AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

VOLUME 27, NUMBER 4 **APRIL 2023**

Area 11 General Service Committee

I want to start by thanking all of those who attended and participated in the 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly on Saturday, April 1! It was our first ever hybrid Assembly here in Area 11 and it was a great success! This was due to the hard work of all those who had a part in the planning and running of the day, as well as all those who attended. There were approximately 240 attendees with an even split between online and in-person. Many thanks to the presenters who did an amazing job with the agenda item presentations! I truly appreciate all of the hard work that went into this event.

Of course, the purpose of this event is for me to hear the voice of Area 11 so that I can carry it with me to the General Service Conference, which is fast approaching! I heard from many of you about the thoughts that your groups have on some of the agenda items. This participation is essential in the process of preparing me to represent Area 11 and all of AA at the Conference.

Please make sure to attend the **Area 11 Spring Assembly on May 21** to hear my report back about all of the activities that occur at the General Service Conference, including the outcomes of the final agenda items. This will be a hybrid event with the in-person portion again taking place at the Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield. More details to come!

Update on the General Service Board resignations

Recently, I compiled a timeline of events surrounding the resignation of the Chair of the General Service Board, who was a Class A Trustee, and the subsequent resignation of one of our Class B General Service Trustees. I included with this timeline some takeaways from the Question and Answer sessions of the General Service Conference, of which there have been 2 so far. There is a 3rd scheduled to take place on Thursday, April, 13. I also included all formal communications that have been received in regards to these events. To review this timeline and all associated documents, please click here.

In addition to those communications, the General Service Board has also created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which was emailed to the current Delegates of the 73rd General Service Conference on Monday, April 10. To view that document, click here.

Important update regarding NERAASA (Northeast Region AA Service Assembly)

The chairperson of NERAASA 2023, which was held in Albany, NY, attended the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Northeast Region Delegates (NERDs). He reported to that body that the NERAASA 2023 host committee ended up with a financial shortfall after all bills were settled. Instead of returning $6000 in seed money as per the NERAASA guidelines, they were left with only $1675.17 in their account. There was some discussion and questions were answered to the best of his ability, although there were still some unanswered ones. A full accounting is not yet available. There was a request to withdraw $4324.83 from the NERAASA prudent reserve and send those funds to the NERAASA 2023 committee so that seed money could be forwarded to future NERAASA host committees as per NERAASA guidelines ($2500 to 2024, $1000 to 2025, $2500 to 2026= $6000). Click here to review the NERAASA Guidelines.

After discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 15 to 1 with no minority opinion given. After the withdrawal of those funds, the NERAASA reserve fund stands at just over $1675 with an ideal of $6000. The motion that passed also included that discussion of rebuilding the prudent reserve would occur at a later date. I will keep the Area 11 body informed of any additional details regarding the financial accounting and any discussion about the plan for rebuilding the reserve fund.

Links to information:

Online Archives Exhibits available on AA.org

There are several online exhibits currently available, which emphasize some of the events, individuals and works that shaped A.A.'s beginnings. Exhibits include:

- The Start and Growth of A.A.
- The Story Behind the Jack Alexander Article
- Sister Ignatia
- A.A.'s 10th Anniversary Celebration
- The Twelve Traditions

To access these exhibits, click here.

2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual

View as a PDF here, or scan the QR Code

73rd G.S.C. Activity

The countdown is on!! The 73rd General Service Conference will be held April 23-29, 2023 in Brooklyn, NY. My Committee assignment is Report and Charter. I am very excited to get to weigh in on the next edition of the A.A. Service Manual and I look forward to seeing what edits will be made to improve this important piece of A.A. literature. My committee has been meeting biweekly for housekeeping and fellowship. I am very excited to get to meet with them in person soon and get to work! In the meantime, I am reading through background material, preparing myself for participating in the Conference and meeting with my alternate to keep him up to speed (just in case!).

Regional/International Events

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

June 2-4, 2023

Burlington, MA

For registration flyer, click here

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:

Spring Assembly!!!!

Sunday, May 21, 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.

Soberfest

June 9-11, 2023

Odetah Campground

Bozrah, CT

For more information, click here!

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

General Service Board Updates

27th World Service Meeting Report: The biannual World Service Meeting took place online October 1-6, 2022.

"This meeting serves as a forum for sharing the experience, strength and hope of delegates who come from all parts of the world. It seeks ways and means of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers, in any nation and any language. It can also represent an expression of the group conscience worldwide. The meeting encourages the planning of sound service structures and exploration of expanding A.A. services to reach the alcoholic through internal communication, literature distribution, sponsorship, public information, community relations and institutions work.

Held every two years, in locations alternating between New York City and another member country. The two trustees-as-large typically serve as delegates to these meetings." – *reprinted from page 61 of the 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.*

To view the final report of the 27th World Service Meeting, click here.

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

Update on printing delays and backorders due to supply chain disruptions: There are updates on which items are in stock and which are on backorder. Click here for the latest communication from AAWS Publishing.

Publishing: Ebook suggested list prices have been adjusted as of April 3, 2023 to more closely align with our print pricing. To see the communication from AAWS, as well as the new suggested list prices, click here.

Experiencia, Fortaleza y Esperanza is now available for ordering in print on aa.org (Item SB-20). This book was released as a "digital first" Spanish translation of the book Experience, Strength and Hope in January 2023. Please click here to read it in the digital format.

Archives: Archives has curated an onsite exhibit on the history of the publication of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* to commemorate the 70th anniversary of its publication (first published in 1953).

Corrections: The Corrections desk has revised the Corrections Correspondence Service sign-up form for inclusivity. There is a need for Spanish speaking men from eastern US to correspond with persons in custody. The Spring Issue of Sharing From Behind the Walls is available.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

New book coming soon: The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA, the 30th Anniversary Edition will be available in April 2023

Grapevine Instagram Photo Contest: Send in your most striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes.

- Photos must be anonymity protected (no full-face poses or identifiable images of people)
- Selected photos will be posted on the AA Grapevine Instagram page.
- Enter as many photos as you wish.
- Contest is ongoing.

Send photos to social@aagrapevine.org. Please include your name with last initial and location.

Grapevine News: Please click here for all the latest news and announcements from AA Grapevine.

Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups, Districts, and A.A. Service Committees.

Mike R.
Area 11 Alternate Delegate, Panel 73
alt-delegate@ct-aa.org

Mary E-K.
Area 11 Delegate, Panel 73
delegate@ct-aa.org