

Northern Illinois Area 20
Unity - Service - Recovery

August 4, 2023

2023 Summer Committee Meeting

Delegate's Report

Welcome to the 2023 Summer Committee Meeting!!

It's been a bit of a quiet time since the last Assembly however I have had the pleasure to attend several Districts to give a post-conference report back which are shorter and more concise versions of the full report that was given at the Summer Assembly. I would like to thank the following districts (which I attended in person, except for D43 which was virtual) for inviting me to attend –

- Tues. Jun 20 D21 – Palatine
- Wed. Jun 21 D43 – Naperville (Virtual)
- Sun. Jul 17 D12 – Waukegan
- Thurs. Jul 20 D20 – Elgin Hispanic District

The following districts are scheduled for upcoming visits-

- Sun. Aug 27 D10 – Grayslake
- Thurs. Oct 19?? D41 – Elmhurst
- ?? ?? D-73 - Sterling

I am more than happy to visit any group or District that requests a visit so be sure and let me know if that is something you think your District would be interested in.

I also had the pleasure of attending Indiana State Convention / East Central Regional Conference with Erik and several other members from Area 20 back in June. It was great to see so many familiar faces 150 miles away from home! Speaking of conferences, I hope everyone is planning on attending our **ILLINOIS State Conference** hosted this year by Area 19 (Chicago) at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg on August 18 – 20. You can register for the conference and book your hotel rooms [here](#). Hotel room nights are \$119 and conference registration is \$40.

I also virtually attended the 1st “Delegates Only” meeting hosted by our new Delegate Chair (Mary A. for Area 14 Florida). The call gave her an opportunity to get her feet wet on leading this large meeting and gave the Delegates an opportunity to discuss items that were occurring in their Areas.

I will take this opportunity to remind everyone that the deadline for forwarding proposed agenda items to the Conference coordinator for consideration to be placed on the 74th General Service Conference agenda is **Sept 15, 2023**. All Area and District committees, groups (and individual members too) are encouraged to bring forth agenda items to be considered for the conference agenda via a “proposed agenda item form” which can be downloaded [here](#). I can also send one out if needed. Please let me know if your Group or District has an item they would like to present, or if any items are being considered at the Area. There is a short presentation created by the current Area 23 Delegate (Janet F), and Monica F. on how to write a proposal which is available [here](#). There was discussion at the Delegates meeting regarding the deadline for proposed agenda being Friday, September 15, 2023, however many Area Assemblies are scheduled for that very weekend (as is ours), or the weekend after. There was no clear answer on whether the office would extend the date to accept items that are forwarded after the deadline, but the Delegate Chair agreed to follow up on this request, and I suspect I will hearing more about this over the next month. As I hear more, I will of course let you know.

As shown in the table below, during the last General Service Conference, the Policy & Admissions committee recommended the GSC members should meet virtually twice a year. This was not a submitted agenda items and came directly out the committee. This item is referred to in the table below as (XXX).

Committee Name	Item	Item Text	202	Result						Voting Resu	How I voter	Reconsid ered	Comments
				AA	RP	CC	FA	TNA	VD				
VII Policy / Admissions	A	Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.	X		X	X							
VII Policy / Admissions	B	Review dates for the 2027 General Service Conference.				X							
VII Policy / Admissions	C	Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the GSC between meetings.		X						92-36	Yes		2 amendments to add
VII Policy / Admissions	D	Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process				X							Extend 9/15 deadline!
VII Policy / Admissions	E	Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.	X		X	X							
VII Policy / Admissions	XXX	That the GSC members should meet virtually twice a year		X						118-12	Yes		Several amendments until final

Committee Recommendation (90-minute discussion on conference floor)-

- The committee recommended that, to foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship the members of the General Service Conference meet outside of the annual meeting for **general sharing sessions at least two times per year** utilizing virtual meeting technology. **The General Service Board Chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics.**

✓ 118 (Yes) – 12 (No) I voted Yes. This followed (2) unsuccessful attempts to amend the wording (1) - to remove “foster unity, trust & transparency (received 85 votes, needed 86 for amendment so failed by 1 vote), and (2) and “add input to meeting agenda from Conference Agenda Committee”)

That meeting has now been scheduled for Wednesday Aug. 16, 2023, at 7P. I will report on what happens at the next Assembly.

In other news –

- The General Service Office continues substantial planning activities for the 2035 International Convention to held in Vancouver, BC. Canada over the 4th of July weekend. Extremely large attendance is forecasted due to cancellation of the last international

convention. Registration open August 18, 2023 and you can access the info [here](#).

- The final conference report is expected to be released in September. Per Conference action an anonymity protected version will also be posted on <https://www.aa.org/>.
- Our East Central Regional secretary has sent out new updated [regional mailing lists](#), [calendar](#) and updated [CDPP flyer](#). They are available at the hyperlinks shown. Note, the CDPP had been moved to Muncie IN. I have been asked to serve on an Ad-Hoc committee for agenda planning for that event. Monica F. is the chair, and our first meeting is later this month.
- There is a new current GSO Staff Assignment Sheet (F-15) available that contains updates to the Regional Forums desk, the Corrections desk, and a couple of regions. It is available [here](#).
- Applications are being accepted until Sept. 15, 2023, for a Non-Trustee Director position on the Grapevine board. Click [here](#) for info.
- Some of you may know that Dr. Al Moony, (General Service Class A Trustee) and his wife were involved in a serious car accident last month. Though they both sustained serious life-threatening injuries I am happy to report they are both recuperating, though both still hospitalized, and I know the Area joins me in wishing them both a speedy recovery. Dr. Moony was present for a short time via zoom at the most recent Board weekend this past weekend.
- Regarding the most recent Board weekend, we had a call with our East Central Regional Trustee (Cathi C.) this past Wednesday. Here are some takeaways from that meeting.
 - There is no Reserve fund drawdown anticipated even though cash on hand at GSO is low. Several preconference bills were due which have affected our cash flow, but higher than expected literature sales and contributions are forecasted to sustain the office for foreseeable future.
 - The membership survey information is expected to be compiled and posted on the AA website by October.
 - Cathi will be sharing the agenda of the things discussed at Board weekend and I will pass that along once I receive it. She also stated that she will be sending along the Board minutes from the January and April board meetings soon. Again, you'll have it when I do!
 - Site selection activities are intensifying for the 2035 International Convention. New Orleans, Phoenix and Indianapolis are the (3) finalists. There is a meeting on August 23-24 in Indianapolis (to support Indy) which all East Central Delegates are being asked to attend, but all are invited!! Please let me know if you're interested in attending and helping out. The deadline to register is

August 8.

- A Finance Committee (my conference committee) consideration to have the office generate a fellowship wide survey to gather input on the topic of possible future updates to founders' literature is in the works but will likely not be sent out until additional conversation is conducted at next year's General Service Conference.
- **There is a planned national workshop for the PLAIN AND SIMPLE BIG BOOK PROJECT on August 20. Zoom information is below. This should be a great session to become acquainted with everything that's going on regarding this project!**
 - A Tool for Accessing the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday August 20, 2023
@ 3 P.M. EDT
ID: 841 2499 3206
PW: 326186

More coming soon!

Respectfully submitted-

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**Though I have not yet submitted my yearly expenses (sorry Allen), I have finally gathered all my travel logs year to date and will work on filling out the reimbursement form next week. I had planned on having it ready by today but was not able to have it completed prior to this meeting. I expect the reimbursement request will be approximately \$2000 which will include CDPP, Spring Conference, GSC and ECRC expenses along with various Area travel reimbursement requests.

[All linked documents google folder.](#)