

P75 Motions Background

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UPCOMING MOTIONS

Post-Conference Assembly – May 17, 2025

- To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up to date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org, and A.A. Grapevine? - *Presented by District 12 Sonoma at the Area Committee Meeting on September 28, 2024*
- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. — *Presented by District 01 Monterey.*

PLEASE NOTE: The Assembly motion “that CNCA 06 create a Subcommittee on Safety and Inclusion” was withdrawn by the District presenter.

Area Committee Meeting (ACM) – May 24, 2025

No open motions.

ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

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Viña? – Presented by District 12 Sonoma at the Area Committee Meeting on September 28, 2024 and at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 5, 2025.

09/18/2025 ACM – Presentation of New Business:

ACM Presentation: Judah N., DCM from District 12 Sonoma presented. This was brought to the subdistrict by a past delegate. In discussing the question at the subdistrict level, it became evident that not all GSRs are aware of where to find such information. Through discussion, they agreed that it would be helpful to add this as an inventory question. The subdistrict presented it to the district, and it was unanimously voted in favor.

Clarifying Questions: **Q:** Would this eventually become a proposed agenda item? **A:** Yes, if it follows the process and is approved at the Area level, it could be submitted as a potential agenda topic. // **Q:** Is it only websites and newsletters, or is it other digital forms, for example, an app? **A:** It's for websites and newsletters. // **Q:** Have you considered describing it as aa.org and AA Grapevine instead of GSO in New York? **A:** We would be open to an amendment to add the Grapevine. // **Q:** Would you consider adding "s" to reflect intergroups, districts, and areas? **A:** If that's grammatically correct, we would do that. // **Q:** Instead of what it says now, would you consider "aa.org and A.A. Grapevine" instead of GSO in New York? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Did your subdistrict or district consider any other avenues to achieve the same idea, other than this pamphlet? **A:** The District agreed this pamphlet would be a good avenue. // **Leslie. Q:** Did you consider writing the literature standing committee and asking them to add it to an existing printed pamphlet without having to go through a new business process? **A:** No. If it gets approved and submitted by the Area, the literature committee could autonomously decide to add it. *Revised motion: To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up-to-date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org and A.A. Grapevine?* Vote by simple majority to keep the motion at the ACM or present it at the next Assembly. **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

04/05/2025 Assembly – Presentation of New Business:

Assembly Presentation: This motion was first presented at a sub-district and then brought to the full district. After discussion, GSRs collected group consciences, and the district unanimously voted to bring the motion to the Area in December of last year. The ACM agreed it should be decided at the Assembly. The intent of the motion is to add a thoughtful inventory question to encourage group discussion about whether members have access to current AA information

resources at all service levels. The question is drawn from the inventory section of the AA Group pamphlet, pages 29–30. We are asking to include 14 questions instead of 13.

Clarifying Questions: Q: What was it in the sub-district that propelled this motion? What was brought up at the sub-district? A: This this arose because the GSRs at the sub-district meeting didn't know where to find online information on A.A. and that prompted the idea to add a question to the pamphlet to generate awareness and discussion. // Q: When this was discussed, how much was focused on the "The AA Group" pamphlet versus providing feedback on how to find information? A: The intent is to generate conversation in the groups about where this information exists. // Would you like to add language about finding resources in more places and specifically general service, such as on the websites and newsletters of central officers and intergroups, General Service districts and areas, H&I, etc. A: For now, we would like to keep the wording as it is. // Q: Would this be added specifically as question #14 on page 30? // A: Yes.

Friendly amendment proposed to add La Viña after A.A. Grapevine: "To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, 'The A.A. Group', that reads: Do our group members know where to find up to date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org, and A.A. Grapevine/La Viña? <<**Friendly amendment accepted.>> <<Motion to become New Business at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 17, 2025>>**

- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. — *Presented by District 01 Monterey at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on March 22, 2025 and at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 5, 2025.*

03/22/2025 ACM – Presentation of New Business:

Presentation: This motion is inspired by ads for Human Trafficking seen in airports and churches—simple, direct, and featuring QR codes. The idea hit me that this could be an agenda item. I imagined a public info service piece reading "Are you having a problem with drinking?" with aa.org and two QR codes: one linked to a landing page created and maintained by GSO, and the other to the Meeting Guide App. The problem this proposed agenda item addresses is that our membership is not growing. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 209 million people worldwide have alcohol dependence. A.A. has remained around 2 million members since 1990. This idea aims to reach those who don't yet know about A.A. and help grow our fellowship. The

motion was developed with input from 12 A.A. members, whose suggestions were incorporated into the proposal. District 01 voted unanimously to pass the motion. In conclusion, we feel it would be beneficial for A.A. to have a simple, consistent message that conveys in seconds: if you're having a problem with alcohol, A.A. is here—what A.A. is, and how to find it now. Placed widely, it could plant seeds for those still stumbling in the dark to someday find the light, just as we have.

Clarifying Questions: **Q:** Is this leaning towards promotion? **A:** I don't know. // **Q:** How is this different from the PI posters that GSO already has available on their website with room for a QR code? **A:** This would already include QR codes maintained by GSO, making them print-ready with no changes needed and ensuring a consistent message across AA. // **Q:** I wanted to clarify—by service material, do you mean posters and other marketing materials? **A:** I produced a sample business card of what I was thinking, but it could be anything—social media, printed materials, etc. // **Q:** Do you want to specify in the motion that GSO produces and prints this material? **A:** My service sponsor helped me with this wording. // **Q:** Do you feel the current service material is not adequate and that's why you are proposing it? **A:** Yes. // **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

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message that conveys in seconds: if you're having a problem with alcohol, A.A. is here—what A.A. is, and how to find it now. Placed widely, it could plant seeds for those still stumbling in the dark to find the light someday, just as we have.

Clarifying Questions: Q: Are you suggesting we spam airports with stickers? Can you speak about the distribution. A: The language of the motion is being kept broad so it doesn't prescribe how it will be delivered. // Q: Should it say GSO instead of A.A.? A: The wording is being kept broad so it doesn't direct whether its GSO, the Board, etc. // Q: What do you mean by information campaign? A: It's being kept open broadly. In AA, we do Public Information (PI) work, we do Public Service Announcements (PSAs). PI is not only condoned and allowed it is essential to reaching and informing alcoholics. // Q: Who is going to make this piece and how much will it cost? A: That will be decided by the Board if it passes. // Q: Is your intent to find out if all the areas in the US/Canada think this is good idea? A: Yes, the intent is to have it be an agenda topic at the Conference. // Q: Is there any interest in working with YPAA committees and groups? A: I'm not sure how to answer that in relation to this proposed agenda item. <<**Motion to become Presentation of New Business at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 17, 2025**>>