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TO: All Panel 65 and Panel 66 Delegates
FROM: Trustees of the General Service Board
DATE: October 31, 2016
RE: General Service Board Strategic Plan

Ahead of the 66th General Service Conference, a copy of the General Service Board Strategic Plan (the "SP") was distributed to each of you. At the July General Service Board meeting, the General Service Board approved a plan to forward a number of items to trustees' committees as a means of commencing work on effecting the processes outlined in the SP to achieve the goals that were also outlined in the SP.

A copy of a table showing those items being forwarded, and the trustees' committees to which they are being forwarded, is attached to this memorandum as part of the PDF that contains the whole of the original of the SP. You will note that the language of the processes in the table has been abbreviated. This has been done only to make the table more visually accessible. There is no intention to alter any of the processes. The full language of the processes in the SP should be referenced.

It is anticipated that each trustees' committee, to which these processes have been assigned, will deal with them as part of the work with which the committees are tasked. They will be addressed along with the requests that were made by the Conference and the other work on the agendas of the various trustees' committees.

At this point in time we are still waiting for feedback from staff as to an estimation of the demands on staff resources of proceeding with these items. While wishing to move these items forward, we need ever be mindful of our finite human and financial resources.

Some of the items assigned to the various trustees' committees in the attached table have been commenced, some are nearing completion, and others have yet to begin. What the table is intended to do is to communicate to the Fellowship about those items identified in the SP that are underway or will soon be underway.

The General Service Board will continue to discuss ways in which all of the processes identified in the SP can be effected in order to make progress in achieving all of the goals identified in the SP. The expectation is that this work will continue over several years and that the processes and goals will evolve as they are further explored and as input is received from the Conference and the Fellowship.

As indicated when the SP was originally circulated, some of the processes identified will require input from the Fellowship and approval of the Conference.

We hope that by providing this kind of communication, the Board can not only obtain highly valuable input from delegates and the broader Fellowship, but continue to demonstrate leadership in seeking to ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, and in open and effective communication.