

Winter Committee Service Workshop

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Delegate Area 20

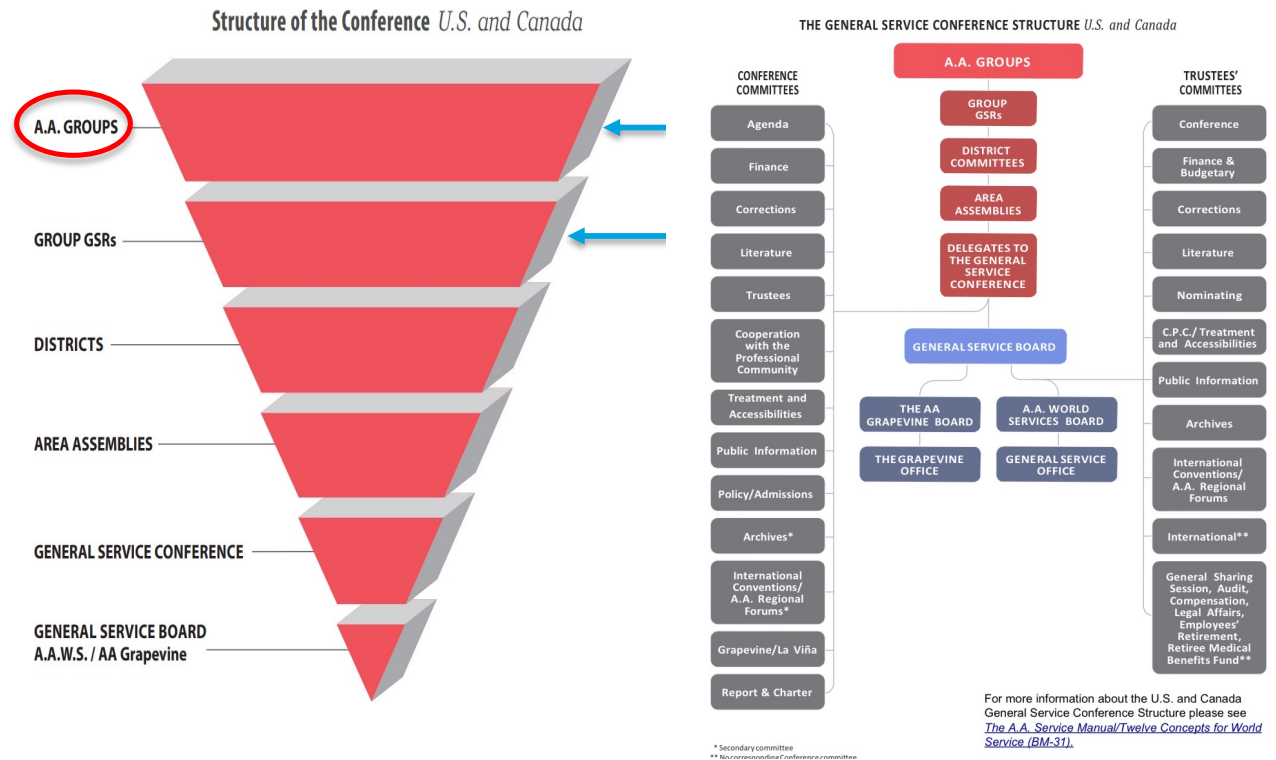
Northern Illinois Area 20
Unity - Service - Recovery

