

AA History Through the Lens of the General Service Conference Advisory Actions

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This week we reviewed items from:

- Advisory Actions Relevant to the Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums page 73
- Advisory Actions Relevant to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Vina page 50

Workshop references and materials referenced:

- Service Manual (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf)
- Concept 2 audio <https://www.aa.org/twelve-concepts-concept-ii>
- Concept's Checklist https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-91_en.pdf
- General Service Conference Structure https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-116_GeneralServiceConferenceStructure_EN_1121.pdf
- Bill W's talk at the 1969 General Service Conference - <https://www.aa.org/Bill-W-at-the-1969-General-Service-Conference>
- List of General Service Conference Area Websites <https://www.aa.org/list-of-general-service-conference-area-web-sites-uscanada>
- Our Great Responsibility - This is a compilation of Bill W's General Service Conference talks 1951 - 1970 <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Our-Great-Responsibility>
- General Service Advisory Actions: <https://www.aa.org/m-39-advisory-actions>
- The AA Group. . . Where It All Begins: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-16_0624.pdf
- AA Grapevine Store – Language of the Heart - AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1959, “Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need” - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/language-heart-softcover>
- AA's public service announcements are on the aa.org website: <https://www.aa.org/audio-public-service-announcement-downloads>
- AA at a Glance: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-1_0624.pdf
- AA Fact File: <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/SM%20F-94%20AA%20Fact%20Sheet%20EN%200921.pdf>
- AA Regional Map: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-118_RegionalMapUSCAN_EN_1121.pdf

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Service Manual Workshop References

10th Anniversary and the beginning of Founders Day Celebration - <https://www.aa.org/aa-10th-anniversary>

Facts Sheet for Forum -

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/RF_2024_Pacific_Flyer_EN.pdf

AA Guidelines for Conventions, Roundups -

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-4_0324.pdf

List of AA International Conventions -

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_IntConventions_infosheet.pdf

Regional Forum Video - <https://www.aa.org/regional-forum-video>

Box 4-5-9 - <https://www.aa.org/box-459>

AA Grapevine Store Books and Magazines (current and past issues)

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/store>

Grapevine archive - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/archive/>

La Vina archive--

<https://www.aalavina.org/archivo> Other Grapevine Rep Recourses are available at this link. Lots of good info! - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources>

Here is the Grapevine Workbook for reps. -

https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/GV_Workbook_Dec_2023.pdf

History of AA Grapevine on the podcast - thanks for a great meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QFcGTDYIT8>

Grapevine Subscriptions for the US - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/us-subscriptions>

- The recordings from this series are going to be all under this link. They are available for free to listen/download. Enjoy and pass it on! - <https://www.recoverytapers.org/product-category/alcoholics-anonymous/advisory-actions/>
- Area Service Sharing Session on Inventory: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Rtsn5x6376P86EKuubRObr8oOnp9OPS/view?usp=sharing
- Michael B. and Penny P. – Modem To Modem A History of Online AA audio: <https://www.recoverytapers.org/product/michael-b-and-penny-p-mode-to-modem-a->

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- Service Manual Workshop series with Francine and Merri is at this link :
<https://www.recoverytapers.org/product-category/alcoholics-anonymous/service-manual/>
- Service Manual – www.AA.org – Francine W., Palm Desert, CA & Merri M., Des Moines, IA #12 :
<https://www.recoverytapers.org/product/service-manual-www-aa-org-francine-w-palm-desert-ca-merri-m-des-moines-ia-12/>
- Service Manual – AA Grapevine.org – Francine W., Palm Desert, CA & Merri M., Des Moines, IA #13:
<https://www.recoverytapers.org/product/service-manual-aa-grapevine-org-francine-w-palm-desert-ca-merri-m-des-moines-ia-13/>
- Previous Concept Workshop audios - <https://www.recoverytapers.org/product-category/alcoholics-anonymous/concept-workshops/>

Questions in Chat

1. For people who aren't familiar with "the gray pages" they are called that because the pages actually were gray to differentiate them from regular Grapevine pages
2. You can refine searches in the GV archives by going to years and Traditions. The Articles by BL started in July 1970 and continued on to updated articles into 1977.

1. The articles referred to in the Advisory Actions were published in 1970. Here are the articles This is also where the original Traditions Checklist Questions originated. Here are the GV articles links. These are accessible to anyone with a n active GV Digital Subscription.
2. Tradition One <https://www.aagrapevine.org/BL>
3. Tradition Two <https://www.aagrapevine.org/BL>
4. Tradition Three <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/feb/third-tradition-checklist>
5. Tradition Four <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/apr/fourth-tradition-checklist>
6. Tradition Five <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/jun/fifth-tradition-checklist>
7. Tradition Six <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/aug/6th-tradition>
8. Tradition Seven <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/oct/seventh-tradition-checklist>
9. Tradition Eight <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1970/dec/eighth-tradition-checklist>
10. Tradition Nine <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1971/feb/ninth-tradition-checklist>
11. Tradition Ten <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1971/may/tenth-tradition-checklist>
12. Tradition Eleven <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1971/jul/11th-tradition>
13. Tradition Twelve <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1971/sep/twelfth-tradition-checklist>

Updated Tradition articles by BL in 1976 (partial list, but this will get you started.)

1. Tradition One by BL <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1976/jul/do-we-need-each-other>
2. Tradition Two by BL <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1976/aug/dont-order-me-around>



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3. Tradition Three by BL <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1976/sep/you-mean-just-let-anybody>
4. Tradition Four by BL <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1976/oct/give-me-liberty>
5. Tradition Five by BL <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1976/nov/challenge-ego-tradition-five>
1. The Whisper of Humility <https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1957/nov/whisper-humility>
1. How do we gain access to background information for review? Background Material (BM) is not confidential within the Fellowship. The most recent BM is on the A67 Delegate's page (& other Areas). Please report any anonymity breaks in the BM to conference@aa.org

"Submitting to the AA Grapevine" workshop September 6th, 2024




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Workshop**



Have you ever thought about submitting an
article, a photo, or a cartoon to the Grapevine?
Learning more about Grapevine offerings?
If so, join
Julia Dillon, GV Digital Engagement Editor
Friday, September 6, 2024 @
1pmPT / 3pmCT / 4pmET



Zoom info:
Meeting ID: 883 9506 7035
Passcode: 890124



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https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/2025_Editorial_Calendar.pdf

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You can submit a caption for a Grapevine cartoon



<https://www.aagrapevine.org/submit-caption>

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La Viña has a wonderful magazine archive



<https://www.aalavina.org/archivo>

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