



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

Area 11 Finance Committee Workshop

The Area 11 Finance Committee will be holding a workshop on Saturday, August 12 at 11 AM EST. Please join us to learn about Traditions 6 & 7, best practices for establishing a treasury or improving on existing practices! All are welcome, please share with anyone who may be interested! Click [here](#) for the flyer and link.

Save the Date!

The Area 11 Fall Assembly will be held on **Sunday, November 5**. It will be a hybrid event with the in-person portion held at the Pitkin Center in Wethersfield.

2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual

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



Deadline for Proposed Agenda Items for the 74th General Service Conference is fast approaching!

As we all eagerly await the Final Conference Report from the 73rd General Service Conference, it is hard to believe that preparations for the 74th Conference are already well underway. The deadline to submit a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) for the General Service Conference is September 15, 2023.

You may have wondered where the items that are discussed at the General Service Conference each year come from. These items come from all levels of the Fellowship in the form of Proposed Agenda Items. They can be submitted by individual members, groups, Districts, Areas, Committees, and other representative bodies of Alcoholics Anonymous. Ideas for how to better carry the message to the still sick and suffering and improve our communication both with each other and with the world about us can originate from nearly anywhere!

If you would like to know more about the path of an Agenda Item, there is an informational video that was created by our Immediate Past Delegate, Matt K. that can be found [here](#).

If you or your group, District, etc. have an idea for an Agenda Item, please use one of the following links to submit it. You could be a part of the history of AA! For a fillable PAI Submission form, click [here](#). For a digital PAI Submission form, click [here](#).

Alternate Delegate's Corner

As we speed through another Connecticut summer, I am pleased to share that things have been the best kind of busy in Area 11 on all fronts. I have had the pleasure of attending numerous events and service days that bring about a great balance of unity, service, and recovery. Most recently, the

Rompiendo Fronteras/Breaking Frontiers event drew a full house of attendees from across the state and across three fellowships. As you may know, Alcoholics Anonymous has a special relationship with Al-Anon Family Groups and their Alateen program. This cooperation – without affiliation – was in full swing during that event, with speakers, workshops and programming (and great food) that appealed to attendees whether they seek their own personal recovery, family recovery, or both.

Recently, I had the privilege of connecting with a past trustee of the General Service Board. He was gracious with his time in sharing some of his own personal experiences on the road to delegate and, ultimately, through his time as trustee. He offered insights on fostering more effective communication and embracing the varying degrees of conflict and debate in A.A. business settings, among other items. I was left with a truly positive feeling about the direction of the fellowship. He reminded me of the spiritual substance of sacrifice, sharing that there was a survey of Trustees, Directors, Past Trustees and Emeriti several years back post rotation to this end. Survey questions addressed the personal sacrifices of those in service at that level for which many respondents acknowledged, yes, there are sacrifices. The survey ended with the question, "Would you do it again, knowing what you know now?" and the response was a nearly unanimous YES.

I'll close by reminding you that Area 11 will be sponsoring a [bus trip](#) to our General Service Office on September 22nd at a cost of \$55. This will be my first visit to GSO so I am very much so eager to attend. There are 40 total seats being filled, and more than half are presently spoken for. If you are interested in attending, know that we will be attending an open A.A. meeting, followed by a tour of the General Service Office. As the efforts of these office workers represents a great part of our spiritual "basket money" contributed to the General Service Board in accordance with our 8th Tradition, this is a fantastic opportunity to see what A.A. is doing for you and for the next alcoholic we'll reach together.

73rd G.S.C. Activity

Report and Charter: As the Chair of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, I met with the Chair of the Trustees Committee on the Conference prior to Board weekend to review items of interest to our committee. I will be meeting with her to follow up after Board weekend and then the Committee will meet to discuss the items in progress.

Conference Activities: Board Weekend took place in New York City July 28-30. The General Service Conference will be holding a virtual meeting on Wednesday, August 16 as part of the ongoing effort to improve communication and transparency between the Trustees and the Fellowship.

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

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:

64th Annual Area 11 Convention

“The Journey Continues”

October 13-15, 2023

Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley Windsor Locks, CT

For more information, including the program and how to book your room, click [here](#)

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

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

November 24-26, 2023

Registration is now open! Click [here](#) for more information, including how to register and book your room!

General Service Board Updates

Quarterly Contribution Statement

Update: CFO Paul Konigstein released a statement on July 27 regarding the process of sending Quarterly Contribution Statements to DCMs. The process was re-established in the first quarter of 2023 but technical issues were encountered. They are currently working on solutions to these issues. Please be assured that group and individual contributions are being captured appropriately; it is only the reporting that has encountered issues and has resulted in the statements being incorrect. For this reason, they were not sent out.

While they are working on a solution for the reporting issues, Member Services and the Group Services desk are also collaborating on a project to improve the integrity of the group and district information in our systems. The goal is that these combined efforts will result in the most accurate reporting possible.

To review the full statement, please click [here](#).

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

Update from Bob W., General Manager of GSO:

Bob W. recently sent out a communication with reflections from a meeting and sharing session held at GSO. Please click [here](#) to read the full memo.

Publishing updates: *Daily Reflections* is now available in audio formats, including English, French and Spanish! Full audio versions are available for download at a list price of \$11.99. People in custody throughout the US will be able to listen to the audiobook at no charge on tablets supplied, as available. **Coming soon:** The audio version of each day's reflection will be available in English, French and Spanish on aa.org in addition to the text! For more information, click [here](#).

New “soft touch velvet” covers to be used on softcover Big Books: This cover

treatment makes use of one of the most commonly used cover finishes available and will eliminate the need for the special order of high-cost materials, which also have come to be accompanied by long lead times resulting in backorders. The use of this new cover treatment will be rolled out across the products as reprints are needed. For more information and a list of the expected materials affected by this change in production, click [here](#).

A.A. For the Older Alcoholic is now available in new Booklet format: *A.A. for the Older Alcoholic- Never Too Late* is now being made available in a Large Print Booklet Format (B-28). This new expanded and redesigned item features 8 new stories by A.A. members and is designed to be more accessible to members who may have vision or dexterity problems. This Booklet has a list price of \$2.00 and is currently available in English, with forthcoming Spanish and French translations in the production process. For more information, click [here](#).

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Grapevine and La Viña app update:

The new apps for both Grapevine and La Viña will be available starting in September 2023! They will be available for both iOS and Android devices for a small monthly fee.

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

Annual Grapevine Photo Contest:

Please submit your most striking photographs (hi-res 300 dpi) that reflect the joy of living, serenity, and other sobriety themes to be used in the 2025 Wall Calendar. For more details, visit: www.agrapevine.org/photocontest.

Deadline for entry is December 1, 2023.

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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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