion ongoing

Indicator	2025 Actual Versus 2025 Budget	2025 Actual Versus 2024 Actual
Subscription Income	\$2.063M vs \$1.990M 4% higher than budget	\$2.063M vs \$1.957M 5% higher than prior year
Other Published Items Income	\$1.163M vs \$1.128M 3% higher than budget	\$1.163M vs \$1.080M 8% higher than prior year
Gross Margin-all income	\$1.926M vs \$1.809M 6% higher than budget	\$1.926M vs \$1.591M 21% higher than prior year
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$2.087M vs \$2.064M 1% higher than budget	\$2.087M vs \$2.321M 11% lower than prior year
Operating Loss before depreciation	\$(186K) vs \$(255K) 27% higher than budget	\$(186K) vs \$(746K) 75% higher than prior year

2025 AAWS/GSB (GSO) Financial Highlights

- Seventh Tradition of Self-Support – \$10.579 million went down 6.0% from \$11.249 million in 2024. *****
- Operating Expense before Depreciation - \$18.528 million went up 0.5% from \$18.444 million in 2024.
 - Program Service Expense - \$ 8.778 million went down 3.2% from \$9.072 million in 2024.
 - Supporting Services Expense - \$ 9.750 million went up 1.4% from \$9.612 million in 2024.
- Self-Support - covered 57% of operating expense.
- AAWS publishing gross profits – \$7.456 million went down 2.4% from \$7.640 million in 2024.
- Individual contributions at \$4.18 million(39.8%) vs groups and other orgs in the service structure at \$6.3 million(60.2%).

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Indicator	2025 Actual Versus 2025 Budget	2025 Actual Versus 2024 Actual
Contributions	\$10.579M vs \$11.000M, 4% less than budget	\$10.579M vs \$11.249M, 6% less than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	\$15.264M vs \$16.000M, 5% less than budget	\$15.264M vs \$14.452M, 6% more than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin)	\$7.456M vs \$8.510M, 12% less than budget	\$7.456M vs \$7.640M, 2% less than prior year
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$18.528M vs \$18.967M, 2% less than budget	\$18.528M vs \$18.444, 1% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$325K vs \$1.316M	\$325K vs \$1.276M
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	5.92	6.47

Grapevine also reached an important milestone: since launch we have earned more than \$450k from the Apple App Store and Google Play, exceeding the \$400k GSB capital investment to build the apps.



Area 3 Topics that did not come to the floor of the Conference

CPC.E

The committee considered that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals and took no action. The committee recognized the need for short-form content and noted that the office is already working in this direction. The committee encourages the ongoing development of outreach material with short-form content. Area 3 was split.

CORRECTIONS.A

Review content and format of Corrections it and Workbook.

The committee reviewed the workbook and kit and made several suggestions to the Trustees Committee and Publishing Dept for changes.

This update is here as Area 3 serves on the GSC Corrections Committee for 2026 and 2027

FINANCE.A

Review Self-Support Packet and the committee recommended that Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (Item F-3) be updated as follows:

The question and answer regarding the cost per group for GSO to supply basic services on page 11 which reads:

How much does it cost, per group, for GSO to supply basic services?

Be replaced with: How much does it cost, per group, to operate GSO?

Could not decide how to provide a changing number.

Area 3 was split.

FINANCE.C

The committee considered a request for a Twelve Step study guide or workbook and took no action. The committee noted these efforts currently exist locally. The committee expressed support of the efforts already taking place on the Corrections desk at the General Service Office to provide shared experience, literature and template language that specifically addresses how other members have utilized the book Alcoholics Anonymous for Step work.

Area 3 was in favor of this.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA.F

The committee reviewed the request that Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions and took no action. In their determination, the committee considered and recognized the broader implications for our shared spiritual principles, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts for World Service and other A.A. entities.

Area 3 was in favor of this.

LITERATURE.I

The committee discussed the suggestion to publish the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous and suggested that the trustees' Literature Committee:

Provide more information on expected costs, potential sales and break-even point.

Provide more information about whether the proposed book would be more successful as a revised version of Experience, Strength and Hope or as a new standalone volume.

Consider renaming the book to avoid confusion with the newly approved Part II section of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2028 Conference Committee on Literature.

Area 3 supported this motion.

POLICY & ADMISSIONS(P&A).C.i

The committee discussed the suggestion in the EDW report to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks and took no action. The committee noted that while a standing item, the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees is a practice rather than a Conference policy and committees are not required to include this item on their agendas. Area 3 was in favor of this item.

POLICY & ADMISSIONS(P&A).C.iii

The committee discussed the suggestion from the EDW report that a Conference digital committee be created and took no action. The committee expressed concern that creating a new committee, even as a secondary committee, might create more work and would require an additional GSO Staff member to support that committee. Area 3 Panels were in favor of this by a small margin.

REPORT & CHARTER.A.II

The committee discussed a request to remove a quote from co-founder Dr. Bob in The A.A. Service Manual and took no action. The committee noted that the quote was well placed in this section and effectively conveys a general appreciation for the love of service. All Area 3 Panels were opposed to this item.

TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES.E

The committee reviewed a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO and took no action.

The committee discussed that for broad use throughout the US and Canada a video with a format and content more closely aligned with current service material would be more effective. The committee requests that AAWS consider all available cost-saving technologies, including AI, for content production and language services.

3 of the Area 3 Panels assigned to this topic were in favor.

ARCHIVES.B

The committee discussed a request to define eligibility for area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve and took no action. The committee noted the autonomy of areas and districts in establishing local policies and procedures in accordance with their local group conscience. Area 3 was split on this item.

DELEGATE'S CORNER

Have you checked out the Delegate's Corner on the Area 3 website?

<https://area03.org/>

Under Delegate's Corner you will find the latest information provided to the Delegate. There are reports regarding the General Service Conference, the GSO Office, Grapevine and other communications.

It is the best place to stay current with what is happening in General Service and with your Delegate.