

## **Literature Sub-Committee Report to 55th General Service Conference (2020 / 2021)**

The Literature Sub-Committee presents to the Fellowship the following pieces of literature for consideration by the 55th General Service Conference.

Some background information has been provided regarding each.

### **Revised Literature / Full Conference**

#### **1. 'Carrying the AA Message to People Who Are Deaf or Have a Hearing Loss' pamphlet (carried over from 2020)**

A new logo replaces the existing one on the original pamphlet and the text and title have been slightly revised. These changes were made based on feedback from a member of the deaf and hearing loss community.

#### **2. 'Hints and Suggestions for 12th Steppers' card**

Recognising the Fellowship's greater awareness of the responsibility we have to safeguard AA members, the General Service Board asked that the 'Hints and Suggestions for 12th Steppers' card be updated to reflect better these issues.

### **New Literature / Full Conference**

#### **3. Growing in Service (carried over from 2020)**

The Literature Sub-Committee produced the proposed new pamphlet, entitled 'Growing into Service' which resulted from a review of the existing 'red' pamphlet with the same name.

We propose that this new pamphlet replace the current one. The new version presents an updated, more current reflection of service opportunities throughout our structure.

We feel that this new proposed pamphlet provides more effective encouragement for members to get involved in service and offers more practical advice and inspiration.

### **Literature Item from Conference 2019 / Full Conference**

#### **4. 'Now that You Have Stopped: 15 Points' Pamphlet – from 12th Step Starter Pack (carried over from 2020)**

At Conference 2019, Committee Two recommended that the pamphlet be revised to emphasise our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service. In line with the committee recommendations the Literature Sub-Committee has revised the pamphlet 'whilst considering the following points:

1. The focus of the pamphlet is for the newcomer. Its purpose is to share some coping methods for staying away from the first drink in early recovery.
2. Any revision should ensure that the message is consistent with the principles of our recovery programme as set out in the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous.*

## Structure and Service Handbooks / Conference Committees

The following items will be going to Committee to approve the proposed revisions to:

- AA Structure Handbook 2019 – The General Service Conference, Section 1.5 Delegates, page 102 (carried over from 2020).

**NOTE:** Based on feedback from the Fellowship after the original circulation of these proposals for Conference 2020, the words “at a later date” have been added to the end of the proposed new text.

- AA Service Handbook 2018 – The AA GB Website, Section 3:6, page 37 (carried over from 2020)

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- AA Structure Handbook 2019 – The General Service Board, Section 3 GSB Members, ‘Appointment of new members of the General Service Board’, page 112 (new)

The following item will be going to Committee for review:

- AA Service Handbook 2018 – Chapter 10, AA Telephone Services, pages 65-66 (carried over from 2020)

## Summary

Any AA member who has comments, questions or suggestions about these pieces of literature please contact the Literature Sub-Committee **before** the 31st of March 2021.

The Literature Sub-Committee can be contacted through GSO.

Although the Literature is being distributed electronically, hard copies will be sent to those without email addresses, as well as to Delegates who request printed versions.

In Fellowship,

Erik  
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