

Fall Committee Meeting 10/3/26 Delegate Report

Greetings, Area Trusted Servants!

As we enter into the fall season, district Delegate reports on the 76th General Service Conference are beginning to wind down. I again want to thank all of the districts who graciously invited me out to share information from this year's 76th General Service Conference! and I'm looking forward to visiting those districts still to come.

As we just met three weeks ago, there's not been a great deal of new activity. Many of you have also received several emails from me in recent weeks. A couple items of interest are below.

Literature Update

Misha Q., GSO Staff on Literature made available a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document to address many of the inquiries surrounding the Fifth Edition Big Book.

2,393 stories were submitted – double the number received for the Fourth Edition. The list was narrowed to 48, then finalized to 26 new stories. Emphasis was placed on selecting stories with depth and weight that would help a newcomer identify and find hope. These include stories of:

- Geographic diversity
- Young people and late-life sobriety
- Remote communities
- Immigrant experiences
- LGBTQ+ members
- Military service
- Sobriety during incarceration
- Members who struggled with the concept of a Higher Power

The FAQ also lists the 30 stories not retained as well as the 12 which were. AAWS will stop printing and selling the Fourth Edition once the Fifth Edition is released, but millions of copies still exist. The Fifth Edition will follow the same quantity discount structure as our other books. Based on the \$20 list price, the discounts will be: Qty 1-19: \$20.00 each; 20-99: \$18.80 each; 100-199: \$17.60 each; 200+: \$16.40 each. If you have not received a copy of the Fifth Edition FAQs, please send an email to lisashedden22@outlook.com and I will get them to you.

Seventh Tradition – Self Support

As part of our ongoing effort to make contributions as simple and easy as possible, GSO is pleased to introduce our new contributions platform. The new platform reflects feedback we've heard from members and groups, offering more choices, greater flexibility, and improved tools for managing contributions. The platform will go live on the [contributions page](#) on aa.org mid-October. The new platform will support the following payment methods and platforms: ACH (electronic bank transfer), credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, and PayPal.

2030 International Convention Theme Reminder

Even though the 2030 International Convention isn't until July 4-7, 2030, we are searching for a theme. The celebration of A.A.'s 95th Anniversary in 2030 will be in St. Louis, Missouri (a little closer than Vancouver!). Please send your ideas to 2030ictheme@aa.org by October 9, 2026. Submissions will be reviewed and selected by the trustees' International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committee.

Recent Activities

9/1/26: CCT Infographic/Visual Image Review & Discussion for Ad Hoc Committee

9/2/26: ECR Delegates Virtual Meeting First Wednesday of Month

9/19/26: Delegate GSC Report District 70 Rockford Alano Club Rockford

9/27/26: Delegate GSC Report District 10 St. Gilberts Church Grayslake

Upcoming Events

10/4/26: Delegate GSC Report District 80 LaSalle

10/7/26: ECR Delegates Virtual Meeting First Wednesday of Month

10/17/26: 2026 Big Book Conference Messiah Lutheran Church Wauconda

11/7/26: Delegate GSC Report District 52 Kankakee Mini-Conference

11/18/26: Delegate GSC Report D72 Freeport Alano Club Freeport

Expenses

Expenses year-to-date are \$2,801.81, primarily related to printing/travel for District Delegate General Service Conference report backs and participating in Area events as required of the Delegate.

In love and service,

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