

**Second Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the
General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.**

Time and Place: Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 12:07 p.m. via video conference.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Michele Grinberg; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Brenda Brown, Clement Cann, Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Irene Donoso, Josh Eggleston, Julio Espailat, Ino Fernandez, Racy Joseph, Diana Lewis, Mike Lewis, Michelle Mirza, Eva Sanchez, Steve Smith, Greg Tobin, Irma Van De Bon-Nicol, Rick Walker, Carolyn Walsh, Sandra Wilson, Jeff Wine, Albin Zezula, Terry Bedient Trustee Emeritus and Linda Samuels recording secretary .

Minutes: Following a motion and second, the minutes of the February 3, 2020 First Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the General Service Board were approved as mailed.

Following a motion and second, the minutes of the Special meetings in March and April 2020 were approved.

Chair's Report: The Chair of the General Service Board, Michele Grinberg thanked all for their participation in carrying out the first virtual 70th General Service Conference which successfully carried on the tradition and is very grateful to all the employees and the Tech team led by Mike Wilson.

Communications: Secretary, Ginger Rhoades Bell reported that the General Service Board has received four communications.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Backus read a brief summary of a preliminary report.

Following a motion and second, the Board accepted the Treasurer's report.

Audit Committee: Leslie Backus reported that the Audit committee met Monday, May 11, 2020 via video conference. The committee discussed the delay of the audit and reviewed documents to be sent to auditors. The chair stated that the delay was in large part due to implementation of the ERP system.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved this interim Audit report.

Advisory Actions: Cate Wittig, chair of the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference made a motion to accept the 2020 General Service Conference Advisory Actions as written and dispense with reading them individually for the audio record. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Following a motion and second, the 2020 General Service Conference Advisory Actions were adopted as written by unanimous vote of the Board.

The meeting adjourned temporarily at 12:45 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Members of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Time and Place: Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 12:46 p.m. via video conference.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Michele Grinberg; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

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Minutes: Following a motion and second, the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of A.A. World Services, Inc. were approved as distributed.

Election of: The following slate was presented for election for the period beginning
Directors May 2020 through April 2021:

Beau Bush	David Noll
Mary Cumings*	Greg Tobin*
Jimmy Dean	Carolyn Walsh
Deborah Koltai	John Weis
Jan Lembke	

*G.S.O. employees

Following a motion and a second, the members voted to amend the slate of proposed directors, removing the non-trustee director candidate and leaving the eight currently serving directors plus one vacancy.

Following a motion and a second, the slate as amended, with eight names and a vacancy, was elected by the Members as Directors of A.A.W.S. Inc. for the period beginning May 2020 through April 2021:

Beau Bush	David Noll
Mary Cumings*	Greg Tobin*
Jimmy Dean	Carolyn Walsh
Deborah Koltai	Vacancy
Jan Lembke	

*G.S.O. employees

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Members of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Time and Place: Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 1:45 p.m. via video conference.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Michele Grinberg; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Brenda Brown, Clement Cann, Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Irene Donoso, Josh Eggleston, Julio Espallat, Ino Fernandez, Racy Joseph, Diana Lewis, Mike Lewis, Michelle Mirza, Eva Sanchez, Steve Smith, Greg Tobin, Irma Van De Bon-Nicol, Rick Walker, Carolyn Walsh, Sandra Wilson, Jeff Wine, Albin Zezula, Terry Bedient Trustee Emeritus and Linda Samuels recording secretary.

Minutes: Following a motion and a second, the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. were approved as distributed.

Election of Directors: Following a motion and a second, the following persons were elected by the Members as Directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc. for the period beginning May 2020 through April 2021:

Josh Eggleston
Ino Fernandez
Kathi Fowler
Cindy French
Francis Gilroy

Tommi Hanley
Nancy McCarthy
Ginger Rhoades Bell
Albin Zezula*

*Grapevine employee

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**Annual Meeting of the Members of the General Service Board
of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.**

Time and Place: Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 1:50 p.m. via video conference.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Michele Grinberg; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Brenda Brown, Clement Cann, Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Irene Donoso, Josh Eggleston, Julio Espallat, Ino Fernandez, Racy Joseph, Diana Lewis, Mike Lewis, Michelle Mirza, Eva Sanchez, Steve Smith, Greg Tobin, Irma Van De Bon-Nicol, Rick Walker, Carolyn Walsh, Sandra Wilson, Jeff Wine, Albin Zezula, Terry Bedient, Trustee Emeritus and Linda Samuels recording secretary.

