

Winter Committee Meeting 5/16/26 Delegate Report

Greetings, Area Trusted Servants!

It's been a little over two weeks since I've returned from the 76th General Service Conference, and I'm still trying to process the indescribable experience of it all! I look forward to giving a full report during our Summer Assembly next month.

I'd like to again thank Dawn B. for all her hard work in scheduling the virtual Pre-General Conference Breakout sessions in March. It's not easy organizing 10 separate Zoom sessions representing 15 different committees over the course of an entire week. I'd like to thank everyone who helped to prepare me and those who shared their thoughts outside of the breakout sessions and the workshop. All this helped to make me feel more comfortable in representing Area 20 and your informed group conscience. And lastly, for those who called, sent emails and text messages offering your support and best wishes, please know I appreciated them all – they gave me encouragement and inspiration.

I will be covering the Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations in detail at the Summer Assembly on June 20th. As a reminder, Advisory Actions are recommendations that came out of a Conference Committee which were voted on and passed at the Conference. Committee Considerations are suggestions to the Trustees Committees and/or the General Service Board. These items were discussed at the conference, but no vote was taken. These are items that the committee is referring back to the Trustees for additional work, to review, or consider for future action.

In the meantime, below are a few highlights of the conference I believe may be of interest to our Area:

Agenda

- The theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: “Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”
- The presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference:
 - “The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership.”
 - “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass.”
 - “Innovation Meets Tradition.”
- The workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: “Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.”

Literature

The Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, be approved with minor editorial changes. The word “Eskimo” be removed from “Chapter 7: Working With Others” and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

Trustees

The agenda item “Review Process for Receiving Motions to Censure” will be presented in more detail during the Summer Assembly Delegate Conference report.

Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

- Recommended creating the video

Consider a request to explore the option to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

- Explore creating a video versus PRODUCING a video, but with emphasis that no draft will be due with 2027 progress report.

Public Information

Recommended conducting pilot 2026 Membership Survey with a cost not to exceed \$10,000 in order to identify those groups who are not registered with the GSO, with a progress report to be brought back to 2027 GSC.

Finance

Final audit of the 2025 numbers was completed and approved. Several of the 2025 results include:

- Seventh Tradition of Self-Support – \$10.579 million down 6.0% from \$11.249 million in 2025
- Self-Support - covered 57% of operating expense
- Individual contributions: 39.8%; Group contributions: 60.2%
- International Convention Revenue \$5.804 million; Expenses \$5.796 million = \$8,364 surplus

More details will be provided on these topics and more during the Summer Assembly.

Recent Activities

4/26/26- 5/2/26: 76th General Service Conference, Hilton Midtown, New York

Upcoming Events

5/23/26: XLII Convencion Hispana de AA (42nd A.A. Hispanic Convention) Hilton Rosemont

6/26/26 – 6/28/26: East Central Regional Conference University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

7/2/26: Delegate GSC Report District 11 The Church of Holy Apostles McHenry

Expenses

Expenses year-to-date are \$1,074.65, primarily related to travel to the Conference of Delegates Past and Present earlier in the year and the Spring Conference and Assembly in April. Conference expenses are paid directly to the GSB from Area 20.

In love and service,

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