



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

### Links to information:

#### [Quarterly Report from G.S.O.](#)

Activities of the General Service Board, including A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. from the first quarter of 2023.

#### [Box 459- Spring 2023 edition](#)

In this issue, learn about the recent reorganization at the General Service Office (GSO) to improve the delivery of vital service to the Fellowship and much more!

#### [About AA- Spring 2023](#)

*About AA* is the newsletter from GSO of US and Canada for professionals of all types who deal with alcoholics.

#### 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual

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



## [73<sup>rd</sup> G.S.C. Activity](#)

**The work continues!** As the newly elected chair of the Conference Committee on Report & Charter, my responsibilities began as soon as Conference week ended. I will continue to serve in this capacity through the end of the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Our committee is tasked, as part of its scope and responsibility, to review the draft version of the Final

What an amazing experience I had at the Area 11 Spring Assembly this year! Thank you so much to those of you who came out to hear my report-back from the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference! It was a long day and my voice was ready for a break by the end but the interest in AA service and the interaction with attendees makes all this hard work that much easier! For anyone who couldn't make it to the Assembly and is interested in reading through the PowerPoint presentation from that day, please click [here](#).

Prior to the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference, all members of the Conference, including Delegates, Trustees, Non-Trustee Directors and GSO staff, met for a third and final Q&A session related to the General Service Board Resignations and the events leading to them. This session was an emotional one in which there was sharing from many of the people directly involved and impacted by these events. This was an opportunity to begin a path of healing and corrective actions that I feel continued through the General Service Conference and, in fact, helped to shape the tone and outcomes of the Conference week. I have updated my timeline of events related to this and you can read through it [here](#). I have included all related communications and documents, as well.

Although the weeklong General Service Conference is over, the work of the Conference continues all year long! Now that we have gotten through the business on the agenda, it is the job of the Delegate to continue ensuring that all information gets passed on to the members of the Fellowship

and the lines of communication remain open. This is no small feat as there is so much information to be shared! I am including some highlights from the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference below. I will also be working on some additional ways to get this information out to all members, as well as allow some opportunity for Q&A and discussion. Stay tuned!

### [Highlights from the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference](#)

#### Presentations:

- [Around the Picnic Table- Finance report given by Kevin Prior, CFA, CPA- Class A \(Nonalcoholic\) Trustee and General Service Board Treasurer](#)
- [Grapevine and La Viña App Update](#)
- [Participation of Online Groups Ad Hoc Committee Progress Report](#)

#### Advisory Actions and Committee

**Considerations:** Many of the discussions and recommendations during the Conference centered on improving trust and communication in the service structure. Advisory Actions that were passed with substantial unanimity included a formal inventory of the General Service Board to be performed prior to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, an inventory of the entire General Service Conference to take place during the 75th Conference week, the initiation of general sharing sessions with participation by all members of the Conference outside the annual week-long meeting and others. Many Committee Considerations also related to changes in reporting and communication. To review all Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations of the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC, click [here](#).

Conference Report and provide feedback around accuracy, completeness of reporting and any other suggestions that may occur. We have received this rough draft and we are in the process of this review in order for the Final Conference report to be ready for distribution by late summer/early Fall.

**Regional/International Events**

Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 22-25, 2024

Hershey, PA

For registration flyer, click [here](#)

Information on NERAASA can be found here:

<https://www.neraasa.org/>

**2025 International Convention!**

July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver, BC Canada

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

**SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:**

**Rompiendo Fronteras/  
Breaking Frontiers 2023**

**“Carrying the Message- Together Again!”**

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

**9 AM- 3 PM**

First Baptist Church

581 Meriden Ave. Southington CT 06489

Click [here](#) to register for the event

**Save the Dates!!!**

**64 th Annual Area 11 Convention**

October 13-15, 2023

**Connecticut State Convention for Young People in AA (CSCYPAA) 38**

November 24-26, 2023

**General Service Board Updates**

**Opening for Non-trustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees' Committee on Literature:**

In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "a Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish) be developed," the trustees' Literature committee see the need to initiate the search for an ACM that will continue to serve as leader of the Working group for the development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.

Some of the qualities most desirable for this non-trustee opening are:

- Expertise in and/or familiarity with the use of current technology and communications tools.
- Available time to attend meetings of the trustees' committee to which appointed, the Saturday afternoon general sharing session at Board Weekends, the joint committee meeting on Sunday Afternoon at the General Service Conference, participation in subcommittees of the committee to which appointed (which may include conference calls). Additional meetings/dinners at which attendance is optional.
- At least 5 years of continuous sobriety.
- The ability to work within the committee structure.
- Experience in AA service and in carrying the message to the Spanish-speaking alcoholic (bilingual preferred).

Appointed committee members are appointed for one year but the term may be extended, depending on committee projects (maximum of 4 years). If you or someone you know is qualified in this appointed

position and interested in applying, please click [here](#) for additional information and resume form. Application deadline is June 30, 2023.

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

**Enhancements to the aa.org Membership Contributions Website:**

The enhancements to the online contributions page include:

- Faster processing
- Simplified navigation
- A more intuitive user interface
- Clearer directions
- Less cluttered web pages

Did you know that contributions made online cost less to process than those made by check? Each online contribution yields another \$2.67 per contribution available to carry the message! Click [here](#) to read the entire announcement from Bob W., General Manager of GSO.

**A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates**

**Submit your story for upcoming issues:**

**Grapevine:**

- Emotional sobriety (stories due by July 15, 2023)
- Sponsorship
- Why I Love the Big Book

**La Viña:**

- Hitting Bottom (Tocando fondo)

**Both:**

- Stories of experience with each Step and Tradition

**La Viña Workshop:** Monthly informative workshop the last Friday of each month at 12 pm. Zoom meeting ID: 815 9593 1777

**Grapevine News:** Please click [here](#) for all the latest news and announcements from AA Grapevine.

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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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