

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

August 9 thru December 13 – #15 December 6, 2024

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This week we reviewed items from:

Advisory Actions concerning Clubs (1960 – 1989)

Advisory Actions Concerning The General Service Office (1958 – 1993)

Workshop references and materials referenced with focus on this week's links:

- **General Service Advisory Actions (1951-2024):**
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-39_Advisory_Actions_1951-2024_ONLINE.pdf
- ***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
- **General Service Advisory Actions (1951-2024):**
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-39_0824_2.pdf
- ***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

Workshop references and materials referenced:

AA Tradition and How I Developed (CLUBS IN A.A. ARE THEY WITH US TO STAY?)

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-17_0724.pdf

Language of the Heart (CLUBS IN AA) Pages 46-50

Language of the Heart (Tradition 6) Pages 83-84

Advisory Actions to the Conference Public Information Committee

Reminds us that we cooperate and not affiliate with any outside enterprises

09 History through the Lens of Advisory Actions # 9 – Francine W. & Merri M. – Public Information/PI 1989 – 2024 <https://www.recoverytapers.org/product/09-history-through-the-lens-of-advisory-actions-9-francine-w-merri-m-public-information-pi-1989-2024/>

MG-3A A.A. Guidelines on Relationship Between A.A. and Clubs: <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-relationship-between-aa-and-clubs>

Twelve and Twelve - Tradition 6 (Pages 155-59)

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Workshop references and materials previously referenced:

1. A.A. At A Glance: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-1_0624.pdf
2. A.A. Guidelines - Conferences, Conventions and Roundups: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-4_0324.pdf
3. A.A.® Guidelines Internet: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-18_0623.pdf
4. A.A. Guidelines on Public Information: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/mg-7_0424.pdf
5. A.A. Legacy of Service: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-44_0924.pdf
6. A.A. Newsletters: <https://www.aa.org/newsletters>
7. A.A.'s public service announcements are on the aa.org website: <https://www.aa.org/audio-public-service-announcement-downloads>
8. AAWS Highlights: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/AAWS_2024_July_Highlights.pdf
9. About AA Newsletter: <https://www.aa.org/about-aa>
10. Anonymity Letter to the Press (2/2024): <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-letter-to-media>
11. ANONYMITY ONLINE AND DIGITAL MEDIA: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-197_en.pdf and <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-online-and-digital-media>
12. Anonymity Placard: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_anonymityplacard.pdf
13. Anonymity Resources on AA.org: <https://www.aa.org/search?search=anonymity>
14. Anonymity Statement Card: <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-statement-card>
15. Area Service Sharing Session on Inventory: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Rtsn5x6376P86EKuubRObr8oOnp9OPS/view?usp=sharing
16. ASL A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs: <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/ASL-AA-Alco-with-Special-Needs-DVD>
17. Behind the Walls Newsletter: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-97_spring2024.pdf
18. Box 4-5-9 <https://www.aa.org/box-459>
19. Concept's Checklist https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-91_en.pdf
20. CPC Workbook: <https://www.aa.org/cooperation-professional-community-cpc-workbook>
21. F-20 Anonymity Statement Card: <https://www.aa.org/anonymity-statement-card>
22. Fact File: <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/SM%20F-94%20AA%20Fact%20Sheet%20EN%200921.pdf>

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23. General Service Conference Structure https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-116_GeneralServiceConferenceStructure_EN_1121.pdf
24. Members Employed in the Field of Alcoholism
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-10_0924.pdf
25. Newsletter for Professionals:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-13_winter2023.pdf
26. P-16 The AA Group. . . Where It All Begins: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-16_0624.pdf
27. P-35 Problems Other Than Alcohol
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/p-35_0624.pdf
28. P-48 Alcoholics Anonymous 2022 Membership Survey:
<https://www.aa.org/alcoholics-anonymous-2022-membership-survey>
29. PI Workbook:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-27i_PubInfWorkbk.pdf
30. Preamble Background: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-127_en.pdf
31. Press Releases
<https://www.aa.org/press-media>
32. Public Information (PI) Service Pieces: <https://www.aa.org/pi-service-cards>
33. Public Service Announcements (PSA) are on the aa.org website: <https://www.aa.org/audio-public-service-announcement-downloads>
34. Regional Forum Video - <https://www.aa.org/regional-forum-video>
35. SMF-176 Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S.
<https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/SMF-176%20ServicesProvidedByGSO%20EN%201221.pdf>
36. Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-203_7th_Tradition_Fact_Sheet_2024.pdf
37. Speaking at Non-A.A. meetings: <https://www.aa.org/speaking-meetings-outside-aa>
38. P-16 The A.A. Group...Where It All Begins: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-16_0624.pdf
39. Understanding Anonymity:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-47_0924.pdf
40. Unity and Service/Three Legacies Conference: <https://www.3legacyconference.org/>
41. What's New button on the GSO website (near the bottom of the home page)
<https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements>
42. There is also an archived newsletter *Markings* (published between 1981-2016):
<https://www.aa.org/markings-newsletter>

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Other Books:

- **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>
- **Pass It On** may be found at this link - <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Pass-It-On>

Grapevine Links

1. **AA Grapevine's Podcast**, a new podcast drops every Monday:
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>
2. **AA Grapevine Store Books and Magazines (current and past issues):**
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/store>
3. **Grapevine archive** - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/archive/>
4. **Grapevine article on Podcasts:** <https://www.aagrapevine.org/announcing-gv-new-podcast>
5. **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%20Workbook%20Dec%202023.pdf)
6. **History of AA Grapevine on the podcast - thanks for a great meeting:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QFcGTDYIT8>
7. **La Vina archive:** <https://www.aalavina.org/archivo>
8. **Other Grapevine Rep Recourses are available at this link. Lots of good info! -**
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources>
9. **Subscriptions for the Grapevine in the US -** <https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/us-subscriptions>
10. ***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>
11. **Grapevine Carry The Message Project:** <https://www.aagrapevine.org/2023-carry-message-project>

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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 16-week 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/>