The General Service Structure

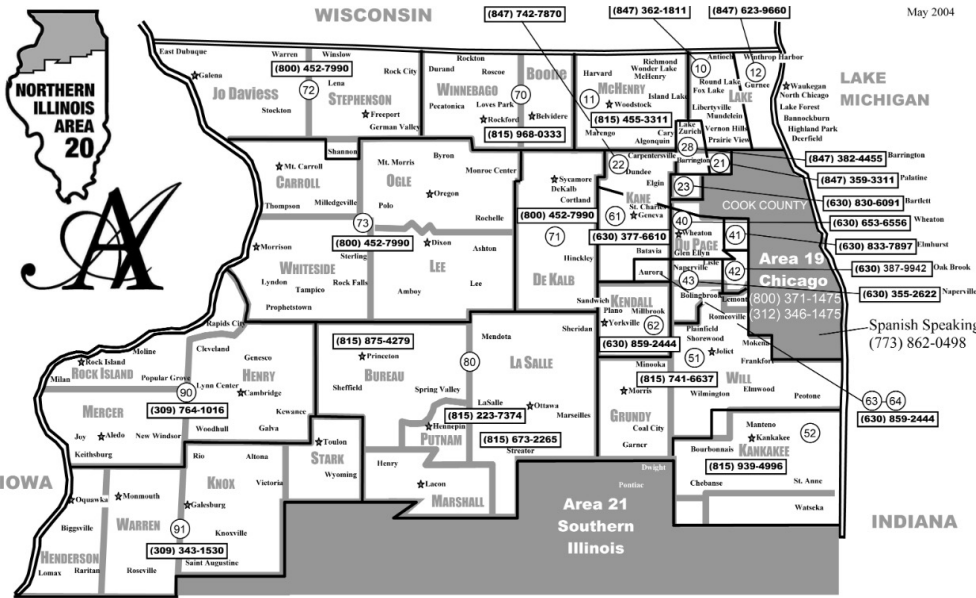


Structure of the Conference

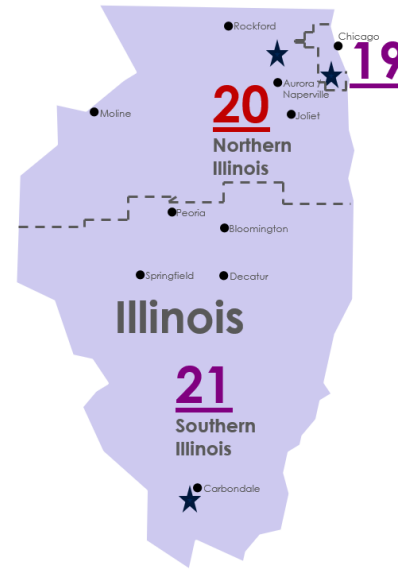
- “The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the **collective conscience** of our whole Fellowship.”
- How is that **collective conscience** heard and conveyed?



Districts & Areas in Illinois



Answering Services listed normally service all surrounding cities and towns within the District or the Area of the District Indicated



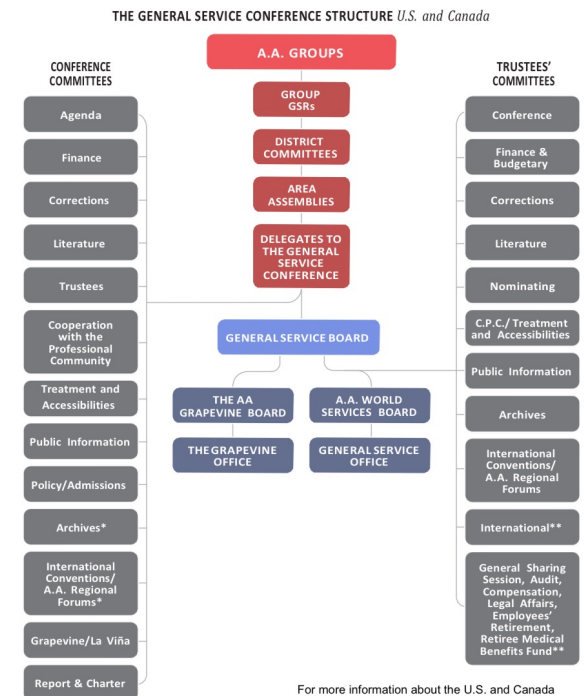
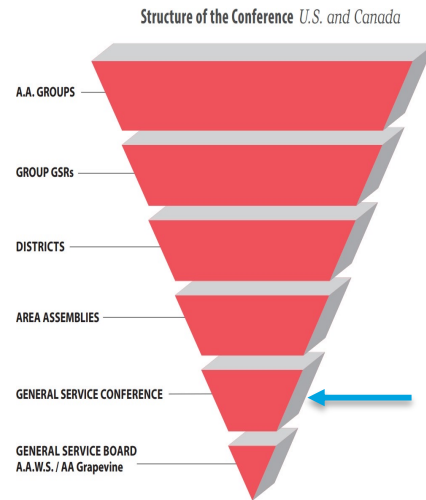
(3) Areas in Illinois

- Area 19 Chicago
- Area 20 No. Illinois
- Area 21 So. Illinois

26 Districts in Area 20

How does it all work?

