

2022 Summer Assembly Minutes – NIA 20 (REVISED AT THE FALL ASSEMBLY)

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Hybrid Meeting (In-person at Life Compass Church in Kankakee IL and Online Audio / Video Meeting via Zoom)

Meeting Opening

Area Chair, Rob M., called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The group participated in a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rob and John made the meeting announcements regarding bathrooms, food and smoking.

Summer Assembly Attendance Figures:

34 In Person

56 On Zoom

90 TOTAL ATTENDEES

VOTING MEMBERS

19 GSRs

13 DCMs or Alternates

17 Area Committee Members

49 TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

18 Group Members

15 District Servants

8 Area Committee Members

41 TOTAL NON-VOTING MEMBERS

First Time Attendees:

James, GSR from District 12

Steven from District 12

Phil

Joan, GSR for Broad Highway Group, District 11

Rich, Alternate DCM from District 61

Anniversaries since March 12th Spring Assembly:

John – June 8th, 5 years

Adria – May 16th, 3 years

Mike – May 21st, 10 years

Gabriel – May 24th, 5 years

Chris E. – April 27th, 3 years

John A. – March 15th, 34 years

Karen D. – June 1st, 43 years

Cheryl – May 7th, 36 years

Larry S. – June 5th, 36 years

Rob M. – April 27th, 34 years

Christina – May 15th, 5 years

Rich H. – April 17th, 34 years

Therese D. – April 20th, 31 years

Tamara - June 2nd, 12 years

Approval of 2022 Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes

Robert S. made the motion to approve the March 12, 2022 Spring Assembly minutes as submitted and Bill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2023 ISCYPAA ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE UPDATE FROM TAMARA:

Conference will take place in Chicago in February 2023. Is there any way we can be of use to you? We will have dates shortly.

Meeting Business

Treasurer's Report – Allen J.

- Treasurer's Report:

Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.
PO Box 808
Streamwood, IL 60107-2971



2022 Report from the Panel 72 NIA Treasurer NIA Summer Assembly, June 11, 2022

I'm still learning how to navigate QuickBooks and attached is of the usual Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements. Below is a brief summary of the main accounts.

Account	Amount	Amount
Checking		\$ 50,199.78
Green Can (restricted)	\$ 781.94	
Pink Can (restricted)	\$ 4,693.34	
Total restricted		\$ 5,475.28
Net Checking		\$ 55,675.06
Prudent Reserve	(0.3 X \$58,400.00) + interest	\$ 17,521.96
Total		\$ 73,197.02
	Sum Contribution	\$ 24,550.58
Interest		\$ 1.34
Net Income (YTD)	Sum Income	\$ 24,551.92
Net Expenses (YTD)	Sum Expenses	\$ 20,897.40
Net (YTD)		\$ 3,654.52

Miscellaneous

- We have been having PayPal contributions come through. The link for PayPal is on the NIA website. Our address is; treasurer@aa.nia.org. Please clarify if this is a Personal, Group, District, Pink Can, or Green Can contribution in the “memo area”. If the contribution is from a group, please clarify group number or group name and location in the “memo area” so that we may credit the correct group. Unless **stated otherwise** the contribution will be treated as a personal contribution. You can also follow up with an email to treasurer@aa-nia.org if you missed putting in the group information.
- Clubs, please remember, we cannot accept contributions from you. We WILL accept contributions from groups meeting at your clubs.
- The PO Box has been renewed for 2022 and will remain the same. (Northern Illinois Area, LTD, P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107-2971)
- Tax free status for NIA has been renewed with the State. The accountant has filed our taxes (we owe nothing). FYI the IRS acknowledgment for the tax extension would satisfy as proof the IRS recognizes us as an “not for profit”.
- 7TH tradition contributions forms can be found on the NIA website (www.aa-nia.org). It's on the home page or on the “Forms for Group Use” page. Please note that there is no check boxes on this form for “Pink Can” or “Green Can” contributions so you must identify them as such.
- On March 12th I got an email from Chris D (our delegate) with a letter from the GSO requesting a payment of \$1,800 to go toward the GSC by March 1st. I did pay \$2,200 (per PPR-B02) on May 17th. The letter also stated that the expected cost of the 2022 GSC will be \$8000 / conference member.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen J., NIA Treasurer – Panel 72 treasurer@aa-nia.org

2022 PPR:

Primary Purpose Basic									
Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 05/28/2022	2022 remaining
B01	General Service Conference	The Area Committee is expected to participate in and report on the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Facility rental for pre-GSC workshop 	Delegate and Alternate Delegate	\$165.00	516.25	\$2,200.00	\$ 869.06	\$ 1,330.94
B02	General Service Conference Contribution	The Area Committee is expected to make a contribution for the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	Year-end contribution to GSB for NIA participation in GSC	Delegate reports to the Treasurer the current expenses per the General Service Board	\$2,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
B03	Area Assemblies	The Area Committee is expected to support hosting districts to host four assembly meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental 	• Groups I, II and III	\$2,000	\$1,650.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 4,450.00
B04	Area Committee Meetings	The Area Committee is expected to host four committee meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Facility rental 	• Groups I, II and III	\$1,100	0	\$2,500.00	\$ 263.55	\$ 2,236.45
B05	Service Orientation Workshops	The Area Committee is encouraged to host roughly eight Service Orientation workshops around NIA per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Facility rental 	• Alternate Delegate	\$800.00	\$199.82	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
B06	Administrative Committee Meetings	Committees are encouraged to hold roughly ten meetings each year to perform their respective functions per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Conference calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance committee • Operating Committee • Report and Charter Committee • Conference Advisory Committee • Electronic Equipment Committee 	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
B07	Concepts Newsletter	The Concepts Editor is expected to produce the NIA Concepts Newsletter per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mailing services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts Editor • Concepts Co-Editor 	\$2,500.00	768.46	\$1,000.00	\$ 299.40	\$ 700.60

Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 05/28/2022	2022 remaining
B08	Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	When invited, Area trusted servants are expected to attend and participate in District service functions including District meetings, workshops, service events, etc., per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental 	• This relates to expenses incurred when the District is hosting.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00
B09	ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Attend the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate • Alternate Delegate • NIA Chairperson • Immediate Past Delegate 	\$ -	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
B10	Area Operations	Area trusted servants are expected to operate NIA basic services per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage, postage, mailing services, NIA contribution envelopes, office supplies, post office and postage, printing or copying, insurance, Quick Books Online, coffee pots, annual reports, bank fees, Archives repository, GSR Handbooks, canceled check charges, website expenses, electronic equipment maintenance and upgrades 	• Groups I, II and III	\$8,000.00	9,955.60	\$18,000.00	\$ 6,023.90	\$ 11,976.10
B11	Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation	In years in which the IL State Conference is hosted by NIA, thirty-six trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years, the Delegate, Area Chairperson, and Archivist are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years service committee chairpersons who are requested by the NIA Delegate and the Conference planning committee are also expected to attend and participate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate every year. • Group I, II and III when it is held in N.I.A. and in other years when Delegate requests participation for Area 19 or 21 State Conference Host Committees. 	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00

Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 05/28/2022	2022 remaining
B12	Spring Conference, Area Committee participation	Thirty-six Area trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate in the NIA Spring Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups I, II and III 	\$ -	\$0.00		\$ -	\$ -
B13	Big Book Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the hosting district to host the Big Book Conference per the NIA Big Book Conference guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage • Literature • Printing or copying • Name tags • Facility • Seed money 	Host Planning Committee	\$3,000.00	\$756.20	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00
B14	Spring Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the Spring Conference Committee to host the NIA Spring Conference per the NIA Spring Conference Guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage • Literature • Printing or copying • Name tags • Facility • Seed money • Hotel deposit 	Host Planning Committee	\$ -	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
B15	East Central Regional Forum	The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Forum (held every two years.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Delegate • Alternate Delegate 	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
B16	East Central Regional Conference	The Area Delegate and Alt. Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Conference every year (held every year except those with International Conferences.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Delegate • Alternate Delegate 	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
B17	Service Committee Workshops	Area service committee chairpersons are expected to host workshops focused on carrying the A.A. message within the scope of one or more service committees. The workshops should be geographically distributed throughout NIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Mileage • Spanish Interpreter (if needed) • Facility rental 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This relates to expenses incurred when the Area is hosting. 	\$2,200.00	\$242.09	\$2,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
B18	Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop	The Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson or their replacements, as appointed by the BTG Chairperson, shall attend the Annual BTG Weekend Workshop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Meals • Mileage • Registration • Banquet • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTG Chair • BTG Alternate Chair 	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00

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B19	IL State Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the State Conference Committee to host the IL State Conference per our guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mileage• Literature• Printing or copying• Name tags• Facility• Seed money• Hotel deposit	Host Planning Committee	\$ -	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
B20	National AA Technology Workshop	Either the Website Administrator or the Alternate is expected to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lodging• Meals• Mileage• Registration• Banquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website Administrator or• Alternate Website Administrator	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
B21	National AA Corrections Conference	The Corrections Chairperson and Alternate Corrections Chairperson shall attend the Annual Corrections Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lodging• Meals• Mileage• Registration• Banquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrections Chair• Alternate Corrections Chair	\$2,100.00	\$915.46	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Primary Purpose Basic Totals:					\$ 32,190.00	\$ 20,203.88	\$ 58,400.00	\$ 15,705.91	\$ 42,694.09
Group I:		Group III:		Group II:					
Officers and Alternates		Administrative Committees		Service Committee Chairs and Alternates					
• Delegate		• Operating		• Answering Services			• Corrections		
Chairperson		• Finance		• Archives			• Grapevine		
• Treasurer		• Report and Charter		• Accessibilities			• Literature		
• Secretary		• Electronic Equipment		• Bridging the Gap			Public Information		
• Registrar		• Conference Advisory		• Concepts Service Letter			• Webmaster		
				*Treatment					
				• Cooperation With The Professional Community					
* Please use the appropriate Service Activity Number when submitting a request for reimbursement.									

Primary Purpose Motion

Activity Number*	Motion	Notes relating to Open (O) or Closed (C)	2020 Remaining Expected Expense	2022 Expected Expense*	2022 Expense*	2022 Remaining Expected Expense*
M074	Literature for Treatments	O	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
M083	Equipment for hybrid Area Meetings	O		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
M084	2022 Motion to send \$10,000 to GSB	C		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Primary Purpose Motion Totals:				\$ 19,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Primary Purpose Registry and Motions Total:				\$ 77,400.00	\$ 25,705.91	\$ 51,694.09

- The Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) covers expenses that occur every year. These include all costs for things like Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, printing of minutes and the newsletter Concepts, insurance, orientations, conferences, etc.
- The first section of the register, The Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) section, lists and funds and facilitates service activities that are described in the Duties and Responsibilities section of these guidelines.
- The PPB provides funding for all the activities listed in the Duties and Responsibilities section of this handbook.
- The second section, the Primary Purpose Motion (PPM) section, lists and funds. additional service activities, resulting from motions delegated approved by the Assembly to its trusted servants. PPM activities may be proposed by any member of the Fellowship but most often originate within a service committee. Ideally, all proposals are considered by a service or administrative committee prior to presentation to the Area Committee .

PPMs are approved by a substantially unanimous (2/3 majority) vote of the Assembly. Upon PPM approval by the Assembly, the Treasurer or Alternate Treasurer adds the PPM to the Primary Purpose Register, the responsible trusted servant performs the service activity, and the Area Treasurer is authorized to reimburse associated expenses.

In the primary purpose finance model, activities need not have a time frame and so may continue from one year to the next or even from one rotation to the next, thus providing continuity for service committees. As such, the primary purpose finance model is not a budget in the traditional sense. No individual or committee at the Area level has a line item budget they are free to spend. Instead, the basic register provides for activities that trusted servants are expected to participate in (see the Duties and Responsibilities document) and the motions section of the register provides for activities pursued by service committees in their effort to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Summary

Consistently using the Primary Purpose Register as the financial communication vehicle defocuses the Assembly on money by focusing more transparently on service. It improves quantity and quality of communication between the Assembly and its trusted servants. The Treasurer is individually responsible only for the treasurer role – to manage cash and to pay the bills. The Finance Committee has responsibility for the controller role – to plan and manage the treasury and the time-sequence for service activities on the Assembly's behalf. Detailed guidelines for each service activity provide common direction to trusted servants responsible for service activities and to the committee responsible for paying the expenses for those activities. Annual budgeting, mid-year budget increases, and the "new service activity" process, are simplified. The annual budget rollercoaster that was common previously is gone: we endure no more quibbling over contributions to the General Service Office or scrambling to do something at the end of a year to spend area contributions "at home". Clearer delegation of these financial responsibilities by the Assembly has shifted the area's focus from money to service.

NIA, Ltd.

Balance Sheet
As of June 8, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cash	1,293.61
Checking	48,906.17
Restricted Funds	
ECRC Delegates Past and Present Seed Money	0.00
ECRC Seed Money	0.00
Green Can	781.94
GSO Birthday Plan	0.00
Illinois State Conference Seed Money	0.00
Pink Can	4,693.34
Total Restricted Funds	5,475.28
Total Checking	54,381.45
Total Cash	55,675.06
Prudent Reserve	17,521.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$73,197.02
Accounts Receivable	
Do not use - Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Do not use - Uncategorized Asset	1.00
Do not use - Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$1.00
Total Current Assets	\$73,198.02
TOTAL ASSETS	\$73,198.02

NIA, Ltd.

Balance Sheet
As of June 8, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Do not use - Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
ECRC Delegates Past and Present Seed Money	0.00
ECRC Seed Money	0.00
Green Can	856.09
GSO Birthday Plan	0.00
Illinois State Conference Seed Money	-3,000.00
Pink Can	2,197.07
Total Liabilities	\$53.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$53.16
Total Current Liabilities	\$53.16
Total Liabilities	\$53.16
Equity	
Fund Balance	69,490.34
Operating Reserve	0.00
Net Income	3,654.52
Total Equity	\$73,144.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$73,198.02

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- Profit & Loss:

NIA, Ltd.
Profit and Loss
January 1 - June 8, 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
7th Tradition Contributions	
Contributions - District	3,160.00
Contributions - Group	15,975.60
Contributions - Other	1,433.00
Contributions - Personal	3,981.98
Interest	1.34
Total 7th Tradition Contributions	24,551.92
Total Income	\$24,551.92
GROSS PROFIT	\$24,551.92
Expenses	
Primary Purpose Basic	
B01-22 2022 General Service Conference	869.06
B02-22 2022 General Service Conference Contribution	2,200.00
B03-22 2022 Area Assemblies	550.00
B04-22 2022 Area Committee Meetings	263.55
B07-22 2022 Concepts Newsletter	299.40
B10-21 2021 Area Operations	996.13
B10-22 2022 Area Operations	5,027.77
B13-21 2021 Big Book Conference, Hosting	-2,308.51
B14-23 2023 Spring Conference	3,000.00
Total Primary Purpose Basic	10,887.40
Primary Purpose Motions	
M084 2022 Motion to send 10k to GSB	10,000.00
Total Primary Purpose Motions	10,000.00
Total Expenses	\$20,887.40
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$3,654.52
NET INCOME	\$3,654.52

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- NIA Contributions:

NIA Alternate Treasurer's Report

Report date: 6/8/2022

The address for the NIA Treasurer for the Panel 72 rotation is: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd., P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107. Contribution envelopes are available at every NIA Assembly and committee meeting. Please complete the form on the envelope when making Contributions to NIA so we can correctly account for your Contributions.

