

# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

## THE QUIET BEFORE THE ACTION

January was an action-packed month in my world, though not to the same extent I am anticipating just around the corner with General Service Conference preparation. As of this writing, the information I have about the upcoming Conference agenda remains unchanged since the end of November. We have a *preliminary* agenda items list that Mary had circulated in her November Delegate's Report. This list is available [here](#). However, there is no *final* list yet. More importantly, the background material—often crucial for context—is still unavailable.

I highlighted in a report to the Area Committee in January that the flow and timing of information does not always happen on *my* schedule. This is sometimes frustrating but is a welcome reminder for my recovery thought-life that "it's not all about me." In that spirit, if you are not already receiving it, I would encourage you to [sign up](#) (<http://www.aa.org/box-459>) to receive your A.A. General Service Office's quarterly newsletter, Box 4-5-9. This newsletter provides valuable information and insights to anyone interested in General Service. In the coming weeks (if not days) I am anticipating release of the Winter Edition of this newsletter.

I highly recommend checking out the Primary Purpose Podcast—not only for its great production quality but also to understand its style. In listening, I consider how this podcast may reach those who may not otherwise find us. As our fellowship dives into newer and more familiar modern technologies, we cast a wider net, reaching both potential and current members, as well as professionals.

I recently attended a General Service Conference "Preparing for Conference" Orientation. The session was informational in nature; helping fellow delegates and Conference members understand travel arrangements, anticipating life for one week in New York City, and reviewing the calendar for that week in April. During that session, I recognized some fast friends from around our region and beyond. Some of the items covered were trivial to me as a Connecticut resident who has traveled frequently to major nearby cities. In part of the session, the General Service Office staff conference coordinator reviewed pictures of a New York subway, airports, and some of New York's cityscape. This was a unifying reminder that, while I have luxury of living near New York City, some of my fellow delegates may be experiencing city life, cross-country travel, and New York's public transportation for the first time.

I am really looking forward to unpacking the final General Service Conference agenda items and background material with your Alternate Delegate, Jeff, and digging even deeper during our **Pre-Conference Assembly on April 12<sup>th</sup>**! I have provided a bit more information about that process on the following page.

## Area 11 Key Dates:

<b>Saturday, March 29</b>	<b>June 6 – 8</b>	<b>Saturday, June 21</b>	<b>Saturday, April 12</b>
<b>Round Up 2025</b>	<b>Soberfest</b>	<b>Spring Assembly!</b>	<b>Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly!</b>
Pitkin Community Center Wethersfield, CT	<b>Details to come!</b>	*Hybrid*	Pitkin Community Center Wethersfield, CT & Online
		In-Person location to be Finalized Soon!	<b>MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!</b>

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### REVISED & UPDATED SERVICE MANUAL

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### PRIMARY PURPOSE PODCAST

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### REMINDER – PRELIMINARY GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA

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## TWO APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBER OPENINGS

The trustees' Literature Committee has openings for two (2) Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) to support in pamphlet development per the following General Service Conference advisory actions:

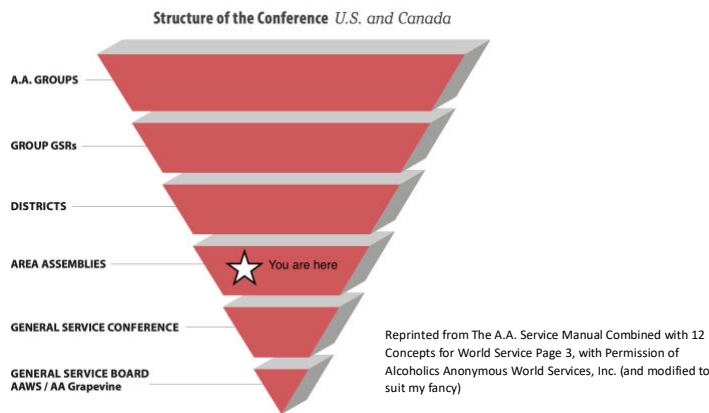
- 1) "a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholic in A.A. be developed," and
- 2) "a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed,"

The committee is searching for appropriate individuals to fill these positions and would appreciate any recommendations. Please see this [notice](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is April 15th.

## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND A PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY?

In my beginnings in General Service as a GSR and then DCM, I attended assemblies as it was a position duty/expectation. As a GSR attending, I mostly did not want to let my group down. That alone is a darn good reason. Attendance at assemblies is, after all, the first item listed under "Duties & Responsibilities" of a GSR (and second item listed in the DCM section) in the A.A. Service Manual.

As I've continued to serve, I've gained a much deeper appreciation for our spiritual principles and the how and why of this. Your attendance at our Area 11 Assemblies – yes, Pre-Conference, Spring, and Fall – complete this upside-down triangle we refer to in general service:



During our pre-conference assembly, I will enlist the help of trusted servants in various service roles throughout Area 11. Their goal will be to investigate and report on topics that I need additional perspective on to effectively serve in my role at the conference, followed by sharing. In discussion and voting at the General Service Conference, I am *delegated* the responsibility to carry out what I believe to be in the best interest of A.A. as a whole (Concept II). That said, it's essential for me to become better informed on what's actually in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship (Concept I). This is where you come in!

After the conference, there will be a report back at our Spring Assembly on June 21st! At that assembly, you'll hear what happened at the conference and, importantly, how. I look forward to seeing you at both events!

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## KEY DATES AROUND THE REGION AND BEYOND:

### NERAASA

(NORTHEAST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY)

**\*ONLINE\***

**FEBRUARY 21-23**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

\*The event is online this year but registration is important\*

You may register [HERE](#) or scan below:



### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

VANCOUVER, B.C.

**JULY 3 - 6**

More information [HERE](#) or scan below:



### NERF

(NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM)

PROVIDENCE, RI

**DECEMBER 5 - 7**

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