

## P75 Motions Background

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### UPCOMING MOTIONS

#### **Area Committee Meeting (ACM) – April 26, 2025**

No open motions.

#### **Pre-Conference Assembly – April 5, 2025**

- To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up to date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org, and A.A. Grapevine? - *Presented by District 12 Sonoma at the Area Committee Meeting on September 28, 2024*
- That CNCA 06 create a SubCommittee on Safety and Inclusion. – *Presented by District 04 Santa Clara North Safety Committee at the Area Committee Meeting on November 23, 2024*
- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. — *Presented by District 01 Monterey.*

## ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

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**Presentation:** Judah N., DCM from District 12 Sonoma presented. This was brought to the subdistrict by a past delegate. In discussing the question at the subdistrict level, it became evident that not all GSRs are aware of where to find such information. Through discussion, they agreed that it would be helpful to add this as an inventory question. The subdistrict presented it to the district, and it was unanimously voted in favor.

**Clarifying Questions:** **Q:** Would this eventually become a proposed agenda item? **A:** Yes, if it follows the process and is approved at the Area level, it could be submitted as a potential agenda topic. // **Q:** Is it only websites and newsletters, or is it other digital forms, for example, an app? **A:** It's for websites and newsletters. // **Q:** Have you considered describing it as [aa.org](https://aa.org) and AA Grapevine instead of GSO in New York? **A:** We would be open to an amendment to add the Grapevine. // **Q:** Would you consider adding "s" to reflect intergroups, districts, and areas? **A:** If that's grammatically correct, we would do that. // **Q:** Instead of what it says now, would you consider "[aa.org](https://aa.org) and A.A. Grapevine" instead of GSO in New York? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Did your subdistrict or district consider any other avenues to achieve the same idea, other than this pamphlet? **A:** The District agreed this pamphlet would be a good avenue. // **Leslie. Q:** Did you consider writing the literature standing committee and asking them to add it to an existing printed pamphlet without having to go through a new business process? **A:** No. If it gets approved and submitted by the Area, the literature committee could autonomously decide to add it. *Revised motion: To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up-to-date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, [aa.org](https://aa.org) and A.A. Grapevine?* Vote by simple majority to keep the motion at the ACM or present it at the next Assembly. **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

- That CNCA 06 create a SubCommittee on Safety and Inclusion. – *Presented by District 04 Santa Clara North Safety Committee at the Area Committee Meeting on November 23, 2024*

**Presentation:** A.A. literature and traditions emphasize inclusivity, welcoming anyone with a desire to stop drinking. However, the recent Safety in A.A. Survey conducted by District 04 revealed many members face issues like sexual harassment, predatory behavior, and exclusion based on spiritual beliefs, disability, gender identity, or racial/ethnic differences. Key findings include high rates of sexual misconduct experienced by women (65%) and LGBTQ+ members (70%) and significant levels of discrimination faced by disabled members (69%) and spiritual minorities (47%). While some groups address these issues through inventories and open discussions, many do not, causing some members to leave A.A. A recent Safety in A.A. Forum drew over 200 attendees, highlighting a strong interest in addressing these concerns. This motion proposes creating a Safety and Inclusion Subcommittee within CNCA06 to address these barriers. This subcommittee would foster communication and provide resources on safety and inclusion, share best practices and stories from members and groups addressing these issues, collaborate with other areas, facilitate workshops, inventories, and discussions, and model its structure on Oregon Area 58's Safety and Inclusion Committee. We only want to provide resources to help each member, group, or district address these issues following their group consensus. We have no intention to dictate any mandates or serve as a governing body of any sort. Budget impacts include travel reimbursement of the subcommittee chair to the ACM and Area Assemblies, survey platform fees, workshops, printing, and translation costs. The subcommittee aims to align with A.A. traditions and concepts while promoting a safe, welcoming environment for all members. Our current Area subcommittees are Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community.

