

The Area 20 Finance Committee motions that Area 20 fully fund our Delegates to all General Service Conferences beginning with the 2022 General Service Conference.

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| Current | B02 | General Service Conference Contribution | The Area Committee is expected to make a contribution for the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice. | Year-end contribution to GSB for NIA participation in GSC | Delegate reports to the Treasurer the current expenses per the General Service Board | \$2,200.00 |

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| Proposed | B02 | General Service Conference Contribution | Area 20 will fully fund our Delegate for participation at all annual General Service Conferences | In January/February of each year, two contributions to General Service Board for NIA participation in General Service Conference are to be made. One payment is to cover the final cost of the previous year's General Service Conference. The second payment per current Conference Advisory Action, at least the minimum payment for the upcoming General Service Conference. And delivered per the instructions on the annual letter received in the Delegate Communications Kit | Delegate reports to the Treasurer the past year and current year expenses per the letter received in the Delegates Communications Kit titled: <i>"to be shared with the Area Finance Committee"</i> | \$8,000.00 |

We have had past motions to do this on a one-time basis. There has been a belief that we have automatically fully funded our Delegate to each year's General Service Conference. It's time to put some clarity to the PPR and in our Area 20 Service Manual.

A portion of the Long Form of Tradition Seven states:

"The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members"

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PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 4, 2022

Dear Panel 71 and 72 Delegates,

This letter is to welcome you to the 72nd General Service Conference. You are one of 93 Area Delegates who are joining some thousands of people who, over the years, have given the opportunity to be a part of the history of A.A. by participating in the General Service Conference as a trusted servant of the Fellowship.

As you know, the 72nd General Service Conference will be held from Sunday morning, April 24, 2022, through Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge.

The current area contribution amount for the delegates' expense for the Conference was set by the following 2017 Conference Advisory Action:

"The suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800."

In the spirit of the Seventh Tradition, areas are encouraged to make additional voluntary contributions over and above this suggested amount of \$1,800 to help cover a greater portion of the Conference costs.

We currently estimate that the final direct cost of the 2021 Conference will be \$287,940, which equals approximately \$2,200 per Conference member. The cost in 2021 and 2020 was much lower than in previous years because the Conference was held virtually. The 2022 cost will be significantly higher than the last two years because we are returning to an in-person Conference. The 2022 Conference is currently expected to cost at least \$8,000 per Conference member.

We appreciate all contributions of any amount. We recognize that each area will need to consider its own needs and resources in deciding whether and in what amount such additional voluntary contribution can be made. As of November 30, 2021, we have received approximately \$234,000 in area contributions for delegate expense and additional voluntary contributions towards the 2021 Conference expense, compared with approximately \$292,000 for the year 2020.

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In accordance with Conference policy, payment of the \$1,800 (U.S. dollars) for the 2022 Conference is due by March 1, 2022. Additional voluntary contributions may be made at any time. Please make checks payable to "General Service Board," and include in the memo section: **"2022 delegate expense for Conference"** or **"2022 additional voluntary contribution."** Checks can be mailed to:

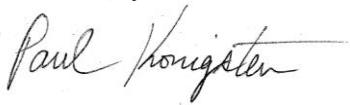
Attn: Nay Williams
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In the spirit of self-support, many areas inquire as to the direct cost of participation at the General Service Conference. The following represents the approximate cost per Conference member over the recent years:

2021: Estimated \$2,200 (virtual)
2020: \$1,900 (virtual)
2019: \$7,700 (in Manhattan)
2018: \$8,100 (in Manhattan)
2017: \$5,500 (in Rye Brook)
2016: \$7,400 (in Manhattan)
2015: \$7,800 (in Manhattan)
2014: \$5,800 (in Rye Brook)
2013: \$6,800 (in Manhattan)

Many thanks for your kind cooperation and service and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Konigstein".

Paul Konigstein
Chief Financial Officer
General Service Office