



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

### Links to information:

#### Anonymity Online and Digital Media

[https://aa.org/assets/en\\_US/smf-197\\_en.pdf](https://aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-197_en.pdf)

#### Anonymity Placard

[https://aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_anonymityplacard.pdf](https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_anonymityplacard.pdf)

#### G.S.R. Kit Contents

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_GSR\\_list.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_GSR_list.pdf)

#### D.C.M. Kit Contents

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-153\\_DCM\\_Kit.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-153_DCM_Kit.pdf)

#### FAQ on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/SMF-223-FAQonVirtualBasket\\_en.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/SMF-223-FAQonVirtualBasket_en.pdf)

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

### Getting Ready for the Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly on March 27th!

Thank you so much to Districts 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 for your hospitality in January! Your Area 11 Delegate and Alternate Delegate are in the process of visiting all Districts that will have us—between now and March 27<sup>th</sup>—in hopes to talk up the Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly and inspire participation!

The Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly is an extremely important event—especially for GSRs. When an A.A. member serves as a GSR, they not only have the privilege and responsibility to link their group with their District, but also with A.A. as a whole.

Participation in the Pre-Conference Assembly—and all Area Assemblies—is one vital way to do this. It says in the A.A. Service Manual: “The area assembly is the **mainspring** of the Conference structure.” – Reprinted from page S36 of the 2018-2020 A.A. Service Manual with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

By late February, an important communication will be sent to the Area 11 General Service Committee via email. This will contain several units of information: (1) login information for the online Pre-Conference Assembly; (2) General Service Conference Agenda items; (3) General Service Conference background material; and (4) other relevant Pre-Conference Assembly preparatory information—in one convenient spot. Given the extremely short turnaround time between when this information gets distributed and when the Pre-Conference Assembly takes place, DCMs are urged to promptly share the information with members of their Districts.

The Pre-Conference Assembly will likely run from 8:30am to 1:30pm or so. Keep an eye out in late February for all relevant information. In the meantime, please mark your calendars!

### Safety in A.A.

The Service Piece titled “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” is a helpful resource. [Click here for the service piece](#) and pay close attention to the portion—beginning on the bottom of pg. 2—with the subheading “A.A. and the Law.”

Additionally, while this letter from G.S.O. was produced almost a year ago, it still contains some valuable information: [Click here to read the March 19, 2020 GSO letter.](#)

### Al-Anon Events with A.A. Participation

I enjoyed the online Serenity Breakfast January 24<sup>th</sup>—an Al-Anon event with A.A. participation. I look forward to the CT Al-Anon Convention March 19-21, 2021. An Advisory Action of the 1969 General Service Conference produced a resolution of gratitude to Al-Anon, thus helping explain this special relationship.

“WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Conference to confirm the relationship between Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Family Groups, and WHEREAS, it is the further desire of this Conference to acknowledge A.A.’s debt of gratitude to the Al-Anon Family Groups, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that Alcoholics Anonymous recognizes the special relationship which it enjoys with the Al-Anon Family Groups, a separate but similar fellowship. And be it further resolved that Alcoholics Anonymous wishes to recognize, and hereby does recognize, the great contributions which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made, and are making, in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere.”

–Reprinted from page 161 of *Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1951-2018* with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

## Panel 71 G.S.C. Activity

**Agenda Committee:** –Conference Committees meet in the month of January (online or by phone), along with the chairperson of the Trustees’ Committee which corresponds with the Conference Committee, for the purpose of discussing *proposed* GSC Agenda items. This practice began in 2019. Your Area Delegate participated in this meeting (on January 11<sup>th</sup>) and is now anxiously awaiting receipt of the full 71<sup>st</sup> GSC Background Material (to be distributed later this month).

### Article 9 of the Conference Charter in Action

The last sentence of Article 9 of the Current General Service Conference Charter reads: “The Conference may [...] render advisory opinions **at any time** by [...] mail [...] in aid of the General Service Board or its related services.” Reprinted from page S107 of the 2018-2020 A.A. Service manual with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc. Your Delegate received an email poll regarding an admission request for a Conference observer.

## G.S.B., A.A.W.S./G.S.O., & G.V. Updates

### Regional/International Events

#### Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) 2021:

**NERAASA WILL BE ONLINE THIS YEAR!**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

Registration is now open!!

<https://www.neraasa.org/register>

Register early to save your spot!

No hotel expenses....

No travel expenses...

Take advantage of this opportunity!

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**Save the Date: Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/regional-and-local-forums](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums)

#### UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS:

**The three Area Assembly dates for 2021 have been announced:**

**-March 27<sup>th</sup> (Pre-Conference)**

**-May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Spring)**

**-November 14<sup>th</sup> (Fall)**

**Please mark your calendars!**

#### General Service Board Updates

**General Service Conference** –Full background material for the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC will be coming later this month.

**International Convention** – The General Service Board’s overall final insurance settlement (from the event insurance) was \$2,152,134. This will be used to pay the remaining contractual expenses from the International Convention. Any balance after that will be distributed/allocated to A.A.W.S./G.S.O. and A.A.G.V./L.V. to cover expenses (i.e., salaries, lost revenue from sales and registration, etc.).

**Literature**—The committee noted the multiple strategic plans in process for Publishing to make A.A. literature more accessible, such as publishing audiobooks, eBooks, and the digital *distribution* of literature (including to prisons).

**Archives**—The Trustees’ Archives Committee updated its Mission and Purpose to include references to digital materials. It is noteworthy that Archives Staff at G.S.O. is migrating, beginning with records created in 2020, to maintaining two digital copies (archival format) on two different servers and one paper copy on-site. This will replace the old process of having one paper copy on-site and one securely off-site (thus saving time, money, and resources).

#### A.A.W.S./G.S.O. Updates

**New Section of the A.A. Website for Remote Communities Committees**—After much anticipation, the new Remote Communities Committees section of aa.org is now live. Local Accessibilities Committees might find this of particular interest. It is loaded with pamphlets and service pieces. [Click here](#) to visit the new page for Remote Communities Committees.

**“Return to the Workplace Task Force”**—While G.S.O. continues operating remotely, a task force to investigate returning to the workplace is in place.

**Fellowship Connection** –Based on feedback from a Registrar focus group, AAWS and Technology/Communications/Services have rolled out two new updates to the Registrar system, including: (1) Dashboard *summary view* of Groups, & (2) giving additional trusted servants within Areas viewing access.

**Group Services**—The Group Services Coordinator continues to work with the Fellowship Connection team to gather post-launch feedback from Registrars.

**Letter to the Fellowship by AAWS**—A letter from the current Chairperson of A.A.W.S. can be read [here](#).

**New Videos Coming Soon**—We will soon see several new videos added to aa.org and to the A.A.W.S. YouTube Channel, including five new **video pamphlets** (“Young People and A.A.,” “Access to A.A.,” “A.A. for the Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues,” “A Newcomer Asks,” and “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”).

**Technology**—The AAWS app team launched an upgrade and continues working on the app.

**Safety Service Pieces**—We might see some updates regarding service pieces on safety in A.A.

#### A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

**New Acting Publisher** –While the Grapevine Publisher is on medical leave, Chris C. has been selected as the Acting Publisher (however, he will not serve as a member of the AAGV Board or as a voting member of the General Service Conference). Chris has spent many years in the publishing business.

**La Viña Celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary**—As will be noted in the July/August edition.

**La Viña Book “Voices of Women”**—is expected in the Spring of 2021.

Mary E.K.

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

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