



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

### Links to information:

### REVISED AND REFORMATTED A.A. SERVICE MANUAL

[https://aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_bm-31.pdf](https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf)

### New Pamphlet "Hispanic Women in A.A."

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-90-HispanicWomeninAA.pdf](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](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-91_An_Introduction_To_Our_Twelve_Traditions.pdf)

G.S.O. has a new mailing address for contributions to the General Service Board:  
Post Office Box 2407,  
James A Farley Station,  
New York, NY 10116-2407

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

**72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference** –Reminder that a proposed Agenda item was sent to the Conference Coordinator by your Area 11 Delegate: "Consider creating a virtual area for virtual groups in the United States/Canada service structure." A letter was recently received in response. The Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference considered the item and did not forward it to the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference. Instead, it was forwarded to the →

### Staying Active and Inspired

Thank you to all who attended and participated in our Area 11 Fall Assembly on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We were grateful to hear a General Service Trustee, Regional Trustee, and Trustee-at-Large (Canada) share their experience with us. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the happenings with Alcoholics Anonymous internationally, emerging opportunities to carry the message using technology, and many other excellent topics. It cannot be said enough: participation by General Service Representatives (GSRs) at Area Assemblies is so important. Area 11 has three Assemblies per year. Stay tuned for 2022 Area Assembly dates.

As many of you know, before January 1<sup>st</sup>, Area 11 only had 10 Districts. District 9 redistricted at the very end of 2020 and became Districts 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14. These newly formed Districts have been continually inviting me to their meetings every month to provide guidance and support as they continue to grow and form. As a former member of the District previously known as "District 9" and as someone who has researched the topic of redistricting to a large extent, it has been a fascinating process to watch and to help with. I want to thank District 7 for inviting me to their meeting in November to share experience and information on the newly formed Districts and their process. I am always happy to share with any interested A.A. members any experience and information gained throughout my service travels. Just reach out and ask and I will always try my best. I appreciated the opportunity to share about

service with two groups in District 10 recently— Grupo De Norwalk and Grupo De Hartford.

Many of our Service Committees within Area 11 continue painstakingly carrying the message. The Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee recently participated in a virtual exhibit at a virtual professional event. The Public Information Committee has begun exploring new avenues for placing public service announcements on internet radio sources. The Bridging the Gap Committee continues to try to carry the message and to get the word out about their new number 855-565-2345. The Alki-Line Committee continues exploring new creative approaches. The Connecticut State Convention of Young People in A.A. happened virtually and provided Spanish interpretation throughout the weekend. I enjoyed attending the Area 11 Accessibilities Committee meeting earlier this month and being part of a discussion on how to reach prospective deaf A.A. members and how technology may help. Notwithstanding these challenging times, we continue to carry the message!

I recently started a new practice of sending a letter to newly registered groups, welcoming them to Area 11 and offering to help connect them with the service structure. I have had some fantastic experiences with this so far. Some of the groups respond, indicating a desire to be connected with their DCM or asking a service-related question. This has been very gratifying. I suggest DCMs consider using Fellowship Connection and similarly sending out welcome letters to newly formed groups in their Districts. Reminder: DCMs have read-only access to Fellowship Connection (the registrar database with G.S.O.).

**(Con't)** → subcommittee that is exploring ways to include online groups in the U.S./Canada Conference Structure, as background material. **Your Area 11 Delegate recently emailed the Area Committee (including DCMs) the preliminary agenda items for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service (as of 12/2).** This list is preliminary and could be subject to change after the January Board Weekend. A list of final agenda items will be sent out once received.

**Regional/International  
Events**

**NERAASA 2022**

Northeast Regional Alcoholics  
Anonymous Service Assembly  
(NERAASA)

February 25-27, 2022

[www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org)

**Regional Forums**

The next Northeast  
Regional Forum (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](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums)

**SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:**

Check [www.ct-aa.org](http://www.ct-aa.org) and click "Events"  
for information on events.

The Area 11 Finance Committee  
planned an online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition  
workshop for December 11<sup>th</sup> at  
10am (email [alttreasurer@ct-aa.org](mailto:alttreasurer@ct-aa.org)  
for information)

**General Service Board  
Updates**

**General Service Conference**—The 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference is scheduled for April 2022 in Brooklyn, NY. Stay tuned in coming weeks and months for information on final agenda items for next year's Conference, information surrounding next year's Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly, and other relevant information. For all those directly involved in the communication chain of the service structure (i.e., DCMs and GSRs), remember that there is inevitably a brief turnaround time between when final agenda items/background material is distributed and when we have our Area's Pre-Conference Assembly. **There will be a big email in late February that will contain information on the 2022 Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly, the list of 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference Final Agenda Items, and background material.** Given the inevitably short turnaround time (a matter of weeks) between when this is compiled and when the Pre-Conference Assembly will happen, DCMs are urged to quickly ensure that this email is distributed to their Districts. Again: keep an eye out for a **big email in late February.** In the meantime, a *preliminary* list of agenda items for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference was distributed to DCMs and to the rest of the Area Committee on 12/2. If you did not receive this and are interested, please check in with your DCM. It is worth noting that this of preliminary items are *preliminary* indeed. Final Agenda items to follow.

**Finance**—Contributions for the first 9 months of 2021 are estimated at 74% of the 2021 budget, with literature sales estimated at 76% of the 2021 budget.

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

**New Mailing Address at G.S.O. for Contributions**—After decades of having the mailing address of "PO Box 459, Grand Central Station," the General Service Office now has a separate PO Box specifically for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions to the General Service Board. The new address for contributions is Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. A memo on this can be viewed [here](#). Please help spread the word to group treasurers. Do not be alarmed if you sent a contribution to the old mailing address—it will still get where it needs to. However, using the new address for contributions will help expedite workflow with the G.S.O.

**New Revised and Reformatted  
Conference-Approved A.A.**

**Service Manual** —This is available as a PDF [here](#) and a hard copy can be ordered from the A.A. World Services bookstore [here](#).

**New Audio Recordings of the Big Book on CD**—Information on how to order can be found [here](#).

**Latest AASW Highlights and Box 459**—Can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

**A.A. Grapevine/La  
Viña Updates**

**Podcast Continues**—Reminder to visit [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) for information on their new weekly podcast.

**Instagram Continues**—Reminder to visit the new Grapevine Instagram page at [@alcoholicsanonymous\\_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv). You have any feedback that you would like to give Grapevine on the Instagram page, such feedback is welcome. The contact page is [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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