



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

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### I AM RESPONSIBLE:

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible." -*Pledge of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Convention.*

The final agenda items are out and have been sent to all your DCMs. The supporting background material will be available later this month and will also be sent to your DCMs as soon as it is available. You can also contact me directly if you would like a copy of the agenda items or background material. As we prepare for the Pre-Conference Assembly, I want to share as much information as possible so that we can have an informed group conscience. Communication and transparency are how this effectively works, and the Pre-Conference Assembly is where I want to hear from you! As your trusted servant I carry your voice to the conference, and I won't be able to effectively do that if I don't know what that is. Participation in the conference process is how we exercise our voice to effectively own responsibility for AA's future. Let your voice and the voice of your group be heard. The Pre-Conference Assembly will be held May 5 at the VFW, 41 Veterans Dr., New Britain from 9-3.

### Technology:

I have just received an update from our Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT), Rich P. from Board Weekend that was held Jan. 23-27. I will update you in next months report with the bulk of what he reported on. The one item I found important to share with you now regarding the new app. There have been technical difficulties after final testing and some bugs continue to be

worked out. The Feb. 1 release date has been moved to April 15. In conjunction with this piece of technology, the updated website and FNV replacement has been pushed back as well. A new release date for the 2 items has not been confirmed as of this report.

### 2019 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Theme

This year's Conference theme is "**Our Big Book- 80 Years, 71 Languages**". It is hard to believe the book "Alcoholic Anonymous" was first published 80 years ago and continues today to carry AA's message of HOPE, RECOVERY and LOVE. This theme can be used for discussion at your district break out sessions, sharing sessions and workshops.

### NERAASA

NERAASA 2019 will be held at the Hunt Valley Delta Hotel in Area 29, Maryland. NERAASA is the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly and is the conference where you will have an opportunity to meet other members of the fellowship in service positions like yours. GSRs and DCMs from all over the Northeast Region Maine to Maryland meet in round table discussions. This is also where agenda items pulled from the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference will be discussed, and you will have a chance to hear presentations and give feedback on all kinds of topics. The Delta Hotel is fully booked but the overflow hotel is the Residence Inn Baltimore Hunt Valley is only a block away and the same room rate is being honored. NERAASA is my favorite weekend filled with fun, fellowship and discussions about topics that directly affect AA as a whole.

For updated meeting schedule and answering service information, visit our website at [www.ct-aa.org](http://www.ct-aa.org).

## Panel 69 Committee Highlights

### ARCHIVES:

The delegate committee met by conference call on Thursday 1/17 with Michelle M., GSO Archivist and committee secretary. Purpose was to discuss the 2 recommendations of proposed agenda items submitted be forwarded to the GSO board for consideration to add to the final conference agenda.

### TRUSTEES:

The delegate committee met by conference call on Thursday 1/17 with Sandra W., staff member and secretary on Nominating. Purpose was to discuss the 5 recommendations of proposed agenda items be forwarded to the GSO board for consideration to add to the final conference agenda.

## AAWS Highlights

### Northeast Regional Events

#### **NERAASA 2019:**

The Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be held this year in Area 29 Maryland at the Hunt Valley Delta Hotel beginning Friday Feb. 22-Sunday Feb. 24., 2019. Online registration is available at [neraasa2019.org](http://neraasa2019.org). Overflow hotel information is also available at [neraasa.org](http://neraasa.org).

#### **NERF 2019:**

Save the date!!! The Northeast Regional Forum will be hosted by Area 49 SENY in Tarrytown, NY at the Westchester Marriot; May 31-June 2, 2019. REGISTRATION IS FREE!!! Come to see how much your General Service Office does to carry the message each and every day!!

#### **UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS:**

##### **NERAASA 2019**

February 22, 23 & 24  
Delta Hotel by Marriott Baltimore  
245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21031  
[neraasa.org](http://neraasa.org)

##### **SPRING GRAPEJAM**

Sunday, April 13, 2019; 6  
Powder Mill Barn  
32 South Maple St., Enfield, CT

##### **ROUND-UP 2019**

Sunday, April 28, 2019; 9-3  
Edmond Town Hall  
45 Main St., Newtown, CT

##### **PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9-3  
VFW, 41 Veterans Dr., New Britain

#### **International:**

The 25th World Service Meeting took place in Durban, South Africa, October 7-11. The 25th WSM Final Report is underway in print form and once again an anonymity-protected digital version will be posted on [aa.org](http://aa.org) and the WSM dashboard. The 26th WSM will be held in Rye Brook, NY prior to the General Service Board weekend in October 2020, with the theme "The Purpose of Our Service: Sobriety within Everyone's Reach."

#### **Finance:**

For the ten months ended October 31, 2018 gross sales were \$356,688 or 3.02% ahead of budget, Contributions were \$144,715 or 2.24% ahead of budget and total operating expenses were \$327,112 or 2.32% more than budget. Net gain for the ten months was \$287,642 compared with a budgeted gain of \$142,933.

#### **Contributions to GSO:**

I have just received and distributed contributions to GSO from each group in Area 11. Your DCMs have a copy of all groups that were able to contribute in 2018. Contributions to GSO from all groups combined in 2018 were 38.4% compared to 40.18% in 2017. Tradition 7 states that "the AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." What this Tradition is asking of us is that if we can financially support our General Service Office, not only should we, but it is our duty and responsibility.

#### **NERF:**

I have been receiving updates for this year's Northeast Regional Forum being hosted by Area 49 SENY at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY May 31-June 2. Registration is online and FREE!! What a great opportunity to learn about committee work, financial status, and everything you ever wanted to know about your General Service Office; how they operate and what they do for us to carry the message to the world. Trustees and staff members will be available to give presentations and discuss whatever you might have questions about.

#### **Group Services:**

Information has recently been prepared for visitors to G.S.O. and others that the office will no longer be selling literature onsite due to a change in the building's policies restricting sale or pick-up of any materials on building premises. Normal shipping operations will continue, and the office is referring people to the Inter-Group Association of A.A. as an alternative for onsite sales.

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Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups and A.A. Service Committees.

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