- Members and groups deliver their informed conscience to their respective districts and areas.
- Through the Area Delegate, the informed conscience is then carried to the Conference and the General Service Board
- The General Service Board oversees the two arms, AAWS & GV to ensure the desires of the Fellowship, as expressed by the group conscience is carried out.



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 ** No corresponding Conference committee.

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What is the Delegate?



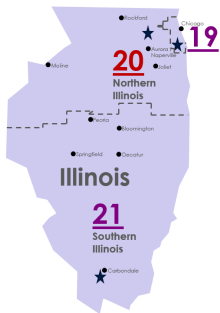
COMMUNICATION!

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the annual Conference meeting, the delegate is involved in all aspects of the Conference structure throughout the year. The specific duties and responsibilities of each delegate will take on the flavor and customs of the area that they represent. However, delegates are encouraged to:

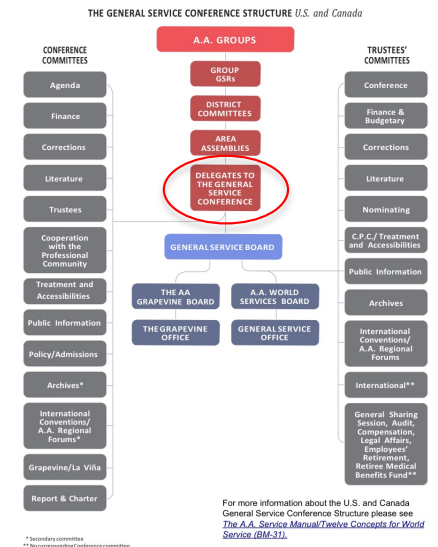
- **Attend the annual Conference meeting fully prepared.** Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials and is given a password to the Conference dashboard maintained by G.S.O. to access important Conference-related information, including direct communications from the Conference coordinator and other G.S.O. employees.
- **Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members** and encourage them to pass on this information to groups and to intergroup/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, they will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Help the area **generate greater interest among A.A. members in serving as GSRs and DCMs** and in area positions. Inspire greater participation in area assemblies and other activities among GSRs and DCMs.
- Be prepared to attend all area and regional service meetings and **assemblies** applicable to their respective areas. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.

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Northern Illinois Area 20 – Alcoholics Anonymous

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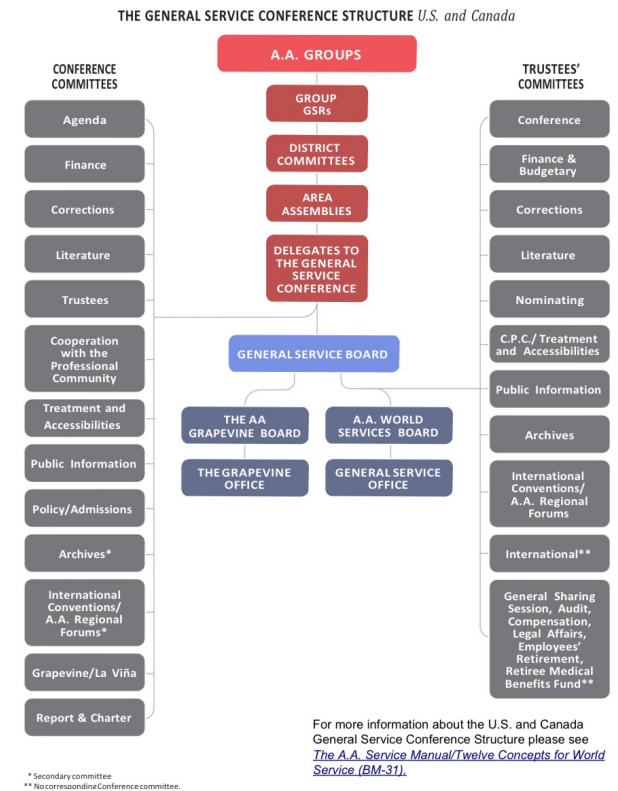
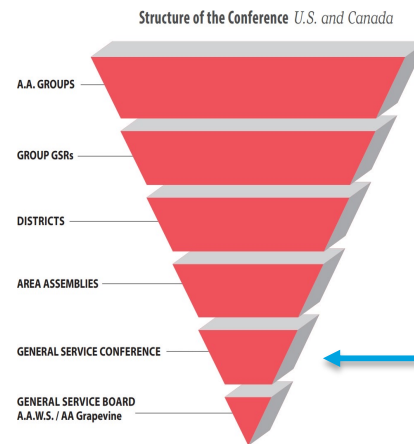


