

Conference Questions 2024 – Conference Committees’ Recommendations

[\[Please Note that the full committee responses are detailed in AA Service News, summer 2024 edition\]](#)

Question/Topic	Conference Committee View	CWIG Groups’ Views	Similar?
<p>COMMITTEE 1.1 Conference is asked to consider, and make recommendations, for a comprehensive overhaul of the service structure.</p>	<p>No. Keep service structure as it is.</p>	<p>Broadly yes. Combining a limited selection of service disciplines would help to make service positions easier to fill.</p>	No
<p>COMMITTEE 1.2 Would Conference investigate the viability in terms of security, cost and anonymity, of opening Conference to online observers?</p>	<p>Against opening to online observers: Many pros & cons factors deliberated over before coming to this conclusion (see AA Service News Summer 2024 edition)</p>	<p>Majority of groups responding in favour. One group against - citing protection of anonymity and difficulty in framing context behind questions and Conference processes.</p>	No
<p>COMMITTEE 3.1 Would Conference consider how online meetings are best represented and sharing information with each other? Would it be prudent to have an Online Intergroup for each region or nationally where online meetings talk to each regarding online matters and carrying the message online.</p>	<p>Our current service structure works for online groups, so no need to have an Online Intergroup</p>	<p>Only one group responded to say they couldn’t see how it could be made to work in practice</p>	Yes
<p>COMMITTEE 4.2 Will Conference review “LGBT Voices’ pamphlet with reference to Tradition 1. Our common welfare should come first: Personal recovery depends on AA unity. (3 x amendments for consideration)</p>	<p>Yes to all 3 proposed amendments Recommended working group to create new pamphlet for Conference approval no later than 2026</p>	<p>4 groups said Yes 1 group said keep as it is</p>	Yes

<p>COMMITTEE 5.1</p> <p>Could Conference discuss how the Fellowship's understanding of the principles of anonymity may guide those Groups requiring AA members and visitors to put their names in a signing-in book/attendance book at meetings.</p>	<p>Rarely encountered. Group autonomy, up to Group conscience</p>	<p>Generally, Not to be done unless Health & Safety imperative and members told in advance. One view – up to individual groups to decide.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>COMMITTEE 5.2</p> <p>Would Conference discuss and consider the viability of creating an additional version of the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) incorporating stories from AAGB (including Continental European Region).</p>	<p>Recommended production of a UK Big Book in addition to the existing edition. This additional version to incorporate stories from Great Britain and English Speaking Continental Europe. N.B. only stories will change. The first 164 pages and other core BB elements</p>	<p>50/50 split of views: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leave Big Book as it is • create a UK version which would contain UK stories 	<p>Yes & No</p>