Minutes: Following a motion and a second, the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of the General Service Board were approved as mailed.

Status of 2019 Audit: The Audit committee chair has informed the Board that the audited 2019 annual financial report is ongoing and working towards completing by May 31.

Election of Trustee: Following a motion and a second, the following persons were elected by the Members as trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., for the period beginning May 2020 through April 2021:

Class A Trustees

Leslie S. Backus, B.A.
Hon. Christine Carpenter
Michele Grinberg, J.D.
Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA,
FACHE
Peter Luongo, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Nancy J. McCarthy
Al J. Mooney, M.D.

Class B Trustees

Cathy Beckham
Beau Bush
Jimmy Dean
Josh Eggleston
Mark Everett
Kathi Fowler
Francis Gilroy
Patricia (Trish) LaNauze
Jan Lembke
Mike Lewis
David Noll
Newton Pritchett
Ginger Rhoades Bell
Irma Van de Bon-Nicol

Chair Michele Grinberg, on behalf of the General Service Board, informed everyone that each of the rotating trustees will receive an embossed leather-bound Big Book. The following trustees rotated off the board: Thomas L. Ardolf, Carole Boerner and Cate Wittig.

The Chair gave a special thanks to each for bringing their amazing talent, skills and service to the General Service Board.

Chair Michele Grinberg invited new trustees Josh Eggleston, Mike Lewis and Irma Van De Bon-Nicol to the Annual Meeting of the Members of the General Service Board.

All welcomed the three new trustees to the General Service Board.

The Chair announced that she will appoint each of the new trustees a buddy who will help to guide them in this new role and answer any questions they may have. The Chair also encouraged them to reach out to all trustees and noted that she is looks forward to getting to know them all.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

**Second Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees of the
General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. Resumed**

Time and Place: Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 2:01 p.m. via video conference.

Present: Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Josh Eggleston; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Michele Grinberg; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Mike Lewis; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Irma Van De Bon-Nicol.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Thomas Ardolf, Carole Boerner, Brenda Brown, Clement Cann, Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Irene Donoso, Julio Espailat, Ino Fernandez, Racy Joseph, Diana Lewis, Michelle Mirza, Eva Sanchez, Steve Smith, Greg Tobin, Rick Walker, Carolyn Walsh, Sandra Wilson, Jeff Wine, Cate Wittig, Albin Zezula, Terry Bedient Trustee Emeritus and Linda Samuels recording secretary.

Election of Officers: Following a motion and a second, the Board approved the following slate of officers of the General Service Board:

Chair:	Michele Grinberg, J.D.
First Vice-Chairperson:	Hon. Christine Carpenter
Second Vice-Chairperson:	David Noll
Treasurer:	Leslie Backus, B.A.
Secretary:	Mark Everett
Assistant Treasurer:	Robert Wilcox*
Assistant Secretary:	Mary Cumings*

* G.S.O. employees

Committee Appointments: Following a motion and a second, the Board approved the appointments of members of the committees of the corporation.

2020 Calendar: Ginger Rhoades Bell presented an Ad Hoc Committee Report on 2020 August GSB Weekend Options. Based on the discussion the chair announced that the August Board Weekend will be held via remote meeting technology.

Trustee Orientation: The Chair reported that the annual General Service Board Orientation for all trustees will be held June 13-14, 2020.

Old Business: Floor Actions regarding the A.A.W.S. slate will be forwarded to the Conference Trustees Committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Special Meeting (via videoconference)
Thursday, March 12, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Upon the call of the Chair a Special Meeting, via videoconference, of the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. was held. Chair Michele Grinberg, presiding.

Chair Michele Grinberg called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

The assistant secretary called the roll and obtained a unanimous waiver of notice.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Josh Eggleston, Ino Fernandez, Tommi Hanley, Deborah Koltai, Stephanie Lyles, Homer Moeller, Ivy Rivera, Bob Slotterback, Greg Tobin, Carolyn Walsh, Bob Wilcox, Sandra Wilson, Albin Zezula, and Terry Bedient, Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., Ward Ewing, Gary Glynn and Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeriti.

Also present as guests of the Board were delegate chairperson, Ray McCallum; and Conference committee chairpersons: Brad Albright, Jeff Bernknopf, Barb Chambers, John Dussault, Jane Ehrich, Alan Foster, Michelle García, Dan Geels, Gail Patterson, Katy Patterson, Missy Rasmussen, Steve Shuffield and Teddy Basham-Witherington.

