

Notes on the 7/27/24 N. Florida Area Conference, Area 14 Assembly Post-Agenda Workshop at the Almous Club, 569 Foote Ct., Daytona Beach, FL 32114

The workshop was postponed to 7/27/2024 due to our delegate, Mary, recovering from Covid.

Please see the attached GSC "Quick Reference Guide" for details.

- A consulting group was hired to research the feasibility of moving the GSO headquarters out of New York. Moving the headquarters to any different location would cost \$7 million dollars. 116 locations were reviewed around the country, and it was found that due to the present space being donated and occupied as a non-profit space, rent is \$25 per square foot, which is lower than commercial space in Jacksonville or Daytona Beach. It was decided \$1 million will be spent in necessary renovations to the current space, (moving from the 8th floor to the 11th floor).
- Items coming up for a vote must have a 2/3 majority to pass, not a simple majority.
- Proposed Agenda Items submission deadline for the 2025 GSC is September 30, 2024.
- The average group donation is between \$50 - \$100 per month.
- Contribution processing fees: Check \$3.50, Electronic \$2.93. (Electronic is preferred!)
- Every member has the right to request a financial report.
- Update: Permitted contributions by an individual is increased to \$7500, up from \$5000.
- A member may bequeath up to \$10,000 to GSO in their will. (The family may not make this contribution if it is not documented in the member's will.)
- Delegates had a 2-hour window in a proctored reading room, with no recording devices permitted, to review proposed Big Book changes.
- The proposed Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, was passed with an over 2/3 majority vote, as required, with Yes=91 and No=38 . Our delegate, Mary, stated she planned to vote "No" as the area membership requested, however, after learning more about the critical need among specific groups, she voted "Yes" as she believed it was the right thing to do.
- Changes in the 5th edition of the Big Book, expected to be available before the International Convention in August 2025: (Note, the 12 Steps are unchanged.) The stories are being reviewed now.
- "Defects" and "Shortcomings," are consistently changed to "Negative Traits."
- "Mr. Brown," now works for a female boss.
- "God" and "Higher Power" are always capitalized.