



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

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

August has not been as quiet as I thought it was going to be. I attended ICYPAA in Boston where thousands of people all came together to celebrate being young and sober! The spirit of unity, service and recovery was infectious. I was also able to wrangle a seat on the Bus Trip to GSO in NYC. There were many first time attendees on the trip. I am always amazed and grateful that the staff stops their day to talk to us after the 11 am meeting and lunch. The work they do touches everyone, both inside and outside the program. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions hard at work; to spread our life saving message.

### FINAL REPORTS:

The final report from NERF 2019, the Northeast Regional Forum, is now available electronically and has been distributed with assistance from the Area Recording Secretary, to all that are on the email list. Please let me know if you did not receive one and I will get a copy to you ASAP.

The final report of the entire 69<sup>TH</sup> General Service Conference is available in both electronic and printed formats. Electronic format has been emailed to you, with the assistance of the Area Recording Secretary. Printed copies are available from your DCM. I do not have additional printed copies. If you need a copy, I can send it as an email attachment. If you would like the Spanish version electronically, the file is large and cannot be sent as an attachment. The file is anonymity protected and I need to grant you special access. Please email

your request and I will get it to you as soon as possible.

### DELEGATE VISITS:

I enjoy visiting district meetings so much. I get to talk to GSRs and District members and get a point of view on topics relevant to them. A growing concern has been about communication and the effectiveness of area officers visiting your districts representing the delegate. At the sharing session in August I learned a lot about this topic; that while most districts appreciate a visit from the delegate or their representative, it can be redundant and taking away the opportunity for the DCM to communicate and connect with their GSRs. After much prayer and meditation, I am trying something for the remainder of my rotation as delegate. In the spirit of patience, love and tolerance, and to empower your DCMs to rise to the authority and responsibility given to them by their groups, area officers will no longer be attending district meetings to give a delegate's report. This will leave more time on the district meeting agenda, save the area budget money and your area officers time and energy to focus on their responsibilities and tasks that you have given them the authority to carry out on your behalf. Your Alternate Delegate and myself will continue to visit as districts when invited so that we can directly communicate with the membership. After the New Year we will take to our Pre Conference and Post conference reporting as in the past. I found this most helpful at the conference. The more discussion and feedback prior helped me to be better informed of your thoughts.

## Panel 69 Committee Highlights

### ARCHIVES:

From June through mid-July, over 4,000 pieces of paper have been scanned and uploaded to Laserfiche. These include Conference committee agendas, reports and background; Bill W.'s correspondence; and other significant papers. Additionally, the department has responded to over 750 requests from the fellowship and others for information.

### TRUSTEES:

Communication following board weekend, in July the committee was focused on progress made since Conference week on the agenda items forwarded to the Trustees Nominating committee. A special sub-committee was formed to look into the legal issues regarding reorganizing the board.

## AAWS Highlights

### Regional/International Events

#### **2020 International Convention:**

Registration for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit opened on September 9. Go to [aa.org](http://aa.org) to register online and to book your hotel reservations. Registration is \$115 before 4/15; after 4/15 it is \$140. To learn more about visiting Detroit while you are there visit:

<https://internationalconvention.visitdetroit.com>

#### **NERAASA 2020:**

February 21-23, 2020

Save the date for NERAASA 2020 hosted by Area 43 New Hampshire!  
Radisson Hotel Nashua  
11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH

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

##### **AREA 11 CONVENTION**

September 27-29

Red Lion Hotel

100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell

Pre-Registration \$20 through 9/13

##### **FALL ASSEMBLY \*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

Sunday November 3, 2019

9-3

Pitkin Community Center

30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield

##### **CSCYPAA**

November 29-December 1, 2019

Red Lion Hotel

100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell

Pre-Registration \$10 through

**Staff assignments:** GSO staff assignments have been updated with the addition of 2 new personnel. Irene D., the previous La Vina editor, has been added to Accessibilities/Remote Communities assignment and Brenda B., former Memphis Intergroup office manager will join the Corrections desk.

**ERP Update:** With the implementation of the NetSuite office system, most functions have returned. You can now order literature and re-enter your recurring payments online. There is a continued delay in the change to NetSuite for entering and updating group information. Technical issues plague this process. There is not a timeline for a go live date on MyPortal. What this means is for your group is that you should continue to update your information with your district registrar. They in turn will update that information to the area registrar. The area registrar will not be able to make updates live as FNV has also been frozen temporarily. Each one has to be entered manually by the records staff at GSO. GSR and DCM packets will not be sent out to GSRs during this period.

**Meeting Guide App:** The Meeting Guide App, as promoted in the September issue of the Grapevine, is live!!! Please download it onto your devices. There you can look up meetings, read the Daily Reflections, get directions to meetings, text your network information on a meeting and lots more! Many areas throughout the US and Canada are participating and finding a meeting locally or away could not be easier.

**International Convention:** Paper physical registration forms for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit have been mailed to those registered in FNV. I also emailed my copy out to you in August. This will give you a lot in information on the FAQs regarding transportation, getting there and staying there and what to expect. Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns. There is still time if you have or know of someone who is a professional friend of AA and not a current member that would be willing to speak on a panel in Detroit.

**Literature:** The Trustees Committee on Accessibilities/Remote Communities is requesting stories to update the pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic- Never Too Late" to more accurately represent the current fellowship. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, 12 point font. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone. Anonymity will be observed, whether the story is selected or not. Email your submission to [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org) with "AA for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line.

**Publishing:** The Publishing department has identified all pamphlets used in by the Corrections and Treatment committees and is moving forward on the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference committee's recommendation that staples be removed from these items to a staple free format.

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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