

# 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 Public Information Committee page 131 (1989 – 2024)

## Workshop references and materials referenced:

- General Service Advisory Actions (1951-2024):  
<https://www.aa.org/m-39-advisory-actions>
- *The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service:*  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_bm-31\\_3.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf)
- AA Guidelines - Conferences, Conventions and Roundups:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-4\\_0324.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-4_0324.pdf)
- PI Workbook:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-27i\\_PubInfWorkbk.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-27i_PubInfWorkbk.pdf)
- A.A At A Glance:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-1\\_0624.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-1_0624.pdf)
- Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-25\\_0924.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-25_0924.pdf)
- P-48 Alcoholics Anonymous 2022 Membership Survey:  
<https://www.aa.org/alcoholics-anonymous-2022-membership-survey>
- A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too late:  
<https://onlineliterature.aa.org/A.A.-For-the-Older-Alcoholic>
- Anonymity Resources on AA.org:  
<https://www.aa.org/search?search=anonymity>
- Anonymity Statement Card:  
<https://www.aa.org/anonymity-statement-card>
- Anonymity Placard:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_anonymityplacard.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_anonymityplacard.pdf)
- F-20 Anonymity Statement Card:  
<https://www.aa.org/anonymity-statement-card>
- ANONYMITY ONLINE AND DIGITAL MEDIA  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-197\\_en.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-197_en.pdf)
- A.A.® Guidelines Internet:  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-18\\_0623.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-18_0623.pdf)
- ASL A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs:  
<https://onlineliterature.aa.org/ASL-AA-Alco-with-Special-Needs-DVD>

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- **Understanding Anonymity:**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-47\\_0924.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-47_0924.pdf)
- **AA Grapevine's Podcast**, a new podcast drops every Monday:  
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>
- **Grapevine article on Podcasts:** <https://www.aagrapevine.org/announcing-gv-new-podcast>
- **Fact File:** <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/SM%20F-94%20AA%20Fact%20Sheet%20EN%200921.pdf>
- **Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet:**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-203\\_7th\\_Tradition\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_2024.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-203_7th_Tradition_Fact_Sheet_2024.pdf)
- **Public Information (PI) Service Pieces:** <https://www.aa.org/pi-service-cards>
- **A.A. Legacy of Service:** [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-44\\_0924.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-44_0924.pdf)
- **Press Releases:** <https://www.aa.org/press-media>
- **Anonymity Letter to the Press (2/2024):** <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-letter-to-media>
- **Digital:** <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-online-and-digital-media>
- **A.A. Guidelines on Public Information:**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/mg-7\\_0424.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/mg-7_0424.pdf)
- **Speaking at Non-A.A. meetings:** <https://www.aa.org/speaking-meetings-outside-aa>
- **Box 459:** [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36\\_summer2024.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36_summer2024.pdf)
- **AA Newsletter:** <https://www.aa.org/newsletters>
- **Behind the Walls Newsletter:**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-97\\_spring2024.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-97_spring2024.pdf)
- **Newsletter for Professionals:**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-13\\_winter2023.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-13_winter2023.pdf)
- **AAWS Highlights**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/AAWS\\_2024\\_July\\_Highlights.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/AAWS_2024_July_Highlights.pdf)
- **What's New** button on the GSO website (near the bottom of the home page)  
<https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements>

There is also an archived newsletter *Markings* (published between 1981-2016):

<https://www.aa.org/markings-newsletter>

## Workshop references and materials previously referenced:

- **AA Comes of Age (AACOA)** <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/A.A.-Comes-of-Age>
- **Our Great Responsibility** - This is a compilation of Bill W's General Service Conference talks 1951 - 1970 <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Our-Great-Responsibility>

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- Pass It On may be found at this link - <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Pass-It-On>
- Unity and Service/Three Legacies Conference: <https://www.3legacyconference.org/>
- Background of the Preamble: [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-127\\_en.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-127_en.pdf)
- Service Manual ([https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_bm-31\\_3.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf))
- Concept's Checklist [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-91\\_en.pdf](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](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-116_GeneralServiceConferenceStructure_EN_1121.pdf)
- AA's public service announcements are on the aa.org website: <https://www.aa.org/audio-public-service-announcement-downloads>
- Area Service Sharing Session on Inventory: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_Rtsn5x6376P86EKuubRObr8oOnp9OPS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Rtsn5x6376P86EKuubRObr8oOnp9OPS/view?usp=sharing)
- The AA Group. . . Where It All Begins: [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-16\\_0624.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-16_0624.pdf)
- Problems Other Than Alcohol [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/p-35\\_0624.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/p-35_0624.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](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 Language of the Heart: Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings* (LOTH): January 1966, The Guidance of AA's World Affairs page 334

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/language-heart-softcover>

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## **Recordings from past Threads of Recovery workshops at RecoveryTapers.org:**

- The recordings and reference links referenced 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/>
- 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-history-of-online-aa/>
- 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/>
- Previous Concept Workshop audios - <https://www.recoverytapers.org/product-category/alcoholics-anonymous/concect-workshops/>