What is the General Service Conference?



General Service Conference
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What are the Conference Committees?

❖ Agenda

❖ Cooperation w/Professional Community

❖ Corrections

❖ Finance

❖ Grapevine & Laviña

❖ Literature

❖ Policy & Admissions

❖ Public Information

❖ Report and Charter

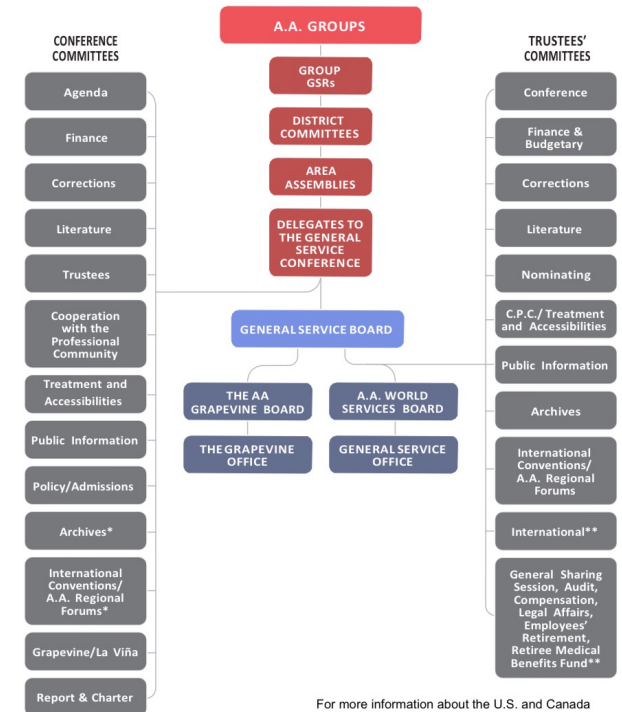
❖ Treatment and Accessibilities

❖ Trustees

❖ Archives

❖ International Conventions & Regional Forums

THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE U.S. and Canada



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Agenda Items



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SOURCES OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way possible. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:

