



Delegate Report

SENY Committee Meeting

May 4, 2026



76th General Service Conference

2026 Delegate's Questionnaire outcomes

Disclaimer

The following slides serve as a supplement to the verbal report given at the May 4 SENY Committee meeting. I am providing these early outcomes because I remember being a GSR and wanting to know the questionnaire results as soon as possible. Please note that these brief summaries cannot capture the depth of the discussions that occurred in committees and during floor sessions at the Conference. For a complete and detailed account of all actions and discussions, please attend the **full 76th General Service Conference report-back at the Post-Conference Assembly on Saturday, June 6, 2026.**

Conference outcomes: 2026 Delegate's Questionnaire item Definitions

- **Recommendations** are formal proposal made by a committee to the full Conference for a vote. They are treated like motions that have already been seconded.
- A **Committee Consideration** is a suggestion or explanation that doesn't require a full Conference vote. It is used to share helpful feedback or to clarify why a committee took "no action" on a specific item.
- **Take no action** is a committee's formal decision not to move an agenda item forward as a recommendation to the full Conference.
- **Substantial Unanimity** refers to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. It is used to ensure that decisions **represent a broad consensus** rather than a simple majority. Its purpose is to protect the minority voice and **ensure the Fellowship is united behind any major action or change**.
- A **Floor Action** is a motion made **from the Conference floor** that was not originally on the official agenda or presented after a recommendation failed to achieve substantial unanimity.

Q1

Produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

Produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Overall support for visual learners and newcomers. Concerns raised about AI and potential over-interpretation of text.

Conference outcome: Recommendations and Committee considerations

Item G (Steps): Recommended production of animated video. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Item H (Traditions): Recommended that Trustees Literature committee explore producing and bring back a report to the 2027 General Service conference. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Committee consideration: The committee suggested that when developing the animated videos of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the **content be developed in alignment with current communication practices, including appropriate length, format and style, and with consideration for use across multiple platforms and methods of distribution.**

Q2

Consider 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

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Desire for guidance for meeting safety and virtual security. Those opposed cited Tradition 4 (Autonomy), regional differences, and concerns about law enforcement.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- The committee decided **not to recommend adapting the local safety videos**, primarily due to intellectual property issues and the need for a standardized format suitable for the entire U.S. and Canada.
- While they acknowledged the local district's valuable contribution in sparking a Fellowship-wide discussion, they **concluded that a "from-scratch" approach was more effective than trying to edit the existing material.**
- Instead, they **recommended that AAWS produce a new video based on current safety literature, utilizing AI or other cost-saving technologies to maximize resources.**

Q3 Twelve Step Study Guide/Workbook

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Seen as vital for incarcerated/isolated members. Opposition feared a "prescriptive" approach replacing sponsor relationships.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- Committee **took no action** as they thought local efforts sufficient).
- **Floor action was brought:** Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
 - **the Conference declined to consider** the floor action.

Q4 The Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous

Area 49 Response

Themes: Groups expressed trust in the "trusted servants" but felt unable to evaluate a confidential draft. Folks expressed attachment to the personal stories.

Conference outcome: **Recommendations**

- The committee recommended that the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be approved. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- The committee recommended that the word "Eskimo" be removed from "Chapter 7: Working With Others" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
 - An Amendment to make it a footnote asterisk instead of removing it: **Did not Achieved substantial unanimity**
- **Related Floor Action:** Extended the pejorative language removal to the Tradition Eight essay in the "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions": **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- **Related Floor Action:** Motion to suspend printing of 5th Edition until consensus on "Founders' writings" procedures is developed: **The Conference declined to consider** the floor action.

New and revised content for the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. Preface **(revised)**
2. Foreword to Fifth Edition **(new)**
3. Introduction, story section **(new)**
4. Introduction, story section Part I **(new)**
5. Introduction, story section Part II **(new)**
6. Twenty-six personal stories **(new)**
7. Appendix III – The Medical View on A.A. **(revised)**
8. Appendix IV – The Lasker Award **(revised)**
9. Appendix V – The Religious View on A.A. **(revised)**
10. Appendix VI – How to Get in Touch with A.A. **(revised)**

Q5 Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Group in support thought that subscription revenue alone can't sustain digital costs like apps and podcasts, making direct support necessary. Folks against feared that contributions might pull essential funds away from GSO. A lot of our groups want to support Grapevine and some groups even mentioned that they have purchased subscriptions.

