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REVISED AND REFORMATTED A.A. SERVICE MANUAL!

If you have not yet seen the new revised and reformatted A.A. Service Manual, as approved by the 71st General Service Conference, please check it out! [You can view it online here.](#) This book has a lot of new and improved graphics/diagrams. You may find the new version of the A.A. Service Manual to be a much smoother read. The chapters in the first portion of the book now have a Frequently Asked Questions section at the end. Overall, the revised and reformatted A.A. Service Manual should be a very helpful tool for all those involved in service—whether we are seasoned at it or are first getting started.

Some additional content has been added to it as well. For example, Appendix U (“The Path for an Idea to Become an Agenda Item”) lays out, very simply, the general process for how an idea ultimately makes it onto the final agenda for the General Service Conference. Another piece of new content is Appendix W (“How the Conference Operates”). This includes the voting procedures of the General Service Conference. Areas, Districts, and Groups may find it helpful to adopt these in conducting business—or, at least, a variation of these. The most recent Summary of Area 11 Voting Procedures are loosely based on this document as well. Either way, it is very helpful to learn the voting procedures that are used at the General Service Conference, and the summary is right there in Appendix W!

You will also find some slight changes that help reinforce some important points. One such example can be found in the duties of the

General Service Representative (G.S.R.). In the previous version of the A.A. Service Manual, the very first duty of the G.S.R. was to attend district meetings, followed by attending area assemblies. However, this new version includes attending area assemblies as the first duty, with attending district meetings in second place. Many G.S.R.s do not realize how extremely important it is for them to attend Area Assemblies. It is at Area Assemblies that General Service Conference agenda items are typically discussed, our Area Delegate and other Area officers are elected, and matters of world service can receive ample discussion. While we all work to encourage G.S.R.s to attend Assemblies, hopefully pointing out the very first duty of the G.S.R. on page 8 of the new A.A. Service Manual can help with this!

Opportunities in the Virtual Environment

Notwithstanding the annual week-long General Service Conference being scheduled for April of next year, your Area Delegate remains busy and inspired in the meantime. In the last month I have visited several Districts, attended the CT Al-Anon Area Assembly as a guest, facilitated an Area Inventory in another Area (hours outside Area 11), stayed in communication with our Northeast Regional Trustee, shared updates on the happenings of A.A. as a whole with D.C.M.s and other members of the Area Committee, participated in an Area 11 Finance Committee meeting, met with the Area 11 officers, had meetings with several fellow Trusted Servants throughout the Area to discuss how we can best carry the message, and more—all virtually. I am grateful that more of these opportunities have been made possible in the virtual environment.

Links to information:

New Remote Communities Page (on aa.org)

https://aa.org/pages/en_US/remote-communities-committees

New Pamphlet “Hispanic Women in A.A.”

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-90-HispanicWomeninAA.pdf

New Twelve Traditions Pamphlet

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-91-An-Introduction-To-Our-Twelve-Traditions.pdf

If you did not yet receive an electronic Final Conference Report for the 71st G.S.C., please contact your District Committee Member (D.C.M.) to ensure you are receiving important communications

Panel 71 (& 72) G.S.C. Activity

72nd General Service Conference –Reminder that the Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, as approved by the 71st G.S.C., involves a new timeline with the G.S.C. agenda item submission process. This year, the deadline to submit items was September 15th, and at the October G.S.B. weekend, the G.S.B. (and its committees) reviewed the proposed items and made decisions about forwarding to the Conference, or not. As of this writing, I am anxiously awaiting the →

(Con’t)→ outcome of this. Stay tuned! Prior to this recent G.S.B. weekend, the Conference Agenda Committee met virtually with the chairperson of the Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference, and we had an opportunity to weigh in on some of the proposed items (as far as whether to forward to the 72nd G.S.C. or not). [As a reminder, please submit ideas for proposed themes/presentations/workshops for 72nd G.S.C. here.](#)

Regional/International Events

NERAASA 2022

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 25-27, 2022

www.neraasa.org

Regional Forums

The Regional Forums Desk at the General Service Office has electronically distributed the Report for the 2021 Northeast Regional Forum (N.E.R.F.) to all those that had registered for it. If you did not receive it and would like to, please reach out and ask (email address on bottom of this page). The next N.E.R.F. will be in 2023 in Framingham, MA. Information on regional forums, including those happening in other regions, found: https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

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

-CSCYPAA is scheduled for the weekend of 11/27 (online) (email cscypaa@ct-aa.org for info)

-The Area 11 Finance Committee planned an online 7th Tradition workshop for December 11th at 10am (email alttreasurer@ct-aa.org for information)

General Service Board Updates

General Service Conference—At the quarterly “Board Weekend” meeting (10/29/21-11/1/21), the General Service Board and its committees reviewed over 175 *proposed agenda* items that were submitted by September 15th for the 72nd General Service Conference in 2022 (not all of which will be forwarded, for various reasons). As soon as the Conference Coordinator at the General Service Office distributes a comprehensive list of *final agenda items* for the 72nd General Service Conference to Area Delegates, your Area 11 Delegate will distribute these to the Area Committee and to District Committee Members (DCMs) to share with their Districts. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. In addition to discussing next year’s potential General Service Conference agenda items, the General Service Board, and its committees, together with staff from A.A.W.S. and Grapevine/La Viña, continue the work of implementing Conference Advisory Actions from this year’s General Service Conference (the 71st G.S.C.).

International Convention/Regional Forums—The Trustees Committee on ICRF has been discussing potentially doing hybrid (part virtual) options for regional forums in the future.

CPC/Treatment/Accessibilities—The committee is beginning to narrow down its selections of the stories that were submitted for the new “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic” pamphlet. Anonymity issues surrounding “hashtags” with the C.P.C. LinkedIn are being discussed.

Public Information—The Trustees’ PI Committee continues exploring how to

best use technology to carry the message—including the Meeting Guide App, Google Ads, YouTube Channels, and more. The Committee discussed the potential for an online A.A. membership survey and took no action. There is an ongoing project to review the methodology of the A.A. Membership Survey.

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

Highlights

International Desk—The International Desk has attended four Zonal meetings, including REDELA (Meeting of the Americas), since August—all virtually.

Fellowship Connection—Version 3.0 of the new registrar’s database launched in October. The Technology Services team began drafting an Incident Response Plan to mitigate any potential cybersecurity risks.

Corrections—The New Corrections Correspondence System launched, which will aid in this important message-carrying effort.

Group Services—The Group Services and International Desk have met with the Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous to ensure cooperation and to help carry the message. Group Services has also been reaching out to all registered intergroups and central offices to verify contact information, in addition to various other projects.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Podcast and Instagram—Visit aagrapevine.org for information on their new podcast. Instagram page is [@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv), and feedback is welcome (contact [here](#)).

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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