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AREA 12 - DELAWARE GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
DELEGATE'S REPORT
AREA COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 16, 2024

1. PLBB is out and some folks have received their copies. Though I didn't order one, I did win one at A District workshop's raffle. I started reading it, and I'm still reading it ... slowly.
 - a. Some delegates reported that perhaps the AAWS publishing didn't follow the direction of the conference advisory Action as well as they could have. The issue has to do with the use of the word addiction instead of alcoholism in the definitions and elsewhere. I asked if they had a list of references. I got only a couple but the book is still pretty new.
 - b. My suggestion is for people to read the book and outline where they don't feel the book has conveyed "the original ideas and same spiritual message" as the Big Book (this is the disclaimer in the inner front flap). Then discuss the specifics at group level.
2. Speaking of District workshop, recently, District 4 held one where I presented on the Service Structure. I am happy to visit each and every District and do the same presentation.
3. NERAASA registration. Feb 21-23, 2025. Online. \$35.
4. Next NERD online meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, November 17th. At the last one, on October 20th, we discussed:
 - a. U.S. Trustee at Large nominee dates (Area 12 vote to take place at the December Assembly – if more than one past delegate makes themselves available, we will use the Third Legacy Procedure and I will forward the name to the Trustees Nominating Committee).
 - b. The list of PAI's should be out by end of September.



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- c. The additional costs for correcting the group contribution reports from GSO and that the effort is being done in-house with the help of outside consultants rather than contractors. (DCM's should have received the reports just a few days ago.)
 - d. PLBB – ordering begins 11/1/24 and Amazon/Hazelden was not getting them. (Checked Amazon - they have them and the kindle version & Hazelden the print version – maybe they were talking about them not having the book before Nov. 1st.) Also, no freebies to Delegates.
 - e. New Service Manual is in final draft. Hoping for December availability.
 - f. NER hospitality room at the IC will be at the Fairmont Hotel, 7 minutes from convention center.
 - g. NERAASA has FAQ's on their website, esp. regarding groups attending online on a single registration.
 - h. GSB had a leadership weekend (inventory result) in Chicago and our NERT reported that there are still fears and resentments by some trustees ongoing.
 - i. Still no word from the Board on convening a panel of Area delegates to review and make suggestions on the Board's inventory. (This was an action item the Board committed to when reporting out the results of their inventory.)
 - j. That the Board would respond to all the letters from Delegates (including mine – Concept V appeal regarding an amend to the previous chair) right after the October Board meeting. (This was promised to have been done after the July Board meeting and we have no responses yet.)
5. Normally, by this time, after the Board has had their Fourth Quarter meeting (last weekend in October), we get a list of all PAI's submitted for consideration. This year there were 148. The Board decided not to share them until the final decision has been made after the January Board meeting. The Board says that early distribution of all agenda items cause confusion over what items are forwarded to the conference as the reason



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for their decision. So, it's not until the middle of February when they release the final agenda items and provide a list of the ones that will not be forwarded to the conference or that were otherwise disposed of. See attached memo.

Traditionally, we've been provided a preliminary list. This showed us what other areas and people in AA are thinking.

6. Next GS Conference Sharing Session is scheduled for November 22nd. The topic is "Integrity of the Conference." If you have any input, please let me know by email before then.
7. International Convention – Chit-Chat email went out yesterday. There is still time to register and there are hotel rooms, university dorms and air BNB's available. The IC is also looking for interesting convention stories to publish. Such as to what lengths are people going to in order to get to the convention.
8. Grapevine news sent out yesterday.
9. Box 459 just out day before yesterday – please share email with Groups.
Good topics and info:
 - a. International convention news – online availability & how speakers are chosen.
 - b. Canada's oldest prison meeting – 75 years.
 - c. Online AA convention for women in Africa.
 - d. AA finances by AA's treasurer, a Class A Trustee – understanding profits from literature sales, status of GV/LV apps, and the value of reforecasting
10. Speaking of finances – Bob W.'s (GSO GM) Gratitude letter came a few days ago asking again for "regular and incremental" donations. This time while stating that the financial outlook is good this year (contributions are ahead



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of last year by 9% and ahead of budget, and, according to the treasurer, contributions coming out of the pandemic have been the highest they have ever been) money is needed because our prudent reserve is at below the desired level of 9-12 months. It is at 6.41 months as of September 30th and about \$4.8M is needed to bring it up to that level.

