This is a summary of all the Topics and outcomes. What you voted for in regard to the topics, how the voting went, and the reasons that I may or may not have voted against the Area wishes, as per Concept 3. Copies of this will be available here, before the formal report is issued.

**POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS**

Topic 002/2018

Can and should Dogs be allowed at AA Meetings and if not, why is it still happening and how do we stop it before someone is sued or hurt or a meeting is kicked out (sic) its premises.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **26** | **2** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | * The way this topic is worded makes it unanswerable.
* Delegates to report to their Areas with a statement:

If there is a claim of this nature against the Insurance Policy, the Insurers are sure to decline AA cover in the future. Although the current insurance is expensive, if we lost the collective policy – which incidentally covers every group whether or not they contribute to GSB – each group would be compelled (by law) to seek its own PL Insurance cover for up to $20 million. The cost to groups would be phenomenal.* People are encouraged to obey their local laws and by-laws
* To be considerate of others in respect to possible injury
* Or people being fearful of dogs (yes! Including our own dear little pets!)
* The possible financial cost to EVERY meeting.
* Tradition 4 gives us autonomy, but it also gives us responsibility to think outside our own square.
* Encourage people to consider our Primary Purpose.
* Make meetings a safe place for everyone.
* ALL LICENCED SERVICE DOGS ARE EXEMPT.
* If your group or District is planning to make a statement, be very careful to not imply liability.
* Western Australia has a blanket statement on their website stating “NO PETS ALLOWED”.
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Topic 006/2018

Resolve that urgent legal action be taken against “AA Vic” for breaches of our AA copyrights which they are violating, and a fund be established Australia-wide to ensure that these necessary actions be financed to preserve the copyrights from destruction.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **UNANIMOUS** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | **The committee recommendation was as follows:****That this Topic be rejected on the grounds that resolution is imminent, and in progress.**There has been much progress (albeit very recently) over the matter of Victoria. There was a meeting on 11th November (how apt!) which appeared to be a white flag, and seeking common ground for resolution.This Topic appears to actually be a breach of Tradition 10 and Warranty 5**Legal action can get bigger than the whole problem**  |

At the meeting held on the 11th November 65 people at the meeting voted on the following motion: **That negotiations be opened with GSB.**

60 for. 2 against. 3 abstentions.

There are a lot of matters and details to be clarified, but it’s in progress.

Conference sent a letter in response to a floor action, in support of Victoria’s initiative. I abstained from voting for this. There has been a lot of information which has come to light, which has encouraged all parties to take another look. A lot of it, as you can imagine concerns members, therefore I am not willing to disclose.

007/2018

That the General Service Conference advise the GSB to take the following immediate action to resolve the following threat by the AA Reviver to the Australian AA Fellowship.

6 Demands listed here. This is against the Topic/ Advisory Action from 2017, and against the suggestions on “How to get your topic accepted” Each of these points should have been a separate Topic. The point being that it makes debate and voting impossible. Fortunately we didn’t have to.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29 UNANIMOUS** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended to Conference to reject the Topic on the grounds that AAWS has commenced acting on our behalf.AAWS has appointed a Patent Attorney in Sydney to act for us. They have immediately acted to red flag the imports at Customs. The shipments will be seized.GSO India is working to track down the rogue printers and exporters there.GSO will sell literature to Reviver, as per any other entity, but they will receive no discount. |
| **NB 025/2018 ALMOST IDENTICAL. SAME OUTCOME** |

Topic 014/2018. Increase total awareness of Delegates to Conference and the Fellowship as a whole of the total role the GSO plays in the functioning of AA in Australia and that these functions are essential to the survival of AA in Australia.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29 UNANIMOUS** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The Committee recommended UNANIMOUSLY to reject on the grounds that there is enough material available. |
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**REPORT CHARTER AND SERVICE MANUAL**

Topic 012/2018

Guest speakers during the dinner dance at National Conventions

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **25** | **3** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The Committee recommended that the topic be rejected on the grounds of Tradition 4 and Group Autonomy. Conference voted FOR the committee recommendation |

Topic 024/2018

Authorise a guideline on hints and suggestions on Internet safety to be available for use in AA online and print publications.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **28** | **1** |  |
| **COMMENTS** | Committee made several possible suggestionsGSB will form a sub-committee from Literature and RCM committeesPossible to utilise the UK card |
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Topic 028/2018

That the Australian Service Manual should be made available in large print format

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **28** | **1** |  |
| **COMMENTS** | GSO staff will print off and post to anyone who wants it. It’s suitable for inserting into a ring binder.The latest versions are always available on the website. (larger font)This will be included in the next printing of the Service Manual. |
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Topic 030/2018

The GSB recommends to Conference that Guideline 30 Page 160 be amended as follows:

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **16** | **12** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The Committee had recommended to reject the topic. Comment made that should PI&PCP be included as well.This was not a ¾ majority required to pass a topic to alter the Guidelines.Topic to be returned to the Board for clarification. |
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Topic 031/2018

The GSB recommends to Conference that inaccurate information on page 90 of the Australia Service Manual be removed.

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | ¾ vote required |
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**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

Topic 013/2018

Advise the Fellowship of the amounts raised by them as a result of their fundraising efforts for funding the Brown Paper Bag over the Founders Day week.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **28** |  | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The Committee recommended that GSB should advise amounts collected for brown paper bag initiative. Regional break down of figures. |
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Topic 015/2018

To rescind Advisory Action 029/2013, because it conflicts with the newer Advisory Action 044/2016

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **28** | **1** |  |
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**COMBINED CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; TREATMENT & SPECIAL NEEDS, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION & CPC**

Topic 029/2018

The GSB recommends that the Conference discusses what the Fellowship is doing to make Advisory Action 049/2014 happen.

