



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Activity Update

While the annual General Service Conference meeting took place in April— some months ago—the Conference is a year-round process. Your Area 11 Delegate continues plugging away.

I am glad to be making the rounds to all interested Districts to provide a miniature version of the Spring Assembly report-back on the 71st General Service Conference. Thank you to Districts 3, 4, and 6 for your hospitality in July. I look forward to visiting Districts 1 and 2 this month!

Please spread the word to local groups and members that all 71st General Service Conference Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations are posted on ct-aa.org. Visit www.ct-aa.org, click “A.A.” Members,” and then click “Delegate’s Reports.” You will find the information presented at the Spring Assembly there.

I enjoyed attending Rompiendo Fronteras/Breaking Frontiers in July and the Area 11 Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) workshop in August.

Thank you to Grupo De Hartford for inviting me to share my experience, strength, and hope on service—followed by over an hour of Q & A. Thank you to Felix and Hector—District 10’s D.C.M. and Alternate D.C.M.—for joining me. A big thank you to Leo P. for assisting with interpretation. If I can be similarly useful elsewhere, please do not hesitate to ask. I am happy to be of service however I can, schedule permitting.

Final Conference Reports (Soon!)

Final Conference Reports should be coming soon! I hope to receive the digital version of the 71st General Service Conference Final Reports within the next few weeks. D.C.M.s are asked to please make sure that these reports are distributed to members of your District.

Fellowship Connection and Data Stewardship Reminder

I included a lot of information on Fellowship Connection (the Registrar’s database) and the importance of D.C.M.s utilizing their read-only access in last month’s report. However, it is worth repeating. D.C.M.s have all been granted read-only access to this database by the G.S.O. If any D.C.M. did not receive login information from the General Service Office or if you need help accessing, please reach out to your Area Registrar at arearegistrar@ct-aa.org. The fact that all D.C.M.s have read-only access serves as a valuable tool for performing one’s D.C.M. duties. Moreover, D.C.M.s can assist their registrar with keeping the information accurate.

Proposed Agenda Item Process

One of the Advisory Actions from this year’s General Service Conference involved a plan for an equitable distribution of workload among Conference Committees. The plan, which was provided in this year’s Policy & Admissions Committee’s background material, was approved with substantial unanimity at the Conference. The plan includes a new form and 9/15 deadline for submitting proposed agenda items to next year’s G.S.C. An announcement is [here](#).

Links to information:

A.A. World Services Website

<https://www.aa.org>

A.A. Grapevine Website

<https://www.aagrapevine.org>

Latest A.A. World Services Highlights

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_AAWS_Highlights_June2021.pdf

“What’s New” on A.A.W.S. Website

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/whats-new-on-aaorg

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

Panel 71 G.S.C. Activity

Concepts 6 and 7 in Action: —Many of us become more familiar with the General Service Conference process by participating in the Pre-Conference and Spring Assembly. However, it is not uncommon to be left with this thought: “Okay, so the General Service Conference had a group conscience on a number of items—but now what? When and how is it implemented?” Ultimately, the General Service Board, its committees, and staff at A.A. World Service and A.A. Grapevine/

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La Vina are tasked with implementing the advisory actions of the 71st General Service Conference—in addition to their other duties. Some of the items will take multiple years and some can be implemented quickly. See the second page for some updates from the most recent quarterly General Service Board Weekend.

Regional/International Events

**SAVE THE DATE:
NERAASA 2022**

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 25-27, 2022 (Pittsburgh)
www.neraasa.org

The next Northeast Regional Forum will be in 2023 in Framingham, MA. Information on regional forums can be found here: https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

Note: other Regions will have virtual forums through 2021.

International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) was scheduled to take place in August of 2020 in New Orleans. It was postponed to August of 2021. However, an announcement just went out that it was postponed again.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

Check www.ct-aa.org and click "Events" for information on events.

- Area 11 Convention is scheduled for the weekend of September 25th (online)
- Area 11 Roundup is scheduled to take place in October (online)
- The Area 11 Fall Assembly is scheduled for November 14th (online)

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General Service Board Updates

Finance—There had been draw-downs from the Reserve Fund last year. Good news: the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve an immediate transfer of \$250,000 into the Reserve Fund. The first six months of 2021 brought gross literature A.A.W.S. literature sales of \$5,735,705 (65% of the 2021 budget). 7th Tradition contributions for the first six months of 2021 totaled 51% of what was budgeted.

Fifth Edition English Big Book—This is a multi-year process. The Trustees Literature Committee appointed subcommittee to begin working on it.

Fourth Edition Spanish Big Book—Appointed Committee Member (ACM) on the Trustees Literature Committee, Amalia C., will be establishing a working group to lead the implementation of this.

Plain Language (English) Big Book—This will also be a multi-year process. The chair of the Trustees Literature Committee appointed a subcommittee to work on this. The subcommittee will also be doing some preliminary research on the potential for a 12-step workbook/guides, per an Additional Committee Consideration from the Conference Literature Committee.

C.P.C. Mental Health Pamphlet—The process will begin by consulting past and present Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees and other mental health professionals to discuss needs and potential content.

Public Information—The Trustees Committee on Public Information discussed media platforms, including reports on the A.A.W.S. and G.V. YouTube channels, Google ads, A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide App, A.A.W.S. and G.V./L.V. websites, and the development of podcasts (podcasts will take some time for development).

A.A.W.S./G.S.O. Highlights

G.S.O. Staff Opening—The General Service Office has a Staff opening. See the announcement [here](#).

Group Services—"There are many concerns with the practicality of how listing will work both at the office and locally with registrars. Group Services is part of the G.S.O. working group recently formed to help implement the advisory action."—*Reprinted with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc. from June 2021 A.A.W.S. Highlights.*

2020 Virtual International Convention—A poster was made available to groups and members in June of 2021, which can be viewed [here](#).

Corrections—The Corrections Desk is working on implementing a more updated and user-friendly system to match members for Corrections Correspondence service.

New Service Manual—We can likely expect the new Service Manual to be available in November.

Public Information—An agency is being used to aid in distributing and tracking a total of 6 Public Information press releases this year. Three have been distributed so far this year.

Canadian Employment—Discussions have begun regarding inclusion of Canadian citizens in employment opportunities with A.A.W.S. and Grapevine/La Vina. Canadian members are integral to the U.S./Canada structure.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

New Grapevine Publisher—The A.A. Grapevine has a new publisher, Chris C. See the announcement [here](#).

Instagram (Reminder)—Reminder that Grapevine & La Vina Instagram accounts went live last month.

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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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