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### 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

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welcome to attend. It will be

held online with details to

come.



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# **AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT**

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Area 11 General Service Committee

# General Service Board and the Spirit of Rotation

2025 is going to be a year of change for the General Service Board, with 1/3 of its membership rotating following the 75th General Service Conference. The 7 Trustees that will be rotating are:

- 2 Regional Trustees
  - o East Central Region
  - Southeast Region
- 2 General Service Trustees
- 2 Class A (Non-Alcoholic) Trustees
- 1 Trustee-At-Large US

**Regional Trustees:** These trustees are selected for their service experience and familiarity with A.A. principles. While no trustee can be said to represent" a geographical section — all trustees represent only the Fellowship as a whole regional trustees bring to the board's discussions a regional A.A. point of view and experience that is invaluable. These Trustees will be elected by their regions during Conference week from a pool of candidates nominated by each Area of the region. General Service Trustees: The general service trustees are A.A. members who serve on the respective boards of A.A.W.S. and Grapevine. They are available at any time for the solution of problems on which G.S.O. or Grapevine staff members need help. Traditionally, they have been selected for their business or professional backgrounds in order to provide the boards with particular expertise that may be needed or requested by each of the corporate boards. General service trustees are chosen from among current or past nontrustee directors of the two corporate

Class A (Non-Alcoholic) Trustees): There are seven (7) Class A trustees. They are nonalcoholic "friends of A.A." — selected primarily for their professional experience, expertise and familiarity with A.A. and its program of recovery. They are a rich source of wisdom and perspective, and since they need not maintain anonymity, they are

available to appear in public on behalf of A.A. Board members make an effort to choose Class A trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds, and the board has included doctors, lawyers, clergy, sociologists, business people and financial experts among its members. Whatever the candidates' backgrounds, the bylaws make one key provision for nonalcoholic trustees: they "shall be persons who are not and have not been afflicted by the disease of alcoholism and who express a profound faith in the recovery program upon which the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is founded."

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Trustee-At-Large: These trustees are selected for their service experience and familiarity with A.A. principles. They bring to the board's discussions a broad perspective informed by their ongoing contact with the international A.A. community. There are two trustees-at-large on the board — one from the U.S. and one from Canada. This Trustee will be elected during Conference week. Each Area from the US is asked to nominate a qualified candidate. Each region then narrows the pool to one candidate from the region out of those nominees. Third Legacy Procedures are then used to elect the Trustee from this pool of candidates.

\*\*\*For more information on Trustees, please refer to the A.A. Service Manual\*\*\*

# 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 info will be available soon. Space is limited, so register early!

## 74th G.S.C. Activity

Report and Charter: The Conference Committee on Report and Charter has completed their review of the rough draft of the Final Conference Report for the 74<sup>th</sup> GSC and all feedback, edits and update suggestions have been submitted for finalization by the Publishing department. Timeline for availability is mid-August for the digital version and the print version to follow in early Fall.

<u>Conference Activities:</u> The next General Service Board weekend will be taking place at the end of July, where there will be ongoing work and oversight on the projects determined by the General Service Conference. We will have our first Sharing Session of the entire General Service Conference since Conference week on August 20.

## 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

More information to come!

2025 International Convention!

July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver, BC Canada

Find up-to-date information <u>here</u>.

# 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 Street, New Britain CT 06053

Click <u>here</u> for the event flyer

#### **Area 11 Convention**

September 13-15, 2024

Save the Date!

Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley Airport

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

November 29-December 1, 2024
Registration is now open! Click here

for more information, including how to register and book your room!

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

# General Service Board Updates

Class A Trustee Vacancies: There will be two Class A (Nonalcoholic) Trustee vacancies following the 75th General Service Conference next April. The Trustees' Nominating Committee is looking for qualified nonalcoholic professionals who are interested in volunteering their time to serve on the General Service Board. Information on time commitment and how to submit a resume can be found by clicking here. If you know someone who has a passion for A.A. through their personal connections or their professional experience and would be interested in being of service to the Fellowship in this way, please pass along this information! The deadline for resume submission is Saturday, August 31, 2024.

#### Class B Trustee-at-Large US Vacancy:

The election for the next Class B (Alcoholic) Trustee-at-Large US will take place at the 75th General Service Conference next April. Each area has the opportunity to nominate a candidate. Area 11 will elect our candidate during our Fall Assembly in November. Recommended qualifications include 10 years of sobriety, experience in various levels of A.A. service, and business or professional experience. For more information on time requirements, election procedures, and more, click here.

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

Updates from A.A.W.S. Chief Financial Officer and Senior Director of

Technology Services: There have been 2 separate communications recently regarding Quarterly Contributions statements. The first is an announcement that members of the service structure may have received zero balance Q3 2024 statements. These were sent in error during testing of the record-keeping system and should be disregarded. The second announcement was that they have identified a discrepancy in

individual/group contribution reporting that should account for some group contributions not appearing correctly on these statements. This discrepancy has not impacted the total amount of contributions, only how they have been categorized and reported. They are working on an enhancement to correct this in the reporting for Q3 2024. To read the complete statements, click here.

Clearance Sale: A.A.W.S. has announced that there will be a clearance sale for items discontinued by the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. This includes the pamphlets "What Happened to Joe?", "It Happened to Alice" and the DVD "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls". Please click here for more details.

New calendar of events on aa.org: There is now a centralized calendar on aa.org for important General Service Office, A.A.W.S. Board, and General Service Board dates. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more details. Calendar layout updates have also been made to the A.A. Board Calendars page, the Visiting the GSO page and the Regional and Local Forums page.

## A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

**Grapevine News:** Please click <u>here</u> for all the latest news and announcements from AA Grapevine.

American Sign Language Playlist now available: AA Grapevine now has an American Sign Language (ASL) playlist available on its YouTube channel. These videos are stories submitted by deaf AA members and recorded by paid ASL interpreters, so they are fully anonymity-protected and accessible in ASL. To view these videos and others offered by AA Grapevine, visit

https://www.youtube.com/aagrapevine.