



DISTRICT 81

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Step 2:

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Tradition 2:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept 2:

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

**WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES
OUT FOR HELP; I WANT THE HAND OF
AA ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR
THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 7: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

February 14: Correctional Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

February 14: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30 via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad>

February 19: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

February 21: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.

February 21: Literature Committee meeting 7:30pm on the back porch at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

February 28: Finance & Budget meeting 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City, 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

February 28: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

February 29: PI/CPC Committee meeting 4:45pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

March 1: Archives Committee meeting 2pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

March 6: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

July 4-7: The 64th ICYPAA Conference in Austin, TX. More info to come; see flyer!



THE 64TH
ICYPAA

International Conference of
Young People in AA
Austin, TX

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



<https://www.icypaa.org/>

Want to help outreach ICYPAA at an event,
conference or meeting? Email
volunteer@icyhost.org
for more info and ways to be of service!

LOVE IN AA

When I came back to the program of AA over 12 years ago I had not dated in the eight years since my post-divorce relationship ended in disaster. At two years sober I was more than ready and beginning to despair of ever meeting Mr "Right". A couple weeks later we found each other at an Alcathon.

He was packing a three year chip so what could go wrong...right? I had heard in meetings that we stopped maturing emotionally when we began drinking alcoholically. I must have been too busy listening for the differences because I was floored the day the reality sunk in. One Valentine's Day was so bad that I now celebrate an Anon birthday as well. That guy and I are still hanging in there 11 Valentine's Days later. My higher power protected him from meeting me too soon. Some days he's my Prince and some days my frog but he's always my best friend.

-Janet R.

A FEW BITS AND PIECES FROM THE DISTRICT 81 ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

In 1939, there was a dust jacket design for the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous that was never used. There was a man standing in front of a bottle of liquor and toward the bottom right a passage that stated, "Their Pathway to a Cure". The jacket was done in red and black lettering, and it promised a "cure". AA has never said it "cures" alcoholism and suggests "once and alcoholic, always an alcoholic." (This information is from the Steppingstones Archives)

Dr. Harry M. Tiebout was non-alcoholic psychiatrist who applied his knowledge of alcoholism with the principles and philosophy of AA. He was AA's first friend in the psychiatric profession and was chief psychiatrist and medical director at Blythewood Sanitarium Connecticut. During the late fifties through the mid sixties, he served on the Board of Trustees for AA and was chairperson of the National Council on Alcoholism in 1950. He was a strong supporter of AA throughout his life, and he was constantly working for acceptance of his views concerning alcoholism in the medical and psychiatric professions. He clarified the difference between the "submission" and "surrender" ideas, which are implied in Step One of the Twelve Steps.

Summer of 1939-Midwest AA. s withdraws from the Oxford Groups; AA is fully on its own.

1941-Jack Alexander of the Saturday Evening Post attends AA meetings and an article is published in the Post. Interest in the program takes off and membership grows at a rapid pace.

1942-Bill W. pays tribute to Ruth Hock, AA's first paid secretary, who resigned to get married. Ruth signed approx. 15,000 letters to drunks who wrote the New York AA office asking for help.

1942-First prison group was formed at San Quentin, Calif.

June of 1944-The AA Grapevine is established.

1946-The Twelve Traditions are formulated and published.

July of 1950-The first International Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio. The Twelve Traditions were adopted by the movement.

November of 1950-Dr. Bob Dies

June of 1953-The book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is published.

July 1 thru 3 1955 – AA’s Three Legacy’s of Recovery, Unity, and Service are turned over to the Fellowship of AA-at-large by its old timers at 20th year anniversary (International Convention) in St. Louis, Missouri.

January of 1971-Bill W. dies

April of 1973-Distribution of the book Alcoholics Anonymous reaches the 1,000,000 mark.

November of 1975-General Service Board officially opens the GSO AA Archives with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

October of 1988-Lois Burnham Wilson dies

October of 2004 – The District 81 Archives Committee was formed. The original district archives were housed in a member’s house in Galveston. A few years later, the district archives were moved to Santa Fe. In January of 2014, the archives were moved to Alvin Taylor Street. Both District 81 and District 82 are now housed at Alvin Taylor Street and that is where the District 81 and District 82 hold their month committee meetings.