Chair's remarks: Chair Michele Grinberg warmly welcomed all to the Special Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. and a special welcome to guests and Conference committee delegate chairpersons and thanked all for their willingness to come together on short notice.

Addition of Agenda Item: Receipt of trustees' Committee on the International Convention/Regional Forums report and recommendation; and actions. The Board approved addition of this item.

Chairperson Cate Wittig presented a written report on behalf of the committee.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the onsite meeting of the 70th General Service Conference, scheduled at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York (Westchester County) April 19-25, 2020 onsite, be canceled. Notice of this cancellation will be communicated to all Conference members as soon as possible.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the 70th General Service Conference be conducted under a modified schedule during the week of April 19-25, 2020 via remote meeting technology, to include Conference committee meetings and reports, board reports, elections, possibly some additional presentations, and debate and voting on Conference committee recommendations.

The chair recessed the special meeting at 7:22 p.m.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

Special Meeting (via videoconference)

Thursday, March 26, 2020

5:30 p.m.

The trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. reconvened the special meeting via videoconference, Chair Michele Grinberg, presiding.

Chair Michele Grinberg called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Josh Eggleston, Julio Espailat, Ino Fernandez, Tommi Hanley, Deborah Koltai, Stephanie Lyles, Homer Moeller, Ivy Rivera, Bob Slotterback, Greg Tobin, Carolyn Walsh, Bob Wilcox, Sandra Wilson, Albin Zezula, Terry Bedient, Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., Ward Ewing, Gary Glynn and Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeriti.

Addition of Agenda Item: Receipt of trustees' Committee on the International Convention/Regional Forums report and recommendation; and actions. The Board approved addition of this item.

Chairperson Tom Ardolf presented a written report on behalf of the committee and noted that the committee reviewed and discussed several background documents, including an overview of the impact of the epidemic provided by an epidemiologist, the status of registrations and cancellations; the status of the Canada/U.S. Border and budget projections for different scenarios, as well as the event insurance policy.

The chairperson reported that the committee also carefully considered the available options in the case that the Convention could not take place in July of 2020, including postponement until 2021 in Detroit and cancellation of the International Convention.

Background information was presented including a report from a distinguished epidemiologist, an overview of the event insurance policy, an updated report on financial risks and budget projections prepared by Talley Management for several scenarios.

The trustees asked questions about the background had an in-depth discussion of the numerous factors involved in cancelling or rescheduling the International Convention.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention scheduled for July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan, be cancelled.

The chair recessed the special meeting at 6:49 p.m.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Special Meeting (via videoconference)
Friday, April 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. reconvened the special meeting via videoconference, Chair Michele Grinberg, presiding.

Chair Michele Grinberg called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Brenda Brown, Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Irene Donoso, Josh Eggleston, Julio Espallat, Ino Fernandez, Tommi Hanley, Racy Joseph, Deborah Koltai, Diana Lewis, Stephanie Lyles, Zenaida Medina, Michelle Mirza, Homer Moeller, Ivy Rivera, Eva Sanchez, Greg Tobin, Carolyn Walsh, Bob Wilcox, Sandra Wilson, Jeff Wine, Albin Zezula, and Terry Bedient, Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., Ward Ewing, and Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeriti.

Also present as guests of the Board were delegate chairperson, Ray McCallum; and Conference committee chairpersons: Brad Albright, Jeff Bernknopf, Barb Chambers, John Dussault, Jane Ehrich, Alan Foster, Michelle Garcia, Dan Geels, Gail Patterson, Katy Patterson, Missy Rasmussen, Steve Shuffield and Teddy Basham-Witherington.

Addition of Agenda Item: Receipt of trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference report and recommendation; and action. The Board approved addition of this item.

Chairperson Cate Wittig presented a written report on behalf of the committee.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the 70th Virtual General Service Conference be held later in May 2020, as a condensed one session Conference.* The dates to be determined through a survey of all Conference members as to their availability and the feasibility of meeting those dates by the General Service Office.

The chair recessed the special meeting at 8:05 p.m.

*NOTE: One session defined as several meetings over consecutive days.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Special Meeting (via videoconference)
Thursday, April 30, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. reconvened the special meeting via videoconference, Chair Michele Grinberg, presiding.

