



December 9, 2022

2022 Winter Assembly

Delegate's Report

Thanks to everyone for being here today, especially those that might be new. This report includes updates from the General Service Office as well as updates from the Trustees committees, GSO Staff, the General Service Board, Grapevine and AAWS.

There is also an accompanying slide deck that follows closely to but not exactly to this written report. Not all content in this report is shown in slide deck so please review this report in it's entirety for all the latest updates. I have added an (pp) when there is an accompanying slide. Additionally, please be aware there are several hyperlinks in this document that contain links to additional documents which contain full reports with additional details.

(pp)RECENT ACTIVITIES-

It's been a busy time since my last report at the Fall Committee meeting on October 8. Some of the "major" events are listed below-

- October 2022 - I visited several different groups and logged almost 600 miles to facilitate **membership surveys** for groups in Bolingbrook, Crystal Lake, Elgin, Palatine, Kirkland, and Henry. I also appreciate the assistance of Lisa S., Erik L. and Cheryl V. who helped to get the surveys done in West Chicago, Hinsdale, and Antioch respectively. Area 20 sent approximately 200 surveys back!
- October 18 - Participated in the **Conference Finance Committee** zoom call to review the potential agenda items for Finance. We agreed to forward the two items below to the Finance Trustees committee for consideration on the agenda.

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Additional, and somewhat “outside” the service structure I also attended Soberfest and the Concepts retreat.

(pp) I will be attending the first Quarterly General Service Board weekend in New York in January and will report more on that in my next couple of reports. The preliminary agenda can be seen [here](#).

(pp)**2022 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT**

Printed copies of the Final Report are available on the literature table. I ordered a total of 500 English copies (25 per district) and 30 copies in Spanish. DCM's, please take copies for your district, but please only take what you think you'll use.

Digital copies of the final report are still available at the links below.

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [French](#)

(pp)**GSO UPDATES**

- **Staff updates** - There have been a few GSO staff updates since my last report. We are delighted to welcome three new A.A. staff members to our General Service Office family: Karina Cascante, Michael Riley, and Misha Quill. Joining us in September, Karina is on the Group Services assignment and Michael is on the CPC assignment. Our newest staff member, Misha, who joined us on October 17, is on the Treatment/Accessibility assignment, taking over from

Brenda Brown who left GSO effective November 2 to return to her home in Memphis – More information can be found [here](#).

- Ever been interested in applying for a job at GSO? Click [here](#) for more info!
- **BOX 459** - The fall edition of BOX 459 was recently released and can be read [here](#). Please see your DCM or Area registrar if you are not receiving this vital publication. The most recent issue contains biographies and introductions for two of our newest Class A trustees, Kerry Meyer and Andie Moss as well as introductions from our two newest Regional Trustees, Joyce S., and Reilly K.

(pp)GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

- **Proposed Agenda Items**-There were 184 proposed agenda items submitted for consideration. The GSB has asked for feedback from the Delegates and will be releasing the final list after the January GSB board weekend meeting on approximately February 15th. This background will be distributed by our Alternate Delegate Erik L. and Pre-General Service Conference virtual workshops will begin in late March. A quick breakdown of the agenda item type can be found in the accompanying slide deck.

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(pp)EAST CENTRAL REGION

East Central Region (ECR)

Our Service Manual states that A Region is “A grouping of several areas from which a regional trustee comes to the board of trustees. There are six regions in the US and two in Canada. Area 20 is part of the East Central Region often referred to as ECR. There are 14 Areas that make up ECR from the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

Our ECR Trustee Cathi C. continues to host monthly ECR Delegate Meetings that provide updates and well as opportunities for the 14 Areas to come together. Cathi is serving as the Vice Chair for AAWS Board and after the 73rd GSC will become chair of AAWS

- A new ECR calendar has been disturbed and can be seen [here](#).
- The CDPP flyer is [here](#).

