

REPORT and CHARTER

It was recommended that:

53 An eleventh chapter about the Grapevine be included in *The AA. Service Manual*.

53 Article 2 of The Conference Charter, page 24, paragraphs 2 and 3, of *The AA. Service Manual* be changed to read:

"Foreign lands in many cases have created autonomous General Service Conferences of their own, which rely on the Steps and Traditions protected by the Conference (U.S. and Canada) and in other ways often turn to the actions of the Conference for guidance.

"Consultation **between** conferences is encouraged. And a formal meeting—the World Service Meeting—of delegates from the various conferences is held once every two years. The U.S./Canada delegates are chosen from the General Service Board.

"In countries where a General Service structure exists, the U.S./ Canada Conference will delegate sole right to publish our Conference-approved literature to the General Service Board of the structure.

"Only matters seriously affecting A.A.'s worldwide needs shall be the subject of joint consideration."

(In addition, this article was referred to the 1988 Conference Report and Charter Committee for further consideration.)

54 The second paragraph on page 25 of the *AA. Service Manual* (1987-'88 edition) be changed to read:

"It will be further understood, regardless of the legal prerogatives of the General Service Board, as a matter of tradition, that a three-quarters vote of all Conference members may bring about a reorganization of the General Service Board and the directors and staff members of its corporate services, if or when such a reorganization is deemed essential."

55 Paragraph 4, page 98 (after The Twelve Concepts) in *The AA. Service Manual* (1986-'87 edition) be deleted.

56 No change be made at this time in the definition of an A.A. group in the A.A. Directories.

57 In an effort to improve area response to annual group printout mailing from G.S.O.

A summary sheet of the total group changes in the **area be sent** with the cover letter.

A cutoff date for the printouts be extended to a later date (March 15th).

The title page of the directory be changed to indicate a split-level year, i.e., 1987-'88.

Printouts returned from the areas to G.S.O. should have group changes clearly indicated.

58 The 1986 Conference Action regarding the directories not listing "Double-trouble" groups be reaffirmed, i.e. "Double-trouble groups not be listed in the A.A. Directories;" and the existing

Delegates Kathy Jarchow of Oregon and Gwen Fields of Idaho got "buzzed" and stopped by a security guard as they were leaving a store. Gwen says she was indignant for a moment (thinking to herself, "Don't they know who I am?"). She regained her composure after a few minutes and the cashier discovered she had left a tag on one of Gwen's purchases.

Double-trouble groups in the A.A. Directories be deleted. (Double-trouble groups are defined as groups with outside affiliation.)

TREATMENT FACILITIES

It was recommended that:

59 The following phrase in the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Centers," "Since A.A.'s co-founders first got sober by carrying the A.A. message into treatment centers . . ." be changed to read:

"Since one of the ways A.A.'s co-founders helped maintain their sobriety was by carrying the A.A. message into hospitals . . ."

60 The report, developed in response to the 1986 General Service Conference recommendation that the trustees' Committee on Treatment Facilities study ways to develop contact sponsorship programs, be returned to the trustees' Committee to develop a service piece to be added to the *Treatment Facilities Workbook*. Also, that the trustees' Committee prepare this service piece using only shared experience that reflects strict adherence to the Traditions. (Some of the sharing in the initial report reflected violations of the Traditions.) Also that the service piece include sharing from both successful and unsuccessful contact sponsorship programs and that the format include sharing that reflects contact sponsorship programs in various stages of development.

61 The word "larger" be deleted from the *Scope* section of the *Composition, Scope and Procedure*. The revised *Scope* will read as follows: The purpose of a treatment facilities committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to the A.A. community.

62 The 1986 Conference Action that "each area treatment facilities committee conduct workshops, as frequently as needed, to effectively utilize the *Treatment Facilities Workbook*" be reaffirmed. Also, that the workshops include groups and district committees.

63 The 1986 Conference Action that "treatment facilities committees send liaisons to other service entities' meetings in their area and, in turn invite them to send liaisons to the treatment facilities committee meetings" be reaffirmed.

TRUSTEES

It was recommended that:

64 The following slate of officers and trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the General Service Board in May 1987 [see page 49; the Conference and board approved the slate approved by the trustees' Nominating Committee].

63 The following directors for the A.A. World Services Board be elected [see page 74; slate of directors approved].

66 The following directors for the Grapevine Board be elected [see page 74; slate of directors approved].

67 The Conference reaffirm the 1985 Conference Action using the word *only* in "Resumes for trustee candidates be sent to G.S.O. by area delegate *only* . . ."

68 We continue with the current practice of selecting directors for both A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards, but that the positions should not necessarily be restricted to residents of New York City and vicinity.

69 A director serving on the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Corporate Board not be a candidate for regional trustee or trustee-at-large.