



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

VOLUME 25, NUMBER 4

APRIL 2021

Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

26th World Service Meeting Final Report

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/f150_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

Thank You for Participating in the Pre-Conference Assembly!

Thank you to the many of you that participated in this year's online Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly on March 27th. We spent several inspiring hours discussing issues affecting A.A. as a whole! Some might be wondering: "What is the Pre-Conference Assembly, and why is it called that?" The "Conference" that it precedes is an annual week-long event known as the General Service Conference. Every Area elects a Delegate to attend and participate in this annual Conference. Area 11 encompasses almost all the state of Connecticut. The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly is to have an Assembly where your Area Delegate can hear the thoughts and feedback on what the local A.A. membership thinks, *before* the Delegate attends the General Service Conference. That is why the Pre-Conference Assembly has its name: it takes place *before* the Area Delegate attends the General Service Conference. This year's Pre-Conference Assembly was an incredible day! The online forms that were distributed also received several pieces of additional valuable feedback in addition to what was verbalized at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Your participation is so appreciated!

Stay Tuned for the Spring Assembly on May 23, 2021 (Online)

That said, the process would be incomplete without the report-back that happens *after* the General Service Conference. While the Area 11 Spring Assembly is not titled the "Post-Conference Assembly," thinking about it in those terms can help with keeping in mind how the Spring Assembly and the Pre-Conference Assembly each relate to the General Service Conference process.

Your Area 11 Delegate is working very hard to continue preparing to attend the General Service Conference the week of April 19th. This process includes reading through all the General Service Conference Background Material, reviewing notes from the thoughts that were shared at the Pre-Conference Assembly (and on the supplemental online forms), and preparatory housekeeping meetings with the G.S.C. Agenda Committee. A detailed report-back on the G.S.C. will be provided at the Spring Assembly! The Area 11 Spring Assembly will take place on Sunday May 23, 2021 (online). You can expect to hear more details soon from your Area 11 Chairperson. Please save the date and spread the word. GSRs, DCMs, District & Area Officers, and District & Area Service Committee Chairpersons are strongly encouraged to attend, as are all interested A.A. members!

Panel 71 G.S.C. Activity

Agenda Committee: –Since last month's report, your Area 11 Delegate attended and participated in a virtual joint meeting between the General Service Conference Agenda Committee and the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference. This provided the 8 Area Delegates serving on the Agenda Committee the opportunity to ask the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference questions and to gain additional clarity *prior to* the General Service Conference week.

Technology and the General Service Conference

Certain reports, which are usually given live during the Conference week, are being distributed to voting members of the General Service Conference in advance of the General Service Conference in *video* format.

This year's General Service Conference will be taking place *online* for the second time.

**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

Regional Forums are hosted by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Forums serve as an opportunity to experience workshops, presentations, and to have your questions answered. All A.A. members are invited to attend this excellent event! Registration is required, but there is no registration fee. Please register and mark your calendars for June 4th-6th.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

**-Spring Assembly May 23,
2021**

**-Fall Assembly November 14,
2021**

Please mark your calendars!

**General Service Board
Updates**

Upcoming Opening for Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees—There will be openings for Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees on the General Service Board after the 2022 General Service Conference.

Resumes may be sent to nominating@aa.org prior to July 23rd, 2021. Do you know of a non-alcoholic professional that has a special place for A.A. in their heart and may be interested in serving on A.A.'s General Service Board? Refer to page 11 of the latest issue of Box 459 [here](#) and check out page S68 of the 2018-2020 A.A. Service Manual.

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

Big Book in American Sign Language Added to AAWS YouTube Channel—For more information, click [here](#).

Fellowship Connection—DCMs and Area Delegates have been granted view-only access to Fellowship Connection (the Registrar database) by the General Service Office.

26th World Service Meeting Final Report Available—Reminder: 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](#).

Regional Forums—The Northeast Regional Forum (the forum for our region) is scheduled for June 4th-6th, 2021 (online). A video about

Regional Forums has been added to both aa.org and to the A.A.W.S. YouTube Channel. For more information, click [here](#).

Corrections—The latest issue of “Sharing from Behind the Walls” is available on aa.org and can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Latest Box 459 Article Available—Box 459, the quarterly newsletter from the General Service Office, recently released its latest issue. It can be viewed [here](#).

**A.A. Grapevine/La
Viña Updates**

New Books Expected Soon—La Viña is expected to soon produce the book “Voices of Women” in Spanish and Grapevine is expected to soon produce a prison-related book called “Free on the Inside.”

A.A. Grapevine is seeking a Publisher—Please refer to page 11 of the latest issue of Box 459 for more information on this, by clicking [here](#). This is a paid executive position, i.e., a “special worker” as described in Tradition 8. The deadline to apply is June 16, 2021.

AA Grapevine is seeking a Nontrustee Director—This is an A.A. service position and details on this can also be found on page 11 of the latest Box 459 [here](#).

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

Mary E.K.
Area 11 Alternate Delegate, Panel 71
alt-delegate@ct-aa.org

Matt K.
Area 11 Delegate, Panel 71
delegate@ct-aa.org