



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly Coming Soon!!!!

The “big Pre-Conference Assembly email” has launched! On February 15th I received the background material for the 72nd General Service Conference Agenda Items. Upon receipt, your Alternate Delegate (Mary E-K) and I spent many hours combing through material, considering which items we thought would be the helpful to receive an extra amount of feedback on, and assembling the packet. The packet includes the login information for the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 3rd, descriptions of half of a dozen items that I am especially hoping to get a large amount of feedback on, and links to background material (including the full combined background material for all agenda items). The Pre-Conference Assembly packet was sent to the Area 11 Committee, which includes all District Committee Members (DCMs). If you did not receive this packet, please contact your DCM as soon as you can!

A big special thank you to the DCMs for ensuring that the Pre-Conference Assembly packet is distributed to your Districts. I have spoken with many of you and I appreciate the strenuous outreach effort to ensure we get as much participation as possible. One suggestion for DCMs: please utilize Fellowship Connection to look up a group contact for each of your Groups and give a personal outreach call. When we forward the big email and announce it at meetings, we will likely attract those that would plan to attend the event anyway. In my experience, personal one-on-one invitations is how we get strong participation at important events like this. That said: the Pre-Conference Assembly might be the most important local service event of the year!

A big thank you to our Area Service Committee Chairs and Event Committee Chairs that agreed to discuss 72nd General Service Conference agenda items with your committees. It was an enjoyable process divvying up background material for various agenda items and considering which agenda items each committee might enjoy focusing on. I really look forward to hearing you give a report-back at the Pre-Conference Assembly, based on your discussions at your committee meetings. For the rest of you reading this: an enormous number of agenda items are being discussed by our various Area Service Committees and Event Committees *in advance* of the Pre-Conference Assembly, during their committee meetings. We will have the privilege of hearing a report-back at the Pre-Conference Assembly, and thus this helps me get substantial feedback with depth and weight from our Area on a very large number of General Service Conference Agenda items.

You might be wondering what the program/format of the Pre-Conference Assembly will be? The entire event is important, so please plan to attend in its entirety. It is true that we will spend a large amount of time discussing those high interest items that I am especially hoping to get a lot of feedback on. That said, trust me when I tell you that you are not going to want to miss the report-backs from our service committees on many other agenda items and other opportunities for sharing. Please mark your calendar for the entire event and plan to attend the whole thing! The virtual room opens at 8am. The event begins promptly at 8:30am. It will run until approximately 1:30pm. A specific detailed program will be emailed out to the Area 11 Committee (and probably posted on our website) shortly before the event begins. The format will be similar to last year: short presentations, opportunities for two-minute shares at the “virtual microphone,” report-backs, etc.

Links to information:

REVISED AND REFORMATTED A.A. SERVICE MANUAL

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_b_m-31.pdf

G.S.O. New Group Listing Guidelines/Form

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F30_NewGroupListingGuidelinesForm_fillable_EN.pdf

G.S.O Group Info Change Form

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F28_GroupInformationChangeForm_fillable_EN.pdf

A.A.W.S. Reduced Shipping Letter [here](#)

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

72nd G.S.C. Activity

72nd General Service Conference—As the Alternate Chairperson for the General Service Conference Agenda Committee, I had the privilege of attending the Delegate Committee Chairpersons’ Orientation, shortly before the last General Service Board weekend. I learned a lot about the roles and responsibilities of being a G.S.C. Committee Chair, just in case I need to step in at the last minute. →

(Con’t)→ It is worth noting that a lot more happens at the annual General Service Conference than simply discussing and voting on the agenda items. There are also workshops, presentations, and the like. This was part of why I thought it would be extremely important for us to discuss the inclusion of virtual groups in the service structure, even though it is not an “agenda item” at this year’s Conference. I expect it will be a large topic for discussion.

Regional/International Events

The next New England Conference of Young People in A.A. (NECYPAA) will take place in Connecticut. Stay tuned for details.

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

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

2022 Area 11 Assembly Dates Scheduled:

--Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly: April 3, 2022 (online)

--Area 11 Roundup: April 9, 2022 (online)

--Area 11 Spring Assembly: May 22, 2022 (TBD)

--Area 11 Fall Assembly: November 6, 2022 (TBD)

General Service Board Updates

General Service Conference—The 72nd General Service Conference is scheduled for the last week of April in Brooklyn, NY.

International Convention—The theme for the 2025 International Convention will be announced at the 72nd General Service Conference.

CPC/Treatment/Accessibilities—The Committee is initiating audio interviews of A.A. members from the U.S. and Canada with past or present military experience. Anyone interested: email militaryoutreach@aa.org.

The subcommittee working on the new version of "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never Too Late" sifted through 84 submitted stories and they have narrowed it down to 12 stories. The draft pamphlet was forwarded to the 72nd General Service Conference.

Public Information: two public service announcements, as approved by last year's General Service Conference, received approximately 8,000 English TV airings and 3,400 Spanish TV airings. Planning for Podcasts are underway.

Finance—Contributions for 2021 are estimated at \$10.7/10.8M (exceeding the budget of \$10M). Detailed audited figures to be discussed at the 72nd GSC.

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

Highlights

New G.S.O. Staff Member from Area 11—Eileen A. from District 6 is now working at the General Service Office (Corrections Desk)! Congratulations to Eileen for her new position as one of A.A.'s "special workers."

Technology Services—The App team launched the fourth major upgrade to the Meeting Guide App.

G.S.O. Staff Vacancy—Click [here](#) if you are interested in applying for a staff position with the General Service Office. There is another vacancy.

Group Services—In the spirit of cooperation, but not affiliation, there was the 2021 Virtual Day of Sharing on December 7th, where several other Twelve-Step organizations participated. Topics during the general sharing included experience during the pandemic and utilizing the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Technology Services

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Planned Book for 2022—Fun in Sobriety (working title).

Top Three Selling Grapevine Books (year to date)—Emotional Sobriety, The Language of the Heart, and Prayer and Meditation.

Grapevines in Prisons—Grapevine/La Vina is making progress with getting into prisons by using two vendors (American Prison Data Systems and Edovo).

Upcoming Grapevine Issues—April will be "What's on Your Mind?" and May will be "60th Anniversary of Our Twelve Concepts."

Podcasts: Grapevine continues with its pilot podcast program To nominate someone as a guest, email podcast@aagrapevine.org.

Instagram—The number of Grapevine and La Vina followers continues to grow. If you have any feedback for improvement, please let them know at: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/contact-us>.