

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

Submit a clear and concisely worded motion. *

This motion is to initiate a study to identify a less costly location for the General Service Conference. This study should be of the depth and thoroughness of the Location + Study performed to determine the location of the General Service Office. An outside firm should be engaged for this purpose

What problem does this proposed item address? *

The ever-rising cost of the GSC. This cost increase is unsustainable and makes it difficult, if not impossible, for many Areas to fully fund their Delegate.

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 this motion.

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

The estimated cost of the 75th General Service Conference is \$10,250/Area. The cost of the 74th GSC was \$9250. Note that the price for the 75th GSC is only an estimate. It is likely to be higher. Even if the forecast is accurate, it represents a 10.8% increase. This rate of increase year over year would result in a cost of more than \$17000 for the 80th GSC.

The cost of transportation to and from the New York City airports is very high. The cost of hotel rooms and hotel services in New York City is very high. A hotel near a major airport hub would reduce airfares. Transport costs to and from the airport would be negligible due to the availability of airport shuttles. Alcoholics Anonymous would realize significant cost reductions for hotel rooms and services.

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

Greatly reduced costs for the General Service Conference would allow more Areas to be fully self-supporting.

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 the rapidly rising costs for the General Service Conference can be mitigated.

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Submissions

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Submission date: _____