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Submit a clear and concisely worded motion

I move for the creation ASL versions of the AA Service Manual (BM-31), and the following pamphlets: 1) The AA Group ... Where it All Begins (P-16) 2) The God Word (P- 86) 3) A Brief Guide to AA (P-42)



What problem does this proposed item address?

In extending the hand of AA to the deaf community, there is information about sobriety (ASL 12 and 12 and Big Book) but there is a lack of information about the service structure and how to do service for our deaf fellows, hence the service manual translation. The three pamphlets are key for out reach - 1) a Brief Guide to AA - aimed at the newcomer, 2) the God Word - to address the discomfort many AA's have with G-d, and 3) The Home Group, provides a conscience description of how the groups operate, describing important practices such as the informed group conscience and service below the group level. Service is such an integral part of our program, why not extend those opportunities of our deaf fellows. I raised a question about this at NERF 2026, and there were no plans at that time for any publication of these materials, hence the PAI



What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, county)

I am submitting this individually as I will not be in town during the times I would propose this to my home group. I plan to bring this to the districts and county meetings this month



Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

Here's the revised version: --- In recent years, more attention has been paid to the need for outreach to Deaf AA's, and there is real room to build on that momentum. Before the pandemic, at least one ASL meeting existed; today there are none. Manhattan's Deaf Access Committee has made strides serving existing Deaf members, and some groups have begun offering interpreters. AA has also improved ASL interpretation at NERAASA and other large gatherings for the at-large community. The Northeast Deaf Forum is another sign of the appetite and need for this work — and a reminder of how much more effective that work could be with the right tools in hand. Outreach to *prospective* Deaf members — those not yet in the rooms — is an area where we can and must do more, and doing so effectively means equipping ourselves properly. The "Understanding AA" pamphlet answers many of the questions newcomers ask. *The God Word* pamphlet addresses another common barrier — many new members, Deaf or not, are averse to the Steps because of "G-d" language. Service below the group level is where long-term sobriety is often forged, yet most Deaf AA's I've encountered know little about the opportunities available there, or the wider world of service that awaits them beyond their home group. This isn't a peripheral gap — service is a cornerstone of sustained recovery, and members who don't know this world exists are missing one of AA's most powerful tools for staying sober long-term. Access to AA, and to service within it, should be available to all members equally. ASL interpretation of: The AA Group...Where It All Begins, Understanding AA, and The God Word pamphlets coupled with an ASL interpretation of the Service Manual would give us the tools we need to make that access real.



What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

The intent and if approved, this item is expected to: - Establish a timeline and publication schedule for ASL translation of key AA literature, including, The AA Group...Where It All Begins, Understanding AA, The God

Word, and the Service Manual. - Expand accessibility not only for current Deaf members but for prospects — supporting outreach work in PI and CPC, not just Accessibilities. - Create a foundational ASL Service Manual, giving Deaf AA's a clear path into service below the group level — enabling them to give back and serve the fellowship in substantive, not token, ways. - Increase awareness of service opportunities among Deaf AA's, supporting long-term sobriety through deeper engagement (beyond the group) with the fellowship. - At minimum, generate renewed conversation and momentum around outreach to this underserved constituency. * I am awaiting a reply from the Accessibilities Desk to at GSO to see if anything has changed since NERF 2026 with regard to these items



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