In service,
Jeff L., NIA Alternate Treasurer
alt-treasurer@sa-nia.org

Summary of Contributions received from 1/13/2022 through 5/24/2022

Date deposited	(All)
Row Labels	Sum of Contribution amount
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Group Contribution	\$15,975.60
Pink Can Contribution	\$2,111.50
Personal Contribution	\$3,981.98
District Contribution	\$3,160.00
Conference Contribution	\$1,396.00
NIA Business Meeting Contribution	\$37.00
Grand Total	\$26,662.08

Date deposited	(All)
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Sum of Contribution amount	Group number	Group name	Contribution type	Total
District				
	10	104715 Grayslake Southsiders Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		104766 Serenity House Wed Night Grp	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		127397 Early Birds Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
		141959 Berger Hall Group	Group Contribution	\$900.00
		600993 Miracles Do Happen Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
		646390 Shed Group	Group Contribution	\$180.00
		647883 After Work Study Group	Group Contribution	\$164.00
		660359 Womens Conference Approved Literature	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		703290 Spiritual Kindergarten Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
		717963 Eye Opener Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
10 Total				\$1,549.00
	11	104267 Cary Grove Wed Nite Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
		125619 Monday Noon Meeting Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		141414 Mc Henry Open Group	Group Contribution	\$45.00
		150979 Clean Air Closed Discussion Gp	Group Contribution	\$180.00
		176778 Broad Highway Women's Grp	Group Contribution	\$60.00
		608430 Cary Wednesday Step Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
		610981 Womens Spiritual Progress #2 Group	Group Contribution	\$180.00
		664815 1:00 PM Discussion Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
		675317 Being New In A.A. Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
		678873 Wednesday Night Keep It Simple Group	Group Contribution	\$93.00
		679444 Faith's Way Group	Group Contribution	\$67.00
		688361 First Things First Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
		695282 Women's Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$63.00
		696745 Ceased Fighting Group	Group Contribution	\$28.00
		697924 Big Book 164 Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		698048 Whatever It Takes Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
		698797 Sat. AM Mens Step - Dawn Patrol Group	Group Contribution	\$218.00
		699065 Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	Group Contribution	\$419.00

11	709535	Reach Out Now Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	723798	Womens Spiritual Progress #4 Gp	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	727683	90 Per-Centers (Thursday Night Men's) Gr	Group Contribution	\$50.00
000237928		Three Legacies Group	Group Contribution	\$97.52
(blank)		District 11	District Contribution	\$500.00
11 Total				\$2,665.52
12	119538	Wednesday Step Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	139904	Compass Group	Group Contribution	\$58.32
	165716	Common Garden Variety Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	680881	Tuesday 5:45 12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	702321	Friday 12 And 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	729262	3rd Step Forgiveness Group	Group Contribution	\$120.00
12 Total				\$283.32
20	617231	Grupo San Nicolas	Group Contribution	\$50.00
20 Total				\$50.00
21	000041919	Young People's Big Book Meeting Grp	Group Contribution	\$126.24
21 Total				\$126.24
22	118489	Fellowship Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	120644	West Side Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$58.32
	148143	Womens New Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
	148146	Wednesday Night Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	614385	Monday Second Shifters Group	Group Contribution	\$78.71
	615946	Today's Gift Group	Group Contribution	\$68.71
	638148	Hampshire Oaks Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	694915	Faith Hope & Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
	694918	Wanderers #204 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
22 Total				\$630.74
23	638043	Sunrise Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$24.00
23 Total				\$24.00
28	104402	Monday Night Countryside Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	104755	Lake Zurich 12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
	175535	Wednesday Night Beginners Grp	Group Contribution	\$45.00
	657311	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$262.20
	658285	Monday Night Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$115.00
	673285	Tuesday Real Time Home Group	Group Contribution	\$117.12
28 Total				\$729.32
40	104702	Glen Ellyn South Fri Night Grp	Group Contribution	\$42.00
	104703	Glen Ellyn South Group	Group Contribution	\$48.51
	104943	Anona Center Earlybirds Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	135461	Tue Nite Beginners Big Book Gp	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	148611	Mens Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	169523	Sunday Morning 10:30 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	169577	Came To Believe Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
000035431		Women's Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$70.00
(blank)		District 40	Pink Can Contribution	\$300.00
			District Contribution	\$1,000.00
40 Total				\$1,820.51
41	104302	Elmhurst Splinter Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$50.00
	156144	Resentmentville Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$120.00
	627761	Lombard Lunch Bunch Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$47.00
	633174	Brown Bag Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$50.00
000357911		Stove Touchers Group	Group Contribution	\$183.37
			Pink Can Contribution	\$93.00
(blank)		District 41	Pink Can Contribution	\$500.00
41 Total				\$1,043.37
42	104654	Highlanders Group	Group Contribution	\$194.00
	132959	Tuesday Serendipity Morning Womens Gr	Group Contribution	\$111.00
	144988	Spirit Lifters Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	159305	Hinsdale 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$935.00
	170240	Sober Not Sombre Group	Group Contribution	\$87.00
	600913	Acceptance Group	Group Contribution	\$70.00
			Pink Can Contribution	\$100.00

42	605348	Thank God Women's Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	608720	We Are Group	Group Contribution	\$88.30
	624883	Caring & Sharing Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	659927	Humble Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$313.04
	696586	Life Is Good Group	Group Contribution	\$122.00
42 Total				\$2,095.34
43	147736	Brownbaggers Of Naperville Group	Group Contribution	\$480.00
	165272	How & Why Group	Group Contribution	\$65.10
			Pink Can Contribution	\$180.00
	606539	Thursday Discussion Group	Group Contribution	\$293.54
	637746	Do Not Be Discouraged Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$100.00
	648705	Beyond Any Length Group	Group Contribution	\$183.00
	652533	South Side Sobriety Seekers Group	Group Contribution	\$125.00
	667356	Monday Night Mens Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
43 Total				\$1,526.64
51	104738	Steel City Group	Group Contribution	\$160.00
	140454	Saturday Wilmington Mtg Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	629491	New Hope 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$185.12
	640384	Manhattan Kitchen Table Group	Group Contribution	\$40.67
	643273	Candlelight Discussion Mtg Gp	Group Contribution	\$424.15
	648182	Shorewood Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$209.10
	657249	Living Room Group	Group Contribution	\$44.60
	657491	Ladies in Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$135.07
	659565	Saturday 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$115.00
	711161	Valley View Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$260.00
	711163	Valley View 12x12 Group	Group Contribution	\$290.00
	729284	Van Dyke Beginner Meeting Group	Group Contribution	\$204.00
	(blank)	District 51	District Contribution	\$390.00
51 Total				\$2,507.71
52	122693	New Hope Sunday Morning Group	Group Contribution	\$198.00
	134399	911 Group	Group Contribution	\$67.80
	685865	Steps Our Solutions (S.O.S.) Group	Group Contribution	\$195.00
	722820	Now What Are You Going To About It Gro	Group Contribution	\$240.00
52 Total				\$700.80
61	134943	Early Birds Group	Group Contribution	\$45.00
	142202	Saturday Night Specials Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	145927	Open Door Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	160722	Heard It Through The Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
	172797	Step By Step Group	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	610847	Dawn Patrol Group	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	612847	Phoenix Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	724956	Thursday Night LaFox Group	Group Contribution	\$123.00
	(blank)	Nooners online D61	Pink Can Contribution	\$308.00
	(blank)	District 61	District Contribution	\$1,000.00
61 Total				\$1,896.00
62	148865	One Day At A Time Clad Disc Gp	Group Contribution	\$135.27
	671120	As Bill Sees It Group	Group Contribution	\$77.00
	692050	Second Hand Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$127.80
	713235	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
	000348335	Design for Living Group	Group Contribution	\$71.00
62 Total				\$536.07
70	106400	Three Legacies Group	Group Contribution	\$120.19
	122494	East Side H.O.W. Group	Group Contribution	\$730.00
	176256	Augury Group	Group Contribution	\$80.40
	616115	Healthy Solutions Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	673419	Roscoe Recovery Group	Group Contribution	\$187.50
	681933	Belvidere Bridge Group #1 + #2	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	704726	McFarland Group	Group Contribution	\$35.00
	000357480	Language Of The Heart Group	Group Contribution	\$151.96
			Pink Can Contribution	\$55.50
	000393010	4th Dimension of Existence Group	Group Contribution	\$33.97

70 Total					\$1,504.52
	71	135496	Fox Valley Group (Non-Smoking)	Group Contribution	\$50.00
		139472	Learning To Live Gp	Group Contribution	\$20.00
		171278	Sandwich Steppers Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
		172933	Easy Does It Group	Group Contribution	\$10.00
		177974	Back To Basics Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		606354	Monday Morning Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
		614570	Fresh Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
71 Total					\$310.00
	73	173198	How It Works Group	Group Contribution	\$220.00
		667354	Davis Junction Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
73 Total					\$310.00
	79 (blank)		District 79	District Contribution	\$120.00
79 Total					\$120.00
	90	104748	Kewanee Henry Co. Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
90 Total					\$200.00
	91 (blank)		District 91	District Contribution	\$150.00
91 Total					\$150.00
		696585		Pink Can Contribution	\$208.00
		717968		Group Contribution	\$30.00
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			48 Convencon National Hispana AA	Conference Contribution	\$1,396.00
			Anonymous	Personal Contribution	\$3,981.98
			2022 PGSCW Basket (cash)	NIA Business Meeting Contribution	\$37.00
Total					\$5,652.98
(blank)		104755	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		104944	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$30.00
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		616115	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$15.00
		673300	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$55.00
	(blank)		(blank)	(blank)	
(blank) Total					\$230.00
Grand Total					\$26,662.08

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Officer Reports:

- **Delegate – Chris D.:** Kevin Prior, GSB’s Treasurer and Class A Trustee, also reported (presentation included in Chris’s report).

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June 11, 2022

2022 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2022 Summer Assembly!!

As one might imagine I've been anxiously awaiting today's Assembly as this is the day I'll be making my first "official" Assembly report since my trip to the General Service Conference. As I've prepared for today's report, I must say it's a bit difficult to figure out exactly what to report on and what to leave out (in the interest of time) because if it were up to me I'd report back on EVERYTHING that happened at the conference, but that would take hours.

For today, my "presentation" will be broken down into three separate parts-

1. Important things that happened at the conference that are NOT necessarily "agenda item" related-
2. An "Around the Picnic Table" finance presentation from our Class A Trustee & General Service Board Treasurer, Kevin Prior.
3. A review of Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations of the agenda items that were discussed at the conference.

I have created a power-point slide deck and separate spreadsheet which will be posted with this report after the Assembly. I know the spreadsheet looks a little daunting but hopefully after I explain it, it will prove as helpful to you all as it has been to me.

I will be also be giving Delegate reports at the districts below at the times and dates shown-

- Tues. Jun 21 D21 - Palatine
- Wed Jul 6 D64 - Aurora
- Thurs. Jul 7 D11 - Woodstock / Crystal Lake
- Thurs. Aug 18 D41 - Elmhurst

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a date and time when I can visit your District (or event) and give a report there as well.

Respectfully submitted-

Chris D.
Delegate
Area 20 / Northern Illinois
Panel 72

2022 Summer Assembly

Delegates Report Of The General Service Conference

Chris D. P72/A20

June 11, 2022

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APRIL 24-30, 2022
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

72ND GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

**A.A. COMES OF AGE 2.0:
UNIFIED IN LOVE & SERVICE**

Chris D.
AREA 20 PANEL 72 DELEGATE

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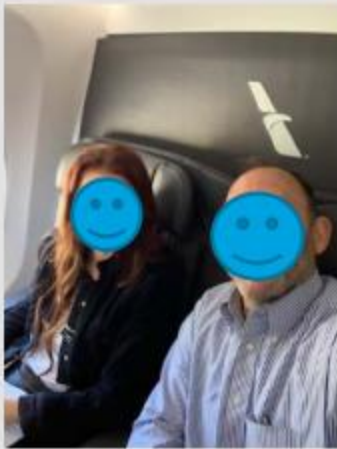
A wide-angle photograph of the Brooklyn Bridge spanning the East River, with the Manhattan skyline in the background under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a modern glass pavilion is visible on the Brooklyn side.The official Alcoholics Anonymous logo, featuring a triangle with the letters 'AA' in the center, and the words 'UNITY', 'SERVICE', and 'RECOVERY' around the perimeter.

Conference Week Schedule (4/24-4/30)

- Arrived Thursday- 4/21
- Thursday Night – Friday
- Meetings began Sat-
- "Conference" - Sun- Sat
- Returned Sunday 5/1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
General Service Conference General Service Conference	AA's Day AA's Day					
8:00	Continuation Card Comm. Mtg	Continuation Card Comm. Mtg	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom
9:00	Operating Division: Grand Ball Room					
10:00	New Board Registry Workshop					
11:00	Lunch and Delegation Discussion by Region Grand Ballroom	Lunch Lobby 100	Regional Delegates Lobby 100	Lunch Lobby 100	Press Publishing Highlights Grand Ballroom	
12:00	Continuation of the Conference - Questions from Presenters/AA World Service Mtg	Opening and US Report Lobby 100	Presentations/Visitors Grand Ballroom	General Meeting Session What's On Your Mind Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom
1:00	AA's Mtg with Literature Publishers Grand Ballroom	AA's Mtg with Literature Publishers Grand Ballroom	AA's Mtg with Literature Publishers Grand Ballroom	Continuation Reports and Discussion Grand Ballroom		
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Thursday - 4/21 – (Arrival)



Leaving on a jet plane!



On BROADWAY!



Times Square

Friday - 4/22



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Friday Night – 4/22 - (3) Illinois Delegates do NY!



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Saturday 4/23

1728 MEETING

Tradition 4
Concept 3

**REMOTE COMMUNITIES MEETING

- Karla (P71/A93)
- Marita
- Tandy & Tami
- Elroy (P72/A46)
- Julie C (P71/A42)

EVENING DELEGATE'S ONLY MEETING & DINNER

- Use the staff
- Ask questions of Trustees at Sunday meeting
- Sit at different tables every day



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Saturday 4/23 – Remote Communities Meeting

- Karla – Hispanic AREA 93 (LA)
- Marita – Trustee at Large – US
 - Remote Communities meetings
 - RC are sometime people who speak a different language
 - North – South forum July 16, 2022
- Tandy – Alaska Area 02
 - Snow mobile to villages to talk to chiefs
- Tami L – Area ??
 - *Waiting while someone tries to find the right words
 - *Softening body language
- Elroy – Area 46 (NM)
 - Gallup New Mexico – “Drunk Town” USA
 - Does embracing of new technology exclude those who don't have access?



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Sunday 4/24 (It begins!)

- Opening Session
 - Roll Call ****Present!*****
 - Overview of Agenda/Manual
 - **Keynote Address**
- **Your Third Legacy Workshop**
- Lunch with East Central Region (ECR) Trustee
- Mechanics of the Conference
- Presentations
 - **REDELA – Meeting of the Americas**
 - **A.A. around the World**
- Joint Trustee and Conference Committee Meeting
- Opening Dinner



Sunday

YOUR 3RD LEGACY WORKSHOP: 3 Delegate speakers followed by open sharing

- Are we fulfilling Bill & Bob's vision as outlined in their original proposal for an annual Conference?
- Beth P. – Need to think about what happened last year.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Kathi F, Pacific Regional Trustee

- Diversity: Does our membership, our Delegates, our Areas and our Boards truly reflect our population
- Will literature sales continue to sustain us into the future?
- Can we find a path for members of virtual/online groups to fully participate in the service structure?

AA Int'l & World Service Meeting: Marita R, Trustee at Large, US & Trish L, Trustee at Large, CA

- 2 million + members
- 123,000+ groups
- Presence in 180 nations
- Over 60 general service offices
- Literature translated into over 100 languages
- REDELA (Meeting of the Americas) – topics mirrored those in service meetings here – Diversity, Integrating Online Groups, & Safety & Respect



Workshops - Your Third Legacy

- ❖ Need more time to review reports. They're provided without adequate time to study them.
- ❖ Quality and accuracy of background information
- ❖ Lateness of getting list of Agenda Items and Background. Little time for distribution and review.
- ❖ **Timeliness of translation huge problem in some Areas. Delays contribute to gathering input and getting people involved.**
- ❖ EDW creates issues with Areas' schedules for Assemblies regarding items for upcoming Agenda. Timing creates real challenges.
- ❖ Lots of discussion from Panel 71's regarding pushback from some in Areas. However, majority were in favor of changes made. But members want to be heard, and pandemic did exacerbate ongoing communication issues in some ways, while openness to tech helped others.

THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

YOUR THIRD LEGACY
WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?

By
Dr. Bob and Bill
November --- 1950

"This is a proposal to form "The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous" - a small body of State and Provincial A.A. Delegates meeting yearly, who could assume direct responsibility for the guidance of the A.A. General Service Headquarters at New York City.

Monday

▶ ****MORNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- ▶ THE FIRST 2 POSITIVE CASES WERE ANNOUNCED
 - ▶ RAPID TESTS WERE PROVIDED
 - ▶ THE MASKS STARTED TO COME OUT

▶ **AFTERNOON BOARD REPORTS**

- ▶ **GENERAL SERVICE BOARD**
 - ▶ Consider use of time, talent & treasure when making recommendations
 - ▶ Technology & Online are points of risk for disunity – One size does not have to fit all
 - ▶ What is the GSB doing to better serve the fellowship?

▶ **AAWS BOARD**

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- ▶ Virtual Regional Forums
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▶ **FINANCE REPORT**

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- ▶ GENERAL SHARING SESSION – WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Monday – Finance Meeting

Finance (Final Agenda Items)

- A. Review Self-Support Packet. (23)
- B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (16)
- C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes. (2)



Monday – Finance Meeting

F-3 – Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix

- Changing language throughout from GSO to GSB where appropriate. Goal is to start messaging accurate and consistent information to the Fellowship about whom contributions are made to and how it relates to the General Service Office.
- Typo: Back of pamphlet, preamble: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope...

F-96 – The A.A. Group Treasurer

- Graphics on the front of the pamphlet: Graphic to depict today's contribution – including clicking online, coins, CAD and US dollar bills, coins, credit cards etc.
- Changing language throughout from GSO to GSB where appropriate
- Back of pamphlet: Make General Service Board bold
- Add asterisk with additional information "Be sure to ask your financial institution for their requirements" under Opening a Bank Account/Tax ID

MG-15 – A.A. Guidelines on Finance

- Changing language throughout from GSO to GSB where appropriate.
- Check for typos and/or inconsistencies
- Add asterisk with additional information "Be sure to ask your financial institution for their requirements" under Opening a Bank Account/Tax ID

F-203 – Your Seventh Tradition Contributions Flyer

- Changing language throughout from GSO to GSB where appropriate



Finance Committee – Self Support Card

SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

Service Material from the General Service Office

Self-Support Facts

Does G.S.O. handle all the contributions that come from the Fellowship?

While members and groups often use the phrase "contributing to G.S.O.," contributions are actually made to the General Service Board, which is responsible for all Seventh Tradition contributions. The G.S.B. accepts contributions and uses them to help pay for services to the Fellowship that are carried out by employees of the two affiliate corporations working at the General Service Office.

Seventh Tradition contributions do not cover all costs of services; the shortfall is made up with literature sales.

Contributions may be made by check or credit card, using the contribution envelope. Make checks payable to the General Service Board and send to:

General Service Office

P.O. Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

(Please write your group number on the check)

Online contributions may be made by credit card. Additionally, members or groups can set up recurring contributions that will automatically charge their credit card either monthly, quarterly or annually. Click on the A.A. Member Contributions Online icon on www.aa.org.

20M – 5/22 (GFP)

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Monday – GSB Report

▶ AFTERNOON BOARD REPORTS

▶ **GENERAL SERVICE BOARD**

- ▶ Consider use of time, talent & treasure when making recommendations
- ▶ Technology & Online are points of risk for disunity – One size does not have to fit all
- ▶ What is the GSB doing to better serve the fellowship?
- ▶ Location Plus (New GSO Office location)?

▶ **Comments**

- Caroline N (E. PA) – You seem to infer that technology causes disunity, is that true? I didn't receive any report or update for the P&A agenda item on online groups (that I chair), until we requested it. Answer .. Also looking for the sweet spot..
- Connie (Mt) – *I guess my question is that when the ad hoc committee is reviewing the needs for the office will job posting be available online beyond New York so some of us who live in Montana could apply for a job?*
- Brian T. (W. VA) *Comments about the slow translation process of background material. Spend more money if necessary. A lot of discussion followed...Timing, months for board meetings, what is ready when, what items are agreed upon when, and when background could really start..*
- Andreas H, (Oh) – *There was a lot of pain with the casualness in which we were instructed to "just prepare our Alternates", if we were unable to come here due to vaccination requirements.*

Monday – AAWS Report

▶ AFTERNOON BOARD REPORTS

▶ AAWS BOARD

- ▶ Member Services
- ▶ Virtual Regional Forums
- ▶ Publishing
- ▶ Communication & Technology
- ▶ Large Contributions
- ▶ Safety SMF-209
- ▶ AlcoholicsAnonymous.com

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A.A.W.S. CORPORATE BOARD

Composition

Currently, A.A.W.S. has nine directors in total:

2 GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES	2 REGIONAL TRUSTEES	3 NONTRUSTEE DIRECTORS	1 STAFF COORDINATOR, G.S.O.	1 GENERAL MANAGER, G.S.O.
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Monday – AAWS (SMF-209)

▶ AAWS BOARD

- ▶ Safety SMF-209 – (Agenda Item Lit B. LONG discussion)

- The publication of the service pieces last year related to safety in A.A., specifically the SMF-209 material, resulted in a significant amount of discussion and expressed concern within the Fellowship. The board engaged in lengthy discussions around this topic and determined at its December, 2021 meeting that a review and revision of the material was in order, taking into account sharing from the Fellowship and members of the board. A working group of Staff members was formed to execute the revision which was delivered in early January and sent to Pryor Cashman for legal review. After receipt from the attorneys, the final copy was reviewed and approved by both the A.A.W.S. board and the internal working group in a special A.A.W.S. board meeting called in February, 2022. The culmination of these efforts by board and office resulted in distribution of the revised SMF-209 and ancillary materials to all Conference members in early April, 2022. Due to the lack of clarity among those parties engaged in the creation of service material, a subcommittee of A.A.W.S. was constituted and charged with review of the history of service material and how that has informed current processes, identifying how the collective experience of A.A. is gathered to warrant production of service material and asked to suggest possible improvements to that process, and determining what defines service material and what determines whether a broader conscience is sought prior to publication. This subcommittee will report to the A.A.W.S. board the results of its work in a future meeting.

Monday – AAWS Comments

▶ AFTERNOON BOARD REPORTS

▶ AAWS BOARD (Everyone should READ THIS)

- ▶ Member Services
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▶ Comments

- Problem was letting this go in the first place. Once it gets out it never goes away.
- I'm sorry my heart is pounding because I'm going to say something that's going to be very unpopular for some people but I would like to caution the board as much as I appreciate the fact that you reacted to memberships complaints about the safety piece it really concerns me that you pulled it back and changed it so quickly because that scares me that we may become captive to a local minority who can also at times be petty tyrannies and I don't want to see our membership captivated in such a way. I'm concerned because I watched that play out and I really feel (and this is just my opinion) that things don't become politicized unless we as members make it political thank you
- Fellowship Connect has issues with unavailable fields and drop-down tables.
- Submission of stories online and disparity of availability for Spanish community.
- Meeting guide app questions
- Will the service manual ever be done in ASL? NO, its printed to often to be able to keep up with that type of translation.

Monday - Grapevine






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AA GRAPEVINE, INC.

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- ▶ Kevin Prior – Class A

2021 Contributions by Dollar Value



The board is divided into two "classes." This is outlined in the table below.

CLASS A	CLASS B
	
(7 NONALCOHOLICS)	(14 ALCOHOLICS)
Can serve TWO consecutive THREE-year terms	Can serve FOUR consecutive ONE-year terms

AROUND THE PICNIC TABLE



Kevin Prior, CFA, CPA
Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee
General Service Board Treasurer

AUDIT RESULTS



- Completed on schedule
- Unmodified or “clean” audit opinion
 - The financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects
- No material weaknesses
- No significant deficiencies
- Five recommendations (compared to one in 2020 and seven in 2019)

2021 GSO FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 7th Tradition of Self-Support – \$10.78 million set another record, up 5.07% from \$10.26 million in 2020
- ❖ Operating Expense - \$15.28 million down 31.6% from \$22.34 million in 2020
 - ❖ Program Service Expense - \$7.59 million down 38.7% from \$12.39 million in 2020
 - ❖ Supporting Services Expense - \$7.70 million down 22.6% from \$9.95 million in 2020
- ❖ Self-Support - covered 70.5% of operating expense and 142.0% of program service exp.
- ❖ AAWS publishing gross profits – \$6.30 million down 4.3% from \$6.58 million in 2020
- ❖ Operating surplus of \$1,697,141 but operating cash increase of only \$53,177

2021 GRAPEVINE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Grapevine paid print subscriptions decreased 11.5% in 2021. Subscriptions for the online and mobile app magazine increased 73.3%
- ❖ 2021 Grapevine results were a gross profit of \$1.091M on the magazine and a gross profit of \$411K on other published items. Operating expenses of \$1.808M resulted in an operating loss of \$112,618 compared to a loss of \$298,699 in 2020.
- ❖ General Fund support of La Viña service activity was \$388,646 in 2021, almost the same as \$385,771 in 2020.
- ❖ La Viña magazine circulation decreased by 12.4% in 2021 compared to a 36.6% decrease in 2020 after several prior years of growth.

2022 GSO BUDGET

- ❖ Total revenue \$16,761,400 compared to \$17,377,021 in 2021.
 - ❖ Contributions \$10,000,000 compared to \$10,775,871 in 2021.
 - ❖ Literature gross profit \$6,534,000 compared to \$6,297,678 in 2021.
- ❖ Total operating expense \$18,111,969 compared to \$15,282,198 in 2021.
- ❖ Operating deficit of \$1,350,569 compared to \$1,697,141 surplus in 2021.
- ❖ 2022 deficit to be paid for with 2021 surplus.

2022 GRAPEVINE BUDGET

- ❖ Print magazine circulation to increase to 62,000 from 56,081 in 2021.
- ❖ Online and e-Pub circulation to decrease to 8,842 from 8,972 in 2021.
- ❖ Gross profit on subscriptions \$1,236,434 compared to \$1,091,404 in 2021.
- ❖ Grapevine net operating surplus of \$19,234 compared to \$112,618 deficit in 2021.
- ❖ La Viña magazine circulation to increase to 7,500 compared to 6,312 in 2021.
- ❖ General Fund La Viña support of \$402,067 compared to \$388,646 in 2021.

2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

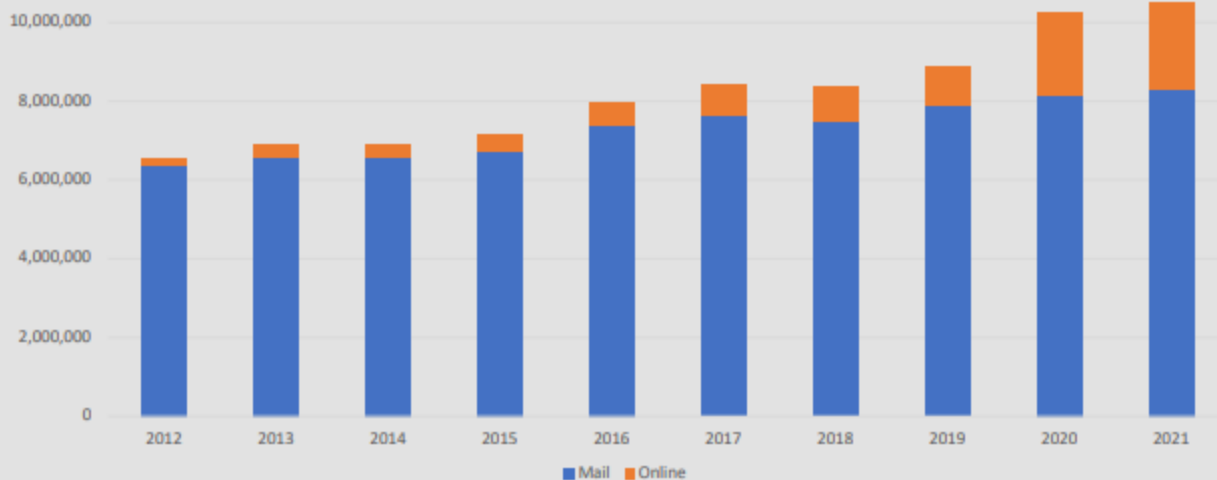
Amounts in \$	2021 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL COMPARED TO 2021 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL COMPARED TO 2020 ACTUAL
GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE					
th Tradition Contributions	10.78 M	10.0 M	0.78 M (7.80%) increase	10.26 M	0.52 M (5.07%) increase
Literature Gross Profit	6.30 M	6.84 M	0.54 M (7.89%) decrease	6.58 M	0.28 M (4.26%) decrease
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	1.6 M	0.7 M	0.9 M increase	0.1 M	1.5 M increase
GRAPEVINE & LA VIÑA					
Average Circulation	65,053	67,565	2,512 (3.72%) decrease	68,572	3,519 (5.13%) decrease
Surplus/(Deficit)	(113 K)	(354 K)	241 K better	(299)K	186 K better
General Fund support of La Viña service activity	389 K	402 K	13 K (3.23%) decrease	385 K	4 K (1.03%) increase
RESERVE FUND					
Coverage Ratio	8.5 months	N/A	N/A	7.9 Months	Increase of 0.6 months (7.59%)

GRATITUDE – 7TH TRADITION

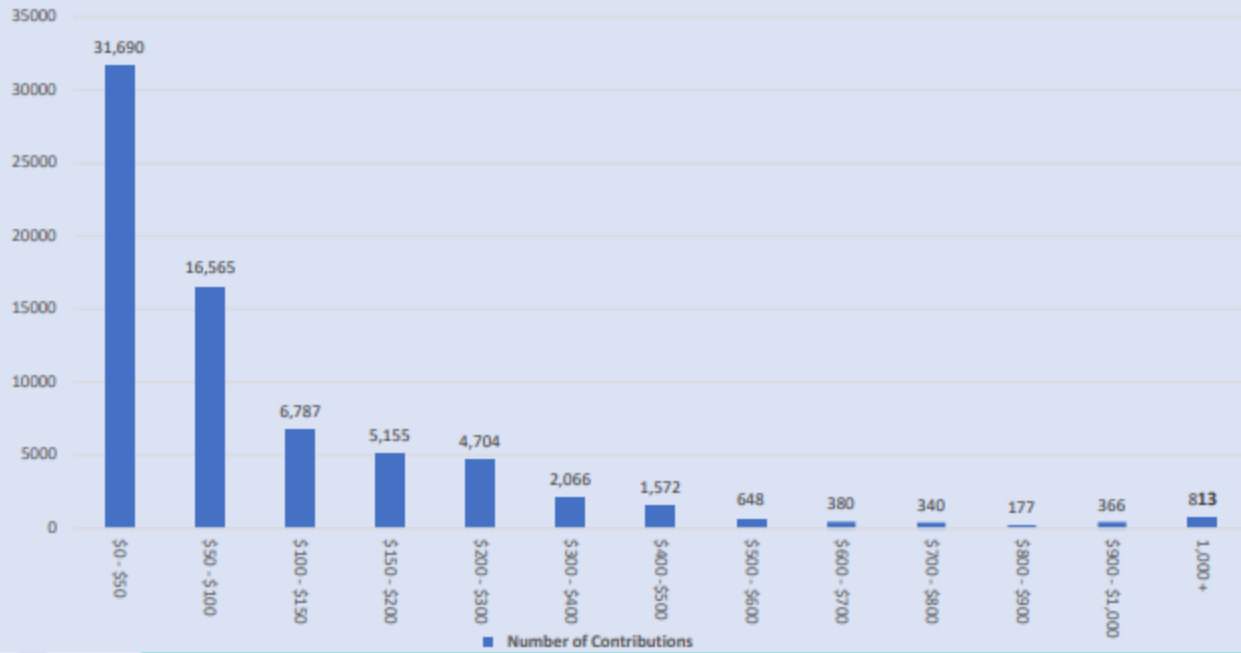


THIRD CONSECUTIVE RECORD YEAR

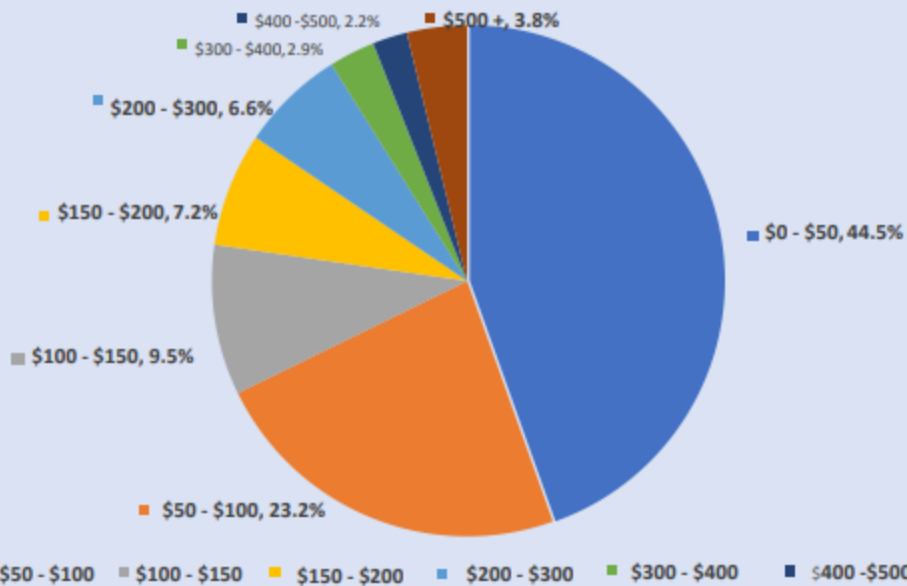
GROWTH OF ON-LINE CONTRIBUTIONS 2012 – 2021



2021 Contributions by Dollar Value

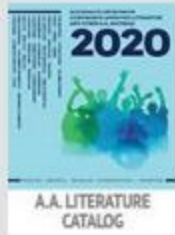


2021 Contributions by Dollar Value



G.S.O.'s TWO BASIC FUNCTIONS

• Publishing



• Services on Behalf of the G.S.B.



