

Area 12 Delegate's Report

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General Service Board Updates

Final Conference Report (P76)

AA.org website has a downloadable PDF of the 2026 P76 Conference Report as of 8/31/2026 with a printed copy to be made available for online purchase within six weeks or at \$5.00 a copy. I'll submit a purchase for 35 copies on behalf of Area for DCM's, Area Officers and Past Delegates. There is a link to the pdf on our website under the "New Stuff" tab.

EverythingAA Application Update

On September 4th GSO announced that an updated version of EverythingAA was posted. The staff have rigorously examined and tailored the software product to fit the AA publication standards and removed non-AA sourced materials.

Following the AA price model used for Grapevine, the Everything APP may be downloaded and used for free without the upgrade or advanced features. The added options costs \$1.99 a month or \$19.99 annually which includes among other things, content from the 2025 Internation Convention. Over the next year the APP team will continue adjusting content and features. The application already has a wide reach & this is a good investment for AA.

5th Edition of the Big Book

There was an FAQ generated to address correspondence regarding why, when and how the 5th Edition of the Big Book was commissioned, who decides what changes get made and who decides about the personal stories. The full FAQ will be in my delegates page on Area12 Website along with this report, but I just want to say that most if not all the questions reflected incomplete knowledge how the conference is designed to manage the work carried out by the General Service Board and awareness of the most recent Conference Agenda Actions such as:

- 2021 Action to Create5th Edition
- A year-long "call for stories" that was sent out to all groups for input
- A Conference Committees can during discussions identify a proposed solution and add that in their report to be considered on the conference floor
- Following some feedback the Trustees Literature agreed to retain 12 of the personal stories in the 4th edition.
- One Conference Action item for example , no changes to the 164 pages is not binding for all future conferences

Self Support / Finance

- Quarterly Finance Report (subset of Report)

II B. AWS/GSB Key Financial Indicators (“KFI’s”)

Indicator	Q2 2026 Actual Versus YTD Budget	Q2 2026 Actual Versus Q2 2025
Contributions	\$5.018M vs \$4.830 4% more than budget	\$5.018M vs \$4.643M, 8% more than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	\$8.151M vs \$9.566M, 15% less than budget	\$8.151M vs \$8.307M, 2% less than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin) ¹	\$4.879M vs \$5.083M, 4% less than budget	\$4.879M vs \$4.239M, 15% more than prior year
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	59.9% versus 53.1%	59.9% versus 51.0%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$9.562M vs \$10.043M, 5% less than budget	\$9.562M vs \$9.321, 3% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$768K vs \$275K	\$768K vs \$(32K)
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	4.97	6.42

III B. AAGV Key Financial Indicators (“KFI’s”)

Indicator	Versus 2026 Budget (Dollars in thousands ‘000)	Versus Prior Year (6/30/2025) (Dollars in thousands ‘000)
Total Grapevine (“GV”) Subscription Income	\$1,093k vs \$1,038k, 5% above budget	\$1,093 vs \$1,006k, 9% increase
Total GV Print-only Circulation	40,954 vs 40,900-54 subscriptions above budget	40,954 vs 42,165, an anticipated decline of 3%
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	19,930 vs 18,990, 940 subscriptions above budget	19,930 vs 16,469, a 21% increase
Total Circulation	60,884 vs 59,890 – 994 subscriptions above budget	60,884 vs 58,634, a 4% increase
GV Subscription Net Profit	60% vs 59%	60% vs 53%
GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	\$894k versus \$971k, 8% below budget (attributed to Change in Accounting Estimate)	\$894k vs \$862k, an increase of 4%
GV Operating Expenses	\$1,028k versus \$1,043k, 1% lower than budget	\$1,028k vs \$1,041k, a decrease of 1%
GV Net Loss	\$(201k) versus \$(140k)-\$61 below budget	\$(201k) vs \$(241k), a 17% improvement
LV Total Gross Margin	\$103k vs \$97k, \$6k above budget	\$103k vs \$81k, a 27% improvement
LV Total Circulation	6,919 vs 7,647, 9% under budget	6,919 vs 8,360, 17% decrease
LV Operating Expenses	\$310k vs \$312k, 1% below budget	\$310k vs \$318k, a decrease of 3%
LV Support from GSB	\$(219) vs \$(230), \$11k improvement compared to budget	\$(219k) vs \$(251k), a decrease of 13%

Note: the 2QFR was restated on 9/2. There was an adjustment made on GV deferred income, identified by GSO staff , thus report was reissued. Anyone who wants more info on this let me know.

HomeGroup Oline Services

1. The AAWS and General Service Boards spent over a year discussing the details of Homegroup Online services. There were several reasons that lead to the decision to stop accepting contributions from them. One being that they were infringing on our intellectual property (IP). Complicating this is that they are not an A.A. entity as they serve many other twelve-step fellowships.
2. With the use of our IP on their website, their services create confusion that they appear to be affiliated with A.A. All of this brought great concern that accepting contributions from them is not in line with our Traditions. It's important to note that neither the GSB nor AAWS suggest that groups not use their services to distribute money to other entities for rent etc. as each group is autonomous

Area 12 Activities & Training

Meetings & Training

- Area 12 Convention Committee
- NAATW on September 12 hosted by Area 6
- Monthly Meetings with NE Trustee
- Area 43 Monthly Concepts Workshop
- Area 12 Concepts Workshops: District 3, District 4
- Assembly Venue Selection & site Verification

Travel

I attended NAATW in San Francisco to see how other areas are working with HYBRID meetings & what new software products that were developed by other Trusted Servants. I have to say, Area 6 arrived with trucks of equipment to set up at the hotel and with 9-15 people they had a professional seamless 166 in person and over 150 online participants. They were able to host the event with registration income, \$100 each. This conference provided full translation for Spanish as well.

Each participant was provided access to a small radio & earbud. When ever a speaker came to the microphone and exclaimed, “Radio” we put our ear buds in so that we could hear the real-time Spanish interpretation from two live interpreters in the back of the room. One of the days I saw that interpretation was being done by Area 6 Delegate, Chitra who was my buddy at the General Service Conference.

We saw several great 3rd Legacy voting software products, with one clear winner offered by a member in Washington State.

District Support

- Attended District 14 meeting.
- Facilitate Milford Group Inventory.
- District 1 & 15 working to identify new DCM & keeping groups informed
- Look for some events on our calendar for GSR & DCM training that I'll be teaming up with Brian G from district 6-7.