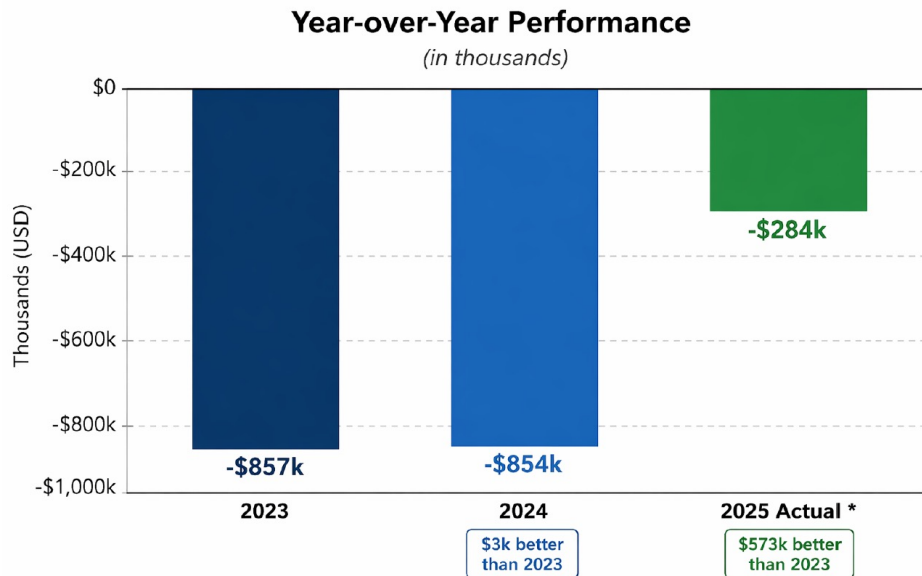
Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- The **committee took no action** on the request for Grapevine contributions, noting potential impacts on A.A.'s spiritual principles, Traditions, and overall service structure.
- The **committee suggested the Grapevine and General Service Boards collaborate** to find new ways to fund non-revenue services and invites further ideas for next year's Conference.

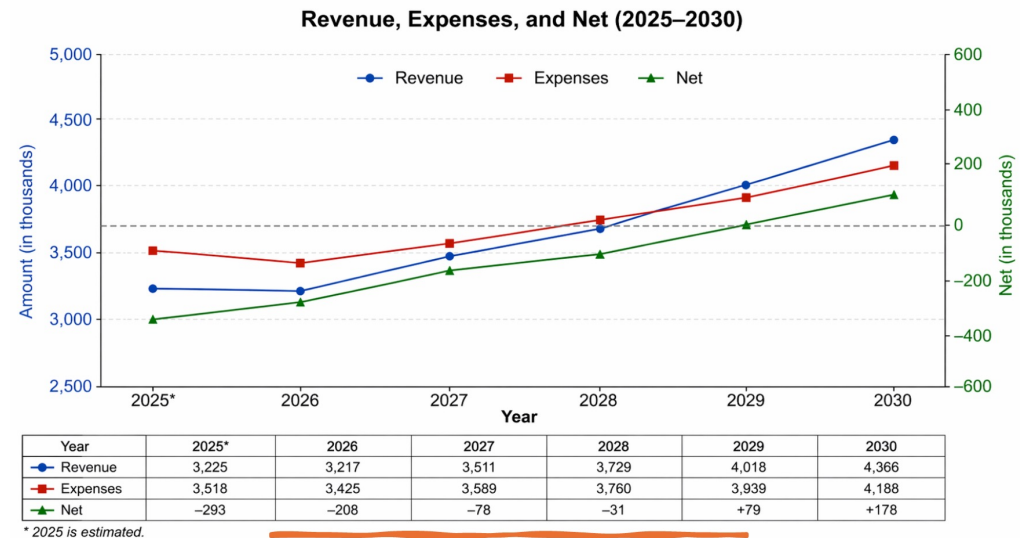
Q5 Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- Grapevine's subscription profit reached \$1.173 million, which was \$97,000 higher than the updated mid-year budget. This "gross margin" reflects the profit after covering direct costs like printing and digital hosting, but before general office overhead. Essentially, subscriptions outperformed the most recent financial plan, and notably, app subscription sales have now fully repaid the initial investment from the General Service Board.
- Overall Improvement at La Viña +\$95k vs. 2024



* 2025 Actual through latest available data



Five-Year Plan

Q6

Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Many felt that Zoom has blurred our old geographic lines, creating a need for more flexible service rules. Others worry about losing the local connection and accountability that comes from serving in the community where you actually live.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- Committee **took no action**, noting the autonomy of areas and districts to establish local policies
- The committee noted the **autonomy of areas and districts in establishing local policies and procedures.**
- The committee also noted the following suggestions intended to further continue discussions on this topic:
 - Encourage discussion around this topic at local A.A. events and Regional Forums.
 - Continue area-wide discussions around the possibility of future linguistic and virtual areas in the United States/Canada structure.

Q7 Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs.”

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Groups agreed that the 1984 text is long overdue for an update to reflect today's medical landscape, including mental health and pain management.

Conference outcome: **Recommendation**

- The committee recommended an update to the pamphlet and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Q8

Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Area 49 Response

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Themes: Most felt that shorter "sound bites" are the best way to reach busy professionals, though some cautioned against watering down the message just to follow digital trends.