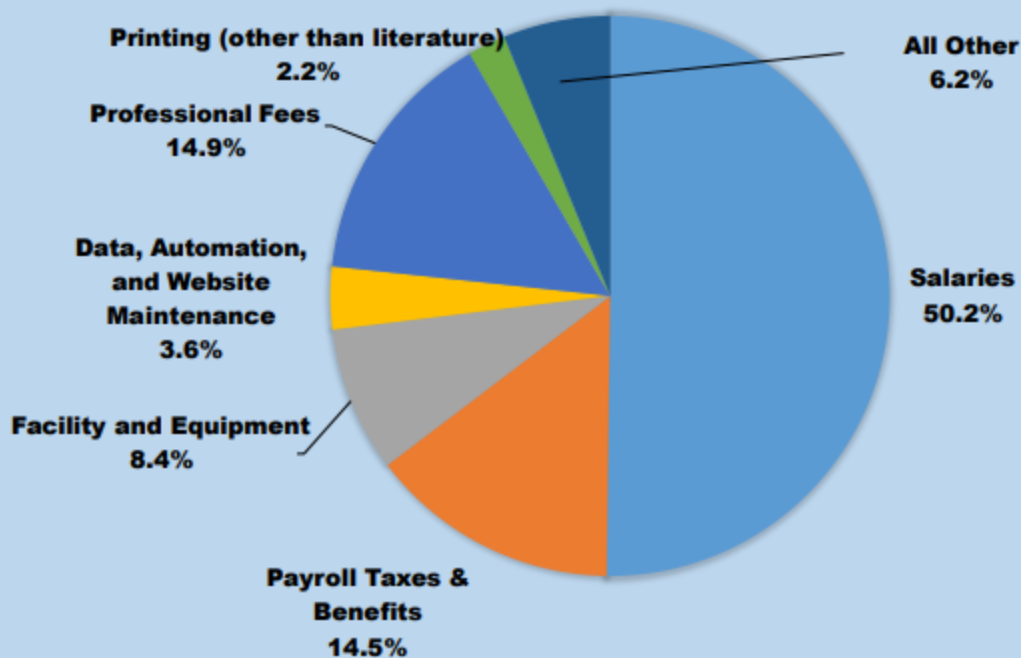
AAWS – PUBLISHING – 2021 ACTUAL VS 2021 BUDGET

\$ in Thousands	2021 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	INCREASE DECREASE
Gross Sales – Literature	11,712	11,400	312
Discounts	(759)	(342)	417
Shipping Charges	399	0	N/A
Net Sales - Literature	11,352	11,058	294
Cost of Literature Sold - Printing	5,054	4,218	836
Gross Profit	6,298	6,840	(542)
Gross Profit Percentage	55.5%	61.9%	(6.4%)

GRAPEVINE – 2021 ACTUAL VS 2021 BUDGET

AVERAGE CIRCULATION – PRINT	63,397	60,970	(4,889)
ONLINE & APP	5,175	6,595	2,377
	2021 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	Increase (Decrease)
Magazine Revenue	1,820,737	1,862,137	(41,400)
Magazine Direct Costs	729,298	728,421	877
Gross Profit on Magazine	1,091,439	1,133,716	(42,277)
Other Publishing Revenue	703,318	549,297	154,021
Cost of Goods Sold	292,458	249,379	43,079
Gross Profit on Other Publishing Items	410,860	299,918	110,942
Total Gross Profit	1,502,300	1,433,634	68,666
Costs and Expenses			
Editorial Costs	910,458	901,739	8,719
Circulation and Business	814,405	793,608	20,797
General and Administrative	84,065	122,512	(38,447)
Total Costs and Expenses	1,808,928	1,817,859	(8,931)
Interest and Miscellaneous Income	194,011	30,000	164,011
Net Income	(112,618)	(354,225)	241,607

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING EXPENSES – 2021 – \$17.52 M FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXPENSE CATEGORIES PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN



CONSOLIDATED FELLOWSHIP SERVICES COSTS & PERCENTAGES

\$ in Thousands	2021	% Total Operating Expense
Outreach Services (List Below)	3,044	17.4
Service Leadership (Conference, Nominating)	755	4.3
Group Services	731	4.2
Literature Infrastructure	3,055	17.4
Grapevine	1,725	9.8
La Viña	430	2.5
Total Program Services	<u>9,740</u>	<u>55.6</u>
Supporting Services (Technology, Finance, HR, etc.)	<u>7,780</u>	<u>44.4</u>
Total Operating Expenses	17,520	100.0

Outreach - Public Information, CPC, Treatment/Accessabilities, Corrections, Overseas Regional Forums
Archives, Communications

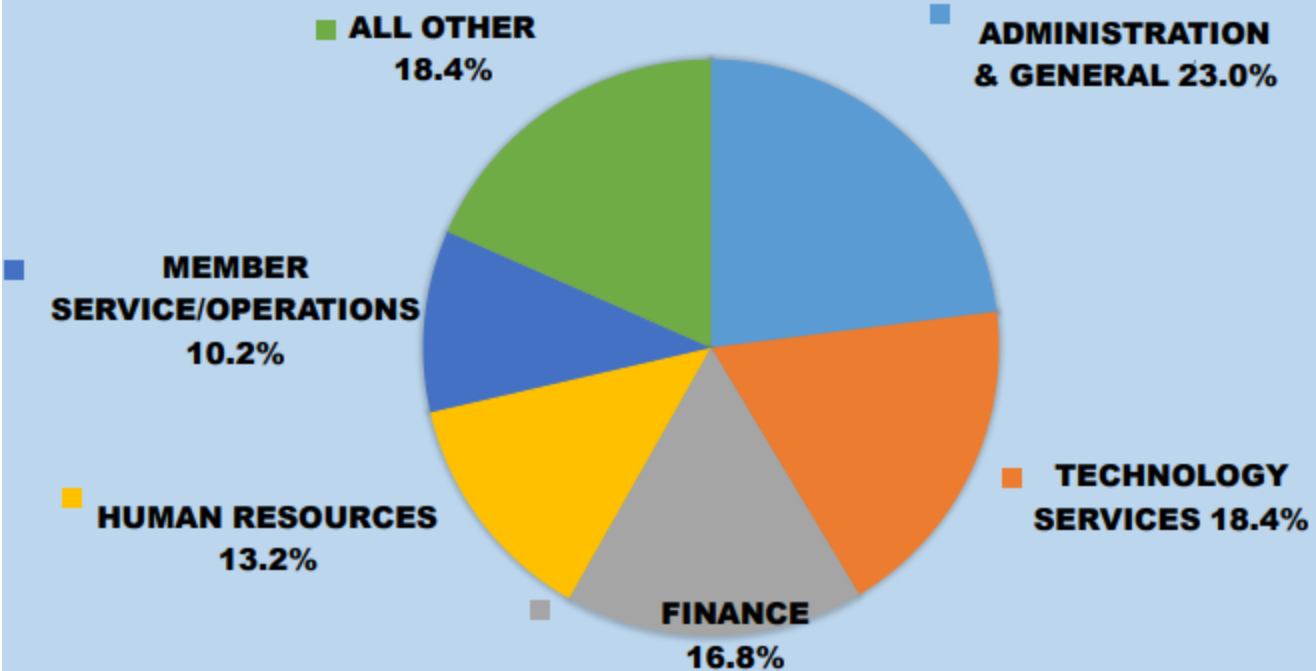
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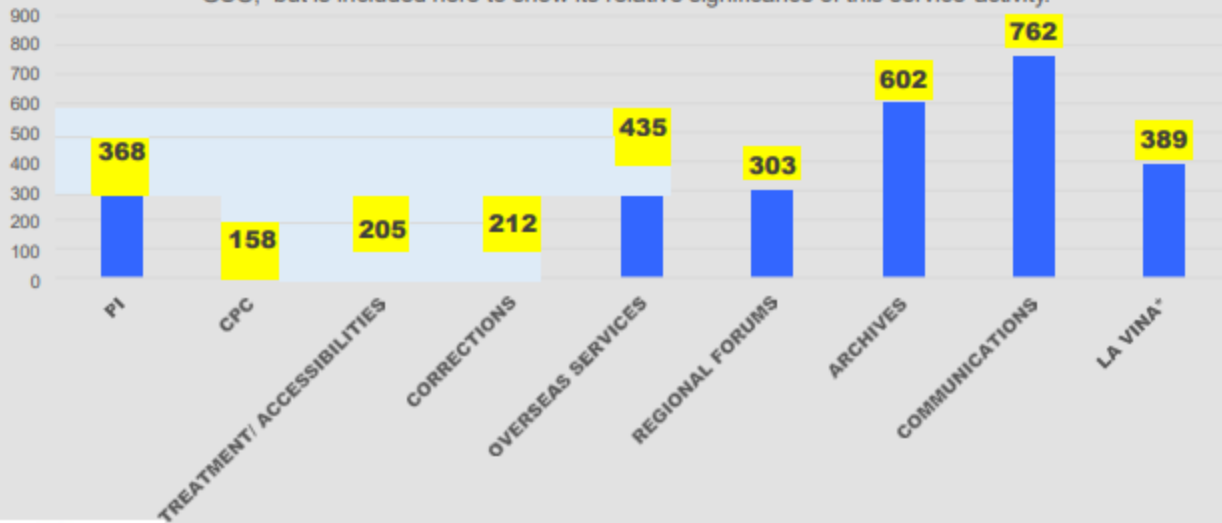
CONSOLIDATED SUPPORTING SERVICES

\$7.78 M



GSO OUTREACH SERVICES PROVIDED TO FELLOWSHIP 2021

NOTE – GSB support for the La Vina service activity is NOT an actual operating expense of GSO, but is included here to show its relative significance of this service activity.



MEMBER SERVICES & STATISTICS 2021

MEMBERS	
7 th Tradition Self-Support Contributions	10,775,871
Number of Members	1,475,520
Contributions per Member 2021	7.30
Contributions per Member 2020	6.81
GROUPS	
7 th Tradition Self-Support Contributions	10,775,871
Number of Groups	72,136
Contributions per Group 2021	149.38
Contributions per Group 2020	144.12

2021 PRUDENT RESERVE

Beginning Balance January 1, 2021	12,449,464
Investment Earnings	152,822
Drawdowns	0
Additions	250,000
Ending Balance December 31, 2021	12,852,286

Composition of Ending Balance	
Cash	6,096,553
Certificates of Deposit (CDARs)	8,197,138
Accrued Interest	2,095
Less Grapevine subscription liability	(1,443,500)
Ending Balance	12,852,286

Number of Months Expenses Held	Based on 2021 expenses	Based on 2022 expenses
January 1, 2021	7.90	7.59
December 31, 2021	8.50	7.84

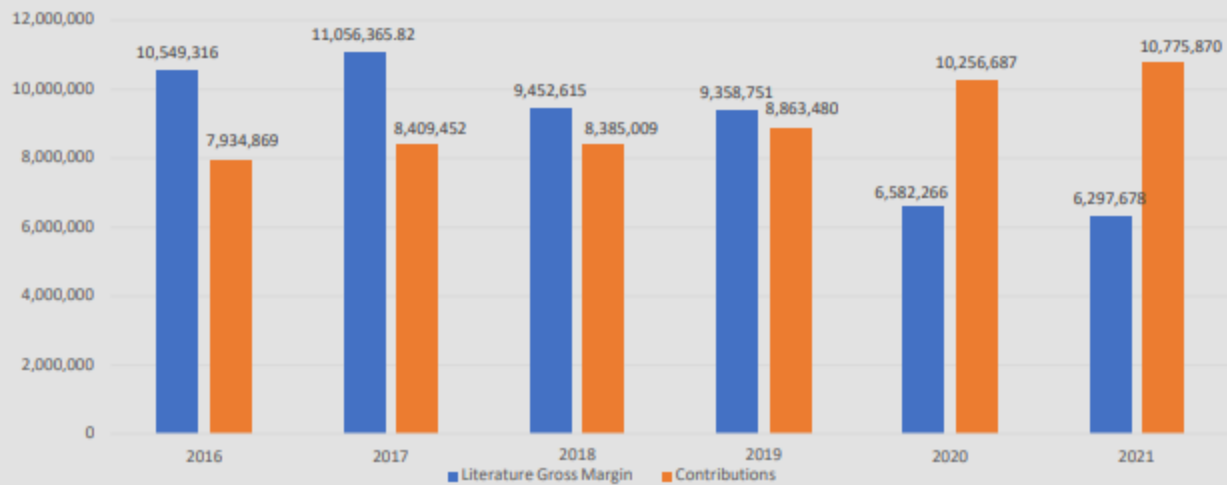
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USES OF GSB's RESERVE FUND

- ❖ Concept of GSB's Prudent Reserve – not same as in your Home Group's reserve
- ❖ GSB's Reserve Fund covers much more
- ❖ In 1967, the General Service Conference Issued the Advisory Action that "The GSB make use of the Reserve Fund for whatever purpose the Board may authorize".
- ❖ Broadly, this could include, whether planned or unplanned:
 - ❖ Operating Deficits of AAWS or Grapevine
 - ❖ Periodic expenditures such as an office renovation or major technical upgrade
 - ❖ Extraordinary expenses outside of "normal" operations

IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON GSO REVENUE DISTRIBUTION



THANK YOU

- ❖ Paul Konigstein, Chief Financial Officer
- ❖ Zenaida Medina, Assistant Director of Finance
- ❖ Steve S, Conference Coordinator, for his patience
- ❖ All of the employees of both A.A.W.S. and Grapevine
- ❖ Members of Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee, along members of the Finance Committees of A.A.W.S. and Grapevine
- ❖ Our Independent Auditors – CBIZ Marks Paneth, LLP
- ❖ Our outsourced accounting support – Your Part-time Controller

Any questions – Please feel free to contact me at – kevin@kevinjprior.com

Tuesday

MORNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUE

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS

- How do AA's go to any lengths to Recover, Unify & Serve?
- Going beyond Fear
- How to reach anyone, anywhere
- **Participation of Online Groups in the US/CA Service Structure**
 - Slide Presentation

EVENING DELEGATE'S ONLY MEETING

- Should Alternate Delegates have dashboard access?



