



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

### Links to information:

#### Updates to COVID-19 on AA.org:

[https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus)

#### Sharing exchanged on how groups are handling COVID-19:

[https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus)

#### Grapevine & La Vina 2020 issues are free:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help>

#### Options for meeting online:

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/options-for-meeting-online](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/options-for-meeting-online)

#### Press Release Virtual Meetings:

[https://www.aa.org/press-releases/en\\_US/press-releases/aa-groups-using-digital-platforms-to-find-sobriety-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak](https://www.aa.org/press-releases/en_US/press-releases/aa-groups-using-digital-platforms-to-find-sobriety-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)

Go to [ct-aa.org](http://ct-aa.org) for updated meeting information including virtual video conferencing meetings and temporary meeting closures

### 70<sup>TH</sup> General Service Conference:

Now that May is here, the General Service Conference is moving forward for 2020. As reported prior, this year the General Service Conference will be conducted over several weeks in Pre-Conference sessions with the actual Conference taking place from May 16-19 where both the committee sessions and general sessions will take place. Board reports have already been received. Additional sharing will be during the general session on financial, Grapevine, Trustee-at-Large and other pertinent reports. Pre-Conference meetings have been scheduled for Conference Committees to meet and discuss what can be addressed this year with the time allotted during the General Session. This will greatly reduce the work of the committees and ultimately move many items to the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference in 2021. Each Conference Committee has been charged with the responsibility to tackle and bring those items forward that can be sensibly addressed.

### NERF 2023:

With the vote of confidence from the February Area meeting, Area 11 will be putting in a bid to host NERF 2023. There was a lot of excitement within the membership to do this. Part of the General Service Conference is the Regional Luncheon. At this luncheon, traditionally proposals for regional

events are discussed and voted on. This year the Regional Luncheon is a video virtual call which is scheduled for Tuesday May 5. Bids have been secured for 2 locations in Area 11, the Greenwich Hyatt and the Stamford Hilton. These will be forwarded to all delegates to review before Tuesday. Final selection for NERF 2023 will be voted on and submitted to the METS department at GSO for negotiation.

Usually NERAASA and NERD are also discussed at this Regional Luncheon. These 2 events do not involve GSO and the current sitting delegates in conjunction with our NERT and the Areas bidding on those events, has voted to move these discussions to a later date, not during the limited time we have at Conference this year.

### Spring Assembly:

With the cancellation of the in-person Spring Assembly, this year will be different. Reporting back to the fellowship is my main duty as your delegate. This year I would like to visit each district either by virtual video or in-person. As several districts meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday this will take a few months, in some cases. At this point I do not know what items will be able to be addressed at this year Conference making the time needed to report back to you uncertain at this writing. After consulting with your Area Chair and Officers, the Spring Assembly has been scheduled for Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Panel 69 Committee Highlights

### ARCHIVES:

Archives Conference Committee Pre-Conference Virtual Video Meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### TRUSTEES:

Conference Committee on Trustees has scheduled it's Pre-Conference Virtual Video Meeting on Sunday May 10.

## AAWS Highlights

### Regional/International Events

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

The 2020 International Convention in Detroit, Michigan scheduled for July 2-5 has been CANCELLED. Refunds and hotel cancellations are expected to be completed by April 30.

[https://aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_GSBcha\\_irannouncement.pdf](https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_GSBcha_irannouncement.pdf)

[https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-cancellation-process-for-the-2020-international-convention](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-cancellation-process-for-the-2020-international-convention)

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

##### **AREA 11 ROUND-UP**

Postponed

Date & location TBD

##### **SPRING ASSEMBLY**

In Person Assembly has been cancelled.

Virtual Video Spring Assembly

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

##### **SOBERFEST 2020**

Soberfest 2020 has been moved a

virtual video celebration

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Meeting details to follow

##### **ROMPIENDO FRONTERAS**

July 25, 2020

First Baptist Church

581 Meriden Ave, Southington

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

**Postponed to September 2021.**

##### **CSCYPAA**

**Moved to virtual video convention.**

**Watch for updates here!**

**Administration** – Implementation continues with NetSuite and the new vendor RMS. Contract management software is being integrated to facilitate review and analysis of major A.A.W.S. contracts across all departments. Asbestos abatement was completed on the 8th floor and construction will restart with a projected move in date toward the end of May.

**Information Technology Services** – Negotiations with RMS were concluded, and the Rapid Assessment was kicked off on February 10, 2020. Six workshops with the various business departments have been held, giving RSM an end-to-end view of business events across the departments. The Technology Services department also negotiated the final services agreement with Saralux and is orchestrating the transition between the two vendors

**Administrative Services** – The Records department is experiencing a two-month lag in the distribution of GSR, DCM, and new group kits. Efforts are underway to backfill orders while also identifying potential process improvements.

**Accessibilities/LIM** – The assignment has received 44 submissions from members on “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic” and fifteen shared activities experiences on Cooperation with the Elder Community. Story submissions will be evaluated by the subcommittee on “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic.”

**Corrections** – The Corrections Correspondence Service continues to link the alcoholics on the inside with the alcoholics on the outside. Currently there are only 38 alcoholics on the inside waiting to be linked.

**Group Services** – The Group Services coordinator met with members of the Polish-speaking Intergroup in New Jersey to discuss how that Intergroup can be a resource for Polish-speaking members in nearby states, helping them get involved with general service in their areas.

The board approved the following recommendations brought forward by the TCS Committee:

- That the service material “The Role of Prerelease and Bridging the Gap” be added to aa.org.
- That all current Young People videos be added to the downloads page on aa.org.

A.A.W.S. Ad Hoc Committee on Pricing, Discounts and Distribution (Delta committee):

The committee will continue data analysis in collaboration with G.S.O., with additional reporting to follow. The board approved the following recommendation brought forward by the committee:

- That the current handling fee be eliminated on all orders

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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