Other Misc. items:

- The General Service Office has confirmed that Irene D., the current Literature Staff assignment worker, will be our GSO representative at the Spring Conference Assembly in March.
- I have included my year-to-date reimbursement request with this report. The total reimbursement request \$2037.77. I owe the Assembly (and our Treasurer) an amend for waiting until the end of the year to fill this out and will do better going forward!!
- Questions I received via email –
 - The maximum bequest amount to the GSB (when someone dies) is \$10,000
 - No, I do not know what stories will be deleted from the 5th edition/

Respectfully submitted-

Chris D.
Delegate Panel 72/Area 20

** YTD – expenses - \$2037.77

NIA Reimbursement Request - Panel 72

Receipts are required, pdf format is preferred. Do not use this form after 12/31/2023

REQUESTER:

Name: Chris DeGrane
Address: 834 Coronado Court
 Elgin, IL 60123
Phone: 847-997-2102
Email: nia20del@gmail.com

Request date: 11/18/2022

Service Position: Area Delegate

CHECK TO BE MAILED TO:

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ACTIVITY OR EVENT:

Date of activity or event:

Name of activity or event:

Date of Expense	Primary Purpose Activity #:	Description of Expense	# of Miles **	Qty	Cost each	Subtotal
2/11/2022	B09-22	CDPP CONFERENCE TOTAL			\$ -	\$ 509.16
5/1/2022	B01-22	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE TOTAL				\$ 382.75
	B01-22	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE DISTRICT VISITS TOTAL				\$ 417.59
4/9/2022	B01-22	PGSCW Workshop - Lafox	22			\$ 8.80
	B03-22	Area Assemblies (spring, summer, fall)				\$ 89.60
10/8/2022	B04-22	Committee meetings (fall)				\$ 35.68
	B08-22	MEMBERSHIP SURVEY GROUP VISITS TOTAL				\$ 236.80
3/6/2022	B10-22	Extension cord for Area Projector. (Will stay with equip)		1	\$ 16.81	\$ 16.81
8/15/2022	B11-22	ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE TOTAL				\$ 340.58
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Mail to: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd. P.O. Box 808 Streamwood, IL 60107-2971					Subtotal:	\$ 2,037.77
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					Less 7th Tradition:	\$ -
					Other:	\$ -
Email to: treasurer@aa-nia.org					Total Requested:	\$ 2,037.77

* Primary Purpose Activity Number can be found on the aa-nia.org website

** Current Mileage Reimbursement = \$0.40 per mile

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		CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE			\$ -	\$ -
		CDPP			\$ -	\$ -
2/11/2022		Registration (No mileage, drove with Area Chair) See receipt tab		1	\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00
2/11/2022		Hotel - Appleton WIS.		2	\$ 125.90	\$ 251.80
2/11/2022		Printing (See Receipt tab)		1	\$ 159.36	\$ 159.36
		CDPP CONFERENCE TOTAL			\$ -	\$ 509.16
		GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE				
4/21/2022		Uber to hotel		1	\$ 38.80	\$ 38.80
4/21/2022		Luggage Cart Rental		1	\$ 6.53	\$ 6.53
4/22/2022		Metro Card for transportation		1	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
4/23/2022		Breakfast (1-day)		1	\$ 18.85	\$ 18.85
4/25/2022		Uber to GSO on Friday morning (missed Conference bus due to having to switch rooms because of hot water issues)		1	\$ 43.49	\$ 43.49
4/28/2022		Dinner / Ice Cream (1-day)		1	\$ 36.67	\$ 36.67
5/1/2022		Uber to Airport		1	\$ 25.14	\$ 25.14
5/1/2022		Hotel (Friday Night Only to attend 1728 Meeting - Remote Communities Mtg - Delegates Only Meeting on Saturday)		1	\$ 201.27	\$ 201.27
		GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE TOTAL				\$ 382.75
		ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE				
5/9/2022		Registration - Banquet (See receipts tab)		1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
8/15/2022		Hotel		2	\$ 109.89	\$ 219.78
8/12/2022		Mileage	52			\$ 20.80
		ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE TOTAL				\$ 340.58
		CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE TOTALS				\$ 1,232.49