Special Board Presentation -

• “Participation of Online Groups in the US/Canada Service Structure”

- Progress Report – Work ongoing
- Has AA outgrown geographic structure?
- Advisory Action last year for GSB to form a committee to explore future possibilities
- Virtual Area request first in 1961
- Al-Anon has virtual Area
- Overeaters Anonymous has virtual Region with its own Trustee
- 700 Groups – changing frequently – 450 with GSR's – 300
- Groups with no address that need to be contacted to see what Area and District to assign to
- Average number of groups per geographic Area is 765
- Still researching



Tuesday

Ice cream and Cheesecake!
(Super-spreader event)?



Wednesday

▶ COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION BEGIN!!

- ▶ Agenda
- ▶ CPC
- ▶ Literature

▶ Two more positive COVID cases are reported

- ▶ More rapid tests and masks arrive!
- ▶ People "begin" masking

▶ ELECTIONS

- ▶ **Eastern Canadian Trustee**
 - ▶ 8 Candidates, **5 Ballots**
 - ▶ Joyce S, Area 83 E Ontario **from the hat**

- ▶ **Pacific Regional Trustee**
 - ▶ 15 Candidates, **5 Ballots**
 - ▶ Reilly K, Area 58 Oregon **from the hat**

▶ GENERAL SHARING –WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

**72nd General Service Conference
Committee Report Sequence**

Each year, we alternate the sequence of committee reports. This year, reports will be given in this order which is subject to change.

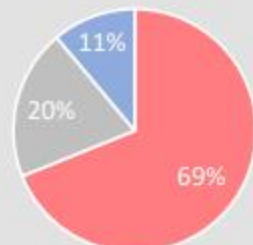
Committee	Approved by Chairperson
1. Agenda	Beth P. [redacted]
2. Cooperation with the Professional Community	Tina B. [redacted]
3. Literature	Kurtane D. [redacted]
4. Finance	Sharon S. [redacted]
5. Public Information	Lauren A. [redacted]
6. Trustees	Jennifer H. [redacted]
7. Grapevine and La Vida	Kris H. [redacted]
8. Policy/Administrative	Caroline N. [redacted]
9. Report and Charter	Gene D. [redacted]
10. Treatment and Accessibility	Jim A. [redacted]
11. Corrections	Monica F. [redacted]
12. International Conventions/Regional Forums	Anne R. [redacted]
13. Archives	Russ R. [redacted]



Who votes at the conference?

- (93) Delegates – (69%)
- (20) Trustees & (6) NT Directors – (20%)
- (14) GSO & GV Staff – 11%

Conference Members



■ Delegates ■ Trustees & Directors ■ GSO / GV Staff



Recommendations & Considerations

- Committee **Recommendation**: Automatic motions that have been made and seconded. They are discussed and voted on by the Conference.
- Committee **Consideration** – A finding or suggestion of the conference committee that is NOT intended to be made into a recommendation to the full conference (and thus requires no voting). Committee considerations MAY be discussed by the conference body if they wish...
- Conference Advisory Actions - Recommendations of Conference Committees, or floor actions, that have been approved by the whole Conference body with substantial unanimity (2/3 vote).

Conference Committee on Finance New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

April 25, 2021: 9 a.m. – Noon
April 26, 2021: 9 a.m. – Noon

Finance (Final Agenda Items)

- Review Self-Support Packet. (25)
- Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (16)
- Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes. (2)

The Conference Committee on Finance met separately two times following the Equitable Distribution of Workload Meeting with the Trustees' Literature Committee and the Joint Meeting with the Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee on April 24, 2022. The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made no recommendations.

Committee Considerations:

(A) Review Self-support Packet

- The committee reviewed the Self-support Packet and requested that the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee undertake a full review of the service items in the packet. The committee compiled a list of suggestions for the service material to be provided in language that is clear and consistent for the U.S. and Canada. See additional notes on pg. 20.

(A) Contributions to GSB as opposed to GSO

- The committee requested that the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee review the service materials and the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" to clarify that although contributions are sent to the General Service Office, contributions are made to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee asked that an update report or draft pamphlet reflecting the changes be brought to the 2023 Conference Committee on Finance for review.

Thursday

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION CONTINUE!

- Literature
- Finance
- Public Information
- Trustees
- Grapevine
- Policy & Admissions

Approx. 5 more positive COVID cases are reported

- Voted to allow quarantined members to have audio only access
- Began GSO sponsored "meal deliveries"

GENERAL SHARING –WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



Friday

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION CONTINUE!

- Policy & Admissions
- Report & Charter
- Treatment & Accessibilities
- Corrections
- ICRF
- Archives

7 more positive cases are reported

- Total 16 members

9 FLOOR ACTIONS

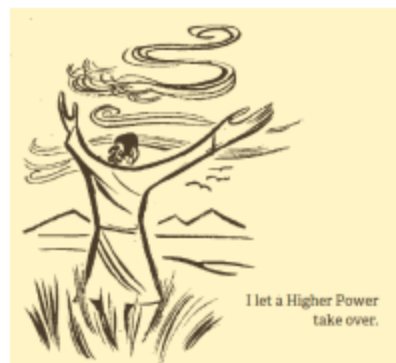
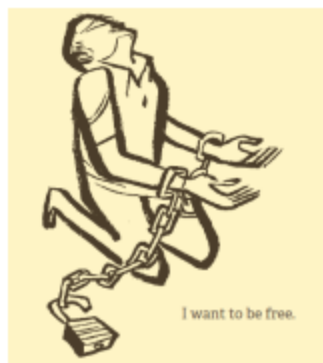
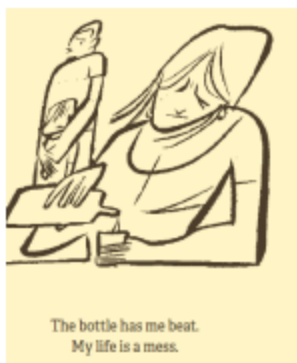
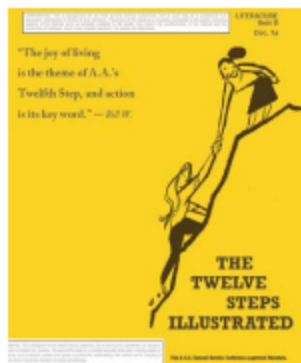
PANEL 71 FAREWELLS



East Central Regional Delegates & Trustee

Floor Action #2

The trustees' Committee on Literature continue to make edits to the draft pamphlet *"The Twelve Steps Illustrated"* with a new draft or progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature, keeping in mind: color, diverse expressions of spirituality and accessible interpretation of meaning in the illustrations.



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QUESTIONS – OPEN SHARING

End

KEY												
Item	Item	AA	CC	FA	TNA	SM	VO	Final Vote	My Vote	Committee Recommendation & Considerations	Comments	
AA	Advisory Action (Conference Recommendation passed with 2/3s of all members)											
CC	Committee Consensus - Goes to Trustees for review (or clarifies the reasoning for no action)											
FA	For Action											
TNA	Committee Took No Action - effectively end of the line for the proposal											
SM	Simple Majority (Support by the Trustees)											
VO	Voted Down (Recommendation did not pass / did not result in Advisory Action)											
#	Item	Item	AA	CC	FA	TNA	SM	VO	Final Vote	My Vote	Committee Recommendation & Considerations	Comments
I	Agenda	A	Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference.						PASS 120-0	Y	A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution General Session – Our ongoing purpose and vision: 1. Our Common Beliefs and Common Solutions 2. Our Common Traditions Across All Group Settings 3. Our Common Future	
I	Agenda	B	Review presentation on topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.	x					PASS 122-3	Y		
I	Agenda	C	Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.	x					PASS 125-1	Y		
I	Agenda	D	Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2021								See below	
I	Agenda	NEW	The committee recommended that the General Service Board develop a status report on the	x					PASS 120-11	Y		
I	Agenda	E	Discuss progress report on Conference Implementation.		x						Suggested an interactive sharing session on topic of online groups for 2023.	
I	Agenda	F	The committee expressed appreciation for the special Board presentation related to the									Petrick C (GSO PI Staff Assignment) Wants to know what are the successes
I	Agenda	G	The committee agreed that a sharing session with more time for a broader range of									
II	CPC	A	Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.	x							oThe committee reviewed a progress report on the LinkedIn page implementation and an update from	General comments about anonymously concerns when "liking" or "following" something
II	CPC	B	Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."								oThe committee reviewed the suggested revisions to the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community" and	oThe committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of
II	CPC	C	Consider progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health								oThe committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of	oThe committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of
II	CPC	D	Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as								oThe committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of	oThe committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of
II	CPC	E	Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.	x							The committee reviewed the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook and asked that the following suggestions be	We have a lot of concerns over the "terminology" being used.
III	Corrections	A	Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.	x							The committee reviewed the Corrections Kit and Workbook and provided a detailed list of revisions to the	
III	Corrections	B	Reconsider use of the term "yamen in custody" in A.A. literature.			x					The committee discussed the request to reconsider use of the term "yamen in custody" in A.A. literature	We stand by the advisory action of the 71st GSC. Our Committee unanimously
III	Corrections	C	Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	x,x			x				Committee took no action and suggested reference to additional information of see-ig in Appendices II	
III	Corrections	D	Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.								Decline to consider ballot 75-42 (passed 78)	
III	Corrections	E	Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.								Action: ultimately failed 38-75 (needed 78)	This was a three hour discussion! I voted no.
III	Corrections	F	Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.								The committee discussed the request to make A.A. literature changes solely and with A.A.'s primary	
IV	Finance	A	Review Self-Support Packet.	x,x							(A/Review Self-Support Packet) oThe committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and requested that	Several suggestions were submitted to Trustees' Finance Committee including
IV	Finance	B	Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve	x							The committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of	
IV	Finance	C	Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve	x							The committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of	
V	GV and LV	A	Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.	x							The committee reviewed the progress report on the AA Grapevine Workbook revisions and looks forward	
V	GV and LV	B	Review progress report on Grapevine and La Vita Instagram accounts.	x							The committee reviewed the progress report on the Grapevine and La Vita Instagram accounts and	
V	GV and LV	C	Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later.	x							The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Committee Board the suggestion that Grapevine	
V	GV and LV	D	Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.								Too soon to quantify. We are all responsible for participation & communication.	On Committee Considerations there is no debate, only questions.
V	GV and LV	NEW	Review that GRAPEVINE utilizes American Sign Language (ASL) content								The committee requested that the Grapevine office consider the feasibility of producing or utilizing	
VI	Literature	A	Annual review of recovery literature matrix.	x							See file in website report	
VI	Literature	B	Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions								The committee recommended that the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be revised to	
VI	Literature	C	Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions</									

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72nd General Service Conference — Agenda Topics Mapped to Results

KEY										
Report & Chapter	AA	CC	FA	YNA	SM	VO				
Report & Chapter	D									
Report & Chapter	E									
Treatment & A										
Treatment & B										
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Treatment & D										
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Archives A										
ICRP A										
ICRP B										

Class A Trustees	GSB	Region / Type	AAWS	GV
Linda Chezem, J.D.	Chair	(Indy, IN)		
Kevin Prior, MBA, CFA, CPA	Tres	(St. Louis, MO)		
Molly Anderson		(Buffalo, NY)		X
Sr. Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A.		(Cleveland, OH)		
Al Mooney, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM		(Cary, NC)		
Hon. Kerry Meyer				
Andie Moss				
Hon. Christine Carpenter	Rotated Off			
Nancy McCarthy	Rotated Off			
Class B Trustees				
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Mike L.		WC RT. (Omaha, NE)		X
Reilly K.		Pac. RT (HAT)		
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Marita H./R.		Trus. At Lar – US. (Las Vegas, NV)		
Trish L.		Trus. At Lar – Can. (Vancouver)		
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Carolyn W.		GS Trust. (Vancouver)	X	
Kathi F.	Rotated Off			
Ian L.	Rotated Off			
Beau B.	Rotated Off			
Jeff W.	Asst. Sec.		X	
Paul Konigstein*	Asst. Tres			
Remaining AAWS Board				
Vera F.		(Oregon)	X-NTD	
Clinton M.			X-NTD	
John W.			X-NTD	
Bob W.*			X	
Remaining GV Board				
Chris C.**				GV Pub - X
Cindy F.		(Fairfax, VA – DC)		X-NTD
Coree H.				X-NTD
David S.				X-NTD

Results of the 72nd General Service Conference

Chart of Agenda Topics Mapped to Results

Use this to track what happened with each agenda topic. More information in the following sections...

Advisory Actions

When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with “substantial unanimity” it becomes an Advisory Action. Advisory Actions represent the informed group conscience of the Fellowship.

Committee Considerations

An item that was discussed by a Conference committee, but with no action taken or recommendation made to the Conference as a whole. Serves as a suggestion to the corresponding trustees’ committee.

Recommendations Not Resulting in Advisory Actions

These are recommendations of the Conference committees that were not approved by the Conference body as a whole (voted down).

Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority

When a recommendation, whether from a committee or floor action, is approved by a majority of the body, but falls short of substantial unanimity it is considered to be a “strong suggestion” referred to the General Service Board for consideration and possible action. There weren’t any of these this year.

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Advisory Actions

These are motions from the floor that either did not pass or were not discussed (Conference declined to consider).

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April 2022

NOTE: These are Advisory Actions only. Details are contained in full Conference committee reports.

**CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE
72nd GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE**

The following recommendations were approved by the 72nd General Service Conference:

FLOOR ACTIONS

It was recommended that:

1. The trustees' Committee on Literature continue to make edits to the draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" with a new draft or progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature, keeping in mind: color, diverse expressions of spirituality and accessible interpretation of meaning in the illustrations.
2. The 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire receive final editorial review by the trustees' Public Information Committee after consulting with our professional survey methodologist, to address concerns raised by the 72nd General Service Conference related to the survey questions about Racial and Ethnic Background, and Employment Status.

AGENDA

It was recommended that:

3. The theme for the 2023 General Service Conference be: "A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution."
4. The presentation theme and topics for the 2023 General Service Conference be:

Presentation Theme: "General Service – Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm"

Presentation Topics:

1. "Our Common Perils and Common Solution"
2. "Using A.A.'s Literature in Carrying the Message"
3. "Fostering a Thriving Three Legacy Culture"

5. The workshop topic for the 2023 General Service Conference be: "Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings."
6. The General Service Board develop a status report on the progress and outcomes from the 2013-2015 Conference inventory and include a draft plan for another Conference inventory with considerations of its value, timeline and approach to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Agenda.

ARCHIVES*

No recommendations

*Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

No recommendations.

CORRECTIONS

No recommendations.

FINANCE

No recommendations.

GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

No recommendations.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS*

No recommendations.

*Members serve on this committee as a secondary committee assignment.