**Clarifying Questions:** **Q:** Was this survey conducted only within the community of English-speaking members or also those that speak Spanish? **A:** Yes, it was conducted in Spanish. // **Q:** Is racism included under the label discrimination? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** How is this not considered part of accessibilities, which is already established in the Area? **A:** There will be a discussion on this motion later. Right now, we are only asking for clarification on the wording or intent of the motion. // **Q:** What is the difference between a subcommittee and a standing committee? **A:** The Area standing committees are Technology, Interpretation and Translation, Finance, and Website. Standing committees serve the Area and its functions. The subcommittees have district representatives that attend the meeting and have a sharing session. Both are budgeted. // **Q:** Was there a discussion in the district about why not a sharing session rather than a subcommittee? **A:** There was no specific discussion on that. **Q:** How many districts have safety committees? **A:** District 04 Santa Clara North and Santa Cruz 03, which has a joint committee with their intergroup. // **Q:** Would this committee just do workshops or provide informative information? **A:** It depends on what is requested by districts and/or up to the subcommittee to decide what activities to do. // **Q:** Has every district in our Area had an opportunity to participate in the survey? **A:** That's a great question, but it is not related to clarifying the wording or intent of

forming a subcommittee. You may bring that question up during the discussion. // **Q:** Often, before motions are presented, there is a discussion topic in the Area. Was this a discussion topic? **A:** It was requested by a committee within D04. It's already been discussed by District 04. // **Q:** Are you open to changing the subcommittee to a sharing session to follow in line with how we introduced the Area Accessibility Committee? **A:** That depends. Are sharing sessions funded by the Area to engage in activities, such as a workshop? // The Area pays for the cost of the space for the sharing session to meet, i.e., rent. There are no other associated costs for sharing sessions. // An aspect of funding that hasn't been spoken about is the space requirements for the meeting. Any time we create a new committee, it increases the costs at the ACM. I would suggest that the presenter of the motion provide that. // A detailed financial analysis isn't a requirement to submit a motion to the area. The intention of the motion makers is not to create a sharing session, but a subcommittee. // Our Area committees are listed in the ACM agenda. Subcommittee are Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. Our standing committees are Finance, I&T, Tech, and Web. Sharing sessions are DCM Sharing Session, Linguistic Sharing Session for Spanish Speakers, and Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Sharing Session. // **Q:** If the friendly amendment to create a sharing session was accepted, couldn't a housekeeping motion be made later to fund certain activities? **A:** That's not a clarification of the wording or intent of the motion. // The intent of the motion is for the subcommittee to be a resource for all districts to help facilitate activities for districts that don't have committees on safety and inclusion, such as workshops or a safety survey. The intent is to have actionable items and resources to give, not just a place for people to share. // **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. — *Presented by District 01 Monterey at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on March 22, 2025*

**Presentation:** This motion is inspired by ads for Human Trafficking seen in airports and churches—simple, direct, and featuring QR codes. The idea hit me that this could be an agenda item. I imagined a public info service piece reading “Are you having a problem with drinking?” with aa.org and two QR codes: one linked to a landing page created and maintained by GSO, and the other to the Meeting Guide App. The problem this proposed agenda item addresses is that our membership is not growing. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 209 million people worldwide have alcohol dependence. A.A. has remained around 2 million members since 1990. This idea aims to reach those who don't yet know about A.A. and help grow our fellowship. The

motion was developed with input from 12 A.A. members, whose suggestions were incorporated into the proposal. District 01 voted unanimously to pass the motion. In conclusion, we feel it would be beneficial for A.A. to have a simple, consistent message that conveys in seconds: if you're having a problem with alcohol, A.A. is here—what A.A. is, and how to find it now. Placed widely, it could plant seeds for those still stumbling in the dark to someday find the light, just as we have.

**Clarifying Questions:** **Q:** Is this leaning towards promotion? **A:** I don't know. // **Q:** How is this different from the PI posters that GSO already has available on their website with room for a QR code? **A:** This would already include QR codes maintained by GSO, making them print-ready with no changes needed and ensuring a consistent message across AA. // **Q:** I wanted to clarify—by service material, do you mean posters and other marketing materials? **A:** I produced a sample business card of what I was thinking, but it could be anything—social media, printed materials, etc. // **Q:** Do you want to specify in the motion that GSO produces and prints this material? **A:** My service sponsor helped me with this wording. // **Q:** Do you feel the current service material is not adequate and that's why you are proposing it? **A:** Yes. // **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**