I think this is an issue that needs to be raised and I will start with the NERD meeting tomorrow night. The request is made to supplant the prudent reserve but does not earmark contributions for it. That is a problem because increase in contributions will go into the general fund and if AA does not make or breaks even on its budget then no additional increase will be made to the prudent reserve and we will be “chasing our tail” always asking for additional funds for the prudent reserve.

Additionally, while the conference has previously suggested that the prudent reserve should be around 9-12 months, it specifically made no requirement. This is sometimes referred to as “corporate poverty” which is a spiritual principle. In accordance with Warranty Two of the Concept XII, Bill W. says that book sales constantly renew the reserve fund especially when contributions don’t pay for AA’s services.

Gratefully,
Ilir T.
Delegate, Panel 74

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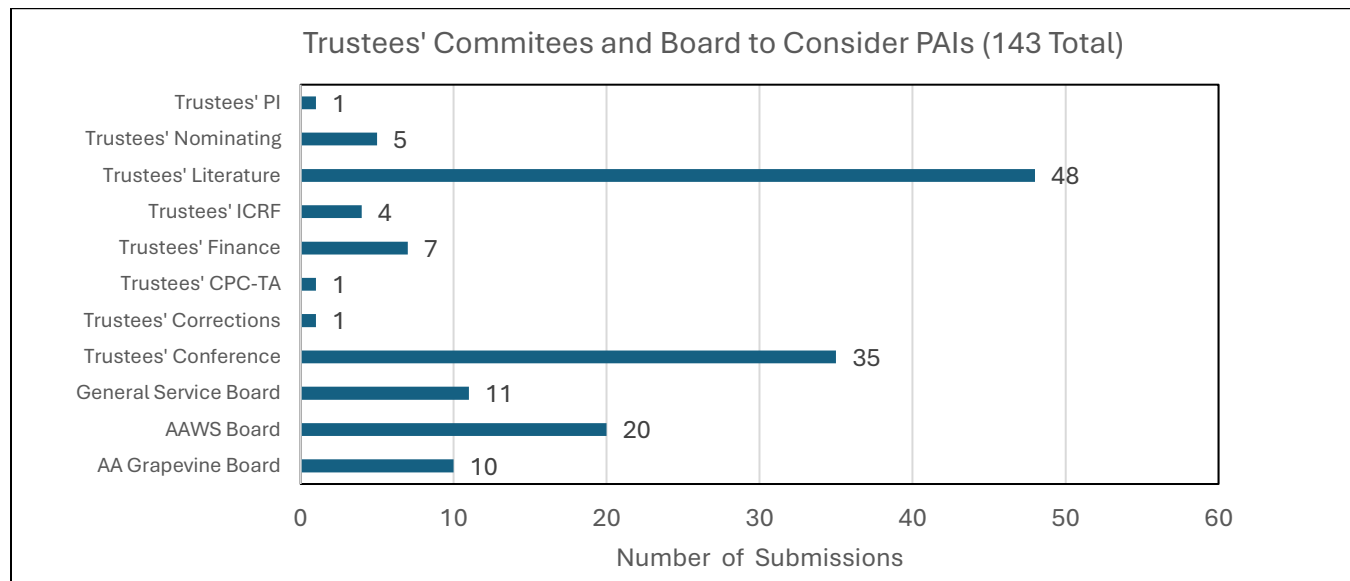
To: Conference Members

From: [REDACTED] Conference Coordinator, [REDACTED]

Date: November 15, 2024

Subject: Update on Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) and GSC Agenda Timelines

Greetings from GSO. I hope all is going well for you. We received 143 PAIs total by the September 30, 2024 deadline (see chart below).



After consideration, 11 new agenda items (covering 25 submitted PAIs forwarded to the GSC).

The following key dates were included in the “Save the Date Memo” shared on August 2 attached.

- **Preliminary GSC Agenda:** November 11-16 (Including PAIs forwarded to Conference)
- **Final GSC Agenda:** February 17-25 (Including PAIs forwarded to Conference)
- **Conference Committee Background Distributed** February 17-25
- **PAIs Not Forwarded to GSC:** February 24-28

Last year, sharing a list of all submitted PAIs led to misunderstandings about which items were actually on the Conference agenda. During the trustees’ GSC committee meeting on January 12, solutions were discussed to clarify confusion surrounding the PAIs. Therefore, this year, a complete list of submitted PAIs will not be distributed.

Instead, this week a preliminary GSC agenda which includes PAIs forwarded to Conference will be distributed. And in February, a list of PAIs not forwarded to Conference will be shared.

During the Delegates’ only meeting in March 2024, I provided a verbal update on these developments and wanted to send this reminder.

Thanks for all you do for A.A. Sincerely,
[REDACTED] Conference Coordinator