

Area 67 Literature Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
7:30 pm

The May meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm. Present: Jim M., Carol F., Shea L., Steffanie J., Caitlin B., and Kris C.

The April 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Chair report- Jim tells the committee that most of us are still kind of waiting to hear Christina to share how the conference went. I thought it was interesting that her email said the conference debated censoring the General Service Board for two and a half hours.

Carol tells the committee that the District 40 Traditions Dinner is on Saturday. Rick M. will be presenting. She's planning to go and help Caitlin with the district literature table. District 40 Traditions dinner. Carol and Jim share all the information about the event. Caitlin tells the committee what she has for the Literature table.

Service Material List - Stephanie asks Jim about the Service Material List. Jim says the name of the list is SM1. If you go to aa.org, go to the literature desk, and contact them. Jim says there is service material that is not actually conference approved, Rayner at the literature desk was very big on the service material list. Meaning, it hasn't gone through the conference process and been approved, Rayner was saying, it is a collection of experience of the fellowship that they had distilled and kind of put into a concise format that we could use.

Stephanie says that her district wants her to put together a rack. However, they have a PI person that updates all the racks, which is separate. I want to get with him to find out what's in our racks and make sure that he has what he needs and to make sure I have what I need for workshops or whatever. Jim tells Stephanie that she has brought up a good point. When we sets up a literature table at an area event or district event, a lot of our literature is related to other service committees. So how much of that do we put out and how much of that do we leave for the other service committees; CFC, CPC, and PI have a ton of literature. So, we shouldn't provide their literature, that's their role. It should be more specific to the AA group, the traditions, sponsorship, and the concepts.

People make the assumption that everything at Intergroup is World Service approved or conference approved. Jim thinks our main focus is the literature that helps carry the message within the groups.

Ways we use conference approved literature?

Jim asks if anybody has any fun sharing conference approved literature with a sponsee, a group, a workshop, or anything like that?

Carol says that she is still attending the Sunday night book study with Don M. I really like it a lot. We are reading Our Great Responsibility as well as the conference reports starting back from 1951 on. It's amazing to see how the same arguments about the same things have been going on for 70 years. It's funny how he never seemed to resolve much of anything, but in a way, it's also kind of comforting. Maybe there's nothing to have to decide. She really likes it a lot and you can come in any time, because it's sort of new material each time.

We went to a service manual training and the woman who was chairing it was on that conference committee. She explained some of the reasons for some of the updates. Jim tells the committee in his home group they were doing the concepts last night, and the guy that was leading it is new in service. He made copies of the 12 concepts illustrated, and passed out one through 12

Jim says there's a piece of literature that I rarely hear anyone talk about. The Group Handbook (F-119). The group handbook is all about everything you need to start your own group. Another great piece of literature is the AA group pamphlet. It is great for new groups and struggling group.

Has everybody been following up on the GSO podcast? There are 8 episodes for this season. It's called Our Primary Purpose. It is available on AA.org

Jim would like for us to take a look at our budget to see about buying a video monitor for our display tables. He asks if anyone has any experience with it. Caitlin tells him that we used one at the Unity Conference. It was really easy to use with your computer. Jim thinks that we need one. Suggestions of 30"- 40" tv. Jim will look at the budget to see what we can do.

Put your state convention in your calendar, so it's going to be a lot of fun, and we will have a display there.

Feedback Forms

Jim tells the committee that he took feedback from the last meeting minutes to give clear feedback to our Delegate.

- **Modernizing or updating Living Sober.** The committee discusses our recommendations. Everyone in the committee is in agreement that our recommendation is that the book Living Sober should be updated to include social media and online meeting in an addendum, instead of a major overhaul.
- **Expand Article 3 in the conference charter to protect the founder's writings.** The committee discusses the recommendations. Jim says he wrote on our form that we would like further consideration and more information. Majority of the committee were not in favor of changing the writings, we had so many questions that we were not confident to say that. The committee agrees.

The PAI submitted by our Area to move the deadlines back to give the fellowship more time to review PAI background information at the Area, District, and group level was not put on the GSC agenda for 2025. Jim would like to survey the Area about what we want. He said that if we got a lot of response, we could take it back to the Assembly and see about submitting it for 2026. The committee discusses it. There is concern that most people answering the survey would say yes, we want more time. Other comments about adjusting the board meeting and committee calendar at GSO were probably a big consideration, late background information, and priorities.

Jim says that in the Literature update they said they were still finishing up the Concepts video. He thinks it is really well done and will be helpful to the fellowship.

Sales at the Assembly

Jim says that we sold a few service manuals. He said that we have not heard back if we are supposed to do the sales at the Seta Convention. Carol asks if we will be doing literature sales at the State Convention. Jim sales all we have been asked to do is set up a table. Byron says that Intergroup has had a table at the State Convention in the Past. Byron asks wouldn't it be redundant for the Intergroup and Literature Committee to have a table at the State convention. Jim explains that the job of the Literature Committee is to raise awareness on Conference Approved Literature. Intergroup sales literature that is conference approved and non-conference approved literature.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with the responsibility statement.