



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

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In this edition, read all about:

- **The 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference and Conference Advisory Actions**
- **The new Chair of the General Service Board, as well as two new Class B Trustees and Class A Trustee**
- **And more!**

#### 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:** The Conference Committee on R & C has received an update that the Conference Final Report should be available in digital format in the next few weeks and hard copies will begin shipping in early September. One member of our committee has had to step down from her position as delegate and we are now welcoming a new Delegate into the fold who will complete the rest of her panel.

### International Convention Updates

The International Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 3-6, 2025. The festivities will kick off on Thursday evening with a block party and the marathon meetings will begin at midnight that night. There will be hundreds of meetings held at the Vancouver Convention Centre and around the Convention campus. The always exciting Parade of Flags will be held Friday evening, along with the first of the “Big A.A. Meetings”. The final “Big Meeting” will take place Sunday morning. There will be many opportunities for fun and fellowship! Registration and housing for the 2025 International Convention will open on **September 10, 2024 at noon EDT!** Please start planning now and visit the [IC2025 webpage](#) for more information, including FAQs.

### Two new videos from the Young People's Video project now available!

The first two of 18 videos that were recorded as a part of the Young People's Video project have been finished and are now available on aa.org! These videos were recorded at ICYPAA in 2023 and the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference passed an advisory action to move ahead with using these videos, giving GSO the latitude to edit and distribute them. While these 2 videos are only available in English at this time, there were videos recorded by both Spanish and French speakers that are a part of the project. Click below to view the videos!

[“Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life”](#)

[“Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist”](#)

### Fall Assembly: Save the Date!

The Area 11 Fall Assembly will be held on Saturday, November 2. This is a voting assembly and the Area Officers (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Area Recording Secretary, Area Registrar) to serve for Panel 75 (2025-2026) will be selected. Area 11's nominee for Trustee-At-Large US will also be elected during this assembly. **All voting members of the Area Assembly should attend;** observers and visitors are welcome to attend. It will be held online with details to come.

### Exciting news from your Area 11 Alternate Delegate!

The Area 11 GSO Bus Trip is back! Mike R., your Area 11 Alternate Delegate has planned an awesome trip to GSO in New York City on Friday, September 27. Join in on the fun and fellowship! The bus will have 2 pick-up points in CT (Wallingford and Westport). You will have an opportunity to attend the weekly AA meeting that is held at GSO, followed by a tour of the office that is the hub of AA's vital services. Meet the special workers responsible for ensuring that the Fellowship's needs are met and that all who seek this program can find us. Registration is \$50. Space is limited, so register early! Click [here](#) or visit ct-aa.org for more information.

### NERAASA Inventory Committee Questions Review Session

NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) will be performing an inventory in 2025 and the ad hoc committee is holding a question review session online on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 7 pm. Help compose the final list of questions for our 2025 NERAASA Inventory! For a flyer with login information, click [here](#).

**Conference Activities:** We will have our first Sharing Session of the entire General Service Conference since Conference week on Tuesday, August 20. The topic for this Sharing Session is “The Importance of the Group Conscience”. This will also be the first sharing session with the new Chair of the General Service Board, Scott H.!

**Regional/International  
Events**

**Northeast Regional A.A. Service  
Assembly (NERAASA)**

**February 21-23, 2025**

**Save the Date!**

**This event will be held online and  
is being hosted by Area 45,  
Southern New Jersey.**

**Registration is \$35 and is now  
open!**

**For more information or to  
register, visit**

<https://area45snjaa.org/neraasa-2025/>

**2025 International Convention!**

**July 3-6, 2025**

**Vancouver, BC Canada**

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

**SCHEDULED EVENTS IN AREA 11:**

**Area 11 Convention**

**September 13-15, 2024**

**Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley  
Airport**

**1 Bradley International Airport**

**Windsor Locks, CT 06096**

**Registration is now open! For more  
information, including how to book  
your hotel room, click [here](#)!**

**Connecticut State**

**Convention for Young**

**People in AA (CSCYPAA) 39**

**November 29-December 1, 2024**

**Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT**

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

**General Service Board  
Updates**

**Update from the July General Service  
Board weekend regarding Plain  
Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** The General Service Board (GSB) reviewed correspondence received since the 74th General Service Conference (GSC) pertaining to Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous which included letters of concern, appeals, process concerns, and letters of support. Each person who submitted correspondence will receive a personal response. Related floor actions that were proposed but then forwarded to the applicable board/committee by group conscience of the GSC were also reviewed and will also be receiving individual responses. The discussion of these matters resulted in the General Service Board affirming its desire and responsibility to implement Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference that carry by substantial unanimity and expressing agreement with the work of the Trustees Literature Committee.

The Trustees Literature Committee (TLC) reviewed the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature (CCL) memo to A.A.W.S. Publishing regarding 10 additional "minor editorial changes," which were intended by the CCL to be included as part of those given as examples in the Advisory Action. In past Conferences, when minor formatting, grammar, or style changes have been suggested, the editorial notes have been sent directly to Publishing without being included in Advisory Actions. The memo to Publishing also included an additional 36 suggestions for which the Conference Committee had not formed a group conscience and about which they were asking the Publishing Department to use its discretion to determine whether and how to implement. After careful consideration, the TLC agreed to proceed with Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous based on what was stated in the Advisory Action from the 74th GSC plus the first 10 "minor editorial changes" from the Publishing memo.

The Advisory Action stated: The draft manuscript Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous be approved with minor editorial changes to include:

- Relocation of the "A.A. Steps Table" to constitute an Appendix (on the Twelve Steps) at the back of the new publication.
- Replace the references to "addiction" and "addicted" with language related to alcoholism.

The AAWS Board has been discussing pricing, format and print dates, and began preparations pending the outcome of the discussions at the July General Service Board meeting. An announcement from AAWS Publishing Department will be widely distributed in the coming weeks once some formatting matters are finalized. It is expected that the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous will be available in November 2024. The AAWS Board approved a list price of \$11.00.

**Unaudited Quarterly Financial  
Report – End of Second Quarter:**

The Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee and the General Service Board have provided a combined financial report for its service entities, the GSB, AAWS Inc., and Grapevine Inc., including all operations of GSO and the Grapevine office. Contributions and expenses are performing favorably, while literature sales are currently running less than budgeted. Please click [here](#) for the full report.

**A.A. Grapevine/La  
Viña Updates**

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

**YPAA World Tour:** Grapevine now has a playlist of audio stories from YPAA (Young People in AA) members at events around the world. The playlist kicks off with stories by members at the 64th ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in AA) in Austin, Texas! Stories from more YPAA events to follow. Click [here](#) to access the playlist on YouTube.