

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

Submit a clear and concisely worded motion. *

We are presenting this motion to establish the practice that the General Service Board (GSB) of Alcoholics conduct a thorough and fearless inventory of itself every three years. The GSB will engage a trained facilitator from outside Alcoholics Anonymous to lead the inventory process. Results with action items should be presented to the General Service Conference at its next meeting following the inventory.

What problem does this proposed item address? *

Since the events of late January 2023, trust, transparency and unity up and down the Service Structure has suffered greatly.

What level of group conscience if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.). *

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

District 82 of Area 67 discussed and unanimously approved it.

Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal.

1. The handling of the Board Chair's resignation in late January 2023 caused distrust, a perceived lack of transparency, and disunity between the GSB and the fellowship.
2. Whether asking the Chair to resign was justified or not is immaterial. The manner in which it was handled is what generated the disunity.
3. The 73rd GSC passed an Advisory Action that the GSB conduct an inventory of itself. While this inventory, the results of which were reported to the 74th GSC, was a good start, problems continue.
4. The recent resignations of board members and directors are a symptom that problems still exist.
5. The three-year frequency is suggested to ensure that Trustees serving four-year terms would have the opportunity to participate in at least one inventory with significant service time on the GSB.

What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved? *

The implementation of this motion would establish a regular practice for the Board to conduct an inventory. Regular inventory is one of AA's most important principles. The practice can root out character defects and establish corrective measures to overcome these shortcomings. The Board being the tip of the triangle, this process is vital to the overall health and unity of Alcoholics Anonymous. The fellowship as a whole must be able to trust our General Service Board.

Provide a primary contact for the submission. *

Your submission may be used as background for the trustees' committee and widely distributed. If you object, please indicate it here. Before any wide distribution occurs, we will remove your last name and personal contact information from your submission.

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Final Comments

Thank you for your consideration of this PAI. It is my sincere hope that trust, transparency and unity can be markedly improved.

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