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Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

26th World Service Meeting Final Report

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/f/150_26th_WSM_finalreport_2020.pdf

2018-2020 A.A. Service Manual

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf

Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf

Anonymity—A Vital Spiritual Principle

https://aa.org/pages/en_US/anonymity-a-vital-spiritual-principle

Go to ct-aa.org for updated meeting information including virtual video conferencing meetings and temporary meeting closures

An Enjoyable Virtual NERAASA

This year's Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA) was held online for the first time February 26th-28th. It was a powerful experience joining the more than 1,600 registrants for a weekend of service enthusiasm. The event included panels, meetings, a presentation by the current Trustee-at-Large for the United States (Friday), a presentation by the current Northeast Regional Trustee (Saturday), and two nights of roundtable discussions (meeting by service position).

Continued Inspiration for the Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly on March 27th!

Thank you so much to Districts 2, 3, 7, and 12 for your hospitality in February as your Area 11 Delegate and Alternate Delegate continue visiting Districts to talk up the Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly!

The "big email" pertaining to the Pre-Conference Assembly (that your Delegate keeps mentioning) has been sent out! It contained an informational packet with login information, a full list of General Service Conference Agenda Items, links to download background material, and suggestions for sparking participation in this important process. DCMs: you are strongly encouraged to make sure that this packet has been shared with your Districts. Any A.A. member in Connecticut that is interested in the packet and would like to participate is welcome to it. However, please do not post the packet on the internet. The Spanish version of the Pre-Conference Assembly packet is being finalized.

The Pre-Conference Assembly is on Saturday, March 27, 2021. It will take place online. The room will open at 8am. The event begins promptly at 8:30am. Anyone with technical questions is urged to arrive at 8am. For anyone feeling comfortable with the technology, please arrive by 8:25 as we plan to begin at 8:30am sharp. The event will likely run until *approximately* 2pm.

Suggestion: pick one or two agenda items that interest you, read the background material, and attend the Pre-Conference Assembly prepared to share thoughts on those agenda items. Your Delegate wants to hear your thoughts!

A Delegate Poll is included in the Pre-Conference Assembly packet. There are links to complete an online survey regarding proposed themes, presentation/discussion topics, and workshop topic ideas for next year's General Service Conference. In addition to preparing to share your thoughts on agenda items at the Pre-Conference Assembly, you are encouraged to complete Delegate Poll prior to the event.

71st G.S.C. Theme: A.A. in a Time of Change

Each year's General Service Conference has a theme, with this year's theme being "A.A. in a Time of Change." This is a very thought-provoking theme, and it might be worth working it in to local discussions. Fun fact: Rhode Island's Area Convention decided to use the General Service Conference theme for their Area Convention theme this year.

Panel 71 G.S.C. Activity

Agenda Committee: –Since last month's report, additional meetings of the General Service Conference Agenda Committee have taken place (online). Additional meetings are scheduled between now and the start of the annual General Service Conference week in April. These advance Committee meetings are primarily preparatory in nature, combined with a "meet and greet" feature, to allow the Committee to hit the ground running during the Conference week. This year the Agenda Committee has 10 agenda items (4 of which were carried over from last year's General Service Conference).

Demystifying Article 9 of the Conference Charter

Your Delegate received another email poll this month regarding an admission request for additional observers at the General Service Conference. The best way to learn the A.A. Service Manual is to explore. If you look at your Service Manual and find the Current General Service Conference Charter, look for Article 9 (a paragraph that is preceded by the number "9"), and check out the very last sentence of that section.

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

Regional/International Events

NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM (NERF)

Save the Date: Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) June 4th-6th, 2021:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

From Page S74 of the 2018-2020 A.A. Service Manual: "Regional forums [...] are weekend-long sharing and informational sessions which provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. They are also designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, and A.A. Grapevine, and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure." —*Reprinted with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.*

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

-CT Al-Anon Convention with A.A. Participation March 19th and 20th, 2021

-**Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly March 27, 2021**

-Spring Assembly May 23, 2021

-Fall Assembly November 14, 2021

General Service Board Updates

C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities: Submissions Needed for "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" Pamphlet Update—

This Trustees' Committee is looking for stories to be submitted for the updated pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." Specifically, they are looking for stories from members with the following experiences:

- Ethnic, cultural and LGBTQ communities
- Lifestyle diversity
- Got sober later in life
- Veterans
- Hearing loss or mobility issues
- Online or telephone A.A. meetings
- Dementia or Alzheimer
- Spiritual pathways

Submissions may be in written (500 to 800 words) or audio (7 to 8 minutes) format.

Please send to access@aa.org or mail to Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for a submission is March 15th, 2021.

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

Corrections— The Winter "Sharing from Behind the Walls" was distributed to A.A. members in many facilities throughout the U.S. and Canada. In 2020, 560 male A.A. members inside correctional facilities were linked with A.A. members on the outside through the Corrections Correspondence Service. 105 female A.A. members inside correctional facilities were linked in the same period.

Group Services—As the new coordinator continues working with the Fellowship Connection team, the topic of online groups repeatedly arises. The assignment seeks local shared experience, including feedback from the Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous. Moreover, the topic of online groups is one of the many agenda items for this year's General Service Conference.

International—The final report is available

for the 26th World Service Meeting, which took place online in December of 2020. The Final Report can be accessed [here](#). The 27th World Service Meeting in 2022 will have the theme: "Carrying the Message of A.A. in the Digital Age."

Regional Forums—A pancontinental virtual Forum for remote communities in Argentina and Canada is being planned, which will probably take place in May of 2021. Please note that the Northeast Regional Forum (the forum for our region) is scheduled for June 4th-6th, 2021.

Finance—The revenue split between literature sales and contributions in 2020 was about 37% literature/63% contributions whereas it is historically 58% literature/42% contributions. The AAWS Board approved a recommended budget for 2021 reflecting \$15,594,000 in revenue and \$14,952,613 in expenses.

Publishing—Several draft updates to pamphlets are underway. The Big Book is now available in 73 languages, having added Tatar (Russia) and Oriya (India). Also, A.A.W.S. has enhanced its distribution of ebooks and audiobooks for distribution through 38 major ebook platforms and 13 major audiobook vendors.

Technology/Communication/Services (TCS)—113 videos have been posted to the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel. A Regional Forums video was posted to aa.org and YouTube.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Grapevine Rep Resources Page—Some groups have a Grapevine Rep position at the home group (a GVR). There is a Grapevine Rep Resources page at aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources.

Grapevine YouTube Channel—This channel remains active. Visit youtube.com/aagrapevine.

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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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