

FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

5/18/2025

The initial FCC meeting took place on 11/14/2024 and we began developing a Mission Statement. In addition, discussed talking to the Virtual Committee and sharing ideas. The 11/21/2024 meeting reviewed the handout from previous BOT meeting, continued to form the Mission Statement and received a very informative presentation by Butch G of the progress and expected presentation by the Virtual Committee at the May 2025 Trustee Meeting.

Bill B contacted the Chair of the BOR, Ara H to discuss items on the handout (previously mentioned) with the result is that Ara will be discussing financial reasons of improvement at future BOR meetings, our committee to defer.

The 12/12/2024 meeting discussed the finalization of the Mission Statement. We deferred the idea of having the FCC also be a “formal host committee” for the possible 2027 International Conference but deferred as not being “on site” would be a difficult way to help manage or execute committee decisions.

The 1/9/2025 meeting finalized the Mission Statement:

The Future Conference Committee (“FCC”) will develop a proposal for instituting an International Conference every 5 years with the first conference to be held in 2027 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Gamblers Anonymous.

The FCC will consider other areas of research that are related and develop proposals, as warranted.

Bill B spoke with Wendy B who was Intergroup Chair from Area 1B. Discussion included the possibility of the Los Angeles, Orange County and Inland Empire co-hosting the 2027 International Conference. Wendy advised that there have been no detailed discussions but she may pursue. Our committee knows of no official proposals that are to be forthcoming. Our discussion mulled having an email blast to all Trustees to inspire local discussion to hold the 2027 Conference. No conclusion was reached.

The FCC will concentrate on the Mission Statement and defer any of the other items on the original handout as it pertains to the BOR.

At the 1/23/2025 meeting, Bill B related an earlier phone call with Guy H of Los Angeles who said an informal meeting will be taking place shortly to discuss possibilities of hosting a 2027 Conference.

Also decided to hold off requesting an email blast to the Trustees. Alan asked if an Area would like to host an International Conference, subject to the current bidding process, we would welcome that (discussion at the May 18th Trustee meeting may touch on this subject).

We met on 2/20/2025 and discussed our Committee Report that Bill B will prepare and circulate to the committee members for finalization. We expect to have the report sent timely. We are not aware of any new developments in the Los Angeles area but Bill B will follow up and circulate an email with results.

Bill spoke to Ara H of Los Angeles, Area 1 on March 1st and Ara shared that a sizable group has met and are moving ahead with obtaining information to possibly result in a bid for the 2027 International Conference. Advised Ara that our committee would offer to help. He will keep us informed.

Ara advised on March 15th that Los Angeles had their first committee meeting. They will search hotels in the greater Los Angeles area.

Our motion is subject to any input from the Conference Oversight Committee. The current proposal from the Virtual Committee is supported by the FCC and supports the future BOT Virtual meetings. All areas would result in financial savings to the entire Fellowship.

An area of virtual mini and weekend conferences are also supported by our committee.

Additional International or Local Conferences are not included in our Mission Statement and will be the purview of the current BOT Guidelines.

A motion will be composed recommending an every 5 year International Conference to recognize the anniversary of our Fellowship will be prepared for the May 2025 Agenda.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee Members:

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