Conference outcome: **Committee consideration**

- The committee considered a request 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**.

Q9 Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Area 49 Response

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Themes: There was a strong desire to preserve the stories by publishing separately.

Conference outcome: **Committee consideration**

- 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 breakeven 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.

Q10

Review progress report of the subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.

Conference outcome: **Committee consideration**

- 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.
- The 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.
 - **Draft should be ready by 77th General Service conference**

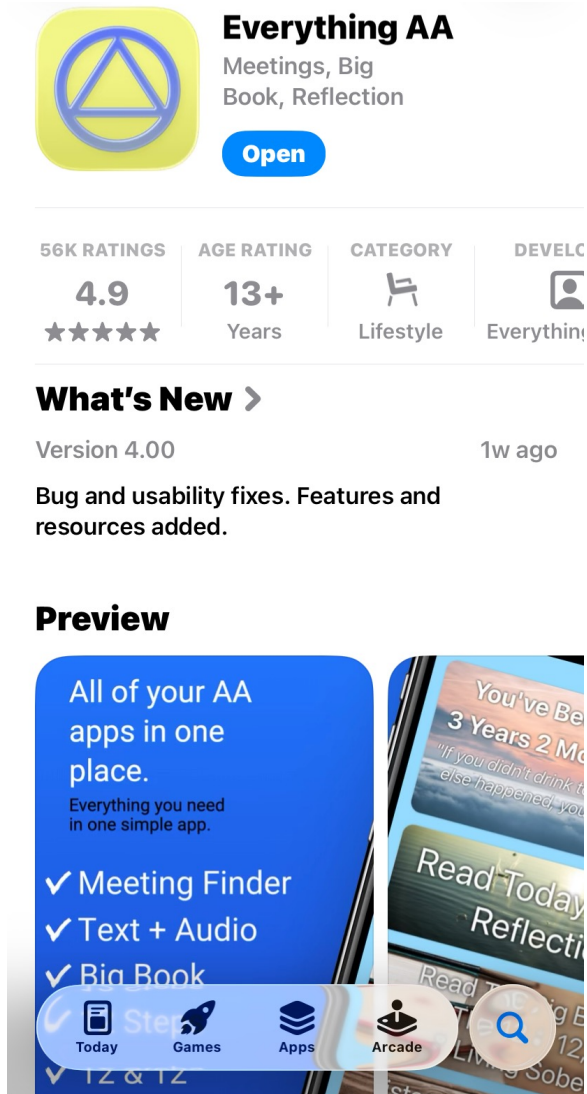


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...in other news

- **John W.**, Area 49 Panel 67 Past Delegate now a **Class B Trustee** named **chair of AAWS**
- **Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT) Class B opening in 2027**
 - Area 49 will nominate a regional trustee candidate. More information to come.
 - Ten years of sobriety is recommended but is not mandatory.
 - Candidates should have experience in both Conference Area and local A.A. service.
 - Should have the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of A.A. policy and should recognize that trustees serve the entire Fellowship rather than geographical areas..

Everything AA App



Everything AA
Meetings, Big Book, Reflection

Open

56K RATINGS **4.9** ★★★★★
AGE RATING **13+** Years
CATEGORY Lifestyle
DEVELOPER Everything AA

What's New >
Version 4.00 1w ago
Bug and usability fixes. Features and resources added.

Preview

All of your AA apps in one place.
Everything you need in one simple app.

- ✓ Meeting Finder
- ✓ Text + Audio
- ✓ Big Book
- ✓ Step 12 & 12

Today Games Apps Arcade

AAWS, Inc. has assumed stewardship of the Everything AA app. This ensures that this "meeting in the pocket" remains a safe and spiritually-grounded resource for any alcoholic reaching out for help.

- Following the July meeting and the Sept/Oct budgeting cycle, the Board met to formally authorize the acquisition.
- This purchase gives AAWS a significant advantage in the digital space, allowing us to better reach the alcoholic who still suffers through modern technology.
- The acquisition is projected to be **revenue neutral within 8 months**, sustained entirely by subscriptions.
- Although specific financials remain confidential, there was **no draw down from the Reserve Fund to complete this purchase.**
- The Board is currently developing strategies for how to best communicate and engage with the existing subscriber base.
- The app currently serves 1 million subscribers
- Content that is not Conference-approved (such as speaker tapes) will be removed to align with our traditions.

What's next: Post-Conference Assembly: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Before Post- Conference Assembly

- **Area Email:** Will include a full list of Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations for all conference agenda items
- **DQ Page Updates:** Keep an eye on the website for supplementary documents and information.

At the Post-Conference Assembly: Saturday, June 6, 2026

- the formal, in-depth report-back.

Communication Policy: Questions should be **held until the June 6th assembly** to ensure everyone receives the same comprehensive information from me at once...and to cut your delegate some slate as she builds her report back for you. 💜



The End