

November 2022 News

Section 1: Come join us!

1. Area 12 Assembly December 17, 2022

- a. Virtual meeting 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- b. Zoom information comes from delawareaa.org and your DCM
- c. The 2023 proposed budget will be presented
- d. More news regarding Online Group participation in Service
- e. A survey regarding NERAASA



2. North East Regional AA Service Assembly

a. What is a Service Assembly?

- i. 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.

b. February 24-26 Albany, NY

- i. <https://www.neraasa.org/register/>

3. Regional Forums

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

Section 2: News to share

1. 73rd General Service Conference:
 - a. Proposed Agenda Items
 - 180 proposed items

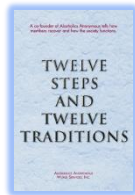


Plain Language Big Book PAIs: The trustee's' Literature Committee agreed to forward to the 2023 Conference Literature Committee all new proposed agenda items related to the Plain Language Big Book as one

grouped item. The committee also discussed requests from some members regarding access to the draft of the Plain Language Big Book. After due consultation, the committee agreed to provide a monitored, “closed” reading room for Conference members only during the 2023 General Service Conference, where Conference Literature Committee members will be given first viewing of draft chapters in a moderated environment.

The changes to the Twelve and Twelve in 2021:

- b. The Trustee’s Literature Committee reviewed proposed agenda items related to the changes approved by the 2021 General Service Conference to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and noted the importance and interest of the Advisory Actions to the Fellowship. The trustees’ Literature committee agreed to forward to the 2023 Conference Literature Committee all proposed agenda items related to the changes in the book



Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as one grouped item with the suggestion that the Conference Literature Committee consider forwarding the item to the General Service Areas for wider discussion looking toward a policy setting whether to edit AA’s cofounder’s words and, if so, then how to edit them in our current literature. The agenda item would be discussed by the Fellowship during the 2023-2024 Conference year and considered by the Conference Committee on Literature at the 2024 General Service Conference.

- c. The **2022 Conference Final Report** now available. Please contact the delegate at P72delegate@delawareaa.org

2. Communication Services Department (CSD):

- a. The most recent update to The Meeting Guide App is out and bug free.
b. Next project: GSO Podcast
c. CSD is working with the subcommittee on AA Membership Survey to communicate and disseminate the results of the survey to the membership and others on www.aa.org . Following the recommendations of the subcommittee on the membership survey, we will work with a graphic

designer and website vendor to create a mock-up of the new survey results page.

3. GSO Tours



On October 5th, the Office resumed receiving visitors again after a two and a half years hiatus. In just a little over three weeks, our GSO welcomed 46 visitors, including several international members. In the brief time, AA members came from as far as Tokyo, England, Germany, Florida, Guatemala, Maine as well as NYC and New Jersey. The Office shared that, while it has been busy, it has also been rewarding to re-establish this vital spiritual opportunity to welcome visitors to our General Service Office.

4. Grapevine News

- **Free shipping on all products Nov 1- Dec 31 2022**

Instagram / Podcast Update, thru September 30, 2022:

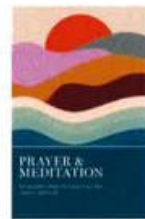
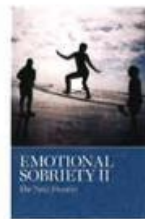
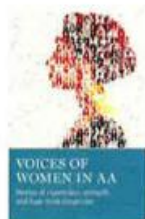
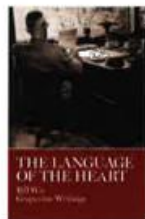
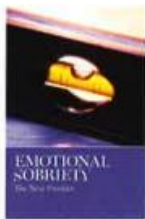
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

GV Followers 8,403 and LV 1,012

- Podcast Downloads have exceeded 250,000.
- Spring 2023: The Home Group

Top 5 Titles (YTD)

- *Emotional Sobriety* (paperback)
- *The Language of the Heart* (paperback)
- *Voices of Women in AA* (paperback)
- *Emotional Sobriety II* (paperback)
- *Prayer & Meditation* (paperback)



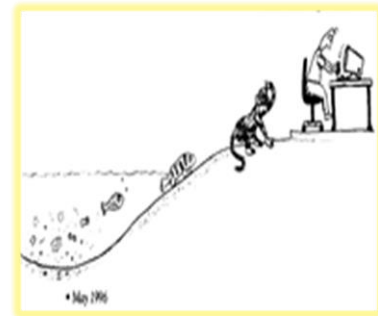
5. Treatment Facilities / Accessibilities/Loners and Internationalists Meeting:



The committee reviewed a draft pamphlet “*For Professionals How A.A. ‘Bridges the Gap’ to Help Alcoholics*” P-49 provided by the Publishing Department and suggested final edits. A committee member shared that the “Useful links section” of the pamphlet includes a website that could be improved for useability and functionality.

6. Online Groups: The Conference Committee discussed the request for a progress report from the General Service Board’s Ad Hoc Committee on the Participation of Online Groups (POG) in the US and Canada Service Structure be included as background for the Conference Committee on Policy / Admissions in advance of the 73rd General Service Conference. As such, the Chair of the ad hoc Committee confirmed that this request will be met.

The ad hoc POG Committee has focused its work on developing and sending a survey to all US/Canada Delegates. The data is still coming in - there have been many requests for workshops, town halls, and special meetings to report out on the work to date (as well as to hear additional perspectives on this topic). For example, a workshop was conducted at the 27th World Service Meeting and additional sharing opportunities have been provided at Regional Forums, as well.



7. Young People: We have requested submissions of video content created by young people on how they carry the message to other Young People who may benefit from our life-giving solution.

Support is needed to help our young AA population know about this project: The landing page with details, follows: <https://www.aa.org/young-peoples-video-project> .

“*Young People and AA*” (P-4): The committee received a report from Publishing Department about the update of the pamphlet “*Young People and AA*” including the selection of a cover and the completion of the text. The Literature Committee looks forward to a progress report at the January 2023 meeting.

8. Financial Briefing:

- a. Seventh Tradition Contributions through 9/30 are 67% of budget, with 75% of the year past
- b. Literature sales continue to rebound
- c. More detailed information available upon request