



August 3, 2024

Delegates Report – Summer Committee Meeting

Hello Area 20:

It's been a busy summer and I've enjoyed attending several Districts to share and discuss the 74th General Service Conference. If I haven't been to your district yet, and you'd like me to, please let me know and we can get it scheduled.

Since our Summer Assembly, I've attended and participated in the following:

- June 26 NIA 20 Officers Meeting
- June 28 District 40 delegate report in Wheaton
- July 3 East Central Region Trustee Call
- July 21 Trustee Conference Committee Call
- July 23 Delegate Chair Orientation
- July 28 District 10 delegate report in Grayslake
- Aug 2 ISC 2024 Delegate Planning Meeting

This morning I'll be sharing a little on the process of how we elect our East Central Regional Trustee. As many of you know, the term of our current ECR Trustee, Cathi C., will expire next year. Therefore, each of our 14 areas in the ECR will have an opportunity to elect a candidate to fill this role in our service structure. I'll be illustrating that process today in a brief PowerPoint presentation.

I'd also like to mention some information that was shared in the last few days from our General Service office:

Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

The AAWS Board has been discussing pricing, format and print dates, and began preparations pending the outcome of the discussions at the July General Service Board meeting. An announcement from AAWS Publishing Department will be widely distributed in the coming weeks once some formatting matters are finalized. It is expected that the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous will be available in November 2024. The AAWS Board approved a list price of \$11.00.

Proposed Agenda Item Form

General information for A.A. members on how to access the proposed agenda item (PAI) form and developing a proposed agenda item is available through [aa.org](https://www.aa.org). See the links below.

<https://www.aa.org/proposed-agenda-item-information>

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm.

Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

Public Information videos

The Public Information desk is pleased to announce that two new videos from the Young People's Video project are now available on [aa.org](https://www.aa.org).

["Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life"](#)

["Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist"](#)

We hope you'll share them with young people in A.A. in your community and anyone you think might be interested in this message of hope and recovery. These can also be used for Public Information or CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presentations.

Finance

Updates for Q1, 2024

- *Contributions for Q1 were \$3 million vs. a plan of \$2.42 million (25% increase)*
- *Gross literature sales in Q1 of \$3.63 million vs. a plan of \$3.78 million (4% decrease)*
- *Literature profit of \$1.96 million vs. a plan of \$1.91 million (2% increase)*
- *Operating Expense in Q1 of \$3.83 million vs. a plan of \$4.32 million (11% decrease)*
- *Current Prudent Reserve Fund – 6.29 months*

Some upcoming planned events:

Aug 20 General Service Conference Sharing Session
Aug 23-25 Illinois State Conference, Springfield, IL
Sept. 8 ISC 2025 Planning Committee
Sept 20 District 73 delegate report in Dixon

My expenses year-to-date are \$1,704.99, largely related to workshop travel, attendance at the CDPP in Muncie, IN, delegate presentations, and participation at the ECR in Grand Rapids, MI. Note that the expenses for attending the Conference are paid directly to the GSB from Area 20 and I was reimbursed for my travel expense by the GSO.

Respectfully,

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