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Area 11 General Service Committee

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- The Publishing Department introduces the new "jacketless" Big Book
- Learn more about how our 7th Tradition contributions support our services and carry the message
- Read about 2 new Non-Trustee Directors
- Find out how to schedule a visit to GSO

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73rd G.S.C. Activity

Proposed Agenda Items: The list of all submitted Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) has been compiled and recently distributed by your Immediate Past Delegate. There were a total of 184 items for consideration submitted. An updated version of this list has been distributed with the current status of each item, which indicates if the item was forwarded to the Conference or not.

In the weeks since the elections at the Fall Assembly, where I was elected to be your Area 11 Panel 73 Delegate, I have taken time to reflect on my journey through service in sobriety. In the first year and a half of my recovery, I was quite comfortable with service at the group level. I took a lot for granted. I never put much thought into where pamphlets and literature came from, who maintained schedules, who coordinated the commitments I sometimes heard about. I knew nothing about the upside-down triangle or general service.

I attended the Thanksgiving Alkathon in Clinton that year (again without a thought as to how it had been pulled together) and met some people I knew outside. They were talking about an event happening that weekend in Cromwell, something called CSCYPAA (Connecticut State Convention of Young People in AA). While I was very much enjoying my sobriety at that point and I was grateful for the Fellowship, an entire weekend of meetings sounded a bit tedious. But I decided to check it out and I was blown away by what I experienced.

There were workshops and panels, outreach tables from each of the Area Service Committees, speakers and dances. But, most importantly, there were people enthusiastic about Service! It was so exciting and attractive that I decided to get involved and I attended the first CSCYPAA Committee the next month. I got a position (package chair) and I started attending all of the Area 11 events and Assemblies to outreach for the event. While attending these events, I met even more people who were involved in service at the District and Area level. I started to learn about service committees. I heard people talking about our Traditions in a way that I had never heard them

discussed before. I also started hearing about the Concepts.

I began to learn about how our 7th Tradition really helps to support our primary purpose of carrying this message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. I learned about how the service structure works and the importance of communication up and down the triangle. I kept asking questions and showing up for commitments. Through these experiences, I developed an ever-expanding network of friends and fellow trusted servants. My world opened up in a way that it never had before and my awareness of the importance of AA worldwide grew. We, the members of the Fellowship, are responsible for the protection and care of AA, for supporting our general services, for making sure that the voices of the Fellowship are heard, for making sure that our groups are well informed.

I continued to show up and stumble my way through service, learning as I went. I became Area Grapevine Chair (due to a very enthusiastic invitation by the outgoing chair) and very quickly figured out that I was going to need to ask for help, something that had always been hard for me. But help was there, in the form of a service sponsor and an entire network of trusted servants who put their hands out.

With each commitment I have had since those early days (CSCYPAA Chair, Area Registrar, Area Chair, Alternate Delegate), I have grown right along with those around me. I have never been alone in service and it has gotten me through some of the toughest days of sobriety. I continue to show up for the Fellowship that has consistently shown up for me. I have so much to be grateful for and I hope that my gratitude can shine through as I continue on this journey of service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

To view this list, click [here](#). A final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting. For more information on the path of an agenda item, please see this presentation [here](#).

G.S.B., A.A.W.S./G.S.O., & G.V./LV Updates

Regional/International Events

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 23-26, 2023

Albany, NY

Virtual attendance option available

www.neraasa.org

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

June 2-4, 2023

Burlington, MA

Information on regional forums can be found here:

https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

2025 International Convention!

July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver, BC Canada

Find up-to-date information [here](#).

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:

Pre-Conference Assembly: Save the date!!!!

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Details coming soon!!

“The area assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure.” -Reprinted from page S36 from the 2018-2020 A.A. Service Manual with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

General Service Board Updates

In tandem with our General Service Office (as part of its oversight responsibility to protect the fidelity of AA literature and provide financial means to support the work of service structures, worldwide, including Canada and US) our GSB Chair plans to establish an ad hoc Committee for Clear and Modern Policy and Governance for Intellectual Property. Ideally, the ad hoc will be seated this month to include:

- Trustees-at-Large US and Canada (2)
- Board Chairs and Treasurers of AAWS and AAGV (4)
- GSB Chair as ex-officio

Scope to include:

- Intellectual property including our copyrights
- Trademarks
- Any patents for custom-developed software and APPs

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

Publishing: Due to the overwhelming success and positive feedback around the test pilot, the Mixed-Title Quantity Discount will continue. This means that anyone ordering literature will receive a discount based on the sum total of all books, booklets and boxed sets placed in one order, rather than on a certain quantity of one specific item. A full list of items that receive this discount is available on request at publishingnews@aa.org.

New jacketless hardcovers are now in stock and available for ordering! Items included are the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. This new format has the image from the jacket reproduced on the book's cover. As previously announced, the jacketless format will eventually replace the jacketed version for the foreseeable future. To order these, as well as other items of

literature, please visit the [A.A.W.S. webstore](#).

Experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza is now available in digital format and can be found on AA.org. This is a Spanish-language translation of the English-language book *Experience, Strength and Hope*. A printed format version of this book (SB-20) will be available for ordering in 2023. Click [here](#) to read the book now!

Archives: One of the ongoing activities at Archives is to catalog manuscript collections and objects utilizing a controlled standard system and vocabulary. The goal is to have a systematic retrieval process to help streamline response time to requests for materials from GSO's extensive collection.

Communications: The Communication Services Department continues its work with Public Information and Publishing to create a GSO Podcast.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Grapevine Board: There is an opening for a Non-Trustee Director position on the AA Grapevine board. This is a volunteer position. For more information, please see this [important announcement on behalf of AA Grapevine, Inc. Board of Directors](#).

Completed resumes should be submitted by Friday, February 3, 2023.

Update on shipping delays: There continue to be delays in order fulfillment as changes are made to improve customer experience. For urgent needs, you can call Grapevine and La Viña customer service at 212-870-3417.

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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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