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Advisory Action

The committee considered a suggestion to increase the Conference delegate contribution and recommended that the annual delegate's contribution, be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600.

Approved by substantial unanimity.



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The committee reviewed the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and <u>recommended</u> that the annual limit on contributions be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Failed, 49 in favor, 68 opposed

The committee reviewed the current \$3,000 dollar limit one time bequests and recommended that the limit on one-time bequests be increased from \$3,000 to \$25,000.

Failed by substantial unanimity Action

I move that the limit on one-time bequests from A.A. members to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Submitted by:

Lela M. Panel 62, Area 07

Motion to decline to consider failed (47 in favor, 71 opposed). Passed by substantial unanimity (84 in favor, 42 opposed).

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The Conference Finance Committee reviewed the background presented and past Conference actions and recommended that La Viña become self-supporting within three years beginning January 1, 2013. If La Viña has not become self-supporting by December 31, 2015, General Service Board funding will cease.

Failed by substantial unanimity

Floor Action #4:

GSC recommends that the General Service Board form a subcommittee comprised of all stakeholders to develop a plan to address publication, distribution and finances of La Viña with the objective of self-support by 12/31/15. Submitted by:

Rod B.
Pacific Regional Trustee

Motion to decline to consider failed (78 in favor, 45 opposed - less than 2/3). Floor Action discussed. Question called. Failed by substantial unanimity

Additional Committee Considerations:

• The committee suggested that a review of the delegate's fee be a standing item on the Conference Finance Committee agenda.

• The committee reviewed a proposed Self-Support Kit and agreed that the F-19 Self-Support Packet is sufficient service material and suggested adding "Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S." (SMF-176) to the Self-Support Packet.

The committee reviewed and acknowledged the 21 Self-Support Talking Points presented in the background for use by the Fellowship and offers one additional point to be included: "What is the value of your sobriety?" The committee also suggested that they be added to the Finance Section of the Website.

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• The committee suggested the following statements be added to the back of the F-42 Self-Support green card:

What is the value of your sobriety?

- Less Than 44% of groups contribute to the General Service Board
- Costs of Services provided by G.S.O. are \$6.32 per member per yet
- > Sales of A.A. literature counts for 56% of our income.
- You can easily contribute regularly online at AA.org.
- Give till it feels good.

 The committee reviewed the information presented concerning financial projections for 2013 and 2014 and trusts that the Corporate Boards and the trustees' Finance Committee will deal with the financial issues in an appropriate manner.

SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group aught to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is escential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office amain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of ourside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to holp the alcoholic who still sutters.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

Service Material from the General Service Office



Additional Consideration:

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The committee also expressed that increasing the awareness of the need for Fellowship contributions is the more spiritual way to address the funding issue.

The committee elected Jeff S., Area 92, Washington East, Chairperson; and Cynthia F., Area 62, South Carolina, alternate Chairperson.

Questions?

Contact delegate@nwta66.org