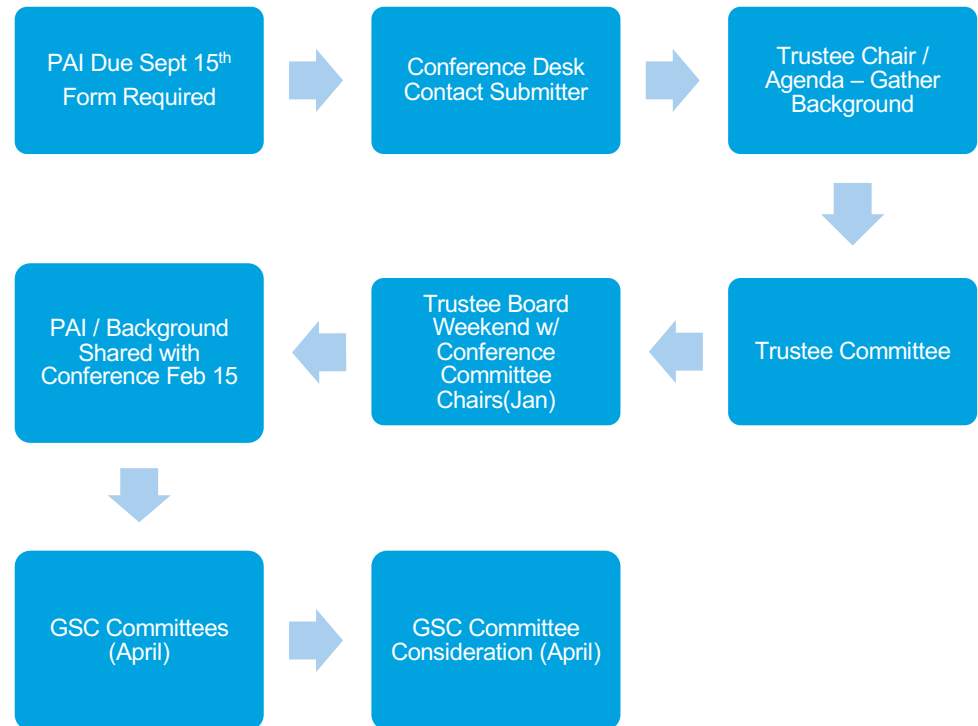
- Individual A.A. members
- Groups
- Delegates
- Trustees
- Area assemblies
- Area committee members
- Directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine

GSRs may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members. Experience suggests that they may want to discuss them first with their groups, then at district or area meetings. A district or an area can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda: The A.A. staff studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees' Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee. Usually, the trustees' committee determines the most appropriate way of programming it — as a workshop or presentation subject, a proposal or a committee concern. (See Appendix U for information on the Evolution of a Conference Advisory Action.)

Agenda Items

- ▶ **Anyone**, a member (or members), a group, a district, or an area may submit an idea to the Conference Coordinator.
- ▶ The Conference Coordinator forwards it to the appropriate Trustee's Committee.
- ▶ The appropriate Trustee's Committee reviews all proposed agenda items (ideas) and decides which ones will be forwarded to the Conference Committees for review during Conference week.
- ▶ The Conference Committee then reviews and discusses the feasibility of the idea and decides whether to make a recommendation, a consideration or take no action. (In addition, they could send it back to the Trustee's committee for more information.)
- ▶ All committee decisions are reported to the full body at the conference. Only recommendations are debated and subsequently voted on. Those that pass with substantial unanimity become Advisory Actions.



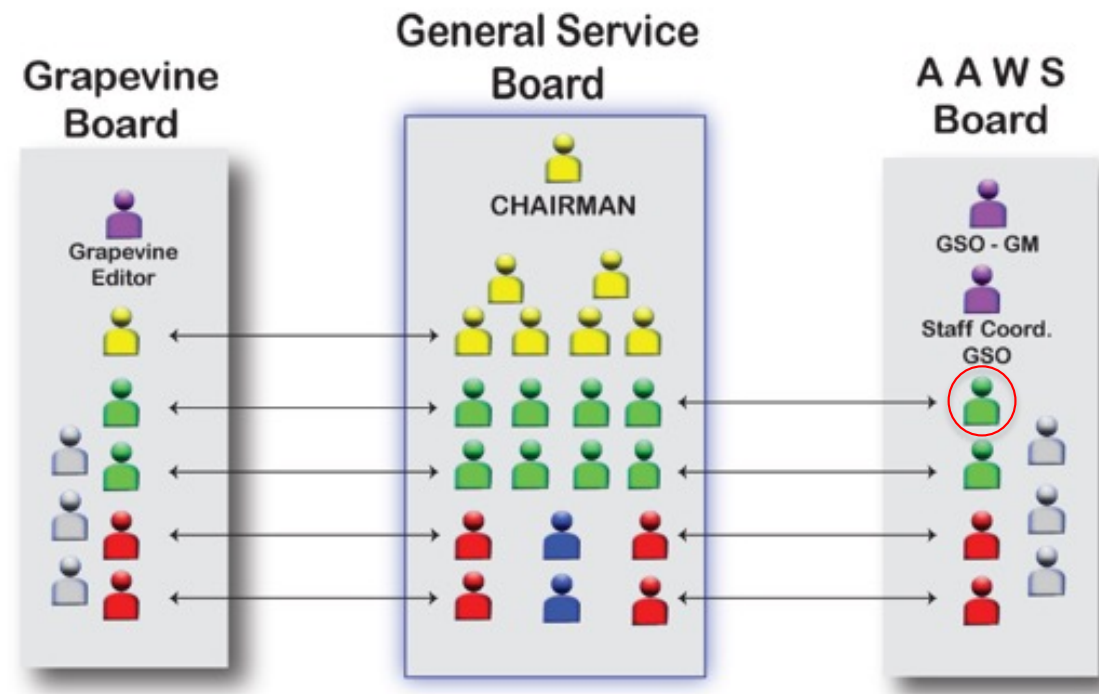
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form

