

Delegate's Questionnaire, 68th General Service Conference, 2018

"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship." – Bill W.

This is an exciting time of year when we have a direct link in shaping the future of our Fellowship. Below are items on the agenda for the 68th General Service Conference. I'm seeking your Group's consideration of these items. My job is then to bring the collective conscience of SENY/Area 49 with me when I attend the Conference. The greater the participation, and the more Groups throughout the Area involved, the better informed I will be as your Delegate.

On Saturday, March 3rd at the Delegate's Day of Sharing, in Manhattan, there will be presentations on these items and additional background given to help you better inform your Group. Come and be an active part of this process.

At the April 8th Pre-Conference Assembly in Suffolk County, you will have the chance to share your Group's conscience on these questions and leave your completed questionnaires with me. An electronic version of this questionnaire is also available at www.aaseny.org/d-q in English and Spanish. Please fill out that version if possible (it's easier for me to tabulate). You don't have to answer all the questions, if your Group has no opinion on an item. For those who cannot participate in the Pre-Conference Assembly, complete the questionnaire online or return to me by mail, *attn.: John W., SENY Delegate, 199 Lincoln Avenue, Box 318, Bronx, NY 10454* or scan/e-mail to delegate@aaseny.org.

Completed questionnaires must be received by April 8, 2018.

Thank you for helping me to be a better informed Delegate! - John W.

1) Corrections: Consider development of a new pamphlet focused on long-term incarcerated alcoholics soon to be released.

Background/focus – Would it be helpful to have a new pamphlet that addresses specific issues related to long-term incarceration for members who are transitioning towards release and a sober life outside of confinement?

2) Literature: Consider proposed revisions to *Alcoholics Anonymous*:

1. Request to add an appendix reflecting recognition received from the Library of Congress.
2. Request to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement.
3. Request to add an endnote to Bill W.'s story acknowledging co-founder, Bob S.

Background/focus – Would adding these items (one, two, or all three) strengthen our experience when using the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*? Will they enrich or enhance it? Or do they detract?

3) Literature: Consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet "*G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.*"

Background/focus – Would changing the name to something such as "G.S.R. General Service Representative: the link between your group and AA as a whole" be clearer and more accurate? Would it increase service participation?

4) Literature: Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members.
Background/focus – Some feel "*Many Pathways to Spirituality*" doesn't sufficiently address the needs of AA members who identify as atheist, agnostic or freethinker. Should there be a new, more targeted pamphlet? If so, does the pamphlet "*The God Word*" published by Great Britain's General Service Office meet those needs?

5) Literature: Consider request for the development of a new book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service.
Background/focus – Would an additional book combining the essays of our 36 principals encourage more members to explore our pillars of recovery, unity, and service, and generate more participation in General Service?

6) Literature: Consider request for the development of a new pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women alcoholics.
Background/focus – The Spanish-speaking female alcoholic has been identified as an underrepresented group in our fellowship. Should there be a new Spanish language pamphlet that addresses issues, cultural or otherwise, not covered by the pamphlet *AA for the Woman*?

7) Literature: Consider request for revisions to *Living Sober*.
Background/focus – Should the section "some alcoholics require medication" be reintroduced to the book? Is that information more accessible to the newcomer in *Living Sober* versus the pamphlet *The AA member – Medication & Other Drugs*? Are there other updates to *Living Sober* that you would suggest?

8) Trustees: Review proposal to reorganize the A.A. World Services and General Service Boards.
Background/focus – Should the Conference request the resignations of board directors and initiate corporate reorganization (as outlined in the Conference Charter) as a response to the legal action undertaken by AAWS in attempt to reclaim the original printer's manuscript of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Group name: _____ **County:** _____

Submitted by: _____ **(First name, last initial) Date:** _____