

**AREA 12 COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 13, 2024**  
**DELEGATE'S REPORT**

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1. Appointed Committee Members (2) announcement: sent out 1-4-24 – Military/Veteran AA member to sit on CPC/Treatment Accessibility Trustees committee to provide guidance, expertise and participate (do work).
2. NERAASA survey (<http://tinyurl.com/89bz9jru>) – Seeking confirmation of topics and suggestions of important topics for presentation/discussion at the Service Assembly. Register for NERAASA [here](#). NERASSA video [here](#).
3. Childcare at AA meetings – share experience.
4. 2022 AA Survey (available as a link, pamphlet & posted on our website also); a few facts I found interesting – much more in the survey results [here](#)
  - a. 6000 randomly selected took survey online
  - b. 1/3 came on their own
  - c. 75% have attended a virtual meeting & 79% prefer face to face; 19% like both
  - d. Of those listing reason as their needs for meeting like accessibilities, language, etc., 54% said being liked by other members
  - e. 56% needed additional help after coming to AA
  - f. 77% of members' doctors know they are in AA
  - g. 41% came to AA more than 20 years ago & 28% sober more than 20 years.
5. Grapevine News [here](#)
  - a. Podcast now available on YouTube
  - b. 2024 Catalog available
  - c. Grapevine app; fact sheet [here](#)
6. GSB Meets last weekend in January (26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>). Among the topics will be the final list of 74<sup>th</sup> GSC Agenda items. The detailed information including background info will be shared with Delegates on or after February 16<sup>th</sup>.

7. I've been assigned to Conference Finance Committee (introductory meeting was Wednesday) whose responsibility is to:
  - a. Reviews A.A. World Service/General Service Board budget and financial reports.
  - b. Reviews the A.A. Grapevine budget and financial reports.
  - c. Reviews any recommendations that have arisen during the Conference that involves finances.
  - d. Reviews any recommendations directed specifically to the committee.
  - e. Initiates new recommendations if the need arises during the Conference presentations.

Current agenda items include:

- ITEM A: The General Service Board should develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual costs of the various service items we provide, with an initial draft being brought back to the Conference Committee on Finance for review at the 75th General Service Conference.
- ITEM B: Review Self-Support Packet.
- ITEM C: Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship reflecting on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders.

8. 12x12 Survey questionnaire v. founders' writings questionnaire
  - a. One by Conference Finance Committee
  - b. Other by Trustees' Literature Committee
  - c. Finance committee passed it to the literature committee
  - d. Discussion with NER Trustee who said T the trustee Committee within its rights and inclusion of BB was inherent in Conference committee's recommendation
  - e. Distinction between the two
  - f. *I Would like to hear from each District on its views to these questions*
    - i. *I've scheduled attendance at 3 District meetings so far in February*
    - ii. *Will send out another email restating the 12x12 questions from the Conference committee*
    - iii. *Incorporating those questions to other issues relevant to PAI's we raised, all of which did not get past trustee committees*

**UNITY: Tradition One – A quote from the AA Grapevine**

“Unity seldom means that we all agree on everything. Nor is unity served by setting aside our concerns and conforming to the majority opinion (or the vocal minority) ... Unity is best achieved by a full hearing of all points of view ... time for all of those involved to step back from emotional responses ... as well as careful consideration and prayer for that which will best serve the group or AA as a whole.” -Springville, UT, January 1998.

**Concept I – Excerpt from the Service Manual**

“...reasons for...ultimate responsibility and authority to A.A as a whole...center around Tradition Two [which is] the voice of experience, based upon the trials of thousands of groups in our pioneering time. The main principles of Tradition Two are crystal clear: the A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.”

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,  
-Ilir T.  
Panel 74 Delegate