

FINANCE

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual Bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members and took no action. The committee feels the level was doubled in 2019 and is still appropriate as is. The committee also felt that the current limit captures the spiritual elements embodied in our principles, reminding members that modest personal contributions align with the concept of personal anonymity.
- The committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member and took no action. The committee felt that the current limit was satisfactory and captures the spiritual elements embodied in our principles reminding members that modest personal contributions align with the concept of personal anonymity.
- The committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and approved the changes requested by the 2022 Conference Committee on Finance. The committee also noted that the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” will be updated to clarify that the General Service Board is the entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that the General Service Office performs contribution processing.
- The committee discussed the change of the Grapevine Subscription Liability in the Reserve Fund. The committee requests that the Finance Department clearly identify in all reporting to the Fellowship the portion of the Reserve Fund that is represented by the Grapevine Subscription Liability along with an explanation of the breakdown.
- The committee requests that to better align with the duties described in the Service Manual for the Conference Finance Committee, committee members receive the monthly AAWS/GSB consolidated financial statements along with an executive summary from the Chief Financial Officer.

(**Note:** As a result of the 2022-2023 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the following item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Finance.)

- The committee considered a request to discuss proposed agenda items related to changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The committee suggested that the Trustees' Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Finance. (Mindful of budgetary

restraints, the committee suggests financial prudence when determining how best to obtain Fellowship sharing.)

Questions to be considered might include:

- Should suggested revisions be subjected to a 2-year Conference review process.
- Should any future suggested changes retain the original writing with footnotes for text being updated or should founder's writings remain unchanged?
- Should there be a threshold for review (group, district, area)?
- Should the changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* by 2021 General Service Conference remain?
- Should a new policy regarding Bill W.'s writing be created as a guide to future changes?

GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the AA Grapevine Workbook and provided some editorial suggestions and ways to access the workbook more easily.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts and provided some suggestions.
- The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Board the suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. produce in the year 2024 or later:
 1. *Grapevine Cartoons & Jokes III* (working title) (GV book)
Original members' cartoons, jokes, and humor of the past few years, previously published in Grapevine.
 2. *Emotional Sobriety III* (working title) (GV book) Members share how they have changed after years of being in the A.A. program and how they have found peace and serenity in sobriety. Stories previously published in Grapevine.
 3. *Veteranos Hispanos en AA* (Voices of Oldtimers) (working title) (La Viña book)
Members who have been in A.A. a long time share their experience, strength, and hope. Stories previously published in La Viña.
 4. *Cómo llegamos a creer* (How We Came to Believe) (working title) (La Viña book)
A.A. members share stories about their own personal journey with Step Two, how