

Area 67 Literature Committee Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025
7:30 pm

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

Ways we use conference approved literature?

Carol F. tells the committee that on the Grapevine Podcast a Polish member discussed that Polish translations of the AA Literature is inaccurate and because it has always been that way, people are very opposed to changing it. Jim mentions that working with a Spanish sponsee in the Spanish version and it was ok. We are also getting a new Spanish translation of the Big Book. AA is redoing the translation of the first 164 pages. There have been a lot of complaints over the years. Jim says that he likes to go to the 3rd tradition group on Fridays, they have a host that uses As Bill Sees it for a topic. This is a good example of using Conference approved literature.

Alt. Chair report - Carol says that she is still attending the Sunday Night Meeting where they are going over AA Literature. They do a good presentation discussing different things.

The June 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Literature Sales at the Assembly and the Seta Convention

Jim says that he finally got an answer about the Literature Committee doing sales at this convention. He said that he thinks part of the problem about getting an answer is that the assemblies and convention policies are under review for efficiency. For the 2026 Seta Convention, the district that is hosting the convention will be having its own Intergroup do Literature sales. In discussion with Patty, he says that they are looking at changing the assembly back to a two-day event. At this point, Jim is going to take a few items to the July Assembly. We will get more information on that later on. We will have a literature table at the State Convention in August, but we will not be doing sales.

Committee Recommendation taking PAI to present at Area Assembly for approval

Jim wants to discuss the Literature Committee supporting him taking the PAI asking for more time to review PAI and their background information. He is asking that the information be released by February 1st. The survey had mixed responses. Everybody did say that if we had more time that they felt like we would have a better informed group conscience. He wants to take the agenda item back to the Area. Jim decided that the last question response was enough to present it to the Area again. He will be presenting it at the July Assembly. Jim asks for a motion to vote in support. We had approved it in the June Committee meeting.

Setting up a table at the July Assembly

Jim says that he will set up the literature table at the assembly. It does not require staffing. The Texas State Convention will require staffing. Jim asks who is attending? Carol, Jim, Shea, Steffanie, and Jim. Jim suggests bringing sponsees, friends, and other group members to help them get into service.

How can the Literature Committee be more cooperative in working with other service committees?

Jim asks the committee if they have been working with any of the other Area committees or districts with literature. Carol asks Jim at the 1st day assembly committee meeting; does he talk about the committee specific workbooks. Jim says he has in the past. He said that it was a good idea to mention specific reports. There was some discussion if reports would even be given at the Assembly.

Discussion of PAI's that Rick is presenting at assembly

Jim asks the committee if we want to discuss the Pai's that Rick is presenting? The first one is to identify less costly ways to host the GSC. Rick thinks Manhattan is too expensive. We used to have them in New York because that is where access to the GSO is. Carol thought it had already been done. Jim said that was moving the entire GSO. His thought on it is that the call center is in Manhattan that could work remotely and say AA some money. The second PAI is the GSB conducts an inventory every 3 years. Jim asks how many people have gotten a chance to hear Christine present the 2025 GSC Report? 2 had. We will get a chance to hear at the Assembly Steffanie mentions that Christina will be giving it at District 31 on Sunday. Jim says that she discussed the inventory at his District. Jim says his homegroup does them every 3-5 years. Kris asks what kind of inventory? The board was looking at their efficiency, effectiveness, and communication of the GSB. The results are on the Delegate page of the Seta Website. Kris asks Shea about the Inventory their homegroup did. Shea says Sis TX has done two in five years. Jim says the questions would be different, but looking for the same thing about our primary purpose. Christine talks about more unity in the fellowship.

Founder's Writings

Jim asks if anyone got a chance to look over the list of literature that is considered Founder's writing? He said that Christina had posted a couple things in her spreadsheet about the writings. Jim feels we should review it because we have a unique perspective on literature. The GSC committee asked that this be brought back to the 2026 GSC because they felt they needed more information. They also suggested that everything published by AAWS and Grapevine before 1971 be classified as archived historical items, to review existing policies, create and propose new policies for updating each classification. They would then need to bring this back to the 2026 GSC. Christine says that we have not defined what are considered founders'

writings. Bill W. I used the grapevine as a method to communicate with the fellowship. Other writers wrote for the AAWS. Pass it On, Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers and Living Sober would fall under that category. The AA Service Manual is AA conference approved literature. One of the action items at this years Conference had to do with the concept essays. They changed it to make it appropriate. If we say we can't change Bill's writing, then that could have not been changed.

Kris tells the committee that the Intergroup is hosting a workshop on "How the Big Book Was Written." Jim would like the committee to think about what we think the founders' writings are. Jim sent out a list of AA writings prior to 1972 created by Al. Carol brings up Our Great Responsibility that was published in 2019 that was Bill's writings. She doesn't think publication date matters. The discussion of the reviewing and updating Living Sober. It has been continually updated for the last 50 years, so the versions are different. Jim wants the committee to have discussions on this to take an informed decision to Christine for next year.

Literature Workshop

Stefanie asks if a group wanted a Literature Workshop, what would that look like or maybe would we leave it up to the group. We should look at who our audience is. Who are we trying to reach? Steffanie says that we should leave it to the group because they would know who their audience is. That then would depend on what material to take to help them understand. Jim wants to create a seta announcement telling them what we can do for them and what they would want. If we were to do it, what would it look like? Steffanie mentions their Spanish meeting. Who would like to create an outline of What would a workshop look like? Carol asks what would be included for type of group, type of literature, or topics. Jim says all of the above. Steffanie said it would be open ended.

Jim closes the meeting with the Responsibility statement.

Assembly is July 26, 2025

Next Meeting: August 19, 2025