The General Service Board

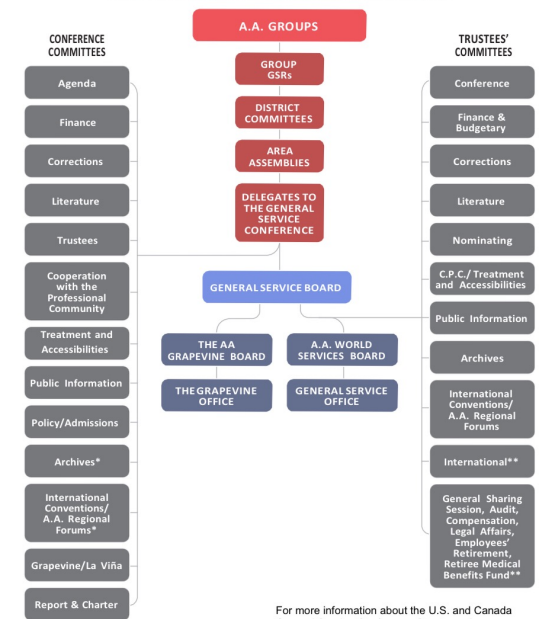


The Conference recognizes that the **chief initiative and active responsibility** in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the **General Service Board**

Current Board Structure



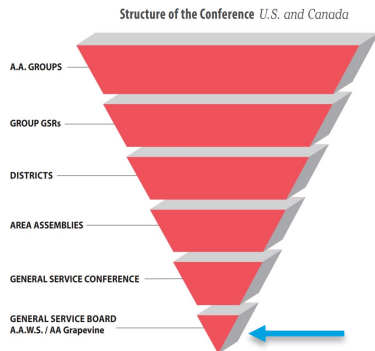
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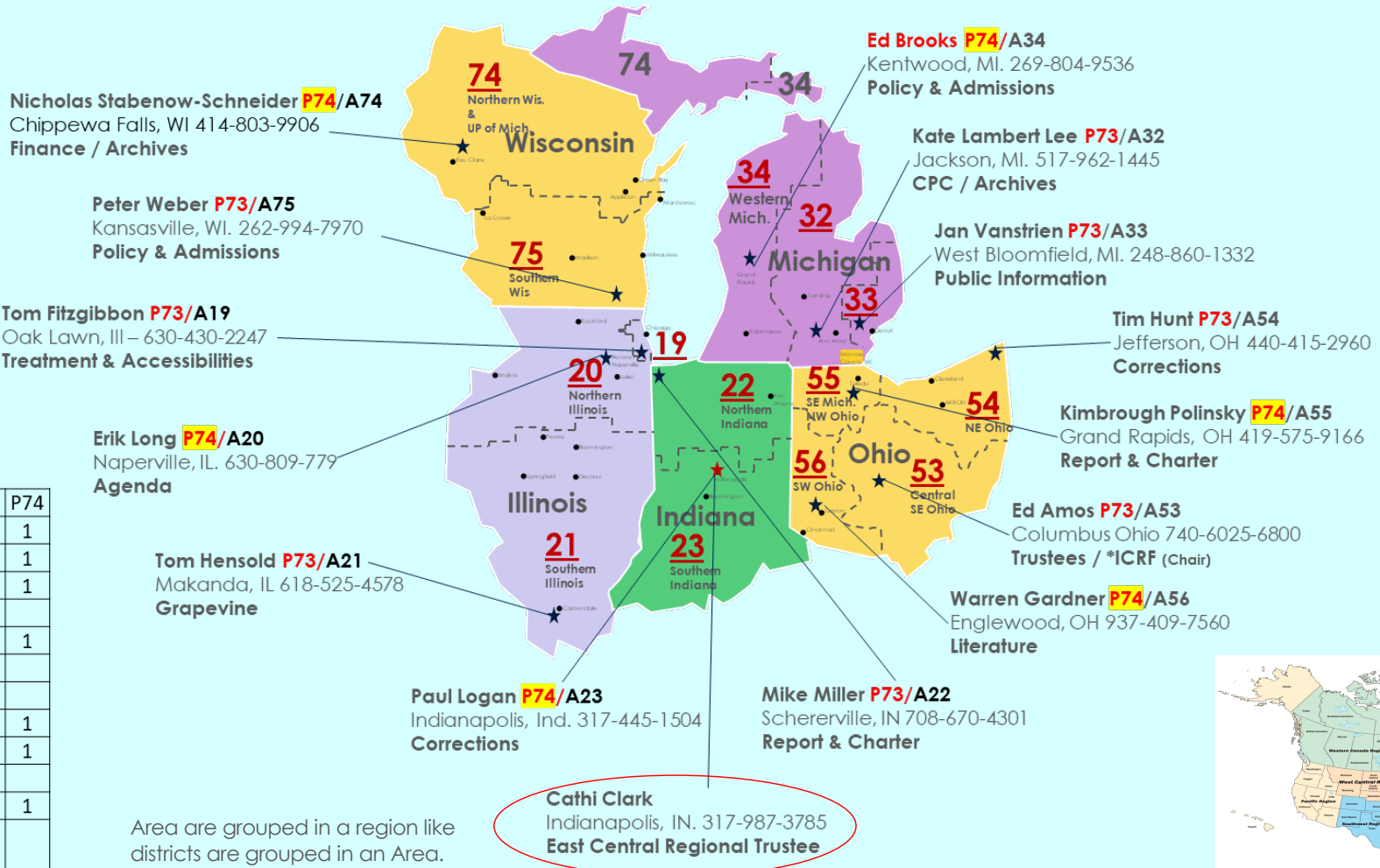
The Region



- 8 Regions
- each elect a **REGIONAL TRUSTEE**

93 Areas make up the 8 Regions

East Central Region Areas & Delegates (Panel 73 & 74)



	P73	P74
Agenda		1
Archives	1	1
Corrections	1	1
CPC	1	
Finance		1
Grapevine	1	
ICRF	*1	
Literature		1
Policy & Admissions	1	1
Public Information	1	
Report & Charter	1	1
Treatment & Accessibilities	1	
Trustees	1	

Area are grouped in a region like districts are grouped in an Area.

