

The March meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 p.m. March 17, 2026 Jim read the statement of purpose. Present were Committee Chair Jim M., Area Literature Secretary Shea L.; Carol F., Area Literature Alt. Chair; Kris C., SIS TX, Sis TX Intergroup Delegate; Byron, Paul M., Past Delegate; Dallas D., Sis Tx Lit. Rep.

Chair Report - Jim tells the committee that on April 11th the roundtables will be held at the San Jacinto Houston North Campus. The July Assembly will probably be in Beaumont and be a two-day event. Funds will be used from the refunded deposit previously paid to the hotel convention center for the SETA convention. The latest issue of Box 459 was released last week. Members are encouraged to subscribe via aa.org if not already receiving it.

Alternate Chair Report – Carol F. tells the committee the District 40 Traditions Dinner will be held on April 25, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Patty will be the speaker. She says Caitlin B. will no longer be able to set up the Literature Table so she will be stepping in and is hoping for volunteers.

Recent AA Experiences with Literature - Paul M. tells the committee he is conducting Big Book study with two sponsees. Jim says his meeting read “Gutter Bravado” from the Fourth Edition Big Book. Stephanie’s group voted to move into the personal stories section in their study. Shea shared about a new Big Book study and outside book club that studies AA literature. Carol attends an online Daily Reflections meeting covering one to two readings per meeting. Dallas discussed possibly using Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers in a meeting. She asked if Language of the Heart was conference approved. The committee clarified that it is grapevine.

District 70 Presentation - Jim asks Shea about the District 70 presentation. The visit has been postponed to May 13th in Pasadena at Kelly’s. Shea is unsure of availability due to prior commitments. The committee will revisit this at the next meeting.

GSO Agenda Items - Members discussed Delegate Christina’s agenda list and background materials

Grapevine Contributions - Our Discussion focused on financial responsibility and contributions to help offset the Grapevine spending and losses. There is a thought that maybe we shouldn't be doing it if we can't afford it.

12-Step Study Guide - The committee discussed whether it should be for all AA or specific populations. Noted differences in interpretation and usage among members. Byron says that there are already 12 step workbooks available at intergroup. Paul M. clarified that some workbooks (e.g., from Intergroup) are not Conference-approved.

Animated Video Proposal - The committee discussed cost concerns. Dallas U suggested having groups submit videos instead of hiring professionals.

Additional 12-Step Materials- The committee discussed the additional materials that are wanting to be produced. Financial prudence was emphasized.

Finance Item D – Conference Location- The committee had a discussion on relocating the General Service Conference. Paul M. says that the historical need for proximity to offices is noted as less relevant today. There will be a study presentation on relocation.

Service Manual Quote Removal - A request to remove a Dr. Bob's quote was discussed by the committee. Jim M. said it was considered unusual because it originated from a single submission. The main discussion was cost consideration. Stephanie J. noted that removing a single line (Dr. Bob quote) from the Service Manual would still require a full reprint, resulting in additional costs.

Conference Report Printing & Budget Discussion - Jim stated that discontinuing the printing of the Final Conference Report book could save approximately \$80,000. The committee discussed logistical concerns, noting that many printed copies often go unused. It was mentioned that the report could be made available online, allowing members to print copies if desired. Members shared differing preferences, with some favoring physical books and others preferring digital formats. It was suggested that printed copies could be made available by special order for those who want them, while the primary version would be accessible online.

Finance Item D – General Service Conference Location - The committee discussed Finance Item D regarding a request to review the location of the General Service Conference. Further discussion took place regarding the location of the General Service Conference. Cost savings and logistics were key points of consideration. Jim shared that the conference was historically held downtown due to its proximity to the office, allowing access to clerical support. It was noted that with current digital capabilities, proximity to the office may no longer be necessary. The committee discussed that a study on relocating the conference has been conducted and will be presented at the upcoming conference.

Report & Charter Item D- Classification of AA Literature - *The General Service Board classify all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical; review existing policies and consider proposing additional policies as appropriate for updating each classification, and that a progress report be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference. Excerpt from the November 2, 2024, trustees' General Service Conference Committee meeting report: The committee reviewed a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-founders' writings and agreed to forward to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter and include PAIs 15, 26 and 109 as additional background.* Jim reported attempting to access background information via a provided link but found that one of the links was not functioning. He emphasized transparency is important and expressed concern about the inability to access the information. Paul suggested

the possibility that the link may have been incorrect. Stephanie noted that agenda items had been moved between committees, which may have resulted in the link or information being lost. Further discussion touched on transparency within AA, including references to founders' writings and prior requests for surveys and information that have not been fulfilled. Jim expressed disappointment regarding the lack of available information and follow-through.

Corrections Item C – Pamphlet Update -The committee discussed a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs.” Jim asked whether members use the pamphlet. Stephanie shared that her group does use it occasionally, particularly due to a higher population of members with related issues. It was noted that the request for updates has been submitted as an agenda item. Discussion included the importance of keeping the pamphlet available while also considering the cost associated with revisions.

Fifth Edition Big Book – Personal Stories - The committee discussed a request to publish the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous that will not be included in the Fifth Edition. The Fourth Edition currently contains 42 personal stories. The Fifth Edition will also include 42 stories, but approximately 30 of them will be new, meaning many Fourth Edition stories will be removed. There is a proposal to publish the omitted stories in a separate volume, similar to Experience, Strength and Hope (which compiled stories from the Third Edition). Paul noted that Experience, Strength and Hope has not sold well and often remains unused. Members discussed whether individuals could simply purchase a Fourth Edition Big Book if they wish to read those stories.

The next meeting will be held April 20, 2026 on Google Meets.

The meeting closed with the responsibility statement at 8:40 p.m.

–submitted by Shea L., SETA Literature Committee Secretary