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AREA 12 - DELAWARE GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY  
\*DELEGATE'S REPORT\*  
AREA ASSEMBLY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

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1. Plain Language BB available as of November 1st. No advanced copies available. 192 pages, 8 ½" x 11" light blue bordered softcover with French flaps. Cost is \$11. eBook for \$11.99.

There will be an initial print of 70,000 copies (see [AAWS July Highlights](#)). The first print run cost is \$60K.

2. Fifth Edition BB – Still in process. 150 of 2,500 stories being reread and evaluated for selection. Appendices III & V (medical and religious views on AA) being expanded with consultations of current and previous Class A Trustees. The soonest a manuscript can be shared with the conference would be in 2025. This is a multi-year process. Fourth Edition took 4 years.

Updates can be viewed on aa.org, [“What’s New”](#) section, and Box 459. See memo on our website in [“NEW Stuff”](#) section.

3. August 20<sup>th</sup> – Full Conference online meeting. This was “mandated” by the 72<sup>nd</sup> 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.”*

We met the new GSB chair, Scott H. from Canada. He is a Class B Trustee



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having been a delegate and Trustee-at-Large for Canada.

A sharing session only with a presentation on Group conscience from three individuals: a GSO employee, a delegate from the mid-west and the NERT. All good information sharing experience. Many other delegates weighed in sharing experience and growth on individual and group level.

Some delegates were disenchanted in that the topic of Group Conscience was a bit parochial and not in keeping with the Advisory Action that said topics on “issues currently facing the fellowship.” A delegate raised the founder’s writing issue as a dominant one especially in light of the sharing sessions on the topics reported by the Areas where it was overwhelmingly shown that the Fellowship wanted to preserve the BB & 12x12.

I stated three things related to the effectiveness of the larger AA Group conscience:

- a. How is the AA group conscience well served when the Board does not ensure that sufficient time is available for discussion of all topics raised at the Conference (i.e. Floor Actions) by not making contingency plans to have tech support and translators available to complete the working sessions.
- b. 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?
- c. (To Scott, the new GSB chair) What is your vision for leading the Board and re-establishing trust with the Areas and restoring consonance between the Board’s conduct and 12 Steps & 12 Traditions of AA



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- d. (Given that the Board's purpose is to protect the AA literature) What is the Board's position on preserving the founders writings BB, 12x12, etc. (Thanks to Buck raising this issue at an online meeting hosted by Pamela on PAI's.)

No answers were provided because this was a sharing session only. Any future considerations or responses on the matters raised by a number of delegates is an unknown quantity.

4. Next NERD online meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, September 15<sup>th</sup>. At the last one, on August 18<sup>th</sup>, we discussed:
  - a. US Trustee at large. Nominations from each area will be discussed and voted on at the Regional meeting at the next GS Conference. Past delegates with at least 1 year removed from the conference are eligible. NERT will share resumes of all candidates from NER with P74/75 NREDs so we can be prepared for a discussion. So, if interested, prepare a resume. We will have our election for our candidate at the December Assembly. Area candidate names must be submitted to GSO before December 31<sup>st</sup>. So far, from Area 12, Buck has volunteered to serve. Any other interested candidates, please forward your resume to me NLT the November Area Committee Meeting.
  - b. Reminder that the PAI deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup> this year.
  - c. Recommendation from the GV Board that each group should have a subscription.
  - d. Contributions report – Cost \$70K to modify system and add portal for DCM's and Delegates. It is estimated that there is a 13% overreporting of individual contributions that belong in the group contributions ledger.
  - e. The unfinished floor actions from the 2024 (74<sup>th</sup>) GSC were sent to the respective Trustees committees for action per the 1986 advisory action (per NERT - \*dispute on language) and will not be listed in the Conference Report. They will be treated as PAI's. Per NERT,



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Conference Charter gives trustees the authority on what issues go to conference.

- f. New literature catalogue being printed.
  - g. New service manual is in final draft and should be ready for publication by December.
  - h. NERAASA's prudent reserve was restored (\$6K) and \$20K profit from last NERAASA contributed to the GSB.
  - i. Significant discussion on memo sent to publishing regarding 36 items of concern on PLBB from members of conference literature committee. Items not considered because they were not a product of the literature committee's group conscience (Advisory Action).
5. International Convention – Registration open. Hotel rooms pretty much sold out but you can keep checking website. Also available are dormitories at 2 nearby universities (2,400 total) and Air BnB's. Listen to the [podcast](#) dropped on Monday 9/9 regarding the IC. (See Season 7, Episode 11.) See also email sent to DCM's.

Please pay particular attention to hotel room cancellation policies. Cancellations after October 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged the first night stay. The hotel rooms are being managed by housing bureau which will transfer hotel reservation information to the hotels on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. No reservations can be made after May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you book after October 31<sup>st</sup> and cancel after May 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will be will be charged the first night stay.

6. Other items of interest:
- a. Area 49 SENY online meeting for group participation in GS, Sent out to DCM's Wednesday.
  - b. Audio interviews of challenges active-duty military personnel in recovery. Also sent out Wednesday to DCM's. View [AA YouTube](#) (scroll down five lines on landing page) and [more information here](#).
  - c. International convention seeking non-AA speakers. Sent out to my Area 12 mailing list (officers, DCM's, Committees, past delegates, and



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intergroup liaisons). Please respond to me before September 25<sup>th</sup>.

7. Delegate's PAI's - TBA

Gratefully,

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