

How to Submit a PAI (Area 29)

Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort.

The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 138 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Does my PAI rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the [A.A. Service Manual](#) on page 42.

Who participates in PAI submissions?

AA Groups, Districts and Areas: To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to "[List of General Service Conference Area Websites.](#)" These local A.A. trusted servants strive help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and helps the delegate prepare for the GSC.

Individual AA members: Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI.

We highly recommend chatting with the Delegate or Alternate Delegate prior to developing and submitting a PAI...the solution might be simpler than you think!!!

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Additional sharing and resources

Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the US and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

Read: [“A.A. Service Manual,”](#) [“Circles of Love and Service,”](#) and [“AA Group.”](#)

How is a PAI submitted?

This year, PAIs will be submitted via a web service form. The links to those forms are here:

[Proposed Agenda Item \(PAI\) Submission Form for the General Service Conference](#)

[Formulario para remisión de puntos de agenda propuestos Conferencia de Servicios Generales \(CSG\)](#)

It is very important to only submit the form once!! Lori M. has developed a Word Document tracking the PAI web service form where you can create, revise, and edit your PAI and then cut-and-paste it into the web service form when you are ready to submit. Email her at altdelegate@marylandaa.org for that document.

Who submits the PAI?

To ensure no duplication of submissions:

- **Area-Approved PAIs** will be submitted by the Delegate or Alternate Delegate
- **District-Approved PAIs** should be submitted by the DCM
- **CARC-Approved PAIs** should be submitted by the CARC Leader
- **Group-Approved PAIs** should be submitted by the GSR
- **Individual PAIs** should be submitted by the individual

Please do not submit your PAI to GSO until you have finished the process of seeking all intended levels of approval.

What happens after a PAI is submitted?

Your PAI submission will be forwarded to the trustees' Committee or Board for discussion at their next meeting. Following the meeting, a trustees' committee or Board secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee's deliberations.