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## **2011 NIA FALL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Since returning from the General Service Conference, I have been invited to provide post-GSC reports in a number of venues. In addition to the Spring Area Committee meeting and Summer Assembly, I have given my report to a dozen districts. Since the last Assembly, I have also participated in the East Central Regional Conference (held in conjunction with the Indiana State Conference), the Illinois State Conference and a fantastic YPAA service workshop offered by the Hope Factory (District 11) and Young and Restless Groups (District 22).

### **2011 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT**

Copies of the Final Report for the 2010 General Service Conference are available today for those DCMs and Area Committee members who did not pick them up at the Summer Committee meeting. Please see Rich or myself to pick up your copies. Past Delegates should already have received their copy in the mail.

### **AAWS/AA GRAPEVINE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Financial information for these two entities remains unchanged since my report to the Summer Committee meeting. You should already have received that information from your DCM, or you may go on line at [www.aa-nia.org](http://www.aa-nia.org) to see or download a copy of my report.

### **LITERATURE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

A new edition of the catalogue for the purchase of Conference-approved literature is now available. For the first time, it includes AAGrapevine materials as well as those books, pamphlets and other materials purchased from AAWS.

The first AAWS eBooks, the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, will be available for purchase through the "AA Online Store" on the AA website around November 15<sup>th</sup>. An AA mobile app for use on handheld mobile devices to allow purchased copies of these books will be available at no cost. An Apple version (iPhone, iPod and iPad) will be available first, followed by one for most Android powered devices. The price for these first two eBooks has not yet been determined.

The following new or revised pamphlets are now available:

- "The AA Member - Medications and Other Drugs" (P-11)(25 cents)
- "Understanding Anonymity" (P-47)(25 cents)
- "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Challenges" (P-83)(40 cents)(new)

AAGrapevine's website ([www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)) has been redesigned and allows for the purchase of print and online subscriptions and other materials. PayPal is now available as a payment option. For the first time, stories are being published exclusively to the

web site. As a result more stories will now be published each month than could be published in the print magazines. The web site will be updated frequently, allowing for new, original stories each weekday. A new Grapevine Complete subscription combining the magazine and online features is now available. New hard copy books, Step by Step and Emotional Sobriety II are now available for purchase on line. Grapevine is also currently developing eBooks, beginning with Language of the Heart.

### **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

Fifteen groups in Northern Illinois (14 English- and 1 Spanish-speaking) were randomly selected to participate in this year's membership survey. I have forwarded the completed survey forms that I received from these groups on to the GSO. The results will be published in the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous: 2011 Membership Survey."

### **THEMES AND TOPICS**

The Fellowship is being asked to provide suggestions for a theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 2013 General Service Conference. The theme and topics for the Conference will be voted on at the upcoming 2012 GSC. Copies of forms (English and Spanish) to submit this information have been forwarded by email to DCMs and other members of the Area Committee. You are asked to submit your suggestions directly to the Conference Secretary at the GSO by December 16.

The Fellowship has also been invited to submit suggestions for a theme for the 2015 International Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, 2015. Send your ideas to International Convention Assignment, P.O. 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The **East Central Regional Forum** will be held on November 11-13 at the Holiday Inn—Dayton Mall, Miamisburg OH at the Dayton Holiday Inn.

Respectfully submitted

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