



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

A.A. World Services Website

<https://www.aa.org>

A.A. Grapevine Website

<https://www.aagrapevine.org>

Proposed General Service Conference Submission Information

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_ProposedAgendaItemProcessDeadlineandForm.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

Importance of Area Assemblies

Once we understand just how important an Area Assembly is, we might explode with enthusiasm trying to explain it. We might find it difficult to find the right words to express what their purpose is and why attendance is crucial. That said, when we orient new G.S.R.'s about their role, one thing should be clear: Area Assemblies are not optional.

What is an Area Assembly? It is the unit in the service structure that directly links the local A.A. Groups with matters of WORLD SERVICE! We elect our Area Delegate to the General Service Conference in November of even years. In March or April each year, we have our Pre-Conference Assemblies where the local A.A. membership can express its voice on issues affecting A.A. as a whole prior to the Delegate attending the General Service Conference. At the Spring Assembly (usually in May), our Area Delegate reports back on what happened at the General Service Conference.

Q: What is the difference between the Area Assembly and the Area meeting?

A: The monthly Area 11 Committee meeting, which meets on the Second Wednesday of each month (where D.C.M.'s and other Area Committee members attend), has the primary aim of taking care of the Area's business. Area Assemblies, on the other hand, primarily serve the purpose connecting the local A.A. with the world of A.A. beyond Area 11. Most importantly, Area Assemblies include the G.S.R.'s—the trusted servants responsible for connecting their group with A.A. as a whole!

With the many groups in Area 11 (over 1,400)—and with attending Area Assemblies being one of the most important G.S.R. duties—we could always be doing better with our attendance at Assemblies. At this year's Spring Assembly, we had a total of 249 registrants. The Fall Assembly is scheduled for November 14th (online). Let's try to break 300!

Final Conference Reports

The 71st General Service Conference was a nearly 70-hour week that was jam-packed with information and experience. All of this is condensed every year into what is known as the Final Conference Report. This report includes the precise wording of all Advisory Actions of this year's Conference, all Additional Committee Considerations, voluminous amounts of financial information, and much more. It is imperative that G.S.R.s obtain copies of these reports, review them, and make them available to members of their Groups. The digital Final Conference Reports for the 71st General Service Conference were distributed to D.C.M.s by email. It is strongly encouraged that D.M.C.s ensure that these reports are distributed to members of your District.

Thank you to District 2 for your hospitality August! It has been a privilege to visit Districts online and provide a miniature version of the report-back on the 71st General Service Conference. The virtual environment has made this much more possible. That said, please spread the word that these miniature report-backs are not a replacement for the Spring Assembly. On that note, see you all at the Fall Assembly (online) on November 14th!

Panel 71 G.S.C. Activity

Deadline Approaching for Proposed Agenda Items: –Reminder that one of the Advisory Actions of the 71st General Service Conference involved adopting a new plan for the equitable distribution of workload among Conference Committees. In a nutshell: every Delegate is assigned to a Conference Committee, and depending on which committee a Delegate is on, they may have a small number or many agenda items that their committee must address. →→

→→ At this year's Conference, the Policy and Admissions Committee recommended a specific plan to help aid in more of an equitable distribution of workload among these Conference Committees. Within that plan, it included a new form to submit proposed agenda items along with an earlier deadline of September 15th. Reminder that the September 15th deadline for proposed agenda items is approaching. Info can be found [here](#).

**Regional/International
Events**

NERAASA 2022

Northeast Regional Alcoholics
Anonymous Service Assembly
(NERAASA)

February 25-27, 2022

www.neraasa.org

Regional Forums

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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

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

--Area 11 (virtual) Bus Trip to the
General Service Office: September
24th. Contact your Alternate Delegate
for details (alt-delegate@ct-aa.org)

--Area 11 Convention September 25th
(online)

--Area 11 Roundup is scheduled to take
place October 17th (online)

--The Area 11 Fall Assembly is
scheduled for November 14th (online)

**General Service Board
Updates**

International Convention—Suggested
themes for the 2025 International
Convention in Vancouver may be
emailed to 2025ictheme@aa.org by
10/15/21.

**Consultant Needed with Armed
Forces Experience**—The Trustees
Committee on CPC/Treatment/
Accessibilities needs a volunteer
consultant (A.A. member) with
experience in the Armed Forces to help
with the project of gathering audio
interviews of A.A. members in the
Armed Forces. The memo on this was
emailed out to the Area body in advance
of this report. The deadline to apply is
September 15th. Interested members can
apply directly to access@aa.org.

Podcast Update—The Podcast
working group continues exploring
implementing podcasts. Within this
working group, there are two sub-
groups: the Creative working group and
the Equipment/Logistics working
group.

Public Information—The Trustees
Committee on Public Information
began discussing the Advisory Actions
of the 71st General Service Conference
pertaining to revising several pieces of
Public Information literature. These
include the pamphlets: "Speaking at
Non-A.A. Meetings," "A Message to
Teenagers," and "Understanding
Anonymity." The committee also
continues working on
expanding/improving Google ads and
working towards completing some new
Public Service Announcements.

**Remote Communities/
Accessibilities**—Efforts are beginning
on drafting a new service piece: "A.A.
Guidelines on Remote Communities."

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

Quarterly Contribution Reports—
There had been a pause on Quarterly
Contribution Reports. These have
since resumed. These Quarterly
Reports, listing contributions to the
General Service Board by
District/Group, were distributed to
District Committee Members
(DCMs) in August. For an
announcement on these reports
being resumed, click [here](#).

Summer Literature Discounts—
A.A. World Services is offering some
discounts on literature through
September 30, 2021. To see more,
click [here](#).

Literature Printing Delays—A.A.
World Services has been
experiencing some printing delays as
a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
To read more about this, click [here](#).

New Service Manual—We can
expect the new Service Manual to be
available in November. The PDF is
projected for November 5th and the
print version is projected for
November 26th. The cost will be \$4.
G.S.O. Staff Vacancy—Reminder
that there is an opening for a Staff
position at the General Service
Office. Applications are being
accepted until September 30th.
Information can be found [here](#).

**A.A. Grapevine/La
Viña Updates**

**New Grapevine Book on Prayer
and Meditation Available**—
Information can be found [here](#).

Instagram Accounts—They are
[@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](#) and
[alcoholicsanonymous_lv](#). This is
another reminder.

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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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