



# 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 2024.

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

In this issue, learn about two new staff members at GSO, find out what's going on with the International Convention in 2025 and much more!

### [About AA- Winter 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



## 74<sup>th</sup> G.S.C. Activity

**Report and Charter:** This committee was amazing to work with during Conference week and we were able to accomplish so much work! We completed reviewing and updating the draft of the 2024-2026 Service Manual and it will be ready for print by the end of summer! We will soon be reviewing the draft of the Final Conference Report, which should also be available by late summer/early fall.

It is hard to believe that my second Spring Assembly Conference report back is over! I am grateful to all of those who were able to attend both in-person and on-line. Part of the experience of attending the General Service Conference as an Area Delegate is coming back and sharing the experience with the members of the Area so that they can understand the decisions that were made at the Conference. For me, it has been important to include not just decisions made but all the emotional, mental and physical work that went into the Conference process.

It is so hard to put into words what happens at the Conference as the members come together from all over the US and Canada to make decisions for the Fellowship as a whole. The week is certainly exhausting, with long hours spent in committee meetings, sharing sessions, presentations, Conference business meetings, etc. It has been amazing to watch people vote to give up breaks and to extend the working hours to ensure that the business of AA gets done, to see people willing to push beyond reasonable expectations to make sure that the collective voice gets heard and that the message continues to be carried.

When I sat and thought about the fact that most of the people in the room were drunks like me, full of passion and a love for AA, it filled me with the inspiration to keep going, even when I wasn't sure I could. I was in awe of those Conference members who are our non-Alcoholic friends, truly driven by a love of AA they developed through their encounters with members of our Fellowship. I have taken so much away from my time at

both Conferences. They both gave me a very different perspective and a unique experience that I hope I can carry on throughout my journey in AA service.

### Highlights from the 74<sup>th</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 / La Viña PowerPoint](#)
- [Grapevine Board Report](#)
- [General Service Board Report](#)
- [A.A.W.S. Board Report](#)
- [Location Plus Report](#)
- [Remote Communities Communicator](#)

#### Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations:

**Advisory Action:** When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with substantial unanimity it becomes an Advisory Action. At the conclusion of the Conference, the Advisory Actions are referred to the trustees to affirm them and are then sent to either the appropriate trustees' committee, G.S.O., or the corporate boards for implementation.

**Committee Consideration:** An item that was discussed by a Conference committee, but with no action taken or recommendation made to the Conference as a whole. Serves as a suggestion to the corresponding trustees' committee.

For a complete list of Advisory Actions from the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, click [here](#). For a complete list of Committee Considerations, click [here](#).

Now that the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference has ended, my term as the chair of this committee is officially complete. During our committee meetings at the Conference, we elected a new chair to serve for the next year and through the 75<sup>th</sup> GSC, Jimmy W. from Area 64 Tennessee! It was an honor to serve in this capacity and I am proud of the work that was done by this committee!

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

### Regional/International Events

#### 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 2024

“Building Bridges with Love, Unity  
and Service”

Saturday, July 27, 2024

9 AM- 3 PM

St. Francis of Assisi

1755 Stanley St. New Britain CT  
06053

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

### 65th Annual Area 11 Convention

Save the Date!!

September 13-15, 2024

More information to come....

### Connecticut State Convention for Young People in AA (CSCYPAA) 39

“Wonders Still Unseen”

November 29 – December 1, 2024

Mystic Marriott

625 North Road (Route 117)  
Groton CT 06340

Go to [cscypaa.org](http://cscypaa.org) for more  
information, including registering  
and booking your hotel room!

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

**GSO is looking for membership feedback on the 2025 International Convention:** The staff member at GSO serving as the coordinator for the 2025 International Convention has put together a short survey to gather input from the Fellowship to help guide the preparations for next year’s big event! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking [here](#).

**A.A.W.S. Highlights - March 2024:** This quarterly publication includes highlights from the March A.A.W.S. Board meeting and the latest *What’s Happening at GSO* update from our GSO General Manager, Bob W. Click [here](#) to view it.

**Box 4-5-9 Print Edition Discontinued:** Due to escalating costs of printing and a sharp decline in subscriptions, a decision was made at the March 2024 A.A.W.S. Board meeting to discontinue the print edition of Box 4-5-9, effective immediately. It continues to be distributed digitally through email and is available on aa.org and the Meeting Guide App. It is also available in PDF format that can be printed and shared with members who may not have access to digital resources. To read the entire announcement, please click [here](#).

**Opening for A.A.W.S. Non-Trustee Director:** This voluntary position will commence following the 2025 General Service Conference. Interested AA members are encouraged to submit a resume. Basic qualifications for this position are:

- Minimum of 7 years of continuous sobriety
- A sound business or professional background
- The ability to work with others

There is particular interest at this time in members with strength in organizational management, strategic planning, customer engagement, or non-profit board experience.

If you are interested in learning more or submitting a resume, please click [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **July 1, 2024**.

**A.A.W.S. Pamphlet and Pamphlet Rack List Price Increase:** As of May 1, 2024, there was a price increase for some pamphlets along with Pamphlet Display Racks and Extensions. This price increase was due to the ongoing increase cost of goods and the need to adjust items that were being sold below cost. To read the entire announcement and access the new price list, click [here](#).  
**New Map View Feature on the Meeting Guide App:** There is now a map-view feature available for in-person meetings. To learn more about using this feature, please click [here](#).

### A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

**New Grapevine Book- Our Twelve Steps:** A brand-new collection of stories from AA members about the joys and challenges of working the program’s Twelve Steps of Recovery. To order this or other Grapevine books, click [here](#)!  
**Submit your story for upcoming issues:**

**Grapevine:**

- Long-time Members (stories due by July 15, 2024)
- LGBTQ+
- Atheist/Agnostic
- Fun in Sobriety
- Technology in AA

**La Viña:**

- Making amends (Reparaciones)

**Both:**

- Stories of experience with each Step and Tradition

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