

Delegate's Questionnaire Reference Guide | 2025

1. What is the Delegate's Questionnaire?

The Delegate's Questionnaire is a tool created by Area 48 to gather group feedback on selected General Service Conference agenda items. Each year, there are over 80 agenda items, making collecting input on all of them difficult. To encourage participation, the NENY Delegate selects specific agenda items they believe will engage and interest the Area, putting them together in the Delegate's Questionnaire for group response.

2. Why is it important?

The Delegate's Questionnaire gives your group a voice in shaping policies and decisions that impact A.A. By participating, your group helps ensure that your Delegate can carry an informed group conscience to the General Service Conference.

3. Who completes the questionnaire?

GSRs typically discuss the questionnaire with their group members during a specially-called group conscience meeting to collect feedback. Individual questionnaire submissions will not be accepted. I am primarily interested in hearing from groups.

4. What if my group can't discuss all the questionnaire items?

It's okay to prioritize items that are most relevant to your group. While feedback on as many questionnaire items as possible is appreciated, it's better to provide thorough input on a few key items than rushed feedback on all items.

5. Where can we get background information about the agenda items?

The Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS) Hybrid, Saturday, April 5, 2025, is a day dedicated to sharing background information on the agenda items selected for the Delegate's Questionnaire. There will be a Q&A session after each presentation. This event is designed to provide GSRs with the necessary context to use their Right of Decision, if needed, and change their group's vote with the additional information provided. If any GSR is interested in specific background information, contact panel74delegate@nenyaa.org.

6. How do I submit the completed questionnaire?

- Submit online: panel74delegate@nenyaa.org (Preferred method) by April 24, 2025
- In person: Delegate's Day of Sharing April 5, 2025 Saratoga, NY
- Para español, enviar solicitud a: panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Group _____ District: _____ GSR: _____

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Delegate's Questionnaire

Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay (PAIs 75, 12).

Remove the word "woman" from the following sentence of Concept IV Right of Participation essay in the 12 Concepts portion of the Service Manual: "New volunteer corporate directors will ask why any paid woman staff member should also be a corporate director and thereby have a vote as good as their own."

Does your group think that the word "woman" should be taken out of this sentence?

Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings (PAIs 81, 15, 26 and 109)

Should there be a process in which all motions regarding any changes in the Founders' Writings be sent to all registered groups worldwide so we are suitably informed and have the right to vote on them? Should there be substantial unanimity (67%) on such a vote?

Consider the request to update Appendix IV in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951.

Does your group think other relevant awards and commendations should be included in the Appendix IV of the book AA?

Consider request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights (at Conference) and continue printing highlights in the final report (PAIs 20 and 32)

First year delegates (approx 46) give a 2 minute presentation on their area highlights. This requires approximately 90 minutes of time that could be spent on Conference business. Conversely, it provides an opportunity to learn about customs and information about areas we don't necessarily know about.

Does your group think it's worthwhile to spend 90 minutes of Conference's limited time on oral highlights? _____

Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2026 or after.

AAGV items are published for several reasons: to carry the message of AA through stories written by AA members and friends of AA; to help GV maintain its self-supporting status.

Should the Grapevine publish the following suggested titles for 2026 or later: Women’s Book II, Best of If Walls Could Talk, and Amir, Unidad y Servicio?

Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print” (PAI 79)

The current pamphlet seems to be outdated and may need to be updated to inform members and non- AA members, interested in alcoholism, about the AA “Grapevine and LaVina.”

Does your group think the pamphlet “Grapevine and LaVina.” should be revised?

Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Services and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Services be included in the current publication, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. (PAI 23)

Does your group think including the Twelve Concepts for World Service and their essays in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* would be helpful to members?

Consider a request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders’ Literature (PAIs 36, 93, 96)

The General Service Conference currently requires Substantial Unanimity, meaning a two-thirds (2/3) majority for a vote to pass. Should a supermajority of three-fourths (3/4) be required to amend the Founders' Literature. YES.....NO.
(Circle)_____

Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA (Public Service Announcement)

PSAs have been created and made available for radio and television broadcast since 1965. Over the years, new PSAs were regularly developed, including some focused on young people and PSAs in Spanish and French.

Does your group think that PSAs are relevant and useful in carrying the message of AA and are worth developing new ones?

Consider the request to include the version of AA Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* (PAIs 24 and 63)

Currently, there is an abbreviated version of the text of the Lasker Award in the book, AA. The full version can be read in *AA Comes of Age*.

Would your group support including the A.A. Comes of Age Lasker Award text in *Alcoholics Anonymous*?

Consider a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 of the AA Service Manual (PAI 72)

Should the group have the opportunity to deny the GSR the right to participate for which the GSR was elected and possibly discourage the GSR’s interest in doing service. On the other hand, the main function of the GSR is to inform.

Does your group think they should be able to deny the GSR the opportunity to do their job and to inform the group of the business of AA?

Consider a request to update the book *Living Sober*. (PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90, 92, 121, 122)

This popular book is now 50 years old and therefore cannot yet contain useful information such as use of internet and associated social media.

Does your group think that it would be valuable to publish an updated 2nd edition of the book *Living Sober*?

Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasizes to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the “contribution dollar” and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board.

Last year the Conference agreed to forward the request that delegates place more emphasis on group support. Delegates should emphasize the effect that inflation has had on the “contribution dollar” and the necessity of adjusting contributions accordingly to support services provided by GSB.

Does your group think that our delegate should discuss the effect inflation has had on the work of the GSB and emphasize the the “contribution dollar” doesn’t do what it did before?

Consider that all Sovereign States flags be part of the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention (PAI 10)

Does your group agree that all Sovereign States be able to bear their flags at our International Convention?