The above is just for your information that you may or may not find interesting.

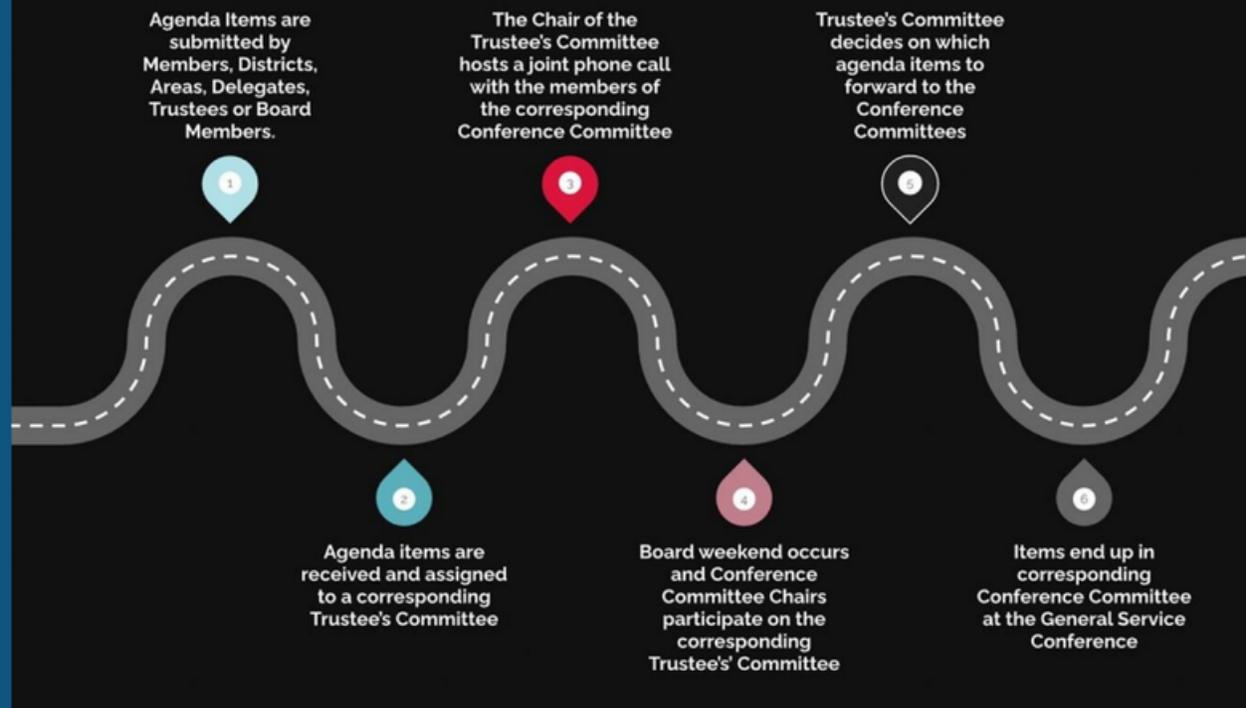
To Heck with all the serious stuff!!!! The following is a little on the lighter side. **“You may be an alcoholic if”**

1. You’ve missed work to have a tooth extracted – 63 times!!!!
2. The Texas Dept. of Public Safety is suing you for wearing out their breathalyzer machine!!!!
3. You know the name of at least 5 toilet bowl manufacturers!!!!
4. You come home finally, and your children tell their mother there’s a stranger at the door!!!!
5. If the top of your mouth is sun burned!!!!
6. If you have ever been arrested while still in jail!!!!
7. If you have ever been spiritually inspired by a mildew stain on your shower curtain!!!!
8. If you wake up with “only one shoe on” and you don’t know if you have lost one or found one!!!!

-Tom B.

