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AREA 12 - DELAWARE GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
DELEGATE'S REPORT
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING - August 17, 2024

1. Since the General Service Conference report back, one District (13) asked me to attend its monthly meeting. Also attending the meeting was my sponsor (George K.), my service sponsor (Frank Z.), past delegate Panel 70 (Terry H.), and past GSO General Manager (Phyllis H.).

We answered clarifying questions about floor actions and other matters occurring at the 74th GSC and prior conferences as well as general conference procedures and actions. Some of these were related to District 13's proposed PAI supporting the floor action I submitted regarding the procedure for future changes to the founders writings.

2. Upcoming Conference events (the conference is a year-round process):

August 20th – Full Conference online meeting. This was “mandated” by the 72nd GSC in order to improve communications and trust between the GSB and the Areas. The Advisory Action read: *“To foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship, the members of the General Service Conference meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology. The General Service Board Chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time as well as determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics.”*

The topic at the sharing session will be “the Group Conscience.” I intend to raise the following matters at this sharing session: How is AA's group conscience well served when the Board does not ensure that all topics are discussed at conference. This pertains to the truncated time at the end of



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the 74th GSC where 11 Floor Actions were not presented. I also anticipate that issues surrounding the PLBB such as why GSB decided to go forward with publishing the book without hearing from the Conference about the related floor actions that was truncated. (Two areas submitted a joint Concept V appeal to that effect.)

Second: how is the Board's group conscience serving the best interest of AA when it demanded the resignation of the previous Board's chair due to her unacceptable conduct when, as revealed in its inventory (Question #20), that there were "more than one trustee that was harmful (bullying, marginalized etc.) accepted silently by board" and no other resignations were demanded?

3. Box 459 ([click here to access](#)) recently sent out with information on new GSB chair and other trustees. Also has information on 2025 International convention. For the latest, access the International Convention [webpage here](#) or go to www.aa.or/international-convention. Registration opens September 10th. Hotel reservations will be available also. FAQ's including those regarding travel barriers are currently available on the website.
4. Next NERD online meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, August 18th. At the last one on July 21st, we discussed:
 - a. GSO chair's update letter that "requested" contributions from a "larger representation of our groups and members and that they maybe more frequent and sustained." Some delegates took exception to that part of the letter while the NER Trustee and some other delegates said it was the GSB's commitment to share information more frequently with AA.
 - b. NERAASA 2025 (online) is now open for registrations. Go to <https://area45snjaa.org/neraasa-2025/>.
 - c. 2025 NERF will be in Providence, RI December 5-7.
 - d. GSB Inventory – Conference cross-functional committee TBD.



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- e. Literature price increase issue discussed: why did publishing wait until after conference to announce it with no lag time.
5. PLBB - \$11. November publication is not certain.
 6. Quarterly group contributions reports. Issues regarding identifying all of group contributions since many are submitted by individuals, especially online, are still being worked on at GSO. Note how high individual contributions were reported for 2023 (\$3.54M) versus group contributions (\$5.95M).
 7. Quarterly financial report – Quarter 2 ending June 30, 2024:
 - a. Contributions \$5.6M exceeding budget by 13% and exceeding last year's to date comparison by 15%.
 - b. Net literature sales below budget by 7% and less than same period last year by 10%.
 - c. Operating expenses at \$9.2M 5% less than budget but 2% more than last year.
 - d. Current surplus = \$529,000.
 - e. Reforecasting the budget – "...needed adjustments to planning to reflect the actual income and expenses for the year so far."
 - i. While there were significant decreases including \$148K to personnel costs (due to vacant positions), there were increases to professional fees, travel/meetings, World Service meeting and "other" expenses totaling more than \$170K.
 - ii. Other category decreases in budget totaled another \$120K.
 - f. My comment from a finance committee perspective: that amounts to a potential \$428K capture. Given GSO GM's June letter asking for sustained contributions in order to help improve our prudent reserve, why isn't this capture used to do supplant the prudent reserve?
 8. Quarterly financial report GV/LV– Quarter 2 ending June 30, 2024:
 - a. Net loss of \$487K v. budgeted loss of \$357K.



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- b. Mostly due to subscription “drag” (cost of existing subscriptions at pre-price increase) and over budget for professional fees and app development.
- c. Re-forecasted loss of \$672 v. original budgeted loss of \$582

9. Contemplated PAI’s/floor actions from the delegate

- a. Area sharing data capture to support founders writings floor action.
- b. Relocation fund
- c. GSC Parliamentarian
- d. 12 Step explanations not reprinted anywhere and permission to do so not be granted
- e. Effect of prior advisory actions
- f. Reorganization??

10. I will be out of the country (Ireland) August 29 – September 6. Will check emails evenings.

Gratefully,

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