



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

Final Report

The report contains an overview of the Forum, including:

- Unanswered Ask-It-Basket questions
- Workshop reports
- Presentations
- Past Trustees' sharing
- Closing remarks

It is currently available in English only and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). It is expected to be available in Spanish soon.

2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual

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



74th G.S.C. Activity

Report and Charter: As the chairperson of the committee, I have reached out to welcome the new Panel 74 members to the committee. We will be meeting prior to Board Weekend so that I can be prepared to ask questions and follow up on the Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations from the 73rd GSC. We are very excited to get to work and see what this year will bring!

January is here and the Panel 74 Delegates have entered the chat, to use a phrase from current popular culture. In this case, I use it quite literally. This past year, a new Conference dashboard platform was launched called OnBoard. A dashboard has been utilized for a few years to transmit Conference materials to the Conference members. This new, innovative platform provides this capability, as well as many additional features, including a messaging option that allows the Conference members to communicate in real-time directly through an app on our devices (phone, tablet, laptop, desktop). With each new training session that has taken place over the past week, we have seen more and more Panel 74 Delegates sending messages. These messages have brought with them inspiration and enthusiasm as we all begin to prepare for the 74th General Service Conference!

The final Board weekend before the 74th GSC will take place at the end of January. During that weekend, the General Service Board will take its inventory during a day-long executive session led by an outside facilitator using questions that were compiled by a working group. This was in response to an Advisory Action from the 73rd GSC that was the result of a floor action submitted during the Conference and passed with substantial unanimity. This Advisory Action stated that the inventory should be taken "in an effort to improve communication, ensure Board policies are reflective of our principles, and reestablish a relationship of trust between the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous...". I look forward to hearing a report back from the Trustees about their experience and what the follow-up plan will be.

We have received a [Preliminary List of Agenda Items](#) for the Conference and their possible distribution using the Equitable

Distribution of Workload (EDW) pilot. This is the third and final year of that pilot, which was intended to distribute agenda items more evenly among the Conference Committees. A report on the outcome of this pilot will be presented at the Conference this year and a plan on how to move forward will be determined.

Please keep in mind that this list of agenda items is still subject to change at this time and will not be finalized until the Board weekend in January. Immediately after that will be when background material will be produced for those final agenda items and it will not be released until it has all been translated into English, Spanish, and French. That is when the rush of the Pre-Conference season will truly begin and it is just around the corner!

As I included in my report last month, there is one topic that we do have information on already and that is the sharing session topic that will be included at the 74th General Service Conference. In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd GSC that suggested that the Trustees' Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders, the Delegates have been asked to gather the collective group conscience of their respective areas and participate in a sharing session during Conference week. While this will be part of the Pre-Conference Assembly process here in Area 11, it is not too early to start the conversations at the group and district levels. I will be distributing more background but a few of the questions include:

- Should suggested revisions be subjected to a 2-year Conference review process?
- Should any future suggested changes retain the original writing with footnotes for text being updated or should the founder's writings remain unchanged?
- Should there be a threshold for review (group, district, area)?
- Should a policy regarding Bill W.'s writing be created as a guide to future changes?

Conference Activities: The last Board Weekend before the GSC will be taking place at the end of January in New York. During that time, the agenda items for the Conference will be finalized. There will be a Delegates only meeting held online in February and the entire General Service Conference will also meet online for a Sharing Session on February 27.

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:

Round Up 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Pitkin Community Center

30 Greenfield Street

Wethersfield CT 06109

Pre-Conference Assembly

Saturday, April 6

Be on the lookout for registration information!!!

Unity Church of Greater Hartford

919 Ellington Road

South Windsor CT 06074

General Service Board Updates

Updated Financial Reports: Many of you may have seen the recent communication sent out by Bob W., the General Manager of GSO, about the current financial challenges that are being faced. While contributions remain at above-average levels, profits from literature sales have not yet rebounded from the pandemic and are continuing to impact the overall financial health of Alcoholics Anonymous. If you have not yet read the memo from Bob W., you can click [here](#) to read it.

For more detailed information on the finances of the 3 Boards, you can view the unaudited Quarter 3 AAWS/GSB and Grapevine Board Financial Statements [here](#). You can also find a report from the AAWS Finance Committee in the [October Issue of AAWS Highlights](#).

As I have shared, one of the areas of focus at the General Service Conference last spring was more transparency and timeliness in financial reporting. Please click [here](#) for a summary of financial reporting that was put together. It is a handy guide to the reports that are made available throughout the year, including how often and how they are distributed.

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

Public Information: Although a formal announcement has not yet been made, the results of the 2022 Membership Survey are now available on AA.org! You can access them by clicking [here](#). The results are available on the website in English, French and Spanish. There are many interesting demographics and resources linked within the results page. The survey results are now also available in pamphlet form and can be ordered through the [online bookstore](#) in English (P-48), Spanish (SP-48) or French (FP-48) at a cost of \$0.20 per copy.

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Grapevine News: For the latest updates, click [here](#).

Carry the Message Project 2024: A great way to support Grapevine/La Viña while also carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is through gift subscriptions! There are 3 ways to participate in the annual Carry the Message Project:

- If you know the full name and address of the recipient you would like to gift the subscription to directly, you can order through the website and have it delivered to them.
- Gift a subscription to an alcoholic in need from the requests that have been received at Grapevine (such as an alcoholic in prison).
- You can also purchase a gift certificate to give to someone for them to redeem themselves.

To get more information on the Carry the Message project and how it helps to support Grapevine and La Viña, please click [here](#).

Grapevine Factoid: In 1980, the Grapevine Conference Committee recommended: "that groups make every effort to introduce newcomers to the Grapevine as one of our best tools in sobriety." Having a Grapevine rep at your group is a great way to do that! Find out more information about becoming a GVR by clicking [here](#)!

To access this and other Delegate's reports, scan here:



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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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