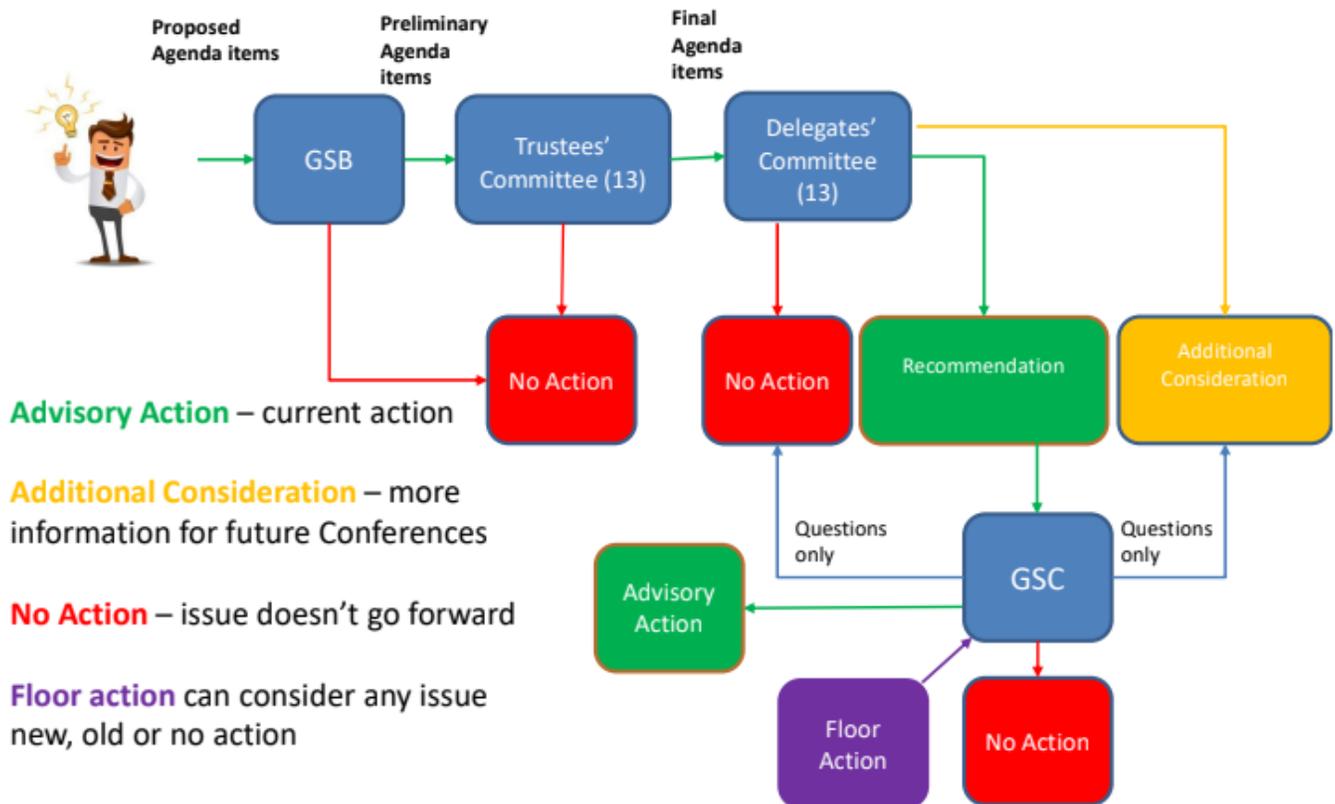
Dist. 81 Archives Committee Member

Agenda Item Roadmap to the Conference



Roadmap designed by Panel 70 Area 41 Delegate

Committee Process (2020)



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Since the General Service Conference is right around the corner and this is generally when folks have questions about: **“how the heck did that get on the agenda?”** Here is a Road map to the conference agenda.

Now, if the item reaches **Step 6** we need to look at the Committee Process. This is what happens in the Committee Process.