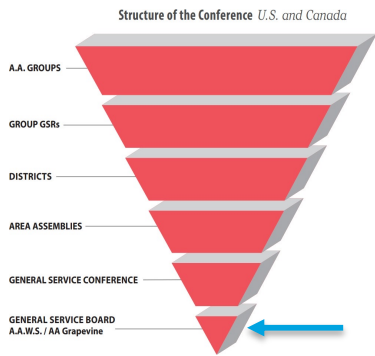


Who is the General Service Board

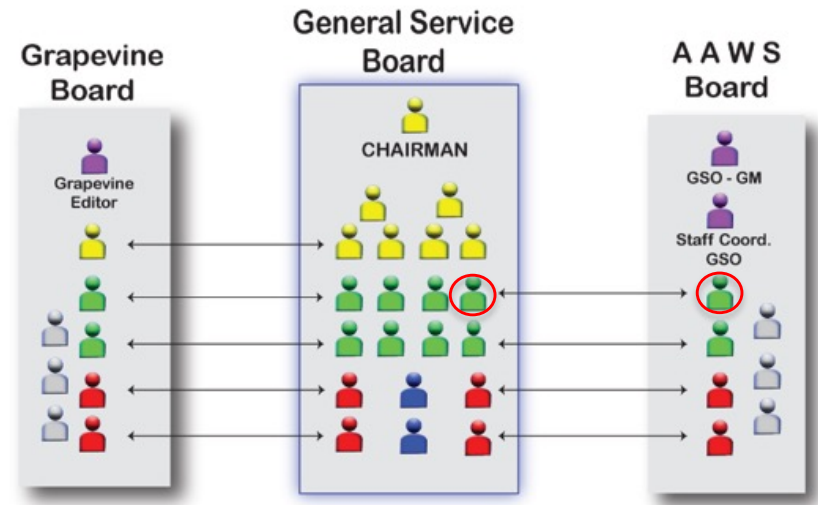
- 7 Class A Non-Alcoholic
- 8 Regional Trustees
- 4 General Service Trustees
- 2 Trustees at-Large



Cathi Clark
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 East Central Regional Trustee



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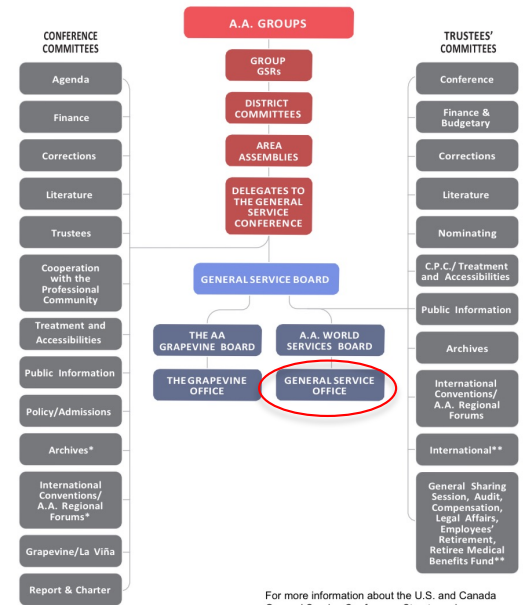
GSO

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- Serves as a clearinghouse and exchange point for A.A. experience accumulated over the years.
- Coordinating a wide array of activities and services, and overseeing the publication, translation and distribution of A.A. Conference-approved literature and service materials.
- G.S.O. also includes AA Grapevine and the many services and products it provides to the Fellowship.



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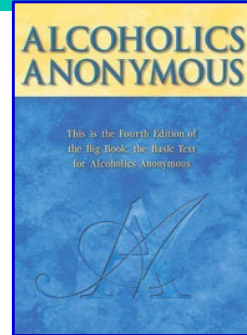
GSO

- Has guided tours available
- Over 100 employees
 - 88 AAWS
 - 12 Grapevine
- Revenue comes from contributions to the GSB & income from publishing
- Challenge number this year is **\$12.20**

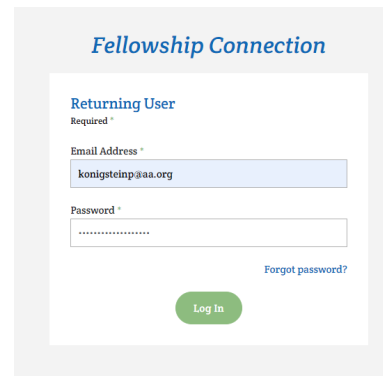


G.S.O.'s TWO BASIC FUNCTIONS

• Publishing



• Services on Behalf of the G.S.B.



F-15 - Staff Assignments

G.S.O. Staff Assignments Revised June 2023

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THANK YOU!!

QUESTIONS