Chair Michele Grinberg called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Patrick Claymore, Mary Cumings, Stephanie Lyles, Eva Sanchez, Bob Slotterback, Bob Wilcox, Albin Zezula, and Terry Bedient, Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., Gary Glynn and Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeriti.

The chair invited the Conference Coordinator, Patrick Claymore to give an update on the 70th General Service Conference. The Conference Coordinator gave an overview of the schedule and reported that all Conference committees are meeting to reduce their agendas using guidelines provided by the Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference. The final reduced list of agenda items will be made available before the Conference. Training sessions will be scheduled for all Conference members to insure they are able to use the technical tools of the virtual Conference platform.

The assistant secretary announced that the second quarterly meeting of the General Service Board and the annual meetings of the members of the three corporations will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 12 noon Eastern Daylight Time.

A.A. World Services, Inc. Chair Cathy Beckham and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Chair Ginger Rhodes Bell noted that they are also considering holding meetings their respective boards on Saturday, May 23, 2020.

Addition of Agenda Item: Receipt of the trustees' International Committee memo and recommendation regarding the 26th World Service Meeting; and actions. The Board approved addition of this item.

Chairperson Newton Pritchett presented a memo and information on behalf of the committee.

The trustees asked questions and discussed the spiritual and financial impact of the committee's recommendation, noting the health and safety concerns indicated by a distinguished epidemiologist.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the General Service Board U.S./Canada withdraw from hosting the 26th World Service Meeting, October 25-29, 2020 onsite in Rye Brook, New York.

The World Service Meeting Policy/Admissions Committee will receive notice of this action along with all World Service Meeting delegates and G.S.O.s. It was noted that the World Service Meeting is an autonomous service body and that it may consider alternatives to the face-to-face meeting.

The chair adjourned the special meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
Special Meeting (via videoconference)
Thursday, April 30, 2020
6:36 p.m.

Upon the call of the Chair a special meeting, via videoconference, of the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. was held. Chair Michele Grinberg, presiding.

Chair Michele Grinberg called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

The assistant secretary called the roll and obtained a unanimous waiver of notice.

Present: Thomas L. Ardolf; Leslie Backus; Cathy Beckham; Carole Boerner; Beau Bush; Hon. Christine Carpenter; James Dean; Mark Everett; Kathryn Fowler; Francis H. Gilroy; Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA; Patricia LaNauze; Jan Lembke; Peter F. Luongo, Ph.D. LCSW-C; Nancy J. McCarthy; Al J. Mooney, M.D.; David T. Noll; Newton Pritchett; Ginger Rhoades Bell and Cate Wittig.

At the invitation of the Board, the following persons were also present: Mary Cumings, Stephanie Lyles, Bob Slotterback, Bob Wilcox, Albin Zezula, and Terry Bedient, Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., Gary Glynn and Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeriti.

Agenda Item: Receipt of trustees' Committee on Finance report and recommendation; and actions.

The trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. held an executive session from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.

Trustees Finance Committee Chairperson Leslie Backus noted that the committee received a request from the General Service Office for an emergency drawdown of three million dollars from the Reserve Fund due to the decrease in book sales and contributions caused by the worldwide pandemic. After a careful review of the cash flow analysis the Trustee Finance Committee agreed to forward the request to the General Service Board.

Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation to draw down up to three million dollars from the Reserve Fund.

Addition of Agenda Item: Receipt of trustees' Committee on Nominating report and information regarding an appeal of the proposed AAWS Board of Directors slate. The Board approved addition of this item.

The trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. held an executive session from 7:52 p.m. until 9:02 p.m.

The Board agreed that any motion on the proposed A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors slate would need substantial unanimity to pass.

The Chair noted that this discussion and any actions resulting from the discussion would conclude the appeal process regarding the proposed A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors slate.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded, “to reaffirm the A.A. World Services, Inc. slate of Directors that was forwarded to the 2020 General Service Conference.” The motion failed to achieve substantial unanimity.

After thoughtful discussion, a motion was made and seconded, “to remove John Weis from the slate of A.A. World Services, Inc. Directors that was forwarded to the 2020 General Service Conference.” The motion failed to achieve substantial unanimity.

It was noted that the originally proposed slate of A.A. World Services, Inc. Directors approved by the General Service Board at the February 2, 2020 meeting will be presented to the General Service Conference for disapproval if any. The Chair asked the chair of the trustees’ Committee on Nominating to prepare a summary of the appeal process and relevant documents to be included in the Conference Committee on Trustees’ background material.

The chair adjourned the special meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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