

Review revision to the *Structure Handbook*, p.113 The General Service Board (part)

Background

This addresses an outdated description of GSB committees and no mention of sub-committees in handbook.

CURRENT TEXT

The General Service Board operates through committees:

- 1) Finance
- 2) Internal communication
- 3) External communications
- 4) Executive

The Trustees with specifically designated service areas serve on the appropriate committees. Committee reports are presented to the full Board meeting for consideration.

SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT TEXT:

The General Service Board (GSB) operates through three types of committee or working group.

a) Composed of GSB members and the General Secretary

Finance
Nominations
Executive (See 2 below)

Supporting the GSB to carry out work as recommended by Conference are AAGB Sub Committees and Working Groups

b) AAGB Sub Committees, with a trustee chair and Fellowship members interviewed and appointed by the Nominations Committee

At present, these are:
Archives
Armed Forces
Employment
First Response (Telephones, Chat Now and Online Response)
Health
Literature
Prison and Probation/Criminal Justice
Public Information and Electronic Communications
Roundabout
SHARE
Survey
Young Persons

Vacancies on these sub-committees are posted in AA Service News and on the AAGB website, along with eligibility criteria.

A sub-committee may be formed to work on a specific project for a limited time, e.g., 75th Anniversary Convention.

The term served on a sub-committee is usually 4 years. Members are expected to attend at least two meetings in York and two meetings on line.

- c) **Working groups** may be formed to address specific issues, with members co-opted for their experience and insight, e.g., Diversity, Race Today.

In all cases, these committees and sub-committees are to advise, and not to instruct the GSB. Members of these committees serve on behalf of the Fellowship as a whole, and do not represent the regions from which they come. Trustees with specifically designated service areas serve on the appropriate committees.

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