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Report and Charter: The Conference Committee on Report and Charter met one last time as a committee in October to review Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) with the Chair of the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference. We were able to provide feedback on the PAIs before the October Board Weekend when decisions were made about the disposition of these items.

Plain Language Big Book Updates

The Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous was released on November 1, 2024, and has been in high demand. It is bittersweet for those of us involved in the Conference process of review and approval. We were dismayed to find that the book had been printed without following the guidance that was provided in the Advisory Action passed at the 74th General Service Conference when the book was approved. Specifically, “replace the references to ‘addiction’ and ‘addicted’ with language related to alcoholism”. This matter has been brought to the attention of the General Service Board, and we are awaiting a response about corrective measures. We are also hoping to better understand how the printing of the book without the implementation of this guidance occurred as the Conference speaks as the collective group conscience of the Fellowship. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

While this is explored and corrected, the book remains a useful tool to make our program more accessible. More information on how to purchase it is available on [aa.org](#). You can also get more information by reviewing this [announcement](#) or this [press release](#).

The Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous is also available in digital format in the Google Play store by clicking [here](#) or in the Apple Book Store by clicking [here](#).

International Convention

Updates

For those interested in attending, it is not too late to register! Hotel and dorm rooms are still available for those of you who have not yet booked your accommodations. Please check back frequently for updates as the date approaches by visiting [aa.org](#) or by clicking [here](#)!

Preliminary Agenda for the 75th General Service Conference

Hot off the presses!!! Click [here](#) for a sneak peek at the Preliminary Agenda for the 75th General Service Conference, which will be held April 27 – May 3, 2025. Please remember that this agenda is subject to change and will not be finalized until after the Board Weekend is held on the last weekend of January 2025. For more information on the path of an agenda item, please click [here](#) for an informative video created by our Immediate Past Delegate.

Your incoming Panel 75 Delegate, Mike R., will be reviewing items and preparing to receive background material in mid-February. He will be looking for members from Area 11 to provide their feedback on these items at the Pre-Conference Assembly on Saturday, April 12. This is how a Delegate prepares to participate in the Conference as the voice of the Fellowship on behalf of the Area and A.A. as a whole, so please mark it down on your calendars now. Active participation by as many members as possible is essential in supporting Mike in this process!

Congratulations to the newly elected Panel 75 Area 11 Officers!

Delegate – Mike R.
Alternate – Jeff B.
Area Chair – Maysa Z.
Area Treasurer – Tyler N.
Alternate Treasurer – Ricky B.
Area Recording Secretary – Ryan R.
Area Registrar – Barbara S.
Immediate Past Delegate – Mary E-K. (non-elected)
This panel of officers will officially rotate into service on January 1, 2025.

The Area 11 nominee for Trustee-at-Large US is John D., who will be presented at the 75th GSC along with the nominees from other areas. The Trustee will be elected by Third Legacy procedure.

Conference Activities: The General Service Conference will meet for our last sharing session as the 74th GSC before rotation. The topic will be “The Integrity of the Conference Process”. I am looking forward to seeing my fellow Conference members one last time before rotation and to having some robust discussion around current events!

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

Regional/International Events

New England Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NECYPAA)

January 3-5, 2025

Burlington, VT

Click [here](#) for more information and to register!

Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 21-23, 2025

Virtual (Online) Hosted by Area 45 Southern New Jersey

For registration flyer, click [here](#)
Information on NERAASA can be found here:

<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:

Round Up 2025

Save the date!!

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Details to come!

Pre-Conference Assembly

Save the date!!!

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Details to come!

General Service Board Updates

Updated Financial Reports: As he has over the past couple of years, the General Manager of GSO, Bob W., sent out a gratitude letter to the Fellowship in early November. This letter contains some updated information regarding contributions and the current financial condition of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services. 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](#).

Inflation and costs associated with the printing and distribution of our literature continue to play a role on the financial health of AA. While there has been some improvement in 2024, with the increase in the price of some literature for the first time in 10 years in addition to the slow-down of inflation, sales margins have not returned to what they were before the COVID pandemic and are unlikely to do so. The increase in contributions along with decreases in spending have helped to move the financial outlook in the right direction.

For a more detailed explanation of the financial reporting and budgeting process, please see the "Inside A.A. Finances" section of the latest issue of Box 4-5-9. This is a regular column authored by one of the Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees on the General Service Board, Kevin Prior. He currently serves as the chair of the Finance Committee and helps to break down A.A. finances so they are more understandable for the Fellowship.

Quarterly Statements: Updated Quarterly Statements recently went out to DCMs from GSO. These statements report on the contributions received from groups by district. An error in the reporting system has led to some inaccuracies and will not be

corrected until the reports are redesigned. For more information, please click [here](#) for the most recent update from GSO staff regarding this matter.

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

Publishing: The 2025 Catalog of A.A. Literature is now available in digital format. It includes an easy-to-view listing of all Conference-approved literature, service material, and other items (meeting signs, Traditions shades, etc.) available for purchase from AAWS. To see this updated catalog, please click [here](#).

A.A. Grapevine/La Viña Updates

Free Shipping: From November 1 through December 31, there will be free shipping on orders placed with the store on aagrapevine.org. It's a great time to stock up on books and other great items offered by AA Grapevine and La Viña!!

La Viña Price Increase: Just a reminder, a yearly subscription to La Viña will increase to \$18.00 yearly as of January 1, 2025. For more information about this price increase, please click [here](#).

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

Grapevine Editorial Calendar: Have you ever considered submitting a story to the Grapevine? Now is the time! Click [here](#) for the 2024/2025 Grapevine Editorial Calendar with the monthly topic and submission due date listings.

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