LITERATURE

It was recommended that:

7. The pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be revised to add the following text regarding safety and A.A.:
 1. In the section "For the person wanting to be a sponsor" (p. 14) under the heading "What does a sponsor do and not do?":

Stresses the importance of A.A. being a safe place for all members and encourages members to become familiar with service material available from the General Service Office such as "Safety in A.A. – Our Common Welfare."
 2. In the section "for groups planning sponsorship activity" (p.23), under the heading "How does sponsorship help a group?" add a fourth paragraph:

Sponsorship can also help a group to create a welcoming and secure environment. Safety is an issue affecting all members and it is important for groups to remain accessible to all who are seeking recovery. Sponsorship can help keep the group focused on the common welfare.
8. The booklet *Living Sober* be revised to add the following paragraph regarding safety and A.A. in chapter 29, page 76:

"Of course, A.A. is a reflection of the larger society around us and problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. But by keeping the focus on our common welfare and primary purpose, groups can help provide a safe and secure environment for all their members."
9. The video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing Department. The committee requested a progress report or rough cut be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
10. The draft of the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." be approved.
11. The pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
12. The updated pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?" be approved.
13. The updated pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?" be approved.
14. The updated pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." be approved.
15. The updated pamphlet "This Is A.A." be approved.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

It was recommended that:

16. Rio D., alternate delegate, Area 79 British Columbia/Yukon Territory, be seated as a Conference member at the 72nd General Service Conference because Bob K., Panel 71 delegate for Area 79 is unable to attend.
17. Christopher M., alternate delegate, Area 47 Central New York, be seated as a Conference member at the 72nd General Service Conference because Todd D., Panel 71 delegate for Area 47 is unable to attend.
18. The "Process for Approving Observers to the Conference" be changed. The revised process would allow the Policy/Admissions committee to approve routine admissions from structures outside the U.S. and Canada without having to poll the full Conference. As with the current process, the trustees' General Service Conference Committee and then the General Service Board would first need to approve the request prior to forwarding it to the Policy/Admissions Committee for their action.
19. The committee recommended that the Scope of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions which currently reads:

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

Be revised to read:

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference; and for approving routine requests for admissions from A.A. service structures outside of the U.S./Canada service structure to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

And that the following be added to the Procedure of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

Procedure

1. To approve routine requests from qualified representatives of other A.A. service structures to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

20. The compilation of all Conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French and Spanish.

21. The committee recommended that two persons from A.A. in Brazil, Maria Z. and Ana Elisa L., Board of Trustees "Class B," and one person from A.A. in Argentina, a trustee, be admitted to the 72nd General Service Conference as observers. (Note: This item was passed pre-Conference using the Conference Polling process.)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

It was recommended that:

22. The following revisions be made to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." The question and answer that currently reads:

Anonymity in the digital age

Q. I maintain an Internet website and a personal page on a social media site. I also belong to an online meeting. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?

A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.

Be changed to:

Anonymity in the digital age

Q. I maintain a website and social media pages. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?

A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film/video. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.

It is suggested that when A.A.s gather as A.A.s or as an A.A. group on social media pages and other similar platforms that these pages are set to "private" rather than "public."

23. The following text be added to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity":

Q. Are virtual A.A. meetings considered "Public"?

A. These online gatherings are not streamed to the general public; however, information about the meeting is provided to A.A. members, potential members, and the general public similar to in-person meetings.

While some members feel comfortable using their full names and faces other members feel it is more aligned with Tradition 11 to use only their first name and last initial or turning their camera off. For safety purposes some groups have provided helpful reminders in their group format that picture-taking or screen shots are not in keeping with anonymity principles.

24. The outdated "A.A. Fact File" be retired.

25. The format changes, two new questions and six changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire be approved.

New questions

12. Have you attended an A.A. meeting virtually (online or by phone)? (if yes, answer question 12b)

12b. Do you prefer virtual meetings or in-person meetings?

- ☐ In-person
- ☐ Virtual
- ☐ Both equally

13. What attributes do you prefer or need in meetings you attend?

- ☐ accessibility (such as no stairs, or served by public transportation)
- ☐ held in a particular language (please list language)
- ☐ other members similar to me (please describe how)
- ☐ additional characteristics (please describe)

Changed questions

14. What is your age? _____ years

15. Which of these best describes you:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer to describe

16. Relationship status:

- ☐ Single, never married
- ☐ Married or Life Partner
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Prefer to describe _____

17. Racial and ethnic background (Check **all that apply**)

- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black, or African American
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ Native American, Alaska Native, First Nations, or Indigenous
- ☐ Pacific Islander or Hawaiian Native
- ☐ White, Caucasian, or European American
- ☐ Prefer to describe _____

18. What is your employment status now? (Check **one** only)

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Unemployed, not currently looking for work
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Homemaker

19. If you are employed, what is your job? _____

26. After a thorough review of the professional survey methodologist report detailing actions to perform a sound membership survey, a 2022 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$20,000. The process will include mailing, digital back-end response and analysis, creation of message and distribution, including a "How to video" for groups/members.

REPORT AND CHARTER

It was recommended that:

27. Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of *The A.A. Service Manual* be revised to correct inaccuracies and to provide clarity and consistency on the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the General Service Office, AA Grapevine and A.A. World Services, Inc. (Note: Because 2023 is a printing year these changes would be reviewed by the A.A.W.S. Board, AA Grapevine Board and the General Service Board prior to being brought to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. This process is in keeping with the 2018 advisory action regarding review of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service*.)

28. Items 5 and 6 that relate to Regional Directories be removed from the Scope of the Report and Charter Composition, Scope and Procedure. (Note: Regional Directories are no longer being produced.)

TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

It was recommended that:

29. The Long Form of Tradition Five be added to the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" on page 12 in the section "What is an A.A. Group?" at its next printing.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

TRUSTEES

It was recommended that:

30. The following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Class A Trustees	Class B Trustees
Molly Anderson	Cathi C.
Linda Chezem, J.D.	Jimmy D.
Sr. Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A.	Josh E.
Hon Kerry Meyer	Francis G.
Al Mooney, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM	Tom H.
Andie Moss	Reilly K.
Kevin Prior, MBA, CFA, CPA	Deborah K.
	Trish L.
	Mike L.
	Paz P.
	Marita H. R.
	Joyce S.
	Irma V.
	Carolyn W.

31. The following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Chairperson:	Linda Chezem, J.D.
First Vice-Chairperson:	Jimmy D.
Second Vice-Chairperson:	Francis G.
Treasurer:	Kevin Prior, MBA, CFA, CPA
Secretary:	Cathi C.
Assistant Treasurer:	Paul Konigstein*
Assistant Secretary:	Jeff W.*

**G.S.O. employees*

32. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Cathi C.	Carolyn W.
Vera F.	John W.
Deborah K.	Bob W.*
Clinton M.	Jeff W.*
Irma V.	

**G.S.O. employees*

33. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Molly Anderson	Coree H.
Chris C.	Mike L.
Josh E.	Paz P.
Cindy F.	David S.
Tom H.	

**AA Grapevine employee*

34. The "Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the boards of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc." be approved as one acceptable pathway to a whole or partial reorganization of the Boards, understanding that, as provided by the Conference Charter, the final process will be determined by whichever General Service Conference might be considering reorganization.
35. The trustees' Literature Committee revise the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to update the stories to represent greater diversity and bring back a draft pamphlet or progress report to the 2023 General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

**72nd GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS**

AGENDA

Committee Considerations:

- The committee expressed appreciation for the special Board presentation related to the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada service structure at the 72nd General Service Conference.

The committee agreed that a sharing session with more time for a broader range of perspectives from among Conference members would be helpful. The committee requested that the General Service Board conduct an interactive sharing session at the 73rd General Service Conference on the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada service structure and include the following question within the framework of the sharing session:

- What are the successes and challenges at the group, district and area levels with respect to this topic?

ARCHIVES

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and expressed satisfaction with the content. The committee also received a verbal report on some of the revisions and updates to the draft workbook, including:
 - New shared experiences and a new subsection from local archivists on specific topics pertaining to archival work;
 - Revised Guidelines for Collecting Oral Histories to include text offering suggestions on ways to conduct ASL interviews with members in the Deaf community to offer a wider diversity of sharing;
 - Replaced gender-specific language throughout the workbook;
 - Updated Archives policies; and other minor editorial updates.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed a progress report on the LinkedIn page implementation and an update from the senior digital communications analyst. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on C.P.C. and suggested that it include the following content:
 - An additional cadence strategy that increases the number of posts per month developed over the year.
 - A strategy of posting often, to increase the search result ranking.
 - Posts targeted to professionals on topics such as A.A. anonymity, Self-Support, cooperation without affiliation, and our public relations policy.
- The committee also discussed a comprehensive approach in exploring and optimizing digital resources. The committee requested that the staff secretary send a memo to the trustees' Public Information Committee with the following suggestions to be included as part of the Comprehensive Media Plan (CMP):
 - Explore effective ways to post videos and documents on non-A.A. platforms.
 - Noting the multiple committee and Board discussions on the use of QR codes, identify where and how to approach QR code usage in A.A. materials at C.P.C./P.I. events.
- The committee reviewed the suggested revisions to the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community" and received an update from the executive editor. The committee offered additional suggestions and asked the staff secretary to forward a memo to the trustees' C.P.C./T.A. committee with additional sharing and suggestions on the content. The committee requested that a progress report or final draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of an outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals and expressed their appreciation. The committee noted that utilizing a focus group was a useful approach to explore and identify the needs of mental health professionals when they are addressing the suffering alcoholic. The committee asked that the staff secretary forward a memo with additional suggestions to the trustees' C.P.C./T.A. committee. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- The committee considered a request to create a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible and took no action, noting that many healthcare professionals may lack the time to meet with C.P.C. committees and that health care systems differ in the U.S. and Canada. The committee suggested that service material could be developed for A.A. members on how to speak with their own healthcare provider about Alcoholics Anonymous.

- The committee reviewed the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook and asked that the following suggestions be incorporated:
 - Develop a disclaimer that clarifies that the printed version of the items in the kit may not reflect the most up to date revisions on aa.org. Online versions will reflect the most updated versions.
 - Include a list of changes of revised pamphlets and service materials based on the A.A.W.S. literature policy.
 - Include experience from online, in-person and virtual C.P.C. events and activities.
 - Use accessible formats for all digital devices.

CORRECTIONS

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the Corrections Kit and Workbook and provided a detailed list of revisions to the trustees' Corrections Committee for their consideration. During their discussion, the committee noted the increased use of online A.A. meetings in correctional facilities and suggested that G.S.O. staff gather shared experience regarding online meetings in correctional facilities for addition to the Corrections Workbook.
- The committee discussed the request to reconsider use of the term "person in custody" in A.A. literature and took no action. The committee affirmed the need for language that is inclusive and non-stigmatizing, as expressed by the 71st General Service Conference. The committee also discussed that implementation of the advisory action was already in place and that it would be premature at this time to reconsider the action.
- The committee discussed the request to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and took no action. While the committee discussed the concerns expressed by the Fellowship, the committee noted that we operate on a system of trust and checks and balances and agreed that A.A.'s Twelve Concepts adequately provide guidance to our trusted servants to make decisions that reflect the informed group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

- The committee suggested that during the development of the 5th Edition Big Book the trustees' Literature Committee consider including a reference in the section of Appendices III and V that additional information is available on www.aa.org.

- The committee discussed the request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind and took no action. The committee agreed the cadence and role of the annual General Service Conference already provides the appropriate guidance. The committee also noted that through Concept Four, "The Right of Participation," all members of Alcoholics Anonymous are invited to participate in the year-long process of the General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

FINANCE

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the Self-support Packet and requested that the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee undertake a full review of the service items in the packet. The committee compiled a list of suggestions for the service material in order to provide language that is clear and consistent for the U.S. and Canada.
- The committee requested that the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee review the service materials and the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" to clarify that although contributions are sent to the General Service Office, contributions are made to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee asked that an update report or draft pamphlet reflecting the changes be brought to the 2023 Conference Committee on Finance for review.
- The committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*" and took no action. The committee agreed that the current introduction in the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* already addresses concerns regarding the language in the book.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Finance.

- The committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes" and took no action. The committee agreed that they did not want to mandate a specific format for possible changes to a future Conference. The committee noted that future proposals for changes should be considered by the group conscience of each Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Finance.

GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the progress report on the AA Grapevine Workbook revisions and looks forward to having it available on the website, in English and Spanish. The committee also forwarded editorial suggestions for the workbook to the Grapevine office.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts and requested a progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. The committee appreciated the diligence of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board in considering anonymity protection when developing content for both Instagram accounts. The committee also appreciated the dedication and enthusiasm the staff applied to the Instagram accounts. The committee also forwarded suggestions to the Grapevine office to encourage members to submit anonymity-protected content to Instagram pages.
- The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Corporate Board the suggestion that Grapevine produce in the year 2023 or later:
 1. Best of Dear Grapevine (working title)
Previously published letters from the pages of Grapevine by A.A. members which were printed in the magazine's letters section, Dear Grapevine.
 2. Book for Newcomers (working title)
Previously published stories by A.A. members sharing helpful tools and suggestions during their first year in sobriety.
 3. Best of La Viña II (working title) (La Viña book)
Spanish-speaking A.A. members share their experience, strength and hope, from the pages of La Viña.
 4. Prayer & Meditation (working title) (La Viña Book)
Previously published stories by Spanish-speaking A.A. members sharing about the many ways they practice Step Eleven (possibly including some translated stories from the GV version).
- The committee discussed the wide-ranging impact the AA Preamble change has had on the Fellowship. The committee felt that after careful consideration of Fellowship feedback, it would be premature to quantify the impact when many A.A. members are still either uninformed or ambivalent about the change. The committee emphasized that at every level of our Conference process there is a reciprocal responsibility of all A.A. members and trusted servants, of participation and communication, to embrace the guiding principles of trust and transparency.

- The committee requested that the Grapevine office consider the feasibility of producing or utilizing American Sign Language (ASL) content.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the update report submitted by the trustees' committee regarding surveying the Fellowship on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention. The committee understands that a survey has been developed to gather information from the Fellowship regarding aspects of the 2025 International Convention; and that a question(s) regarding use of the Lord's Prayer and options to the use of the Lord's Prayer (e.g., the Third Step Prayer, the Seventh Step Prayer and A.A.'s Declaration of Unity) will be added to the survey. It is anticipated that the survey will be dispatched in May 2022 via mail and through multiple communication platforms (e.g., Box 4-5-9, AA Grapevine/La Viña, etc.); and that a progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.
- The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees and suggested:
 - Consider options to the title "Regional Forum" utilizing more current language.
 - Continue utilizing digital communication options; however, also continue non-digital options to ensure full accessibility and participation by members who may not have access to technology.
- Theme: "90 Years – Language of the Heart" / « 90 ans – Langage du Cœur » / "90 años – Lenguaje del corazón"

LITERATURE

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the 2022 matrix of A.A. recovery literature. The committee agreed to follow up with the Publishing Department with suggestions regarding the usefulness and purpose of the recovery literature matrix and looks forward to reviewing the matrix at their meeting during the 2023 General Service Conference.
- The committee reviewed a draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies and offered additional suggestions for the trustees' Literature Committee to consider. The committee requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.

- The committee reviewed a progress report on the update of the pamphlet "Too Young?" The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic." The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American." The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats. The committee encourages the trustees' Literature Committee to continue in their efforts to make literature accessible in all formats and provided several suggestions for more e-literature and other accessible digital platforms, such as Liquid Mode PDF for mobile screens.
- The committee reviewed the Subcommittee Report on Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) and several requests for development of study guides from the Fellowship. The committee also reviewed the minutes of the discussions on this item by the trustees' Literature Committee. The committee noted that additional information would be needed in order to provide direction on these requests. The committee requested that the trustees' Literature Committee provide further information regarding the purpose of the proposals and examples of what Big Book or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides would look like.
- The committee reviewed a draft of the Literature Committee workbook and noted that the development of the workbook is moving in the right direction. The committee provided several suggestions regarding the length and content of the workbook and requested that a revised draft be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature for review.
- The committee discussed the changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* resulting from advisory actions of the 71st General Service

Conference and took no action. The committee noted that there does not appear to be a consensus on the changes among A.A. members at the local level.

- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the progress report from the Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution of Workload regarding year one of the three-year pilot. The committee noted that the plan allowed fifty more Delegates to participate more equitably in the Conference Committee process and appreciated the spiritual aspect of that accomplishment. The committee also noted the workflow, communication, and scoring tool challenges documented in the report, as well as the significant challenges to areas and to the group conscience process caused by moving up the deadline for submitting proposed agenda items to September 15. The committee hopes that whatever can be done to address these challenges will be done over the next two years of the pilot.
- The committee reviewed the G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection, noting with appreciation the level of detail regarding specific sites considered. The committee requested that the next site selection report provide detail on the financial, logistical, and spiritual implications of holding the General Service Conference at other locations throughout the eight regions of the U.S./Canada service structure, perhaps in rotation with the New York City metropolitan area.
- The committee reviewed the dates for the 2026 General Service Conference. In order to provide additional flexibility to the General Service Office management in contracting the most cost-effective and appropriate venues for the General Service Conference, the committee agreed to select three proposed dates for the 76th General Service Conference. The committee selected the following dates in order of preference for the 76th General Service Conference: April 26-May 2, 2026; April 19-25, 2026; and May 3-9, 2026. The committee noted that these proposed Conference dates do not conflict with any significant holidays and allow the Fellowship ample time before the Conference to review and discuss agenda items. The committee asked that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 76th General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized by G.S.O. management.
- The committee reviewed with appreciation the progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the General Service Conference between meetings and looks forward to development of the process.

- The committee reviewed the Progress Report from the trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on the Participation of Online Groups in the U.S. and Canada Service Structure and expressed appreciation for the ad hoc committee's work. Given the Fellowship's interest in this topic and a desire for accountability to the Conference, the Policy/Admissions committee requests a progress report be provided as part of their background material in advance of the 73rd General Service Conference.
- The committee considered the request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship and took no action. The committee felt that the topic of service sponsorship is already addressed well in the current version of the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" and in the current *A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Services*.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan (CMP). The committee expressed support for the vision and architecture and reported that this version of the CMP brings a practical and implementable plan into vision. The committee agrees it serves as an inventory of ongoing work and plans, a guideline for the General Service Office and AA Grapevine Office in their work, budgeting processes, and HR planning to effectively support A.A. members in carrying the message to all who suffer from alcoholism.

The committee offered the following suggestions for the next iteration of the CMP to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- Continue to focus on standardizing a unified stylistic approach in our messaging and media.
- Create a synopsis or executive summary of the CMP as the complete document is detailed.
- Now that we have a CMP that outlines many channels of work the committee requested the Trustees ensure we do not lose the work that is captured and avoid trying to branch off into too many directions and digital platforms.
- Consider the creation of a short video capturing how a Comprehensive Media Plan can be a helpful guidepost as we seek to use new and existing communication platforms, in keeping with our Traditions.

- The committee recognized that we are a Fellowship of varying technical abilities. The committee noted the importance of ensuring we are not leaving anyone with technical barriers behind.
 - Include additional information in the CMP on how Alcoholics Anonymous can connect with the professional community.
 - Use consistent A.A. language throughout the CMP versus more marketing or business terminology.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the trustees' PI Committee report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.
 - Staff continue to update the A.A.W.S. YouTube account to maximize its effectiveness as a social media channel to carry the message to the alcoholic.
 - Improve the ability to search and locate our A.A.W.S. YouTube channel as members have shared it is difficult to find and many are unaware that we have a YouTube channel.
 - Consider adding more Spanish video content.
 - The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Google Ads performance. The committee encouraged G.S.O. to develop an annual project calendar relating to Google Ads. The committee noted that the office should continuously optimize the Google Ads campaigns based on standard best practices in keeping with A.A. Traditions focusing on target audiences utilizing A.A. literature we currently have and that may be developed. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to the report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information:

The Communication Services Department in cooperation with the staff secretary should make the following updates to the campaigns to ensure improved campaign performance.

- Evaluate and experiment with ad targeting
- Creation of more and diverse content
- A/B test ad copy and design
- Add/remove keywords and negative keywords
- Change keyword match type
- Test multiple landing page options
- Approve/deny basic campaign suggestions provided by Google Ads
- Review analytics on messaging to ensure it is reaching the target audience
- Include keyword testing of AA Google Ads searches to ensure they are being made available to those seeking help with a drinking problem.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the Communication Services Department report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide App. The committee looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information. The committee suggested that the Meeting Guide App keep its focus on providing information on locating A.A. meetings.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2021 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org. The committee finds the website is easier to navigate and user-friendly. The committee suggested that G.S.O. continue to improve our search engine optimization, setting priorities and reasonable goals to move forward.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2021 annual report "AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast" regarding aagrapevine.org. The committee finds recent modernization of the Grapevine website to be effective and inviting. The committee finds the AA Grapevine Podcast is well received by many A.A. members and an effective method for sharing the collected voices of A.A. members. The committee noted that the current hosts might limit attraction to all members, potential members, or professionals and to consider the full intended audience regarding diversity, attraction, and belonging.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the distribution and tracking information for the video PSAs:
 1. Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall
 2. Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party.

The committee encourages enhancing our future tracking and distribution to include comparison analytics to other non-profits with public service announcement distribution.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements." The committee found the current Conference-approved PSAs to be relevant and useful. In assessing the need for a new video PSA, the committee did not see the need at this time.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 trustees' Public Information Committee feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms and requested that further research be conducted. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.
 - Committee members would like to see additional research comparing paid versus donated media value ads and the effectiveness of these different approaches.
 - Include research on Canadian streaming platforms to better understand PSA regulations and the specific streaming platforms found within Canada.

- Focus on obtaining A.A. member feedback from various age groups on the desire from the Fellowship to embark on A.A. paid placement ads on streaming platforms.
- The committee reviewed the progress report and G.S.O. Podcast Plan and considered all the proposals, and the work completed this past year. The committee met with the Grapevine publisher, Communication Services staff, and Publishing staff who responded to key questions. The committee suggested that the trustees' Public Information Committee, Communication Services Department, and A.A.W.S. Publishing Department in cooperation with the staff secretary, focus on proposal one, to consider moving in the direction of creating a G.S.O. Podcast using the AA Grapevine podcast experience.

The committee shared that the focus described in the 2021 Advisory Action, "Podcasts providing sharing within the Fellowship and information about A.A. to the public be produced and distributed by G.S.O. in cooperation with the Grapevine Office," is on target and that G.S.O. can create episodes on many service-related discussion topics. The committee feels that the different topic focus will help avoid competing with the Grapevine Podcast. To support the successful continued development of the G.S.O. Podcast the committee offers the following suggestions and looks forward to a progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- Entrust G.S.O. to manage the podcast's creation and adherence to A.A. principles to allow the seamless production of a regular series of episodes.
- Ask the trustees' Public Information Committee to research the best methods for future podcast episodes to be completed in Spanish and French.
- Develop the methodology to invite participants in recorded sessions based on topics to include our trustees, staffs, and members in the episodes.
- Establish internal and external resources to support the production of the G.S.O. Podcast. It may be helpful to engage freelance support that brings experience on creative Podcast development and formatting.
- Implement analytics as described in the G.S.O. Podcast Plan to report annually to the Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The committee considered the suggestion to revise the flyer "A.A. At a Glance" and requested that the trustees' Public Information Committee and staff secretary focus improvements based on the following suggestions and looks forward to a progress report or draft flyer to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.
 - Keeping most of the content messaging of this effective Public Information tool, modernize the look and language of the flyer.

- Remove any reference to the word "hopeless drunks" to focus more on the solution, not the problem in this communication.
 - Update the contribution and self-support language to remove any reference to a dollar amount of contribution.
- The committee considered the suggestion to revise the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings" and asked that the trustees' Public Information Committee move forward with the update. The committee asked that the staff secretary start with the draft pamphlet provided for review. In addition, the committee shared their own editorial revisions. Finally, the committee requested the staff secretary send a memorandum to the A.A.W.S. Publishing Department of all changes and looks forward to a progress report or draft pamphlet to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.
 - The committee considered the request to replace the "A.A. Fact File" with a service material version of a new digital P.I. Press Media Kit. The committee reviewed the new digital P.I. Press Media Kit and offered suggestions to the "Who are A.A. members" and the "24-hour plan" sections.
 - The committee considered the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media by reviewing a draft survey developed to gather shared experience from the Fellowship. The committee requested the trustees' Public Information Committee and staff secretary focus on distributing the survey, to all age demographics, particularly a young population, and obtain results that will inform decisions on any future new form of communication. The committee looks forward to a progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.
 - The committee discussed the content and format of the P.I. Kit and Workbook. The committee noted the updated content list provided by the staff secretary and agreed to all the changes.

REPORT AND CHARTER

Committee Considerations:

- The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of the 2022 General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- The committee discussed the General Service Conference *Final Report* and noted the following:

The committee reiterated their support for last year's committee consideration and appreciated the use of digital versions and encouraged the Conference coordinator to continue noting the availability of these in pre-Conference documents.

The committee noted the importance of the *Final Report* and encouraged area delegates to make its local reporting innovative and fun, especially considering the use of new digital technologies.

The committee also noted the importance and effectiveness of making use of Fellowship Connection to connect the trusted servants in the service structure to the digital version of the *Final Report*. The committee suggested that the following local efforts might be helpful in these initiatives:

- An area or district thank you letter and an invite to the area assembly with a link to the *Final Report*.

(Note: Fellowship Connection lists GSRs and these trusted servants can be introduced to their DCM and/or area delegate and be invited to participate in the local district and area discussions of the General Service Conference.)

- Areas consider making the *Final Report* accessible in newly digital formats.
- The creation of a local anonymity-protected voice only power point.

(Note: The *Final Report* reflects Conference actions and discussions, therefore the committee wanted to express that the *Final Report* is an extension of the experience we learn about in *The A.A. Service Manual*.)

- The committee discussed the request to include the G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole" and took no action. The committee agreed that the GSR pamphlet adequately describes the role and purpose of a G.S.R. The committee agreed that this statement is better left to local group autonomy.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

- The committee reviewed the progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* titled "Amendments." Bill W. references an Amendments section in the introduction to the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* and the committee wanted to reaffirm the 2021 advisory action that: "A new section be added at the end of the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* titled 'Amendments,' and that it contain an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current General Service Board committees." The committee requested that the staff secretary work with A.A.W.S. Publishing on a draft update of the section to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
- The committee reviewed several chapters of *The A.A. Service Manual* and wanted to note the following.

The A.A. Service Manual can be utilized for all individuals involved in the General Service structure. The text is not limited to new people in service or only G.S.R.s.

Class A trustees, appointed committee members, nontrustee directors and other roles in general service should be able to draw upon the experience shared in specific chapters.

- The committee followed up on the 2021 committee consideration regarding updating and continuing to make available the print listing of Central Offices, Intergroups and Answering Services for the United States and Canada (Item F-25). The committee discussed the estimated cost to fulfill this request as well as results of a poll involving 107 Intergroup/Central Offices and decided unanimously to request the General Service Office retire this document and remove it from aa.org. The committee noted that cooperation between local areas, districts and Intergroups/Central Offices is important in helping prospective A.A. members find Alcoholics Anonymous, highlighting that local services, coupled with data stewardship, can help ensure accuracy of Intergroup/Central Office locations. In addition, the committee encouraged communication and sharing of ideas through the ICOAA seminar and the General Service Conference. The committee recognizes an overdependence on G.S.O. and recognizes that in some cases the necessity and importance of local relationships is overlooked.
- The committee discussed the request that the chapter titled "The Doctor's Opinion" be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and took no action. The committee noted that Bill W. was involved in the repagination of *Alcoholics Anonymous* for the second edition. It was also noted that such a change would impact other pieces of A.A. literature that reference pages in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The committee added that they did not recognize a strong "spiritual need" to revert to the original pagination.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

- The committee discussed a possible edition of *The A.A. Service Manual* in American Sign Language (ASL). While aware of the long list of projects and current workload at G.S.O., the committee requested that the A.A.W.S. Board research the need for and feasibility of a translation of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service* into ASL and asks that a report be brought to the 2023 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. In addition, the committee encourages local areas, districts, and Intergroups/Central Offices to make ASL interpretation and service opportunities more accessible to the Deaf community.

TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

Committee Considerations:

- The committee discussed and accepted a progress report on the development of a revision to the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." The committee requested that the trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/ Treatment and Accessibilities Committee keep the following suggestions in mind:

- Include stories of only those who found recovery from the age of 60 years or older.
- Form a working group to help gather sharing from A.A. members who found recovery after age 60.
- Consider who is the target audience.
- Conduct a broader call out for stories through multiple distribution methods.
- Include stories of senior alcoholics with health issues, are hard of hearing, are immigrants, and have experience in finding recovery or barriers to online meetings.
- Consider a new format for the pamphlet that is more accessible, noting that the current foldable format is challenging to open and navigate pages for those who may have dexterity challenges.

The committee also provided additional notes on gaps in the stories to the committee secretary to be forwarded to the trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee.

The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought to the 2023 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

- The committee reviewed and accepted a progress report on military audio interviews and suggested that the trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee:
 - Reach out to military senior leadership.
 - Seek interviews from members in various military/armed forces branches.
 - Consider broader distribution channels, through diverse communication methods such as AA Grapevine, La Viña, WhatsApp, and LIM.
 - Distribute a questionnaire to interviewees for the audio-military project.
 - The military consultants on the trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee develop a project plan that will include reporting to the entire trustee committee.
- The committee discussed the draft version of the A.A. Guidelines for Remote Communities and offered the following suggestions:
 - The committee encourages G.S.O. Publishing to continue to maintain the most current cultural terminologies.
 - Remove the names from the sharing in the guidelines (though currently anonymity protected; highlight the message rather than the name).
 - Remove the section "Three Challenges" and replace it with the title "Challenges in carrying the message to underserved populations" and include broader sharing with culturally sensitive language.
 - Remove the current sharing on sponsorship from the section "Spanish-Speaking Women in A.A. Remote Community" and include sharing that positively highlights the importance of sponsorship.
 - Also include in the section "Spanish-Speaking Women in A.A. Remote Community" information on special-interest meetings/groups, like what is

shared in the Conference-approved pamphlets "Hispanic Women in A.A." and "Women and A.A."

- Expand the section and title on online group/meeting resources to include a broader cross-section of digital sharing and resources.

The committee asked that the staff secretary to revise the service piece and look forward to it being made available to Remote Committees once the updates have been made.

- The committee discussed the contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook. The committee noted with appreciation that the suggestions provided in the 2021 Committee Consideration that will be implemented at the next Kit update.
- The committee discussed the contents of the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and suggested that the section "Sharing Experience" in the workbook include experience on A.A. members with service animals.
- The committee discussed the content and format of the Kit and Workbooks. The committee encourages G.S.O. to continue to explore and develop digital approaches to publishing and updating A.A. resources so that changes can be updated more quickly and efficiently with the most up-to-date resources for local committees. The committee also noted the importance that print versions also be made available to those who prefer to receive printed materials.
- The committee considered a request to remove the sentence "Nobody has ever died of lack of sleep" in the section "Getting plenty of rest" in the booklet *Living Sober* and took no action. The committee noted that the section includes this comment later in the chapter: "If the condition persists, it may be advisable to check with a good physician who understands alcoholism well."

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

TRUSTEES

Committee Considerations:

- The committee reviewed the resumes, and approved as eligible for election, all Class B trustee candidates for the Eastern Canada and Pacific regions.
- The committee considered a request to revisit highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" and took no action. The committee appreciated the discussion about the role and attitude of humility of trusted servants. They acknowledged that the phrases "holding office" and "officer" are used in several sections of the pamphlet, and have equivalent meaning to being a trusted servant. It was also noted that groups are free to adapt the inventory questions to suit their needs.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

- The committee reviewed the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" and requested that the trustees' Literature Committee begin to look at the accuracy and effectiveness of direct translation practices, resulting in an ineffective vehicle to presenting an authentic and culturally relevant message to linguistic communities.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

- The committee also requested that the AA Grapevine board consider using "Do You Think You're Different?" as a recurring theme. This would allow for the presentation of a diverse group of current voices finding a common identification.
- The report of the trustees' Nominating Committee noted they had begun discussion of thread-based forums and that more discussion is needed. The Conference committee had a discussion on thread-based forums which could allow better communication throughout the Conference structure and is forwarding a summary of their suggestions to the trustees' Nominating Committee.

Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

These recommendations were presented but did not achieve a majority.

LITERATURE

- The draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" be approved with minor editorial revisions.
- A second volume of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope* be developed with stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and that a progress report be brought to the Conference Committee on Literature once development of the publication is in progress.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- The paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" which was removed due to pagination issues from the fourth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* be restored in all future printings and publications in which the story is included.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions.

Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority

There were no recommendations passed on a simple majority vote that did not receive the two-thirds vote necessary to become a Conference Advisory Action.

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

- With the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language, that the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts, not be translated into plain language in any way: that these remain in the existing form in English as in previous editions of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **(Conference declined to consider.)**
- The General Service Conference impose a one-year moratorium on any new agenda item received through September 15, 2022, with new agenda items held to be placed on the agenda for the 74th General Service Conference, allowing the General Service Board and its corporate affiliates time to adjust and align their processes to accommodate the 2022 Policy and Admissions recommendation to provide simultaneous translation of all background material. **(Conference declined to consider.)**

- The trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups develop a plan to create one or more non-geographic Areas for online and telephone groups in the U.S./Canada General Service Conference structure, with a progress report on the plan to be presented to the 73rd General Service Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.
- That the following GSR Preamble be added to the pamphlet "Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole":

The GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

(Conference declined to consider.)

- The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference evaluate the current process of developing Conference background material and bring back to the 2023 General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions a plan that describes the process of developing background material, keeping in mind the Conference desire for background material to be targeted, balanced and with relevant historical content.
- The Advisory Actions from Panel 71:
 - Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner"
 - Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony"

in the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, be returned to the original text.

(Conference declined to consider.)
- The 1995 Conference Advisory Action be reaffirmed that the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion," "Doctor Bob's Nightmare" and the Appendices remain as is.

- **Area Chair – Rob M.: No report provided**
- **Alternate Area Chair – Dawn B.:**

Report of the Alternate Chair

Summer Assembly 2022

Hello Northern Illinois,

We are meeting today in Kankakee, at a great venue. Thank you to District 52 for all their hard work in getting this arranged.

I have been busy with planning meetings for our 3 upcoming NIA Conferences, State Conference 2022, Big Book Conference 2022 and Spring Conference 2023, as well as the National Corrections Conference 2022. The Conference Advisory Committee and I are putting together some location possibilities for the 2023 Big Book Conference and 2024 Spring Conference, which we will present to the DCMs in a workshop in July.

The GSR workshop last month was a success, and I'm looking forward to doing another in July as well.

It was my pleasure to attend the District 70 monthly GSR meeting this month, and am happy to attend any I'm invited to in the future.

Here are the planning meetings I have attended this year;

1/18-District 21 district meeting

1/21 D22 and D23 Spring Conference planning meeting

1/30 BB 2022 Conference planning

2/13 BB 2022 Conference planning

2/20 Spring Conference planning meeting

3/3 Hyatt visit to go over Spring Conference contract

3/6 BB 2022 Conference Planning

3/20 Spring Conference Planning

4/2 State Conference Planning

4/10 Spring Conference Planning

5/1 Big Book Conference Planning

5/15 Spring Conference Planning

6/2 Visited D70 District meeting

6/4 Site Visit in Kankakee for June 11 Assembly

6/4 State Conference Planning

In Service,

Dawn B

NIA 20 Panel 72 Alternate Chair

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- **Registrar – Chris E.:** Refer to Registrar's report from the Spring Committee Meeting on May 14th:

Area Registrar
PO Box 1511
Palatine, IL 60078

Northern Illinois Area 20

Unity - Service - Recovery

Report from the Panel 72 NIA Registrar Spring Committee – May 14, 2022

Good morning and welcome to the NIA20 Spring Committee Meeting! It's wonderful to be meeting face to face at Lord of Life Church, and great that everyone can join from across the Area virtually as well!

Since our last gathering at the Spring Assembly, I have attended the quarterly sharing session that GSO has with Area Registrars as well as monthly sharing sessions that Registrars have amongst ourselves the first Sunday of every month. The monthly sharing sessions have been a wonderful opportunity to learn from Panel 71 veteran registrars, to find workarounds to problems with Fellowship Connection, and to help each other get better at serving our areas. I am grateful to Donna W/Area 15 for setting these up.

The New Group Information Form, Group Information Change Form, and DCM or Alternate DCM Change Form have been updated to fix errors in data entry boxes and specify the box to check for hybrid groups. They are being emailed out with this report and will be updated on the NIA website soon.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to submit forms to your district first if possible, and then the district contact person will send them on to me. Most district secretaries handle group forms, but your district might have a GSR Contact, District Registrar, or LCM that does it – check with your DCM to know who to send the forms to. Forms can be submitted directly to me, but by going through your district first, it helps ensure the form is complete and information is correct.

All group forms are downloadable from the NIA website. <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>.
Submit forms to your district contact person, to registrar@aa-nia.org or to the mailing address:

NIA, Ltd.
Attn: Registrar
PO Box 1511
Palatine, IL 60078

2022 Expenses to date: \$118.00

5/14/2022 report total = none

- I have no reimbursement requests

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris E
NIA 20 Registrar – Panel 72
registrar@aa-nia.org

Northern IL Area 20

District Committee Member (DCM), District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) & Alternate District Committee Member (ALTDCM) Change Form

Area #: 20 District #: District Language: Effective Date:

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Submit completed form to Area 20 Registrar: registrar@aa-nia.org,
NIA, Ltd. Attn: Registrar, P.O. Box 1511, Palatine, IL 60078

Submit copy of completed form to your District Secretary

Use through 12/31/2023

GROUP INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

*Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose. **Tradition Three**, long form.*

*Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. **Tradition Five**, long form.*

*Unless there is approximate conformity to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group...can deteriorate and die. **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions**.*

Delegate Area: 20	District Number:	Group ID (9 digits):
# of Home Group Members:	Submission Date:	Submitted by:

OLD INFORMATION

GROUP NAME: _____

MEETING LOCATION: _____

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Times: _____ Days: _____

☐ **Online Only:**
☐ **In Person/ Hybrid:**
☐ Handicap Accessible:

PRIMARY CONTACT is:
☐ General Service Representative
☐ Alternate General Service Rep.
☐ Mail Contact Only

Name: _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

Town/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

SECONDARY CONTACT is:
☐ Alternate General Service Rep.
☐ Mail Contact Only

Name: _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

Town/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

NEW INFORMATION

GROUP NAME: _____

MEETING LOCATION: _____

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Times: _____ Days: _____

☐ **Online Only:**
☐ **In Person/ Hybrid:**
☐ Handicap Accessible:

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE is:

SEND MY GSR KIT TO ME:
☐ By mail
☐ Electronically

Name: _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

Town/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ If you have previously held a service position and your information has changed since then, check here

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NEW GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

*Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose. **Tradition Three**, long form.*

*Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. **Tradition Five**, long form.*

*Unless there is approximate conformity to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group...can deteriorate and die. **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions**.*

It suggested group names no longer include the day of week or time of meeting in the name. A.A.'s Traditions suggest that a group not be named after a facility or person (living or deceased), and that the name of a group not imply affiliation with any sect, religion, organization or institution. It is suggested a group delay registration as a group until the group has been meeting consistently for approximately six (6) months.

Our group meets: ☒ **IN PERSON / HYBRID** ☐ **ONLINE ONLY**

Does your group meet in a hospital, treatment center or detox center?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, is it open to A.A. members in the community as well as to patients in the center?

Yes ☐ No ☐

DELEGATE AREA:	20	DISTRICT NUMBER:		NUMBER of HOME GROUP MEMBERS:		DATE GROUP STARTED:	
GROUP NAME: _____							
Meeting Location _____							
Complete Address: _____							
Amenities: _____						Language: _____	

Meeting Day(s)	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Meeting Time(s)							
Meeting Type							
Open/Closed							

PRIMARY GROUP CONTACT (Receives All Group Mail)

☒ **Is GSR – Send my GSR Kit:** ☐ by mail ☐ electronically ☐ **is Alternate GSR** ☐ **is Mail Contact Only**

Name: _____

Street Address (or P.O. Box Number): _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you have previously held any service position and your information has changed since then, check here ☐

SECONDARY GROUP CONTACT

☐ **Is GSR – Send my GSR Kit:** ☐ by mail ☐ electronically ☐ **is Alternate GSR** ☐ **is Mail Contact Only**

Name: _____

Street Address (or P.O. Box Number): _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you have previously held any service position and your information has changed since then, check here ☐

Printed Name of Submitter: _____	Group/District/Area Position: _____
Phone No. for Questions: _____	Date This Form was Completed: _____

Submit completed form to Area 20 Registrar: registrar@aa-nia.org,
NIA, Ltd. Attn: Registrar, P.O. Box 1511, Palatine, IL 60078

Submit copy of completed form to your District Secretary

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- I will be hosting a workshop on Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00pm via Zoom for DCMs, secretaries and other contact people in districts that deal with group change forms to go over forms and show

DCMs what access they have to Fellowship Connection. I will send more information on email with the Zoom info.

- **Alternate Registrar – Christy B.: No report provided**
- **Secretary – Kate D.:** In our breakout meeting, the Area Secretary team decided to piggyback onto the Registrar’s monthly workshop. The kick-off meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00. Chris E. will send out a flyer via email to the Area that will include the Zoom information. This will be a monthly meeting.
- **Alternate Secretary – Sue M.: No report provided**

Conference reports:

- **2022 Central Regional and Illinois State Conference**
 - No report from Michael and Charles
- **2022 Big Book Conference**
 - No report from Christy B. and Robert S.
- **2023 Spring Assembly Conference**
 - Dave T. and Dave F. are co-chairs
 - March 10, 11 and 12, 2023
 - We have “Save the Date” flyers, please take them back to your districts; includes QR code and URL so you can make hotel reservations (Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg); also on the website
 - Almost all committee chair positions are filled except for co-chairs for the following: Printing, Archives, Grapevine and Language / Translation
 - We still need volunteers
 - Theme is “In the Spirit of Love and Service”

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Elected Positions:

- Answering Service Chair and Alternate
- Archives Chair and Alternate
- Bridge the Gap Alternate
- CPC Chair and Alternate
- Grapevine Chair and Alternate
- Literature Alternate
- Treatment Alternate

If interested in serving in any of these roles, please attend the Fall Area Assembly on September 10th.

Need Committee Meeting District hosts for the August 6th and October 6th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Finance Committee Recommendations for disbursements have been withdrawn based on current financial climate.**
- **Sharing session regarding moving the breakout sessions from the Area Assemblies to separate monthly or quarterly formats, led by committee chairpersons.**

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Accessibilities** – Susan H. reported that she submitted an article to *Concepts* about the accessibilities committee and checklists; need for more committee members

- **Answering Service** – Position is open; no report submitted
- **Archives** –No report submitted by Ray. Cheryl mentioned that they are working on acquiring old duplicate printed versions *Concepts* and cutting into pages and scanning them for binders. She also mentioned getting Adobe Professional. Rob mentioned that we need additional members on this committee.
- **Bridging the Gap** –No report submitted by Karen
- **Concepts** – No report submitted by Robert, but Rob noted that the deadline for submissions was extended for another week (June 18th)
- **CPC** – Position is open; no report submitted
- **Corrections** – Phil M. mentioned that Area 20's state prisons are still shut down for AA meetings at this time per the wardens; may be resumed soon at Stateville. Joliet Treatment Center has been open for meetings for the last three months. Lake County Jail meetings have resumed, as has Kane County Jail. DuPage County Jail has been great to work with; they had a new volunteer orientation last week. The 6th National Corrections Conference will be held November 11-13, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg. To register: www.NationalCorrectionsConference.org George had no report.
- **Grapevine** – Position is open; no report submitted
- **Literature** –No report submitted by Scott T.
- **Public Information** – Ed discussed the breakout meeting where they discussed creating a road map and adding virtual breakout sessions to the calendar.
- **Technology** – No report submitted by Joe. Rob mentioned the need to expand the committee.
- **Treatment** – No report submitted
- **Webmaster** –No report submitted by Earl.

Advisory Committee Updates:

- **Conference Advisory Committee** – Dawn reported that they have a hotel available for the 2023 Big Book Conference or 2024 Spring Conference for those that are considering hosting either event.
- **Finance Committee** – Sid B. stated that the Committee met on Monday, June 6th. Here is his report: We elected a secretary; here are Sid's notes and the minutes:

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**Finance Committee Report
Spring Assembly, March 12, 2022**

NIA 20 Trusted Servants,

The Area Finance Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2022. Our first order of business was to appoint a secretary. Rich H. voiced his interest, and with no opposition, was selected to be our committee's secretary. The minutes taken by Rich are attached to this report.

Next, we heard a report from Allen J., the Area Treasurer. Allen reviewed with us the Past Income Report (3rd Quarter 2020 – 2nd Quarter 2022), the Profit and Loss Report (Jan 1 – May 28, 2022), and the current PPR. The items mentioned will be shared by Allen at the Summer Assembly. There were a few things that were shared/discussed when reviewing these reports that we would like to share with everyone.

- We haven't received any receipts from our Delegate and Chair for their participation in the February Conference of Delegates Past and Present.
- There hasn't been many reimbursement requests this year. We do expect to start seeing more as we are meeting live.
- It was observed that much of the annual budget hasn't been used the first half of the year. The finance committee would like to encourage the area committee to utilize the funds allocated in the PPR budget approved by the assembly, with emphasis on carrying out service orientation workshops, participation in district committee functions, service committee workshops, attendance and participation at the Illinois State Conference/East Central Regional Conference and purchasing equipment for hybrid area meetings.

We talked about the upcoming Illinois State Conference/East Central Regional Conference and heard positive feedback on the committee's work from Dawn B. who has been attending their meetings. We also talked about fully funding the Delegate costs for the General Service Conference. We will be following the General Service Conference costs and requests for payments, and we plan to make a motion for consistency in Delegate Funding to the General Service Conference at the end of this year, or at the latest, before the end of our rotation.

We wrapped up the meeting by discussing whether we'd make a recommend to the Summer Assembly to forward money on to the General Service Board. During the meeting, we decided to recommend to forward money to the General Service Board. After receiving the treasurers report on June 9th, it was noticed that there was information included in the report that the committee was unaware of when we decided to make a recommendation. After further discussion, we decided to rescind our recommendation as our treasury does not look to have any excess funds.

In service,

Isidro (Sid) B.
NIA 20 District 11 DCM
Finance Committee Chair

Minutes from June 6 Finance Committee Meeting

Meeting opened at 8:10 pm by Finance Committee Chair Sid B.

Moment of Silence, serenity Prayer

In Attendance: Sid B., Allen J., Jeff L., Dawn B., Rich H.

Not in Attendance: Michael L, and Phil M.

Rich H. selected as committee secretary

Mid May contributions have slowed down. Allen was looking at some trends and feels there is no need to panic.

To date profits over expenses is \$3,654.42

Still waiting on receipts from Delegate and Chair from February Conference of Delegates Past and Present and other expenditures. We have no other expected current expenses.

We expect to start seeing more reimbursement requests as we are meeting live.

We talked about the upcoming Illinois State Conference/East Central Regional Conference, and also fully funding Delegate Costs of the General Service Conference. We will be following General Service Conference costs and requests for those payments, and will be looking to make a motion for consistency in Delegate Funding to the General Service Conference at the end of this year or at the latest at the end of our rotation.

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- **Service Manual Custodian** – Per Cheryl V., no changes requested; we will have additional copies made of the manual that will be available at the next Area Committee Meeting. The manual is also available on the Area website.

Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted by Kate D., Area 20 Secretary