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Discuss development of a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self- support within the Conference Structure.

Background: An Area has suggested that we as a Fellowship invite or “challenge” ourselves to become fully self supporting on contributions alone (not relying on literature sales). In Bill’s own words, “This is the remainder of your Third Legacy. Will you accept it?”.

Do you consider the money you send to G.S.O. a “contribution” or do you consider it paying your portion of expenses that are incurred to keep our services functioning?

Contribution (check here) _____ Explain _____

Shared expense (check here) _____ Explain _____

One of the most effective plans has been the Birthday Plan with envelopes provided by G.S.O.; does your group have these?

If not presently used in your group now, would you consider using them now?

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Consider the suggestion to add wording that is now in the AA Service Manual to 3 existing pamphlets ("GSR", "Memo to an AA Group Treasurer" and "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix") regarding reimbursement for GSR travel expenses from group funds - as your GSR attends service functions on the group's behalf.

Background: This statement is already in the "A.A. Service Manual" and addresses the financial support needed by most GSRs. Having money or not having money should never be the criteria for being able to be of service. Is it appropriate to add it to pamphlets that may be more widely read?

Does your group currently financially assist your GSR with travel expenses for service functions?

YES _____ WHY? _____

NO _____ WHY NOT ? _____

Please list any other ideas or suggestions you feel would be helpful to communicate the need for groups to be fully self-supporting?

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Discuss requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet.

Background: This question has been discussed at many General Service Conferences and the 2006 Conference Literature Committee took no action based on the reasons that there are many places in Conference approved literature and service material. Most recently, when the pamphlet "The AA Group" was revised, pages 35 and 36 describe Central Offices/Intergroups. There are over 500 intergroup offices in the U.S. and Canada, all of them independently operated. The 2006 Conference felt that a pamphlet at a more local level might be a better approach. The request for a separate pamphlet regarding central offices has come to the 2007 General Service Conference.

Do you feel there is a need for an additional pamphlet describing Central Office/Intergroup?
YES _____ WHY?

NO _____ WHY NOT?

What would you include or exclude to make this pamphlet relevant to all approximately 500 intergroup/central offices throughout the US and Canada? And after reading pages 35 and 36 of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group", what is missing?

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Discuss ideas for future General Service Conference Themes, Presentations and Workshop Topics.

Background: Each year the topics discussed at the General Service Conference are items that begin at group/district/area level. This year's Theme is "Our 12th Step Responsibility- Are We going to Any Length?" Some Presentations are "Inclusiveness in AA", "Our Primary Purpose", "Humility and Responsibility". The Workshop Topic is "Spiritual Value of AA Dollars". Each year suggestions are reviewed by the Conference Agenda Committee and the Theme for the next Conference is decided.

Has your group seen the Theme, Presentations, and Workshop Topics for the 2007 General Service Conference?

Yes___

No___

If not, will you be requesting that information from your GSR?

What ideas would your group want to have AA as a whole, in the U.S. and Canada, discuss in future General Service Conferences?

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Discuss ways in which your group members reach out to the Professional Community (such as Cooperation with the Professional Community or Correctional Facilities), and the general public (such as Public Information Committee) and ways to stimulate interest in carrying the message with these resources.

Background: The doctors, dentists, judges, probation workers, bail bondsmen, employee assistance programs, public health fairs, are all ways the alcoholic who still suffers could learn about us if the professionals in our community have been made aware of AA. Our non- alcoholic friends of AA are sometimes the alcoholic's first introduction to AA. Currently, we have a judge in the northern part of our Area 93 that has been nominated to serve AA as a whole as a Class "A" (non-alcoholic) Trustee. This nomination came from some local AA members that are acquainted with his work. This is a result of working together with our professional community.

Have you ever spoken to your physician, dentist, chiropractor, employee assistance program at work or other professionals, about AA? Would you be willing to?

What specifically could you do on an individual or group level to stimulate interest in using these resources to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?

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Discuss changing the description in the AA Service Manual to more accurately reflect the number of groups in a metropolitan district.

Background: Currently the Service Manual states that a district includes six to twenty groups while in a larger metropolitan district the number is generally 15-20. The Conference is being asked to revise this as many districts have 20 to 70 groups in a district, and some Areas consider 20 too few groups to be financially viable and 70 being too many for one District Committee member to communicate with effectively.

How many groups are there in your District now?_____

Does your District Committee Member get to visit all or most groups?

Yes_____

No_____

Would there be more group representation if Districts were smaller (fewer groups in each?)

What is the financial impact of smaller Districts? (re: committee work, financial support, financial impact on an Area?)

Do you feel this part of the Service Manual needs to be updated?

Yes_____ No_____