

From Idea to Conference Action

A One-Page Guide (Real-World Example: Literature Change)

Purpose: Show how an idea moves through A.A.'s service structure until it is voted on at the General Service Conference.

The Path:

Group → District → Area → Delegate → Conference Committee → Conference Vote → Trustees Implement

1. Idea Starts at the Group

Group identifies issue, discusses it, and forms a group conscience. GSR carries it forward.

2. District Review

GSR presents idea. District discusses, refines, and may support advancing it. DCM carries it forward.

3. Area Consideration

Area determines if issue is local or affects A.A. as a whole. If Conference-level, area recommends it to delegate.

4. Delegate Submission

Delegate submits area-supported item through formal Conference agenda process.

5. Conference Agenda Committee

Committee reviews and accepts, refers, or declines item.

6. Conference Committee

Assigned committee studies item and makes recommendation.

7. Conference Vote

Two-thirds majority required for Conference Advisory Action.

8. Trustees Implement

Trustees assign work and report back to Fellowship.

Why It's Deliberate:

Protects unity, ensures informed group conscience, and prevents rushed decisions.