This was about using the month of March to raise awareness of the Correctional, Treatment, PI&CPC committees

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **My apologies. I forgot to record the vote on this one.** |
| **COMMENTS** | The combined T&CF Committees recommended to Conference that this be referred back to the conference floor for discussion and ideas.Could this be on the “buck stops here” roundabout? |
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Topic 001/2018

To combine our PI&CPC and TCF national Forums into 1 National 2 yearly event to be held over 3 days on the QBD long weekend.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **19** | **9** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The combined committees recommended to conference that the PI&CPC and T&CF National Forums be combined into one National biennial event, but the date and length of the event be left to the planning committee.The minority voice suggested that historical evidence is profoundly in favour of keeping these as separate events.The amended topic was accepted |

**AGENDA COMMITTEE**

Topic 004/2018

Can we have on our National or local websites or meeting lists for a AA meeting to be a child friendly or non-child friendly meeting?

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **25** | **3** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended to reject the topic. All open meetings should be child friendly.  |
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Topic 009/2018

Create a 2019 long national PI subcommittee to coordinate events that allow the press, media, book festivals etc to report on and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the first publishing (1939) of the book.

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **25** | **5** |  |
| **COMMENTS** |  |
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Topic 010/2018

AA Australia would benefit from replacing it PI poster “AA It Works” with a contemporary option.

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **23** | **6** |  |
| **COMMENTS** |  |
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Topic 011/2018

Currently AA Australia has a number of quite large, detailed publications on the nature, possible actions and value of PI, but we lack a simple easy-to-read document that outlines PI basics at a grass roots individual member level.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **20** | **9** |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee voted to reject the Topic.No revote as per minority voice. |
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Topic 032/2018

Conference directs the GSB to investigate enhancing the Meeting Search Function on the national Website to include the Area and Region each listed meeting nominally falls under, based on the meeting’s geographical location.

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| **COMMENTS** | The committee moved to reject the Topic |
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Topic 016/2018

GSO recommends that AA Australia recommence printing the US 4th Edition Big Book alongside the Australian 2nd Edition Big Book

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **27** | **1** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommends to accept the Topic.No minority speaker. |
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Topic 017/2018.

That Topic #017/2017 voted in to Advisory Action be revoked.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **22** | **5** | **2** |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee voted to reject the Topic.This is the Topic which upon reflection did not explain its purpose very well. Big lesson there! I spoke as the minority voice.This was a disappointing outcome for Areas like ours. However it was plainly stated the non-urban groups such as most of Area B should still ask for the discount and the request will be regarded leniently by GSO staff. |
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Topic 21/2018

That AA Around Australia be published electronically only.

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **26** | **3** |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended that this topic be rejected. Carried.The committee suggested that an “opt out” option be published in AA Around Australia for groups or individuals to get their copy electronically, and an email database be maintained. |
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Topic 022/2018

That AA Around Australia be a monthly rather than a 6 monthy publication

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29 U** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | To continue as a 6monthly publication in line with the current austerity measures. |
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**REMOTE COMMUNITIES**

Topic 008/2018

That the attached Remote Communities Workbook be reviewed by Conference and if agreed be available as a resource to the Fellowship, and added to Guideline 035

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| **VOTING** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29 U** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended to accept the topic subject to approval of the committee’s following recommended changes.* Add to text of Funding for Remote Communities (folder p,184).
* Remote AA members Folder page 185 – a single link instead of multiples.
* Replace specific emails & numbers with GSO references, as these don’t stay constant.

The stuff about copyright disallowing the use of the material from the Yukonwas misconstrued, and has been cleared via correspondence from them. |

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

Topic 003/2018

A separate section containing 10 of the original stories from the Big Book be added to the next printing of the Australian Edition of the Big Book

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| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended to reject the topic. Carried |
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Topic 018/2018

That all our Literature should be displayed on the website in pictorial form.

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **29U** |  |  |
| **COMMENTS** | The committee recommended to accept. Form a sub-committee |
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Topic 026/2018

That a provision be made in the conference Agenda Committee’s Composition Scope and {Procedure document for the presentation of Minority Reports to the General Service Conference.

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| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **20** | **8** | **1** |
| **COMMENTS** |  |
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**ADVISORY ACTION 001/2017**

**Conference resolved to undertake an inventory of the Service Structure and produce a simple plan to achieve this.**

**Conference 2018 to make recommendations on the Survey/Structure Review.**

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| **VOTING** | **FOR**  | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| **FULL CONFERENCE** | **20** | **9** | **0** |
| **COMMENTS** | Having reviewed all the documents, the Conference Policies and Admissions committee recommends to Conference that no further action on this matter.Points of view to be taken in consideration:* What is the problem with the current structure?
* There was an inventory done in 2001.
* Other countries are moving back to the US type structure
* This was poorly communicated to the fellowship, and poorly executed
* An inventory YES Need structure, but too vague a result on inventory survey to rely on for the proposed white paper.
* We need structural change to ensure sufficient Delegate representation at Conference by ? splitting areas.
* Don’t throw out the idea of conducting an inventory.
* The committee recommendation was accepted.
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