

AREA 12 DELAWARE

PANEL 76 DELEGATE'S REPORT — TAKE-AWAY HIGHLIGHTS

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A quick “take it back to your group” summary of the Delegate’s September report.

General Service Board Updates

- 2026 Final Conference Report: A downloadable PDF is available through AA.org, with a link on Area 12’s “New Stuff” tab. The Delegate plans to order 35 printed copies for DCMs, Area Officers, and Past Delegates.
- EverythingAA app: An updated version was announced September 4. Non-A.A.-sourced material was removed, and the app was adjusted to A.A. publication standards.
- The basic EverythingAA app remains free. Advanced features are \$1.99 per month or \$19.99 annually and include, among other items, content from the 2025 International Convention.
- Fifth Edition Big Book: An FAQ explains why and how the Fifth Edition was commissioned, how changes are decided, and how personal stories are selected. The full FAQ will be posted with the Delegate’s report on the Area 12 website.
- Key process reminders: the 2021 Conference action created the Fifth Edition; a year-long call for stories went to all groups; Conference committees may develop proposed solutions for consideration on the Conference floor; Trustees’ Literature agreed to retain 12 Fourth Edition stories; and one Conference action does not bind all future Conferences.

Self-Support & Finance — Key Take-Aways

- AAWS/GSB contributions were \$5.018 million through Q2 — about 4% above budget and 8% above the same period last year.
- Gross literature sales were \$8.151 million — about 15% below budget and 2% below the prior year — while the operating surplus before depreciation was \$768,000, ahead of budget.
- Grapevine subscription income and total circulation were above budget. App/online/complete subscriptions were 21% higher than the prior year, helping total circulation rise 4%.
- La Viña circulation was below budget and below the prior year. GSB support for La Viña was better than budget and lower than last year.
- The Q2 Finance Report was restated September 2 after GSO staff identified an adjustment to Grapevine deferred income.

HomeGroup Online Services

- After more than a year of discussion, AAWS and the General Service Board stopped accepting contributions from HomeGroup Online Services. Concerns included use of A.A. intellectual property and confusion over whether the service is affiliated with A.A.; it also serves other Twelve-Step fellowships.
- This decision does not tell groups they cannot use HomeGroup Online Services to distribute funds for rent or other expenses. Group autonomy remains important.

Area 12 Activities & Training

- Delegate participation included the Area 12 Convention Committee, monthly meetings with the Northeast Regional Trustee, the Area 43 monthly Concepts workshop, and Area 12 Concepts workshops in Districts 3 and 4.
- Assembly venue selection and site verification were also part of the month's Area work.

NAATW / Hybrid Meeting Observations

- The Delegate attended NAATW in San Francisco to see how other Areas are handling hybrid meetings and to review software developed by trusted servants.
- Area 6 supported a seamless event for 166 in-person participants and more than 150 online participants, using a substantial equipment setup and a team of approximately 9–15 people.
- Spanish interpretation was provided in real time through small radios and earbuds, with live interpreters in the room.
- Several Third Legacy voting software products were demonstrated, with one option from a Washington State member standing out to the Delegate.

District Support

- Attended the District 14 meeting and facilitated the Milford Group Inventory.
- Districts 1 and 15 are working to identify new DCMs while keeping their groups informed.
- Watch the Area calendar for upcoming GSR and DCM training that the Delegate will conduct with Brian G. from Districts 6–7.

Please share the points that are most useful to your group and encourage members to review the full Delegate's Report for complete details.