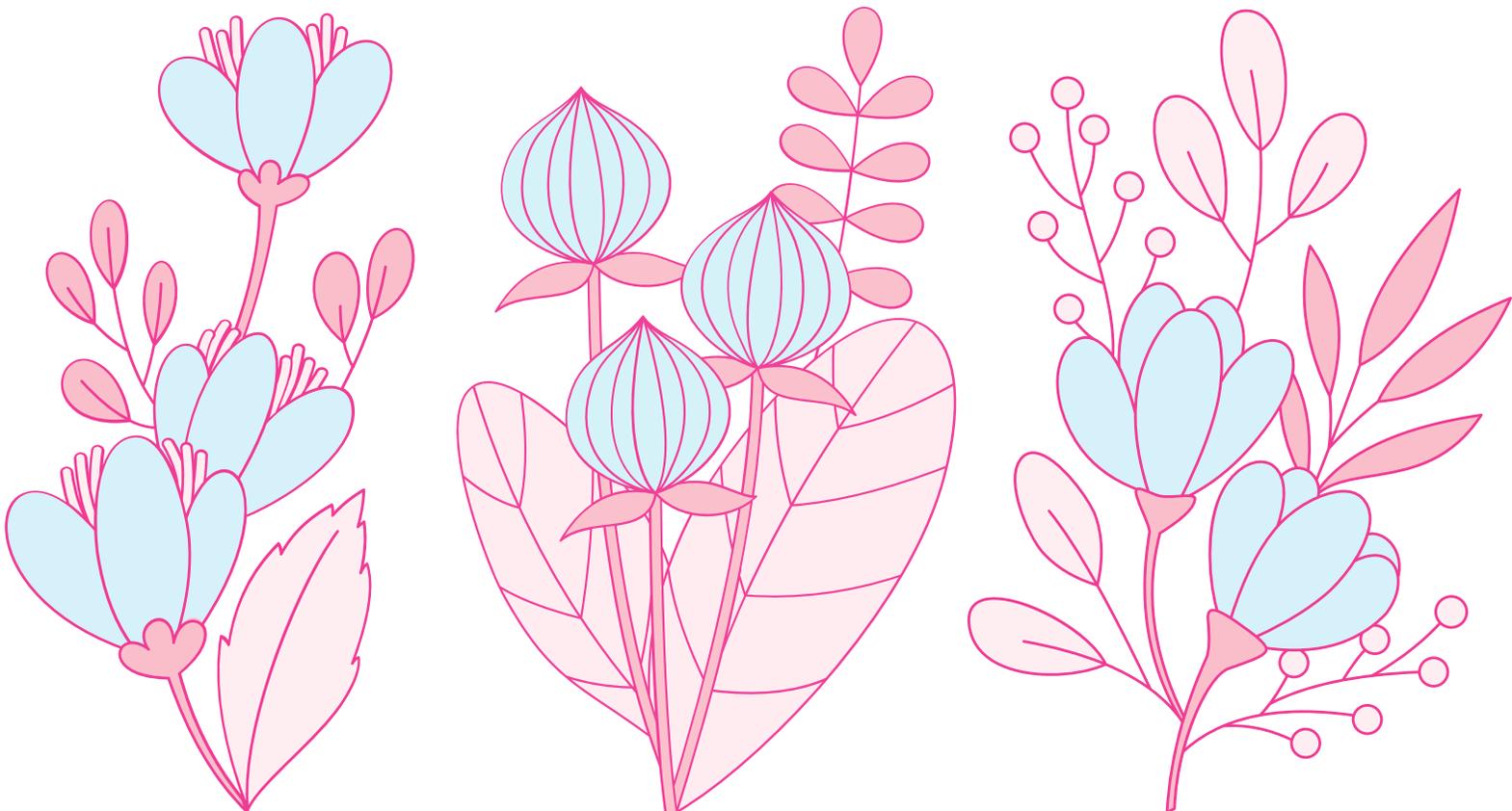
Some other interesting things to follow when you receive the agenda items:

Agenda items will have 1 of 3 classifications

1. Discuss generally a new agenda item
2. Review an agenda item from a previous conference that needed more information
3. Consider the possibility of this item being voted on

More detailed information about the General Service Conference and the Committees can be found in your Service manual Chapter 6.

Yours in service
-Catherine G.



JANUARY FINANCE & BUDGET REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,425.43
Group Contributions	\$ 99.95
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,198.24
Net Income	\$ (1,098.29)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,342.94
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (15,097.76)
Available Funds	\$ (3,754.82)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Howdy, folks!

Do you have some experience, strength and hope you would like to share with our district-wide fellowship? The Newsletter Committee is always accepting submissions, any time!

- your story
- A.A. literature review
- how you met your sponsor
- your favorite Step or Tradition
- your LEAST favorite Step or Tradition
- why your home group is the best
- how you celebrated the holidays sober

Anything related to A.A., as long as it respects our Traditions, will be published. (I only edit grammar, not content!)

Send it to gwen.r@aa-seta.org

-Gwen R.
District 81 Newsletter Editor