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Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Desk Activity Update

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To: CPC Committee Chairs

cc: Members of the General Service Conference

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Warm greetings and Happy New Year from the CPC desk at GSO. I want to take this opportunity to share how we are connecting more with the professional community and spreading A.A.'s message to those who need our help. I also want to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to all the trusted servants rotating off their CPC committees. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated and has impacted informing professionals and future professionals about our recovery program. With that rotation comes a warm A.A. welcome to all new CPC committee members! I hope we will get to know you through our combined efforts to continue to cooperate with professionals to carry the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

I need your help. I was asked to request shared experience on how we inform professionals who serve neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics – Deadline for submission is July 01, 2025.

Has your CPC committee gained experience from professionals who work with neurodivergent alcoholics? Has your committee worked with professionals who serve homeless/unhoused alcoholics? GSO is gathering shared experience in ways to better inform the professionals who serve these populations. Any input is welcome and may be sent to cpc@aa.org.

About A.A.

The Fall 2024 edition of *About A.A.*, our newsletter for professionals, “*A Resource for the Helping Professional*” is now available and offers some of the many ways professionals can find A.A. in their community, or virtually, to help their clients and patients who seek recovery. This issue and past issues of *About A.A.* can be accessed on the GSO website at http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/about-aa-newsletter-for-professionals. Your committee is welcome to print copies of the newsletter from the website and make copies for CPC events. Did you know that digital delivery is available for *About A.A.* as well as other newsletters from GSO. Committees are encouraged to bring along laptops to CPC presentations to inform professionals about the newsletter.

Here is how to sign up: <https://www.aa.org/about-aa>.

National and Local CPC Exhibits

We send our gratitude to the volunteers on your committees who have staffed the many national events organized by this office. We received many positive reports from CPC committee members and professionals who met with the volunteers. We also send gratitude to local CPC committees who have initiated efforts to exhibit at regional events in their areas.

CPC Resources on aa.org: Available in English, Spanish, and French

CPC Committee page: <https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community>

CPC Workbook: <https://www.aa.org/cooperation-professional-community-cpc-workbook> **CPC Kit contents:** www.aa.org/cpckit

About AA Newsletter for Professionals: <https://www.aa.org/about-aa> Back issues searchable.

FAQ page: <https://www.aa.org/faqs>

Other CPC Resources:

AAWS LinkedIn Page: Briefly describes A.A. to professionals, provides a link to the www.aa.org website and lists national professional conferences where traveling exhibits will be shown. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc> .

AAWS YouTube Page: Has playlists of A.A. videos for Professionals <https://www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc>

AAGV YouTube Page: Has audio stories from AAGV and AA La Viña <https://www.youtube.com/c/aagrapevine>

PAIs for CPC Work

Does your committee have an idea for a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI)? Do you have an idea for how we might more effectively inform professionals about our program of recovery and want to see GSO develop it? You might first ask, what is a PAI? The following is from pg. 43 of [BM-31 A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Services](#):

“The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way possible. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

“The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:

- Individual A.A. members
- Delegates
- Area assemblies
- Directors and staff members of AAWS and the Grapevine
- Groups
- Trustees
- Area committee members

“GSRs [or committees] may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members.

“Experience suggests that they may want to discuss them first with their groups, then at district or area meetings. A district or an area can then forward it to the staff member at GSO who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

“Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda: The A.A. staff Conference assignment receives the submissions and provides suggested disposition to the chair of the trustees’ Conference Committee and the Director of Staff Services for consensus, studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees’ Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee.”

More about the PAI process is in the Spring 2024 issue of newsletter *Box 4-5-9*, https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36_spring2024_1.pdf and on our GSO website, <https://www.aa.org/proposed-agenda-item-information>.

Thank you for your service,

Michael R., GSO Staff