

Updates of some of the agenda items being discussed at this year's AA General Service Conference in April. If you would like further information on any of these topics, please let me know and I will find the answers for you.

### 1 - **A.A. in Plain Language: A Tool for Accessing the Big Book**

- AA has created a Plain Language **translation** of the big book. The reason for developing this **Tool** is to offer those in prisons, those with intellectual difficulties and those who has difficulty understanding the BB as it is currently written.
- The translation is being developed for those who have not found AA yet, not necessarily for our current members.
- NOTE: This is on the agenda to discuss among the delegates at the General Svc Conference in April. Our delegate Allen, said it will not be voted on and will be deferred to next year's conference.

### 2 - **The 5<sup>th</sup> addition of the BB**

- The upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> addition is still being worked on. There were thousands of new stories submitted and they are still reading them and choosing which ones to include. It most likely won't be ready for publishing until 2025 or 2026. FYI, All chapters, Dr. Bob's Story, the appendices and the forwards, will all remain the same as in the 4<sup>th</sup> addition. A new forward will be added.

### 3 - **There will be a discussion about AA increasing it's presence on Social Media.**

- These steps are in an effort to increase exposure and relate to the young AA's that use social media.
- This brings up a lot of discussion about anonymity and Tradition 11.

### 4 - **Participation of Online Groups.**

- Should online groups be part of the AA service Structure? (have GSR's, DCM's)
- Should they have their own "area" or "districts"? Or be included as a group in existing districts & areas?
- Currently there aren't any guidelines for Online groups. This will most likely be a discussion that will require a sub-committee to investigate all of options

### 5 - **AA in Nursing Homes or Home Bound - Accessibility Committee**

- Looking into what resources are available for members who are elderly. Currently there is Large Print literature and literature written specifically for older adults.

- Are the materials getting to the facilities? Can we bring meetings to these facilities.
- May be a new committee formed "Cooperation with the Elder Community"

## 6 – **Changes to the 12&12**

- There is an agenda item to change the 2021 changes to the 12&12, back to the original text

Two lines in the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* are being revised.

On page 117, it states: "Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex." The line will say "a partner" instead of "a mate of the opposite sex," with a footnote indicating the change.

On page 66, it states: "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health." This will be revised to read: "No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony."

- Does anyone have a strong option that would like heard? Or take a vote during the meeting.