		AREA SERVICE MEETINGS				
1/8/2022		Winter Cmte Mtg - Zoom	0			\$ -
3/12/2022		Spring Assembly - LaFox	22			\$ 8.80
4/9/2022		PGSCW Workshop - LaFox	22			\$ 8.80
5/14/2022		Spring Cmte Mtg - ZOOM (Sick) Printing charged to Area.	0			\$ -
6/11/2022		Summer Assy - Kankakee	180			\$ 72.00
8/3/2022		Summer Cmte Mtg - Absent (Got Married)	0			\$ -
9/10/2022		Fall Assembly - LaFox	22			\$ 8.80
10/8/2022		Fall Cmte Mtg - LaFox	22			\$ 8.80
10/7/2022		Printing - OfficeMax - Elgin		1	\$ 26.88	\$ 26.88
		AREA SERVICE MEETINGS TOTALS				\$ 134.08
		GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE DISTRICT VISITS				
3/6/2022		D22 Elgin - Pre GSC Visit - Mileage	10			\$ 4.00
3/6/2022		Printing OfficeMax - Elgin		1		\$ 18.20
3/20/2022		D12 Waukegan - Pre-GSC Visit	108			\$ 43.20
5/19/2022		D20 Elgin - Report Back	10			\$ 4.00
5/19/2022		Printing - OfficeMax - Elgin (See Receipts tab)		1	\$ 55.01	\$ 55.01
6/21/2022		D21 - Palatine - Post Conf Report Back	36			\$ 14.40
7/10/2022		D22 - Elgin - Post Conf Report Back	10			\$ 4.00
7/15/2022		D12 - Waukegan - Post Conf Report Back	108			\$ 43.20
7/21/2022		D52 - Kankakee - Post Conf Report Back	181			\$ 72.40
7/29/2022		D40 - Wheaton - Post Conf Report Back	32			\$ 12.80
9/7/2022		D64 - Aurora - Post Conf Report Back	44			\$ 17.60
9/7/2022		Printing - OfficeMax - Elgin (See receipts tab)		1	\$ 39.98	\$ 39.98
9/16/2022		D73 - Sterling - Post Conf Report Back	148			\$ 59.20
10/20/2022		D41 - Elmhurst - Post Conf Report Back	74			\$ 29.60
		GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE DISTRICT VISITS TOTAL				\$ 417.59
		MEMBERSHIP SURVEY GROUP VISITS				
9/27/2022		D22 - Palatine - Sunday Night Candlelight Group	36			\$ 14.40
10/4/2022		D22 - Palatine - Tuesday Night ID Group	36			\$ 14.40
10/10/2022		D11 - Crystal Lake Mon. Ngt 5:30 Group	85			\$ 34.00
10/11/2022		D71 - Kirkland - Mon. Ngt Expect a Miracle Group	90			\$ 36.00
10/12/2022		D43 - Bolingbrook - Sojourners Group	240			\$ 96.00
10/17/2022		D10 - Trip to Wauconda to meet Cheryl - Antioch Group	53			\$ 21.20
10/19/2022		D42 - Trip to Naperville to meet Eric - Hinsdale Group	52			\$ 20.80
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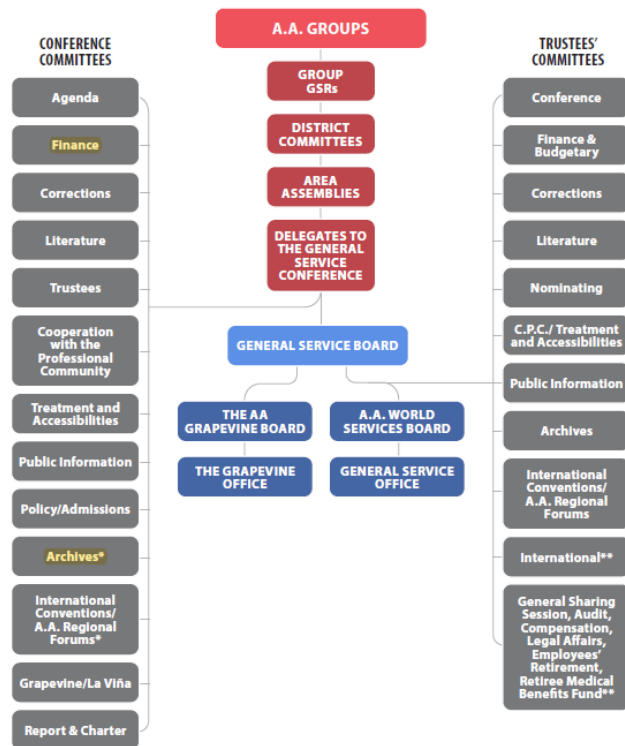
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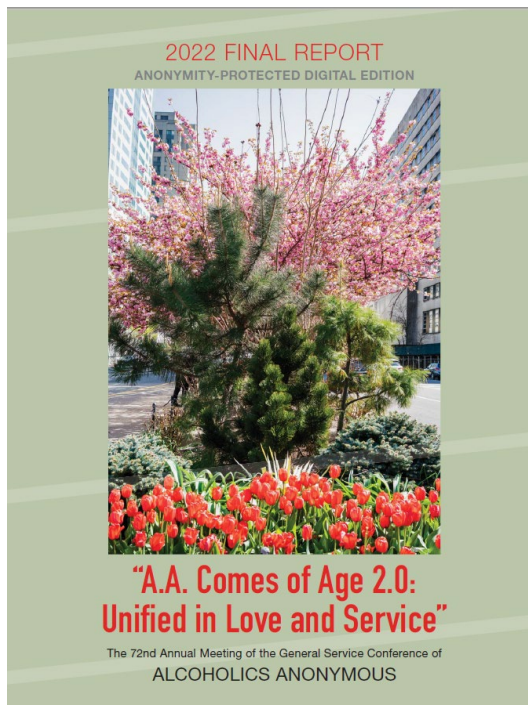
- First Quarterly General Service Board Weekend -Westin New York
- January 27, 2023 through Monday morning, January 30, 2023
- Weekend schedule is [here](#)

THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE *U.S. and Canada*



Final Report

- Final reports available in ENGLISH & SPANISH.
- PLEASE take FINAL REPORTS for your district.
- Only take what you need...



From the Office-

GSO Staff updates. Read [here](#).

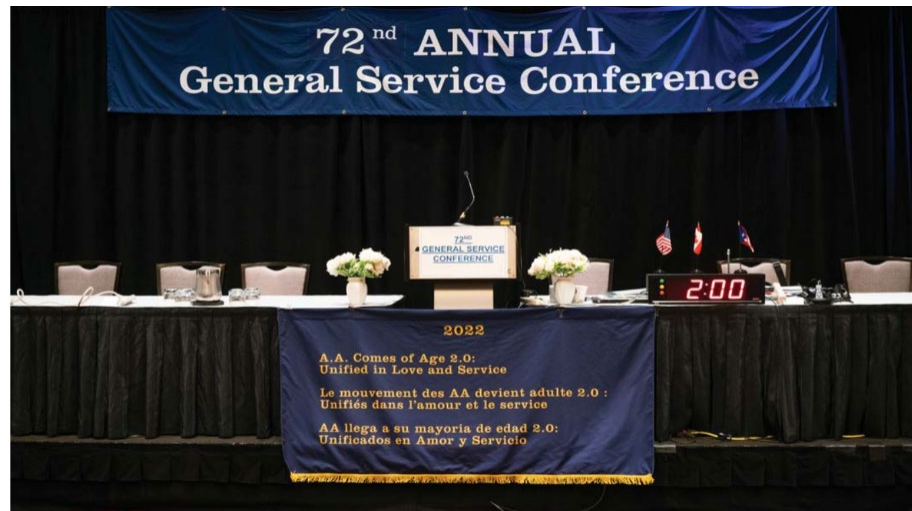
Apply at GSO. More [here](#)!

[Box 459](#) – GSB
introductions!



General Service Conference

- 184 Proposed Agenda Items
 - Preamble (23)
 - Plain & Simple Big Book (24)
 - 12x12 changes (11)
 - Safety in AA (7)
 - Pamphlets (18)
 - 45%



