



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Links to information:

Report-Back on 72nd General Service Conference

A 10-minute presentation containing some summary highlights on the 72nd General Service Conference (plus much more info) is available. Click [here](#), or scan the QR code.



2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual

View as a PDF [here](#), or scan the QR Code



G.S.C. Activity

District Report-Backs: –Districts that are interested in having your Area 11 Delegate attend a District meeting for Q&A on this year's General Service Conference, please feel free to reach out and invite.

2023 G.S.C. Submission Deadline: The deadline to submit an agenda item for the 73rd General Service Conference (in 2023) is September 15, 2022. See Appendix U of the 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual to learn more about the process.

CALL FOR STORIES—Reminder!

Reminder: details can be found on page 11 of the Spring 2022 issue of Box 459 and memos were also sent out. 4th Edition (Spanish) Big Book—submission deadline is December 15, 2022. 5th Edition (English) Big Book—submission deadline is October 31, 2022. Updated “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic”—submission deadline is October 31, 2022.

Experience from Other Areas—Outside of Area 11 (CT)

–One Area has formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Safety and Inclusion, with the hope of creating recommendations as to increase inclusivity and attract trusted servants from various backgrounds into Area service.

–One Area has created a new Area Standing Committee called the Armed Services Committee. The mission of this committee is “to carry the message to still suffering alcoholic service members, veterans, and their families by organizing personnel and assets available within [their] area and forming new relationships with [their] military communities.”

Local Traditions-Related Group Consciences

Several interesting Traditions-related topics continue to come up: safety in A.A., event fliers, and group names—to name a few. The closest thing to capturing the “conscience” of the groups throughout the United States/Canada structure is at the annual General Service Conference. While there are various Conference-approved pamphlets and other pieces of literature that address various Traditions-related matters, sometimes questions still arise as to the contours of how to apply them. Thus, it can be helpful to have clearly defined policies. The topic of policies and procedures

surrounding A.A. Group Names is being discussed at the General Service Office and among the A.A. World Services Board. That said, local discussions where local Areas can discuss and have an informed group conscience as to local policies is encouraged and can help contribute to such broader conversations.

Inclusion of Virtual Groups

There are currently 718 virtual Groups that are registered with G.S.O. and are participating in the U.S./Canada General Service Structure. Of those 718 virtual Groups, there are 558 GSRs and 143 Alternate GSRs. Also, there are currently 371 meetings listed in “Area 95” (i.e., miscellaneous file). Group Services, the International Desk, and the Staff Coordinator are communicating with those meetings in “Area 95” to ascertain whether they would like to be listed as Groups and if they would like to participate in the U.S./Canada General Service Structure. As has been discussed at length at Area Assemblies, since April of 2021, there are a number of virtual groups registered within Area 11. There are still many questions for all groups to consider (whether virtual, in-person, or hybrid). How is Area 11 doing with ensuring that the voice of the virtual groups currently registered within Area 11 are heard? How about each of the Districts within Area 11? This is all good food for thought and having local discussions on this is extremely useful. Hopefully, ample discussion throughout the Conference structure's channels of communication (i.e., GSR to DCM to Delegate to General Service Conference/ General Service Board & affiliate boards—and back) will promote unified and informed discussions of all involved. There is a General Service Board Ad Hoc Committee that is continuing to explore the topic of including virtual groups. Your Area 11 Delegate plans to provide some written material to the G.S.B. Ad Hoc based on Area 11's experiences so far with virtual groups, so feedback on the topic is certainly welcome and wanted!

Follow-Up Memo: In addition to the memo your Area 11 Delegate sent to the G.S.B., A.A.W.S., and GV Boards in May regarding the planning/response to the COVID-19 outbreak at this year's G.S.C., your Area 11 Delegate also sent a follow-up memo (and copied all members of the 72nd General Service Conference). The memo was also emailed out to all DCMs—please connect with your DCM if you did not receive it.

Regional/International Events

Connecticut is hosting this year's New England Conference of Young People in AA (NECYPAA)

<https://necypaahost.org/>

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 23-26, 2023

Albany, NY

www.neraasa.org

The Northeast Regional Forum took place this month! 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

2025 International Convention!

Please complete a survey: [link](#).

FAQ on the event: Click [here](#).

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

--Area 11 Convention is coming up soon on September 24th! The committee has planned both online and in-person components. It is scheduled for September 24, 2022. For more info, please email area11convention@ct-aa.org-- or for info on the Home Group celebration, area11conventionoutreach@gmail.com.

--Area 11 Fall Assembly November 6th, 2022 (details to come from your Area Chair).

--Connecticut State Convention of Young People in A.A. (CSCYPAA) is planned for November 25-27, 2022 (cscypaa.org).

General Service Board Updates

General Service Conference—Planning is underway for the 2023 General Service Conference (along with the implementing of Advisory Actions of the 2022 Conference). Discussions have begun about potentially inviting an observer from the Poland General Service Board to the 2023 G.S.C.

Literature—As mentioned on the previous page, there is a call for stories for a few different pieces of literature. Please know—there is an especially urgent need for submissions for stories for the Fourth Edition of the Spanish Big Book (from Spanish-speaking members in the U.S./Canada Structure). As of August 7, 2022, while there were hundreds of submissions already of English stories for the English 5th Edition of the Big Book, only twenty stories had been submitted so far for the Fourth Edition of the Spanish Big Book. Please help spread the word.

There are submission pages available for both. <https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-spanish-4th> and <https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th>

Treatment/Accessibilities/Loners

Internationalists—Updates have been made to the “A.A. Guidelines on Accessibilities for All Alcoholics,” as can be seen [here](#). Also, there will be some gathering of additional stories for the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic,” with the goal of a broader, more diverse representation of A.A. experience.

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

Publication Operations—Worldwide paper, printing, manufacturing, trucking, and other delivery disruptions continue to affect A.A. literature printing.

Technology Services—Discussions are happening about the use of QR Codes to aa.org.

Translation of Conference Background Material (and more)—As you may recall, the timely translation of General Service Conference background material (and more) into French and Spanish has been a heavily-discussed topics. There is continued collaboration and sharing with the GSO Staff and others throughout the office regarding document translation, including the spiritual and practical aspects of background. The office will implement a substantial process and restructuring of the document translation process, which includes increased staffing to allow for a swift, proactive approach to translations as items are identified. Spanish Translator, French Translator, and Document Translations Manager positions have been posted and the recruiting process has already begun. Discussions also continue regarding the reorganization of the functions of intellectual property, copyrights, and translations and licensing.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Instagram—A.A. Grapevine Instagram page has 7,868 “followers” and the La Vina page 936 “followers.”

Upcoming Grapevine Magazine Topics—August will be Sober Travel, September will be Young and Sober, October is Addressing Relapse, and November will be Gratitude and Fun in Sobriety.

Upcoming La Vina Magazine Topics—July-August will be the Prison Issue, September-October will be No Matter What, and November-December will be La Vina Short Stories.

Grapevine Podcast—It continues and has topped over 180,000 downloads since inception.

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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