



# 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).

### Finance:

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 revenues were 2.59% higher than budgeted and 3.76% higher than the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Operating expenses were 4.53% greater than budgeted and 9.94% more than last year. In total, unit book and booklet sales have decreased from 2018 by 33,920 pieces or (2.66%). This large variance includes a decrease of 9,727 of Daily Reflections books and a decrease of 10,270 of the Big Book Pocket Edition. In addition, 21,910 units sold (English) of the new book, Our Great Responsibility. Actual contributions for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 were \$6,197,296, 6.29% higher than budget and 6.29% higher than the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Online contributions for the first nine months of 2019 amounted to \$664,860. The first nine months of 2019 online contributions accounts for 10.73% of our total contributions.

### Publishing:

September gross sales are below budget with actual gross sales at \$1,176,380, which is a \$56,886 or a 4.61% negative variance against budget of \$1,233,266. Total web sales (A.A.W.S. Online Bookstores) for September stand at \$530,987.36, which accounts for about 45.64% of total sales for the company. Total e-book gross sales through September 2019 stand at \$143,146, with 36,942 units distributed. In response to a great volume of requests, QR codes

will be added, which will link to our items on aa.org. QR codes will be added as items are up for reprint, like how bar codes have been implemented. (There is no additional cost to be incurred for this addition.)

### International Convention:

Online registration opened on G.S.O.'s A.A. website September 9, 2019 and surpassed 10,000 registrants on the first day. As of October 7, 2019, over 21,000 people had registered for the Convention.

The Talley Management Group provided an update on planning for the 2020 International Convention. Registration, which opened in early September, is currently tracking 3,500 attendees lower than 2015 at this time; housing is tracking at the same rate as 2015. Most of the service contracts are in place, with a few still being negotiated and reviewed. The next site visit will take place in early November and will cover topics including transportation and security, Detroit InterGroup participation, and operations issues with key downtown hotels and vendors. There will also be a first meeting with the full Detroit Welcome Committee.

### Literature:

Production for the update of the video "Your G.S.O., Grapevine and General Service Structure" is ongoing, including content and script development, scheduling for space, talent and actual filming at G.S.O. and Grapevine, some of which took place over the last month.

## Panel 69 Committee Highlights

### ARCHIVES:

Archives staff has continued digitizing background materials, correspondence and other related items that exist largely in paper format from activities of the Conference and Trustees' Committees. Between July and August, staff completed scanning materials for 2009 through 2017, covering approximately 3,500 digitized documents.

### TRUSTEES:

Our own NERT, Francis G., has been selected to serve on the Grapevine Board and will be confirmed at the 70<sup>th</sup> GSC in April. A call with the Trustee Chair of the Nominating committee we review the entire slate of selection to the GSB and Grapevine for 2020.

## 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

Radisson Hotel Nashua  
11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH

Registration is now open. You can register online at [NERAASA.org](http://NERAASA.org)

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

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

Sunday April 5, 2020; 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

**LOOKING TO BE OF SERVICE? Join an event committee! These committees meet at the area office:**

Soberfest: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 12 noon  
Convention: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12 noon  
CSCYPAA: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11 am  
Round-Up: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
Rompiendo Fronteras: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 6:30pm

#### Corrections:

The committee requested that the staff on the corrections desk ask for shared experience from A.A. members involved in corrections service for tools currently being used to create local databases with correctional facility meeting information, the status of the meetings, contacts, possible needs, and any other relevant information, and that the information be considered for a possible service piece or added to the Corrections Workbook, as appropriate. As some of you may know the 2019 Conference Committee on Corrections considered a request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional facilities in each service Area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held there in and took no action. The committee noted the merits of the goal but considered that the diverse experiences and needs in different areas would be better served by a tool, or resource, that would help Areas develop their own database tailored to their needs. Please send your shared experience to the corrections desk at G.S.O. by January 15, 2020.

#### Accessibilities:

The trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is seeking stories from a broad cross section of older A.A. members to make the pamphlet more representative of the Fellowship. We have extended the deadline for receiving manuscripts to **January 15, 2020**. Typed manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information (The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not). Please email your sharing to: [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org) and put "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message. Or, you may mail it to Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

We are happy to announce the availability of an updated version of the ASL video of the abridged book Alcoholics Anonymous, commonly referred to as "The Big Book" in American Sign language for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing A.A. community and alcoholics around the world who are Deaf. This updated DVD has been reviewed by members of A.A. who are Deaf and incorporates current language and signing most familiar in today's Deaf Culture. Along with ASL, contents are also subtitled, with audio track, in English only. This updated video of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous, in ASL is available on DVD and can be ordered through the A.A. website at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), or by phone at 212-870-3400. For more information, please contact the Accessibilities and Remote Communities Desk at the General Service Office at [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org) or by phone at 212-870-3344. Note: The book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is also available in ASL DVD. For more information, please visit [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

#### Safety service piece:

The board reviewed an updated draft of a proposed service piece on safety being developed by G.S.O. staff. The work is ongoing and additional input was requested to help inform subsequent drafts.

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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