Finances

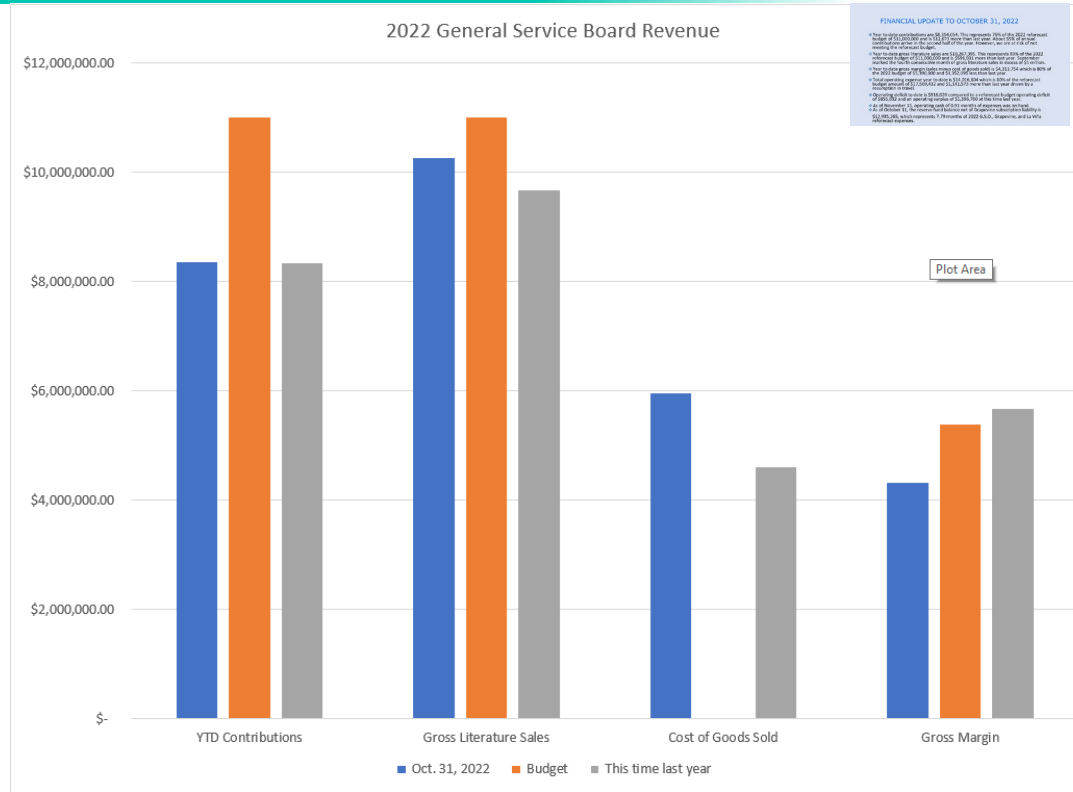
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- ❖ As of October 31, the reserve fund balance net of Grapevine subscription liability is \$12,935,265, which represents 7.79 months of 2022 G.S.O., Grapevine, and La Viña reforecast expenses.

Finances - Revenue

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The main story is that contributions are strong but maybe not strong enough so far to meet the reforecast budget. Literature gross sales are great but gross margin is ...suffering by the cost of paper, printing and other inflationary issues.



Northern Illinois Area 20

- ### FINANCIAL UPDATE TO OCTOBER 31, 2022
- Near to date gross revenue are \$8,154,654. This represents 70% of the 2022 referenced budget of \$11,600,000. The remaining 30% is expected to be realized through the year-end contribution award in the second half of the year. However, we are at risk of not receiving this contribution award.
 - Near to date gross expenses are \$4,547,957. This represents 39% of the 2022 referenced budget of \$11,600,000. The remaining 61% is expected to be realized through the year-end contribution award.
 - Near to date gross revenue less expenses is \$3,606,697. This represents 31% of the 2022 referenced budget of \$11,600,000. The remaining 69% is expected to be realized through the year-end contribution award.
 - Total operating expense year-to-date is \$14,154,358, which is 108% of the referenced budget amount of \$13,055,654. This is \$1,098,704 more than last year's expense by a referenced amount.
 - Operating deficit to date is \$583,603 compared to a referenced budget operating deficit of \$1,098,704. This is an operating surplus of \$515,099.
 - As of November 31, operating cash of 31 months of expenses is available and the total cash balance is \$1,098,704. The investment portfolio is valued at \$11,353,000, which represents 77.9% of the 2022 B.S.D., Singapore, and the L.A. County's investment portfolio.



Northern Illinois Area 20
Unity - Service - Recovery

- Kevin J Prior, CFA, CPA*
Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee and Treasurer
General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous



ECR Region

- New Regional calendar - See report for link.
- CDPP Flyer – See report for link.

Area 53 Hosts the 49th Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past & Present

February 10-12, 2023



Register online at:
<http://www.area53aa.org/2023-ecr-cdpp>

QUESTIONS – OPEN SHARING

End

No Resource Pooling slide