

Delegate Report 2.4.23

Section 1: Area 12 activity

1. Area 12:

- a. Continue to visit Intergroups and Home group celebrations
- b. District meetings especially those concerning the Proposed Agenda Items
- c. Assisting Committee officers as needed
- d. Ilir working on the April 15th Preconference Assembly



2. North East Regional AA Service Assembly

a. February 24-26 Albany, NY

- i. <https://www.neraasa.org/register/>
- ii. The planning for NERAASA 2023 is chugging along nicely with 2 hotels sold out already
- iii. The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.
- iv. Chiara G. from D6-7 will be speaking on the 9 am Saturday panel regarding changes to the Big Book

b. NERAASA Inventory Committee

- i. Sally T speaking on the 1:30 pm Saturday panel

3. NERD March 2023:

- a. Hosted by our Area, held in Wilmington. A gathering of current and former Delegates

4. Regional Forums

- a. <https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums>
- b. June, 2023 in Boston MA

Section 2: AA beyond Area 12

1. 73rd General Service Conference:

- a. Proposed Agenda Items
 - 184 proposed items have now been reduced to under 100 items



- Final list due around Feb 16th
 - Working with the DCMs to determine where to focus on the list of PAIs.
 - PAIs regarding the 12 & 12 changes were grouped. Definitely focus the question of how do we want the writings of Bill W. to be handled moving forward.
 - PAIs related to the 5th edition BB grouped. A draft will be made available for viewing at the GSC
 - PAIs related to the Plain and Simple translation, also grouped, also a draft to be made available.
 - Proposed Agenda Items related to the Preamble — PAIs # 8, 18, 20, 30, 52, 57, 59, 70, 74, 84, 86, 99, 116, 128, 134, 140, 150, 160, 164, 165, 176, and 180: The Grapevine Board thoughtfully reviewed each request below regarding the Preamble and took **no action**. The 72nd General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña reviewed and discussed this issue thoroughly in April 2022 and took no action. The Grapevine Chair and the 72nd Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña met in October 2022 and reviewed these proposed agenda items. It was determined there was no new information that required further discussion
- b. The **2022 Conference Final Report** now available. Please contact the delegate at P72delegate@delawareaa.org
2. [News from the General Service Board:](#)
- a. Conference The 2022 Subcommittee on Conference Improvements is developing an “Illness and Injury Contingency Plan” for the General Service Conference and is exploring voting options that will allow a Conference Member to continue participation during the Conference week if they are physically unable to attend the Conference sessions.
 - b. Online groups participation workshop: The committee acknowledged the value of a Conference workshop to engage a broad range of perspectives on the topic of Online Groups Participation. The committee included time for a potential workshop during the Friday afternoon session in its draft of the Conference Week Schedule.
 - c. Cooperation with the Professional Community
 - Interviews have begun with members of a focus group of professionals who work in the field of mental health to explore more effective ways to communicate about A.A. The committee agreed to forward the final draft of the pamphlet, “A.A. in Your Community” to the 2023 Conference Committee on C.P.C.
 - Consideration continues to develop service material to help A.A. members speak with their healthcare providers about A.A. and proposed literature for mental health professionals. There is continued work on potential posts for the LinkedIn project. The Fall 2022 issue of About A.A. was distributed on October 11.
 - d. Finance: [UNAUDITED AAWS Board Financial Report for 2022](#).

Our contributions for 2022, subject to audit, are a little over \$10.5 million which is really close to our budget of \$11 million.

2022 is the first year since 2018 where contributions did not exceed the previous year.

Literature Sales were just under \$12 million with a budgeted amount of \$11 mill (8%) Highest gross sales since 2019.

Depending on the impact of the literature price increase on cash receipts, a reserve fund draw may be needed in the second quarter of 2023.

- As of December 31, 2022, the reserve fund balance net of Grapevine subscription liability is \$12,749,059 (approx. 7.8 months of costs) pending recalculation of the subscription liability by Grapevine. *Grapevine still operating at a loss (about \$282,000 annually)*

Note: This is less than the \$12,852,286 balance at December 31, 2021 because the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee authorized an emergency withdrawal of \$200,000 to support Grapevine operations.

Due to the COVID outbreak at the 2022 GSC, cost increased roughly \$320 per delegate. The total cost per delegate for the week was about \$9,800, and they only ask Areas for \$1800.

- e. AAWS Self-support subcommittee: looks at ways to communicate to the Fellowship the significance of the Seventh Tradition. While contributions are sent to the General Service Office (GSO), the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous has fiduciary oversight on how funds are used at GSO.
 - Article in the Winter Box 4-5-9
 - https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/f-203_en_seventhtraditionsfactsheet.pdf
- f. General Sharing Session: Trust
 - General Service trustee Josh E. welcomed everyone to the General Sharing Session at the General Service Board Weekend. The topic was “Trust.” Josh highlighted how Concept 3 says that “Our entire A.A. program rests upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore, we trust our leaders in world service. The “Right of Decision” that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence.” Josh shared that to get to a place to be on the same team, there is an immense amount of vulnerability needed to be open to forgiving. In our work, it is a requirement of this service, as it says in the literature, “We are people who normally would not mix.” I do not have to like you, but I have to love and respect you, with the spirit of being open, honest, vulnerable, and exposed. Instead of criticizing and critiquing, displaying contempt or a lack of respect,

rolling eyes, defensiveness, not being able to receive, being reactive, or stonewalling. You cannot connect if your decision is not to talk about it anymore, and putting off an answer is not a way to find trust. I believe in my heart that even the most challenging of people, even when it is myself, can find love and forgiveness, he said.

3. [News from The General Service Office:](#)
 - a. Winter Box 4-5-9 now available
 - b. Publishing: Jacketless BB helps reduce costs and production time
 - c. New HR manager in place since the summer 2022
 - d. Virtual basket article