#### Questions / Topics for Conference 2009

## Committee No. 1

1. Discuss the General Service Board report on the history of the AA Service Structure in Great Britain.

### Background

Conference 2008, Committee No. 1, Question 2:

# Would Conference endorse the writing and publication of a book, detailing the history of the AA Service Structure in Great Britain?

This Committee recommends that Conference does not endorse the writing and publication of a book detailing the history of the AA service structure in Great Britain at this time.

**However**, this Committee strongly believes that there is a value in detailing the development and growth of the service structure in Great Britain, highlighting how and why it evolved.

In order that our heritage is recorded, we recommend that the General Service Board is tasked with considering how this can best be achieved and report back to this Committee at Conference 2009 for further consideration.

This was carried 16 in favour, with 2 against.

The minority view recommended that Conference endorse the writing and publication of a book detailing the history of the AA service structure in Great Britain.

#### 2. Would Conference please discuss whether the term Group Service Representative rather than General Service Representative fully defines the role of GSRs at every level of our service structure?

#### Background

Conference 2001, Committee No. 5, Question 1 AA Service Handbook for Great Britain, AA Service Manual

# Committee No. 2

# 1. Should Conference take regular inventory of itself? Could the Committee discuss and make recommendations?

#### Background

General Service Conference Reports 1999 and 2001 AA Service Handbook for Great Britain, Sections 9 and 10

# 2. Would Conference consider the holding of an annual GB Primary Purpose week?

#### Background

Pamphlet '*The AA Group*' *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions,* Tradition 11 – pages 184-187 *As Bill Sees It* – page 255 *AA Comes of Age* – page 133 Alcoholics Anonymous – page 89 Working with Others, page 122 The Family Afterward, page 136 To Employers AA Service Manual

### 3. Review revised Guideline No. 8 'AA and Employment'

## Background

Revised Guideline No. 8 'AA and Employment'

# Committee No. 3

# 1. Share experience on personal responsibility and its place in AA at every level of service.

## Background

AA Service Handbook for Great Britain AA Service Manual AA Comes of Age – with particular reference to the introduction to the Concepts Pamphlet 'The AA Group' – page 24 Group Inventory Responsibility Statement

# 2. Can Conference discuss how best to raise awareness of the use of AA money in carrying the message?

## Background

Pamphlet '*The Pot*' *Guideline No. 12 'Finance*' Pamphlet '*The AA Group*' – page 10, item 6

# Committee No. 4

# 1. Would Conference share experience, strength and hope on 'closed' and 'open' meetings in support of AA's Primary Purpose?

# Background

Pamphlet 'The AA Group' 12 Traditions Primary Purpose card AA Comes of Age – pages 102-103 Guideline No. 1 'Group Meetings'

# 2. Discuss how GSRs can best use existing literature to enhance their role within the service structure.

### Background

AA Service Handbook for Great Britain Pamphlet 'The AA Group' Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Structure Chart

#### Committee No. 5

1. Would Conference share experience, strength and hope on the role of leadership within AA?

## Background

AA Service Handbook for Great Britain, Section 4 – leadership article by Bill W Language of the Heart – page 287 Concept 9 Tradition 2

2. Would uploading audio recordings of Conference plenary sessions stimulate wider interest among the Fellowship?

### Background

12 Concepts

3. Review revised Guideline No. 13 'Probation\Social Services'

## Background

Revised Guideline No. 13 'Probation\Social Services

# Committee No. 6

1. Could Conference discuss whether a fuller understanding of our principle of personal anonymity would improve our ability to fulfil our primary purpose?

## Background

Dr Bob and the Good Oldtimers – page 264 Pamphlet 'Understanding Anonymity' Pamphlet 'AA Tradition – How it Developed' Pamphlet 'The AA Group' – page 23, item 24

# 2. Would Conference consider the benefits of allowing voting rights for GSO staff at the plenary stage?

# Background

Concept 4 and Concept 11, part 4 Language of the Heart

# 3. Review revised Guideline No. 6 'AA Telephone Services'

#### Background

Revised Guideline No. 6 'AA Telephone Services'